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CHAPTER 1

Django documentation

Everything you need to know about Django.

1.1 First steps

Are you new to Django or to programming? This is the place to start!

- **From scratch**: Overview | Installation
- **Advanced Tutorials**: How to write reusable apps | Writing your first patch for Django

1.2 Getting help

Having trouble? We’d like to help!

- Try the *FAQ* – it’s got answers to many common questions.
- Looking for specific information? Try the genindex, modindex or the detailed table of contents.
- Not found anything? See *FAQ: Getting Help* for information on getting support and asking questions to the community.
- Report bugs with Django in our ticket tracker.

1.3 How the documentation is organized

Django has a lot of documentation. A high-level overview of how it’s organized will help you know where to look for certain things:
Django Documentation, Release 3.1.5.dev

- **Tutorials** take you by the hand through a series of steps to create a Web application. Start here if you're new to Django or Web application development. Also look at the “First steps”.
- **Topic guides** discuss key topics and concepts at a fairly high level and provide useful background information and explanation.
- **Reference guides** contain technical reference for APIs and other aspects of Django’s machinery. They describe how it works and how to use it but assume that you have a basic understanding of key concepts.
- **How-to guides** are recipes. They guide you through the steps involved in addressing key problems and use-cases. They are more advanced than tutorials and assume some knowledge of how Django works.

### 1.4 The model layer

Django provides an abstraction layer (the “models”) for structuring and manipulating the data of your Web application. Learn more about it below:

- **Models**: Introduction to models | Field types | Indexes | Meta options | Model class
- **QuerySets**: Making queries | QuerySet method reference | Lookup expressions
- **Model instances**: Instance methods | Accessing related objects
- **Migrations**: Introduction to Migrations | Operations reference | SchemaEditor | Writing migrations
- **Advanced**: Managers | Raw SQL | Transactions | Aggregation | Search | Custom fields | Multiple databases | Custom lookups | Query Expressions | Conditional Expressions | Database Functions
- **Other**: Supported databases | Legacy databases | Providing initial data | Optimize database access | PostgreSQL specific features

### 1.5 The view layer

Django has the concept of “views” to encapsulate the logic responsible for processing a user’s request and for returning the response. Find all you need to know about views via the links below:

- **The basics**: URLconfs | View functions | Shortcuts | Decorators | Asynchronous Support
- **Reference**: Built-in Views | Request/response objects | TemplateResponse objects
- **File uploads**: Overview | File objects | Storage API | Managing files | Custom storage
- **Class-based views**: Overview | Built-in display views | Built-in editing views | Using mixins | API reference | Flattened index
- **Advanced**: Generating CSV | Generating PDF
- **Middleware**: Overview | Built-in middleware classes

### 1.6 The template layer

The template layer provides a designer-friendly syntax for rendering the information to be presented to the user. Learn how this syntax can be used by designers and how it can be extended by programmers:

- **The basics**: Overview
- **For designers**: Language overview | Built-in tags and filters | Humanization
• For programmers: Template API \ Custom tags and filters \ Custom template backend

1.7 Forms

Django provides a rich framework to facilitate the creation of forms and the manipulation of form data.

• The basics: Overview \ Form API \ Built-in fields \ Built-in widgets
• Advanced: Forms for models \ Integrating media \ Formsets \ Customizing validation

1.8 The development process

Learn about the various components and tools to help you in the development and testing of Django applications:

• Settings: Overview \ Full list of settings
• Applications: Overview
• Exceptions: Overview
• django-admin and manage.py: Overview \ Adding custom commands
• Testing: Introduction \ Writing and running tests \ Included testing tools \ Advanced topics
• Deployment: Overview \ WSGI servers \ ASGI servers \ Deploying static files \ Tracking code errors by email \ Deployment checklist

1.9 The admin

Find all you need to know about the automated admin interface, one of Django’s most popular features:

• Admin site
• Admin actions
• Admin documentation generator

1.10 Security

Security is a topic of paramount importance in the development of Web applications and Django provides multiple protection tools and mechanisms:

• Security overview
• Disclosed security issues in Django
• Clickjacking protection
• Cross Site Request Forgery protection
• Cryptographic signing
• Security Middleware
1.11 Internationalization and localization

Django offers a robust internationalization and localization framework to assist you in the development of applications for multiple languages and world regions:

- Overview | Internationalization | Localization | Localized Web UI formatting and form input
- Time zones

1.12 Performance and optimization

There are a variety of techniques and tools that can help get your code running more efficiently - faster, and using fewer system resources.

- Performance and optimization overview

1.13 Geographic framework

*GeoDjango* intends to be a world-class geographic Web framework. Its goal is to make it as easy as possible to build GIS Web applications and harness the power of spatially enabled data.

1.14 Common Web application tools

Django offers multiple tools commonly needed in the development of Web applications:

- **Authentication**: Overview | Using the authentication system | Password management | Customizing authentication | API Reference
- Caching
- Logging
- Sending emails
- Syndication feeds (RSS/Atom)
- Pagination
- Messages framework
- Serialization
- Sessions
- Sitemaps
- Static files management
- Data validation

1.15 Other core functionalities

Learn about some other core functionalities of the Django framework:

- Conditional content processing
• Content types and generic relations
• Flatpages
• Redirects
• Signals
• System check framework
• The sites framework
• Unicode in Django

1.16 The Django open-source project

Learn about the development process for the Django project itself and about how you can contribute:

• **Community**: How to get involved \ The release process \ Team organization \ The Django source code repository \ Security policies \ Mailing lists
• **Design philosophies**: Overview
• **Documentation**: About this documentation
• **Third-party distributions**: Overview
• **Django over time**: API stability \ Release notes and upgrading instructions \ Deprecation Timeline
New to Django? Or to Web development in general? Well, you came to the right place: read this material to quickly get up and running.

## 2.1 Django at a glance

Because Django was developed in a fast-paced newsroom environment, it was designed to make common Web-development tasks fast and easy. Here’s an informal overview of how to write a database-driven Web app with Django.

The goal of this document is to give you enough technical specifics to understand how Django works, but this isn’t intended to be a tutorial or reference – but we’ve got both! When you’re ready to start a project, you can start with the tutorial or dive right into more detailed documentation.

### 2.1.1 Design your model

Although you can use Django without a database, it comes with an object-relational mapper in which you describe your database layout in Python code.

The data-model syntax offers many rich ways of representing your models – so far, it’s been solving many years’ worth of database-schema problems. Here’s a quick example:

Listing 1: mysite/news/models.py

```python
from django.db import models

class Reporter(models.Model):
    full_name = models.CharField(max_length=70)

    def __str__(self):
        return self.full_name

class Article(models.Model):
```

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```python
pub_date = models.DateField()
headline = models.CharField(max_length=200)
content = models.TextField()
reporter = models.ForeignKey(Reporter, on_delete=models.CASCADE)

def __str__(self):
    return self.headline
```

### 2.1.2 Install it

Next, run the Django command-line utilities to create the database tables automatically:

```bash
$ python manage.py makemigrations
$ python manage.py migrate
```

The `makemigrations` command looks at all your available models and creates migrations for whichever tables don’t already exist. `migrate` runs the migrations and creates tables in your database, as well as optionally providing much richer schema control.

### 2.1.3 Enjoy the free API

With that, you’ve got a free, and rich, Python API to access your data. The API is created on the fly, no code generation necessary:

```python
# Import the models we created from our "news" app
>>> from news.models import Article, Reporter

# No reporters are in the system yet.
>>> Reporter.objects.all()
<QuerySet []>

# Create a new Reporter.
>>> r = Reporter(full_name='John Smith')

# Save the object into the database. You have to call save() explicitly.
>>> r.save()

# Now it has an ID.
>>> r.id
1

# Now the new reporter is in the database.
>>> Reporter.objects.all()
<QuerySet [<Reporter: John Smith>]>}

# Fields are represented as attributes on the Python object.
>>> r.full_name
'John Smith'

# Django provides a rich database lookup API.
>>> Reporter.objects.get(id=1)
<Reporter: John Smith>
>>> Reporter.objects.get(full_name__startswith='John')
```

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<Reporter: John Smith>
>>> Reporter.objects.get(full_name__contains='mith')
<Reporter: John Smith>
>>> Reporter.objects.get(id=2)
Traceback (most recent call last):
... 
DoesNotExist: Reporter matching query does not exist.

# Create an article.
>>> from datetime import date
>>> a = Article(pub_date=date.today(), headline='Django is cool',
... content='Yeah.', reporter=r)
>>> a.save()

# Now the article is in the database.
>>> Article.objects.all()
<QuerySet [<Article: Django is cool>]>  

# Article objects get API access to related Reporter objects.
>>> r = a.reporter
>>> r.full_name
'John Smith'

# And vice versa: Reporter objects get API access to Article objects.
>>> r.article_set.all()
<QuerySet [<Article: Django is cool>]>  

# The API follows relationships as far as you need, performing efficient
# JOINs for you behind the scenes.
# This finds all articles by a reporter whose name starts with "John".
>>> Article.objects.filter(reporter__full_name__startswith='John')
<QuerySet [<Article: Django is cool>]>  

# Change an object by altering its attributes and calling save().
>>> r.full_name = 'Billy Goat'
>>> r.save()

# Delete an object with delete().
>>> r.delete()

2.1.4 A dynamic admin interface: it’s not just scaffolding – it’s the whole house

Once your models are defined, Django can automatically create a professional, production ready administrative interface – a website that lets authenticated users add, change and delete objects. The only step required is to register your model in the admin site:

Listing 2: mysite/news/models.py

```
from django.db import models

class Article(models.Model):
    pub_date = models.DateField()
    headline = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    content = models.TextField()
    reporter = models.ForeignKey(Reporter, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
```

2.1. Django at a glance
The philosophy here is that your site is edited by a staff, or a client, or maybe just you – and you don’t want to have to deal with creating backend interfaces only to manage content.

One typical workflow in creating Django apps is to create models and get the admin sites up and running as fast as possible, so your staff (or clients) can start populating data. Then, develop the way data is presented to the public.

### 2.1.5 Design your URLs

A clean, elegant URL scheme is an important detail in a high-quality Web application. Django encourages beautiful URL design and doesn’t put any cruft in URLs, like .php or .asp.

To design URLs for an app, you create a Python module called a URLconf. A table of contents for your app, it contains a mapping between URL patterns and Python callback functions. URLconfs also serve to decouple URLs from Python code.

Here’s what a URLconf might look like for the Reporter/Article example above:

```python
from django.urls import path
from . import views
urlpatterns = [
    path('articles/<int:year>/', views.year_archive),
    path('articles/<int:year>/<int:month>/', views.month_archive),
    path('articles/<int:year>/<int:month>/<int:pk>/', views.article_detail),
]
```

The code above maps URL paths to Python callback functions (“views”). The path strings use parameter tags to “capture” values from the URLs. When a user requests a page, Django runs through each path, in order, and stops at the first one that matches the requested URL. (If none of them matches, Django calls a special-case 404 view.) This is blazingly fast, because the paths are compiled into regular expressions at load time.

Once one of the URL patterns matches, Django calls the given view, which is a Python function. Each view gets passed a request object – which contains request metadata – and the values captured in the pattern.

For example, if a user requested the URL “/articles/2005/05/39323/”, Django would call the function `news.views.article_detail(request, year=2005, month=5, pk=39323)`.

### 2.1.6 Write your views

Each view is responsible for doing one of two things: Returning an `HttpResponse` object containing the content for the requested page, or raising an exception such as `Http404`. The rest is up to you.

Generally, a view retrieves data according to the parameters, loads a template and renders the template with the retrieved data. Here’s an example view for `year_archive` from above:
This example uses Django’s template system, which has several powerful features but strives to stay simple enough for non-programmers to use.

2.1.7 Design your templates

The code above loads the `news/year_archive.html` template.

Django has a template search path, which allows you to minimize redundancy among templates. In your Django settings, you specify a list of directories to check for templates with `DIRS`. If a template doesn’t exist in the first directory, it checks the second, and so on.

Let’s say the `news/year_archive.html` template was found. Here’s what that might look like:

```html
{% extends "base.html" %}

{% block title %}Articles for {{ year }}{% endblock %}

{% block content %}
<h1>Articles for {{ year }}</h1>

{% for article in article_list %}
<p>{{ article.headline }}</p>
<p>By {{ article.reporter.full_name }}</p>
<p>Published {{ article.pub_date|date:"F j, Y" }}</p>
{% endfor %}
{% endblock %}
```

Variables are surrounded by double-curly braces. `{{ article.headline }}` means “Output the value of the article’s headline attribute.” But dots aren’t used only for attribute lookup. They also can do dictionary-key lookup, index lookup and function calls.

Note `{{ article.pub_date|date:"F j, Y" }}` uses a Unix-style “pipe” (the “|” character). This is called a template filter, and it’s a way to filter the value of a variable. In this case, the date filter formats a Python datetime object in the given format (as found in PHP’s date function).

You can chain together as many filters as you’d like. You can write custom template filters. You can write custom template tags, which run custom Python code behind the scenes.

Finally, Django uses the concept of “template inheritance”. That’s what the `{% extends "base.html" %}` does. It means “First load the template called ‘base’, which has defined a bunch of blocks, and fill the blocks with the following blocks.” In short, that lets you dramatically cut down on redundancy in templates: each template has to define only what’s unique to that template.

Here’s what the “base.html” template, including the use of static files, might look like:
Simplistically, it defines the look-and-feel of the site (with the site’s logo), and provides “holes” for child templates to fill. This means that a site redesign can be done by changing a single file – the base template.

It also lets you create multiple versions of a site, with different base templates, while reusing child templates. Django’s creators have used this technique to create strikingly different mobile versions of sites by only creating a new base template.

Note that you don’t have to use Django’s template system if you prefer another system. While Django’s template system is particularly well-integrated with Django’s model layer, nothing forces you to use it. For that matter, you don’t have to use Django’s database API, either. You can use another database abstraction layer, you can read XML files, you can read files off disk, or anything you want. Each piece of Django – models, views, templates – is decoupled from the next.

2.1.8 This is just the surface

This has been only a quick overview of Django’s functionality. Some more useful features:

- A caching framework that integrates with memcached or other backends.
- A syndication framework that lets you create RSS and Atom feeds by writing a small Python class.
- More attractive automatically-generated admin features – this overview barely scratched the surface.

The next steps are for you to download Django, read the tutorial and join the community. Thanks for your interest!

2.2 Quick install guide

Before you can use Django, you’ll need to get it installed. We have a complete installation guide that covers all the possibilities; this guide will guide you to a minimal installation that’ll work while you walk through the introduction.

2.2.1 Install Python

Being a Python Web framework, Django requires Python. See What Python version can I use with Django? for details. Python includes a lightweight database called SQLite so you won’t need to set up a database just yet.

Get the latest version of Python at https://www.python.org/downloads/ or with your operating system’s package manager.

You can verify that Python is installed by typing python from your shell; you should see something like:
2.2.2 Set up a database

This step is only necessary if you’d like to work with a “large” database engine like PostgreSQL, MariaDB, MySQL, or Oracle. To install such a database, consult the database installation information.

2.2.3 Install Django

You’ve got three options to install Django:

- Install an official release. This is the best approach for most users.
- Install a version of Django provided by your operating system distribution.
- Install the latest development version. This option is for enthusiasts who want the latest-and-greatest features and aren’t afraid of running brand new code. You might encounter new bugs in the development version, but reporting them helps the development of Django. Also, releases of third-party packages are less likely to be compatible with the development version than with the latest stable release.

Always refer to the documentation that corresponds to the version of Django you’re using!

If you do either of the first two steps, keep an eye out for parts of the documentation marked new in development version. That phrase flags features that are only available in development versions of Django, and they likely won’t work with an official release.

2.2.4 Verifying

To verify that Django can be seen by Python, type python from your shell. Then at the Python prompt, try to import Django:

```python
>>> import django
>>> print(django.get_version())
3.1
```

You may have another version of Django installed.

2.2.5 That’s it!

That’s it – you can now move onto the tutorial.

2.3 Writing your first Django app, part 1

Let’s learn by example.

Throughout this tutorial, we’ll walk you through the creation of a basic poll application.

It’ll consist of two parts:
• A public site that lets people view polls and vote in them.
• An admin site that lets you add, change, and delete polls.

We’ll assume you have Django installed already. You can tell Django is installed and which version by running the following command in a shell prompt (indicated by the $ prefix):

```bash
$ python -m django --version
```

If Django is installed, you should see the version of your installation. If it isn’t, you’ll get an error telling “No module named django”.

This tutorial is written for Django 3.1, which supports Python 3.6 and later. If the Django version doesn’t match, you can refer to the tutorial for your version of Django by using the version switcher at the bottom right corner of this page, or update Django to the newest version. If you’re using an older version of Python, check What Python version can I use with Django? to find a compatible version of Django.

See How to install Django for advice on how to remove older versions of Django and install a newer one.

Where to get help:

If you’re having trouble going through this tutorial, please head over to the Getting Help section of the FAQ.

### 2.3.1 Creating a project

If this is your first time using Django, you’ll have to take care of some initial setup. Namely, you’ll need to auto-generate some code that establishes a Django project – a collection of settings for an instance of Django, including database configuration, Django-specific options and application-specific settings.

From the command line, `cd` into a directory where you’d like to store your code, then run the following command:

```bash
$ django-admin startproject mysite
```

This will create a `mysite` directory in your current directory. If it didn’t work, see Problems running django-admin.

**Note:** You’ll need to avoid naming projects after built-in Python or Django components. In particular, this means you should avoid using names like `django` (which will conflict with Django itself) or `test` (which conflicts with a built-in Python package).

Where should this code live?

If your background is in plain old PHP (with no use of modern frameworks), you’re probably used to putting code under the Web server’s document root (in a place such as `/var/www`). With Django, you don’t do that. It’s not a good idea to put any of this Python code within your Web server’s document root, because it risks the possibility that people may be able to view your code over the Web. That’s not good for security.

Put your code in some directory outside of the document root, such as `/home/mycode`.

Let’s look at what `startproject` created:

```
mysite/
    manage.py
    mysite/
```

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These files are:

- The outer `mysite/` root directory is a container for your project. Its name doesn’t matter to Django; you can rename it to anything you like.
- `manage.py`: A command-line utility that lets you interact with this Django project in various ways. You can read all the details about `manage.py` in `django-admin and manage.py`.
- The inner `mysite/` directory is the actual Python package for your project. Its name is the Python package name you’ll need to use to import anything inside it (e.g. `mysite.urls`).
- `mysite/__init__.py`: An empty file that tells Python that this directory should be considered a Python package. If you’re a Python beginner, read more about packages in the official Python docs.
- `mysite/settings.py`: Settings/configuration for this Django project. Django settings will tell you all about how settings work.
- `mysite/urls.py`: The URL declarations for this Django project; a “table of contents” of your Django-powered site. You can read more about URLs in URL dispatcher.
- `mysite/asgi.py`: An entry-point for ASGI-compatible web servers to serve your project. See How to deploy with ASGI for more details.
- `mysite/wsgi.py`: An entry-point for WSGI-compatible web servers to serve your project. See How to deploy with WSGI for more details.

### 2.3.2 The development server

Let’s verify your Django project works. Change into the outer `mysite` directory, if you haven’t already, and run the following commands:

```bash
$ python manage.py runserver
```

You’ll see the following output on the command line:

```
Performing system checks...

System check identified no issues (0 silenced).

You have unapplied migrations; your app may not work properly until they are applied.
Run 'python manage.py migrate' to apply them.
```

```
December 21, 2020 - 15:50:53
Django version 3.1, using settings 'mysite.settings'
Starting development server at http://127.0.0.1:8000/
Quit the server with CONTROL-C.
```

**Note:** Ignore the warning about unapplied database migrations for now; we’ll deal with the database shortly.
You’ve started the Django development server, a lightweight Web server written purely in Python. We’ve included this with Django so you can develop things rapidly, without having to deal with configuring a production server – such as Apache – until you’re ready for production.

Now’s a good time to note: don’t use this server in anything resembling a production environment. It’s intended only for use while developing. (We’re in the business of making Web frameworks, not Web servers.)

Now that the server’s running, visit http://127.0.0.1:8000/ with your Web browser. You’ll see a “Congratulations!” page, with a rocket taking off. It worked!

**Changing the port**

By default, the `runserver` command starts the development server on the internal IP at port 8000.

If you want to change the server’s port, pass it as a command-line argument. For instance, this command starts the server on port 8080:

```
$ python manage.py runserver 8080
```

If you want to change the server’s IP, pass it along with the port. For example, to listen on all available public IPs (which is useful if you are running Vagrant or want to show off your work on other computers on the network), use:

```
$ python manage.py runserver 0:8000
```

0 is a shortcut for 0.0.0.0. Full docs for the development server can be found in the `runserver` reference.

**Automatic reloading of `runserver`**

The development server automatically reloads Python code for each request as needed. You don’t need to restart the server for code changes to take effect. However, some actions like adding files don’t trigger a restart, so you’ll have to restart the server in these cases.

### 2.3.3 Creating the Polls app

Now that your environment – a “project” – is set up, you’re set to start doing work.

Each application you write in Django consists of a Python package that follows a certain convention. Django comes with a utility that automatically generates the basic directory structure of an app, so you can focus on writing code rather than creating directories.

**Projects vs. apps**

What’s the difference between a project and an app? An app is a Web application that does something – e.g., a Weblog system, a database of public records or a small poll app. A project is a collection of configuration and apps for a particular website. A project can contain multiple apps. An app can be in multiple projects.

Your apps can live anywhere on your Python path. In this tutorial, we’ll create our poll app in the same directory as your `manage.py` file so that it can be imported as its own top-level module, rather than a submodule of `mysite`.

To create your app, make sure you’re in the same directory as `manage.py` and type this command:

```
$ python manage.py startapp polls
```

That’ll create a directory `polls`, which is laid out like this:
This directory structure will house the poll application.

### 2.3.4 Write your first view

Let’s write the first view. Open the file `polls/views.py` and put the following Python code in it:

```python
from django.http import HttpResponse

def index(request):
    return HttpResponse("Hello, world. You're at the polls index.")
```

This is the simplest view possible in Django. To call the view, we need to map it to a URL - and for this we need a URLconf.

To create a URLconf in the polls directory, create a file called `urls.py`. Your app directory should now look like:

```bash
polls/
   __init__.py
   admin.py
   apps.py
   migrations/
      __init__.py
   models.py
   tests.py
   urls.py
   views.py
```

In the `polls/urls.py` file include the following code:

```python
from django.urls import path
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
    path('', views.index, name='index'),
]
```

The next step is to point the root URLconf at the `polls.urls` module. In `mysite/urls.py`, add an import for `django.urls.include` and insert an `include()` in the `urlpatterns` list, so you have:
Listing 10: mysite/urls.py

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

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

The `include()` function allows referencing other URLconfs. Whenever Django encounters `include()`, it chops off whatever part of the URL matched up to that point and sends the remaining string to the included URLconf for further processing.

The idea behind `include()` is to make it easy to plug-and-play URLs. Since polls are in their own URLconf (polls/urls.py), they can be placed under “/polls/”, or under “/fun_polls/”, or under “/content/polls/”, or any other path root, and the app will still work.

**When to use `include()`**

You should always use `include()` when you include other URL patterns. `admin.site.urls` is the only exception to this.

You have now wired an index view into the URLconf. Verify it’s working with the following command:

```bash
python manage.py runserver
```

Go to http://localhost:8000/polls/ in your browser, and you should see the text “Hello, world. You’re at the polls index.”, which you defined in the index view.

**Page not found?**

If you get an error page here, check that you’re going to http://localhost:8000/polls/ and not http://localhost:8000/.

The `path()` function is passed four arguments, two required: `route` and `view`, and two optional: `kwargs`, and `name`. At this point, it’s worth reviewing what these arguments are for.

**`path()` argument: route**

`route` is a string that contains a URL pattern. When processing a request, Django starts at the first pattern in `urlpatterns` and makes its way down the list, comparing the requested URL against each pattern until it finds one that matches.

Patterns don’t search GET and POST parameters, or the domain name. For example, in a request to `https://www.example.com/myapp/`, the URLconf will look for `myapp/`. In a request to `https://www.example.com/myapp/?page=3`, the URLconf will also look for `myapp/`.

**`path()` argument: view**

When Django finds a matching pattern, it calls the specified view function with an `HttpRequest` object as the first argument and any “captured” values from the route as keyword arguments. We’ll give an example of this in a bit.
path() argument: kwargs

Arbitrary keyword arguments can be passed in a dictionary to the target view. We aren’t going to use this feature of Django in the tutorial.

path() argument: name

Naming your URL lets you refer to it unambiguously from elsewhere in Django, especially from within templates. This powerful feature allows you to make global changes to the URL patterns of your project while only touching a single file.

When you’re comfortable with the basic request and response flow, read part 2 of this tutorial to start working with the database.

2.4 Writing your first Django app, part 2

This tutorial begins where Tutorial 1 left off. We’ll setup the database, create your first model, and get a quick introduction to Django’s automatically-generated admin site.

Where to get help:

If you’re having trouble going through this tutorial, please head over to the Getting Help section of the FAQ.

2.4.1 Database setup

Now, open up mysite/settings.py. It’s a normal Python module with module-level variables representing Django settings.

By default, the configuration uses SQLite. If you’re new to databases, or you’re just interested in trying Django, this is the easiest choice. SQLite is included in Python, so you won’t need to install anything else to support your database. When starting your first real project, however, you may want to use a more scalable database like PostgreSQL, to avoid database-switching headaches down the road.

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:

- ENGINE – Either 'django.db.backends.sqlite3', 'django.db.backends.postgresql', 'django.db.backends.mysql', or 'django.db.backends.oracle'. Other backends are also available.

- 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.sqlite3', 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.

For databases other than SQLite

If you’re using a database besides SQLite, make sure you’ve created a database by this point. Do that with “CREATE DATABASE database_name;” within your database’s interactive prompt.
Also make sure that the database user provided in `mysite/settings.py` has “create database” privileges. This allows automatic creation of a test database which will be needed in a later tutorial.

If you’re using SQLite, you don’t need to create anything beforehand - the database file will be created automatically when it is needed.

While you’re editing `mysite/settings.py`, set `TIME_ZONE` to your time zone.

Also, note the `INSTALLED_APPS` setting at the top of the file. That holds the names of all Django applications that are activated in this Django instance. Apps can be used in multiple projects, and you can package and distribute them for use by others in their projects.

By default, `INSTALLED_APPS` contains the following apps, all of which come with Django:

- `django.contrib.admin` – The admin site. You’ll use it shortly.
- `django.contrib.auth` – An authentication system.
- `django.contrib.contenttypes` – A framework for content types.
- `django.contrib.sessions` – A session framework.
- `django.contrib.messages` – A messaging framework.
- `django.contrib.staticfiles` – A framework for managing static files.

These applications are included by default as a convenience for the common case.

Some of these applications make use of at least one database table, though, so we need to create the tables in the database before we can use them. To do that, run the following command:

```
$ python manage.py migrate
```

The `migrate` command looks at the `INSTALLED_APPS` setting and creates any necessary database tables according to the database settings in your `mysite/settings.py` file and the database migrations shipped with the app (we’ll cover those later). You’ll see a message for each migration it applies. If you’re interested, run the command-line client for your database and type \\
\texttt{\textbackslash dt} (PostgreSQL), \texttt{SHOW TABLES}; (MariaDB, MySQL), \texttt{.schema} (SQLite), or \texttt{SELECT TABLE_NAME FROM USER_TABLES}; (Oracle) to display the tables Django created.

For the minimalists

Like we said above, the default applications are included for the common case, but not everybody needs them. If you don’t need any or all of them, feel free to comment-out or delete the appropriate line(s) from `INSTALLED_APPS` before running `migrate`. The `migrate` command will only run migrations for apps in `INSTALLED_APPS`.

### 2.4.2 Creating models

Now we’ll define your models – essentially, your database layout, with additional metadata.

**Philosophy**

A model is the single, definitive source of truth about your data. It contains the essential fields and behaviors of the data you’re storing. Django follows the \textit{DRY Principle}. The goal is to define your data model in one place and automatically derive things from it.
This includes the migrations - unlike in Ruby On Rails, for example, migrations are entirely derived from your models file, and are essentially a history that Django can roll through to update your database schema to match your current models.

In our poll app, we’ll create two models: Question and Choice. A Question has a question and a publication date. A Choice has two fields: the text of the choice and a vote tally. Each Choice is associated with a Question.

These concepts are represented by Python classes. Edit the polls/models.py file so it looks like this:

```
from django.db import models

class Question(models.Model):
    question_text = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    pub_date = models.DateTimeField('date published')

class Choice(models.Model):
    question = models.ForeignKey(Question, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    choice_text = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    votes = models.IntegerField(default=0)
```

Here, each model is represented by a class that subclasses `django.db.models.Model`. Each model has a number of class variables, each of which represents a database field in the model.

Each field is represented by an instance of a `Field` class – e.g., `CharField` for character fields and `DateTimeField` for datetimes. This tells Django what type of data each field holds.

The name of each `Field` instance (e.g. `question_text` or `pub_date`) is the field’s name, in machine-friendly format. You’ll use this value in your Python code, and your database will use it as the column name.

You can use an optional first positional argument to a `Field` to designate a human-readable name. That’s used in a couple of introspective parts of Django, and it doubles as documentation. If this field isn’t provided, Django will use the machine-readable name. In this example, we’ve only defined a human-readable name for `Question.pub_date`. For all other fields in this model, the field’s machine-readable name will suffice as its human-readable name.

Some `Field` classes have required arguments. `CharField`, for example, requires that you give it a `max_length`. That’s used not only in the database schema, but in validation, as we’ll soon see.

A `Field` can also have various optional arguments; in this case, we’ve set the `default` value of `votes` to 0.

Finally, note a relationship is defined, using `ForeignKey`. That tells Django each Choice is related to a single Question. Django supports all the common database relationships: many-to-one, many-to-many, and one-to-one.

### 2.4.3 Activating models

That small bit of model code gives Django a lot of information. With it, Django is able to:

- Create a database schema (CREATE TABLE statements) for this app.
- Create a Python database-access API for accessing Question and Choice objects.

But first we need to tell our project that the polls app is installed.
Django apps are “pluggable”: You can use an app in multiple projects, and you can distribute apps, because they don’t have to be tied to a given Django installation.

To include the app in our project, we need to add a reference to its configuration class in the `INSTALLED_APPS` setting. The `PollsConfig` class is in the `polls/apps.py` file, so its dotted path is `'polls.apps.PollsConfig'`. Edit the `mysite/settings.py` file and add that dotted path to the `INSTALLED_APPS` setting. It’ll look like this:

```python
# Listing 12: mysite/settings.py
INSTALLED_APPS = [
    'polls.apps.PollsConfig',
    'django.contrib.admin',
    'django.contrib.auth',
    'django.contrib.contenttypes',
    'django.contrib.sessions',
    'django.contrib.messages',
    'django.contrib.staticfiles',
]
```

Now Django knows to include the `polls` app. Let’s run another command:

```bash
$ python manage.py makemigrations polls
```

You should see something similar to the following:

```
Migrations for 'polls':
    polls/migrations/0001_initial.py
      - Create model Question
      - Create model Choice
```

By running `makemigrations`, you’re telling Django that you’ve made some changes to your models (in this case, you’ve made new ones) and that you’d like the changes to be stored as a `migration`.

Migrations are how Django stores changes to your models (and thus your database schema) - they’re files on disk. You can read the migration for your new model if you like; it’s the file `polls/migrations/0001_initial.py`. Don’t worry, you’re not expected to read them every time Django makes one, but they’re designed to be human-editable in case you want to manually tweak how Django changes things.

There’s a command that will run the migrations for you and manage your database schema automatically - that’s called `migrate`, and we’ll come to it in a moment - but first, let’s see what SQL that migration would run. The `sqlmigrate` command takes migration names and returns their SQL:

```bash
$ python manage.py sqlmigrate polls 0001
```

You should see something similar to the following (we’ve reformatted it for readability):

```
BEGIN;

-- Create model Question

--

CREATE TABLE "polls_question" (
    "id" serial NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,
    "question_text" varchar(200) NOT NULL,
    "pub_date" timestamp with time zone NOT NULL
);

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```
Note the following:

- The exact output will vary depending on the database you are using. The example above is generated for PostgreSQL.
- Table names are automatically generated by combining the name of the app (polls) and the lowercase name of the model – question and choice. (You can override this behavior.)
- Primary keys (IDs) are added automatically. (You can override this, too.)
- By convention, Django appends "_id" to the foreign key field name. (Yes, you can override this, as well.)
- The foreign key relationship is made explicit by a FOREIGN KEY constraint. Don’t worry about the DEFERRABLE parts; it’s telling PostgreSQL to not enforce the foreign key until the end of the transaction.
- It’s tailored to the database you’re using, so database-specific field types such as auto_increment (MySQL), serial (PostgreSQL), or integer primary key autoincrement (SQLite) are handled for you automatically. Same goes for the quoting of field names – e.g., using double quotes or single quotes.
- The sqmigrate command doesn’t actually run the migration on your database - instead, it prints it to the screen so that you can see what SQL Django thinks is required. It’s useful for checking what Django is going to do or if you have database administrators who require SQL scripts for changes.

If you’re interested, you can also run python manage.py check; this checks for any problems in your project without making migrations or touching the database.

Now, run migrate again to create those model tables in your database:

```
$ python manage.py migrate
Operations to perform:
  Apply all migrations: admin, auth, contenttypes, polls, sessions
Running migrations:
  Rendering model states... DONE
  Applying polls.0001_initial... OK
```

The migrate command takes all the migrations that haven’t been applied (Django tracks which ones are applied using a special table in your database called django_migrations) and runs them against your database - essentially, synchronizing the changes you made to your models with the schema in the database.

Migrations are very powerful and let you change your models over time, as you develop your project, without the need to delete your database or tables and make new ones - it specializes in upgrading your database live, without losing data. We’ll cover them in more depth in a later part of the tutorial, but for now, remember the three-step guide to making model changes:
• Change your models (in models.py).

• Run `python manage.py makemigrations` to create migrations for those changes

• Run `python manage.py migrate` to apply those changes to the database.

The reason that there are separate commands to make and apply migrations is because you’ll commit migrations to your version control system and ship them with your app; they not only make your development easier, they’re also usable by other developers and in production.

Read the `django-admin documentation` for full information on what the `manage.py` utility can do.

### 2.4.4 Playing with the API

Now, let’s hop into the interactive Python shell and play around with the free API Django gives you. To invoke the Python shell, use this command:

```
$ python manage.py shell
```

We’re using this instead of simply typing “python”, because `manage.py` sets the `DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE` environment variable, which gives Django the Python import path to your `mysite/settings.py` file.

Once you’re in the shell, explore the `database API`:

```python
>>> from polls.models import Choice, Question  # Import the model classes we just wrote.

# No questions are in the system yet.
>>> Question.objects.all()
<QuerySet []>  

# Create a new Question.  
# Support for time zones is enabled in the default settings file, so
# Django expects a datetime with tzinfo for pub_date. Use timezone.now()  
# instead of datetime.datetime.now() and it will do the right thing.
>>> from django.utils import timezone
>>> q = Question(question_text="What's new?", pub_date=timezone.now())

# Save the object into the database. You have to call save() explicitly.
>>> q.save()

# Now it has an ID.
>>> q.id
1

# Access model field values via Python attributes.
>>> q.question_text
"What's new?"
>>> q.pub_date
datetime.datetime(2012, 2, 26, 13, 0, 0, 775217, tzinfo=<UTC>)

# Change values by changing the attributes, then calling save().
>>> q.question_text = "What's up?"
>>> q.save()

# objects.all() displays all the questions in the database.
>>> Question.objects.all()
<QuerySet [<Question: Question object (1)>]>
```
Wait a minute. <Question: Question object (1)> isn’t a helpful representation of this object. Let’s fix that by editing the Question model (in the polls/models.py file) and adding a __str__() method to both Question and Choice:

Listing 13: polls/models.py

```python
from django.db import models
class Question(models.Model):
    # ...
    def __str__(self):
        return self.question_text
class Choice(models.Model):
    # ...
    def __str__(self):
        return self.choice_text
```

It’s important to add __str__() methods to your models, not only for your own convenience when dealing with the interactive prompt, but also because objects’ representations are used throughout Django’s automatically-generated admin.

Let’s also add a custom method to this model:

Listing 14: polls/models.py

```python
import datetime
from django.db import models
from django.utils import timezone
class Question(models.Model):
    # ...
    def was_published_recently(self):
        return self.pub_date >= timezone.now() - datetime.timedelta(days=1)
```

Note the addition of import datetime and from django.utils import timezone, to reference Python’s standard datetime module and Django’s time-zone-related utilities in django.utils.timezone, respectively. If you aren’t familiar with time zone handling in Python, you can learn more in the time zone support docs.

Save these changes and start a new Python interactive shell by running python manage.py shell again:

```python
>>> from polls.models import Choice, Question
# Make sure our __str__() addition worked.
<QuerySet [<Question: What's up?>]>
# Django provides a rich database lookup API that's entirely driven by
# keyword arguments.
>>> Question.objects.filter(id=1)
<QuerySet [<Question: What's up?>]>
>>> Question.objects.filter(question_text__startswith='What')
<QuerySet [<Question: What's up?>]>
# Get the question that was published this year.
```

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>>> from django.utils import timezone
>>> current_year = timezone.now().year

>>> Question.objects.get(pub_date__year=current_year)
<Question: What's up?>

# Request an ID that doesn't exist, this will raise an exception.
>>> Question.objects.get(id=2)
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
DoesNotExist: Question matching query does not exist.

# Lookup by a primary key is the most common case, so Django provides a
# shortcut for primary-key exact lookups.
# The following is identical to Question.objects.get(id=1).
>>> Question.objects.get(pk=1)
<Question: What's up?>

# Make sure our custom method worked.
>>> q = Question.objects.get(pk=1)
>>> q.was_published_recently()
True

# Give the Question a couple of Choices. The create call constructs a new
# Choice object, does the INSERT statement, adds the choice to the set
# of available choices and returns the new Choice object. Django creates
# a set to hold the "other side" of a ForeignKey relation
# (e.g. a question's choice) which can be accessed via the API.
>>> q = Question.objects.get(pk=1)

# Display any choices from the related object set -- none so far.
>>> q.choice_set.all()
<QuerySet []>

# Create three choices.
>>> q.choice_set.create(choice_text='Not much', votes=0)
<Choice: Not much>
>>> q.choice_set.create(choice_text='The sky', votes=0)
<Choice: The sky>
>>> c = q.choice_set.create(choice_text='Just hacking again', votes=0)

# Choice objects have API access to their related Question objects.
>>> c.question
<Question: What's up?>

# And vice versa: Question objects get access to Choice objects.
>>> q.choice_set.all()
<QuerySet [<Choice: Not much>, <Choice: The sky>, <Choice: Just hacking again>]>}

# The API automatically follows relationships as far as you need.
# Use double underscores to separate relationships.
# This works as many levels deep as you want; there's no limit.
# Find all Choices for any question whose pub_date is in this year
# (reusing the 'current_year' variable we created above).
>>> Choice.objects.filter(question__pub_date__year=current_year)
<QuerySet [<Choice: Not much>, <Choice: The sky>, <Choice: Just hacking again>]>
# Let's delete one of the choices. Use delete() for that.

```python
>>> c = q.choice_set.filter(choice_text__startswith='Just hacking')
>>> c.delete()
```

For more information on model relations, see Accessing related objects. For more on how to use double underscores to perform field lookups via the API, see Field lookups. For full details on the database API, see our Database API reference.

## 2.4.5 Introducing the Django Admin

### Philosophy

Generating admin sites for your staff or clients to add, change, and delete content is tedious work that doesn’t require much creativity. For that reason, Django entirely automates creation of admin interfaces for models.

Django was written in a newsroom environment, with a very clear separation between “content publishers” and the “public” site. Site managers use the system to add news stories, events, sports scores, etc., and that content is displayed on the public site. Django solves the problem of creating a unified interface for site administrators to edit content.

The admin isn’t intended to be used by site visitors. It’s for site managers.

### Creating an admin user

First we’ll need to create a user who can login to the admin site. Run the following command:

```bash
$ python manage.py createsuperuser
```

Enter your desired username and press enter.

Username: admin

You will then be prompted for your desired email address:

Email address: admin@example.com

The final step is to enter your password. You will be asked to enter your password twice, the second time as a confirmation of the first.

Password: **********
Password (again): **********
Superuser created successfully.

### Start the development server

The Django admin site is activated by default. Let’s start the development server and explore it.

If the server is not running start it like so:

```bash
$ python manage.py runserver
```
Now, open a Web browser and go to “/admin/” on your local domain – e.g., http://127.0.0.1:8000/admin/. You should see the admin’s login screen:

Since translation is turned on by default, if you set `LANGUAGE_CODE`, the login screen will be displayed in the given language (if Django has appropriate translations).

**Enter the admin site**

Now, try logging in with the superuser account you created in the previous step. You should see the Django admin index page:

You should see a few types of editable content: groups and users. They are provided by `django.contrib.auth`, the authentication framework shipped by Django.
**Make the poll app modifiable in the admin**

But where’s our poll app? It’s not displayed on the admin index page. Only one more thing to do: we need to tell the admin that `Question` objects have an admin interface. To do this, open the `polls/admin.py` file, and edit it to look like this:

```
Listing 15: polls/admin.py

from django.contrib import admin
from .models import Question
admin.site.register(Question)
```

**Explore the free admin functionality**

Now that we’ve registered `Question`, Django knows that it should be displayed on the admin index page:

Click “Questions”. Now you’re at the “change list” page for questions. This page displays all the questions in the database and lets you choose one to change it. There’s the “What’s up?” question we created earlier:

Click the “What’s up?” question to edit it:
Things to note here:

- The form is automatically generated from the `Question` model.
- The different model field types (`DateTimeField`, `CharField`) correspond to the appropriate HTML input widget. Each type of field knows how to display itself in the Django admin.
- Each `DateTimeField` gets free JavaScript shortcuts. Dates get a “Today” shortcut and calendar popup, and times get a “Now” shortcut and a convenient popup that lists commonly entered times.

The bottom part of the page gives you a couple of options:

- Save – Saves changes and returns to the change-list page for this type of object.
- Save and continue editing – Saves changes and reloads the admin page for this object.
- Save and add another – Saves changes and loads a new, blank form for this type of object.
- Delete – Displays a delete confirmation page.

If the value of “Date published” doesn’t match the time when you created the question in `Tutorial 1`, it probably means you forgot to set the correct value for the `TIME_ZONE` setting. Change it, reload the page and check that the correct value appears.

Change the “Date published” by clicking the “Today” and “Now” shortcuts. Then click “Save and continue editing.” Then click “History” in the upper right. You’ll see a page listing all changes made to this object via the Django admin, with the timestamp and username of the person who made the change:

When you’re comfortable with the models API and have familiarized yourself with the admin site, read `part 3 of this tutorial` to learn about how to add more views to our polls app.
2.5 Writing your first Django app, part 3

This tutorial begins where Tutorial 2 left off. We’re continuing the Web-poll application and will focus on creating the public interface – “views.”

Where to get help:
If you’re having trouble going through this tutorial, please head over to the Getting Help section of the FAQ.

2.5.1 Overview

A view is a “type” of Web page in your Django application that generally serves a specific function and has a specific template. For example, in a blog application, you might have the following views:

- Blog homepage – displays the latest few entries.
- Entry “detail” page – permalink page for a single entry.
- Year-based archive page – displays all months with entries in the given year.
- Month-based archive page – displays all days with entries in the given month.
- Day-based archive page – displays all entries in the given day.
- Comment action – handles posting comments to a given entry.

In our poll application, we’ll have the following four views:

- Question “index” page – displays the latest few questions.
- Question “detail” page – displays a question text, with no results but with a form to vote.
- Question “results” page – displays results for a particular question.
- Vote action – handles voting for a particular choice in a particular question.

In Django, web pages and other content are delivered by views. Each view is represented by a Python function (or method, in the case of class-based views). Django will choose a view by examining the URL that’s requested (to be precise, the part of the URL after the domain name).

Now in your time on the web you may have come across such beauties as ME2/Sites/dirmod.htm?sid=&type=gen&mod=Core+Pages&gid=A6CD4967199A42D9B65B1B. You will be pleased to know that Django allows us much more elegant URL patterns than that.

A URL pattern is the general form of a URL - for example: /newsarchive/<year>/<month>/.

To get from a URL to a view, Django uses what are known as ‘URLconfs’. A URLconf maps URL patterns to views.

This tutorial provides basic instruction in the use of URLconfs, and you can refer to URL dispatcher for more information.

2.5.2 Writing more views

Now let’s add a few more views to polls/views.py. These views are slightly different, because they take an argument:
Listing 16: polls/views.py

```python
def detail(request, question_id):
    return HttpResponse("You're looking at question %s." % question_id)

def results(request, question_id):
    response = "You're looking at the results of question %s."
    return HttpResponse(response % question_id)

def vote(request, question_id):
    return HttpResponse("You're voting on question %s." % question_id)
```

Wire these new views into the polls.urls module by adding the following `path()` calls:

Listing 17: polls/urls.py

```python
from django.urls import path
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
    # ex: /polls/
    path('', views.index, name='index'),
    # ex: /polls/5/
    path('<int:question_id>/', views.detail, name='detail'),
    # ex: /polls/5/results/
    path('<int:question_id>/results/', views.results, name='results'),
    # ex: /polls/5/vote/
    path('<int:question_id>/vote/', views.vote, name='vote'),
]
```

Take a look in your browser, at “/polls/34/”. It’ll run the detail() method and display whatever ID you provide in the URL. Try “/polls/34/results/” and “/polls/34/vote/” too – these will display the placeholder results and voting pages.

When somebody requests a page from your website – say, “/polls/34/”, Django will load the mysite.urls Python module because it’s pointed to by the `ROOT_URLCONF` setting. It finds the variable named `urlpatterns` and traverses the patterns in order. After finding the match at ’polls/’, it strips off the matching text (“polls/”) and sends the remaining text – ”34/” – to the ’polls.urls’ URLconf for further processing. There it matches ’<int:question_id>/’, resulting in a call to the detail() view like so:

```python
detail(request=<HttpRequest object>, question_id=34)
```

The `question_id=34` part comes from `<int:question_id>`. Using angle brackets “captures” part of the URL and sends it as a keyword argument to the view function. The `:question_id` part of the string defines the name that will be used to identify the matched pattern, and the `<int:` part is a converter that determines what patterns should match this part of the URL path.

### 2.5.3 Write views that actually do something

Each view is responsible for doing one of two things: returning an `HttpResponse` object containing the content for the requested page, or raising an exception such as `Http404`. The rest is up to you.

Your view can read records from a database, or not. It can use a template system such as Django’s – or a third-party Python template system – or not. It can generate a PDF file, output XML, create a ZIP file on the fly, anything you want, using whatever Python libraries you want.
All Django wants is that `HttpResponse`. Or an exception.

Because it’s convenient, let’s use Django’s own database API, which we covered in `Tutorial 2`. Here’s one stab at a new `index()` view, which displays the latest 5 poll questions in the system, separated by commas, according to publication date:

```
Listing 18: polls/views.py

```python
from django.http import HttpResponse
from .models import Question

def index(request):
    latest_question_list = Question.objects.order_by('-pub_date')[:5]
    output = ', '.join([q.question_text for q in latest_question_list])
    return HttpResponse(output)
```

# Leave the rest of the views (detail, results, vote) unchanged

There’s a problem here, though: the page’s design is hard-coded in the view. If you want to change the way the page looks, you’ll have to edit this Python code. So let’s use Django’s template system to separate the design from Python by creating a template that the view can use.

First, create a directory called `templates` in your `polls` directory. Django will look for templates in there.

Your project’s `TEMPLATES` setting describes how Django will load and render templates. The default settings file configures a DjangoTemplates backend whose `APP_DIRS` option is set to `True`. By convention DjangoTemplates looks for a “templates” subdirectory in each of the `INSTALLED_APPS`.

Within the `templates` directory you have just created, create another directory called `polls`, and within that create a file called `index.html`. In other words, your template should be at `polls/templates/polls/index.html`. Because of how the `app_directories` template loader works as described above, you can refer to this template within Django as `polls/index.html`.

### Template namespace

Now we might be able to get away with putting our templates directly in `polls/templates` (rather than creating another `polls` subdirectory), but it would actually be a bad idea. Django will choose the first template it finds whose name matches, and if you had a template with the same name in a different application, Django would be unable to distinguish between them. We need to be able to point Django at the right one, and the best way to ensure this is by `namespacing` them. That is, by putting those templates inside another directory named for the application itself.

Put the following code in that template:

```
Listing 19: polls/templates/polls/index.html

```html
{% if latest_question_list %}
<ul>
  {% for question in latest_question_list %}
    <li><a href="/polls/{{ question.id }}">{{ question.question_text }}</a></li>
  {% endfor %}
</ul>
{% else %}
<p>No polls are available.</p>
{% endif %}
```
Note: To make the tutorial shorter, all template examples use incomplete HTML. In your own projects you should use complete HTML documents.

Now let’s update our index view in polls/views.py to use the template:

```
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.template import loader
from .models import Question

def index(request):
    latest_question_list = Question.objects.order_by('-pub_date')[:5]
    template = loader.get_template('polls/index.html')
    context = {'latest_question_list': latest_question_list,}
    return HttpResponse(template.render(context, request))
```

That code loads the template called polls/index.html and passes it a context. The context is a dictionary mapping template variable names to Python objects.

Load the page by pointing your browser at “/polls/”, and you should see a bulleted-list containing the “What’s up” question from Tutorial 2. The link points to the question’s detail page.

**A shortcut: render()**

It’s a very common idiom to load a template, fill a context and return an HttpResponse object with the result of the rendered template. Django provides a shortcut. Here’s the full index() view, rewritten:

```
from django.shortcuts import render
from .models import Question

def index(request):
    latest_question_list = Question.objects.order_by('-pub_date')[:5]
    context = {'latest_question_list': latest_question_list}
    return render(request, 'polls/index.html', context)
```

Note that once we’ve done this in all these views, we no longer need to import loader and HttpResponse (you’ll want to keep HttpResponse if you still have the stub methods for detail, results, and vote).

The `render()` function takes the request object as its first argument, a template name as its second argument and a dictionary as its optional third argument. It returns an HttpResponse object of the given template rendered with the given context.

**2.5.4 Raising a 404 error**

Now, let’s tackle the question detail view – the page that displays the question text for a given poll. Here’s the view:
The new concept here: The view raises the `Http404` exception if a question with the requested ID doesn’t exist.

We’ll discuss what you could put in that `polls/detail.html` template a bit later, but if you’d like to quickly get the above example working, a file containing just:

```
Listing 23: polls/templates/polls/detail.html

{{ question }}
```

will get you started for now.

**A shortcut: `get_object_or_404()`**

It’s a very common idiom to use `get()` and raise `Http404` if the object doesn’t exist. Django provides a shortcut. Here’s the `detail()` view, rewritten:

```
Listing 24: polls/views.py

from django.shortcuts import get_object_or_404, render
from .models import Question

def detail(request, question_id):
    question = get_object_or_404(Question, pk=question_id)
    return render(request, 'polls/detail.html', {'question': question})
```

The `get_object_or_404()` function takes a Django model as its first argument and an arbitrary number of keyword arguments, which it passes to the `get()` function of the model’s manager. It raises `Http404` if the object doesn’t exist.

**Philosophy**

Why do we use a helper function `get_object_or_404()` instead of automatically catching the `ObjectDoesNotExist` exceptions at a higher level, or having the model API raise `Http404` instead of `ObjectDoesNotExist`?

Because that would couple the model layer to the view layer. One of the foremost design goals of Django is to maintain loose coupling. Some controlled coupling is introduced in the `django.shortcuts` module.

There’s also a `get_list_or_404()` function, which works just as `get_object_or_404()` – except using `filter()` instead of `get()`. It raises `Http404` if the list is empty.
2.5.5 Use the template system

Back to the detail() view for our poll application. Given the context variable question, here’s what the polls/detail.html template might look like:

Listing 25: polls/templates/polls/detail.html

```html
<h1>{{ question.question_text }}</h1>
<ul>
{% for choice in question.choice_set.all %}
  <li>{{ choice.choice_text }}</li>
{% endfor %}
</ul>
```

The template system uses dot-lookup syntax to access variable attributes. In the example of `{{ question.question_text }}`, first Django does a dictionary lookup on the object question. Failing that, it tries an attribute lookup – which works, in this case. If attribute lookup had failed, it would’ve tried a list-index lookup.

Method-calling happens in the `{% for %}` loop: question.choice_set.all is interpreted as the Python code `question.choice_set.all()`, which returns an iterable of Choice objects and is suitable for use in the `{% for %}` tag.

See the template guide for more about templates.

2.5.6 Removing hardcoded URLs in templates

Remember, when we wrote the link to a question in the polls/index.html template, the link was partially hardcoded like this:

```html
<li><a href="/polls/{{ question.id }}">{{ question.question_text }}</a></li>
```

The problem with this hardcoded, tightly-coupled approach is that it becomes challenging to change URLs on projects with a lot of templates. However, since you defined the name argument in the path() functions in the polls.urls module, you can remove a reliance on specific URL paths defined in your url configurations by using the `{% url %}` template tag:

```html
<li><a href="{% url 'detail' question.id %}">{{ question.question_text }}</a></li>
```

The way this works is by looking up the URL definition as specified in the polls.urls module. You can see exactly where the URL name of ‘detail’ is defined below:

```python
... # the 'name' value as called by the {% url %} template tag
path('question_id>/', views.detail, name='detail'),
...
```

If you want to change the URL of the polls detail view to something else, perhaps to something like polls/specifics/12/ instead of doing it in the template (or templates) you would change it in polls/urls.py:

```python
... # added the word 'specifics'
path('specifics/<int:question_id>/', views.detail, name='detail'),
...
2.5.7 Namespacing URL names

The tutorial project has just one app, polls. In real Django projects, there might be five, ten, twenty apps or more. How does Django differentiate the URL names between them? For example, the polls app has a detail view, and so might an app on the same project that is for a blog. How does one make it so that Django knows which app view to create for a url when using the {% url %} template tag?

The answer is to add namespaces to your URLconf. In the polls/urls.py file, go ahead and add an app_name to set the application namespace:

```python
from django.urls import path
from . import views

app_name = 'polls'
urlpatterns = [
    path('', views.index, name='index'),
    path('<int:question_id>/', views.detail, name='detail'),
    path('<int:question_id>/results/', views.results, name='results'),
    path('<int:question_id>/vote/', views.vote, name='vote'),
]
```

Now change your polls/index.html template from:

```html
<li><a href="{% url 'detail' question.id %}">
{{ question.question_text }}
</a></li>
```

to point at the namespaced detail view:

```html
<li><a href="{% url 'polls:detail' question.id %}">
{{ question.question_text }}
</a></li>
```

When you’re comfortable with writing views, read part 4 of this tutorial to learn the basics about form processing and generic views.

2.6 Writing your first Django app, part 4

This tutorial begins where Tutorial 3 left off. We’re continuing the Web-poll application and will focus on form processing and cutting down our code.

Where to get help:

If you’re having trouble going through this tutorial, please head over to the Getting Help section of the FAQ.

2.6.1 Write a minimal form

Let’s update our poll detail template (“polls/detail.html”) from the last tutorial, so that the template contains an HTML <form> element:
A quick rundown:

- The above template displays a radio button for each question choice. The value of each radio button is the associated question choice’s ID. The name of each radio button is "choice". That means, when somebody selects one of the radio buttons and submits the form, it’ll send the POST data choice=# where # is the ID of the selected choice. This is the basic concept of HTML forms.

- We set the form’s action to {% url 'polls:vote' question.id %}, and we set method="post". Using method="post" (as opposed to method="get") is very important, because the act of submitting this form will alter data server-side. Whenever you create a form that alters data server-side, use method="post". This tip isn’t specific to Django; it’s good Web development practice in general.

- forloop.counter indicates how many times the for tag has gone through its loop

- Since we’re creating a POST form (which can have the effect of modifying data), we need to worry about Cross Site Request Forgeries. Thankfully, you don’t have to worry too hard, because Django comes with a helpful system for protecting against it. In short, all POST forms that are targeted at internal URLs should use the {% csrf_token %} template tag.

Now, let’s create a Django view that handles the submitted data and does something with it. Remember, in Tutorial 3, we created a URLconf for the polls application that includes this line:

```python
Listing 30: polls/urls.py
path('<int:question_id>/vote/', views.vote, name='vote'),
```

We also created a dummy implementation of the vote() function. Let’s create a real version. Add the following to polls/views.py:

```python
Listing 31: polls/views.py
from django.http import HttpResponse, HttpResponseRedirect
from django.shortcuts import get_object_or_404, render
from django.urls import reverse
from .models import Choice, Question
...

def vote(request, question_id):
    question = get_object_or_404(Question, pk=question_id)
    try:
        selected_choice = question.choice_set.get(pk=request.POST['choice'])
```
except (KeyError, Choice.DoesNotExist):
    # Redisplay the question voting form.
    return render(request, 'polls/detail.html', {
        'question': question,
        'error_message': "You didn't select a choice."
    })
else:
    selected_choice.votes += 1
    selected_choice.save()
    # Always return an HttpResponseRedirect after successfully dealing
    # with POST data. This prevents data from being posted twice if a
    # user hits the Back button.
    return HttpResponseRedirect(reverse('polls:results', args=(question.id,)))

This code includes a few things we haven’t covered yet in this tutorial:

- `request.POST` is a dictionary-like object that lets you access submitted data by key name. In this case, `request.POST["choice"]` returns the ID of the selected choice, as a string. `request.POST` values are always strings.

  Note that Django also provides `request.GET` for accessing GET data in the same way – but we’re explicitly using `request.POST` in our code, to ensure that data is only altered via a POST call.

- `request.POST["choice"]` will raise `KeyError` if `choice` wasn’t provided in POST data. The above code checks for `KeyError` and redispers the question form with an error message if `choice` isn’t given.

- After incrementing the choice count, the code returns an `HttpResponseRedirect` rather than a normal `HttpResponse`. `HttpResponseRedirect` takes a single argument: the URL to which the user will be redirected (see the following point for how we construct the URL in this case).

  As the Python comment above points out, you should always return an `HttpResponseRedirect` after successfully dealing with POST data. This tip isn’t specific to Django; it’s good Web development practice in general.

- We are using the `reverse()` function in the `HttpResponseRedirect` constructor in this example. This function helps avoid having to hardcode a URL in the view function. It is given the name of the view that we want to pass control to and the variable portion of the URL pattern that points to that view. In this case, using the `URLconf` we set up in Tutorial 3, this `reverse()` call will return a string like

```
'/polls/3/results/'
```

where the 3 is the value of `question.id`. This redirected URL will then call the 'results' view to display the final page.

As mentioned in Tutorial 3, `request` is an `HttpRequest` object. For more on `HttpRequest` objects, see the `request and response documentation`.

After somebody votes in a question, the `vote()` view redirects to the results page for the question. Let’s write that view:

Listing 32: polls/views.py

```python
from django.shortcuts import get_object_or_404, render

def results(request, question_id):
    question = get_object_or_404(Question, pk=question_id)
    return render(request, 'polls/results.html', {'question': question})
```
This is almost exactly the same as the `detail()` view from *Tutorial 3*. The only difference is the template name. We'll fix this redundancy later.

Now, create a `polls/results.html` template:

```
<h1>{{ question.question_text }}</h1>
<ul>
  {% for choice in question.choice_set.all %}
    <li>{{ choice.choice_text }} -- {{ choice.votes|pluralize }}</li>
  {% endfor %}
</ul>
<a href="{% url 'polls:detail' question.id %">Vote again?</a>
```

Now, go to `/polls/1/` in your browser and vote in the question. You should see a results page that gets updated each time you vote. If you submit the form without having chosen a choice, you should see the error message.

### Note

The code for our `vote()` view does have a small problem. It first gets the `selected_choice` object from the database, then computes the new value of `votes`, and then saves it back to the database. If two users of your website try to vote at *exactly the same time*, this might go wrong: The same value, let's say 42, will be retrieved for `votes`. Then, for both users the new value of 43 is computed and saved, but 44 would be the expected value.

This is called a *race condition*. If you are interested, you can read *Avoiding race conditions using F()* to learn how you can solve this issue.

#### 2.6.2 Use generic views: Less code is better

The `detail()` (from *Tutorial 3*) and `results()` views are very short – and, as mentioned above, redundant. The `index()` view, which displays a list of polls, is similar.

These views represent a common case of basic Web development: getting data from the database according to a parameter passed in the URL, loading a template and returning the rendered template. Because this is so common, Django provides a shortcut, called the “generic views” system.

Generic views abstract common patterns to the point where you don’t even need to write Python code to write an app. Let’s convert our poll app to use the generic views system, so we can delete a bunch of our own code. We’ll have to take a few steps to make the conversion. We will:

1. Convert the URLconf.
2. Delete some of the old, unneeded views.
3. Introduce new views based on Django’s generic views.

Read on for details.

**Why the code-shuffle?**

Generally, when writing a Django app, you’ll evaluate whether generic views are a good fit for your problem, and you’ll use them from the beginning, rather than refactoring your code halfway through. But this tutorial intentionally has focused on writing the views “the hard way” until now, to focus on core concepts.
You should know basic math before you start using a calculator.

Amend URLconf

First, open the `polls/urls.py` URLconf and change it like so:

```
Listing 34: polls/urls.py

from django.urls import path
from . import views

app_name = 'polls'
urlpatterns = [
    path('', views.IndexView.as_view(), name='index'),
    path('<int:pk>/', views.DetailView.as_view(), name='detail'),
    path('<int:pk>/results/', views.ResultsView.as_view(), name='results'),
    path('<int:question_id>/vote/', views.vote, name='vote'),
]
```

Note that the name of the matched pattern in the path strings of the second and third patterns has changed from `<question_id>` to `<pk>`.

Amend views

Next, we’re going to remove our old index, detail, and results views and use Django’s generic views instead. To do so, open the `polls/views.py` file and change it like so:

```
Listing 35: polls/views.py

from django.http import HttpResponseRedirect
from django.shortcuts import get_object_or_404, render
from django.urls import reverse
from django.views import generic
from .models import Choice, Question

class IndexView(generic.ListView):
    template_name = 'polls/index.html'
    context_object_name = 'latest_question_list'
    def get_queryset(self):
        return Question.objects.order_by('-pub_date')[:5]

class DetailView(generic.DetailView):
    model = Question
    template_name = 'polls/detail.html'

class ResultsView(generic.DetailView):
    model = Question

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We’re using two generic views here: ListView and DetailView. Respectively, those two views abstract the concepts of “display a list of objects” and “display a detail page for a particular type of object.”

- Each generic view needs to know what model it will be acting upon. This is provided using the model attribute.
- The DetailView generic view expects the primary key value captured from the URL to be called "pk", so we’ve changed question_id to pk for the generic views.

By default, the DetailView generic view uses a template called <app name>/<model name>_detail.html. In our case, it would use the template "polls/question_detail.html". The template_name attribute is used to tell Django to use a specific template name instead of the autogenerated default template name. We also specify the template_name for the results list view – this ensures that the results view and the detail view have a different appearance when rendered, even though they’re both a DetailView behind the scenes.

Similarly, the ListView generic view uses a default template called <app name>/<model name>_list.html; we use template_name to tell ListView to use our existing "polls/index.html" template.

In previous parts of the tutorial, the templates have been provided with a context that contains the question and latest_question_list context variables. For DetailView the question variable is provided automatically – since we’re using a Django model (Question), Django is able to determine an appropriate name for the context variable. However, for ListView, the automatically generated context variable is question_list. To override this we provide the context_object_name attribute, specifying that we want to use latest_question_list instead. As an alternative approach, you could change your templates to match the new default context variables – but it’s a lot easier to tell Django to use the variable you want.

Run the server, and use your new polling app based on generic views.

For full details on generic views, see the generic views documentation.

When you’re comfortable with forms and generic views, read part 5 of this tutorial to learn about testing our polls app.

## 2.7 Writing your first Django app, part 5

This tutorial begins where Tutorial 4 left off. We’ve built a Web-poll application, and we’ll now create some automated tests for it.

### Where to get help:

If you’re having trouble going through this tutorial, please head over to the Getting Help section of the FAQ.

### 2.7.1 Introducing automated testing

**What are automated tests?**

Tests are routines that check the operation of your code.
Testing operates at different levels. Some tests might apply to a tiny detail (does a particular model method return values as expected?) while others examine the overall operation of the software (does a sequence of user inputs on the site produce the desired result?). That’s no different from the kind of testing you did earlier in Tutorial 2, using the shell to examine the behavior of a method, or running the application and entering data to check how it behaves.

What’s different in automated tests is that the testing work is done for you by the system. You create a set of tests once, and then as you make changes to your app, you can check that your code still works as you originally intended, without having to perform time consuming manual testing.

**Why you need to create tests**

So why create tests, and why now?

You may feel that you have quite enough on your plate just learning Python/Django, and having yet another thing to learn and do may seem overwhelming and perhaps unnecessary. After all, our polls application is working quite happily now; going through the trouble of creating automated tests is not going to make it work any better. If creating the polls application is the last bit of Django programming you will ever do, then true, you don’t need to know how to create automated tests. But, if that’s not the case, now is an excellent time to learn.

**Tests will save you time**

Up to a certain point, ‘checking that it seems to work’ will be a satisfactory test. In a more sophisticated application, you might have dozens of complex interactions between components.

A change in any of those components could have unexpected consequences on the application’s behavior. Checking that it still ‘seems to work’ could mean running through your code’s functionality with twenty different variations of your test data to make sure you haven’t broken something - not a good use of your time.

That’s especially true when automated tests could do this for you in seconds. If something’s gone wrong, tests will also assist in identifying the code that’s causing the unexpected behavior.

Sometimes it may seem a chore to tear yourself away from your productive, creative programming work to face the unglamorous and unexciting business of writing tests, particularly when you know your code is working properly. However, the task of writing tests is a lot more fulfilling than spending hours testing your application manually or trying to identify the cause of a newly-introduced problem.

**Tests don’t just identify problems, they prevent them**

It’s a mistake to think of tests merely as a negative aspect of development.

Without tests, the purpose or intended behavior of an application might be rather opaque. Even when it’s your own code, you will sometimes find yourself poking around in it trying to find out what exactly it’s doing.

Tests change that; they light up your code from the inside, and when something goes wrong, they focus light on the part that has gone wrong - even if you hadn’t even realized it had gone wrong.

**Tests make your code more attractive**

You might have created a brilliant piece of software, but you will find that many other developers will refuse to look at it because it lacks tests; without tests, they won’t trust it. Jacob Kaplan-Moss, one of Django’s original developers, says “Code without tests is broken by design.”

That other developers want to see tests in your software before they take it seriously is yet another reason for you to start writing tests.
Tests help teams work together

The previous points are written from the point of view of a single developer maintaining an application. Complex applications will be maintained by teams. Tests guarantee that colleagues don’t inadvertently break your code (and that you don’t break theirs without knowing). If you want to make a living as a Django programmer, you must be good at writing tests!

2.7.2 Basic testing strategies

There are many ways to approach writing tests.

Some programmers follow a discipline called “test-driven development”; they actually write their tests before they write their code. This might seem counter-intuitive, but in fact it’s similar to what most people will often do anyway: they describe a problem, then create some code to solve it. Test-driven development formalizes the problem in a Python test case.

More often, a newcomer to testing will create some code and later decide that it should have some tests. Perhaps it would have been better to write some tests earlier, but it’s never too late to get started.

Sometimes it’s difficult to figure out where to get started with writing tests. If you have written several thousand lines of Python, choosing something to test might not be easy. In such a case, it’s fruitful to write your first test the next time you make a change, either when you add a new feature or fix a bug.

So let’s do that right away.

2.7.3 Writing our first test

We identify a bug

Fortunately, there’s a little bug in the polls application for us to fix right away: the Question. was_published_recently() method returns True if the Question was published within the last day (which is correct) but also if the Question’s pub_date field is in the future (which certainly isn’t).

Confirm the bug by using the shell to check the method on a question whose date lies in the future:

$ python manage.py shell

```python
>>> import datetime
>>> from django.utils import timezone
>>> from polls.models import Question
>>> # create a Question instance with pub_date 30 days in the future
>>> future_question = Question(pub_date=timezone.now() + datetime.timedelta(days=30))
>>> # was it published recently?
>>> future_question.was_published_recently()
True
```

Since things in the future are not ‘recent’, this is clearly wrong.

Create a test to expose the bug

What we’ve just done in the shell to test for the problem is exactly what we can do in an automated test, so let’s turn that into an automated test.

A conventional place for an application’s tests is in the application’s tests.py file; the testing system will automatically find tests in any file whose name begins with test.
Put the following in the tests.py file in the polls application:

Listing 36: polls/tests.py

```python
import datetime

from django.test import TestCase
from django.utils import timezone

from .models import Question

class QuestionModelTests(TestCase):

    def test_was_published_recently_with_future_question(self):
        """was_published_recently() returns False for questions whose pub_date is in the future."

        time = timezone.now() + datetime.timedelta(days=30)
        future_question = Question(pub_date=time)
        self.assertIs(future_question.was_published_recently(), False)
```

Here we have created a `django.test.TestCase` subclass with a method that creates a Question instance with a `pub_date` in the future. We then check the output of `was_published_recently()` - which `ought` to be False.

### Running tests

In the terminal, we can run our test:

```bash
$ python manage.py test polls
```

and you'll see something like:

```
Creating test database for alias 'default'...
System check identified no issues (0 silenced).
F
======================================================================
FAIL: test_was_published_recently_with_future_question (polls.tests.QuestionModelTests)
----------------------------------------------------------------------
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "/path/to/mysite/polls/tests.py", line 16, in test_was_published_recently_with_future_question
    self.assertIs(future_question.was_published_recently(), False)
AssertionError: True is not False
----------------------------------------------------------------------
Ran 1 test in 0.001s
FAILED (failures=1)
Destroying test database for alias 'default'...
```

Different error?
If instead you’re getting a NameError here, you may have missed a step in Part 2 where we added imports of datetime and timezone to polls/models.py. Copy the imports from that section, and try running your tests again.

What happened is this:
- manage.py test polls looked for tests in the polls application
- it found a subclass of the django.test.TestCase class
- it created a special database for the purpose of testing
- it looked for test methods - ones whose names begin with test
- in test_was_published_recently_with_future_question it created a Question instance whose pub_date field is 30 days in the future
- ... and using the assertIs() method, it discovered that its was_published_recently() returns True, though we wanted it to return False

The test informs us which test failed and even the line on which the failure occurred.

Fixing the bug

We already know what the problem is: Question.was_published_recently() should return False if its pub_date is in the future. Amend the method in models.py, so that it will only return True if the date is also in the past:

```python
def was_published_recently(self):
    now = timezone.now()
    return now - datetime.timedelta(days=1) <= self.pub_date <= now
```

and run the test again:

```
Creating test database for alias 'default'...
System check identified no issues (0 silenced).
Ran 1 test in 0.001s
OK
Destroying test database for alias 'default'...
```

After identifying a bug, we wrote a test that exposes it and corrected the bug in the code so our test passes.

Many other things might go wrong with our application in the future, but we can be sure that we won’t inadvertently reintroduce this bug, because running the test will warn us immediately. We can consider this little portion of the application pinned down safely forever.

More comprehensive tests

While we’re here, we can further pin down the was_published_recently() method; in fact, it would be positively embarrassing if in fixing one bug we had introduced another.

Add two more test methods to the same class, to test the behavior of the method more comprehensively:
def test_was_published_recently_with_old_question(self):
    
    was_published_recently() returns False for questions whose pub_date is older than 1 day.
    
    time = timezone.now() - datetime.timedelta(days=1, seconds=1)
    old_question = Question(pub_date=time)
    self.assertIs(old_question.was_published_recently(), False)

def test_was_published_recently_with_recent_question(self):
    
    was_published_recently() returns True for questions whose pub_date is within the last day.
    
    time = timezone.now() - datetime.timedelta(hours=23, minutes=59, seconds=59)
    recent_question = Question(pub_date=time)
    self.assertIs(recent_question.was_published_recently(), True)

And now we have three tests that confirm that Question.was_published_recently() returns sensible values for past, recent, and future questions.

Again, polls is a minimal application, but however complex it grows in the future and whatever other code it interacts with, we now have some guarantee that the method we have written tests for will behave in expected ways.

2.7.4 Test a view

The polls application is fairly undiscriminating: it will publish any question, including ones whose pub_date field lies in the future. We should improve this. Setting a pub_date in the future should mean that the Question is published at that moment, but invisible until then.

A test for a view

When we fixed the bug above, we wrote the test first and then the code to fix it. In fact that was an example of test-driven development, but it doesn’t really matter in which order we do the work.

In our first test, we focused closely on the internal behavior of the code. For this test, we want to check its behavior as it would be experienced by a user through a web browser.

Before we try to fix anything, let’s have a look at the tools at our disposal.

The Django test client

Django provides a test Client to simulate a user interacting with the code at the view level. We can use it in tests.py or even in the shell.

We will start again with the shell, where we need to do a couple of things that won’t be necessary in tests.py.
The first is to set up the test environment in the shell:

$ python manage.py shell

>>> from django.test.utils import setup_test_environment
>>> setup_test_environment()
setup_test_environment() installs a template renderer which will allow us to examine some additional attributes on responses such as response.context that otherwise wouldn’t be available. Note that this method does not set up a test database, so the following will be run against the existing database and the output may differ slightly depending on what questions you already created. You might get unexpected results if your TIME_ZONE in settings.py isn’t correct. If you don’t remember setting it earlier, check it before continuing.

Next we need to import the test client class (later in tests.py we will use the django.test.TestCase class, which comes with its own client, so this won’t be required):

```python
>>> from django.test import Client
>>> # create an instance of the client for our use
>>> client = Client()
```

With that ready, we can ask the client to do some work for us:

```python
>>> # get a response from '/'
>>> response = client.get('/
Not Found: /
>>> # we should expect a 404 from that address; if you instead see an
>>> # "Invalid HTTP_HOST header" error and a 400 response, you probably
>>> # omitted the setup_test_environment() call described earlier.
>>> response.status_code
404
>>> # on the other hand we should expect to find something at '/polls/'
>>> # we'll use 'reverse()' rather than a hardcoded URL
>>> from django.urls import reverse
>>> response = client.get(reverse('polls:index'))
>>> response.status_code
200
>>> response.content
b'\n <ul>
 <li><a href="/polls/1/">What's up?</a></li>
 ...

' →  

>>> response.context['latest_question_list']
<QuerySet [<Question: What's up?>]>
```

**Improving our view**

The list of polls shows polls that aren’t published yet (i.e. those that have a pub_date in the future). Let’s fix that.

In Tutorial 4 we introduced a class-based view, based on ListView:

Listing 39: polls/views.py

```python
class IndexView(generic.ListView):
    template_name = 'polls/index.html'
    context_object_name = 'latest_question_list'

    def get_queryset(self):
        """Return the last five published questions."""
        return Question.objects.order_by('-pub_date')[:5]
```

We need to amend the get_queryset() method and change it so that it also checks the date by comparing it with timezone.now(). First we need to add an import:
Listing 40: polls/views.py

    from django.utils import timezone

and then we must amend the get_queryset method like so:

Listing 41: polls/views.py

    def get_queryset(self):
        """Return the last five published questions (not including those set to be
published in the future)."
        return Question.objects.filter(
            pub_date__lte=timezone.now()  
        ).order_by('-pub_date')[:5]

    Question.objects.filter(pub_date__lte=timezone.now()) returns a queryset containing
Questions whose pub_date is less than or equal to - that is, earlier than or equal to - timezone.now.

Testing our new view

Now you can satisfy yourself that this behaves as expected by firing up runserver, loading the site in your browser,
creating Questions with dates in the past and future, and checking that only those that have been published are
listed. You don’t want to have to do that every single time you make any change that might affect this - so let’s also
create a test, based on our shell session above.

Add the following to polls/tests.py:

Listing 42: polls/tests.py

    from django.urls import reverse

and we’ll create a shortcut function to create questions as well as a new test class:

Listing 43: polls/tests.py

    def create_question(question_text, days):
        """Create a question with the given 'question_text' and published the
given number of 'days' offset to now (negative for questions published
in the past, positive for questions that have yet to be published)."
        time = timezone.now() + datetime.timedelta(days=days)
        return Question.objects.create(question_text=question_text, pub_date=time)

    class QuestionIndexViewTests(TestCase):
        def test_no_questions(self):
            """If no questions exist, an appropriate message is displayed."
            response = self.client.get(reverse('polls:index'))
            self.assertEquals(response.status_code, 200)
            self.assertContains(response, "No polls are available.")
            self.assertQuerysetEqual(response.context['latest_question_list'], [])

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Let’s look at some of these more closely.

First is a question shortcut function, `create_question`, to take some repetition out of the process of creating questions.

test_no_questions doesn’t create any questions, but checks the message: “No polls are available.” and verifies the `latest_question_list` is empty. Note that the `django.test.TestCase` class provides some additional assertion methods. In these examples, we use `assertContains()` and `assertQuerysetEqual()`.

In test_past_question, we create a question and verify that it appears in the list.
In `test_future_question`, we create a question with a `pub_date` in the future. The database is reset for each test method, so the first question is no longer there, and so again the index shouldn’t have any questions in it.

And so on. In effect, we are using the tests to tell a story of admin input and user experience on the site, and checking that at every state and for every new change in the state of the system, the expected results are published.

**Testing the DetailView**

What we have works well; however, even though future questions don’t appear in the index, users can still reach them if they know or guess the right URL. So we need to add a similar constraint to `DetailView`:

```python
class DetailView(generic.DetailedView):
    ...
    def get_queryset(self):
        
Excludes any questions that aren't published yet.

        return Question.objects.filter(pub_date__lte=timezone.now())
```

We should then add some tests, to check that a `Question` whose `pub_date` is in the past can be displayed, and that one with a `pub_date` in the future is not:

```python
class QuestionDetailViewTests(TestCase):
    def test_future_question(self):
        
    The detail view of a question with a pub_date in the future
    returns a 404 not found.

        future_question = create_question(question_text='Future question.', days=5)
        url = reverse('polls:detail', args=(future_question.id,))
        response = self.client.get(url)
        self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 404)

    def test_past_question(self):
        
    The detail view of a question with a pub_date in the past
    displays the question's text.

        past_question = create_question(question_text='Past Question.', days=-5)
        url = reverse('polls:detail', args=(past_question.id,))
        response = self.client.get(url)
        self.assertContains(response, past_question.question_text)
```

**Ideas for more tests**

We ought to add a similar `get_queryset` method to `ResultsView` and create a new test class for that view. It’ll be very similar to what we have just created; in fact there will be a lot of repetition.

We could also improve our application in other ways, adding tests along the way. For example, it’s silly that `Questions` can be published on the site that have no `Choices`. So, our views could check for this, and exclude such `Questions`. Our tests would create a `Question` without `Choices` and then test that it’s not published, as well as create a similar `Question with Choices`, and test that it is published.
Perhaps logged-in admin users should be allowed to see unpublished Questions, but not ordinary visitors. Again: whatever needs to be added to the software to accomplish this should be accompanied by a test, whether you write the test first and then make the code pass the test, or work out the logic in your code first and then write a test to prove it.

At a certain point you are bound to look at your tests and wonder whether your code is suffering from test bloat, which brings us to:

### 2.7.5 When testing, more is better

It might seem that our tests are growing out of control. At this rate there will soon be more code in our tests than in our application, and the repetition is unaesthetic, compared to the elegant conciseness of the rest of our code.

**It doesn’t matter.** Let them grow. For the most part, you can write a test once and then forget about it. It will continue performing its useful function as you continue to develop your program.

Sometimes tests will need to be updated. Suppose that we amend our views so that only Questions with Choices are published. In that case, many of our existing tests will fail - telling us exactly which tests need to be amended to bring them up to date, so to that extent tests help look after themselves.

At worst, as you continue developing, you might find that you have some tests that are now redundant. Even that’s not a problem; in testing redundancy is a *good* thing.

As long as your tests are sensibly arranged, they won’t become unmanageable. Good rules-of-thumb include having:

- a separate `TestClass` for each model or view
- a separate test method for each set of conditions you want to test
- test method names that describe their function

### 2.7.6 Further testing

This tutorial only introduces some of the basics of testing. There’s a great deal more you can do, and a number of very useful tools at your disposal to achieve some very clever things.

For example, while our tests here have covered some of the internal logic of a model and the way our views publish information, you can use an “in-browser” framework such as Selenium to test the way your HTML actually renders in a browser. These tools allow you to check not just the behavior of your Django code, but also, for example, of your JavaScript. It’s quite something to see the tests launch a browser, and start interacting with your site, as if a human being were driving it! Django includes `LiveServerTestCase` to facilitate integration with tools like Selenium.

If you have a complex application, you may want to run tests automatically with every commit for the purposes of continuous integration, so that quality control is itself - at least partially - automated.

A good way to spot untested parts of your application is to check code coverage. This also helps identify fragile or even dead code. If you can’t test a piece of code, it usually means that code should be refactored or removed. Coverage will help to identify dead code. See [Integration with coverage.py](https://test coverage docs) for details.

*Testing in Django* has comprehensive information about testing.

### 2.7.7 What’s next?

For full details on testing, see *Testing in Django*.

When you’re comfortable with testing Django views, read *part 6 of this tutorial* to learn about static files management.
2.8 Writing your first Django app, part 6

This tutorial begins where Tutorial 5 left off. We’ve built a tested Web-poll application, and we’ll now add a stylesheet and an image.

Aside from the HTML generated by the server, web applications generally need to serve additional files — such as images, JavaScript, or CSS — necessary to render the complete web page. In Django, we refer to these files as “static files”.

For small projects, this isn’t a big deal, because you can keep the static files somewhere your web server can find it. However, in bigger projects – especially those comprised of multiple apps – dealing with the multiple sets of static files provided by each application starts to get tricky.

That’s what django.contrib.staticfiles is for: it collects static files from each of your applications (and any other places you specify) into a single location that can easily be served in production.

Where to get help:
If you’re having trouble going through this tutorial, please head over to the Getting Help section of the FAQ.

2.8.1 Customize your app’s look and feel

First, create a directory called static in your polls directory. Django will look for static files there, similarly to how Django finds templates inside polls/templates/.

Django’s STATICFILES_FINDERS setting contains a list of finders that know how to discover static files from various sources. One of the defaults is AppDirectoriesFinder which looks for a “static” subdirectory in each of the INSTALLED_APPS, like the one in polls we just created. The admin site uses the same directory structure for its static files.

Within the static directory you have just created, create another directory called polls and within that create a file called style.css. In other words, your stylesheet should be at polls/static/polls/style.css. Because of how the AppDirectoriesFinder staticfile finder works, you can refer to this static file in Django as polls/style.css, similar to how you reference the path for templates.

Static file namespacing

Just like templates, we might be able to get away with putting our static files directly in polls/static (rather than creating another polls subdirectory), but it would actually be a bad idea. Django will choose the first static file it finds whose name matches, and if you had a static file with the same name in a different application, Django would be unable to distinguish between them. We need to be able to point Django at the right one, and the best way to ensure this is by namespacing them. That is, by putting those static files inside another directory named for the application itself.

Put the following code in that stylesheet (polls/static/polls/style.css):

```
Listing 46: polls/static/polls/style.css

li a {
    color: green;
}
```

Next, add the following at the top of polls/templates/polls/index.html:
The {% static %} template tag generates the absolute URL of static files. That’s all you need to do for development.

Start the server (or restart it if it’s already running):

```bash
$ python manage.py runserver
```

Reload http://localhost:8000/polls/ and you should see that the question links are green (Django style!) which means that your stylesheet was properly loaded.

### 2.8.2 Adding a background-image

Next, we’ll create a subdirectory for images. Create an `images` subdirectory in the `polls/static/polls/` directory. Inside this directory, put an image called `background.gif`. In other words, put your image in `polls/static/polls/images/background.gif`.

Then, add to your stylesheet (`polls/static/polls/style.css`):

```css
body {
    background: white url("images/background.gif") no-repeat;
}
```

Reload http://localhost:8000/polls/ and you should see the background loaded in the top left of the screen.

**Warning:** The {% static %} template tag is not available for use in static files which aren’t generated by Django, like your stylesheet. You should always use relative paths to link your static files between each other, because then you can change STATIC_URL (used by the static template tag to generate its URLs) without having to modify a bunch of paths in your static files as well.

These are the basics. For more details on settings and other bits included with the framework see the static files howto and the staticfiles reference. Deploying static files discusses how to use static files on a real server.

When you’re comfortable with the static files, read part 7 of this tutorial to learn how to customize Django’s automatically-generated admin site.

### 2.9 Writing your first Django app, part 7

This tutorial begins where Tutorial 6 left off. We’re continuing the Web-poll application and will focus on customizing Django’s automatically-generated admin site that we first explored in Tutorial 2.

Where to get help:
If you’re having trouble going through this tutorial, please head over to the *Getting Help* section of the FAQ.

### 2.9.1 Customize the admin form

By registering the `Question` model with `admin.site.register(Question)`, Django was able to construct a default form representation. Often, you’ll want to customize how the admin form looks and works. You’ll do this by telling Django the options you want when you register the object.

Let’s see how this works by reordering the fields on the edit form. Replace the `admin.site.register(Question)` line with:

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

class QuestionAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    fields = ['pub_date', 'question_text']

admin.site.register(Question, QuestionAdmin)
```

You’ll follow this pattern – create a model admin class, then pass it as the second argument to `admin.site.register()` – any time you need to change the admin options for a model.

This particular change above makes the “Publication date” come before the “Question” field:

![Change question form](image)

This isn’t impressive with only two fields, but for admin forms with dozens of fields, choosing an intuitive order is an important usability detail.

And speaking of forms with dozens of fields, you might want to split the form up into fieldsets:
Listing 50: polls/admin.py

```python
from django.contrib import admin
from .models import Question

class QuestionAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    fieldsets = [
        (None, {'fields': ['question_text']}),
        ('Date information', {'fields': ['pub_date']})
    ]

admin.site.register(Question, QuestionAdmin)
```

The first element of each tuple in `fieldsets` is the title of the fieldset. Here’s what our form looks like now:

---

2.9.2 Adding related objects

OK, we have our Question admin page, but a Question has multiple Choices, and the admin page doesn’t display choices.

Yet.

There are two ways to solve this problem. The first is to register Choice with the admin just as we did with Question:
Now “Choices” is an available option in the Django admin. The “Add choice” form looks like this:

In that form, the “Question” field is a select box containing every question in the database. Django knows that a `ForeignKey` should be represented in the admin as a `<select>` box. In our case, only one question exists at this point.

Also note the “Add Another” link next to “Question.” Every object with a `ForeignKey` relationship to another gets this for free. When you click “Add Another”, you’ll get a popup window with the “Add question” form. If you add a question in that window and click “Save”, Django will save the question to the database and dynamically add it as the selected choice on the “Add choice” form you’re looking at.

But, really, this is an inefficient way of adding `Choice` objects to the system. It’d be better if you could add a bunch of Choices directly when you create the `Question` object. Let’s make that happen.

Remove the `register()` call for the `Choice` model. Then, edit the `Question` registration code to read:

```
from django.contrib import admin
from .models import Choice, Question

class ChoiceInline(admin.StackedInline):
    model = Choice
    extra = 3
```

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class QuestionAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    fieldsets = [
        (None, {'fields': ['question_text']})],
        ('Date information', {'fields': ['pub_date'], 'classes': ['collapse']})],
    ]
    inlines = [ChoiceInline]

admin.site.register(Question, QuestionAdmin)

This tells Django: “Choice objects are edited on the Question admin page. By default, provide enough fields for 3 choices.”

Load the “Add question” page to see how that looks:

Add question

Question text:  

Date information (hide)

Date published:  

Date:  

Time:  

Now

CHOICES

Choice: #1

Choice text:  

Votes:  0

Choice: #2

Choice text:  

Votes:  0

Choice: #3

Choice text:  

Votes:  0

Add another Choice

Save and add another  Save and continue editing  SAVE

It works like this: There are three slots for related Choices – as specified by extra – and each time you come back
to the “Change” page for an already-created object, you get another three extra slots.

At the end of the three current slots you will find an “Add another Choice” link. If you click on it, a new slot will be added. If you want to remove the added slot, you can click on the X to the top right of the added slot. Note that you can’t remove the original three slots. This image shows an added slot:

One small problem, though. It takes a lot of screen space to display all the fields for entering related Choice objects. For that reason, Django offers a tabular way of displaying inline related objects. To use it, change the ChoiceInline declaration to read:
Listing 53: polls/admin.py

class ChoiceInline(admin.TabularInline):
    #...

With that TabularInline (instead of StackedInline), the related objects are displayed in a more compact, table-based format:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CHOICES</th>
<th>VOTES</th>
<th>DELETE?</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CHOICE TEXT</td>
<td>0</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHOICE TEXT</td>
<td>0</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHOICE TEXT</td>
<td>0</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note that there is an extra “Delete?” column that allows removing rows added using the “Add Another Choice” button and rows that have already been saved.

2.9.3 Customize the admin change list

Now that the Question admin page is looking good, let’s make some tweaks to the “change list” page – the one that displays all the questions in the system.

Here’s what it looks like at this point:

By default, Django displays the \texttt{str()} of each object. But sometimes it’d be more helpful if we could display individual fields. To do that, use the \texttt{list_display} admin option, which is a tuple of field names to display, as columns, on the change list page for the object:
Listing 54: polls/admin.py

class QuestionAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    # ...
    list_display = ('question_text', 'pub_date')

For good measure, let’s also include the `was_published_recently()` method from *Tutorial 2*:

Listing 55: polls/admin.py

class QuestionAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    # ...
    list_display = ('question_text', 'pub_date', 'was_published_recently')

Now the question change list page looks like this:

![Question change list page](image)

You can click on the column headers to sort by those values – except in the case of the `was_published_recently` header, because sorting by the output of an arbitrary method is not supported. Also note that the column header for `was_published_recently` is, by default, the name of the method (with underscores replaced with spaces), and that each line contains the string representation of the output.

You can improve that by giving that method (in `polls/models.py`) a few attributes, as follows:

Listing 56: polls/models.py

class Question(models.Model):
    # ...
    def was_published_recently(self):
        now = timezone.now()
        return now - datetime.timedelta(days=1) <= self.pub_date <= now
    was_published_recently.admin_order_field = 'pub_date'
    was_published_recently.boolean = True
    was_published_recently.short_description = 'Published recently?'

For more information on these method properties, see `list_display`.

Edit your `polls/admin.py` file again and add an improvement to the Question change list page: filters using the `list_filter`. Add the following line to `QuestionAdmin`:

list_filter = ['pub_date']

That adds a “Filter” sidebar that lets people filter the change list by the `pub_date` field:
The type of filter displayed depends on the type of field you’re filtering on. Because `pub_date` is a `DateTimeField`, Django knows to give appropriate filter options: “Any date”, “Today”, “Past 7 days”, “This month”, “This year”.

This is shaping up well. Let’s add some search capability:

```python
search_fields = ['question_text']
```

That adds a search box at the top of the change list. When somebody enters search terms, Django will search the `question_text` field. You can use as many fields as you’d like – although because it uses a LIKE query behind the scenes, limiting the number of search fields to a reasonable number will make it easier for your database to do the search.

Now’s also a good time to note that change lists give you free pagination. The default is to display 100 items per page. Change list pagination, search boxes, filters, date-hierarchies, and column-header-ordering all work together like you think they should.

2.9.4 Customize the admin look and feel

Clearly, having “Django administration” at the top of each admin page is ridiculous. It’s just placeholder text.

You can change it, though, using Django’s template system. The Django admin is powered by Django itself, and its interfaces use Django’s own template system.

Customizing your project’s templates

Create a templates directory in your project directory (the one that contains `manage.py`). Templates can live anywhere on your filesystem that Django can access. (Django runs as whatever user your server runs.) However, keeping your templates within the project is a good convention to follow.

Open your settings file (`mysite/settings.py`, remember) and add a `DIRS` option in the `TEMPLATES` setting:

```python
Listing 57: mysite/settings.py
```

```
TEMPLATES = [
    {
        'BACKEND': 'django.template.backends.django.DjangoTemplates',
        'DIRS': [BASE_DIR / 'templates'],
        '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',
],
},
},
]

**DIRS** is a list of filesystem directories to check when loading Django templates; it’s a search path.

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### Organizing templates

Just like the static files, we *could* have all our templates together, in one big templates directory, and it would work perfectly well. However, templates that belong to a particular application should be placed in that application’s template directory (e.g. `polls/templates`) rather than the project’s (`templates`). We’ll discuss in more detail in the [reusable apps tutorial](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/intro/reusable/) why we do this.

Now create a directory called `admin` inside `templates`, and copy the template `admin/base_site.html` from within the default Django admin template directory in the source code of Django itself (`django/contrib/admin/templates`) into that directory.

### Where are the Django source files?

If you have difficulty finding where the Django source files are located on your system, run the following command:

```bash
$ python -c "import django; print(django.__path__)"
```

Then, edit the file and replace `{{ site_header|default:_('Django administration') }}` (including the curly braces) with your own site’s name as you see fit. You should end up with a section of code like:

```html
{% block branding %}
<h1 id="site-name"><a href="{% url 'admin:index' %}" class="branding">Polls Administration</a></h1>
{% endblock %}
```

We use this approach to teach you how to override templates. In an actual project, you would probably use the `django.contrib.admin.AdminSite.site_header` attribute to more easily make this particular customization.

This template file contains lots of text like `{% block branding %}` and `{{ title }}`. The `{%` and `{{` tags are part of Django’s template language. When Django renders `admin/base_site.html`, this template language will be evaluated to produce the final HTML page, just like we saw in [Tutorial 3](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/intro/tutorial3/).

Note that any of Django’s default admin templates can be overridden. To override a template, do the same thing you did with `base_site.html` – copy it from the default directory into your custom directory, and make changes.

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### Customizing your application’s templates

Astute readers will ask: But if **DIRS** was empty by default, how was Django finding the default admin templates? The answer is that, since **APP_DIRS** is set to **True**, Django automatically looks for a `templates/` subdirectory within each application package, for use as a fallback (don’t forget that `django.contrib.admin` is an application).
Our poll application is not very complex and doesn’t need custom admin templates. But if it grew more sophisticated and required modification of Django’s standard admin templates for some of its functionality, it would be more sensible to modify the application’s templates, rather than those in the project. That way, you could include the polls application in any new project and be assured that it would find the custom templates it needed.

See the template loading documentation for more information about how Django finds its templates.

### 2.9.5 Customize the admin index page

On a similar note, you might want to customize the look and feel of the Django admin index page.

By default, it displays all the apps in `INSTALLED_APPS` that have been registered with the admin application, in alphabetical order. You may want to make significant changes to the layout. After all, the index is probably the most important page of the admin, and it should be easy to use.

The template to customize is `admin/index.html`. (Do the same as with `admin/base_site.html` in the previous section – copy it from the default directory to your custom template directory). Edit the file, and you’ll see it uses a template variable called `app_list`. That variable contains every installed Django app. Instead of using that, you can hard-code links to object-specific admin pages in whatever way you think is best.

### 2.9.6 What’s next?

The beginner tutorial ends here. In the meantime, you might want to check out some pointers on where to go from here.

If you are familiar with Python packaging and interested in learning how to turn polls into a “reusable app”, check out Advanced tutorial: How to write reusable apps.

### 2.10 Advanced tutorial: How to write reusable apps

This advanced tutorial begins where Tutorial 7 left off. We’ll be turning our Web-poll into a standalone Python package you can reuse in new projects and share with other people.

If you haven’t recently completed Tutorials 1–7, we encourage you to review these so that your example project matches the one described below.

#### 2.10.1 Reusability matters

It’s a lot of work to design, build, test and maintain a web application. Many Python and Django projects share common problems. Wouldn’t it be great if we could save some of this repeated work?

Reusability is the way of life in Python. The Python Package Index (PyPI) has a vast range of packages you can use in your own Python programs. Check out Django Packages for existing reusable apps you could incorporate in your project. Django itself is also a normal Python package. This means that you can take existing Python packages or Django apps and compose them into your own web project. You only need to write the parts that make your project unique.

Let’s say you were starting a new project that needed a polls app like the one we’ve been working on. How do you make this app reusable? Luckily, you’re well on the way already. In Tutorial 1, we saw how we could decouple polls from the project-level URLconf using an include. In this tutorial, we’ll take further steps to make the app easy to use in new projects and ready to publish for others to install and use.
A Python package provides a way of grouping related Python code for easy reuse. A package contains one or more files of Python code (also known as "modules").

A package can be imported with `import foo.bar` or `from foo import bar`. For a directory (like `polls`) to form a package, it must contain a special file `__init__.py`, even if this file is empty.

A Django application is a Python package that is specifically intended for use in a Django project. An application may use common Django conventions, such as having `models`, `tests`, `urls`, and `views` submodules.

Later on we use the term packaging to describe the process of making a Python package easy for others to install. It can be a little confusing, we know.

### 2.10.2 Your project and your reusable app

After the previous tutorials, our project should look like this:

```bash
mysite/
    manage.py
    mysite/
        __init__.py
        settings.py
        urls.py
        asgi.py
        wsgi.py
    polls/
        __init__.py
        admin.py
        apps.py
        migrations/
            __init__.py
            0001_initial.py
        models.py
        static/
            polls/
                images/
                    background.gif
                    style.css
            templates/
                polls/
                    detail.html
                    index.html
                    results.html
        tests.py
        urls.py
        views.py
    templates/
        admin/
            base_site.html
```

You created `mysite/templates` in Tutorial 7, and `polls/templates` in Tutorial 3. Now perhaps it is clearer why we chose to have separate template directories for the project and application: everything that is part of the polls application is in `polls`. It makes the application self-contained and easier to drop into a new project.

The `polls` directory could now be copied into a new Django project and immediately reused. It’s not quite ready to be published though. For that, we need to package the app to make it easy for others to install.
2.10.3 Installing some prerequisites

The current state of Python packaging is a bit muddled with various tools. For this tutorial, we’re going to use `setuptools` to build our package. It’s the recommended packaging tool (merged with the `distribute` fork). We’ll also be using `pip` to install and uninstall it. You should install these two packages now. If you need help, you can refer to *how to install Django with pip*. You can install `setuptools` the same way.

2.10.4 Packaging your app

Python *packaging* refers to preparing your app in a specific format that can be easily installed and used. Django itself is packaged very much like this. For a small app like polls, this process isn’t too difficult.

1. First, create a parent directory for `polls`, outside of your Django project. Call this directory `django-polls`.

   **Choosing a name for your app**

   When choosing a name for your package, check resources like PyPI to avoid naming conflicts with existing packages. It’s often useful to prepend `django-` to your module name when creating a package to distribute. This helps others looking for Django apps identify your app as Django specific.

   Application labels (that is, the final part of the dotted path to application packages) *must* be unique in `INSTALLED_APPS`. Avoid using the same label as any of the Django contrib packages, for example `auth`, `admin`, or `messages`.

2. Move the `polls` directory into the `django-polls` directory.

3. Create a file `django-polls/README.rst` with the following contents:

   ```
   Polls
   =====

   Polls is a Django app to conduct Web-based polls. For each question, visitors can choose between a fixed number of answers.
   Detailed documentation is in the "docs" directory.
   ```

   **Quick start**

   1. Add "polls" to your `INSTALLED_APPS` setting like this:

      ```python
      INSTALLED_APPS = [ ...
      'polls',
      ]
      ```

   2. Include the polls URLconf in your project `urls.py` like this:

      ```python
      path('polls/', include('polls.urls')),
      ```

   3. Run ```python manage.py migrate``` to create the polls models.

   4. Start the development server and visit http://127.0.0.1:8000/admin/

(continues on next page)
to create a poll (you'll need the Admin app enabled).

5. Visit http://127.0.0.1:8000/polls/ to participate in the poll.

4. Create a django-polls/LICENSE file. Choosing a license is beyond the scope of this tutorial, but suffice it to say that code released publicly without a license is useless. Django and many Django-compatible apps are distributed under the BSD license; however, you're free to pick your own license. Just be aware that your licensing choice will affect who is able to use your code.

5. Next we'll create setup.cfg and setup.py files which detail how to build and install the app. A full explanation of these files is beyond the scope of this tutorial, but the setuptools documentation has a good explanation. Create the files django-polls/setup.cfg and django-polls/setup.py with the following contents:

Listing 59: django-polls/setup.cfg

[metadata]
name = django-polls
version = 0.1
description = A Django app to conduct Web-based polls.
long_description = file: README.rst
url = https://www.example.com/
author = Your Name
author_email = yourname@example.com
license = BSD-3-Clause # Example license
classifiers =
    Environment :: Web Environment
    Framework :: Django
    Framework :: Django :: X.Y # Replace "X.Y" as appropriate
    Intended Audience :: Developers
    License :: OSI Approved :: BSD License
    Operating System :: OS Independent
    Programming Language :: Python
    Programming Language :: Python :: 3
    Programming Language :: Python :: 3 :: Only
    Programming Language :: Python :: 3.6
    Programming Language :: Python :: 3.7
    Programming Language :: Python :: 3.8
    Topic :: Internet :: WWWW/HTTP
    Topic :: Internet :: WWWW/HTTP :: Dynamic Content

[options]
include_package_data = true
packages = find:

Listing 60: django-polls/setup.py

from setuptools import setup

def setup():

6. Only Python modules and packages are included in the package by default. To include additional files, we’ll need to create a MANIFEST.in file. The setuptools docs referred to in the previous step discuss this file in more details. To include the templates, the README.rst and our LICENSE file, create a file django-polls/MANIFEST.in with the following contents:
7. It’s optional, but recommended, to include detailed documentation with your app. Create an empty directory `django-polls/docs` for future documentation. Add an additional line to `django-polls/MANIFEST.in`:

```ini
recursive-include docs *
```

Note that the `docs` directory won’t be included in your package unless you add some files to it. Many Django apps also provide their documentation online through sites like readthedocs.org.

8. Try building your package with `python setup.py sdist` (run from inside `django-polls`). This creates a directory called `dist` and builds your new package, `django-polls-0.1.tar.gz`.

For more information on packaging, see Python’s Tutorial on Packaging and Distributing Projects.

### 2.10.5 Using your own package

Since we moved the `polls` directory out of the project, it’s no longer working. We’ll now fix this by installing our new `django-polls` package.

#### Installing as a user library

The following steps install `django-polls` as a user library. Per-user installs have a lot of advantages over installing the package system-wide, such as being usable on systems where you don’t have administrator access as well as preventing the package from affecting system services and other users of the machine.

Note that per-user installations can still affect the behavior of system tools that run as that user, so using a virtual environment is a more robust solution (see below).

1. To install the package, use pip (you already installed it, right?):

   ```bash
   python -m pip install --user django-polls/dist/django-polls-0.1.tar.gz
   ```

2. With luck, your Django project should now work correctly again. Run the server again to confirm this.

3. To uninstall the package, use pip:

   ```bash
   python -m pip uninstall django-polls
   ```

### 2.10.6 Publishing your app

Now that we’ve packaged and tested `django-polls`, it’s ready to share with the world! If this wasn’t just an example, you could now:

- Email the package to a friend.
- Upload the package on your website.
• Post the package on a public repository, such as the Python Package Index (PyPI). packaging.python.org has a good tutorial for doing this.

2.10.7 Installing Python packages with a virtual environment

Earlier, we installed the polls app as a user library. This has some disadvantages:

• Modifying the user libraries can affect other Python software on your system.

• You won’t be able to run multiple versions of this package (or others with the same name).

Typically, these situations only arise once you’re maintaining several Django projects. When they do, the best solution is to use venv. This tool allows you to maintain multiple isolated Python environments, each with its own copy of the libraries and package namespace.

2.11 What to read next

So you’ve read all the introductory material and have decided you’d like to keep using Django. We’ve only just scratched the surface with this intro (in fact, if you’ve read every single word, you’ve read about 5% of the overall documentation).

So what’s next?

Well, we’ve always been big fans of learning by doing. At this point you should know enough to start a project of your own and start fooling around. As you need to learn new tricks, come back to the documentation.

We’ve put a lot of effort into making Django’s documentation useful, clear and as complete as possible. The rest of this document explains more about how the documentation works so that you can get the most out of it.

(Yes, this is documentation about documentation. Rest assured we have no plans to write a document about how to read the document about documentation.)

2.11.1 Finding documentation

Django’s got a lot of documentation – almost 450,000 words and counting – so finding what you need can sometimes be tricky. A good place to start is the genindex. We also recommend using the builtin search feature.

Or you can just browse around!

2.11.2 How the documentation is organized

Django’s main documentation is broken up into “chunks” designed to fill different needs:

• The introductory material is designed for people new to Django – or to Web development in general. It doesn’t cover anything in depth, but instead gives a high-level overview of how developing in Django “feels”.

• The topic guides, on the other hand, dive deep into individual parts of Django. There are complete guides to Django’s model system, template engine, forms framework, and much more.

This is probably where you’ll want to spend most of your time; if you work your way through these guides you should come out knowing pretty much everything there is to know about Django.

• Web development is often broad, not deep – problems span many domains. We’ve written a set of how-to guides that answer common “How do I . . . ?” questions. Here you’ll find information about generating PDFs with Django, writing custom template tags, and more.

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Answers to really common questions can also be found in the FAQ.

- The guides and how-to’s don’t cover every single class, function, and method available in Django – that would be overwhelming when you’re trying to learn. Instead, details about individual classes, functions, methods, and modules are kept in the reference. This is where you’ll turn to find the details of a particular function or whatever you need.
- If you are interested in deploying a project for public use, our docs have several guides for various deployment setups as well as a deployment checklist for some things you’ll need to think about.
- Finally, there’s some “specialized” documentation not usually relevant to most developers. This includes the release notes and internals documentation for those who want to add code to Django itself, and a few other things that don’t fit elsewhere.

2.11.3 How documentation is updated

Just as the Django code base is developed and improved on a daily basis, our documentation is consistently improving. We improve documentation for several reasons:

- To make content fixes, such as grammar/typo corrections.
- To add information and/or examples to existing sections that need to be expanded.
- To document Django features that aren’t yet documented. (The list of such features is shrinking but exists nonetheless.)
- To add documentation for new features as new features get added, or as Django APIs or behaviors change.

Django’s documentation is kept in the same source control system as its code. It lives in the docs directory of our Git repository. Each document online is a separate text file in the repository.

2.11.4 Where to get it

You can read Django documentation in several ways. They are, in order of preference:

On the Web

The most recent version of the Django documentation lives at https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/dev/. These HTML pages are generated automatically from the text files in source control. That means they reflect the “latest and greatest” in Django – they include the very latest corrections and additions, and they discuss the latest Django features, which may only be available to users of the Django development version. (See Differences between versions below.)

We encourage you to help improve the docs by submitting changes, corrections and suggestions in the ticket system. The Django developers actively monitor the ticket system and use your feedback to improve the documentation for everybody.

Note, however, that tickets should explicitly relate to the documentation, rather than asking broad tech-support questions. If you need help with your particular Django setup, try the django-users mailing list or the #django IRC channel instead.

In plain text

For offline reading, or just for convenience, you can read the Django documentation in plain text.

If you’re using an official release of Django, the zipped package (tarball) of the code includes a docs/ directory, which contains all the documentation for that release.
If you’re using the development version of Django (aka the master branch), the docs/ directory contains all of the documentation. You can update your Git checkout to get the latest changes.

One low-tech way of taking advantage of the text documentation is by using the Unix grep utility to search for a phrase in all of the documentation. For example, this will show you each mention of the phrase “max_length” in any Django document:

```
$ grep -r max_length /path/to/django/docs/
```

As HTML, locally

You can get a local copy of the HTML documentation following a few steps:

- Django’s documentation uses a system called Sphinx to convert from plain text to HTML. You’ll need to install Sphinx by either downloading and installing the package from the Sphinx website, or with pip:

  ```
  $ python -m pip install Sphinx
  ```

- Then, use the included Makefile to turn the documentation into HTML:

  ```
  $ cd path/to/django/docs
  $ make html
  ```

  You’ll need GNU Make installed for this.

  If you’re on Windows you can alternatively use the included batch file:

  ```
  cd path\to\django\docs
  make.bat html
  ```

  - The HTML documentation will be placed in `docs/_build/html`.

2.11.5 Differences between versions

The text documentation in the master branch of the Git repository contains the “latest and greatest” changes and additions. These changes include documentation of new features targeted for Django’s next feature release. For that reason, it’s worth pointing out our policy to highlight recent changes and additions to Django.

We follow this policy:

- The development documentation at [https://docs.djangoproject.com](https://docs.djangoproject.com) is from the master branch. These docs correspond to the latest feature release, plus whatever features have been added/changed in the framework since then.

- As we add features to Django’s development version, we update the documentation in the same Git commit transaction.

- To distinguish feature changes/additions in the docs, we use the phrase: “New in Django Development version” for the version of Django that hasn’t been released yet, or “New in version X.Y” for released versions.

- Documentation fixes and improvements may be backported to the last release branch, at the discretion of the committer, however, once a version of Django is no longer supported, that version of the docs won’t get any further updates.

- The main documentation Web page includes links to documentation for previous versions. Be sure you are using the version of the docs corresponding to the version of Django you are using!

2.11. What to read next
2.12 Writing your first patch for Django

2.12.1 Introduction

Interested in giving back to the community a little? Maybe you’ve found a bug in Django that you’d like to see fixed, or maybe there’s a small feature you want added.

Contributing back to Django itself is the best way to see your own concerns addressed. This may seem daunting at first, but it’s a well-traveled path with documentation, tooling, and a community to support you. We’ll walk you through the entire process, so you can learn by example.

Who’s this tutorial for?

See also:

If you are looking for a reference on how to submit patches, see the Submitting patches documentation.

For this tutorial, we expect that you have at least a basic understanding of how Django works. This means you should be comfortable going through the existing tutorials on writing your first Django app. In addition, you should have a good understanding of Python itself. But if you don’t, Dive Into Python is a fantastic (and free) online book for beginning Python programmers.

Those of you who are unfamiliar with version control systems and Trac will find that this tutorial and its links include just enough information to get started. However, you’ll probably want to read some more about these different tools if you plan on contributing to Django regularly.

For the most part though, this tutorial tries to explain as much as possible, so that it can be of use to the widest audience.

Where to get help:

If you’re having trouble going through this tutorial, please post a message to django-developers or drop by #django-dev on irc.freenode.net to chat with other Django users who might be able to help.

What does this tutorial cover?

We’ll be walking you through contributing a patch to Django for the first time. By the end of this tutorial, you should have a basic understanding of both the tools and the processes involved. Specifically, we’ll be covering the following:

• Installing Git.
• Downloading a copy of Django’s development version.
• Running Django’s test suite.
• Writing a test for your patch.
• Writing the code for your patch.
• Testing your patch.
• Submitting a pull request.
• Where to look for more information.
Once you’re done with the tutorial, you can look through the rest of Django’s documentation on contributing. It contains lots of great information and is a must read for anyone who’d like to become a regular contributor to Django. If you’ve got questions, it’s probably got the answers.

Python 3 required!
The current version of Django doesn’t support Python 2.7. Get Python 3 at Python’s download page or with your operating system’s package manager.

For Windows users
See Install Python on Windows docs for additional guidance.

2.12.2 Code of Conduct
As a contributor, you can help us keep the Django community open and inclusive. Please read and follow our Code of Conduct.

2.12.3 Installing Git
For this tutorial, you’ll need Git installed to download the current development version of Django and to generate patch files for the changes you make.

To check whether or not you have Git installed, enter \texttt{git} into the command line. If you get messages saying that this command could not be found, you’ll have to download and install it, see Git’s download page.

If you’re not that familiar with Git, you can always find out more about its commands (once it’s installed) by typing \texttt{git help} into the command line.

2.12.4 Getting a copy of Django’s development version
The first step to contributing to Django is to get a copy of the source code. First, fork Django on GitHub. Then, from the command line, use the \texttt{cd} command to navigate to the directory where you’ll want your local copy of Django to live.

Download the Django source code repository using the following command:

\texttt{$ \text{git clone https://github.com/YourGitHubName/django.git}$}

\textbf{Low bandwidth connection?}
You can add the \texttt{--depth 1} argument to \texttt{git clone} to skip downloading all of Django’s commit history, which reduces data transfer from \textasciitilde 250 MB to \textasciitilde 70 MB.

Now that you have a local copy of Django, you can install it just like you would install any package using \texttt{pip}. The most convenient way to do so is by using a virtual environment, which is a feature built into Python that allows you to keep a separate directory of installed packages for each of your projects so that they don’t interfere with each other.

It’s a good idea to keep all your virtual environments in one place, for example in \texttt{.virtualenvs/} in your home directory.
Create a new virtual environment by running:

```
$ python3 -m venv ~/.virtualenvs/djangodev
```

The path is where the new environment will be saved on your computer.

The final step in setting up your virtual environment is to activate it:

```
$ source ~/.virtualenvs/djangodev/bin/activate
```

If the `source` command is not available, you can try using a dot instead:

```
$ . ~/.virtualenvs/djangodev/bin/activate
```

You have to activate the virtual environment whenever you open a new terminal window.

**For Windows users**

To activate your virtual environment on Windows, run:

```
...> %HOMEPATH%\virtualenvs\djangodev\Scripts\activate.bat
```

The name of the currently activated virtual environment is displayed on the command line to help you keep track of which one you are using. Anything you install through `pip` while this name is displayed will be installed in that virtual environment, isolated from other environments and system-wide packages.

Go ahead and install the previously cloned copy of Django:

```
$ python -m pip install -e /path/to/your/local/clone/django/
```

The installed version of Django is now pointing at your local copy by installing in editable mode. You will immediately see any changes you make to it, which is of great help when writing your first patch.

**Creating projects with a local copy of Django**

It may be helpful to test your local changes with a Django project. First you have to create a new virtual environment, install the previously cloned local copy of Django in editable mode, and create a new Django project outside of your local copy of Django. You will immediately see any changes you make to Django in your new project, which is of great help when writing your first patch.

### 2.12.5 Running Django’s test suite for the first time

When contributing to Django it’s very important that your code changes don’t introduce bugs into other areas of Django. One way to check that Django still works after you make your changes is by running Django’s test suite. If all the tests still pass, then you can be reasonably sure that your changes work and haven’t broken other parts of Django. If you’ve never run Django’s test suite before, it’s a good idea to run it once beforehand to get familiar with its output.

Before running the test suite, install its dependencies by `cd`-ing into the Django `tests/` directory and then running:

```
$ python -m pip install -r requirements/py3.txt
```

If you encounter an error during the installation, your system might be missing a dependency for one or more of the Python packages. Consult the failing package’s documentation or search the Web with the error message that you encounter.
Now we are ready to run the test suite. If you’re using GNU/Linux, macOS, or some other flavor of Unix, run:

```bash
$ ./runtests.py
```

Now sit back and relax. Django’s entire test suite has thousands of tests, and it takes at least a few minutes to run, depending on the speed of your computer.

While Django’s test suite is running, you’ll see a stream of characters representing the status of each test as it completes. E indicates that an error was raised during a test, and F indicates that a test’s assertions failed. Both of these are considered to be test failures. Meanwhile, x and s indicated expected failures and skipped tests, respectively. Dots indicate passing tests.

Skipped tests are typically due to missing external libraries required to run the test; see Running all the tests for a list of dependencies and be sure to install any for tests related to the changes you are making (we won’t need any for this tutorial). Some tests are specific to a particular database backend and will be skipped if not testing with that backend. SQLite is the database backend for the default settings. To run the tests using a different backend, see Using another settings module.

Once the tests complete, you should be greeted with a message informing you whether the test suite passed or failed. Since you haven’t yet made any changes to Django’s code, the entire test suite should pass. If you get failures or errors make sure you’ve followed all of the previous steps properly. See Running the unit tests for more information.

Note that the latest Django master may not always be stable. When developing against master, you can check Django’s continuous integration builds to determine if the failures are specific to your machine or if they are also present in Django’s official builds. If you click to view a particular build, you can view the “Configuration Matrix” which shows failures broken down by Python version and database backend.

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**Note:** For this tutorial and the ticket we’re working on, testing against SQLite is sufficient, however, it’s possible (and sometimes necessary) to run the tests using a different database.

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### 2.12.6 Working on a feature

For this tutorial, we’ll work on a “fake ticket” as a case study. Here are the imaginary details:

**Ticket #99999 – Allow making toast**

Django should provide a function `django.shortcuts.make_toast()` that returns 'toast'.

We’ll now implement this feature and associated tests.

### 2.12.7 Creating a branch for your patch

Before making any changes, create a new branch for the ticket:

```bash
$ git checkout -b ticket_99999
```

You can choose any name that you want for the branch, “ticket_99999” is an example. All changes made in this branch will be specific to the ticket and won’t affect the main copy of the code that we cloned earlier.
2.12.8 Writing some tests for your ticket

In most cases, for a patch to be accepted into Django it has to include tests. For bug fix patches, this means writing a regression test to ensure that the bug is never reintroduced into Django later on. A regression test should be written in such a way that it will fail while the bug still exists and pass once the bug has been fixed. For patches containing new features, you'll need to include tests which ensure that the new features are working correctly. They too should fail when the new feature is not present, and then pass once it has been implemented.

A good way to do this is to write your new tests first, before making any changes to the code. This style of development is called test-driven development and can be applied to both entire projects and single patches. After writing your tests, you then run them to make sure that they do indeed fail (since you haven’t fixed that bug or added that feature yet). If your new tests don’t fail, you’ll need to fix them so that they do. After all, a regression test that passes regardless of whether a bug is present is not very helpful at preventing that bug from reoccurring down the road.

Now for our hands-on example.

Writing a test for ticket #99999

In order to resolve this ticket, we’ll add a `make_toast()` function to the top-level `django` module. First we are going to write a test that tries to use the function and check that its output looks correct.

Navigate to Django’s `tests/shortcuts/` folder and create a new file `test_make_toast.py`. Add the following code:

```python
from django.shortcuts import make_toast
from django.test import SimpleTestCase

class MakeToastTests(SimpleTestCase):
    def test_make_toast(self):
        self.assertEqual(make_toast(), 'toast')
```

This test checks that the `make_toast()` returns 'toast'.

But this testing thing looks kinda hard...

If you’ve never had to deal with tests before, they can look a little hard to write at first glance. Fortunately, testing is a very big subject in computer programming, so there’s lots of information out there:

- A good first look at writing tests for Django can be found in the documentation on [Writing and running tests](#).
- Dive Into Python (a free online book for beginning Python developers) includes a great introduction to Unit Testing.
- After reading those, if you want something a little meatier to sink your teeth into, there’s always the Python [unittest](#) documentation.

Running your new test

Since we haven’t made any modifications to `django.shortcuts` yet, our test should fail. Let’s run all the tests in the `shortcuts` folder to make sure that’s really what happens. cd to the Django `tests/` directory and run:

```bash
$ ./runtests.py shortcuts
```

If the tests ran correctly, you should see one failure corresponding to the test method we added, with this error:
Django Documentation, Release 3.1.5.dev

**ImportError**: cannot import name 'make_toast' from 'django.shortcuts'

If all of the tests passed, then you’ll want to make sure that you added the new test shown above to the appropriate folder and file name.

### 2.12.9 Writing the code for your ticket

Next we’ll be adding the `make_toast()` function.

Navigate to the `django/` folder and open the `shortcuts.py` file. At the bottom, add:

```python
def make_toast():
    return 'toast'
```

Now we need to make sure that the test we wrote earlier passes, so we can see whether the code we added is working correctly. Again, navigate to the Django `tests/` directory and run:

```
$ ./runtests.py shortcuts
```

Everything should pass. If it doesn’t, make sure you correctly added the function to the correct file.

### 2.12.10 Running Django’s test suite for the second time

Once you’ve verified that your patch and your test are working correctly, it’s a good idea to run the entire Django test suite to verify that your change hasn’t introduced any bugs into other areas of Django. While successfully passing the entire test suite doesn’t guarantee your code is bug free, it does help identify many bugs and regressions that might otherwise go unnoticed.

To run the entire Django test suite, `cd` into the Django `tests/` directory and run:

```
$ ./runtests.py
```

### 2.12.11 Writing Documentation

This is a new feature, so it should be documented. Open the file `docs/topics/http/shortcuts.txt` and add the following at the end of the file:

```
```
make_toast()
```

`---

.. versionadded:: 2.2

Returns ``'toast'``.
```

Since this new feature will be in an upcoming release it is also added to the release notes for the next version of Django. Open the release notes for the latest version in `docs/releases/`, which at time of writing is `2.2.txt`. Add a note under the “Minor Features” header:

```
:mod:`django.shortcuts`

* The new :func:`django.shortcuts.make_toast` function returns ``'toast'``.
```

### 2.12. Writing your first patch for Django
For more information on writing documentation, including an explanation of what the *versionadded* bit is all about, see *Writing documentation*. That page also includes an explanation of how to build a copy of the documentation locally, so you can preview the HTML that will be generated.

### 2.12.12 Previewing your changes

Now it’s time to go through all the changes made in our patch. To stage all the changes ready for commit, run:

```bash
$ git add --all
```

Then display the differences between your current copy of Django (with your changes) and the revision that you initially checked out earlier in the tutorial with:

```bash
$ git diff --cached
```

Use the arrow keys to move up and down.

```diff
diff --git a/django/shortcuts.py b/django/shortcuts.py
index 7ab1df0e9d..8dde9e28d9 100644
--- a/django/shortcuts.py
+++ b/django/shortcuts.py
@@ -156,3 +156,7 @@ def resolve_url(to, *args, **kwargs):

+    # Finally, fall back and assume it's a URL
+    return to
+
+def make_toast():
+    return 'toast'

diff --git a/docs/releases/2.2.txt b/docs/releases/2.2.txt
index 7d85d30c4a..81518187b3 100644
--- a/docs/releases/2.2.txt
+++ b/docs/releases/2.2.txt
@@ -40,6 +40,11 @@ database constraints. Constraints are added to models using the

:mod:`django.shortcuts`

+
  :mod:`django.contrib.admin`

```

(continues on next page)
When you’re done previewing the patch, hit the \texttt{q} key to return to the command line. If the patch’s content looked okay, it’s time to commit the changes.

### 2.12.13 Committing the changes in the patch

To commit the changes:

\texttt{$\textasciitilde$ git commit}

This opens up a text editor to type the commit message. Follow the \textit{commit message guidelines} and write a message like:

\texttt{Fixed #99999 -- Added a shortcut function to make toast.}

### 2.12.14 Pushing the commit and making a pull request

After committing the patch, send it to your fork on GitHub (substitute “ticket_99999” with the name of your branch if it’s different):

\texttt{$\textasciitilde$ git push origin ticket_99999}

You can create a pull request by visiting the Django GitHub page. You’ll see your branch under “Your recently pushed branches”. Click “Compare & pull request” next to it.

Please don’t do it for this tutorial, but on the next page that displays a preview of the patch, you would click “Create pull request”.

### 2.12.15 Next steps

Congratulations, you’ve learned how to make a pull request to Django! Details of more advanced techniques you may need are in \textit{Working with Git and GitHub}.

Now you can put those skills to good use by helping to improve Django’s codebase.
More information for new contributors

Before you get too into writing patches for Django, there’s a little more information on contributing that you should probably take a look at:

- You should make sure to read Django’s documentation on claiming tickets and submitting patches. It covers Trac etiquette, how to claim tickets for yourself, expected coding style for patches, and many other important details.
- First time contributors should also read Django’s documentation for first time contributors. It has lots of good advice for those of us who are new to helping out with Django.
- After those, if you’re still hungry for more information about contributing, you can always browse through the rest of Django’s documentation on contributing. It contains a ton of useful information and should be your first source for answering any questions you might have.

Finding your first real ticket

Once you’ve looked through some of that information, you’ll be ready to go out and find a ticket of your own to write a patch for. Pay special attention to tickets with the “easy pickings” criterion. These tickets are often much simpler in nature and are great for first time contributors. Once you’re familiar with contributing to Django, you can move on to writing patches for more difficult and complicated tickets.

If you just want to get started already (and nobody would blame you!), try taking a look at the list of easy tickets that need patches and the easy tickets that have patches which need improvement. If you’re familiar with writing tests, you can also look at the list of easy tickets that need tests. Remember to follow the guidelines about claiming tickets that were mentioned in the link to Django’s documentation on claiming tickets and submitting patches.

What’s next after creating a pull request?

After a ticket has a patch, it needs to be reviewed by a second set of eyes. After submitting a pull request, update the ticket metadata by setting the flags on the ticket to say “has patch”, “doesn’t need tests”, etc, so others can find it for review. Contributing doesn’t necessarily always mean writing a patch from scratch. Reviewing existing patches is also a very helpful contribution. See Triaging tickets for details.

See also:

If you’re new to Python, you might want to start by getting an idea of what the language is like. Django is 100% Python, so if you’ve got minimal comfort with Python you’ll probably get a lot more out of Django.

If you’re new to programming entirely, you might want to start with this list of Python resources for non-programmers.

If you already know a few other languages and want to get up to speed with Python quickly, we recommend Dive Into Python. If that’s not quite your style, there are many other books about Python.
Introductions to all the key parts of Django you’ll need to know:

3.1 How to install Django

This document will get you up and running with Django.

3.1.1 Install Python

Django is a Python Web framework. See What Python version can I use with Django? for details.

Get the latest version of Python at https://www.python.org/downloads/ or with your operating system’s package manager.

**Python on Windows**

If you are just starting with Django and using Windows, you may find How to install Django on Windows useful.

3.1.2 Install Apache and mod_wsgi

If you just want to experiment with Django, skip ahead to the next section; Django includes a lightweight web server you can use for testing, so you won’t need to set up Apache until you’re ready to deploy Django in production.

If you want to use Django on a production site, use Apache with mod_wsgi. mod_wsgi operates in one of two modes: embedded mode or daemon mode. In embedded mode, mod_wsgi is similar to mod_perl – it embeds Python within Apache and loads Python code into memory when the server starts. Code stays in memory throughout the life of an Apache process, which leads to significant performance gains over other server arrangements. In daemon mode, mod_wsgi spawns an independent daemon process that handles requests. The daemon process can run as a different user than the Web server, possibly leading to improved security. The daemon process can be restarted without restarting the entire Apache Web server, possibly making refreshing your codebase more seamless. Consult
What's New

- Fix for the --noinput flag for the makemigrations management command.
- Added a new feature for creating a new project with a directory structure.
- Improved documentation for the management command output.

The mod_wsgi documentation to determine which mode is right for your setup. Make sure you have Apache installed with the mod_wsgi module activated. Django will work with any version of Apache that supports mod_wsgi.

See *How to use Django with mod_wsgi* for information on how to configure mod_wsgi once you have it installed.

If you can’t use mod_wsgi for some reason, fear not: Django supports many other deployment options. One is uWSGI; it works very well with Nginx. Additionally, Django follows the WSGI spec (**PEP 3333**), which allows it to run on a variety of server platforms.

### 3.1.3 Get your database running

If you plan to use Django’s database API functionality, you’ll need to make sure a database server is running. Django supports many different database servers and is officially supported with PostgreSQL, MariaDB, MySQL, Oracle and SQLite.

If you are developing a small project or something you don’t plan to deploy in a production environment, SQLite is generally the best option as it doesn’t require running a separate server. However, SQLite has many differences from other databases, so if you are working on something substantial, it’s recommended to develop with the same database that you plan on using in production.

In addition to the officially supported databases, there are *backends provided by 3rd parties* that allow you to use other databases with Django.

In addition to a database backend, you’ll need to make sure your Python database bindings are installed.

- If you’re using PostgreSQL, you’ll need the *psycopg2* package. Refer to the *PostgreSQL notes* for further details.
- If you’re using MySQL or MariaDB, you’ll need a *DB API driver* like *mysqlclient*. See notes for the *MySQL backend* for details.
- If you’re using SQLite you might want to read the *SQLite backend notes*.
- If you’re using Oracle, you’ll need a copy of *cx_Oracle*, but please read the *notes for the Oracle backend* for details regarding supported versions of both Oracle and *cx_Oracle*.
- If you’re using an unofficial 3rd party backend, please consult the documentation provided for any additional requirements.

If you plan to use Django’s *manage.py migrate* command to automatically create database tables for your models (after first installing Django and creating a project), you’ll need to ensure that Django has permission to create and alter tables in the database you’re using; if you plan to manually create the tables, you can grant Django **SELECT**, **INSERT**, **UPDATE** and **DELETE** permissions. After creating a database user with these permissions, you’ll specify the details in your project’s settings file, see *DATABASES* for details.

If you’re using Django’s *testing framework* to test database queries, Django will need permission to create a test database.

### 3.1.4 Install the Django code

Installation instructions are slightly different depending on whether you’re installing a distribution-specific package, downloading the latest official release, or fetching the latest development version.

**Installing an official release with pip**

This is the recommended way to install Django.

1. Install *pip*. The easiest is to use the standalone *pip installer*. If your distribution already has *pip* installed, you might need to update it if it’s outdated. If it’s outdated, you’ll know because installation won’t work.
2. Take a look at `venv`. This tool provides isolated Python environments, which are more practical than installing packages systemwide. It also allows installing packages without administrator privileges. The `contributing tutorial` walks through how to create a virtual environment.

3. After you’ve created and activated a virtual environment, enter the command:

```
$ python -m pip install Django
```

### Installing a distribution-specific package

Check the `distribution specific notes` to see if your platform/distribution provides official Django packages/installers. Distribution-provided packages will typically allow for automatic installation of dependencies and supported upgrade paths; however, these packages will rarely contain the latest release of Django.

### Installing the development version

#### Tracking Django development

If you decide to use the latest development version of Django, you’ll want to pay close attention to the development timeline, and you’ll want to keep an eye on the `release notes for the upcoming release`. This will help you stay on top of any new features you might want to use, as well as any changes you’ll need to make to your code when updating your copy of Django. (For stable releases, any necessary changes are documented in the release notes.)

If you’d like to be able to update your Django code occasionally with the latest bug fixes and improvements, follow these instructions:

1. Make sure that you have `Git` installed and that you can run its commands from a shell. (Enter `git help` at a shell prompt to test this.)

2. Check out Django’s main development branch like so:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/django/django.git
```

This will create a directory `django` in your current directory.

3. Make sure that the Python interpreter can load Django’s code. The most convenient way to do this is to use a virtual environment and `pip`. The `contributing tutorial` walks through how to create a virtual environment.

4. After setting up and activating the virtual environment, run the following command:

```
$ python -m pip install -e django/
```

This will make Django’s code importable, and will also make the `django-admin` utility command available. In other words, you’re all set!

When you want to update your copy of the Django source code, run the command `git pull` from within the `django` directory. When you do this, Git will download any changes.

### 3.2 Models and databases

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The basics:

- Each model is a Python class that subclasses `django.db.models.Model`.
- Each attribute of the model represents a database field.
- With all of this, Django gives you an automatically-generated database-access API; see `Making queries`.

Quick example

This example model defines a `Person`, which has a `first_name` and `last_name`:

```python
from django.db import models

class Person(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=30)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=30)
```

`first_name` and `last_name` are fields of the model. Each field is specified as a class attribute, and each attribute maps to a database column.

The above `Person` model would create a database table like this:

```sql
CREATE TABLE myapp_person (  
    "id" serial NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,  
    "first_name" varchar(30) NOT NULL,  
    "last_name" varchar(30) NOT NULL  
);
```

Some technical notes:

- The name of the table, `myapp_person`, is automatically derived from some model metadata but can be overridden. See `Table names` for more details.
- An `id` field is added automatically, but this behavior can be overridden. See `Automatic primary key fields`.
- The `CREATE TABLE` SQL in this example is formatted using PostgreSQL syntax, but it’s worth noting Django uses SQL tailored to the database backend specified in your `settings file`.

Using models

Once you have defined your models, you need to tell Django you’re going to use those models. Do this by editing your settings file and changing the `INSTALLED_APPS` setting to add the name of the module that contains your `models.py`.

For example, if the models for your application live in the module `myapp.models` (the package structure that is created for an application by the `manage.py startapp` script), `INSTALLED_APPS` should read, in part:

```python
INSTALLED_APPS = [  
    #...  
    'myapp',  
    #...  
]
```
When you add new apps to `INSTALLED_APPS`, be sure to run `manage.py migrate`, optionally making migrations for them first with `manage.py makemigrations`.

**Fields**

The most important part of a model – and the only required part of a model – is the list of database fields it defines. Fields are specified by class attributes. Be careful not to choose field names that conflict with the `models API` like `clean`, `save`, or `delete`.

Example:

```python
from django.db import models

class Musician(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    instrument = models.CharField(max_length=100)

class Album(models.Model):
    artist = models.ForeignKey(Musician, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    release_date = models.DateField()
    num_stars = models.IntegerField()
```

**Field types**

Each field in your model should be an instance of the appropriate `Field` class. Django uses the field class types to determine a few things:

- The column type, which tells the database what kind of data to store (e.g. `INTEGER`, `VARCHAR`, `TEXT`).
- The default HTML `widget` to use when rendering a form field (e.g. `<input type="text">`, `<select>`).
- The minimal validation requirements, used in Django’s admin and in automatically-generated forms.

Django ships with dozens of built-in field types; you can find the complete list in the `model field reference`. You can easily write your own fields if Django’s built-in ones don’t do the trick; see `Writing custom model fields`.

**Field options**

Each field takes a certain set of field-specific arguments (documented in the `model field reference`). For example, `CharField` (and its subclasses) require a `max_length` argument which specifies the size of the `VARCHAR` database field used to store the data.

There’s also a set of common arguments available to all field types. All are optional. They’re fully explained in the `reference`, but here’s a quick summary of the most often-used ones:

- **null** If `True`, Django will store empty values as `NULL` in the database. Default is `False`.
- **blank** If `True`, the field is allowed to be blank. Default is `False`.

  Note that this is different than `null`. `null` is purely database-related, whereas `blank` is validation-related. If a field has `blank=True`, form validation will allow entry of an empty value. If a field has `blank=False`, the field will be required.
**choices** A sequence of 2-tuples to use as choices for this field. If this is given, the default form widget will be a select box instead of the standard text field and will limit choices to the choices given.

A choices list looks like this:

```python
YEAR_IN_SCHOOL_CHOICES = [ ('FR', 'Freshman'), ('SO', 'Sophomore'), ('JR', 'Junior'), ('SR', 'Senior'), ('GR', 'Graduate'), ]
```

**Note:** A new migration is created each time the order of choices changes.

The first element in each tuple is the value that will be stored in the database. The second element is displayed by the field’s form widget.

Given a model instance, the display value for a field with choices can be accessed using the `get_FOO_display()` method. For example:

```python
from django.db import models
class Person(models.Model):
    SHIRT_SIZES = {
        'S', 'Small'),
        ('M', 'Medium'),
        ('L', 'Large'),
    }
    name = models.CharField(max_length=60)
    shirt_size = models.CharField(max_length=1, choices=SHIRT_SIZES)

>>> p = Person(name="Fred Flintstone", shirt_size="L")
>>> p.save()
>>> p.shirt_size
'L'
>>> p.get_shirt_size_display()
'Large'
```

You can also use enumeration classes to define choices in a concise way:

```python
from django.db import models
class MedalType(models.TextChoices('MedalType', 'GOLD SILVER BRONZE'))
name = models.CharField(max_length=60)
medal = models.CharField(blank=True, choices=MedalType.choices, max_length=10)
```

Further examples are available in the model field reference.

**default** The default value for the field. This can be a value or a callable object. If callable it will be called every time a new object is created.

**help_text** Extra “help” text to be displayed with the form widget. It’s useful for documentation even if your field isn’t used on a form.

**primary_key** If True, this field is the primary key for the model.
If you don’t specify primary_key=True for any fields in your model, Django will automatically add an IntegerField to hold the primary key, so you don’t need to set primary_key=True on any of your fields unless you want to override the default primary-key behavior. For more, see Automatic primary key fields.

The primary key field is read-only. If you change the value of the primary key on an existing object and then save it, a new object will be created alongside the old one. For example:

```python
from django.db import models

class Fruit(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100, primary_key=True)
```

```python
>>> fruit = Fruit.objects.create(name='Apple')
>>> fruit.name = 'Pear'
>>> fruit.save()
>>> Fruit.objects.values_list('name', flat=True)
<QuerySet ['Apple', 'Pear']>
```

**unique** If True, this field must be unique throughout the table.

Again, these are just short descriptions of the most common field options. Full details can be found in the common model field option reference.

## Automatic primary key fields

By default, Django gives each model the following field:

```python
id = models.AutoField(primary_key=True)
```

This is an auto-incrementing primary key.

If you’d like to specify a custom primary key, specify primary_key=True on one of your fields. If Django sees you’ve explicitly set Field.primary_key, it won’t add the automatic id column.

Each model requires exactly one field to have primary_key=True (either explicitly declared or automatically added).

## Verbose field names

Each field type, except for ForeignKey, ManyToManyField and OneToOneField, takes an optional first positional argument – a verbose name. If the verbose name isn’t given, Django will automatically create it using the field’s attribute name, converting underscores to spaces.

In this example, the verbose name is "person's first name":

```python
first_name = models.CharField("person's first name", max_length=30)
```

In this example, the verbose name is "first name":

```python
first_name = models.CharField(max_length=30)
```

ForeignKey, ManyToManyField and OneToOneField require the first argument to be a model class, so use the verbose_name keyword argument:
```
poll = models.ForeignKey(
    Poll,
    on_delete=models.CASCADE,
    verbose_name="the related poll",
)
sites = models.ManyToManyField(Site, verbose_name="list of sites")
place = models.OneToOneField(
    Place,
    on_delete=models.CASCADE,
    verbose_name="related place",
)
```

The convention is not to capitalize the first letter of the `verbose_name`. Django will automatically capitalize the first letter where it needs to.

**Relationships**

Clearly, the power of relational databases lies in relating tables to each other. Django offers ways to define the three most common types of database relationships: many-to-one, many-to-many and one-to-one.

**Many-to-one relationships**

To define a many-to-one relationship, use `django.db.models.ForeignKey`. You use it just like any other `Field` type: by including it as a class attribute of your model.

`ForeignKey` requires a positional argument: the class to which the model is related.

For example, if a `Car` model has a `Manufacturer` – that is, a `Manufacturer` makes multiple cars but each `Car` only has one `Manufacturer` – use the following definitions:

```
from django.db import models

class Manufacturer(models.Model):
    # ...
    pass

class Car(models.Model):
    manufacturer = models.ForeignKey(Manufacturer, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    # ...
```

You can also create recursive relationships (an object with a many-to-one relationship to itself) and relationships to models not yet defined; see the model field reference for details.

It’s suggested, but not required, that the name of a `ForeignKey` field (`manufacturer` in the example above) be the name of the model, lowercase. You can call the field whatever you want. For example:

```
class Car(models.Model):
    company_that_makes_it = models.ForeignKey(
        Manufacturer,
        on_delete=models.CASCADE,
    )
    # ...
```

See also:
Foreignkey fields accept a number of extra arguments which are explained in the model field reference. These options help define how the relationship should work; all are optional.

For details on accessing backwards-related objects, see the Following relationships backward example.

For sample code, see the Many-to-one relationship model example.

### Many-to-many relationships

To define a many-to-many relationship, use `ManyToManyField`. You use it just like any other `Field` type: by including it as a class attribute of your model.

`ManyToManyField` requires a positional argument: the class to which the model is related.

For example, if a `Pizza` has multiple `Topping` objects – that is, a `Topping` can be on multiple pizzas and each `Pizza` has multiple toppings – here's how you'd represent that:

```python
from django.db import models
class Topping(models.Model):
    # ...
    pass
class Pizza(models.Model):
    # ...
    toppings = models.ManyToManyField(Topping)
```

As with `ForeignKey`, you can also create recursive relationships (an object with a many-to-many relationship to itself) and relationships to models not yet defined.

It’s suggested, but not required, that the name of a `ManyToManyField` (toppings in the example above) be a plural describing the set of related model objects.

It doesn’t matter which model has the `ManyToManyField`, but you should only put it in one of the models – not both.

Generally, `ManyToManyField` instances should go in the object that’s going to be edited on a form. In the above example, toppings is in Pizza (rather than Topping having a pizzas `ManyToManyField`) because it’s more natural to think about a pizza having toppings than a topping being on multiple pizzas. The way it’s set up above, the Pizza form would let users select the toppings.

See also:

See the Many-to-many relationship model example for a full example.

`ManyToManyField` fields also accept a number of extra arguments which are explained in the model field reference. These options help define how the relationship should work; all are optional.

### Extra fields on many-to-many relationships

When you’re only dealing with many-to-many relationships such as mixing and matching pizzas and toppings, a standard `ManyToManyField` is all you need. However, sometimes you may need to associate data with the relationship between two models.

For example, consider the case of an application tracking the musical groups which musicians belong to. There is a many-to-many relationship between a person and the groups of which they are a member, so you could use a `ManyToManyField` to represent this relationship. However, there is a lot of detail about the membership that you might want to collect, such as the date at which the person joined the group.
For these situations, Django allows you to specify the model that will be used to govern the many-to-many relationship. You can then put extra fields on the intermediate model. The intermediate model is associated with the `ManyToManyField` using the `through` argument to point to the model that will act as an intermediary. For our musician example, the code would look something like this:

```python
from django.db import models

class Person(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=128)

    def __str__(self):
        return self.name

class Group(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=128)
    members = models.ManyToManyField(Person, through='Membership')

    def __str__(self):
        return self.name

class Membership(models.Model):
    person = models.ForeignKey(Person, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    group = models.ForeignKey(Group, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    date_joined = models.DateField()
    invite_reason = models.CharField(max_length=64)
```

When you set up the intermediary model, you explicitly specify foreign keys to the models that are involved in the many-to-many relationship. This explicit declaration defines how the two models are related.

There are a few restrictions on the intermediate model:

- Your intermediate model must contain one - and only one - foreign key to the source model (this would be `Group` in our example), or you must explicitly specify the foreign keys Django should use for the relationship using `ManyToManyField.through_fields`. If you have more than one foreign key and `through_fields` is not specified, a validation error will be raised. A similar restriction applies to the foreign key to the target model (this would be `Person` in our example).

- For a model which has a many-to-many relationship to itself through an intermediary model, two foreign keys to the same model are permitted, but they will be treated as the two (different) sides of the many-to-many relationship. If there are more than two foreign keys though, you must also specify `through_fields` as above, or a validation error will be raised.

Now that you have set up your `ManyToManyField` to use your intermediary model (`Membership`, in this case), you’re ready to start creating some many-to-many relationships. You do this by creating instances of the intermediate model:

```
>>> ringo = Person.objects.create(name="Ringo Starr")
>>> paul = Person.objects.create(name="Paul McCartney")
>>> beatles = Group.objects.create(name="The Beatles")
>>> m1 = Membership(person=ringo, group=beatles,
... date_joined=date(1962, 8, 16),
... invite_reason="Needed a new drummer.")
>>> m1.save()
>>> beatles.members.all()  # <QuerySet [{<Person: Ringo Starr>}]>
>>> ringo.group_set.all()  # <QuerySet [{<Group: The Beatles}>]
>>> m2 = Membership.objects.create(person=paul, group=beatles,
... date_joined=date(1962, 8, 16),
... invite_reason="Needed a new guitarist.")
>>> m2.save()
```
... dateJoined=\texttt{date}(1960, 8, 1),
... invite_reason="Wanted to form a band.")

```python
>>> beatles.members.all()
<QuerySet \[<Person: Ringo Starr>, <Person: Paul McCartney>]>  # (continued from previous page)
```

You can also use \texttt{add()}, \texttt{create()}, or \texttt{set()} to create relationships, as long as you specify through\_defaults for any required fields:

```python
>>> beatles.members.add(john, through_defaults={'date\_joined': date(1960, 8, 1)})
>>> beatles.members.create(name="George Harrison", through_defaults={'date\_joined': date(1960, 8, 1)})
>>> beatles.members.set([john, paul, ringo, george], through_defaults={'date\_joined': date(1960, 8, 1)})
```

You may prefer to create instances of the intermediate model directly.

If the custom through table defined by the intermediate model does not enforce uniqueness on the (\texttt{model1}, \texttt{model2}) pair, allowing multiple values, the \texttt{remove()} call will remove all intermediate model instances:

```python
>>> Membership.objects.create(person=ringo, group=beatles,
... date\_joined=date(1968, 9, 4),
... invite\_reason="You've been gone for a month and we miss you.")
>>> beatles.members.all()
<QuerySet \[<Person: Ringo Starr>, <Person: Paul McCartney>, <Person: Ringo Starr>]>  # This deletes both of the intermediate model instances for Ringo Starr
>>> beatles.members.remove(ringo)
>>> beatles.members.all()
<QuerySet \[<Person: Paul McCartney>]>  # Note that this deletes the intermediate model instances
```

The \texttt{clear()} method can be used to remove all many-to-many relationships for an instance:

```python
>>> # Beatles have broken up
>>> beatles.members.clear()
>>> # Note that this deletes the intermediate model instances
>>> Membership.objects.all()
<QuerySet \[]>
```

Once you have established the many-to-many relationships, you can issue queries. Just as with normal many-to-many relationships, you can query using the attributes of the many-to-many-related model:

```python
# Find all the groups with a member whose name starts with 'Paul'
>>> Group.objects.filter(members\_name\_startswith='Paul')
<QuerySet \[\text{Group: The Beatles}\]>  # (continued from previous page)
```

As you are using an intermediate model, you can also query on its attributes:

```python
# Find all the members of the Beatles that joined after 1 Jan 1961
>>> Person.objects.filter(
... group\_name='The Beatles',
... membership\_date\_joined\_gt=date(1961,1,1))
<QuerySet \[<Person: Ringo Starr>]>  # (continued from previous page)
```

If you need to access a membership’s information you may do so by directly querying the \texttt{Membership} model:

```python
>>> ringos\_membership = Membership.objects.get(group=beatles, person=ringo)
>>> ringos\_membership.date\_joined
```

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Another way to access the same information is by querying the *many-to-many reverse relationship* from a `Person` object:

```python
>>> ringos_membership = ringo.membership_set.get(group=beatles)
>>> ringos_membership.date_joined
datetime.date(1962, 8, 16)
>>> ringos_membership.invite_reason
'Needed a new drummer.'
```

### One-to-one relationships

To define a one-to-one relationship, use `OneToOneField`. You use it just like any other `Field` type: by including it as a class attribute of your model.

This is most useful on the primary key of an object when that object “extends” another object in some way. `OneToOneField` requires a positional argument: the class to which the model is related.

For example, if you were building a database of “places”, you would build pretty standard stuff such as address, phone number, etc. in the database. Then, if you wanted to build a database of restaurants on top of the places, instead of repeating yourself and replicating those fields in the `Restaurant` model, you could make `Restaurant` have a `OneToOneField` to `Place` (because a restaurant “is a” place; in fact, to handle this you’d typically use *inheritance*, which involves an implicit one-to-one relation).

As with `ForeignKey`, a *recursive relationship* can be defined and *references to as-yet undefined models* can be made.

**See also:**

See the *One-to-one relationship model example* for a full example.

`OneToOneField` fields also accept an optional `parent_link` argument.

`OneToOneField` classes used to automatically become the primary key on a model. This is no longer true (although you can manually pass in the `primary_key` argument if you like). Thus, it’s now possible to have multiple fields of type `OneToOneField` on a single model.

### Models across files

It’s perfectly OK to relate a model to one from another app. To do this, import the related model at the top of the file where your model is defined. Then, refer to the other model class wherever needed. For example:

```python
from django.db import models
from geography.models import ZipCode

class Restaurant(models.Model):
    # ...
    zip_code = models.ForeignKey(
        ZipCode,
        on_delete=models.SET_NULL,
        blank=True,
```

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null=True,
)

Field name restrictions

Django places some restrictions on model field names:

1. A field name cannot be a Python reserved word, because that would result in a Python syntax error. For example:

```python
class Example(models.Model):
    pass = models.IntegerField()  # 'pass' is a reserved word!
```

2. A field name cannot contain more than one underscore in a row, due to the way Django’s query lookup syntax works. For example:

```python
class Example(models.Model):
    foo__bar = models.IntegerField()  # 'foo__bar' has two underscores!
```

3. A field name cannot end with an underscore, for similar reasons.

These limitations can be worked around, though, because your field name doesn’t necessarily have to match your database column name. See the `db_column` option.

SQL reserved words, such as `join`, `where` or `select`, are allowed as model field names, because Django escapes all database table names and column names in every underlying SQL query. It uses the quoting syntax of your particular database engine.

Custom field types

If one of the existing model fields cannot be used to fit your purposes, or if you wish to take advantage of some less common database column types, you can create your own field class. Full coverage of creating your own fields is provided in Writing custom model fields.

Meta options

Give your model metadata by using an inner `class Meta`, like so:

```python
from django.db import models

class Ox(models.Model):
    horn_length = models.IntegerField()

    class Meta:
        ordering = ["horn_length"]
        verbose_name_plural = "oxen"
```

Model metadata is “anything that’s not a field”, such as ordering options (`ordering`), database table name (`db_table`), or human-readable singular and plural names (`verbose_name` and `verbose_name_plural`). None are required, and adding `class Meta` to a model is completely optional.

A complete list of all possible `Meta` options can be found in the model option reference.
Model attributes

**objects** The most important attribute of a model is the *Manager*. It’s the interface through which database query operations are provided to Django models and is used to *retrieve the instances* from the database. If no custom *Manager* is defined, the default name is *objects*. Managers are only accessible via model classes, not the model instances.

Model methods

Define custom methods on a model to add custom “row-level” functionality to your objects. Whereas *Manager* methods are intended to do “table-wide” things, model methods should act on a particular model instance.

This is a valuable technique for keeping business logic in one place – the model.

For example, this model has a few custom methods:

```python
from django.db import models

class Person(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    birth_date = models.DateField()

    def baby_boomer_status(self):
        "Returns the person's baby-boomer status."
        import datetime
        if self.birth_date < datetime.date(1945, 8, 1):
            return "Pre-boomer"
        elif self.birth_date < datetime.date(1965, 1, 1):
            return "Baby boomer"
        else:
            return "Post-boomer"

@property
    def full_name(self):
        "Returns the person's full name."
        return '%s %s' % (self.first_name, self.last_name)
```

The last method in this example is a *property*.

The *model instance reference* has a complete list of *methods automatically given to each model*. You can override most of these – see *overriding predefined model methods*, below – but there are a couple that you’ll almost always want to define:

- **__str__()** A Python “magic method” that returns a string representation of any object. This is what Python and Django will use whenever a model instance needs to be coerced and displayed as a plain string. Most notably, this happens when you display an object in an interactive console or in the admin.

  You’ll always want to define this method; the default isn’t very helpful at all.

- **get_absolute_url()** This tells Django how to calculate the URL for an object. Django uses this in its admin interface, and any time it needs to figure out a URL for an object.

  Any object that has a URL that uniquely identifies it should define this method.
Overriding predefined model methods

There’s another set of model methods that encapsulate a bunch of database behavior that you’ll want to customize. In particular you’ll often want to change the way save() and delete() work.

You’re free to override these methods (and any other model method) to alter behavior.

A classic use-case for overriding the built-in methods is if you want something to happen whenever you save an object. For example (see save() for documentation of the parameters it accepts):

```python
from django.db import models

class Blog(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    tagline = models.TextField()

    def save(self, *args, **kwargs):
        do_something()
        super().save(*args, **kwargs)  # Call the "real" save() method.
        do_something_else()

You can also prevent saving:

```python
from django.db import models

class Blog(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    tagline = models.TextField()

    def save(self, *args, **kwargs):
        if self.name == "Yoko Ono's blog":
            return  # Yoko shall never have her own blog!
        else:
            super().save(*args, **kwargs)  # Call the "real" save() method.
```

It’s important to remember to call the superclass method – that’s that super().save(*args, **kwargs) business – to ensure that the object still gets saved into the database. If you forget to call the superclass method, the default behavior won’t happen and the database won’t get touched.

It’s also important that you pass through the arguments that can be passed to the model method – that’s what the *args, **kwargs bit does. Django will, from time to time, extend the capabilities of built-in model methods, adding new arguments. If you use *args, **kwargs in your method definitions, you are guaranteed that your code will automatically support those arguments when they are added.

Overridden model methods are not called on bulk operations

Note that the delete() method for an object is not necessarily called when deleting objects in bulk using a QuerySet or as a result of a cascading delete. To ensure customized delete logic gets executed, you can use pre_delete and/or post_delete signals.

Unfortunately, there isn’t a workaround when creating or updating objects in bulk, since none of save(), pre_save, and post_save are called.
Executing custom SQL

Another common pattern is writing custom SQL statements in model methods and module-level methods. For more details on using raw SQL, see the documentation on using raw SQL.

Model inheritance

Model inheritance in Django works almost identically to the way normal class inheritance works in Python, but the basics at the beginning of the page should still be followed. That means the base class should subclass `django.db.models.Model`.

The only decision you have to make is whether you want the parent models to be models in their own right (with their own database tables), or if the parents are just holders of common information that will only be visible through the child models.

There are three styles of inheritance that are possible in Django.

1. Often, you will just want to use the parent class to hold information that you don’t want to have to type out for each child model. This class isn’t going to ever be used in isolation, so Abstract base classes are what you’re after.

2. If you’re subclassing an existing model (perhaps something from another application entirely) and want each model to have its own database table, Multi-table inheritance is the way to go.

3. Finally, if you only want to modify the Python-level behavior of a model, without changing the models fields in any way, you can use Proxy models.

Abstract base classes

Abstract base classes are useful when you want to put some common information into a number of other models. You write your base class and put `abstract=True` in the `Meta` class. This model will then not be used to create any database table. Instead, when it is used as a base class for other models, its fields will be added to those of the child class.

An example:

```python
from django.db import models

class CommonInfo(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    age = models.PositiveIntegerField()

    class Meta:
        abstract = True

class Student(CommonInfo):
    home_group = models.CharField(max_length=5)
```

The `Student` model will have three fields: `name`, `age` and `home_group`. The `CommonInfo` model cannot be used as a normal Django model, since it is an abstract base class. It does not generate a database table or have a manager, and cannot be instantiated or saved directly.

Fields inherited from abstract base classes can be overridden with another field or value, or be removed with `None`.

For many uses, this type of model inheritance will be exactly what you want. It provides a way to factor out common information at the Python level, while still only creating one database table per child model at the database level.
**Meta inheritance**

When an abstract base class is created, Django makes any `Meta` inner class you declared in the base class available as an attribute. If a child class does not declare its own `Meta` class, it will inherit the parent’s `Meta`. If the child wants to extend the parent’s `Meta` class, it can subclass it. For example:

```python
from django.db import models

class CommonInfo(models.Model):
    # ...
    class Meta:
        abstract = True
        ordering = ['name']

class Student(CommonInfo):
    # ...
    class Meta(CommonInfo.Meta):
        db_table = 'student_info'
```

Django does make one adjustment to the `Meta` class of an abstract base class: before installing the `Meta` attribute, it sets `abstract=False`. This means that children of abstract base classes don’t automatically become abstract classes themselves. To make an abstract base class that inherits from another abstract base class, you need to explicitly set `abstract=True` on the child.

Some attributes won’t make sense to include in the `Meta` class of an abstract base class. For example, including `db_table` would mean that all the child classes (the ones that don’t specify their own `Meta`) would use the same database table, which is almost certainly not what you want.

Due to the way Python inheritance works, if a child class inherits from multiple abstract base classes, only the `Meta` options from the first listed class will be inherited by default. To inherit `Meta` options from multiple abstract base classes, you must explicitly declare the `Meta` inheritance. For example:

```python
from django.db import models

class CommonInfo(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    age = models.PositiveIntegerField()

    class Meta:
        abstract = True
        ordering = ['name']

class Unmanaged(models.Model):
    class Meta:
        abstract = True
        managed = False

class Student(CommonInfo, Unmanaged):
    home_group = models.CharField(max_length=5)

    class Meta(CommonInfo.Meta, Unmanaged.Meta):
        pass
```
Be careful with `related_name` and `related_query_name`

If you are using `related_name` or `related_query_name` on a `ForeignKey` or `ManyToManyField`, you must always specify a `unique` reverse name and query name for the field. This would normally cause a problem in abstract base classes, since the fields on this class are included into each of the child classes, with exactly the same values for the attributes (including `related_name` and `related_query_name`) each time.

To work around this problem, when you are using `related_name` or `related_query_name` in an abstract base class (only), part of the value should contain `%(app_label)s` and `%(class)s`.

- `%{class}s` is replaced by the lowercased name of the child class that the field is used in.
- `%{app_label}s` is replaced by the lowercased name of the app the child class is contained within. Each installed application name must be unique and the model class names within each app must also be unique, therefore the resulting name will end up being different.

For example, given an app `common/models.py`:

```python
from django.db import models

class Base(models.Model):
    m2m = models.ManyToManyField(
        OtherModel,
        related_name="%(app_label)s_%(class)s_related",
        related_query_name="%(app_label)s_%(class)s",
    )

    class Meta:
        abstract = True

class ChildA(Base):
    pass

class ChildB(Base):
    pass
```

Along with another app `rare/models.py`:

```python
from common.models import Base

class ChildB(Base):
    pass
```

The reverse name of the `common.ChildA.m2m` field will be `common_childa_related` and the reverse query name will be `common_childas`. The reverse name of the `common.ChildB.m2m` field will be `common_childb_related` and the reverse query name will be `common_childbs`. Finally, the reverse name of the `rare.ChildB.m2m` field will be `rare_childb_related` and the reverse query name will be `rare_childbs`. It's up to you how you use the `%{class}s` and `%{app_label}s` portion to construct your related name or related query name but if you forget to use it, Django will raise errors when you perform system checks (or run `migrate`).

If you don’t specify a `related_name` attribute for a field in an abstract base class, the default reverse name will be the name of the child class followed by `_set`, just as it normally would be if you’d declared the field directly on the child class. For example, in the above code, if the `related_name` attribute was omitted, the reverse name for the `m2m` field would be `childa_set` in the `ChildA` case and `childb_set` for the `ChildB` field.
Multi-table inheritance

The second type of model inheritance supported by Django is when each model in the hierarchy is a model all by itself. Each model corresponds to its own database table and can be queried and created individually. The inheritance relationship introduces links between the child model and each of its parents (via an automatically-created OneToOneField). For example:

```python
from django.db import models

class Place(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    address = models.CharField(max_length=80)

class Restaurant(Place):
    serves_hot_dogs = models.BooleanField(default=False)
    serves_pizza = models.BooleanField(default=False)
```

All of the fields of `Place` will also be available in `Restaurant`, although the data will reside in a different database table. So these are both possible:

```python
>>> Place.objects.filter(name="Bob's Cafe")
>>> Restaurant.objects.filter(name="Bob's Cafe")
```

If you have a `Place` that is also a `Restaurant`, you can get from the `Place` object to the `Restaurant` object by using the lowercase version of the model name:

```python
>>> p = Place.objects.get(id=12)
# If p is a Restaurant object, this will give the child class:
>>> p.restaurant
<Restaurant: ...>
```

However, if `p` in the above example was not a `Restaurant` (it had been created directly as a `Place` object or was the parent of some other class), referring to `p.restaurant` would raise a `Restaurant.DoesNotExist` exception.

The automatically-created OneToOneField on `Restaurant` that links it to `Place` looks like this:

```python
place_ptr = models.OneToOneField(
    Place, on_delete=models.CASCADE,
    parent_link=True,
    primary_key=True,
)
```

You can override that field by declaring your own OneToOneField with `parent_link=True` on `Restaurant`.

Meta and multi-table inheritance

In the multi-table inheritance situation, it doesn’t make sense for a child class to inherit from its parent’s Meta class. All the Meta options have already been applied to the parent class and applying them again would normally only lead to contradictory behavior (this is in contrast with the abstract base class case, where the base class doesn’t exist in its own right).

So a child model does not have access to its parent’s Meta class. However, there are a few limited cases where the child inherits behavior from the parent: if the child does not specify an ordering attribute or a get_latest_by attribute, it will inherit these from its parent.

If the parent has an ordering and you don’t want the child to have any natural ordering, you can explicitly disable it:
class ChildModel(ParentModel):
    # ...
    class Meta:
        # Remove parent's ordering effect
        ordering = []

Inheritance and reverse relations

Because multi-table inheritance uses an implicit OneToOneField to link the child and the parent, it’s possible to move from the parent down to the child, as in the above example. However, this uses up the name that is the default related_name value for ForeignKey and ManyToManyField relations. If you are putting those types of relations on a subclass of the parent model, you must specify the related_name attribute on each such field. If you forget, Django will raise a validation error.

For example, using the above Place class again, let’s create another subclass with a ManyToManyField:

class Supplier(Place):
    customers = models.ManyToManyField(Place)

This results in the error:

Reverse query name for 'Supplier.customers' clashes with reverse query name for 'Supplier.place_ptr'.

HINT: Add or change a related_name argument to the definition for 'Supplier.customers' or 'Supplier.place_ptr'.

Adding related_name to the customers field as follows would resolve the error: models.ManyToManyField(Place, related_name='provider').

Specifying the parent link field

As mentioned, Django will automatically create a OneToOneField linking your child class back to any non-abstract parent models. If you want to control the name of the attribute linking back to the parent, you can create your own OneToOneField and set parent_link=True to indicate that your field is the link back to the parent class.

Proxy models

When using multi-table inheritance, a new database table is created for each subclass of a model. This is usually the desired behavior, since the subclass needs a place to store any additional data fields that are not present on the base class. Sometimes, however, you only want to change the Python behavior of a model – perhaps to change the default manager, or add a new method.

This is what proxy model inheritance is for: creating a proxy for the original model. You can create, delete and update instances of the proxy model and all the data will be saved as if you were using the original (non-proxied) model. The difference is that you can change things like the default model ordering or the default manager in the proxy, without having to alter the original.

Proxy models are declared like normal models. You tell Django that it’s a proxy model by setting the proxy attribute of the Meta class to True.

For example, suppose you want to add a method to the Person model. You can do it like this:
from django.db import models

class Person(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=30)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=30)

class MyPerson(Person):
    class Meta:
        proxy = True

    def do_something(self):
        # ...
        pass

The MyPerson class operates on the same database table as its parent Person class. In particular, any new instances of Person will also be accessible through MyPerson, and vice-versa:

```python
>>> p = Person.objects.create(first_name="foobar")
>>> MyPerson.objects.get(first_name="foobar")
<MyPerson: foobar>
```

You could also use a proxy model to define a different default ordering on a model. You might not always want to order the Person model, but regularly order by the last_name attribute when you use the proxy:

```python
class OrderedPerson(Person):
    class Meta:
        ordering = ["last_name"]
        proxy = True
```

Now normal Person queries will be unordered and OrderedPerson queries will be ordered by last_name. Proxy models inherit Meta attributes in the same way as regular models.

**QuerySets still return the model that was requested**

There is no way to have Django return, say, a MyPerson object whenever you query for Person objects. A queryset for Person objects will return those types of objects. The whole point of proxy objects is that code relying on the original Person will use those and your own code can use the extensions you included (that no other code is relying on anyway). It is not a way to replace the Person (or any other) model everywhere with something of your own creation.

**Base class restrictions**

A proxy model must inherit from exactly one non-abstract model class. You can’t inherit from multiple non-abstract models as the proxy model doesn’t provide any connection between the rows in the different database tables. A proxy model can inherit from any number of abstract model classes, providing they do not define any model fields. A proxy model may also inherit from any number of proxy models that share a common non-abstract parent class.

**Proxy model managers**

If you don’t specify any model managers on a proxy model, it inherits the managers from its model parents. If you define a manager on the proxy model, it will become the default, although any managers defined on the parent classes will still be available.
Continuing our example from above, you could change the default manager used when you query the `Person` model like this:

```python
from django.db import models

class NewManager(models.Manager):
    # ...
    pass

class MyPerson(Person):
    objects = NewManager()

    class Meta:
        proxy = True
```

If you wanted to add a new manager to the Proxy, without replacing the existing default, you can use the techniques described in the `custom manager` documentation: create a base class containing the new managers and inherit that after the primary base class:

```python
# Create an abstract class for the new manager.
class ExtraManagers(models.Model):
    secondary = NewManager()

    class Meta:
        abstract = True

class MyPerson(Person, ExtraManagers):
    class Meta:
        proxy = True
```

You probably won’t need to do this very often, but, when you do, it’s possible.

**Differences between proxy inheritance and unmanaged models**

Proxy model inheritance might look fairly similar to creating an unmanaged model, using the `managed` attribute on a model’s `Meta` class.

With careful setting of `Meta.db_table` you could create an unmanaged model that shadows an existing model and adds Python methods to it. However, that would be very repetitive and fragile as you need to keep both copies synchronized if you make any changes.

On the other hand, proxy models are intended to behave exactly like the model they are proxying for. They are always in sync with the parent model since they directly inherit its fields and managers.

The general rules are:

1. If you are mirroring an existing model or database table and don’t want all the original database table columns, use `Meta.managed=False`. That option is normally useful for modeling database views and tables not under the control of Django.

2. If you are wanting to change the Python-only behavior of a model, but keep all the same fields as in the original, use `Meta.proxy=True`. This sets things up so that the proxy model is an exact copy of the storage structure of the original model when data is saved.
Multiple inheritance

Just as with Python’s subclassing, it’s possible for a Django model to inherit from multiple parent models. Keep in mind that normal Python name resolution rules apply. The first base class that a particular name (e.g. `Meta`) appears in will be the one that is used; for example, this means that if multiple parents contain a `Meta` class, only the first one is going to be used, and all others will be ignored.

Generally, you won’t need to inherit from multiple parents. The main use-case where this is useful is for “mix-in” classes: adding a particular extra field or method to every class that inherits the mix-in. Try to keep your inheritance hierarchies as simple and straightforward as possible so that you won’t have to struggle to work out where a particular piece of information is coming from.

Note that inheriting from multiple models that have a common `id` primary key field will raise an error. To properly use multiple inheritance, you can use an explicit `AutoField` in the base models:

```python
class Article(models.Model):
    article_id = models.AutoField(primary_key=True)
    ...

class Book(models.Model):
    book_id = models.AutoField(primary_key=True)
    ...

class BookReview(Book, Article):
    pass
```

Or use a common ancestor to hold the `AutoField`. This requires using an explicit `OneToOneField` from each parent model to the common ancestor to avoid a clash between the fields that are automatically generated and inherited by the child:

```python
class Piece(models.Model):
    pass

class Article(Piece):
    article_piece = models.OneToOneField(Piece, on_delete=models.CASCADE, parent_link=True)
    ...

class Book(Piece):
    book_piece = models.OneToOneField(Piece, on_delete=models.CASCADE, parent_link=True)
    ...

class BookReview(Book, Article):
    pass
```

Field name “hiding” is not permitted

In normal Python class inheritance, it is permissible for a child class to override any attribute from the parent class. In Django, this isn’t usually permitted for model fields. If a non-abstract model base class has a field called `author`, you can’t create another model field or define an attribute called `author` in any class that inherits from that base class.

This restriction doesn’t apply to model fields inherited from an abstract model. Such fields may be overridden with another field or value, or be removed by setting `field_name = None`.
Warning: Model managers are inherited from abstract base classes. Overriding an inherited field which is referenced by an inherited Manager may cause subtle bugs. See custom managers and model inheritance.

Note: Some fields define extra attributes on the model, e.g. a ForeignKey defines an extra attribute with _id appended to the field name, as well as related_name and related_query_name on the foreign model. These extra attributes cannot be overridden unless the field that defines it is changed or removed so that it no longer defines the extra attribute.

Overriding fields in a parent model leads to difficulties in areas such as initializing new instances (specifying which field is being initialized in Model.__init__) and serialization. These are features which normal Python class inheritance doesn’t have to deal with in quite the same way, so the difference between Django model inheritance and Python class inheritance isn’t arbitrary.

This restriction only applies to attributes which are Field instances. Normal Python attributes can be overridden if you wish. It also only applies to the name of the attribute as Python sees it: if you are manually specifying the database column name, you can have the same column name appearing in both a child and an ancestor model for multi-table inheritance (they are columns in two different database tables).

Django will raise a FieldError if you override any model field in any ancestor model.

Organizing models in a package

The manage.py startapp command creates an application structure that includes a models.py file. If you have many models, organizing them in separate files may be useful.

To do so, create a models package. Remove models.py and create a myapp/models/ directory with an __init__.py file and the files to store your models. You must import the models in the __init__.py file.

For example, if you had organic.py and synthetic.py in the models directory:

Listing 1: myapp/models/__init__.py

```python
from .organic import Person
from .synthetic import Robot
```

Explicitly importing each model rather than using from .models import * has the advantages of not cluttering the namespace, making code more readable, and keeping code analysis tools useful.

See also:

The Models Reference Covers all the model related APIs including model fields, related objects, and QuerySet.

3.2.2 Making queries

Once you’ve created your data models, Django automatically gives you a database-abstraction API that lets you create, retrieve, update and delete objects. This document explains how to use this API. Refer to the data model reference for full details of all the various model lookup options.

Throughout this guide (and in the reference), we’ll refer to the following models, which comprise a Weblog application:
from django.db import models

class Blog(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    tagline = models.TextField()

    def __str__(self):
        return self.name

class Author(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    email = models.EmailField()

    def __str__(self):
        return self.name

class Entry(models.Model):
    blog = models.ForeignKey(Blog, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    headline = models.CharField(max_length=255)
    body_text = models.TextField()
    pub_date = models.DateField()
    mod_date = models.DateField()
    authors = models.ManyToManyField(Author)
    number_of_comments = models.IntegerField()
    number_of_pingbacks = models.IntegerField()
    rating = models.IntegerField()

    def __str__(self):
        return self.headline

Creating objects

To represent database-table data in Python objects, Django uses an intuitive system: A model class represents a database table, and an instance of that class represents a particular record in the database table.

To create an object, instantiate it using keyword arguments to the model class, then call save() to save it to the database.

Assuming models live in a file `mysite/blog/models.py`, here’s an example:

```python
>>> from blog.models import Blog
>>> b = Blog(name='Beatles Blog', tagline='All the latest Beatles news.')
>>> b.save()
```

This performs an INSERT SQL statement behind the scenes. Django doesn’t hit the database until you explicitly call save().

The save() method has no return value.

See also:

save() takes a number of advanced options not described here. See the documentation for save() for complete details.

To create and save an object in a single step, use the create() method.
Saving changes to objects

To save changes to an object that’s already in the database, use `save()`.

Given a Blog instance `b5` that has already been saved to the database, this example changes its name and updates its record in the database:

```python
>>> b5.name = 'New name'
>>> b5.save()  # This performs an UPDATE SQL statement behind the scenes.
```

This performs an `UPDATE` SQL statement behind the scenes. Django doesn’t hit the database until you explicitly call `save()`.

Saving ForeignKey and ManyToManyField fields

Updating a ForeignKey field works exactly the same way as saving a normal field – assign an object of the right type to the field in question. This example updates the `blog` attribute of an `Entry` instance `entry`, assuming appropriate instances of `Entry` and `Blog` are already saved to the database (so we can retrieve them below):

```python
>>> from blog.models import Blog, Entry
>>> entry = Entry.objects.get(pk=1)
>>> cheese_blog = Blog.objects.get(name="Cheddar Talk")
>>> entry.blog = cheese_blog
>>> entry.save()  # Updating a ForeignKey field.
```

Updating a ManyToManyField works a little differently – use the `add()` method on the field to add a record to the relation. This example adds the Author instance `joe` to the `entry` object:

```python
>>> from blog.models import Author
>>> joe = Author.objects.create(name="Joe")
>>> entry.authors.add(joe)  # Updating a ManyToManyField.
```

To add multiple records to a ManyToManyField in one go, include multiple arguments in the call to `add()`, like this:

```python
>>> john = Author.objects.create(name="John")
>>> paul = Author.objects.create(name="Paul")
>>> george = Author.objects.create(name="George")
>>> ringo = Author.objects.create(name="Ringo")
>>> entry.authors.add(john, paul, george, ringo)
```

Django will complain if you try to assign or add an object of the wrong type.

Retrieving objects

To retrieve objects from your database, construct a `QuerySet` via a `Manager` on your model class.

A `QuerySet` represents a collection of objects from your database. It can have zero, one or many filters. Filters narrow down the query results based on the given parameters. In SQL terms, a `QuerySet` equates to a `SELECT` statement, and a filter is a limiting clause such as `WHERE` or `LIMIT`.

You get a `QuerySet` by using your model’s `Manager`. Each model has at least one `Manager`, and it’s called `objects` by default. Access it directly via the model class, like so:
>>> Blog.objects
<django.db.models.manager.Manager object at ...>
>>> b = Blog(name='Foo', tagline='Bar')
>>> b.objects
Traceback:
...
AttributeError: "Manager isn't accessible via Blog instances."

Note: Managers are accessible only via model classes, rather than from model instances, to enforce a separation between “table-level” operations and “record-level” operations.

The Manager is the main source of QuerySets for a model. For example, Blog.objects.all() returns a QuerySet that contains all Blog objects in the database.

Retrieving all objects

The simplest way to retrieve objects from a table is to get all of them. To do this, use the all() method on a Manager:

```python
>>> all_entries = Entry.objects.all()
```

The all() method returns a QuerySet of all the objects in the database.

Retrieving specific objects with filters

The QuerySet returned by all() describes all objects in the database table. Usually, though, you’ll need to select only a subset of the complete set of objects.

To create such a subset, you refine the initial QuerySet, adding filter conditions. The two most common ways to refine a QuerySet are:

- `filter(**kwargs)` Returns a new QuerySet containing objects that match the given lookup parameters.
- `exclude(**kwargs)` Returns a new QuerySet containing objects that do not match the given lookup parameters.

The lookup parameters (**kwargs in the above function definitions) should be in the format described in Field lookups below.

For example, to get a QuerySet of blog entries from the year 2006, use filter() like so:

```python
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__year=2006)
```

With the default manager class, it is the same as:

```python
Entry.objects.all().filter(pub_date__year=2006)
```

Chaining filters

The result of refining a QuerySet is itself a QuerySet, so it’s possible to chain refinements together. For example:
This takes the initial QuerySet of all entries in the database, adds a filter, then an exclusion, then another filter. The final result is a QuerySet containing all entries with a headline that starts with “What”, that were published between January 30, 2005, and the current day.

Filtered QuerySets are unique

Each time you refine a QuerySet, you get a brand-new QuerySet that is in no way bound to the previous QuerySet. Each refinement creates a separate and distinct QuerySet that can be stored, used and reused.

Example:

```
>>> q1 = Entry.objects.filter(headline__startswith="What")
>>> q2 = q1.exclude(pub_date__gte=datetime.date.today())
>>> q3 = q1.filter(pub_date__gte=datetime.date.today(2005, 1, 30))
```

These three QuerySets are separate. The first is a base QuerySet containing all entries that contain a headline starting with “What”. The second is a subset of the first, with an additional criteria that excludes records whose pub_date is today or in the future. The third is a subset of the first, with an additional criteria that selects only the records whose pub_date is today or in the future. The initial QuerySet (q1) is unaffected by the refinement process.

QuerySets are lazy

QuerySets are lazy – the act of creating a QuerySet doesn’t involve any database activity. You can stack filters together all day long, and Django won’t actually run the query until the QuerySet is evaluated. Take a look at this example:

```
>>> q = Entry.objects.filter(headline__startswith="What")
>>> q = q.filter(pub_date__lte=datetime.date.today())
>>> q = q.exclude(body_text__icontains="food")
>>> print(q)
```

Though this looks like three database hits, in fact it hits the database only once, at the last line (print(q)). In general, the results of a QuerySet aren’t fetched from the database until you “ask” for them. When you do, the QuerySet is evaluated by accessing the database. For more details on exactly when evaluation takes place, see When QuerySets are evaluated.

Retrieving a single object with get ()

filter() will always give you a QuerySet, even if only a single object matches the query - in this case, it will be a QuerySet containing a single element.

If you know there is only one object that matches your query, you can use the get() method on a Manager which returns the object directly:
>>> one_entry = Entry.objects.get(pk=1)

You can use any query expression with `get()`, just like with `filter()` - again, see Field lookups below.

Note that there is a difference between using `get()`, and using `filter()` with a slice of `[0]`. If there are no results that match the query, `get()` will raise a `DoesNotExist` exception. This exception is an attribute of the model class that the query is being performed on - so in the code above, if there is no `Entry` object with a primary key of 1, Django will raise `Entry.DoesNotExist`.

Similarly, Django will complain if more than one item matches the `get()` query. In this case, it will raise `MultipleObjectsReturned`, which again is an attribute of the model class itself.

**Other QuerySet methods**

Most of the time you’ll use `all()`, `get()`, `filter()` and `exclude()` when you need to look up objects from the database. However, that’s far from all there is; see the QuerySet API Reference for a complete list of all the various `QuerySet` methods.

**Limiting QuerySets**

Use a subset of Python’s array-slicing syntax to limit your `QuerySet` to a certain number of results. This is the equivalent of SQL’s `LIMIT` and `OFFSET` clauses.

For example, this returns the first 5 objects (LIMIT 5):

```python
>>> Entry.objects.all()[:5]
```

This returns the sixth through tenth objects (OFFSET 5 LIMIT 5):

```python
>>> Entry.objects.all()[5:10]
```

Negative indexing (i.e. `Entry.objects.all()[-1]`) is not supported.

Generally, slicing a `QuerySet` returns a new `QuerySet` – it doesn’t evaluate the query. An exception is if you use the “step” parameter of Python slice syntax. For example, this would actually execute the query in order to return a list of every second object of the first 10:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.all()[::2]
```

Further filtering or ordering of a sliced queryset is prohibited due to the ambiguous nature of how that might work.

To retrieve a single object rather than a list (e.g. `SELECT foo FROM bar LIMIT 1`), use an index instead of a slice. For example, this returns the first `Entry` in the database, after ordering entries alphabetically by headline:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.order_by('headline')[0]
```

This is roughly equivalent to:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.order_by('headline')[0:1].get()
```

Note, however, that the first of these will raise `IndexError` while the second will raise `DoesNotExist` if no objects match the given criteria. See `get()` for more details.
Field lookups

Field lookups are how you specify the meat of an SQL WHERE clause. They’re specified as keyword arguments to the QuerySet methods filter(), exclude() and get().

Basic lookups keyword arguments take the form field__lookuptype=value. (That’s a double-underscore). For example:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__lte='2006-01-01')
```

translates (roughly) into the following SQL:

```sql
SELECT * FROM blog_entry WHERE pub_date <= '2006-01-01';
```

How this is possible

Python has the ability to define functions that accept arbitrary name-value arguments whose names and values are evaluated at runtime. For more information, see Keyword Arguments in the official Python tutorial.

The field specified in a lookup has to be the name of a model field. There’s one exception though, in case of a ForeignKey you can specify the field name suffixed with _id. In this case, the value parameter is expected to contain the raw value of the foreign model’s primary key. For example:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.filter(blog_id=4)
```

If you pass an invalid keyword argument, a lookup function will raise TypeError.

The database API supports about two dozen lookup types; a complete reference can be found in the field lookup reference. To give you a taste of what’s available, here’s some of the more common lookups you’ll probably use:

**exact** An “exact” match. For example:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.get(headline__exact='Cat bites dog')
```

Would generate SQL along these lines:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE headline = 'Cat bites dog';
```

If you don’t provide a lookup type – that is, if your keyword argument doesn’t contain a double underscore – the lookup type is assumed to be exact.

For example, the following two statements are equivalent:

```python
>>> Blog.objects.get(id__exact=14)   # Explicit form
>>> Blog.objects.get(id=14)          # __exact is implied
```

This is for convenience, because exact lookups are the common case.

**iexact** A case-insensitive match. So, the query:

```python
>>> Blog.objects.get(name__iexact='beatles blog')
```

Would match a Blog titled "Beatles Blog", "beatles blog", or even "BeAtlES bLOG".

**contains** Case-sensitive containment test. For example:

```python
Entry.objects.get(headline__contains='Lennon')
```
Roughly translates to this SQL:

```
SELECT ... WHERE headline LIKE '%Lennon%';
```

Note this will match the headline 'Today Lennon honored' but not 'today lennon honored'.
There’s also a case-insensitive version, `icontains`.

`startswith, endswith` Starts-with and ends-with search, respectively. There are also case-insensitive versions called `istartswith` and `iendswith`.

Again, this only scratches the surface. A complete reference can be found in the field lookup reference.

### Lookups that span relationships

Django offers a powerful and intuitive way to “follow” relationships in lookups, taking care of the SQL JOINs for you automatically, behind the scenes. To span a relationship, use the field name of related fields across models, separated by double underscores, until you get to the field you want.

This example retrieves all `Entry` objects with a `Blog` whose name is 'Beatles Blog':

```python
>>> Entry.objects.filter(blog__name='Beatles Blog')
```

This spanning can be as deep as you’d like.

It works backwards, too. Whilst it can be customized, by default you refer to a “reverse” relationship in a lookup using the lowercase name of the model.

This example retrieves all `Blog` objects which have at least one `Entry` whose headline contains 'Lennon':

```python
>>> Blog.objects.filter(entry__headline__contains='Lennon')
```

If you are filtering across multiple relationships and one of the intermediate models doesn’t have a value that meets the filter condition, Django will treat it as if there is an empty (all values are NULL), but valid, object there. All this means is that no error will be raised. For example, in this filter:

```
Blog.objects.filter(entry__authors__name='Lennon')
```

(if there was a related `Author` model), if there was no author associated with an entry, it would be treated as if there was also no name attached, rather than raising an error because of the missing author. Usually this is exactly what you want to have happen. The only case where it might be confusing is if you are using `isnull`. Thus:

```
Blog.objects.filter(entry__authors__name__isnull=True)
```

will return `Blog` objects that have an empty name on the `author` and also those which have an empty `author` on the `entry`. If you don’t want those latter objects, you could write:

```
Blog.objects.filter(entry__authors__isnull=False, entry__authors__name__isnull=True)
```

### Spanning multi-valued relationships

When you are filtering an object based on a `ManyToManyField` or a reverse `ForeignKey`, there are two different sorts of filter you may be interested in. Consider the `Blog/Entry` relationship (Blog to Entry is a one-to-many relation). We might be interested in finding blogs that have an entry which has both “Lennon” in the headline and was published in 2008. Or we might want to find blogs that have an entry with “Lennon” in the headline as well as an
entry that was published in 2008. Since there are multiple entries associated with a single Blog, both of these queries are possible and make sense in some situations.

The same type of situation arises with a ManyToManyField. For example, if an Entry has a ManyToManyField called tags, we might want to find entries linked to tags called “music” and “bands” or we might want an entry that contains a tag with a name of “music” and a status of “public”.

To handle both of these situations, Django has a consistent way of processing filter() calls. Everything inside a single filter() call is applied simultaneously to filter out items matching all those requirements. Successive filter() calls further restrict the set of objects, but for multi-valued relations, they apply to any object linked to the primary model, not necessarily those objects that were selected by an earlier filter() call.

That may sound a bit confusing, so hopefully an example will clarify. To select all blogs that contain entries with both “Lennon” in the headline and that were published in 2008 (the same entry satisfying both conditions), we would write:

```python
Blog.objects.filter(entry__headline__contains='Lennon', entry__pub_date__year=2008)
```

To select all blogs that contain an entry with “Lennon” in the headline as well as an entry that was published in 2008, we would write:

```python
Blog.objects.filter(entry__headline__contains='Lennon').filter(entry__pub_date__year=2008)
```

Suppose there is only one blog that had both entries containing “Lennon” and entries from 2008, but that none of the entries from 2008 contained “Lennon”. The first query would not return any blogs, but the second query would return that one blog.

In the second example, the first filter restricts the queryset to all those blogs linked to entries with “Lennon” in the headline. The second filter restricts the set of blogs further to those that are also linked to entries that were published in 2008. The entries selected by the second filter may or may not be the same as the entries in the first filter. We are filtering the Blog items with each filter statement, not the Entry items.

Note: The behavior of filter() for queries that span multi-value relationships, as described above, is not implemented equivalently for exclude(). Instead, the conditions in a single exclude() call will not necessarily refer to the same item.

For example, the following query would exclude blogs that contain both entries with “Lennon” in the headline and entries published in 2008:

```python
Blog.objects.exclude(  
    entry__headline__contains='Lennon',  
    entry__pub_date__year=2008,  
)
```

However, unlike the behavior when using filter(), this will not limit blogs based on entries that satisfy both conditions. In order to do that, i.e. to select all blogs that do not contain entries published with “Lennon” that were published in 2008, you need to make two queries:

```python
Blog.objects.exclude(  
    entry__in=Entry.objects.filter(  
        headline__contains='Lennon',  
        pub_date__year=2008,  
    ),  
)
```
Filters can reference fields on the model

In the examples given so far, we have constructed filters that compare the value of a model field with a constant. But what if you want to compare the value of a model field with another field on the same model?

Django provides *F* expressions to allow such comparisons. Instances of *F*() act as a reference to a model field within a query. These references can then be used in query filters to compare the values of two different fields on the same model instance.

For example, to find a list of all blog entries that have had more comments than pingbacks, we construct an *F*() object to reference the pingback count, and use that *F*() object in the query:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import F
>>> Entry.objects.filter(number_of_comments__gt=F('number_of_pingbacks'))
```

Django supports the use of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, modulo, and power arithmetic with *F*() objects, both with constants and with other *F*() objects. To find all the blog entries with more than *twice* as many comments as pingbacks, we modify the query:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.filter(number_of_comments__gt=F('number_of_pingbacks') * 2)
```

To find all the entries where the rating of the entry is less than the sum of the pingback count and comment count, we would issue the query:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.filter(rating__lt=F('number_of_comments') + F('number_of_pingbacks'))
```

You can also use the double underscore notation to span relationships in an *F*() object. An *F*() object with a double underscore will introduce any joins needed to access the related object. For example, to retrieve all the entries where the author’s name is the same as the blog name, we could issue the query:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.filter(authors__name=F('blog__name'))
```

For date and date/time fields, you can add or subtract a `timedelta` object. The following would return all entries that were modified more than 3 days after they were published:

```python
>>> from datetime import timedelta
>>> Entry.objects.filter(mod_date__gt=F('pub_date') + timedelta(days=3))
```

The *F*() objects support bitwise operations by `.bitand()`, `.bitor()`, `.bitxor()`, `.bitrightshift()`, and `.bitleftshift()`. For example:

```python
>>> F('somefield').bitand(16)
```

**Oracle**

Oracle doesn’t support bitwise XOR operation.

Support for `.bitxor()` was added.

**The pk lookup shortcut**

For convenience, Django provides a *pk* lookup shortcut, which stands for “primary key”.

In the example *Blog* model, the primary key is the *id* field, so these three statements are equivalent:
>>> Blog.objects.get(id__exact=14) # Explicit form
>>> Blog.objects.get(id=14) # __exact is implied
>>> Blog.objects.get(pk=14) # pk implies id__exact

The use of pk isn’t limited to __exact queries – any query term can be combined with pk to perform a query on the primary key of a model:

# Get blogs entries with id 1, 4 and 7
>>> Blog.objects.filter(pk__in=[1,4,7])

# Get all blog entries with id > 14
>>> Blog.objects.filter(pk__gt=14)

pk lookups also work across joins. For example, these three statements are equivalent:

>>> Entry.objects.filter(blog__id__exact=3) # Explicit form
>>> Entry.objects.filter(blog__id=3) # __exact is implied
>>> Entry.objects.filter(blog__pk=3) # __pk implies __id__exact

Escaping percent signs and underscores in LIKE statements

The field lookups that equate to LIKE SQL statements (iexact, contains, icontains, startswith, istartswith, endswith and iendswith) will automatically escape the two special characters used in LIKE statements – the percent sign and the underscore. (In a LIKE statement, the percent sign signifies a multiple-character wildcard and the underscore signifies a single-character wildcard.)

This means things should work intuitively, so the abstraction doesn’t leak. For example, to retrieve all the entries that contain a percent sign, use the percent sign as any other character:

>>> Entry.objects.filter(headline__contains='%')

Django takes care of the quoting for you; the resulting SQL will look something like this:

```
SELECT ... WHERE headline LIKE '%%';
```

Same goes for underscores. Both percentage signs and underscores are handled for you transparently.

Caching and QuerySets

Each QuerySet contains a cache to minimize database access. Understanding how it works will allow you to write the most efficient code.

In a newly created QuerySet, the cache is empty. The first time a QuerySet is evaluated – and, hence, a database query happens – Django saves the query results in the QuerySet’s cache and returns the results that have been explicitly requested (e.g., the next element, if the QuerySet is being iterated over). Subsequent evaluations of the QuerySet reuse the cached results.

Keep this caching behavior in mind, because it may bite you if you don’t use your QuerySets correctly. For example, the following will create two QuerySets, evaluate them, and throw them away:

```python
>>> print((e.headline for e in Entry.objects.all()))
>>> print((e.pub_date for e in Entry.objects.all()))
```
That means the same database query will be executed twice, effectively doubling your database load. Also, there’s a possibility the two lists may not include the same database records, because an Entry may have been added or deleted in the split second between the two requests.

To avoid this problem, save the QuerySet and reuse it:

```python
>>> queryset = Entry.objects.all()
>>> print([p.headline for p in queryset])  # Evaluate the query set.
>>> print([p.pub_date for p in queryset])  # Re-use the cache from the evaluation.
```

### When QuerySets are not cached

Querysets do not always cache their results. When evaluating only part of the queryset, the cache is checked, but if it is not populated then the items returned by the subsequent query are not cached. Specifically, this means that limiting the queryset using an array slice or an index will not populate the cache.

For example, repeatedly getting a certain index in a queryset object will query the database each time:

```python
>>> queryset = Entry.objects.all()
>>> print(queryset[5])  # Queries the database
>>> print(queryset[5])  # Queries the database again
```

However, if the entire queryset has already been evaluated, the cache will be checked instead:

```python
>>> queryset = Entry.objects.all()
>>> [entry for entry in queryset]  # Queries the database
>>> print(queryset[5])  # Uses cache
>>> print(queryset[5])  # Uses cache
```

Here are some examples of other actions that will result in the entire queryset being evaluated and therefore populate the cache:

```python
>>> [entry for entry in queryset]
>>> bool(queryset)
>>> entry in queryset
>>> list(queryset)
```

**Note:** Simply printing the queryset will not populate the cache. This is because the call to `__repr__()` only returns a slice of the entire queryset.

### Querying JSONField

Lookups implementation is different in `JSONField`, mainly due to the existence of key transformations. To demonstrate, we will use the following example model:

```python
from django.db import models

class Dog(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    data = models.JSONField(null=True)

    def __str__(self):
        return self.name
```

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Storing and querying for None

As with other fields, storing None as the field’s value will store it as SQL NULL. While not recommended, it is possible to store JSON scalar null instead of SQL NULL by using `Value('null')`.

Whichever of the values is stored, when retrieved from the database, the Python representation of the JSON scalar null is the same as SQL NULL, i.e. None. Therefore, it can be hard to distinguish between them.

This only applies to None as the top-level value of the field. If None is inside a list or dict, it will always be interpreted as JSON null.

When querying, None value will always be interpreted as JSON null. To query for SQL NULL, use `isnull`:

```python
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Max', data=None)  # SQL NULL.
<Dog: Max>
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Archie', data=Value('null'))  # JSON null.
<Dog: Archie>
```

Unless you are sure you wish to work with SQL NULL values, consider setting `null=False` and providing a suitable default for empty values, such as `default=dict`.

Note: Storing JSON scalar null does not violate `null=False`.

Key, index, and path transforms

To query based on a given dictionary key, use that key as the lookup name:

```python
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Rufus', data={
...   'breed': 'labrador',
...   'owner': {
...     'name': 'Bob',
...     'other_pets': [{
...       'name': 'Fishy',
...     }],
...   },
... })
<Dog: Rufus>
```

Multiple keys can be chained together to form a path lookup:

```python
>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__breed='collie')
<QuerySet [Dog: Meg]>  
```

If the key is an integer, it will be interpreted as an index transform in an array:

```python
>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__owner__name='Bob')
<QuerySet [Dog: Rufus]>  
```
If the key you wish to query by clashes with the name of another lookup, use the `contains` lookup instead. To query for missing keys, use the `isnull` lookup:

```
>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__owner__other_pets__0__name='Fishy')
<QuerySet [<Dog: Rufus]>>
```

Note: The lookup examples given above implicitly use the `exact` lookup. Key, index, and path transforms can also be chained with: `icontains`, `endswith`, `iendswith`, `iexact`, `regex`, `iregex`, `startswith`, `istartswith`, `lt`, `lte`, `gt`, and `gte`, as well as with `Containment and key lookups`.

Note: Due to the way in which key-path queries work, `exclude()` and `filter()` are not guaranteed to produce exhaustive sets. If you want to include objects that do not have the path, add the `isnull` lookup.

Warning: Since any string could be a key in a JSON object, any lookup other than those listed below will be interpreted as a key lookup. No errors are raised. Be extra careful for typing mistakes, and always check your queries work as you intend.

MariaDB and Oracle users

Using `order_by()` on key, index, or path transforms will sort the objects using the string representation of the values. This is because MariaDB and Oracle Database do not provide a function that converts JSON values into their equivalent SQL values.

Oracle users

On Oracle Database, using `None` as the lookup value in an `exclude()` query will return objects that do not have `null` as the value at the given path, including objects that do not have the path. On other database backends, the query will return objects that have the path and the value is not `null`.

PostgreSQL users

On PostgreSQL, if only one key or index is used, the SQL operator `->` is used. If multiple operators are used then the `#>` operator is used.

Containment and key lookups
contains

The `contains` lookup is overridden on `JSONField`. The returned objects are those where the given dict of key-value pairs are all contained in the top-level of the field. For example:

```python
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Rufus', data={'breed': 'labrador', 'owner': 'Bob'})
<Dog: Rufus>
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Meg', data={'breed': 'collie', 'owner': 'Bob'})
<Dog: Meg>
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Fred', data={})
<Dog: Fred>
>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__contains={'owner': 'Bob'})
<QuerySet [<Dog: Rufus>, <Dog: Meg>]>  
>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__contains={'breed': 'collie'})
<QuerySet [<Dog: Meg>]>  

Oracle and SQLite

`contains` is not supported on Oracle and SQLite.

contained_by

This is the inverse of the `contains` lookup - the objects returned will be those where the key-value pairs on the object are a subset of those in the value passed. For example:

```python
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Rufus', data={'breed': 'labrador', 'owner': 'Bob'})
<Dog: Rufus>
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Meg', data={'breed': 'collie', 'owner': 'Bob'})
<Dog: Meg>
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Fred', data={})
<Dog: Fred>
>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__contained_by={'breed': 'collie', 'owner': 'Bob'})
<QuerySet [<Dog: Meg>, <Dog: Fred>]>  
>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__contained_by={'breed': 'collie'})
<QuerySet [<Dog: Fred>]>  

Oracle and SQLite

`contained_by` is not supported on Oracle and SQLite.

has_key

Returns objects where the given key is in the top-level of the data. For example:

```python
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Rufus', data={'breed': 'labrador'})
<Dog: Rufus>
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Meg', data={'breed': 'collie', 'owner': 'Bob'})
<Dog: Meg>
>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__has_key='owner')
<QuerySet [<Dog: Meg>]>  
```
has_keys

Returns objects where all of the given keys are in the top-level of the data. For example:

```python
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Rufus', data={'breed': 'labrador'})
<Dog: Rufus>
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Meg', data={'breed': 'collie', 'owner': 'Bob'})
<Dog: Meg>
>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__has_keys=['breed', 'owner'])
<QuerySet [<Dog: Meg]>)
```

has_any_keys

Returns objects where any of the given keys are in the top-level of the data. For example:

```python
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Rufus', data={'breed': 'labrador'})
<Dog: Rufus>
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Meg', data={'owner': 'Bob'})
<Dog: Meg>
>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__has_any_keys=['owner', 'breed'])
<QuerySet [<Dog: Rufus>, <Dog: Meg>]>
```

Complex lookups with Q objects

Keyword argument queries – in `filter()`, etc. – are “AND”ed together. If you need to execute more complex queries (for example, queries with OR statements), you can use Q objects.

A Q object (django.db.models.Q) is an object used to encapsulate a collection of keyword arguments. These keyword arguments are specified as in “Field lookups” above.

For example, this Q object encapsulates a single LIKE query:

```python
from django.db.models import Q
Q(question__startswith='What')
```

Q objects can be combined using the & and | operators. When an operator is used on two Q objects, it yields a new Q object.

For example, this statement yields a single Q object that represents the “OR” of two "question__startswith" queries:

```python
Q(question__startswith='Who') | Q(question__startswith='What')
```

This is equivalent to the following SQL WHERE clause:

```sql
WHERE question LIKE 'Who%' OR question LIKE 'What'
```

You can compose statements of arbitrary complexity by combining Q objects with the & and | operators and use parenthetical grouping. Also, Q objects can be negated using the ~ operator, allowing for combined lookups that combine both a normal query and a negated (NOT) query:

```python
Q(question__startswith='Who') | ~Q(pub_date__year=2005)
```
Each lookup function that takes keyword-arguments (e.g. `filter()`, `exclude()`, `get()`) can also be passed one or more `Q` objects as positional (not-named) arguments. If you provide multiple `Q` object arguments to a lookup function, the arguments will be “AND”ed together. For example:

```python
Poll.objects.get(
    Q(question__startswith='Who'),
    Q(pub_date=date(2005, 5, 2)) | Q(pub_date=date(2005, 5, 6))
)
```

... roughly translates into the SQL:

```
SELECT * from polls WHERE question LIKE 'Who%' AND (pub_date = '2005-05-02' OR pub_date = '2005-05-06')
```

Lookup functions can mix the use of `Q` objects and keyword arguments. All arguments provided to a lookup function (be they keyword arguments or `Q` objects) are “AND”ed together. However, if a `Q` object is provided, it must precede the definition of any keyword arguments. For example:

```python
Poll.objects.get(
    Q(pub_date=date(2005, 5, 2)) | Q(pub_date=date(2005, 5, 6)),
    question__startswith='Who',
)
```

... would be a valid query, equivalent to the previous example; but:

```python
# INVALID QUERY
Poll.objects.get(
    question__startswith='Who',
    Q(pub_date=date(2005, 5, 2)) | Q(pub_date=date(2005, 5, 6))
)
```

... would not be valid.

See also:
The OR lookups examples in Django’s unit tests show some possible uses of `Q`.

### Comparing objects

To compare two model instances, use the standard Python comparison operator, the double equals sign: `==`. Behind the scenes, that compares the primary key values of two models.

Using the `Entry` example above, the following two statements are equivalent:

```python
>>> some_entry == other_entry
>>> some_entry.id == other_entry.id
```

If a model’s primary key isn’t called `id`, no problem. Comparisons will always use the primary key, whatever it’s called. For example, if a model’s primary key field is called `name`, these two statements are equivalent:

```python
>>> some_obj == other_obj
>>> some_obj.name == other_obj.name
```

### Deleting objects

The delete method, conveniently, is named `delete()`. This method immediately deletes the object and returns the number of objects deleted and a dictionary with the number of deletions per object type. Example:
You can also delete objects in bulk. Every QuerySet has a delete() method, which deletes all members of that QuerySet.

For example, this deletes all Entry objects with a pub_date year of 2005:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__year=2005).delete()
(5, {'webapp.Entry': 5})
```

Keep in mind that this will, whenever possible, be executed purely in SQL, and so the delete() methods of individual object instances will not necessarily be called during the process. If you’ve provided a custom delete() method on a model class and want to ensure that it is called, you will need to “manually” delete instances of that model (e.g., by iterating over a QuerySet and calling delete() on each object individually) rather than using the bulk delete() method of a QuerySet.

When Django deletes an object, by default it emulates the behavior of the SQL constraint ON DELETE CASCADE—in other words, any objects which had foreign keys pointing at the object to be deleted will be deleted along with it. For example:

```python
b = Blog.objects.get(pk=1)
# This will delete the Blog and all of its Entry objects.
b.delete()
```

This cascade behavior is customizable via the on_delete argument to the ForeignKey.

Note that delete() is the only QuerySet method that is not exposed on a Manager itself. This is a safety mechanism to prevent you from accidentally requesting Entry.objects.delete(), and deleting all the entries. If you do want to delete all the objects, then you have to explicitly request a complete query set:

```python
Entry.objects.all().delete()
```

### Copying model instances

Although there is no built-in method for copying model instances, it is possible to easily create new instance with all fields’ values copied. In the simplest case, you can set pk to None. Using our blog example:

```python
blog = Blog(name='My blog', tagline='Blogging is easy')
blog.save() # blog.pk == 1

blog.pk = None
blog.save() # blog.pk == 2
```

Things get more complicated if you use inheritance. Consider a subclass of Blog:

```python
class ThemeBlog(Blog):
    theme = models.CharField(max_length=200)

django_blog = ThemeBlog(name='Django', tagline='Django is easy', theme='python')
django_blog.save() # django_blog.pk == 3
```

Due to how inheritance works, you have to set both pk and id to None:
This process doesn’t copy relations that aren’t part of the model’s database table. For example, `Entry` has a `ManyToManyField` to `Author`. After duplicating an entry, you must set the many-to-many relations for the new entry:

```python
django_blog.pk = None
django_blog.id = None
django_blog.save()  # django_blog.pk == 4
```

For a `OneToOneField`, you must duplicate the related object and assign it to the new object’s field to avoid violating the one-to-one unique constraint. For example, assuming `entry` is already duplicated as above:

```python
detail = EntryDetail.objects.all()[0]  # some previous entry
old_authors = entry.authors.all()
entry.pk = None
entry.save()
entry.authors.set(old_authors)
```

**Updating multiple objects at once**

Sometimes you want to set a field to a particular value for all the objects in a `QuerySet`. You can do this with the `update()` method. For example:

```python
# Update all the headlines with pub_date in 2007.
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__year=2007).update(headline='Everything is the same')
```

You can only set non-relation fields and `ForeignKey` fields using this method. To update a non-relation field, provide the new value as a constant. To update `ForeignKey` fields, set the new value to be the new model instance you want to point to. For example:

```python
>>> b = Blog.objects.get(pk=1)
# Change every Entry so that it belongs to this Blog.
>>> Entry.objects.all().update(blog=b)
```

The `update()` method is applied instantly and returns the number of rows matched by the query (which may not be equal to the number of rows updated if some rows already have the new value). The only restriction on the `QuerySet` being updated is that it can only access one database table: the model’s main table. You can filter based on related fields, but you can only update columns in the model’s main table. Example:

```python
>>> b = Blog.objects.get(pk=1)
# Update all the headlines belonging to this Blog.
>>> Entry.objects.filter(blog=b).update(headline='Everything is the same')
```

Be aware that the `update()` method is converted directly to an SQL statement. It is a bulk operation for direct updates. It doesn’t run any `save()` methods on your models, or emit the `pre_save` or `post_save` signals (which are a consequence of calling `save()`), or honor the `auto_now` field option. If you want to save every item in a `QuerySet` and make sure that the `save()` method is called on each instance, you don’t need any special function to handle that. Loop over them and call `save()`:
Calls to update can also use \textit{F expressions} to update one field based on the value of another field in the model. This is especially useful for incrementing counters based upon their current value. For example, to increment the pingback count for every entry in the blog:

\begin{verbatim}
for item in my_queryset:
    item.save()
\end{verbatim}

However, unlike \texttt{F()} objects in filter and exclude clauses, you can’t introduce joins when you use \texttt{F()} objects in an update – you can only reference fields local to the model being updated. If you attempt to introduce a join with an \texttt{F()} object, a \texttt{FieldError} will be raised:

\begin{verbatim}
# This will raise a FieldError
Entry.objects.update(headline=F('blog__name'))
\end{verbatim}

### Related objects

When you define a relationship in a model (i.e., a \texttt{ForeignKey}, \texttt{OneToOneField}, or \texttt{ManyToManyField}), instances of that model will have a convenient API to access the related object(s).

Using the models at the top of this page, for example, an \texttt{Entry} object \texttt{e} can get its associated \texttt{Blog} object by accessing the \texttt{blog} attribute: \texttt{e.blog}.

(Behind the scenes, this functionality is implemented by Python descriptors. This shouldn’t really matter to you, but we point it out here for the curious.)

Django also creates API accessors for the “other” side of the relationship – the link from the related model to the model that defines the relationship. For example, a \texttt{Blog} object \texttt{b} has access to a list of all related \texttt{Entry} objects via the \texttt{entry_set} attribute: \texttt{b.entry_set.all()}.

All examples in this section use the sample \texttt{Blog}, \texttt{Author} and \texttt{Entry} models defined at the top of this page.

### One-to-many relationships

#### Forward

If a model has a \texttt{ForeignKey}, instances of that model will have access to the related (foreign) object via an attribute of the model.

Example:

\begin{verbatim}
>>> e = Entry.objects.get(id=2)
>>> e.blog # Returns the related Blog object.
\end{verbatim}

You can get and set via a foreign-key attribute. As you may expect, changes to the foreign key aren’t saved to the database until you call \texttt{save()}. Example:

\begin{verbatim}
>>> e = Entry.objects.get(id=2)
>>> e.blog = some_blog
>>> e.save()
\end{verbatim}

If a \texttt{ForeignKey} field has \texttt{null=True} set (i.e., it allows NULL values), you can assign \texttt{None} to remove the relation. Example:
Forward access to one-to-many relationships is cached the first time the related object is accessed. Subsequent accesses to the foreign key on the same object instance are cached. Example:

```python
>>> e = Entry.objects.get(id=2)
>>> e.blog = None
>>> e.save() # "UPDATE blog_entry SET blog_id = NULL ...;"
```

Note that the `select_related()` QuerySet method recursively prepopulates the cache of all one-to-many relationships ahead of time. Example:

```python
>>> e = Entry.objects.select_related().get(id=2)
>>> print(e.blog) # Doesn't hit the database; uses cached version.
>>> print(e.blog) # Doesn't hit the database; uses cached version.
```

### Following relationships “backward”

If a model has a `ForeignKey`, instances of the foreign-key model will have access to a `Manager` that returns all instances of the first model. By default, this `Manager` is named `FOO_set`, where `FOO` is the source model name, lowercased. This `Manager` returns QuerySets, which can be filtered and manipulated as described in the “Retrieving objects” section above.

Example:

```python
>>> b = Blog.objects.get(id=1)
>>> b.entry_set.all() # Returns all Entry objects related to Blog.
# b.entry_set is a Manager that returns QuerySets.
>>> b.entry_set.filter(headline__contains='Lennon')
>>> b.entry_set.count()
```

You can override the `FOO_set` name by setting the `related_name` parameter in the `ForeignKey` definition. For example, if the `Entry` model was altered to `blog = ForeignKey(Blog, on_delete=models.CASCADE, related_name='entries')`, the above example code would look like this:

```python
>>> b = Blog.objects.get(id=1)
>>> b.entries.all() # Returns all Entry objects related to Blog.
# b.entries is a Manager that returns QuerySets.
>>> b.entries.filter(headline__contains='Lennon')
>>> b.entries.count()
```

### Using a custom reverse manager

By default the `RelatedManager` used for reverse relations is a subclass of the `default manager` for that model. If you would like to specify a different manager for a given query you can use the following syntax:

```python
from django.db import models
class Entry(models.Model):
```

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Additional methods to handle related objects

In addition to the QuerySet methods defined in “Retrieving objects” above, the ForeignKey Manager has additional methods used to handle the set of related objects. A synopsis of each is below, and complete details can be found in the related objects reference.

- `add(obj1, obj2, ...)`: Adds the specified model objects to the related object set.
- `create(**kwargs)`: Creates a new object, saves it and puts it in the related object set. Returns the newly created object.
- `remove(obj1, obj2, ...)`: Removes the specified model objects from the related object set.
- `clear()`: Removes all objects from the related object set.
- `set(objs)`: Replace the set of related objects.

To assign the members of a related set, use the `set()` method with an iterable of object instances. For example, if `e1` and `e2` are Entry instances:

```python
b = Blog.objects.get(id=1)
b.entry_set.set([e1, e2])
```

If the `clear()` method is available, any pre-existing objects will be removed from the `entry_set` before all objects in the iterable (in this case, a list) are added to the set. If the `clear()` method is not available, all objects in the iterable will be added without removing any existing elements.

Each “reverse” operation described in this section has an immediate effect on the database. Every addition, creation and deletion is immediately and automatically saved to the database.

Many-to-many relationships

Both ends of a many-to-many relationship get automatic API access to the other end. The API works similar to a “backward” one-to-many relationship, above.

One difference is in the attribute naming: The model that defines the `ManyToManyField` uses the attribute name of that field itself, whereas the “reverse” model uses the lowercased model name of the original model, plus `'_set'` (just like reverse one-to-many relationships).

An example makes this easier to understand:
Like ForeignKey, ManyToManyField can specify related_name. In the above example, if the ManyToManyField in Entry had specified related_name='entries', then each Author instance would have an entries attribute instead of entry_set.

Another difference from one-to-many relationships is that in addition to model instances, the add(), set(), and remove() methods on many-to-many relationships accept primary key values. For example, if e1 and e2 are Entry instances, then these set() calls work identically:

```python
a = Author.objects.get(id=5)
a.entry_set.set([e1, e2])
a.entry_set.set([e1.pk, e2.pk])
```

### One-to-one relationships

One-to-one relationships are very similar to many-to-one relationships. If you define a OneToOneField on your model, instances of that model will have access to the related object via an attribute of the model.

For example:

```python
class EntryDetail(models.Model):
    entry = models.OneToOneField(Entry, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    details = models.TextField()

ed = EntryDetail.objects.get(id=2)
ed.entry # Returns the related Entry object.
```

The difference comes in “reverse” queries. The related model in a one-to-one relationship also has access to a Manager object, but that Manager represents a single object, rather than a collection of objects:

```python
e = Entry.objects.get(id=2)
e.entrydetail # returns the related EntryDetail object
```

If no object has been assigned to this relationship, Django will raise a DoesNotExist exception.

Instances can be assigned to the reverse relationship in the same way as you would assign the forward relationship:

```python
e.entrydetail = ed
```

### How are the backward relationships possible?

Other object-relational mappers require you to define relationships on both sides. The Django developers believe this is a violation of the DRY (Don’t Repeat Yourself) principle, so Django only requires you to define the relationship on one end.

But how is this possible, given that a model class doesn’t know which other model classes are related to it until those other model classes are loaded?
The answer lies in the app registry. When Django starts, it imports each application listed in `INSTALLED_APPS`, and then the `models` module inside each application. Whenever a new model class is created, Django adds backward-relationships to any related models. If the related models haven’t been imported yet, Django keeps tracks of the relationships and adds them when the related models eventually are imported.

For this reason, it’s particularly important that all the models you’re using be defined in applications listed in `INSTALLED_APPS`. Otherwise, backwards relations may not work properly.

**Queries over related objects**

Queries involving related objects follow the same rules as queries involving normal value fields. When specifying the value for a query to match, you may use either an object instance itself, or the primary key value for the object.

For example, if you have a Blog object `b` with `id=5`, the following three queries would be identical:

```python
Entry.objects.filter(blog=b) # Query using object instance
Entry.objects.filter(blog=b.id) # Query using id from instance
Entry.objects.filter(blog=5)   # Query using id directly
```

**Falling back to raw SQL**

If you find yourself needing to write an SQL query that is too complex for Django’s database-mapper to handle, you can fall back on writing SQL by hand. Django has a couple of options for writing raw SQL queries; see [Performing raw SQL queries](#).

Finally, it’s important to note that the Django database layer is merely an interface to your database. You can access your database via other tools, programming languages or database frameworks; there’s nothing Django-specific about your database.

### 3.2.3 Aggregation

The topic guide on Django’s database-abstraction API described the way that you can use Django queries that create, retrieve, update and delete individual objects. However, sometimes you will need to retrieve values that are derived by summarizing or aggregating a collection of objects. This topic guide describes the ways that aggregate values can be generated and returned using Django queries.

Throughout this guide, we’ll refer to the following models. These models are used to track the inventory for a series of online bookstores:

```python
from django.db import models

class Author(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    age = models.IntegerField()

class Publisher(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=300)

class Book(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=300)
    pages = models.IntegerField()
    price = models.DecimalField(max_digits=10, decimal_places=2)
    rating = models.FloatField()
    authors = models.ManyToManyField(Author)
```

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publisher = models.ForeignKey(Publisher, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
pubdate = models.DateField()

class Store(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=300)
    books = models.ManyToManyField(Book)

Cheat sheet

In a hurry? Here’s how to do common aggregate queries, assuming the models above:

```python
# Total number of books.
>>> Book.objects.count()
2452

# Total number of books with publisher=BaloneyPress
>>> Book.objects.filter(publisher__name='BaloneyPress').count()
73

# Average price across all books.
>>> from django.db.models import Avg
>>> Book.objects.all().aggregate(Avg('price'))
{'price__avg': 34.35}

# Max price across all books.
>>> from django.db.models import Max
>>> Book.objects.all().aggregate(Max('price'))
{'price__max': Decimal('81.20')}

# Difference between the highest priced book and the average price of all books.
>>> from django.db.models import FloatField
>>> Book.objects.aggregate(
    ... price_diff=Max('price', output_field=FloatField()) - Avg('price'))
{'price_diff': 46.85}

# All the following queries involve traversing the Book<->Publisher foreign key relationship backwards.

# Each publisher, each with a count of books as a "num_books" attribute.
>>> from django.db.models import Count
>>> pubs = Publisher.objects.annotate(num_books=Count('book'))
>>> pubs
<QuerySet [<Publisher: BaloneyPress>, <Publisher: SalamiPress>, ...]>

# Each publisher, with a separate count of books with a rating above and below 5
>>> from django.db.models import Q
>>> above_5 = Count('book', filter=Q(book__rating__gt=5))
>>> below_5 = Count('book', filter=Q(book__rating__lte=5))
>>> pubs = Publisher.objects.annotate(below_5=below_5).annotate(above_5=above_5)
>>> pubs[0].above_5
23
>>> pubs[0].below_5
12
```
# The top 5 publishers, in order by number of books.
>>> pubs = Publisher.objects.annotate(num_books=Count('book')).order_by('-num_books')[:5]
>>> pubs[0].num_books
1323

Generating aggregates over a QuerySet

Django provides two ways to generate aggregates. The first way is to generate summary values over an entire QuerySet. For example, say you wanted to calculate the average price of all books available for sale. Django’s query syntax provides a means for describing the set of all books:

```python
>>> Book.objects.all()
```

What we need is a way to calculate summary values over the objects that belong to this QuerySet. This is done by appending an `aggregate()` clause onto the QuerySet:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import Avg
>>> Book.objects.all().aggregate(Avg('price'))
{'price__avg': 34.35}
```

The `all()` is redundant in this example, so this could be simplified to:

```python
>>> Book.objects.aggregate(Avg('price'))
{'price__avg': 34.35}
```

The argument to the `aggregate()` clause describes the aggregate value that we want to compute - in this case, the average of the `price` field on the `Book` model. A list of the aggregate functions that are available can be found in the `QuerySet` reference.

`aggregate()` is a terminal clause for a QuerySet that, when invoked, returns a dictionary of name-value pairs. The name is an identifier for the aggregate value; the value is the computed aggregate. The name is automatically generated from the name of the field and the aggregate function. If you want to manually specify a name for the aggregate value, you can do so by providing that name when you specify the aggregate clause:

```python
>>> Book.objects.aggregate(average_price=Avg('price'))
{'average_price': 34.35}
```

If you want to generate more than one aggregate, you add another argument to the `aggregate()` clause. So, if we also wanted to know the maximum and minimum price of all books, we would issue the query:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import Avg, Max, Min
>>> Book.objects.aggregate(Avg('price'), Max('price'), Min('price'))
{'price__avg': 34.35, 'price__max': Decimal('81.20'), 'price__min': Decimal('12.99')}
```

Generating aggregates for each item in a QuerySet

The second way to generate summary values is to generate an independent summary for each object in a QuerySet. For example, if you are retrieving a list of books, you may want to know how many authors contributed to each book. Each `Book` has a many-to-many relationship with the `Author`; we want to summarize this relationship for each book in the `QuerySet`.

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Per-object summaries can be generated using the `annotate()` clause. When an `annotate()` clause is specified, each object in the QuerySet will be annotated with the specified values.

The syntax for these annotations is identical to that used for the `aggregate()` clause. Each argument to `annotate()` describes an aggregate that is to be calculated. For example, to annotate books with the number of authors:

```
# Build an annotated queryset
>>> from django.db.models import Count
>>> q = Book.objects.annotate(Count('authors'))
# Interrogate the first object in the queryset
>>> q[0]
<Book: The Definitive Guide to Django>
>>> q[0].authors__count
2
# Interrogate the second object in the queryset
>>> q[1]
<Book: Practical Django Projects>
>>> q[1].authors__count
1
```

As with `aggregate()`, the name for the annotation is automatically derived from the name of the aggregate function and the name of the field being aggregated. You can override this default name by providing an alias when you specify the annotation:

```
>>> q = Book.objects.annotate(num_authors=Count('authors'))
>>> q[0].num_authors
2
>>> q[1].num_authors
1
```

Unlike `aggregate()`, `annotate()` is not a terminal clause. The output of the `annotate()` clause is a QuerySet: this QuerySet can be modified using any other QuerySet operation, including `filter()`, `order_by()`, or even additional calls to `annotate()`.

### Combining multiple aggregations

Combining multiple aggregations with `annotate()` will yield the wrong results because joins are used instead of subqueries:

```
>>> book = Book.objects.first()
>>> book.authors.count()
2
>>> book.store_set.count()
3
>>> q = Book.objects.annotate(Count('authors'), Count('store'))
>>> q[0].authors__count
6
>>> q[0].store__count
6
```

For most aggregates, there is no way to avoid this problem, however, the `Count` aggregate has a `distinct` parameter that may help:
```python
>>> q = Book.objects.annotate(Count('authors', distinct=True), Count('store',
˓→distinct=True))
>>> q[0].authors__count
2
>>> q[0].store__count
3
```

**If in doubt, inspect the SQL query!**

In order to understand what happens in your query, consider inspecting the `query` property of your `QuerySet`.

### Joins and aggregates

So far, we have dealt with aggregates over fields that belong to the model being queried. However, sometimes the value you want to aggregate will belong to a model that is related to the model you are querying.

When specifying the field to be aggregated in an aggregate function, Django will allow you to use the same *double underscore notation* that is used when referring to related fields in filters. Django will then handle any table joins that are required to retrieve and aggregate the related value.

For example, to find the price range of books offered in each store, you could use the annotation:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import Max, Min
>>> Store.objects.annotate(min_price=Min('books__price'), max_price=Max('books__price'))
```

This tells Django to retrieve the `Store` model, join (through the many-to-many relationship) with the `Book` model, and aggregate on the price field of the book model to produce a minimum and maximum value.

The same rules apply to the `aggregate()` clause. If you wanted to know the lowest and highest price of any book that is available for sale in any of the stores, you could use the aggregate:

```python
>>> Store.objects.aggregate(min_price=Min('books__price'), max_price=Max('books__price'))
```

Join chains can be as deep as you require. For example, to extract the age of the youngest author of any book available for sale, you could issue the query:

```python
>>> Store.objects.aggregate(youngest_age=Min('books__authors__age'))
```

### Following relationships backwards

In a way similar to *Lookups that span relationships*, aggregations and annotations on fields of models or models that are related to the one you are querying can include traversing “reverse” relationships. The lowercase name of related models and double-underscores are used here too.

For example, we can ask for all publishers, annotated with their respective total book stock counters (note how we use 'book' to specify the Publisher -> Book reverse foreign key hop):

```python
>>> from django.db.models import Avg, Count, Min, Sum
>>> Publisher.objects.annotate(Count('book'))
```
(Every Publisher in the resulting QuerySet will have an extra attribute called book__count.)

We can also ask for the oldest book of any of those managed by every publisher:

```sql
>>> Publisher.objects.aggregate(oldest_pubdate=Min('book__pubdate'))
```

(The resulting dictionary will have a key called 'oldest_pubdate'. If no such alias were specified, it would be the rather long 'book__pubdate__min'.)

This doesn’t apply just to foreign keys. It also works with many-to-many relations. For example, we can ask for every author, annotated with the total number of pages considering all the books the author has (co-)authored (note how we use 'book' to specify the Author -> Book reverse many-to-many hop):

```sql
>>> Author.objects.annotate(total_pages=Sum('book__pages'))
```

(Every Author in the resulting QuerySet will have an extra attribute called total_pages. If no such alias were specified, it would be the rather long book__pages__sum.)

Or ask for the average rating of all the books written by author(s) we have on file:

```sql
>>> Author.objects.aggregate(average_rating=Avg('book__rating'))
```

(The resulting dictionary will have a key called 'average_rating'. If no such alias were specified, it would be the rather long 'book__rating__avg'.)

### Aggregations and other QuerySet clauses

#### filter() and exclude()

Aggregates can also participate in filters. Any filter() (or exclude()) applied to normal model fields will have the effect of constraining the objects that are considered for aggregation.

When used with an annotate() clause, a filter has the effect of constraining the objects for which an annotation is calculated. For example, you can generate an annotated list of all books that have a title starting with “Django” using the query:

```sql
>>> from django.db.models import Avg, Count
>>> Book.objects.filter(name__startswith="Django").annotate(num_authors=Count('authors'))
```

When used with an aggregate() clause, a filter has the effect of constraining the objects over which the aggregate is calculated. For example, you can generate the average price of all books with a title that starts with “Django” using the query:

```sql
>>> Book.objects.filter(name__startswith="Django").aggregate(Avg('price'))
```

#### Filtering on annotations

Annotated values can also be filtered. The alias for the annotation can be used in filter() and exclude() clauses in the same way as any other model field.

For example, to generate a list of books that have more than one author, you can issue the query:

```sql
>>> Book.objects.annotate(num_authors=Count('authors')).filter(num_authors__gt=1)
```
This query generates an annotated result set, and then generates a filter based upon that annotation. If you need two annotations with two separate filters you can use the `filter` argument with any aggregate. For example, to generate a list of authors with a count of highly rated books:

```python
>>> highly_rated = Count('book', filter=Q(book__rating__gte=7))
>>> Author.objects.annotate(num_books=Count('book'), highly_rated_books=highly_rated)
```

Each Author in the result set will have the `num_books` and `highly_rated_books` attributes.

### Choosing between `filter` and `QuerySet.filter()`

Avoid using the `filter` argument with a single annotation or aggregation. It’s more efficient to use `QuerySet.filter()` to exclude rows. The aggregation `filter` argument is only useful when using two or more aggregations over the same relations with different conditionals.

### Order of `annotate()` and `filter()` clauses

When developing a complex query that involves both `annotate()` and `filter()` clauses, pay particular attention to the order in which the clauses are applied to the `QuerySet`.

When an `annotate()` clause is applied to a query, the annotation is computed over the state of the query up to the point where the annotation is requested. The practical implication of this is that `filter()` and `annotate()` are not commutative operations.

Given:

- Publisher A has two books with ratings 4 and 5.
- Publisher B has two books with ratings 1 and 4.
- Publisher C has one book with rating 1.

Here’s an example with the `Count` aggregate:

```python
>>> a, b = Publisher.objects.annotate(num_books=Count('book', distinct=True)).filter(book__rating__gt=3.0).values('num_books')
<QuerySet [{'num_books': 2}, {'num_books': 1}]>
```

Both queries return a list of publishers that have at least one book with a rating exceeding 3.0, hence publisher C is excluded.

In the first query, the annotation precedes the filter, so the filter has no effect on the annotation. `distinct=True` is required to avoid a `query bug`.

The second query counts the number of books that have a rating exceeding 3.0 for each publisher. The filter precedes the annotation, so the filter constrains the objects considered when calculating the annotation.

Here’s another example with the `Avg` aggregate:
The first query asks for the average rating of all a publisher’s books for publisher’s that have at least one book with a rating exceeding 3.0. The second query asks for the average of a publisher’s book’s ratings for only those ratings exceeding 3.0.

It’s difficult to intuit how the ORM will translate complex querysets into SQL queries so when in doubt, inspect the SQL with `str(queryset.query)` and write plenty of tests.

**order_by()**

Annotations can be used as a basis for ordering. When you define an `order_by()` clause, the aggregates you provide can reference any alias defined as part of an `annotate()` clause in the query.

For example, to order a QuerySet of books by the number of authors that have contributed to the book, you could use the following query:

```python
>>> Book.objects.annotate(num_authors=Count('authors')).order_by('num_authors')
```

**values()**

Ordinarily, annotations are generated on a per-object basis - an annotated QuerySet will return one result for each object in the original QuerySet. However, when a `values()` clause is used to constrain the columns that are returned in the result set, the method for evaluating annotations is slightly different. Instead of returning an annotated result for each result in the original QuerySet, the original results are grouped according to the unique combinations of the fields specified in the `values()` clause. An annotation is then provided for each unique group; the annotation is computed over all members of the group.

For example, consider an author query that attempts to find out the average rating of books written by each author:

```python
>>> Author.objects.annotate(average_rating=Avg('book__rating'))
```

This will return one result for each author in the database, annotated with their average book rating.

However, the result will be slightly different if you use a `values()` clause:

```python
>>> Author.objects.values('name').annotate(average_rating=Avg('book__rating'))
```

In this example, the authors will be grouped by name, so you will only get an annotated result for each unique author name. This means if you have two authors with the same name, their results will be merged into a single result in the output of the query; the average will be computed as the average over the books written by both authors.
Order of `annotate()` and `values()` clauses

As with the `filter()` clause, the order in which `annotate()` and `values()` clauses are applied to a query is significant. If the `values()` clause precedes the `annotate()`, the annotation will be computed using the grouping described by the `values()` clause.

However, if the `annotate()` clause precedes the `values()` clause, the annotations will be generated over the entire query set. In this case, the `values()` clause only constrains the fields that are generated on output.

For example, if we reverse the order of the `values()` and `annotate()` clause from our previous example:

```python
>>> Author.objects.annotate(average_rating=Avg('book__rating')).values('name', 'average_rating')
```

This will now yield one unique result for each author; however, only the author’s name and the `average_rating` annotation will be returned in the output data.

You should also note that `average_rating` has been explicitly included in the list of values to be returned. This is required because of the ordering of the `values()` and `annotate()` clause.

If the `values()` clause precedes the `annotate()` clause, any annotations will be automatically added to the result set. However, if the `values()` clause is applied after the `annotate()` clause, you need to explicitly include the aggregate column.

Interaction with default ordering or `order_by()`

Fields that are mentioned in the `order_by()` part of a queryset (or which are used in the default ordering on a model) are used when selecting the output data, even if they are not otherwise specified in the `values()` call. These extra fields are used to group “like” results together and they can make otherwise identical result rows appear to be separate. This shows up, particularly, when counting things.

By way of example, suppose you have a model like this:

```python
from django.db import models
class Item(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=10)
    data = models.IntegerField()

class Meta:
    ordering = ["name"]
```

The important part here is the default ordering on the `name` field. If you want to count how many times each distinct `data` value appears, you might try this:

```python
# Warning: not quite correct!
Item.objects.values("data").annotate(Count("id"))
```

...which will group the `Item` objects by their common `data` values and then count the number of `id` values in each group. Except that it won’t quite work. The default ordering by `name` will also play a part in the grouping, so this query will group by distinct `(data, name)` pairs, which isn’t what you want. Instead, you should construct this queryset:

```python
Item.objects.values("data").annotate(Count("id")).order_by()
```

...clearing any ordering in the query. You could also order by, say, `data` without any harmful effects, since that is already playing a role in the query.

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This behavior is the same as that noted in the queryset documentation for `distinct()` and the general rule is the same: normally you won’t want extra columns playing a part in the result, so clear out the ordering, or at least make sure it’s restricted only to those fields you also select in a `values()` call.

**Note:** You might reasonably ask why Django doesn’t remove the extraneous columns for you. The main reason is consistency with `distinct()` and other places: Django never removes ordering constraints that you have specified (and we can’t change those other methods’ behavior, as that would violate our API stability policy).

### Aggregating annotations

You can also generate an aggregate on the result of an annotation. When you define an `aggregate()` clause, the aggregates you provide can reference any alias defined as part of an `annotate()` clause in the query.

For example, if you wanted to calculate the average number of authors per book you first annotate the set of books with the author count, then aggregate that author count, referencing the annotation field:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import Avg, Count
>>> Book.objects.annotate(num_authors=Count('authors')).aggregate(Avg('num_authors'))
{'num_authors__avg': 1.66}
```

### 3.2.4 Search

A common task for web applications is to search some data in the database with user input. In a simple case, this could be filtering a list of objects by a category. A more complex use case might require searching with weighting, categorization, highlighting, multiple languages, and so on. This document explains some of the possible use cases and the tools you can use.

We’ll refer to the same models used in *Making queries*.

#### Use Cases

##### Standard textual queries

Text-based fields have a selection of matching operations. For example, you may wish to allow lookup up an author like so:

```python
>>> Author.objects.filter(name__contains='Terry')
[<Author: Terry Gilliam>, <Author: Terry Jones>]
```

This is a very fragile solution as it requires the user to know an exact substring of the author’s name. A better approach could be a case-insensitive match (`icontains`), but this is only marginally better.

##### A database’s more advanced comparison functions

If you’re using PostgreSQL, Django provides *a selection of database specific tools* to allow you to leverage more complex querying options. Other databases have different selections of tools, possibly via plugins or user-defined functions. Django doesn’t include any support for them at this time. We’ll use some examples from PostgreSQL to demonstrate the kind of functionality databases may have.

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**Searching in other databases**
All of the searching tools provided by `django.contrib.postgres` are constructed entirely on public APIs such as `custom lookups` and `database functions`. Depending on your database, you should be able to construct queries to allow similar APIs. If there are specific things which cannot be achieved this way, please open a ticket.

In the above example, we determined that a case insensitive lookup would be more useful. When dealing with non-English names, a further improvement is to use `unaccented comparison`:

```python
>>> Author.objects.filter(name__unaccent__icontains='Helen')
[<Author: Helen Mirren>, <Author: Helena Bonham Carter>, <Author: Hélène Joy>]
```

This shows another issue, where we are matching against a different spelling of the name. In this case we have an asymmetry though - a search for `Helen` will pick up `Helena` or `Hélène`, but not the reverse. Another option would be to use a `trigram_similar` comparison, which compares sequences of letters.

For example:

```python
>>> Author.objects.filter(name__unaccent__lower__trigram_similar='Hélène')
[<Author: Helen Mirren>, <Author: Hélène Joy>]
```

Now we have a different problem - the longer name of “Helena Bonham Carter” doesn’t show up as it is much longer. Trigram searches consider all combinations of three letters, and compares how many appear in both search and source strings. For the longer name, there are more combinations that don’t appear in the source string, so it is no longer considered a close match.

The correct choice of comparison functions here depends on your particular data set, for example the language(s) used and the type of text being searched. All of the examples we’ve seen are on short strings where the user is likely to enter something close (by varying definitions) to the source data.

### Document-based search

Standard database operations stop being a useful approach when you start considering large blocks of text. Whereas the examples above can be thought of as operations on a string of characters, full text search looks at the actual words. Depending on the system used, it’s likely to use some of the following ideas:

- Ignoring “stop words” such as “a”, “the”, “and”.
- Stemming words, so that “pony” and “ponies” are considered similar.
- Weighting words based on different criteria such as how frequently they appear in the text, or the importance of the fields, such as the title or keywords, that they appear in.

There are many alternatives for using searching software, some of the most prominent are **Elastic** and **Solr**. These are full document-based search solutions. To use them with data from Django models, you’ll need a layer which translates your data into a textual document, including back-references to the database ids. When a search using the engine returns a certain document, you can then look it up in the database. There are a variety of third-party libraries which are designed to help with this process.

### PostgreSQL support

PostgreSQL has its own full text search implementation built-in. While not as powerful as some other search engines, it has the advantage of being inside your database and so can easily be combined with other relational queries such as categorization.

The `django.contrib.postgres` module provides some helpers to make these queries. For example, a query might select all the blog entries which mention “cheese”:
>>> Entry.objects.filter(body_text__search='cheese')
[<Entry: Cheese on Toast recipes>, <Entry: Pizza recipes>]

You can also filter on a combination of fields and on related models:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.annotate(
    ...   search=SearchVector('blog__tagline', 'body_text'),
    ... ).filter(search='cheese')
[<Entry: Cheese on Toast recipes>,
  <Entry: Pizza Recipes>,
  <Entry: Dairy farming in Argentina>,
]
```

See the `contrib.postgres Full text search` document for complete details.

### 3.2.5 Managers

**class Manager**

A `Manager` is the interface through which database query operations are provided to Django models. At least one `Manager` exists for every model in a Django application.

The way `Manager` classes work is documented in *Making queries*; this document specifically touches on model options that customize `Manager` behavior.

**Manager names**

By default, Django adds a `Manager` with the name `objects` to every Django model class. However, if you want to use `objects` as a field name, or if you want to use a name other than `objects` for the `Manager`, you can rename it on a per-model basis. To rename the `Manager` for a given class, define a class attribute of type `models.Manager()` on that model. For example:

```python
from django.db import models

class Person(models.Model):
    #...
    people = models.Manager()
```

Using this example model, `Person.objects` will generate an `AttributeError` exception, but `Person.people.all()` will provide a list of all `Person` objects.

**Custom managers**

You can use a custom `Manager` in a particular model by extending the base `Manager` class and instantiating your custom `Manager` in your model.

There are two reasons you might want to customize a `Manager`: to add extra `Manager` methods, and/or to modify the initial `QuerySet` the `Manager` returns.
Adding extra manager methods

Adding extra Manager methods is the preferred way to add “table-level” functionality to your models. (For “row-level” functionality – i.e., functions that act on a single instance of a model object – use Model methods, not custom Manager methods.)

A custom Manager method can return anything you want. It doesn’t have to return a QuerySet.

For example, this custom Manager offers a method with_counts(), which returns a list of all OpinionPoll objects, each with an extra num_responses attribute that is the result of an aggregate query:

```python
from django.db import models

class PollManager(models.Manager):
    def with_counts(self):
        from django.db import connection
        with connection.cursor() as cursor:
            cursor.execute(""
                SELECT p.id, p.question, p.poll_date, COUNT(*)
                FROM polls_opinionpoll p, polls_response r
                WHERE p.id = r.poll_id
                GROUP BY p.id, p.question, p.poll_date
                ORDER BY p.poll_date DESC"")
        result_list = []
        for row in cursor.fetchall():
            p = self.model(id=row[0], question=row[1], poll_date=row[2])
            p.num_responses = row[3]
            result_list.append(p)
        return result_list

class OpinionPoll(models.Model):
    question = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    poll_date = models.DateField()
    objects = PollManager()

class Response(models.Model):
    poll = models.ForeignKey(OpinionPoll, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    person_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    response = models.TextField()
```

With this example, you’d use OpinionPoll.objects.with_counts() to return that list of OpinionPoll objects with num_responses attributes.

Another thing to note about this example is that Manager methods can access self.model to get the model class to which they’re attached.

Modifying a manager’s initial QuerySet

A Manager’s base QuerySet returns all objects in the system. For example, using this model:

```python
from django.db import models

class Book(models.Model):
    title = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    author = models.CharField(max_length=50)
```

...the statement Book.objects.all() will return all books in the database.

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You can override a Manager’s base QuerySet by overriding the Manager.get_queryset() method. get_queryset() should return a QuerySet with the properties you require.

For example, the following model has two Managers – one that returns all objects, and one that returns only the books by Roald Dahl:

```python
# First, define the Manager subclass.
class DahlBookManager(models.Manager):
    def get_queryset(self):
        return super().get_queryset().filter(author='Roald Dahl')

# Then hook it into the Book model explicitly.
class Book(models.Model):
    title = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    author = models.CharField(max_length=50)

    objects = models.Manager()  # The default manager.
    dahl_objects = DahlBookManager()  # The Dahl-specific manager.
```

With this sample model, Book.objects.all() will return all books in the database, but Book.dahl_objects.all() will only return the ones written by Roald Dahl.

Because get_queryset() returns a QuerySet object, you can use filter(), exclude() and all the other QuerySet methods on it. So these statements are all legal:

```python
Book.dahl_objects.all()
Book.dahl_objects.filter(title='Matilda')
Book.dahl_objects.count()
```

This example also pointed out another interesting technique: using multiple managers on the same model. You can attach as many Manager() instances to a model as you’d like. This is a non-repetitive way to define common “filters” for your models.

For example:

```python
class AuthorManager(models.Manager):
    def get_queryset(self):
        return super().get_queryset().filter(role='A')

class EditorManager(models.Manager):
    def get_queryset(self):
        return super().get_queryset().filter(role='E')

class Person(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    role = models.CharField(max_length=1, choices=[('A', _('Author')), ('E', _('Editor'))])
    people = models.Manager()
    authors = AuthorManager()
    editors = EditorManager()
```

This example allows you to request Person.authors.all(), Person.editors.all(), and Person.people.all(), yielding predictable results.

**Default managers**

Model._default_manager
If you use custom Manager objects, take note that the first Manager Django encounters (in the order in which they’re defined in the model) has a special status. Django interprets the first Manager defined in a class as the “default” Manager, and several parts of Django (including dumpdata) will use that Manager exclusively for that model. As a result, it’s a good idea to be careful in your choice of default manager in order to avoid a situation where overriding get_queryset() results in an inability to retrieve objects you’d like to work with.

You can specify a custom default manager using Meta.default_manager_name.

If you’re writing some code that must handle an unknown model, for example, in a third-party app that implements a generic view, use this manager (or _base_manager) rather than assuming the model has an objects manager.

Base managers

Model._base_manager

Using managers for related object access

By default, Django uses an instance of the Model._base_manager manager class when accessing related objects (i.e. choice.question), not the _default_manager on the related object. This is because Django needs to be able to retrieve the related object, even if it would otherwise be filtered out (and hence be inaccessible) by the default manager.

If the normal base manager class (django.db.models.Manager) isn’t appropriate for your circumstances, you can tell Django which class to use by setting Meta.base_manager_name.

Base managers aren’t used when querying on related models, or when accessing a one-to-many or many-to-many relationship. For example, if the Question model from the tutorial had a deleted field and a base manager that filters out instances with deleted=True, a queryset like Choice.objects.filter(question__name__startswith='What') would include choices related to deleted questions.

Don’t filter away any results in this type of manager subclass

This manager is used to access objects that are related to from some other model. In those situations, Django has to be able to see all the objects for the model it is fetching, so that anything which is referred to can be retrieved.

Therefore, you should not override get_queryset() to filter out any rows. If you do so, Django will return incomplete results.

Calling custom QuerySet methods from the manager

While most methods from the standard QuerySet are accessible directly from the Manager, this is only the case for the extra methods defined on a custom QuerySet if you also implement them on the Manager:

```python
class PersonQuerySet(models.QuerySet):
    def authors(self):
        return self.filter(role='A')

    def editors(self):
        return self.filter(role='E')

class PersonManager(models.Manager):
    def get_queryset(self):
        return PersonQuerySet(self.model, using=self._db)
```

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def authors(self):
    return self.get_queryset().authors()

def editors(self):
    return self.get_queryset().editors()

class Person(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    role = models.CharField(max_length=1, choices=[('A', _('Author')), ('E', _('Editor'))])
    people = PersonManager()

This example allows you to call both authors() and editors() directly from the manager Person.people.

Creating a manager with QuerySet methods

In lieu of the above approach which requires duplicating methods on both the QuerySet and the Manager, QuerySet.as_manager() can be used to create an instance of Manager with a copy of a custom QuerySet’s methods:

class Person(models.Model):
    ...
    people = PersonQuerySet.as_manager()

The Manager instance created by QuerySet.as_manager() will be virtually identical to the PersonManager from the previous example.

Not every QuerySet method makes sense at the Manager level; for instance we intentionally prevent the QuerySet.delete() method from being copied onto the Manager class.

Methods are copied according to the following rules:

- Public methods are copied by default.
- Private methods (starting with an underscore) are not copied by default.
- Methods with a queryset_only attribute set to False are always copied.
- Methods with a queryset_only attribute set to True are never copied.

For example:

class CustomQuerySet(models.QuerySet):
    # Available on both Manager and QuerySet.
    def public_method(self):
        return

    # Available only on QuerySet.
    def _private_method(self):
        return

    # Available only on QuerySet.
    def opted_out_public_method(self):
        return
        opted_out_public_method.queryset_only = True
from queryset()

classmethod from_queryset(queryset_class)

For advanced usage you might want both a custom Manager and a custom QuerySet. You can do that by calling Manager.from_queryset() which returns a subclass of your base Manager with a copy of the custom QuerySet methods:

class CustomManager(models.Manager):
    def manager_only_method(self):
        return

class CustomQuerySet(models.QuerySet):
    def manager_and_queryset_method(self):
        return

class MyModel(models.Model):
    objects = CustomManager.from_queryset(CustomQuerySet)()

You may also store the generated class into a variable:

MyManager = CustomManager.from_queryset(CustomQuerySet)

class MyModel(models.Model):
    objects = MyManager()

Custom managers and model inheritance

Here’s how Django handles custom managers and model inheritance:

1. Managers from base classes are always inherited by the child class, using Python’s normal name resolution order (names on the child class override all others; then come names on the first parent class, and so on).

2. If no managers are declared on a model and/or its parents, Django automatically creates the objects manager.

3. The default manager on a class is either the one chosen with Meta.default_manager_name, or the first manager declared on the model, or the default manager of the first parent model.

These rules provide the necessary flexibility if you want to install a collection of custom managers on a group of models, via an abstract base class, but still customize the default manager. For example, suppose you have this base class:
If you use this directly in a subclass, `objects` will be the default manager if you declare no managers in the base class:

```python
class ChildA(AbstractBase):
    # ...
    # This class has CustomManager as the default manager.
    pass
```

If you want to inherit from `AbstractBase`, but provide a different default manager, you can provide the default manager on the child class:

```python
class ChildB(AbstractBase):
    # ...
    # An explicit default manager.
    default_manager = OtherManager()
```

Here, `default_manager` is the default. The `objects` manager is still available, since it’s inherited, but isn’t used as the default.

Finally for this example, suppose you want to add extra managers to the child class, but still use the default from `AbstractBase`. You can’t add the new manager directly in the child class, as that would override the default and you would have to also explicitly include all the managers from the abstract base class. The solution is to put the extra managers in another base class and introduce it into the inheritance hierarchy *after* the defaults:

```python
class ExtraManager(models.Model):
    extra_manager = OtherManager()

class Meta:
    abstract = True
class ChildC(AbstractBase, ExtraManager):
    # ...
    # Default manager is CustomManager, but OtherManager is also available via the "extra_manager" attribute.
    pass
```

Note that while you can *define* a custom manager on the abstract model, you can’t *invoke* any methods using the abstract model. That is:

```python
ClassA.objects.do_something()
```

is legal, but:

```python
AbstractBase.objects.do_something()
```

will raise an exception. This is because managers are intended to encapsulate logic for managing collections of objects. Since you can’t have a collection of abstract objects, it doesn’t make sense to be managing them. If you have functionality that applies to the abstract model, you should put that functionality in a `staticmethod` or `classmethod` on the abstract model.

**Implementation concerns**

Whatever features you add to your custom `Manager`, it must be possible to make a shallow copy of a `Manager` instance; i.e., the following code must work:
Django makes shallow copies of manager objects during certain queries; if your Manager cannot be copied, those queries will fail.

This won’t be an issue for most custom managers. If you are just adding simple methods to your Manager, it is unlikely that you will inadvertently make instances of your Manager uncopiable. However, if you’re overriding __getattr__ or some other private method of your Manager object that controls object state, you should ensure that you don’t affect the ability of your Manager to be copied.

## 3.2.6 Performing raw SQL queries

Django gives you two ways of performing raw SQL queries: you can use `Manager.raw()` to perform raw queries and return model instances, or you can avoid the model layer entirely and execute custom SQL directly.

Explore the ORM before using raw SQL!

The Django ORM provides many tools to express queries without writing raw SQL. For example:

- The QuerySet API is extensive.
- You can annotate and aggregate using many built-in database functions. Beyond those, you can create custom query expressions.

Before using raw SQL, explore the ORM. Ask on django-users or the #django IRC channel to see if the ORM supports your use case.

**Warning:** You should be very careful whenever you write raw SQL. Every time you use it, you should properly escape any parameters that the user can control by using `params` in order to protect against SQL injection attacks. Please read more about SQL injection protection.

### Performing raw queries

The `raw()` manager method can be used to perform raw SQL queries that return model instances:

Manager.raw(raw_query, params=None, translations=None)

This method takes a raw SQL query, executes it, and returns a `django.db.models.query.RawQuerySet` instance. This RawQuerySet instance can be iterated over like a normal QuerySet to provide object instances.

This is best illustrated with an example. Suppose you have the following model:

```python
class Person(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(...)
    last_name = models.CharField(...)
    birth_date = models.DateField(...)
```

You could then execute custom SQL like so:
This example isn’t very exciting – it’s exactly the same as running `Person.objects.all()`. However, `raw()` has a bunch of other options that make it very powerful.

### Model table names

Where did the name of the `Person` table come from in that example?

By default, Django figures out a database table name by joining the model’s “app label” – the name you used in `manage.py startapp` – to the model’s class name, with an underscore between them. In the example we’ve assumed that the `Person` model lives in an app named `myapp`, so its table would be `myapp_person`.

For more details check out the documentation for the `db_table` option, which also lets you manually set the database table name.

**Warning:** No checking is done on the SQL statement that is passed in to `.raw()`. Django expects that the statement will return a set of rows from the database, but does nothing to enforce that. If the query does not return rows, a (possibly cryptic) error will result.

**Warning:** If you are performing queries on MySQL, note that MySQL’s silent type coercion may cause unexpected results when mixing types. If you query on a string type column, but with an integer value, MySQL will coerce the types of all values in the table to an integer before performing the comparison. For example, if your table contains the values 'abc', 'def' and you query for `WHERE mycolumn=0`, both rows will match. To prevent this, perform the correct typecasting before using the value in a query.

### Mapping query fields to model fields

`raw()` automatically maps fields in the query to fields on the model.

The order of fields in your query doesn’t matter. In other words, both of the following queries work identically:

```python
>>> Person.objects.raw('SELECT id, first_name, last_name, birth_date FROM myapp_person')
... print(p)
John Smith
Jane Jones
```

Matching is done by name. This means that you can use SQL’s `AS` clauses to map fields in the query to model fields. So if you had some other table that had `Person` data in it, you could easily map it into `Person` instances:

```python
>>> Person.objects.raw('''SELECT first AS first_name,
... last AS last_name,
... bd AS birth_date,
... pk AS id,
... FROM some_other_table''')
```
As long as the names match, the model instances will be created correctly.

Alternatively, you can map fields in the query to model fields using the `translations` argument to `raw()`. This is a dictionary mapping names of fields in the query to names of fields on the model. For example, the above query could also be written:

```python
>>> name_map = {'first': 'first_name', 'last': 'last_name', 'bd': 'birth_date', 'pk': 'id'}
>>> Person.objects.raw('SELECT * FROM some_other_table', translations=name_map)
```

### Index lookups

`raw()` supports indexing, so if you need only the first result you can write:

```python
>>> first_person = Person.objects.raw('SELECT * FROM myapp_person')[0]
```

However, the indexing and slicing are not performed at the database level. If you have a large number of `Person` objects in your database, it is more efficient to limit the query at the SQL level:

```python
>>> first_person = Person.objects.raw('SELECT * FROM myapp_person LIMIT 1')[0]
```

### Deferring model fields

Fields may also be left out:

```python
>>> people = Person.objects.raw('SELECT id, first_name FROM myapp_person')
```

The `Person` objects returned by this query will be deferred model instances (see `defer()`). This means that the fields that are omitted from the query will be loaded on demand. For example:

```python
>>> for p in Person.objects.raw('SELECT id, first_name FROM myapp_person'):
...     print(p.first_name, # This will be retrieved by the original query
...     p.last_name) # This will be retrieved on demand
...     John Smith
...     Jane Jones
```

From outward appearances, this looks like the query has retrieved both the first name and last name. However, this example actually issued 3 queries. Only the first names were retrieved by the `raw()` query – the last names were both retrieved on demand when they were printed.

There is only one field that you can’t leave out - the primary key field. Django uses the primary key to identify model instances, so it must always be included in a raw query. A `FieldDoesNotExist` exception will be raised if you forget to include the primary key.

### Adding annotations

You can also execute queries containing fields that aren’t defined on the model. For example, we could use PostgreSQL’s `age()` function to get a list of people with their ages calculated by the database:

```python
>>> people = Person.objects.raw('SELECT *, age(birth_date) AS age FROM myapp_person')
>>> for p in people:
...     print("%s is %s." % (p.first_name, p.age))
```

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You can often avoid using raw SQL to compute annotations by instead using a `Func()` expression.

### Passing parameters into `raw()`

If you need to perform parameterized queries, you can use the `params` argument to `raw()`:

```python
>>> lname = 'Doe'
>>> Person.objects.raw('SELECT * FROM myapp_person WHERE last_name = %s', [lname])
```

`params` is a list or dictionary of parameters. You'll use `%s` placeholders in the query string for a list, or `%{key}` placeholders for a dictionary (where `key` is replaced by a dictionary key), regardless of your database engine. Such placeholders will be replaced with parameters from the `params` argument.

**Note:** Dictionary params are not supported with the SQLite backend; with this backend, you must pass parameters as a list.

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**Warning:** Do not use string formatting on raw queries or quote placeholders in your SQL strings!

It’s tempting to write the above query as:

```python
>>> query = 'SELECT * FROM myapp_person WHERE last_name = %s' % lname
>>> Person.objects.raw(query)
```

You might also think you should write your query like this (with quotes around `%s`):

```python
>>> query = "SELECT * FROM myapp_person WHERE last_name = '%s'"
```

Don’t make either of these mistakes.

As discussed in [SQL injection protection](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/db/sql/#sql-injection-protection), using the `params` argument and leaving the placeholders unquoted protects you from SQL injection attacks, a common exploit where attackers inject arbitrary SQL into your database. If you use string interpolation or quote the placeholder, you’re at risk for SQL injection.

### Executing custom SQL directly

Sometimes even `Manager.raw()` isn’t quite enough: you might need to perform queries that don’t map cleanly to models, or directly execute `UPDATE`, `INSERT`, or `DELETE` queries.

In these cases, you can always access the database directly, routing around the model layer entirely.

The object `django.db.connection` represents the default database connection. To use the database connection, call `connection.cursor()` to get a cursor object. Then, call `cursor.execute(sql, [params])` to execute the SQL and `cursor.fetchone()` or `cursor.fetchall()` to return the resulting rows.

For example:

```python
from django.db import connection

def my_custom_sql(self):
```

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To protect against SQL injection, you must not include quotes around the %s placeholders in the SQL string.

Note that if you want to include literal percent signs in the query, you have to double them in the case you are passing parameters:

```python
cursor.execute("SELECT foo FROM bar WHERE baz = '30%'")
cursor.execute("SELECT foo FROM bar WHERE baz = '30%%' AND id = %s", [self.id])
```

If you are using more than one database, you can use django.db.connections to obtain the connection (and cursor) for a specific database. django.db.connections is a dictionary-like object that allows you to retrieve a specific connection using its alias:

```python
from django.db import connections
with connections['my_db_alias'].cursor() as cursor:
    # Your code here...
```

By default, the Python DB API will return results without their field names, which means you end up with a list of values, rather than a dict. At a small performance and memory cost, you can return results as a dict by using something like this:

```python
def dictfetchall(cursor):
    "Return all rows from a cursor as a dict"
    columns = [col[0] for col in cursor.description]
    return [
        dict(zip(columns, row))
        for row in cursor.fetchall()
    ]
```

Another option is to use collections.namedtuple() from the Python standard library. A namedtuple is a tuple-like object that has fields accessible by attribute lookup; it's also indexable and iterable. Results are immutable and accessible by field names or indices, which might be useful:

```python
from collections import namedtuple

def namedtuplefetchall(cursor):
    "Return all rows from a cursor as a namedtuple"
    desc = cursor.description
    nt_result = namedtuple('Result', [col[0] for col in desc])
    return [nt_result(*row) for row in cursor.fetchall()]
```

Here is an example of the difference between the three:

```python
>>> cursor.execute("SELECT id, parent_id FROM test LIMIT 2");
>>> cursor.fetchall()
[(54360982, None), (54360880, None)]

>>> cursor.execute("SELECT id, parent_id FROM test LIMIT 2");
>>> dictfetchall(cursor)
[{'parent_id': None, 'id': 54360982}, {'parent_id': None, 'id': 54360880}]
```

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>>> cursor.execute("SELECT id, parent_id FROM test LIMIT 2");
>>> results = namedtuplefetchall(cursor)
>>> results
[Result(id=54360982, parent_id=None), Result(id=54360880, parent_id=None)]
>>> results[0].id
54360982
>>> results[0][0]
54360982

Connections and cursors

`connection` and `cursor` mostly implement the standard Python DB-API described in PEP 249 — except when it comes to transaction handling.

If you’re not familiar with the Python DB-API, note that the SQL statement in `cursor.execute()` uses placeholders, "%s", rather than adding parameters directly within the SQL. If you use this technique, the underlying database library will automatically escape your parameters as necessary.

Also note that Django expects the "%s" placeholder, not the "?" placeholder, which is used by the SQLite Python bindings. This is for the sake of consistency and sanity.

Using a cursor as a context manager:

```python
with connection.cursor() as c:
    c.execute(...)
```

is equivalent to:

```python
c = connection.cursor()
try:
    c.execute(...)
finally:
    c.close()
```

Calling stored procedures

`CursorWrapper.callproc`*(procname, params=None, kparams=None)*

Calls a database stored procedure with the given name. A sequence (`params`) or dictionary (`kparams`) of input parameters may be provided. Most databases don’t support `kparams`. Of Django’s built-in backends, only Oracle supports it.

For example, given this stored procedure in an Oracle database:

```sql
CREATE PROCEDURE "TEST_PROCEDURE"(v_i INTEGER, v_text NVARCHAR2(10)) AS
    p_i INTEGER;
    p_text NVARCHAR2(10);
BEGIN
    p_i := v_i;
    p_text := v_text;
    ...
END;
```

This will call it:
with connection.cursor() as cursor:
    cursor.callproc('test_procedure', [1, 'test'])

3.2.7 Database transactions

Django gives you a few ways to control how database transactions are managed.

Managing database transactions

Django’s default transaction behavior

Django’s default behavior is to run in autocommit mode. Each query is immediately committed to the database, unless a transaction is active. See below for details.

Django uses transactions or savepoints automatically to guarantee the integrity of ORM operations that require multiple queries, especially `delete()` and `update()` queries.

Django’s `TestCase` class also wraps each test in a transaction for performance reasons.

Tying transactions to HTTP requests

A common way to handle transactions on the web is to wrap each request in a transaction. Set `ATOMIC_REQUESTS` to `True` in the configuration of each database for which you want to enable this behavior.

It works like this. Before calling a view function, Django starts a transaction. If the response is produced without problems, Django commits the transaction. If the view produces an exception, Django rolls back the transaction.

You may perform subtransactions using savepoints in your view code, typically with the `atomic()` context manager. However, at the end of the view, either all or none of the changes will be committed.

Warning: While the simplicity of this transaction model is appealing, it also makes it inefficient when traffic increases. Opening a transaction for every view has some overhead. The impact on performance depends on the query patterns of your application and on how well your database handles locking.

Per-request transactions and streaming responses

When a view returns a `StreamingHttpResponse`, reading the contents of the response will often execute code to generate the content. Since the view has already returned, such code runs outside of the transaction.

Generally speaking, it isn’t advisable to write to the database while generating a streaming response, since there’s no sensible way to handle errors after starting to send the response.

In practice, this feature wraps every view function in the `atomic()` decorator described below.

Note that only the execution of your view is enclosed in the transactions. Middleware runs outside of the transaction, and so does the rendering of template responses.

When `ATOMIC_REQUESTS` is enabled, it’s still possible to prevent views from running in a transaction.

`non_atomic_requests(using=None)`

This decorator will negate the effect of `ATOMIC_REQUESTS` for a given view:
from django.db import transaction

@transaction.non_atomic_requests
def my_view(request):
    do_stuff()

@transaction.non_atomic_requests(using='other')
def my_other_view(request):
    do_stuff_on_the_other_database()

It only works if it’s applied to the view itself.

### Controlling transactions explicitly

Django provides a single API to control database transactions.

atomic (using=None, savepoint=True)

Atomicity is the defining property of database transactions. atomic allows us to create a block of code within which the atomicity on the database is guaranteed. If the block of code is successfully completed, the changes are committed to the database. If there is an exception, the changes are rolled back.

atomic blocks can be nested. In this case, when an inner block completes successfully, its effects can still be rolled back if an exception is raised in the outer block at a later point.

atomic is usable both as a decorator:

```
from django.db import transaction

@transaction.atomic
def viewfunc(request):
    # This code executes inside a transaction.
    do_stuff()
```

and as a context manager:

```
from django.db import transaction

def viewfunc(request):
    # This code executes in autocommit mode (Django's default).
    do_stuff()

    with transaction.atomic():
        # This code executes inside a transaction.
        do_more_stuff()
```

Wrapping atomic in a try/except block allows for natural handling of integrity errors:

```
from django.db import IntegrityError, transaction

@transaction.atomic
def viewfunc(request):
    create_parent()

    try:
        with transaction.atomic():
            generate_relationships()

    except IntegrityError:
        handle_integrity_error()
```

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except IntegrityError:
    handle_exception()

add_children()

In this example, even if `generate_relationships()` causes a database error by breaking an integrity constraint, you can execute queries in `add_children()`, and the changes from `create_parent()` are still there and bound to the same transaction. Note that any operations attempted in `generate_relationships()` will already have been rolled back safely when `handle_exception()` is called, so the exception handler can also operate on the database if necessary.

Avoid catching exceptions inside `atomic`!

When exiting an `atomic` block, Django looks at whether it’s exited normally or with an exception to determine whether to commit or roll back. If you catch and handle exceptions inside an `atomic` block, you may hide from Django the fact that a problem has happened. This can result in unexpected behavior.

This is mostly a concern for `DatabaseError` and its subclasses such as `IntegrityError`. After such an error, the transaction is broken and Django will perform a rollback at the end of the `atomic` block. If you attempt to run database queries before the rollback happens, Django will raise a `TransactionManagementError`. You may also encounter this behavior when an ORM-related signal handler raises an exception.

The correct way to catch database errors is around an `atomic` block as shown above. If necessary, add an extra `atomic` block for this purpose. This pattern has another advantage: it delimits explicitly which operations will be rolled back if an exception occurs.

If you catch exceptions raised by raw SQL queries, Django’s behavior is unspecified and database-dependent.

You may need to manually revert model state when rolling back a transaction.

The values of a model’s fields won’t be reverted when a transaction rollback happens. This could lead to an inconsistent model state unless you manually restore the original field values.

For example, given `MyModel` with an `active` field, this snippet ensures that the `if obj.active` check at the end uses the correct value if updating `active` to `True` fails in the transaction:

```python
from django.db import DatabaseError, transaction

obj = MyModel(active=False)
obj.active = True
try:
    with transaction.atomic():
        obj.save()
except DatabaseError:
    obj.active = False

if obj.active:
    ...
```

In order to guarantee atomicity, `atomic` disables some APIs. Attempting to commit, roll back, or change the autocommit state of the database connection within an `atomic` block will raise an exception.

`atomic` takes a `using` argument which should be the name of a database. If this argument isn’t provided, Django uses the "default" database.
Under the hood, Django’s transaction management code:

- opens a transaction when entering the outermost \texttt{atomic} block;
- creates a savepoint when entering an inner \texttt{atomic} block;
- releases or rolls back to the savepoint when exiting an inner block;
- commits or rolls back the transaction when exiting the outermost block.

You can disable the creation of savepoints for inner blocks by setting the \texttt{savepoint} argument to \texttt{False}. If an exception occurs, Django will perform the rollback when exiting the first parent block with a savepoint if there is one, and the outermost block otherwise. Atomicity is still guaranteed by the outer transaction. This option should only be used if the overhead of savepoints is noticeable. It has the drawback of breaking the error handling described above.

You may use \texttt{atomic} when autocommit is turned off. It will only use savepoints, even for the outermost block.

**Performance considerations**

Open transactions have a performance cost for your database server. To minimize this overhead, keep your transactions as short as possible. This is especially important if you’re using \texttt{atomic()} in long-running processes, outside of Django’s request / response cycle.

**Autocommit**

**Why Django uses autocommit**

In the SQL standards, each SQL query starts a transaction, unless one is already active. Such transactions must then be explicitly committed or rolled back.

This isn’t always convenient for application developers. To alleviate this problem, most databases provide an autocommit mode. When autocommit is turned on and no transaction is active, each SQL query gets wrapped in its own transaction. In other words, not only does each such query start a transaction, but the transaction also gets automatically committed or rolled back, depending on whether the query succeeded.

\texttt{PEP 249}, the Python Database API Specification v2.0, requires autocommit to be initially turned off. Django overrides this default and turns autocommit on.

To avoid this, you can \textit{deactivate the transaction management}, but it isn’t recommended.

**Deactivating transaction management**

You can totally disable Django’s transaction management for a given database by setting \texttt{AUTOCOMMIT} to \texttt{False} in its configuration. If you do this, Django won’t enable autocommit, and won’t perform any commits. You’ll get the regular behavior of the underlying database library.

This requires you to commit explicitly every transaction, even those started by Django or by third-party libraries. Thus, this is best used in situations where you want to run your own transaction-controlling middleware or do something really strange.

**Performing actions after commit**

Sometimes you need to perform an action related to the current database transaction, but only if the transaction successfully commits. Examples might include a \texttt{Celery} task, an email notification, or a cache invalidation.
Django provides the `on_commit()` function to register callback functions that should be executed after a transaction is successfully committed:

```python
from django.db import transaction

def do_something():
    pass  # send a mail, invalidate a cache, fire off a Celery task, etc.

transaction.on_commit(do_something)
```

You can also wrap your function in a lambda:

```python
transaction.on_commit(lambda: some_celery_task.delay('arg1'))
```

The function you pass in will be called immediately after a hypothetical database write made where `on_commit()` is called would be successfully committed.

If you call `on_commit()` while there isn’t an active transaction, the callback will be executed immediately.

If that hypothetical database write is instead rolled back (typically when an unhandled exception is raised in an `atomic()` block), your function will be discarded and never called.

### Savepoints

Savepoints (i.e. nested `atomic()` blocks) are handled correctly. That is, an `on_commit()` callable registered after a savepoint (in a nested `atomic()` block) will be called after the outer transaction is committed, but not if a rollback to that savepoint or any previous savepoint occurred during the transaction:

```python
with transaction.atomic():  # Outer atomic, start a new transaction
    transaction.on_commit(foo)

    with transaction.atomic():  # Inner atomic block, create a savepoint
        transaction.on_commit(bar)

# foo() and then bar() will be called when leaving the outermost block
```

On the other hand, when a savepoint is rolled back (due to an exception being raised), the inner callable will not be called:

```python
with transaction.atomic():  # Outer atomic, start a new transaction
    transaction.on_commit(foo)

    try:
        with transaction.atomic():  # Inner atomic block, create a savepoint
            transaction.on_commit(bar)
            raise SomeError()  # Raising an exception - abort the savepoint
    except SomeError:
        pass

# foo() will be called, but not bar()
```
Order of execution

On-commit functions for a given transaction are executed in the order they were registered.

Exception handling

If one on-commit function within a given transaction raises an uncaught exception, no later registered functions in that same transaction will run. This is the same behavior as if you’d executed the functions sequentially yourself without on_commit().

Timing of execution

Your callbacks are executed after a successful commit, so a failure in a callback will not cause the transaction to roll back. They are executed conditionally upon the success of the transaction, but they are not part of the transaction. For the intended use cases (mail notifications, Celery tasks, etc.), this should be fine. If it’s not (if your follow-up action is so critical that its failure should mean the failure of the transaction itself), then you don’t want to use the on_commit() hook. Instead, you may want two-phase commit such as the psycopg Two-Phase Commit protocol support and the optional Two-Phase Commit Extensions in the Python DB-API specification.

Callbacks are not run until autocommit is restored on the connection following the commit (because otherwise any queries done in a callback would open an implicit transaction, preventing the connection from going back into autocommit mode).

When in autocommit mode and outside of an atomic() block, the function will run immediately, not on commit.

On-commit functions only work with autocommit mode and the atomic() (or ATOMIC_REQUESTS) transaction API. Calling on_commit() when autocommit is disabled and you are not within an atomic block will result in an error.

Use in tests

Django’s TestCase class wraps each test in a transaction and rolls back that transaction after each test, in order to provide test isolation. This means that no transaction is ever actually committed, thus your on_commit() callbacks will never be run. If you need to test the results of an on_commit() callback, use a TransactionTestCase instead.

Why no rollback hook?

A rollback hook is harder to implement robustly than a commit hook, since a variety of things can cause an implicit rollback.

For instance, if your database connection is dropped because your process was killed without a chance to shut down gracefully, your rollback hook will never run.

But there is a solution: instead of doing something during the atomic block (transaction) and then undoing it if the transaction fails, use on_commit() to delay doing it in the first place until after the transaction succeeds. It’s a lot easier to undo something you never did in the first place!
Low-level APIs

**Warning:** Always prefer `atomic()` if possible at all. It accounts for the idiosyncrasies of each database and prevents invalid operations.

The low-level APIs are only useful if you’re implementing your own transaction management.

### Autocommit

Django provides an API in the `django.db.transaction` module to manage the autocommit state of each database connection.

```python
get_autocommit(using=None)
```

```python
set_autocommit(autocommit, using=None)
```

These functions take a `using` argument which should be the name of a database. If it isn’t provided, Django uses the "default" database.

Autocommit is initially turned on. If you turn it off, it’s your responsibility to restore it.

Once you turn autocommit off, you get the default behavior of your database adapter, and Django won’t help you. Although that behavior is specified in PEP 249, implementations of adapters aren’t always consistent with one another. Review the documentation of the adapter you’re using carefully.

You must ensure that no transaction is active, usually by issuing a `commit()` or a `rollback()`, before turning autocommit back on.

Django will refuse to turn autocommit off when an `atomic()` block is active, because that would break atomicity.

### Transactions

A transaction is an atomic set of database queries. Even if your program crashes, the database guarantees that either all the changes will be applied, or none of them.

Django doesn’t provide an API to start a transaction. The expected way to start a transaction is to disable autocommit with `set_autocommit()`.

Once you’re in a transaction, you can choose either to apply the changes you’ve performed until this point with `commit()`, or to cancel them with `rollback()`. These functions are defined in `django.db.transaction`.

```python
commit(using=None)
```

```python
rollback(using=None)
```

These functions take a `using` argument which should be the name of a database. If it isn’t provided, Django uses the "default" database.

Django will refuse to commit or to rollback when an `atomic()` block is active, because that would break atomicity.

### Savepoints

A savepoint is a marker within a transaction that enables you to roll back part of a transaction, rather than the full transaction. Savepoints are available with the SQLite, PostgreSQL, Oracle, and MySQL (when using the InnoDB storage engine) backends. Other backends provide the savepoint functions, but they’re empty operations – they don’t actually do anything.
Savepoints aren’t especially useful if you are using autocommit, the default behavior of Django. However, once you open a transaction with `atomic()`, you build up a series of database operations awaiting a commit or rollback. If you issue a rollback, the entire transaction is rolled back. Savepoints provide the ability to perform a fine-grained rollback, rather than the full rollback that would be performed by `transaction.rollback()`.

When the `atomic()` decorator is nested, it creates a savepoint to allow partial commit or rollback. You’re strongly encouraged to use `atomic()` rather than the functions described below, but they’re still part of the public API, and there’s no plan to deprecate them.

Each of these functions takes a `using` argument which should be the name of a database for which the behavior applies. If no `using` argument is provided then the "default" database is used.

Savepoints are controlled by three functions in `django.db.transaction`:

- `savepoint(using=None)`
  - Creates a new savepoint. This marks a point in the transaction that is known to be in a “good” state. Returns the savepoint ID (`sid`).

- `savepoint_commit(sid, using=None)`
  - Releases savepoint `sid`. The changes performed since the savepoint was created become part of the transaction.

- `savepoint_rollback(sid, using=None)`
  - Rolls back the transaction to savepoint `sid`.

These functions do nothing if savepoints aren’t supported or if the database is in autocommit mode.

In addition, there’s a utility function:

- `clean_savepoints(using=None)`
  - Resets the counter used to generate unique savepoint IDs.

The following example demonstrates the use of savepoints:

```python
from django.db import transaction

# open a transaction
@transaction.atomic
def viewfunc(request):
    a.save()  # transaction now contains a.save()
    sid = transaction.savepoint()
    b.save()  # transaction now contains a.save() and b.save()

    if want_to_keep_b:
        transaction.savepoint_commit(sid)  # open transaction still contains a.save() and b.save()
    else:
        transaction.savepoint_rollback(sid)  # open transaction now contains only a.save()
```

Savepoints may be used to recover from a database error by performing a partial rollback. If you’re doing this inside an `atomic()` block, the entire block will still be rolled back, because it doesn’t know you’ve handled the situation at a lower level! To prevent this, you can control the rollback behavior with the following functions:

- `get_rollback(using=None)`
- `set_rollback(rollback, using=None)`
Setting the rollback flag to `True` forces a rollback when exiting the innermost atomic block. This may be useful to trigger a rollback without raising an exception.

Setting it to `False` prevents such a rollback. Before doing that, make sure you’ve rolled back the transaction to a known-good savepoint within the current atomic block! Otherwise you’re breaking atomicity and data corruption may occur.

**Database-specific notes**

**Savepoints in SQLite**

While SQLite supports savepoints, a flaw in the design of the `sqlite3` module makes them hardly usable.

When autocommit is enabled, savepoints don’t make sense. When it’s disabled, `sqlite3` commits implicitly before savepoint statements. (In fact, it commits before any statement other than `SELECT`, `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, `DELETE` and `REPLACE`.) This bug has two consequences:

- The low level APIs for savepoints are only usable inside a transaction ie. inside an `atomic()` block.
- It’s impossible to use `atomic()` when autocommit is turned off.

**Transactions in MySQL**

If you’re using MySQL, your tables may or may not support transactions; it depends on your MySQL version and the table types you’re using. (By “table types,” we mean something like “InnoDB” or “MyISAM.”) MySQL transaction peculiarities are outside the scope of this article, but the MySQL site has information on MySQL transactions.

If your MySQL setup does not support transactions, then Django will always function in autocommit mode: statements will be executed and committed as soon as they’re called. If your MySQL setup does support transactions, Django will handle transactions as explained in this document.

**Handling exceptions within PostgreSQL transactions**

**Note:** This section is relevant only if you’re implementing your own transaction management. This problem cannot occur in Django’s default mode and `atomic()` handles it automatically.

Inside a transaction, when a call to a PostgreSQL cursor raises an exception (typically `IntegrityError`), all subsequent SQL in the same transaction will fail with the error “current transaction is aborted, queries ignored until end of transaction block”. While the basic use of `save()` is unlikely to raise an exception in PostgreSQL, there are more advanced usage patterns which might, such as saving objects with unique fields, saving using the `force_insert/force_update` flag, or invoking custom SQL.

There are several ways to recover from this sort of error.

**Transaction rollback**

The first option is to roll back the entire transaction. For example:

```python
a.save()  # Succeeds, but may be undone by transaction rollback
try:
    b.save()  # Could throw exception
```

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except IntegrityError:
    transaction.rollback()
c.save() # Succeeds, but a.save() may have been undone

Calling `transaction.rollback()` rolls back the entire transaction. Any uncommitted database operations will be lost. In this example, the changes made by `a.save()` would be lost, even though that operation raised no error itself.

### Savepoint rollback

You can use savepoints to control the extent of a rollback. Before performing a database operation that could fail, you can set or update the savepoint; that way, if the operation fails, you can roll back the single offending operation, rather than the entire transaction. For example:

```python
a.save() # Succeeds, and never undone by savepoint rollback
sid = transaction.savepoint()
try:
    b.save() # Could throw exception
    transaction.savepoint_commit(sid)
except IntegrityError:
    transaction.savepoint_rollback(sid)
c.save() # Succeeds, and a.save() is never undone
```

In this example, `a.save()` will not be undone in the case where `b.save()` raises an exception.

### 3.2.8 Multiple databases

This topic guide describes Django’s support for interacting with multiple databases. Most of the rest of Django’s documentation assumes you are interacting with a single database. If you want to interact with multiple databases, you’ll need to take some additional steps.

**See also:**

See [Multi-database support](../) for information about testing with multiple databases.

#### Defining your databases

The first step to using more than one database with Django is to tell Django about the database servers you’ll be using. This is done using the `DATABASES` setting. This setting maps database aliases, which are a way to refer to a specific database throughout Django, to a dictionary of settings for that specific connection. The settings in the inner dictionaries are described fully in the `DATABASES` documentation.

Databases can have any alias you choose. However, the alias `default` has special significance. Django uses the database with the alias of `default` when no other database has been selected.

The following is an example `settings.py` snippet defining two databases – a default PostgreSQL database and a MySQL database called `users`:

```python
DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        'NAME': 'app_data',
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.postgresql',
        'USER': 'postgres_user',
        ...
    }
}
```
'PASSWORD': 's3krit'
},
'users': {
    'NAME': 'user_data',
    'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.mysql',
    'USER': 'mysql_user',
    'PASSWORD': 'priv4te'
}
]

If the concept of a default database doesn’t make sense in the context of your project, you need to be careful to always specify the database that you want to use. Django requires that a default database entry be defined, but the parameters dictionary can be left blank if it will not be used. To do this, you must set up DATABASE_ROUTERS for all of your apps’ models, including those in any contrib and third-party apps you’re using, so that no queries are routed to the default database. The following is an example settings.py snippet defining two non-default databases, with the default entry intentionally left empty:

```python
DATABASES = {
    'default': {},
    'users': {
        'NAME': 'user_data',
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.mysql',
        'USER': 'mysql_user',
        'PASSWORD': 'superS3cret'
    },
    'customers': {
        'NAME': 'customer_data',
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.mysql',
        'USER': 'mysql_cust',
        'PASSWORD': 'veryPriv@ate'
    }
}
```

If you attempt to access a database that you haven’t defined in your DATABASES setting, Django will raise a django.db.utils.ConnectionDoesNotExist exception.

**Synchronizing your databases**

The migrate management command operates on one database at a time. By default, it operates on the default database, but by providing the --database option, you can tell it to synchronize a different database. So, to synchronize all models onto all databases in the first example above, you would need to call:

```
$ ./manage.py migrate
$ ./manage.py migrate --database=users
```

If you don’t want every application to be synchronized onto a particular database, you can define a database router that implements a policy constraining the availability of particular models.

If, as in the second example above, you’ve left the default database empty, you must provide a database name each time you run migrate. Omitting the database name would raise an error. For the second example:

```
$ ./manage.py migrate --database=users
$ ./manage.py migrate --database=customers
```
Using other management commands

Most other django-admin commands that interact with the database operate in the same way as migrate – they only ever operate on one database at a time, using --database to control the database used.

An exception to this rule is the makemigrations command. It validates the migration history in the databases to catch problems with the existing migration files (which could be caused by editing them) before creating new migrations. By default, it checks only the default database, but it consults the allow_migrate() method of routers if any are installed.

Automatic database routing

The easiest way to use multiple databases is to set up a database routing scheme. The default routing scheme ensures that objects remain ‘sticky’ to their original database (i.e., an object retrieved from the foo database will be saved on the same database). The default routing scheme ensures that if a database isn’t specified, all queries fall back to the default database.

You don’t have to do anything to activate the default routing scheme – it is provided ‘out of the box’ on every Django project. However, if you want to implement more interesting database allocation behaviors, you can define and install your own database routers.

Database routers

A database Router is a class that provides up to four methods:

**db_for_read(model, **hints)**

Suggest the database that should be used for read operations for objects of type model.

If a database operation is able to provide any additional information that might assist in selecting a database, it will be provided in the hints dictionary. Details on valid hints are provided below.

Returns None if there is no suggestion.

**db_for_write(model, **hints)**

Suggest the database that should be used for writes of objects of type Model.

If a database operation is able to provide any additional information that might assist in selecting a database, it will be provided in the hints dictionary. Details on valid hints are provided below.

Returns None if there is no suggestion.

**allow_relation(obj1, obj2, **hints)**

Return True if a relation between obj1 and obj2 should be allowed, False if the relation should be prevented, or None if the router has no opinion. This is purely a validation operation, used by foreign key and many to many operations to determine if a relation should be allowed between two objects.

If no router has an opinion (i.e. all routers return None), only relations within the same database are allowed.

**allow_migrate(db, app_label, model_name=None, **hints)**

Determine if the migration operation is allowed to run on the database with alias db. Return True if the operation should run, False if it shouldn’t run, or None if the router has no opinion.

The app_label positional argument is the label of the application being migrated.

model_name is set by most migration operations to the value of model._meta.model_name (the lower-cased version of the model __name__) of the model being migrated. Its value is None for the RunPython and RunSQL operations unless they provide it using hints.

hints are used by certain operations to communicate additional information to the router.
When `model_name` is set, `hints` normally contains the model class under the key `'model'`. Note that it may be a historical model, and thus not have any custom attributes, methods, or managers. You should only rely on `_meta`.

This method can also be used to determine the availability of a model on a given database.

`makemigrations` always creates migrations for model changes, but if `allow_migrate()` returns `False`, any migration operations for the `model_name` will be silently skipped when running `migrate` on the `db`. Changing the behavior of `allow_migrate()` for models that already have migrations may result in broken foreign keys, extra tables, or missing tables. When `makemigrations` verifies the migration history, it skips databases where no app is allowed to migrate.

A router doesn’t have to provide *all* these methods – it may omit one or more of them. If one of the methods is omitted, Django will skip that router when performing the relevant check.

### Hints

The hints received by the database router can be used to decide which database should receive a given request.

At present, the only hint that will be provided is `instance`, an object instance that is related to the read or write operation that is underway. This might be the instance that is being saved, or it might be an instance that is being added in a many-to-many relation. In some cases, no instance hint will be provided at all. The router checks for the existence of an instance hint, and determine if that hint should be used to alter routing behavior.

### Using routers

Database routers are installed using the `DATABASE_ROUTERS` setting. This setting defines a list of class names, each specifying a router that should be used by the master router (`django.db.router`).

The master router is used by Django’s database operations to allocate database usage. Whenever a query needs to know which database to use, it calls the master router, providing a model and a hint (if available). Django then tries each router in turn until a database suggestion can be found. If no suggestion can be found, it tries the current `instance._state.db` of the hint instance. If a hint instance wasn’t provided, or `instance._state.db` is `None`, the master router will allocate the default database.

### An example

**Example purposes only!**

This example is intended as a demonstration of how the router infrastructure can be used to alter database usage. It intentionally ignores some complex issues in order to demonstrate how routers are used.

This example won’t work if any of the models in `myapp` contain relationships to models outside of the other database. Cross-database relationships introduce referential integrity problems that Django can’t currently handle.

The primary/replica (referred to as master/slave by some databases) configuration described is also flawed – it doesn’t provide any solution for handling replication lag (i.e., query inconsistencies introduced because of the time taken for a write to propagate to the replicas). It also doesn’t consider the interaction of transactions with the database utilization strategy.

So - what does this mean in practice? Let’s consider another sample configuration. This one will have several databases: one for the `auth` application, and all other apps using a primary/replica setup with two read replicas. Here are the settings specifying these databases:
DATABASES = {
    'default': {},
    'auth_db': {
        'NAME': 'auth_db_name',
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.mysql',
        'USER': 'mysql_user',
        'PASSWORD': 'swordfish',
    },
    'primary': {
        'NAME': 'primary_name',
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.mysql',
        'USER': 'mysql_user',
        'PASSWORD': 'spam',
    },
    'replica1': {
        'NAME': 'replica1_name',
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.mysql',
        'USER': 'mysql_user',
        'PASSWORD': 'eggs',
    },
    'replica2': {
        'NAME': 'replica2_name',
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.mysql',
        'USER': 'mysql_user',
        'PASSWORD': 'bacon',
    },
}

Now we’ll need to handle routing. First we want a router that knows to send queries for the auth and contenttypes apps to auth_db (auth models are linked to ContentType, so they must be stored in the same database):

```python
class AuthRouter:
    """
    A router to control all database operations on models in the auth and contenttypes applications.
    """
    route_app_labels = {'auth', 'contenttypes'}

    def db_for_read(self, model, **hints):
        """
        Attempts to read auth and contenttypes models go to auth_db.
        """
        if model._meta.app_label in self.route_app_labels:
            return 'auth_db'
        return None

    def db_for_write(self, model, **hints):
        """
        Attempts to write auth and contenttypes models go to auth_db.
        """
        if model._meta.app_label in self.route_app_labels:
            return 'auth_db'
        return None

    def allow_relation(self, obj1, obj2, **hints):
        """
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```

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Allow relations if a model in the auth or contenttypes apps is involved.

```python
if (obj1._meta.app_label in self.route_app_labels or
    obj2._meta.app_label in self.route_app_labels):
    return True
return None
```

```python
def allow_migrate(self, db, app_label, model_name=None, **hints):
    """
    Make sure the auth and contenttypes apps only appear in the 'auth_db' database.
    """
    if app_label in self.route_app_labels:
        return db == 'auth_db'
    return None
```

And we also want a router that sends all other apps to the primary/replica configuration, and randomly chooses a replica to read from:

```python
import random
class PrimaryReplicaRouter:
    def db_for_read(self, model, **hints):
        """
        Reads go to a randomly-chosen replica.
        """
        return random.choice(['replica1', 'replica2'])

    def db_for_write(self, model, **hints):
        """
        Writes always go to primary.
        """
        return 'primary'

    def allow_relation(self, obj1, obj2, **hints):
        """
        Relations between objects are allowed if both objects are in the primary/replica pool.
        """
        db_set = {'primary', 'replica1', 'replica2'}
        if obj1._state.db in db_set and obj2._state.db in db_set:
            return True
        return None

    def allow_migrate(self, self, db, app_label, model_name=None, **hints):
        """
        All non-auth models end up in this pool.
        """
        return True
```

Finally, in the settings file, we add the following (substituting path.to. with the actual Python path to the module(s) where the routers are defined):
The order in which routers are processed is significant. Routers will be queried in the order they are listed in the DATABASE_ROUTERS setting. In this example, the AuthRouter is processed before the PrimaryReplicaRouter, and as a result, decisions concerning the models in auth are processed before any other decision is made. If the DATABASE_ROUTERS setting listed the two routers in the other order, PrimaryReplicaRouter.allow_migrate() would be processed first. The catch-all nature of the PrimaryReplicaRouter implementation would mean that all models would be available on all databases.

With this setup installed, and all databases migrated as per Synchronizing your databases, lets run some Django code:

```
>>> # This retrieval will be performed on the 'auth_db' database
>>> fred = User.objects.get(username='fred')
>>> fred.first_name = 'Frederick'

>>> # This save will also be directed to 'auth_db'
>>> fred.save()

>>> # These retrievals will be randomly allocated to a replica database
>>> dna = Person.objects.get(name='Douglas Adams')

>>> # A new object has no database allocation when created
>>> mh = Book(title='Mostly Harmless')

>>> # This assignment will consult the router, and set mh onto
>>> # the same database as the author object
>>> mh.author = dna

>>> # This save will force the 'mh' instance onto the primary database...
>>> mh.save()

>>> # ... but if we re-retrieve the object, it will come back on a replica
>>> mh = Book.objects.get(title='Mostly Harmless')
```

This example defined a router to handle interaction with models from the auth app, and other routers to handle interaction with all other apps. If you left your default database empty and don’t want to define a catch-all database router to handle all apps not otherwise specified, your routers must handle the names of all apps in INSTALLED_APPS before you migrate. See Behavior of contrib apps for information about contrib apps that must be together in one database.

**Manually selecting a database**

Django also provides an API that allows you to maintain complete control over database usage in your code. A manually specified database allocation will take priority over a database allocated by a router.

**Manually selecting a database for a QuerySet**

You can select the database for a QuerySet at any point in the QuerySet “chain.” Call using() on the QuerySet to get another QuerySet that uses the specified database.

using() takes a single argument: the alias of the database on which you want to run the query. For example:

```
>>> # This will run on the 'default' database.
>>> Author.objects.all()
```
Selecting a database for save()

Use the using keyword to Model.save() to specify to which database the data should be saved.

For example, to save an object to the legacy_users database, you’d use this:

```python
>>> my_object.save(using='legacy_users')
```

If you don’t specify using, the save() method will save into the default database allocated by the routers.

Moving an object from one database to another

If you’ve saved an instance to one database, it might be tempting to use save(using=...) as a way to migrate the instance to a new database. However, if you don’t take appropriate steps, this could have some unexpected consequences.

Consider the following example:

```python
>>> p = Person(name='Fred')
>>> p.save(using='first')  # (statement 1)
>>> p.save(using='second')  # (statement 2)
```

In statement 1, a new Person object is saved to the first database. At this time, p doesn’t have a primary key, so Django issues an SQL INSERT statement. This creates a primary key, and Django assigns that primary key to p.

When the save occurs in statement 2, p already has a primary key value, and Django will attempt to use that primary key on the new database. If the primary key value isn’t in use in the second database, then you won’t have any problems – the object will be copied to the new database.

However, if the primary key of p is already in use on the second database, the existing object in the second database will be overridden when p is saved.

You can avoid this in two ways. First, you can clear the primary key of the instance. If an object has no primary key, Django will treat it as a new object, avoiding any loss of data on the second database:

```python
>>> p = Person(name='Fred')
>>> p.save(using='first')
>>> p.pk = None  # Clear the primary key.
>>> p.save(using='second')  # Write a completely new object.
```

The second option is to use the force_insert option to save() to ensure that Django does an SQL INSERT:

```python
>>> p = Person(name='Fred')
>>> p.save(using='first')
>>> p.save(using='second', force_insert=True)
```

This will ensure that the person named Fred will have the same primary key on both databases. If that primary key is already in use when you try to save onto the second database, an error will be raised.
Selecting a database to delete from

By default, a call to delete an existing object will be executed on the same database that was used to retrieve the object in the first place:

```python
>>> u = User.objects.using('legacy_users').get(username='fred')
>>> u.delete()  # will delete from the 'legacy_users' database
```

To specify the database from which a model will be deleted, pass a `using` keyword argument to the `Model.delete()` method. This argument works just like the `using` keyword argument to `save()`.

For example, if you’re migrating a user from the `legacy_users` database to the `new_users` database, you might use these commands:

```python
>>> user_obj.save(using='new_users')
>>> user_obj.delete(using='legacy_users')
```

Using managers with multiple databases

Use the `db_manager()` method on managers to give managers access to a non-default database.

For example, say you have a custom manager method that touches the database – `User.objects.create_user()`. Because `create_user()` is a manager method, not a `QuerySet` method, you can’t do `User.objects.using('new_users').create_user()`. (The `create_user()` method is only available on `User.objects`, the manager, not on `QuerySet` objects derived from the manager.) The solution is to use `db_manager()`, like this:

```python
User.objects.db_manager('new_users').create_user(...)
```

db_manager() returns a copy of the manager bound to the database you specify.

Using `get_queryset()` with multiple databases

If you’re overriding `get_queryset()` on your manager, be sure to either call the method on the parent (using `super()`) or do the appropriate handling of the `_db` attribute on the manager (a string containing the name of the database to use).

For example, if you want to return a custom `QuerySet` class from the `get_queryset` method, you could do this:

```python
class MyManager(models.Manager):
    def get_queryset(self):
        qs = CustomQuerySet(self.model)
        if self._db is not None:
            qs = qs.using(self._db)
        return qs
```

Exposing multiple databases in Django’s admin interface

Django’s admin doesn’t have any explicit support for multiple databases. If you want to provide an admin interface for a model on a database other than that specified by your router chain, you’ll need to write custom `ModelAdmin` classes that will direct the admin to use a specific database for content.

`ModelAdmin` objects have five methods that require customization for multiple-database support:
The implementation provided here implements a multi-database strategy where all objects of a given type are stored on a specific database (e.g., all User objects are in the other database). If your usage of multiple databases is more complex, your ModelAdmin will need to reflect that strategy.

InlineModelAdmin objects can be handled in a similar fashion. They require three customized methods:

```python
class MultiDBTabularInline(admin.TabularInline):
    using = 'other'

    def get_queryset(self, request):
        # Tell Django to look for inline objects on the 'other' database.
        return super().get_queryset(request).using(self.using)

    def formfield_for_foreignkey(self, db_field, request, **kwargs):
        # Tell Django to populate ForeignKey widgets using a query on the 'other' database.
        return super().formfield_for_foreignkey(db_field, request, using=self.using, **kwargs)

    def formfield_for_manytomany(self, db_field, request, **kwargs):
        # Tell Django to populate ManyToMany widgets using a query on the 'other' database.
        return super().formfield_for_manytomany(db_field, request, using=self.using, **kwargs)
```

Once you’ve written your model admin definitions, they can be registered with any Admin instance:

```python
from django.contrib import admin
```
This example sets up two admin sites. On the first site, the Author and Publisher objects are exposed; Publisher objects have a tabular inline showing books published by that publisher. The second site exposes just publishers, without the inlines.

### Using raw cursors with multiple databases

If you are using more than one database you can use `django.db.connections` to obtain the connection (and cursor) for a specific database. `django.db.connections` is a dictionary-like object that allows you to retrieve a specific connection using its alias:

```python
from django.db import connections
with connections['my_db_alias'].cursor() as cursor:
    ...
```

### Limitations of multiple databases

#### Cross-database relations

Django doesn’t currently provide any support for foreign key or many-to-many relationships spanning multiple databases. If you have used a router to partition models to different databases, any foreign key and many-to-many relationships defined by those models must be internal to a single database.

This is because of referential integrity. In order to maintain a relationship between two objects, Django needs to know that the primary key of the related object is valid. If the primary key is stored on a separate database, it’s not possible to easily evaluate the validity of a primary key.

If you’re using Postgres, Oracle, or MySQL with InnoDB, this is enforced at the database integrity level – database level key constraints prevent the creation of relations that can’t be validated.

However, if you’re using SQLite or MySQL with MyISAM tables, there is no enforced referential integrity; as a result, you may be able to ‘fake’ cross database foreign keys. However, this configuration is not officially supported by Django.

#### Behavior of contrib apps

Several contrib apps include models, and some apps depend on others. Since cross-database relationships are impossible, this creates some restrictions on how you can split these models across databases:

- each one of `contenttypes.ContentType`, `sessions.Session` and `sites.Site` can be stored in any database, given a suitable router.
• auth models — User, Group and Permission — are linked together and linked to ContentType, so they must be stored in the same database as ContentType.

• admin depends on auth, so its models must be in the same database as auth.

• flatpages and redirects depend on sites, so their models must be in the same database as sites.

In addition, some objects are automatically created just after migrate creates a table to hold them in a database:

• a default Site,

• a ContentType for each model (including those not stored in that database),

• the Permissions for each model (including those not stored in that database).

For common setups with multiple databases, it isn’t useful to have these objects in more than one database. Common setups include primary/replica and connecting to external databases. Therefore, it’s recommended to write a database router that allows synchronizing these three models to only one database. Use the same approach for contrib and third-party apps that don’t need their tables in multiple databases.

**Warning:** If you’re synchronizing content types to more than one database, be aware that their primary keys may not match across databases. This may result in data corruption or data loss.

### 3.2.9 Tablespace

A common paradigm for optimizing performance in database systems is the use of **tablespaces** to organize disk layout.

**Warning:** Django does not create the tablespaces for you. Please refer to your database engine’s documentation for details on creating and managing tablespaces.

#### Declaring tablespaces for tables

A tablespace can be specified for the table generated by a model by supplying the `db_tablespace` option inside the model’s `class Meta`. This option also affects tables automatically created for ManyToManyFields in the model.

You can use the `DEFAULT_TABLESPACE` setting to specify a default value for `db_tablespace`. This is useful for setting a tablespace for the built-in Django apps and other applications whose code you cannot control.

#### Declaring tablespaces for indexes

You can pass the `db_tablespace` option to an Index constructor to specify the name of a tablespace to use for the index. For single field indexes, you can pass the `db_tablespace` option to a Field constructor to specify an alternate tablespace for the field’s column index. If the column doesn’t have an index, the option is ignored.

You can use the `DEFAULT_INDEX_TABLESPACE` setting to specify a default value for `db_tablespace`. If `db_tablespace` isn’t specified and you didn’t set `DEFAULT_INDEX_TABLESPACE`, the index is created in the same tablespace as the tables.
An example

```python
class TablespaceExample(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=30, db_index=True, db_tablespace="indexes")
    data = models.CharField(max_length=255, db_index=True)
    shortcut = models.CharField(max_length=7)
    edges = models.ManyToManyField(to="self", db_tablespace="indexes")

    class Meta:
        db_tablespace = "tables"
        indexes = [models.Index(fields=['shortcut'], db_tablespace='other_indexes')]
```

In this example, the tables generated by the `TablespaceExample` model (i.e. the model table and the many-to-many table) would be stored in the `tables` tablespace. The index for the name field and the indexes on the many-to-many table would be stored in the `indexes` tablespace. The `data` field would also generate an index, but no tablespace for it is specified, so it would be stored in the model tablespace `tables` by default. The index for the `shortcut` field would be stored in the `other_indexes` tablespace.

Database support

PostgreSQL and Oracle support tablespaces. SQLite, MariaDB and MySQL don’t.

When you use a backend that lacks support for tablespaces, Django ignores all tablespace-related options.

3.2.10 Database access optimization

Django’s database layer provides various ways to help developers get the most out of their databases. This document gathers together links to the relevant documentation, and adds various tips, organized under a number of headings that outline the steps to take when attempting to optimize your database usage.

Profile first

As general programming practice, this goes without saying. Find out what queries you are doing and what they are costing you. Use `QuerySet.explain()` to understand how specific `QuerySets` are executed by your database. You may also want to use an external project like django-debug-toolbar, or a tool that monitors your database directly.

Remember that you may be optimizing for speed or memory or both, depending on your requirements. Sometimes optimizing for one will be detrimental to the other, but sometimes they will help each other. Also, work that is done by the database process might not have the same cost (to you) as the same amount of work done in your Python process.

It is up to you to decide what your priorities are, where the balance must lie, and profile all of these as required since this will depend on your application and server.

With everything that follows, remember to profile after every change to ensure that the change is a benefit, and a big enough benefit given the decrease in readability of your code. All of the suggestions below come with the caveat that in your circumstances the general principle might not apply, or might even be reversed.

Use standard DB optimization techniques

...including:

- Indexes. This is a number one priority, after you have determined from profiling what indexes should be added. Use `Meta.indexes` or `Field.db_index` to add these from Django. Consider adding indexes to fields that you frequently query using `filter()`, `exclude()`, `order_by()`, etc. as indexes may help to speed up
lookups. Note that determining the best indexes is a complex database-dependent topic that will depend on your particular application. The overhead of maintaining an index may outweigh any gains in query speed.

- Appropriate use of field types.

We will assume you have done the things listed above. The rest of this document focuses on how to use Django in such a way that you are not doing unnecessary work. This document also does not address other optimization techniques that apply to all expensive operations, such as general purpose caching.

**Understand QuerySets**

Understanding *QuerySets* is vital to getting good performance with simple code. In particular:

**Understand QuerySet evaluation**

To avoid performance problems, it is important to understand:

- that *QuerySets are lazy*.
- when *they are evaluated*.
- how *the data is held in memory*.

**Understand cached attributes**

As well as caching of the whole *QuerySet*, there is caching of the result of attributes on ORM objects. In general, attributes that are not callable will be cached. For example, assuming the *example Weblog models*:

```python
>>> entry = Entry.objects.get(id=1)
>>> entry.blog  # Blog object is retrieved at this point
>>> entry.blog  # cached version, no DB access
```

But in general, callable attributes cause DB lookups every time:

```python
>>> entry = Entry.objects.get(id=1)
>>> entry.authors.all()  # query performed
>>> entry.authors.all()  # query performed again
```

Be careful when reading template code - the template system does not allow use of parentheses, but will call callables automatically, hiding the above distinction.

Be careful with your own custom properties - it is up to you to implement caching when required, for example using the `cached_property` decorator.

**Use the with template tag**

To make use of the caching behavior of *QuerySet*, you may need to use the `with` template tag.

**Use iterator()**

When you have a lot of objects, the caching behavior of the *QuerySet* can cause a large amount of memory to be used. In this case, `iterator()` may help.
Use explain()

`QuerySet.explain()` gives you detailed information about how the database executes a query, including indexes and joins that are used. These details may help you find queries that could be rewritten more efficiently, or identify indexes that could be added to improve performance.

Do database work in the database rather than in Python

For instance:

- At the most basic level, use `filter` and `exclude` to do filtering in the database.
- Use `F expressions` to filter based on other fields within the same model.
- Use `annotate to do aggregation in the database`.

If these aren’t enough to generate the SQL you need:

Use RawSQL

A less portable but more powerful method is the `RawSQL` expression, which allows some SQL to be explicitly added to the query. If that still isn’t powerful enough:

Use raw SQL

Write your own custom SQL to retrieve data or populate models. Use `django.db.connection.queries` to find out what Django is writing for you and start from there.

Retrieve individual objects using a unique, indexed column

There are two reasons to use a column with `unique` or `db_index` when using `get()` to retrieve individual objects. First, the query will be quicker because of the underlying database index. Also, the query could run much slower if multiple objects match the lookup; having a unique constraint on the column guarantees this will never happen.

So using the example Weblog models:

```python
>>> entry = Entry.objects.get(id=10)
```

will be quicker than:

```python
>>> entry = Entry.objects.get(headline="News Item Title")
```

because `id` is indexed by the database and is guaranteed to be unique.

Doing the following is potentially quite slow:

```python
>>> entry = Entry.objects.get(headline__startswith="News")
```

First of all, `headline` is not indexed, which will make the underlying database fetch slower.

Second, the lookup doesn’t guarantee that only one object will be returned. If the query matches more than one object, it will retrieve and transfer all of them from the database. This penalty could be substantial if hundreds or thousands of records are returned. The penalty will be compounded if the database lives on a separate server, where network overhead and latency also play a factor.
Retrieve everything at once if you know you will need it

Hitting the database multiple times for different parts of a single ‘set’ of data that you will need all parts of is, in general, less efficient than retrieving it all in one query. This is particularly important if you have a query that is executed in a loop, and could therefore end up doing many database queries, when only one was needed. So:

**Use QuerySet.select_related() and prefetch_related()**

Understand `select_related()` and `prefetch_related()` thoroughly, and use them:

- in *managers and default managers* where appropriate. Be aware when your manager is and is not used; sometimes this is tricky so don’t make assumptions.
- in view code or other layers, possibly making use of `prefetch_related_objects()` where needed.

**Don’t retrieve things you don’t need**

**Use QuerySet.values() and values_list()**

When you only want a dict or list of values, and don’t need ORM model objects, make appropriate usage of `values()`. These can be useful for replacing model objects in template code - as long as the dicts you supply have the same attributes as those used in the template, you are fine.

**Use QuerySet.defer() and only()**

Use `defer()` and `only()` if there are database columns you know that you won’t need (or won’t need in most cases) to avoid loading them. Note that if you *do* use them, the ORM will have to go and get them in a separate query, making this a pessimization if you use it inappropriately.

Don’t be too aggressive in deferring fields without profiling as the database has to read most of the non-text, non-VARCHAR data from the disk for a single row in the results, even if it ends up only using a few columns. The `defer()` and `only()` methods are most useful when you can avoid loading a lot of text data or for fields that might take a lot of processing to convert back to Python. As always, profile first, then optimize.

**Use QuerySet.count()**

…if you only want the count, rather than doing `len(queryset)`.

**Use QuerySet.exists()**

…if you only want to find out if at least one result exists, rather than `if queryset`.

But:

**Don’t overuse count() and exists()**

If you are going to need other data from the QuerySet, evaluate it immediately.

For example, assuming an Email model that has a body attribute and a many-to-many relation to User, the following template code is optimal:
{% if display_inbox %}
{% with emails=user.emails.all %}
{% if emails %}
<p>You have {{ emails|length }} email(s)</p>
{% for email in emails %}
<p>{{ email.body }}</p>
{% endfor %}
{% else %}
<p>No messages today.</p>
{% endif %}
{% endwith %}
{% endif %}

It is optimal because:

1. Since QuerySets are lazy, this does no database queries if ‘display_inbox’ is False.
2. Use of with means that we store user.emails.all in a variable for later use, allowing its cache to be re-used.
3. The line {% if emails %} causes QuerySet.__bool__() to be called, which causes the user.emails.all() query to be run on the database, and at the least the first line to be turned into an ORM object. If there aren’t any results, it will return False, otherwise True.
4. The use of {{ emails|length }} calls QuerySet.__len__(), filling out the rest of the cache without doing another query.
5. The for loop iterates over the already filled cache.

In total, this code does either one or zero database queries. The only deliberate optimization performed is the use of the with tag. Using QuerySet.exists() or QuerySet.count() at any point would cause additional queries.

**Use QuerySet.update() and delete()**

Rather than retrieve a load of objects, set some values, and save them individual, use a bulk SQL UPDATE statement, via QuerySet.update(). Similarly, do bulk deletes where possible.

Note, however, that these bulk update methods cannot call the save() or delete() methods of individual instances, which means that any custom behavior you have added for these methods will not be executed, including anything driven from the normal database object signals.

**Use foreign key values directly**

If you only need a foreign key value, use the foreign key value that is already on the object you’ve got, rather than getting the whole related object and taking its primary key. i.e. do:

```python
entry.blog_id
```

instead of:

```python
entry.blog.id
```
Don’t order results if you don’t care

Ordering is not free; each field to order by is an operation the database must perform. If a model has a default ordering (`Meta.ordering`) and you don’t need it, remove it on a `QuerySet` by calling `order_by()` with no parameters.

Adding an index to your database may help to improve ordering performance.

Use bulk methods

Use bulk methods to reduce the number of SQL statements.

Create in bulk

When creating objects, where possible, use the `bulk_create()` method to reduce the number of SQL queries. For example:

```python
Entry.objects.bulk_create([  
    Entry(headline='This is a test'),  
    Entry(headline='This is only a test'),  
])
```

…is preferable to:

```python
Entry.objects.create(headline='This is a test')
Entry.objects.create(headline='This is only a test')
```

Note that there are a number of caveats to this method, so make sure it’s appropriate for your use case.

Update in bulk

When updating objects, where possible, use the `bulk_update()` method to reduce the number of SQL queries. Given a list or queryset of objects:

```python
entries = Entry.objects.bulk_create([  
    Entry(headline='This is a test'),  
    Entry(headline='This is only a test'),  
])
```

The following example:

```python
entries[0].headline = 'This is not a test'
entries[1].headline = 'This is no longer a test'
Entry.objects.bulk_update(entries, ['headline'])
```

…is preferable to:

```python
entries[0].headline = 'This is not a test'
entries[0].save()
entries[1].headline = 'This is no longer a test'
entries[1].save()
```

Note that there are a number of caveats to this method, so make sure it’s appropriate for your use case.
Insert in bulk

When inserting objects into `ManyToManyFields`, use `add()` with multiple objects to reduce the number of SQL queries. For example:

```python
my_band.members.add(me, my_friend)
```

...is preferable to:

```python
my_band.members.add(me)
my_band.members.add(my_friend)
```

...where Bands and Artists have a many-to-many relationship.

When inserting different pairs of objects into `ManyToManyField` or when the custom `through` table is defined, use `bulk_create()` method to reduce the number of SQL queries. For example:

```python
from django.db.models import Q
PizzaToppingRelationship = Pizza.toppings.through
PizzaToppingRelationship.objects.bulk_create(
    [PizzaToppingRelationship(pizza=my_pizza, topping=pepperoni),
     PizzaToppingRelationship(pizza=my_pizza, topping=pepperoni),
     PizzaToppingRelationship(pizza=your_pizza, topping=mushroom),
    ], ignore_conflicts=True)
```

...is preferable to:

```python
my_pizza.toppings.add(pepperoni)
your_pizza.toppings.add(pepperoni, mushroom)
```

...where Pizza and Topping have a many-to-many relationship. Note that there are a number of caveats to this method, so make sure it’s appropriate for your use case.

Remove in bulk

When removing objects from `ManyToManyFields`, use `remove()` with multiple objects to reduce the number of SQL queries. For example:

```python
my_band.members.remove(me, my_friend)
```

...is preferable to:

```python
my_band.members.remove(me)
my_band.members.remove(my_friend)
```

...where Bands and Artists have a many-to-many relationship.

When removing different pairs of objects from `ManyToManyFields`, use `delete()` on a `Q` expression with multiple `through` model instances to reduce the number of SQL queries. For example:

```python
from django.db.models import Q
PizzaToppingRelationship = Pizza.toppings.through
PizzaToppingRelationship.objects.filter(
    Q(pizza=my_pizza, topping=pepperoni) |
    Q(pizza=your_pizza, topping=pepperoni) |
    Q(pizza=your_pizza, topping=mushroom)
).delete()
```
...is preferable to:

```python
my_pizza.toppings.remove(pepperoni)
your_pizza.toppings.remove(pepperoni, mushroom)
```

...where Pizza and Topping have a many-to-many relationship.

### 3.2.11 Database instrumentation

To help you understand and control the queries issued by your code, Django provides a hook for installing wrapper functions around the execution of database queries. For example, wrappers can count queries, measure query duration, log queries, or even prevent query execution (e.g. to make sure that no queries are issued while rendering a template with prefetched data).

The wrappers are modeled after middleware – they are callables which take another callable as one of their arguments. They call that callable to invoke the (possibly wrapped) database query, and they can do what they want around that call. They are, however, created and installed by user code, and so don’t need a separate factory like middleware do.

Installing a wrapper is done in a context manager – so the wrappers are temporary and specific to some flow in your code.

As mentioned above, an example of a wrapper is a query execution blocker. It could look like this:

```python
def blocker(*args):
    raise Exception('No database access allowed here.')
```

And it would be used in a view to block queries from the template like so:

```python
from django.db import connection
from django.shortcuts import render

def my_view(request):
    context = {...}  # Code to generate context with all data.
    template_name = ...
    with connection.execute_wrapper(blocker):
        return render(request, template_name, context)
```

The parameters sent to the wrappers are:

- `execute` – a callable, which should be invoked with the rest of the parameters in order to execute the query.
- `sql` – a `str`, the SQL query to be sent to the database.
- `params` – a list/tuple of parameter values for the SQL command, or a list/tuple of lists/tuples if the wrapped call is `executemany()`.
- `many` – a `bool` indicating whether the ultimately invoked call is `execute()` or `executemany()` (and whether `params` is expected to be a sequence of values, or a sequence of sequences of values).
- `context` – a dictionary with further data about the context of invocation. This includes the connection and cursor.

Using the parameters, a slightly more complex version of the blocker could include the connection name in the error message:

```python
def blocker(execute, sql, params, many, context):
    alias = context['connection'].alias
    raise Exception("Access to database '{}/' blocked here".format(alias))
```

For a more complete example, a query logger could look like this:
import time

class QueryLogger:
    def __init__(self):
        self.queries = []

    def __call__(self, execute, sql, params, many, context):
        current_query = {'sql': sql, 'params': params, 'many': many}
        start = time.monotonic()
        try:
            result = execute(sql, params, many, context)
        except Exception as e:
            current_query['status'] = 'error'
            current_query['exception'] = e
            raise
        else:
            current_query['status'] = 'ok'
            return result
        finally:
            duration = time.monotonic() - start
            current_query['duration'] = duration
            self.queries.append(current_query)

To use this, you would create a logger object and install it as a wrapper:

    from django.db import connection

    ql = QueryLogger()
    with connection.execute_wrapper(ql):
        do_queries()
    # Now we can print the log.
    print(ql.queries)

connection.execute_wrapper()

execute_wrapper(wrapper)

Returns a context manager which, when entered, installs a wrapper around database query executions, and when
exited, removes the wrapper. The wrapper is installed on the thread-local connection object.

wrapper is a callable taking five arguments. It is called for every query execution in the scope of the context
manager, with arguments execute, sql, params, many, and context as described above. It’s expected to call
execute(sql, params, many, context) and return the return value of that call.

3.2.12 Examples of model relationship API usage

Many-to-many relationships

To define a many-to-many relationship, use ManyToManyField.

In this example, an Article can be published in multiple Publication objects, and a Publication has multiple Article objects:
from django.db import models

class Publication(models.Model):
    title = models.CharField(max_length=30)

    class Meta:
        ordering = ['title']

def __str__(self):
    return self.title

class Article(models.Model):
    headline = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    publications = models.ManyToManyField(Publication)

    class Meta:
        ordering = ['headline']

def __str__(self):
    return self.headline

What follows are examples of operations that can be performed using the Python API facilities.

Create a few Publications:

```python
>>> p1 = Publication(title='The Python Journal')
>>> p1.save()
>>> p2 = Publication(title='Science News')
>>> p2.save()
>>> p3 = Publication(title='Science Weekly')
>>> p3.save()
```

Create an Article:

```python
>>> a1 = Article(headline='Django lets you build Web apps easily')
```

You can’t associate it with a Publication until it’s been saved:

```python
>>> a1.publications.add(p1)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ... ValueError: "<Article: Django lets you build Web apps easily>" needs to have a value for field "id" before this many-to-many relationship can be used.
```

Save it!

```python
>>> a1.save()
```

Associate the Article with a Publication:

```python
>>> a1.publications.add(p1)
```

Create another Article, and set it to appear in the Publications:

```python
>>> a2 = Article(headline='NASA uses Python')
>>> a2.save()
>>> a2.publications.add(p1, p2)
>>> a2.publications.add(p3)
```
Adding a second time is OK, it will not duplicate the relation:

```python
>>> a2.publications.add(p3)
```

Adding an object of the wrong type raises `TypeError`:

```python
>>> a2.publications.add(a1)
Traceback (most recent call last):
... TypeError: 'Publication' instance expected
```

Create and add a Publication to an Article in one step using `create()`:

```python
>>> new_publication = a2.publications.create(title='Highlights for Children')
```

Article objects have access to their related Publication objects:

```python
>>> a1.publications.all()
<QuerySet [<Publication: The Python Journal)>>
```

```python
>>> a2.publications.all()
<QuerySet [<Publication: Highlights for Children>, <Publication: Science News>,
<Publication: Science Weekly>, <Publication: The Python Journal)>>
```

Publication objects have access to their related Article objects:

```python
>>> p2.article_set.all()
<QuerySet [<Article: NASA uses Python]>>
```

```python
>>> p1.article_set.all()
<QuerySet [<Article: Django lets you build Web apps easily>, <Article: NASA uses Python>]
```

```python
>>> Publication.objects.get(id=4).article_set.all()
<QuerySet [<Article: NASA uses Python]>>
```

Many-to-many relationships can be queried using `lookups across relationships`:

```python
>>> Article.objects.filter(publications__id=1)
<QuerySet [<Article: Django lets you build Web apps easily>, <Article: NASA uses Python>]
```

```python
>>> Article.objects.filter(publications__pk=1)
<QuerySet [<Article: Django lets you build Web apps easily>, <Article: NASA uses Python>]
```

```python
>>> Article.objects.filter(publications=1)
<QuerySet [<Article: Django lets you build Web apps easily>, <Article: NASA uses Python>]
```

```python
>>> Article.objects.filter(publications=p1)
<QuerySet [<Article: Django lets you build Web apps easily>, <Article: NASA uses Python>]
```

```python
>>> Article.objects.filter(publications__title__startswith='Science')
<QuerySet [<Article: NASA uses Python>, <Article: NASA uses Python>]>
```

```python
>>> Article.objects.filter(publications__title__startswith='Science').distinct()
<QuerySet [<Article: NASA uses Python]>>
```

The `count()` function respects `distinct()` as well:

```python
>>> Article.objects.filter(publications__title__startswith='Science').count()
2
```
>>> Article.objects.filter(publications__title__startswith="Science").distinct().count()
1

>>> Article.objects.filter(publications__in=[1,2]).distinct()
<QuerySet [<Article: Django lets you build Web apps easily>, <Article: NASA uses Python>]>  

>>> Article.objects.filter(publications__in=[p1,p2]).distinct()
<QuerySet [<Article: Django lets you build Web apps easily>, <Article: NASA uses Python>]>  

Reverse m2m queries are supported (i.e., starting at the table that doesn’t have a ManyToManyField):

>>> Publication.objects.filter(id=1)
<QuerySet [<Publication: The Python Journal]>>

>>> Publication.objects.filter(pk=1)
<QuerySet [<Publication: The Python Journal]>>

>>> Publication.objects.filter(article__headline__startswith="NASA")
<QuerySet [<Publication: Highlights for Children>, <Publication: Science News>, ...

>>> Publication.objects.filter(article__id=1)
<QuerySet [<Publication: The Python Journal]>>

>>> Publication.objects.filter(article__pk=1)
<QuerySet [<Publication: The Python Journal]>>

>>> Publication.objects.filter(article=1)
<QuerySet [<Publication: The Python Journal]>>

Excluding a related item works as you would expect, too (although the SQL involved is a little complex):

>>> Article.objects.exclude(publications=p2)
<QuerySet [<Article: Django lets you build Web apps easily>]>  

If we delete a Publication, its Articles won’t be able to access it:

>>> pl.delete()

If we delete an Article, its Publications won’t be able to access it:

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Adding via the ‘other’ end of an m2m:

```python
>>> a4 = Article(headline='NASA finds intelligent life on Earth')
>>> a4.save()
>>> p2.article_set.add(a4)
>>> p2.article_set.all()
<QuerySet [<Article: NASA finds intelligent life on Earth>]>  
>>> a4.publications.all()
<QuerySet [<Publication: Science News]>>

Adding via the other end using keywords:

```python
>>> new_article = p2.article_set.create(headline='Oxygen-free diet works wonders')
>>> p2.article_set.all()
<QuerySet [<Article: NASA finds intelligent life on Earth>, <Article: Oxygen-free diet works wonders]>>
>>> a5 = p2.article_set.all()[1]
>>> a5.publications.all()
<QuerySet [<Publication: Science News]>>

Removing Publication from an Article:

```python
>>> a4.publications.remove(p2)
>>> p2.article_set.all()
<QuerySet [<Article: Oxygen-free diet works wonders]>>
>>> a4.publications.all()
<QuerySet []>

And from the other end:

```python
>>> p2.article_set.remove(a5)
>>> p2.article_set.all()
<QuerySet []>
>>> a5.publications.all()
<QuerySet []>

Relation sets can be set:

```python
>>> a4.publications.all()
<QuerySet [<Publication: Science News]>>
>>> a4.publications.set([p3])
>>> a4.publications.all()
<QuerySet [<Publication: Science Weekly]>>

Relation sets can be cleared:

```python
>>> p2.article_set.clear()
>>> p2.article_set.all()
<QuerySet []>

And you can clear from the other end:
Recreate the Article and Publication we have deleted:

```python
>>> p2.article_set.add(a4, a5)
>>> p2.article_set.all()
<QuerySet [<Article: NASA finds intelligent life on Earth>, <Article: Oxygen-free diet works wonders>]>
>>> a4.publications.all()
<QuerySet [<Publication: Science News>, <Publication: Science Weekly>]>
>>> a4.publications.clear()
>>> a4.publications.all()
<QuerySet []>
>>> p2.article_set.all()
<QuerySet [<Article: Oxygen-free diet works wonders>]>
```

Bulk delete some Publications - references to deleted publications should go:

```python
>>> Publication.objects.filter(title__startswith='Science').delete()
>>> Publication.objects.all()
<QuerySet [<Publication: Highlights for Children>, <Publication: The Python Journal>]>
>>> Article.objects.all()
<QuerySet [<Article: Django lets you build Web apps easily>, <Article: NASA finds intelligent life on Earth>, <Article: NASA uses Python>, <Article: Oxygen-free diet works wonders>]>
>>> a2.publications.all()
<QuerySet []>
```

Bulk delete some articles - references to deleted objects should go:

```python
>>> q = Article.objects.filter(headline__startswith='Django')
>>> print(q)
<QuerySet [<Article: Django lets you build Web apps easily>]>
>>> q.delete()
```

After the `delete()`, the `QuerySet` cache needs to be cleared, and the referenced objects should be gone:

```python
>>> print(q)
<QuerySet []>
>>> p1.article_set.all()
<QuerySet [<Article: NASA uses Python>]>
```

Many-to-one relationships

To define a many-to-one relationship, use `ForeignKey`:

```python
from django.db import models

class Reporter(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=30)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=30)
    email = models.EmailField()
```

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```python
def __str__(self):
    return "{} {}".format(self.first_name, self.last_name)

class Article(models.Model):
    headline = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    pub_date = models.DateField()
    reporter = models.ForeignKey(Reporter, on_delete=models.CASCADE)

    def __str__(self):
        return self.headline

    class Meta:
        ordering = ['headline']
```

What follows are examples of operations that can be performed using the Python API facilities.

Create a few Reporters:

```python
>>> r = Reporter(first_name='John', last_name='Smith', email='john@example.com')
>>> r.save()
>>> r2 = Reporter(first_name='Paul', last_name='Jones', email='paul@example.com')
>>> r2.save()
```

Create an Article:

```python
>>> from datetime import date
>>> a = Article(id=None, headline="This is a test", pub_date=date(2005, 7, 27),
              reporter=r)
>>> a.save()
>>> a.reporter.id
1
>>> a.reporter
<Reporter: John Smith>
```

Note that you must save an object before it can be assigned to a foreign key relationship. For example, creating an Article with unsaved Reporter raises `ValueError`:

```python
>>> r3 = Reporter(first_name='John', last_name='Smith', email='john@example.com')
>>> Article.objects.create(headline="This is a test", pub_date=date(2005, 7, 27),
                         reporter=r3)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...
ValueError: save() prohibited to prevent data loss due to unsaved related object 'reporter'.
```

Article objects have access to their related Reporter objects:

```python
>>> r = a.reporter
```

Create an Article via the Reporter object:
Create a new article:

```python
>>> new_article = r.article_set.create(headline="John's second story", pub_date=date(2005, 7, 29))
>>> new_article
<Article: John's second story>
>>> new_article.reporter
<Reporter: John Smith>
>>> new_article.reporter.id
1
```

Add the same article to a different article set - check that it moves:

```python
>>> r2.article_set.add(new_article2)
>>> new_article2.reporter.id
2
>>> new_article2.reporter
<Reporter: Paul Jones>
```

Adding an object of the wrong type raises TypeError:

```python
>>> r.article_set.add(r2)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...:
  TypeError: 'Article' instance expected, got <Reporter: Paul Jones>
```

Note that in the last example the article has moved from John to Paul.

Related managers support field lookups as well. The API automatically follows relationships as far as you need. Use double underscores to separate relationships. This works as many levels deep as you want. There's no limit. For example:

```python
>>> r.article_set.filter(headline__startswith='This')
<QuerySet [<Article: This is a test]>>
```

# Find all Articles for any Reporter whose first name is "John".
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>>> Article.objects.filter(reporter__first_name='John')
<QuerySet [<Article: John's second story>, <Article: This is a test>]>  

Exact match is implied here:

>>> Article.objects.filter(reporter__first_name='John')  
<QuerySet [<Article: John's second story>, <Article: This is a test>]>  

Query twice over the related field. This translates to an AND condition in the WHERE clause:

>>> Article.objects.filter(reporter__first_name='John', reporter__last_name='Smith')  
<QuerySet [<Article: John's second story>, <Article: This is a test>]>  

For the related lookup you can supply a primary key value or pass the related object explicitly:

>>> Article.objects.filter(reporter__pk=1)  
<QuerySet [<Article: John's second story>, <Article: This is a test>]>  

>>> Article.objects.filter(reporter=1)  
<QuerySet [<Article: John's second story>, <Article: This is a test>]>  

>>> Article.objects.filter(reporter__in=[1,2]).distinct()  
<QuerySet [<Article: John's second story>, <Article: Paul's story>, <Article: This is a test>]>  

>>> Article.objects.filter(reporter__in=[r,r2]).distinct()  
<QuerySet [<Article: John's second story>, <Article: Paul's story>, <Article: This is a test>]>  

You can also use a queryset instead of a literal list of instances:

>>> Article.objects.filter(reporter__in=Reporter.objects.filter(first_name='John')).distinct()  
<QuerySet [<Article: John's second story>, <Article: This is a test>]>  

Querying in the opposite direction:

>>> Reporter.objects.filter(article__pk=1)  
<QuerySet [<Reporter: John Smith>]>  

>>> Reporter.objects.filter(article=1)  
<QuerySet [<Reporter: John Smith>]>  

>>> Reporter.objects.filter(article=a)  
<QuerySet [<Reporter: John Smith>]>  

>>> Reporter.objects.filter(article__headline__startswith='This').distinct()  
<QuerySet [<Reporter: John Smith>, <Reporter: John Smith>, <Reporter: John Smith>]>  

>>> Reporter.objects.filter(article__headline__startswith='This').distinct().count()  
3  

Counting in the opposite direction works in conjunction with distinct():

>>> Reporter.objects.filter(article__headline__startswith='This').distinct().count()  
1  

Queries can go round in circles:
If you delete a reporter, their articles will be deleted (assuming that the ForeignKey was defined with django.db.models.ForeignKey.on_delete set to CASCADE, which is the default):

You can delete using a JOIN in the query:

One-to-one relationships

To define a one-to-one relationship, use OneToOneField.

In this example, a Place optionally can be a Restaurant:

```python
from django.db import models
class Place(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    address = models.CharField(max_length=80)
    
    def __str__(self):
        return "%s the place" % self.name
class Restaurant(models.Model):
    place = models.OneToOneField(
        Place,
        on_delete=models.CASCADE,
        primary_key=True,
    )
    serves_hot_dogs = models.BooleanField(default=False)
    serves_pizza = models.BooleanField(default=False)
    
    def __str__(self):
        # (continues on next page)
```
What follows are examples of operations that can be performed using the Python API facilities.

Create a couple of Places:

```python
>>> p1 = Place(name='Demon Dogs', address='944 W. Fullerton')
>>> p1.save()
```

```python
>>> p2 = Place(name='Ace Hardware', address='1013 N. Ashland')
>>> p2.save()
```

Create a Restaurant. Pass the “parent” object as this object’s primary key:

```python
>>> r = Restaurant(place=p1, serves_hot_dogs=True, serves_pizza=False)
>>> r.save()
```

A Restaurant can access its place:

```python
>>> r.place
<Place: Demon Dogs the place>
```

A Place can access its restaurant, if available:

```python
>>> p1.restaurant
<Restaurant: Demon Dogs the restaurant>
```

```python
p2 doesn't have an associated restaurant:
```

```python
>>> from django.core.exceptions import ObjectDoesNotExist
>>> try:
...    p2.restaurant
... except ObjectDoesNotExist:
...    print("There is no restaurant here.")
There is no restaurant here.
```

You can also use `hasattr` to avoid the need for exception catching:

```python
>>> hasattr(p2, 'restaurant')
False
```

Set the place using assignment notation. Because place is the primary key on Restaurant, the save will create a new restaurant:

```python
>>> r.place = p2
>>> r.save()
```

```python
>>> p2.restaurant
<Restaurant: Ace Hardware the restaurant>
>>> r.place
<Place: Ace Hardware the place>
```
Set the place back again, using assignment in the reverse direction:

```python
def p1.restaurant = r
>>> p1.restaurant
<Restaurant: Demon Dogs the restaurant>
```

Note that you must save an object before it can be assigned to a one-to-one relationship. For example, creating a Restaurant with unsaved Place raises ValueError:

```python
>>> p3 = Place(name='Demon Dogs', address='944 W. Fullerton')
>>> Restaurant.objects.create(place=p3, serves_hot_dogs=True, serves_pizza=False)
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
ValueError: save() prohibited to prevent data loss due to unsaved related object ...
```

Restaurant.objects.all() returns the Restaurants, not the Places. Note that there are two restaurants - Ace Hardware the Restaurant was created in the call to r.place = p2:

```python
>>> Restaurant.objects.all()
<QuerySet [<Restaurant: Demon Dogs the restaurant>, <Restaurant: Ace Hardware the restaurant>]>.
```

Place.objects.all() returns all Places, regardless of whether they have Restaurants:

```python
>>> Place.objects.order_by('name')
<QuerySet [<Place: Ace Hardware the place>, <Place: Demon Dogs the place]>>
```

You can query the models using `lookups across relationships`:

```python
>>> Restaurant.objects.get(place=p1)
<Restaurant: Demon Dogs the restaurant>
>>> Restaurant.objects.get(place__pk=1)
<Restaurant: Demon Dogs the restaurant>
>>> Restaurant.objects.filter(place__name__startswith="Demon")
<QuerySet [<Restaurant: Demon Dogs the restaurant>]>.
>>> Restaurant.objects.exclude(place__address__contains="Ashland")
<QuerySet [<Restaurant: Demon Dogs the restaurant>]>.
```

This also works in reverse:

```python
>>> Place.objects.get(pk=1)
<Place: Demon Dogs the place>
>>> Place.objects.get(restaurant__place=p1)
<Place: Demon Dogs the place>
>>> Place.objects.get(restaurant=r)
<Place: Demon Dogs the place>
>>> Place.objects.get(restaurant__place__name__startswith="Demon")
<Place: Demon Dogs the place>
```

Add a Waiter to the Restaurant:

```python
>>> w = r.waiter_set.create(name='Joe')
>>> w
<Waiter: Joe the waiter at Demon Dogs the restaurant>
```

Query the waiters:

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Information on handling HTTP requests in Django:

3.3.1 URL dispatcher

A clean, elegant URL scheme is an important detail in a high-quality Web application. Django lets you design URLs however you want, with no framework limitations.

See Cool URIs don’t change, by World Wide Web creator Tim Berners-Lee, for excellent arguments on why URLs should be clean and usable.

Overview

To design URLs for an app, you create a Python module informally called a URLconf (URL configuration). This module is pure Python code and is a mapping between URL path expressions to Python functions (your views).

This mapping can be as short or as long as needed. It can reference other mappings. And, because it’s pure Python code, it can be constructed dynamically.

Django also provides a way to translate URLs according to the active language. See the internationalization documentation for more information.

How Django processes a request

When a user requests a page from your Django-powered site, this is the algorithm the system follows to determine which Python code to execute:

1. Django determines the root URLconf module to use. Ordinarily, this is the value of the ROOT_URLCONF setting, but if the incoming HttpRequest object has a urlconf attribute (set by middleware), its value will be used in place of the ROOT_URLCONF setting.

2. Django loads that Python module and looks for the variable urlpatterns. This should be a sequence of django.urls.path() and/or django.urls.re_path() instances.

3. Django runs through each URL pattern, in order, and stops at the first one that matches the requested URL, matching against path_info.

4. Once one of the URL patterns matches, Django imports and calls the given view, which is a Python function (or a class-based view). The view gets passed the following arguments:

   - An instance of HttpRequest.
   - If the matched URL pattern contained no named groups, then the matches from the regular expression are provided as positional arguments.
   - The keyword arguments are made up of any named parts matched by the path expression that are provided, overridden by any arguments specified in the optional kwarg argument to django.urls.path() or django.urls.re_path().
In older versions, the keyword arguments with `None` values are made up also for not provided named parts.

5. If no URL pattern matches, or if an exception is raised during any point in this process, Django invokes an appropriate error-handling view. See Error handling below.

**Example**

Here’s a sample URLconf:

```python
from django.urls import path
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
    path('articles/2003/', views.special_case_2003),
    path('articles/<int:year>/', views.year_archive),
    path('articles/<int:year>/<int:month>/', views.month_archive),
    path('articles/<int:year>/<int:month>/<slug:slug>/', views.article_detail),
]
```

Notes:
- To capture a value from the URL, use angle brackets.
- Captured values can optionally include a converter type. For example, use `<int:name>` to capture an integer parameter. If a converter isn’t included, any string, excluding a `/` character, is matched.
- There’s no need to add a leading slash, because every URL has that. For example, it’s `articles`, not `/articles`.

Example requests:
- A request to `/articles/2005/03/` would match the third entry in the list. Django would call the function `views.month_archive(request, year=2005, month=3)`.
- `/articles/2003/` would match the first pattern in the list, not the second one, because the patterns are tested in order, and the first one is the first test to pass. Feel free to exploit the ordering to insert special cases like this. Here, Django would call the function `views.special_case_2003(request)`.
- `/articles/2003` would not match any of these patterns, because each pattern requires that the URL end with a slash.
- `/articles/2003/03/building-a-django-site/` would match the final pattern. Django would call the function `views.article_detail(request, year=2003, month=3, slug="building-a-django-site")`.

**Path converters**

The following path converters are available by default:

- **str** - Matches any non-empty string, excluding the path separator, `'/'`. This is the default if a converter isn’t included in the expression.
- **int** - Matches zero or any positive integer. Returns an `int`.
- **slug** - Matches any slug string consisting of ASCII letters or numbers, plus the hyphen and underscore characters. For example, `building-your-1st-django-site`.
uuid - Matches a formatted UUID. To prevent multiple URLs from mapping to the same page, dashes must be included and letters must be lowercase. For example, 075194d3-6885-417e-a8a8-6c931e272f00. Returns a UUID instance.

path - Matches any non-empty string, including the path separator, '/'. This allows you to match against a complete URL path rather than a segment of a URL path as with str.

Registering custom path converters

For more complex matching requirements, you can define your own path converters. A converter is a class that includes the following:

- A regex class attribute, as a string.
- A to_python(self, value) method, which handles converting the matched string into the type that should be passed to the view function. It should raise ValueError if it can’t convert the given value. A ValueError is interpreted as no match and as a consequence a 404 response is sent to the user unless another URL pattern matches.
- A to_url(self, value) method, which handles converting the Python type into a string to be used in the URL. It should raise ValueError if it can’t convert the given value. A ValueError is interpreted as no match and as a consequence reverse() will raise NoReverseMatch unless another URL pattern matches.

Support for raising ValueError to indicate no match was added.

For example:

class FourDigitYearConverter:
    regex = '[0-9]{4}'

    def to_python(self, value):
        return int(value)

    def to_url(self, value):
        return '%04d' % value

Register custom converter classes in your URLconf using register_converter():

    from django.urls import path, register_converter
    from . import converters, views
    register_converter(converters.FourDigitYearConverter, 'yyyy')

    urlpatterns = [
        path('articles/2003/', views.special_case_2003),
        path('articles/<yyyy:year>/', views.year_archive),
        ...
    ]

Using regular expressions

If the paths and converters syntax isn’t sufficient for defining your URL patterns, you can also use regular expressions. To do so, use re_path() instead of path().

In Python regular expressions, the syntax for named regular expression groups is (?P<name>pattern), where name is the name of the group and pattern is some pattern to match.
Here's the example URLconf from earlier, rewritten using regular expressions:

```python
from django.urls import path, re_path
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
    path('articles/2003/', views.special_case_2003),
    re_path(r'^articles/(?P<year>[0-9]{4})/$', views.year_archive),
    re_path(r'^articles/(?P<year>[0-9]{4})/(?P<month>[0-9]{2})/$', views.month_archive),
    re_path(r'^articles/(?P<year>[0-9]{4})/(?P<month>[0-9]{2})/(?P<slug>\w-+)/$', views.article_detail),
]
```

This accomplishes roughly the same thing as the previous example, except:

- The exact URLs that will match are slightly more constrained. For example, the year 10000 will no longer match since the year integers are constrained to be exactly four digits long.
- Each captured argument is sent to the view as a string, regardless of what sort of match the regular expression makes.

When switching from using `path()` to `re_path()` or vice versa, it's particularly important to be aware that the type of the view arguments may change, and so you may need to adapt your views.

**Using unnamed regular expression groups**

As well as the named group syntax, e.g. `(?P<year>[0-9]{4})`, you can also use the shorter unnamed group, e.g. `([0-9]{4})`.

This usage isn't particularly recommended as it makes it easier to accidentally introduce errors between the intended meaning of a match and the arguments of the view.

In either case, using only one style within a given regex is recommended. When both styles are mixed, any unnamed groups are ignored and only named groups are passed to the view function.

**Nested arguments**

Regular expressions allow nested arguments, and Django will resolve them and pass them to the view. When reversing, Django will try to fill in all outer captured arguments, ignoring any nested captured arguments. Consider the following URL patterns which optionally take a page argument:

```python
from django.urls import re_path

urlpatterns = [
    re_path(r'^blog/(page-(\d+)/)?$', blog_articles),  # bad
    re_path(r'^comments/(?:page-(?P<page_number>\d+)/)?$', comments),  # good
]
```

Both patterns use nested arguments and will resolve: for example, blog/page-2/ will result in a match to `blog_articles` with two positional arguments: `page-2/` and 2. The second pattern for comments will match comments/page-2/ with keyword argument `page_number` set to 2. The outer argument in this case is a non-capturing argument `(?:...)`.

The `blog_articles` view needs the outermost captured argument to be reversed, `page-2/` or no arguments in this case, while `comments` can be reversed with either no arguments or a value for `page_number`.

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Nested captured arguments create a strong coupling between the view arguments and the URL as illustrated by blog_articles: the view receives part of the URL (page-2/) instead of only the value the view is interested in. This coupling is even more pronounced when reversing, since to reverse the view we need to pass the piece of URL instead of the page number.

As a rule of thumb, only capture the values the view needs to work with and use non-capturing arguments when the regular expression needs an argument but the view ignores it.

What the URLconf searches against

The URLconf searches against the requested URL, as a normal Python string. This does not include GET or POST parameters, or the domain name.

For example, in a request to https://www.example.com/myapp/, the URLconf will look for myapp/.
In a request to https://www.example.com/myapp/?page=3, the URLconf will look for myapp/.

The URLconf doesn’t look at the request method. In other words, all request methods – POST, GET, HEAD, etc. – will be routed to the same function for the same URL.

Specifying defaults for view arguments

A convenient trick is to specify default parameters for your views’ arguments. Here’s an example URLconf and view:

```python
# URLconf
from django.urls import path
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
    path('blog/', views.page),
    path('blog/page<int:num>/', views.page),
]

# View (in blog/views.py)
def page(request, num=1):
    # Output the appropriate page of blog entries, according to num.
    ...
```

In the above example, both URL patterns point to the same view – views.page – but the first pattern doesn’t capture anything from the URL. If the first pattern matches, the page() function will use its default argument for num, 1. If the second pattern matches, page() will use whatever num value was captured.

Performance

Each regular expression in a urlpatterns is compiled the first time it’s accessed. This makes the system blazingly fast.

Syntax of the urlpatterns variable

urlpatterns should be a sequence of path() and/or re_path() instances.
**Error handling**

When Django can’t find a match for the requested URL, or when an exception is raised, Django invokes an error-handling view.

The views to use for these cases are specified by four variables. Their default values should suffice for most projects, but further customization is possible by overriding their default values.

See the documentation on [customizing error views](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/http/views/#detailed-error-view-configuration) for the full details.

Such values can be set in your root URLconf. Setting these variables in any other URLconf will have no effect.

Values must be callables, or strings representing the full Python import path to the view that should be called to handle the error condition at hand.

The variables are:

- `handler400` – See `django.conf.urls.handler400`.
- `handler403` – See `django.conf.urls.handler403`.
- `handler404` – See `django.conf.urls.handler404`.
- `handler500` – See `django.conf.urls.handler500`.

**Including other URLconfs**

At any point, your `urlpatterns` can “include” other URLconf modules. This essentially “roots” a set of URLs below other ones.

For example, here’s an excerpt of the URLconf for the Django website itself. It includes a number of other URLconfs:

```python
from django.urls import include, path

urlpatterns = [
    # ... snip ...
    path('community/', include('aggregator.urls')),
    path('contact/', include('contact.urls')),
    # ... snip ...
]
```

Whenever Django encounters `include()`, it chops off whatever part of the URL matched up to that point and sends the remaining string to the included URLconf for further processing.

Another possibility is to include additional URL patterns by using a list of `path()` instances. For example, consider this URLconf:

```python
from django.urls import include, path

from apps.main import views as main_views
from credit import views as credit_views

extra_patterns = [
    path('reports/', credit_views.report),
    path('reports/<int:id>/', credit_views.report),
    path('charge/', credit_views.charge),
]

urlpatterns = [
    path('', main_views.homepage),
]
```

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In this example, the /credit/reports/ URL will be handled by the credit_views.report() Django view. This can be used to remove redundancy from URLconfs where a single pattern prefix is used repeatedly. For example, consider this URLconf:

```python
from django.urls import path
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
    path('<page_slug>-<page_id>/history/', views.history),
    path('<page_slug>-<page_id>/edit/', views.edit),
    path('<page_slug>-<page_id>/discuss/', views.discuss),
    path('<page_slug>-<page_id>/permissions/', views.permissions),
]
```

We can improve this by stating the common path prefix only once and grouping the suffixes that differ:

```python
from django.urls import include, path
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
    path('<page_slug>-<page_id>/', include([
        path('history/', views.history),
        path('edit/', views.edit),
        path('discuss/', views.discuss),
        path('permissions/', views.permissions),
    ])),
]
```

**Captured parameters**

An included URLconf receives any captured parameters from parent URLconf, so the following example is valid:

```python
# In settings/urls/main.py
from django.urls import include, path

urlpatterns = [
    path('<username>/blog/', include('foo.urls.blog')),
]

# In foo/urls/blog.py
from django.urls import path
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
    path('', views.blog.index),
    path('archive/', views.blog.archive),
]
```

In the above example, the captured "username" variable is passed to the included URLconf, as expected.
Passing extra options to view functions

URLconf hooks provide a mechanism for passing extra arguments to your view functions, typically in the form of a Python dictionary. The `path()` function can take an optional third argument which should be a dictionary of extra keyword arguments to pass to the view function.

For example:

```python
from django.urls import path
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
    path('blog/<int:year>/', views.year_archive, {'foo': 'bar'}),
]
```

In this example, for a request to `/blog/2005/`, Django will call `views.year_archive(request, year=2005, foo='bar')`.

This technique is used in the `syndication framework` to pass metadata and options to views.

Dealing with conflicts

It's possible to have a URL pattern which captures named keyword arguments, and also passes arguments with the same names in its dictionary of extra arguments. When this happens, the arguments in the dictionary will be used instead of the arguments captured in the URL.

Passing extra options to `include()`

Similarly, you can pass extra options to `include()` and each line in the included URLconf will be passed the extra options.

For example, these two URLconf sets are functionally identical:

Set one:

```python
# main.py
from django.urls import include, path

urlpatterns = [
    path('blog/', include('inner'), {'blog_id': 3}),
]

# inner.py
from django.urls import path
from mysite import views

urlpatterns = [
    path('archive/', views.archive),
    path('about/', views.about),
]
```

Set two:

```python
# main.py
from django.urls import include, path

urlpatterns = [
    path('blog/', include('inner'), {'blog_id': 3}),
]
```

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from mysite import views

urlpatterns = [
    path('blog/', include('inner')),
]

# inner.py
from django.urls import path

urlpatterns = [
    path('archive/', views.archive, {'blog_id': 3}),
    path('about/', views.about, {'blog_id': 3}),
]

Note that extra options will always be passed to every line in the included URLconf, regardless of whether the line’s view actually accepts those options as valid. For this reason, this technique is only useful if you’re certain that every view in the included URLconf accepts the extra options you’re passing.

Reverse resolution of URLs

A common need when working on a Django project is the possibility to obtain URLs in their final forms either for embedding in generated content (views and assets URLs, URLs shown to the user, etc.) or for handling of the navigation flow on the server side (redirections, etc.)

It is strongly desirable to avoid hard-coding these URLs (a laborious, non-scalable and error-prone strategy). Equally dangerous is devising ad-hoc mechanisms to generate URLs that are parallel to the design described by the URLconf, which can result in the production of URLs that become stale over time.

In other words, what’s needed is a DRY mechanism. Among other advantages it would allow evolution of the URL design without having to go over all the project source code to search and replace outdated URLs.

The primary piece of information we have available to get a URL is an identification (e.g. the name) of the view in charge of handling it. Other pieces of information that necessarily must participate in the lookup of the right URL are the types (positional, keyword) and values of the view arguments.

Django provides a solution such that the URL mapper is the only repository of the URL design. You feed it with your URLconf and then it can be used in both directions:

- Starting with a URL requested by the user/browser, it calls the right Django view providing any arguments it might need with their values as extracted from the URL.
- Starting with the identification of the corresponding Django view plus the values of arguments that would be passed to it, obtain the associated URL.

The first one is the usage we’ve been discussing in the previous sections. The second one is what is known as reverse resolution of URLs, reverse URL matching, reverse URL lookup, or simply URL reversing.

Django provides tools for performing URL reversing that match the different layers where URLs are needed:

- In templates: Using the `url` template tag.
- In Python code: Using the `reverse()` function.
- In higher level code related to handling of URLs of Django model instances: The `get_absolute_url()` method.
Examples

Consider again this URLconf entry:

```python
from django.urls import path
from . import views

urlpatterns = [
    #...
    path('articles/<int:year>/', views.year_archive, name='news-year-archive'),
    #...
]
```

According to this design, the URL for the archive corresponding to year `nnnn` is `/articles/<nnnn>/`. You can obtain these in template code by using:

```html
<a href="{% url 'news-year-archive' 2012 %}">2012 Archive</a>
```

{# Or with the year in a template context variable: #}

```html
<ul>
    {% for yearvar in year_list %}
    <li><a href="{% url 'news-year-archive' yearvar %}">
        {{ yearvar }} Archive</a></li>
    {% endfor %}
</ul>
```

Or in Python code:

```python
from django.http import HttpResponseRedirect
from django.urls import reverse

def redirect_to_year(request):
    # ...
    year = 2006
    # ...
    return HttpResponseRedirect(reverse('news-year-archive', args=(year,)))
```

If, for some reason, it was decided that the URLs where content for yearly article archives are published at should be changed then you would only need to change the entry in the URLconf.

In some scenarios where views are of a generic nature, a many-to-one relationship might exist between URLs and views. For these cases the view name isn’t a good enough identifier for it when comes the time of reversing URLs. Read the next section to know about the solution Django provides for this.

Naming URL patterns

In order to perform URL reversing, you’ll need to use **named URL patterns** as done in the examples above. The string used for the URL name can contain any characters you like. You are not restricted to valid Python names.

When naming URL patterns, choose names that are unlikely to clash with other applications’ choice of names. If you call your URL pattern `comment` and another application does the same thing, the URL that `reverse()` finds depends on whichever pattern is last in your project’s `urlpatterns` list.

Putting a prefix on your URL names, perhaps derived from the application name (such as `myapp-comment` instead of `comment`), decreases the chance of collision.

You can deliberately choose the **same URL name** as another application if you want to override a view. For example, a common use case is to override the `LoginView`. Parts of Django and most third-party apps assume that this view

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has a URL pattern with the name `login`. If you have a custom login view and give its URL the name `login`, `reverse()` will find your custom view as long as it's in `urlpatterns` after `django.contrib.auth.urls` is included (if that's included at all).

You may also use the same name for multiple URL patterns if they differ in their arguments. In addition to the URL name, `reverse()` matches the number of arguments and the names of the keyword arguments. Path converters can also raise `ValueError` to indicate no match, see `Registering custom path converters` for details.

### URL namespaces

#### Introduction

URL namespaces allow you to uniquely reverse named URL patterns even if different applications use the same URL names. It's a good practice for third-party apps to always use namespaced URLs (as we did in the tutorial). Similarly, it also allows you to reverse URLs if multiple instances of an application are deployed. In other words, since multiple instances of a single application will share named URLs, namespaces provide a way to tell these named URLs apart.

Django applications that make proper use of URL namespaceing can be deployed more than once for a particular site. For example `django.contrib.admin` has an `AdminSite` class which allows you to deploy more than one instance of the admin. In a later example, we'll discuss the idea of deploying the polls application from the tutorial in two different locations so we can serve the same functionality to two different audiences (authors and publishers).

A URL namespace comes in two parts, both of which are strings:

- **application namespace**: This describes the name of the application that is being deployed. Every instance of a single application will have the same application namespace. For example, Django's admin application has the somewhat predictable application namespace of `admin`.

- **instance namespace**: This identifies a specific instance of an application. Instance namespaces should be unique across your entire project. However, an instance namespace can be the same as the application namespace. This is used to specify a default instance of an application. For example, the default Django admin instance has an instance namespace of `admin`.

Namespaced URLs are specified using the `:` operator. For example, the main index page of the admin application is referenced using `admin:index`. This indicates a namespace of `admin`, and a named URL of `index`.

Namespaces can also be nested. The named URL `sports:polls:index` would look for a pattern named `index` in the namespace `polls` that is itself defined within the top-level namespace `sports`.

#### Reversing namespaced URLs

When given a namespaced URL (e.g. `polls:index`) to resolve, Django splits the fully qualified name into parts and then tries the following lookup:

1. First, Django looks for a matching application namespace (in this example, `polls`). This will yield a list of instances of that application.

2. If there is a current application defined, Django finds and returns the URL resolver for that instance. The current application can be specified with the `current_app` argument to the `reverse()` function.

   The `url` template tag uses the namespace of the currently resolved view as the current application in a `RequestContext`. You can override this default by setting the current application on the `request.current_app` attribute.

3. If there is no current application, Django looks for a default application instance. The default application instance is the instance that has an instance namespace matching the application namespace (in this example, an instance of polls called `polls`).
4. If there is no default application instance, Django will pick the last deployed instance of the application, whatever its instance name may be.

5. If the provided namespace doesn’t match an application namespace in step 1, Django will attempt a direct lookup of the namespace as an instance namespace.

If there are nested namespaces, these steps are repeated for each part of the namespace until only the view name is unresolved. The view name will then be resolved into a URL in the namespace that has been found.

**Example**

To show this resolution strategy in action, consider an example of two instances of the polls application from the tutorial: one called 'author-polls' and one called 'publisher-polls'. Assume we have enhanced that application so that it takes the instance namespace into consideration when creating and displaying polls.

```python
Listing 2: urls.py
from django.urls import include, path
urlpatterns = [
    path('author-polls/', include('polls.urls', namespace='author-polls')),
    path('publisher-polls/', include('polls.urls', namespace='publisher-polls')),
]
```

```python
Listing 3: polls/urls.py
from . import views
app_name = 'polls'
urlpatterns = [
    path('', views.IndexView.as_view(), name='index'),
    path('<int:pk>/', views.DetailView.as_view(), name='detail'),
    ...
]
```

Using this setup, the following lookups are possible:

- If one of the instances is current - say, if we were rendering the detail page in the instance 'author-polls' - 'polls:index' will resolve to the index page of the 'author-polls' instance; i.e. both of the following will result in "/author-polls/".
  
  In the method of a class-based view:

  ```python
  reverse('polls:index', current_app=self.request.resolver_match.namespace)
  ```

  and in the template:

  ```html
  {% url 'polls:index' %}
  ```

- If there is no current instance - say, if we were rendering a page somewhere else on the site - 'polls:index' will resolve to the last registered instance of polls. Since there is no default instance (instance namespace of 'polls'), the last instance of polls that is registered will be used. This would be 'publisher-polls' since it’s declared last in the urlpatterns.

- 'author-polls:index' will always resolve to the index page of the instance 'author-polls' (and likewise for 'publisher-polls').
If there were also a default instance - i.e., an instance named 'polls' - the only change from above would be in the case where there is no current instance (the second item in the list above). In this case 'polls:index' would resolve to the index page of the default instance instead of the instance declared last in urlpatterns.

### URL namespaces and included URLconfs

Application namespaces of included URLconfs can be specified in two ways.

Firstly, you can set an `app_name` attribute in the included URLconf module, at the same level as the `urlpatterns` attribute. You have to pass the actual module, or a string reference to the module, to `include()`, not the list of `urlpatterns` itself.

```python
from django.urls import path
from . import views

app_name = 'polls'
urlpatterns = [
    path('', views.IndexView.as_view(), name='index'),
    path('<int:pk>/', views.DetailView.as_view(), name='detail'),
    ...
]
```

Listing 4: polls/urls.py

```python
from django.urls import include, path

urlpatterns = [
    path('polls/', include('polls.urls'))
]
```

Listing 5: urls.py

The URLs defined in `polls.urls` will have an application namespace `polls`.

Secondly, you can include an object that contains embedded namespace data. If you `include()` a list of `path()` or `re_path()` instances, the URLs contained in that object will be added to the global namespace. However, you can also include() a 2-tuple containing:

```plaintext
((<list of path() or re_path() instances>, <application namespace>))
```

For example:

```python
from django.urls import include, path
from . import views

polls_patterns = {
    path('', views.IndexView.as_view(), name='index'),
    path('<int:pk>/', views.DetailView.as_view(), name='detail'),
}, 'polls'

urlpatterns = [
    path('polls/', include(polls_patterns)),
]
```

This will include the nominated URL patterns into the given application namespace.
The instance namespace can be specified using the `namespace` argument to `include()`. If the instance namespace is not specified, it will default to the included URLconf’s application namespace. This means it will also be the default instance for that namespace.

### 3.3.2 Writing views

A view function, or view for short, is a Python function that takes a Web request and returns a Web response. This response can be the HTML contents of a Web page, or a redirect, or a 404 error, or an XML document, or an image . . . or anything, really. The view itself contains whatever arbitrary logic is necessary to return that response. This code can live anywhere you want, as long as it’s on your Python path. There’s no other requirement—no “magic,” so to speak. For the sake of putting the code somewhere, the convention is to put views in a file called `views.py`, placed in your project or application directory.

#### A simple view

Here’s a view that returns the current date and time, as an HTML document:

```python
from django.http import HttpResponse
import datetime

def current_datetime(request):
    now = datetime.datetime.now()
    html = '<html><body>It is now %s.</body></html>' % now
    return HttpResponse(html)
```

Let’s step through this code one line at a time:

- First, we import the class `HttpResponse` from the `django.http` module, along with Python’s `datetime` library.
- Next, we define a function called `current_datetime`. This is the view function. Each view function takes an `HttpRequest` object as its first parameter, which is typically named `request`.
  
  Note that the name of the view function doesn’t matter; it doesn’t have to be named in a certain way in order for Django to recognize it. We’re calling it `current_datetime` here, because that name clearly indicates what it does.
- The view returns an `HttpResponse` object that contains the generated response. Each view function is responsible for returning an `HttpResponse` object. (There are exceptions, but we’ll get to those later.)

#### Django’s Time Zone

Django includes a `TIME_ZONE` setting that defaults to `America/Chicago`. This probably isn’t where you live, so you might want to change it in your settings file.

#### Mapping URLs to views

So, to recap, this view function returns an HTML page that includes the current date and time. To display this view at a particular URL, you’ll need to create a `URLconf`; see `URL dispatcher` for instructions.
Returning errors

Django provides help for returning HTTP error codes. There are subclasses of `HttpResponse` for a number of common HTTP status codes other than 200 (which means “OK”). You can find the full list of available subclasses in the request/response documentation. Return an instance of one of those subclasses instead of a normal `HttpResponse` in order to signify an error. For example:

```python
from django.http import HttpResponse, HttpResponseNotFound

def my_view(request):
    # ...
    if foo:
        return HttpResponseNotFound('<h1>Page not found</h1>
    else:
        return HttpResponse('<h1>Page was found</h1>')
```

There isn’t a specialized subclass for every possible HTTP response code, since many of them aren’t going to be that common. However, as documented in the `HttpResponse` documentation, you can also pass the HTTP status code into the constructor for `HttpResponse` to create a return class for any status code you like. For example:

```python
from django.http import HttpResponse

def my_view(request):
    # ...
    # Return a "created" (201) response code.
    return HttpResponse(status=201)
```

Because 404 errors are by far the most common HTTP error, there’s an easier way to handle those errors.

The `Http404` exception

```python
class django.http.Http404
When you return an error such as `HttpResponseNotFound`, you’re responsible for defining the HTML of the resulting error page:

```python
return HttpResponseNotFound('<h1>Page not found</h1>')
```

For convenience, and because it’s a good idea to have a consistent 404 error page across your site, Django provides an `Http404` exception. If you raise `Http404` at any point in a view function, Django will catch it and return the standard error page for your application, along with an HTTP error code 404.

Example usage:

```python
from django.http import Http404
from django.shortcuts import render
from polls.models import Poll

def detail(request, poll_id):
    try:
        p = Poll.objects.get(pk=poll_id)
    except Poll.DoesNotExist:
        raise Http404("Poll does not exist")
    return render(request, 'polls/detail.html', {'poll': p})
```
In order to show customized HTML when Django returns a 404, you can create an HTML template named 404.html and place it in the top level of your template tree. This template will then be served when DEBUG is set to False.

When DEBUG is True, you can provide a message to Http404 and it will appear in the standard 404 debug template. Use these messages for debugging purposes; they generally aren’t suitable for use in a production 404 template.

**Customizing error views**

The default error views in Django should suffice for most Web applications, but can easily be overridden if you need any custom behavior. Specify the handlers as seen below in your URLconf (setting them anywhere else will have no effect).

The page_not_found() view is overridden by handler404:

```
handler404 = 'mysite.views.my_custom_page_not_found_view'
```

The server_error() view is overridden by handler500:

```
handler500 = 'mysite.views.my_custom_error_view'
```

The permission_denied() view is overridden by handler403:

```
handler403 = 'mysite.views.my_custom_permission_denied_view'
```

The bad_request() view is overridden by handler400:

```
handler400 = 'mysite.views.my_custom_bad_request_view'
```

See also:

Use the CSRF_FAILURE_VIEW setting to override the CSRF error view.

**Testing custom error views**

To test the response of a custom error handler, raise the appropriate exception in a test view. For example:

```python
from django.core.exceptions import PermissionDenied
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.test import SimpleTestCase, override_settings
from django.urls import path

def response_error_handler(request, exception=None):
    return HttpResponse('Error handler content', status=403)

def permission_denied_view(request):
    raise PermissionDenied

urlpatterns = [
    path('403/', permission_denied_view),
]
handler403 = response_error_handler
```

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Async views

As well as being synchronous functions, views can also be asynchronous ("async") functions, normally defined using Python's `async def` syntax. Django will automatically detect these and run them in an async context. However, you will need to use an async server based on ASGI to get their performance benefits.

Here's an example of an async view:

```python
import datetime
from django.http import HttpResponse

async def current_datetime(request):
    now = datetime.datetime.now()
    html = '<html><body>It is now %s.</body></html>' % now
    return HttpResponse(html)
```

You can read more about Django's async support, and how to best use async views, in Asynchronous support.

### 3.3.3 View decorators

Django provides several decorators that can be applied to views to support various HTTP features.

See Decorating the class for how to use these decorators with class-based views.

#### Allowed HTTP methods

The decorators in `django.views.decorators.http` can be used to restrict access to views based on the request method. These decorators will return a `django.http.HttpResponseNotAllowed` if the conditions are not met.

**require_http_methods** *(request_method_list)*

Decorator to require that a view only accepts particular request methods. Usage:

```python
from django.views.decorators.http import require_http_methods
@require_http_methods(["GET", "POST"])
def my_view(request):
    # I can assume now that only GET or POST requests make it this far
    # ...
    pass
```

Note that request methods should be in uppercase.
require_GET()
Decorator to require that a view only accepts the GET method.

require_POST()
Decorator to require that a view only accepts the POST method.

require_safe()
Decorator to require that a view only accepts the GET and HEAD methods. These methods are commonly considered “safe” because they should not have the significance of taking an action other than retrieving the requested resource.

Note: Web servers should automatically strip the content of responses to HEAD requests while leaving the headers unchanged, so you may handle HEAD requests exactly like GET requests in your views. Since some software, such as link checkers, rely on HEAD requests, you might prefer using require_safe instead of require_GET.

Conditional view processing

The following decorators in django.views.decorators.http can be used to control caching behavior on particular views.

condition (etag_func=None, last_modified_func=None)
etag (etag_func)
last_modified (last_modified_func)

These decorators can be used to generate ETag and Last-Modified headers; see conditional view processing.

GZip compression

The decorators in django.views.decorators.gzip control content compression on a per-view basis.
gzip_page()

This decorator compresses content if the browser allows gzip compression. It sets the Vary header accordingly, so that caches will base their storage on the Accept-Encoding header.

Vary headers

The decorators in django.views.decorators.vary can be used to control caching based on specific request headers.

vary_on_cookie (func)
vary_on_headers (*headers)

The Vary header defines which request headers a cache mechanism should take into account when building its cache key.

See using vary headers.

Caching

The decorators in django.views.decorators.cache control server and client-side caching.
**cache_control(**kwargs)**

This decorator patches the response’s Cache-Control header by adding all of the keyword arguments to it. See patch_cache_control() for the details of the transformation.

**never_cache**(view_func)

This decorator adds a Cache-Control: max-age=0, no-cache, no-store, must-revalidate, private header to a response to indicate that a page should never be cached.

### 3.3.4 File Uploads

When Django handles a file upload, the file data ends up placed in request.FILES (for more on the request object see the documentation for request and response objects). This document explains how files are stored on disk and in memory, and how to customize the default behavior.

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**Warning:** There are security risks if you are accepting uploaded content from untrusted users! See the security guide’s topic on User-uploaded content for mitigation details.

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### Basic file uploads

Consider a form containing a FileField:

```python
from django import forms

class UploadFileForm(forms.Form):
    title = forms.CharField(max_length=50)
    file = forms.FileField()
```

A view handling this form will receive the file data in request.FILES, which is a dictionary containing a key for each FileField (or ImageField, or other FileField subclass) in the form. So the data from the above form would be accessible as request.FILES['file'].

Note that request.FILES will only contain data if the request method was POST, at least one file field was actually posted, and the <form> that posted the request has the attribute enctype="multipart/form-data". Otherwise, request.FILES will be empty.

Most of the time, you’ll pass the file data from request into the form as described in Binding uploaded files to a form. This would look something like:

```python
from django.http import HttpResponseRedirect
from django.shortcuts import render
from .forms import UploadFileForm

# Imaginary function to handle an uploaded file.
from somewhere import handle_uploaded_file

def upload_file(request):
    if request.method == 'POST':
        form = UploadFileForm(request.POST, request.FILES)
        # Process the form data and file.
```

(continues on next page)
if form.is_valid():
    handle_uploaded_file(request.FILES['file'])
    return HttpResponseRedirect('/success/url/')
else:
    form = UploadFileForm()
    return render(request, 'upload.html', {'form': form})

Notice that we have to pass request.FILES into the form's constructor; this is how file data gets bound into a form.

Here's a common way you might handle an uploaded file:

def handle_uploaded_file(f):
    with open('some/file/name.txt', 'wb+') as destination:
        for chunk in f.chunks():
            destination.write(chunk)

Looping over UploadedFile.chunks() instead of using read() ensures that large files don’t overwhelm your system’s memory.

There are a few other methods and attributes available on UploadedFile objects; see UploadedFile for a complete reference.

Handling uploaded files with a model

If you’re saving a file on a Model with a FileField, using a ModelForm makes this process much easier. The file object will be saved to the location specified by the upload_to argument of the corresponding FileField when calling form.save():

from django.http import HttpResponseRedirect
from django.shortcuts import render
from .forms import ModelFormWithFileField

def upload_file(request):
    if request.method == 'POST':
        form = ModelFormWithFileField(request.POST, request.FILES)
        if form.is_valid():
            # file is saved
            form.save()
            return HttpResponseRedirect('/success/url/')
        else:
            form = ModelFormWithFileField()
            return render(request, 'upload.html', {'form': form})

If you are constructing an object manually, you can assign the file object from request.FILES to the file field in the model:

from django.http import HttpResponseRedirect
from django.shortcuts import render
from .forms import UploadFileForm
from .models import ModelWithFileField

def upload_file(request):
    if request.method == 'POST':
        form = UploadFileForm(request.POST, request.FILES)
if form.is_valid():
    instance = ModelWithFileField(file_field=request.FILES['file'])
    instance.save()
    return HttpResponseRedirect('/success/url/)
else:
    form = UploadFileForm()
    return render(request, 'upload.html', {'form': form})

Uploading multiple files

If you want to upload multiple files using one form field, set the multiple HTML attribute of field’s widget:

Listing 8: forms.py

```python
from django import forms

class FileFieldForm(forms.Form):
    file_field = forms.FileField(widget=forms.ClearableFileInput(attrs={'multiple': True}))
```

Then override the post method of your FormView subclass to handle multiple file uploads:

Listing 9: views.py

```python
from django.views.generic.edit import FormView
from .forms import FileFieldForm
class FileFieldView(FormView):
    form_class = FileFieldForm
    template_name = 'upload.html'  # Replace with your template.
    success_url = '...'  # Replace with your URL or reverse().

    def post(self, request, *args, **kwargs):
        form_class = self.get_form_class()
        form = self.get_form(form_class)
        files = request.FILES.getlist('file_field')
        if form.is_valid():
            for f in files:
                ...  # Do something with each file.
            return self.form_valid(form)
        else:
            return self.form_invalid(form)
```

Upload Handlers

When a user uploads a file, Django passes off the file data to an upload handler – a small class that handles file data as it gets uploaded. Upload handlers are initially defined in the FILE_UPLOAD_HANDLERS setting, which defaults to:

```python
["django.core.files.uploadhandler.MemoryFileUploadHandler",
 "django.core.files.uploadhandler.TemporaryFileUploadHandler"]
```

Together MemoryFileUploadHandler and TemporaryFileUploadHandler provide Django’s default file upload behavior of reading small files into memory and large ones onto disk.
You can write custom handlers that customize how Django handles files. You could, for example, use custom handlers to enforce user-level quotas, compress data on the fly, render progress bars, and even send data to another storage location directly without storing it locally. See Writing custom upload handlers for details on how you can customize or completely replace upload behavior.

Where uploaded data is stored

Before you save uploaded files, the data needs to be stored somewhere.

By default, if an uploaded file is smaller than 2.5 megabytes, Django will hold the entire contents of the upload in memory. This means that saving the file involves only a read from memory and a write to disk and thus is very fast.

However, if an uploaded file is too large, Django will write the uploaded file to a temporary file stored in your system’s temporary directory. On a Unix-like platform this means you can expect Django to generate a file called something like /tmp/tmpzfp6I6.upload. If an upload is large enough, you can watch this file grow in size as Django streams the data onto disk.

These specifics – 2.5 megabytes; /tmp; etc. – are “reasonable defaults” which can be customized as described in the next section.

Changing upload handler behavior

There are a few settings which control Django’s file upload behavior. See File Upload Settings for details.

Modifying upload handlers on the fly

Sometimes particular views require different upload behavior. In these cases, you can override upload handlers on a per-request basis by modifying request.upload_handlers. By default, this list will contain the upload handlers given by FILE_UPLOAD_HANDLERS, but you can modify the list as you would any other list.

For instance, suppose you’ve written a ProgressBarUploadHandler that provides feedback on upload progress to some sort of AJAX widget. You’d add this handler to your upload handlers like this:

```python
request.upload_handlers.insert(0, ProgressBarUploadHandler(request))
```

You’d probably want to use list.insert() in this case (instead of append()) because a progress bar handler would need to run before any other handlers. Remember, the upload handlers are processed in order.

If you want to replace the upload handlers completely, you can assign a new list:

```python
request.upload_handlers = [ProgressBarUploadHandler(request)]
```

Note: You can only modify upload handlers before accessing request.POST or request.FILES – it doesn’t make sense to change upload handlers after upload handling has already started. If you try to modify request.upload_handlers after reading from request.POST or request.FILES Django will throw an error.

Thus, you should always modify uploading handlers as early in your view as possible.

Also, request.POST is accessed by CsrfViewMiddleware which is enabled by default. This means you will need to use csrf_exempt() on your view to allow you to change the upload handlers. You will then need to use csrf_protect() on the function that actually processes the request. Note that this means that the handlers may start receiving the file upload before the CSRF checks have been done. Example code:
```python
from django.views.decorators.csrf import csrf_exempt, csrf_protect

@csrf_exempt
def upload_file_view(request):
    request.upload_handlers.insert(0, ProgressBarUploadHandler(request))
    return _upload_file_view(request)

@csrf_protect
def _upload_file_view(request):
    ... # Process request
```

### 3.3.5 Django shortcut functions

The package `django.shortcuts` collects helper functions and classes that “span” multiple levels of MVC. In other words, these functions/classes introduce controlled coupling for convenience’s sake.

**render()**

```python
render(request, template_name, context=None, content_type=None, status=None, using=None)
```

Combines a given template with a given context dictionary and returns an `HttpResponse` object with that rendered text.

Django does not provide a shortcut function which returns a `TemplateResponse` because the constructor of `TemplateResponse` offers the same level of convenience as `render()`.

**Required arguments**

- `request` The request object used to generate this response.
- `template_name` The full name of a template to use or sequence of template names. If a sequence is given, the first template that exists will be used. See the template loading documentation for more information on how templates are found.

**Optional arguments**

- `context` A dictionary of values to add to the template context. By default, this is an empty dictionary. If a value in the dictionary is callable, the view will call it just before rendering the template.
- `content_type` The MIME type to use for the resulting document. Defaults to 'text/html'.
- `status` The status code for the response. Defaults to 200.
- `using` The `NAME` of a template engine to use for loading the template.

**Example**

The following example renders the template `myapp/index.html` with the MIME type `application/xhtml+xml`:
from django.shortcuts import render

def my_view(request):
    # View code here...
    return render(request, 'myapp/index.html', {'foo': 'bar'}, content_type='application/xhtml+xml')

This example is equivalent to:

from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.template import loader

def my_view(request):
    # View code here...
    t = loader.get_template('myapp/index.html')
    c = {'foo': 'bar'}
    return HttpResponse(t.render(c, request), content_type='application/xhtml+xml')

redirect()

redirect (to, *args, permanent=False, **kwargs)

Returns an HttpResponseRedirect to the appropriate URL for the arguments passed.

The arguments could be:

- A model: the model’s get_absolute_url() function will be called.
- A view name, possibly with arguments: reverse() will be used to reverse-resolve the name.
- An absolute or relative URL, which will be used as-is for the redirect location.

By default issues a temporary redirect; pass permanent=True to issue a permanent redirect.

Examples

You can use the redirect() function in a number of ways.

1. By passing some object; that object’s get_absolute_url() method will be called to figure out the redirect URL:

from django.shortcuts import redirect
def my_view(request):
    ...  # View code here...
    obj = MyModel.objects.get(...)
    return redirect(obj)

2. By passing the name of a view and optionally some positional or keyword arguments; the URL will be reverse resolved using the reverse() method:

def my_view(request):
    ...  # View code here...
    return redirect('some-view-name', foo='bar')

3. By passing a hardcoded URL to redirect to:

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```
def my_view(request):
    ...
    return redirect('/some/url/)
```

This also works with full URLs:

```
def my_view(request):
    ...
    return redirect('https://example.com/')
```

By default, `redirect()` returns a temporary redirect. All of the above forms accept a `permanent` argument; if set to `True` a permanent redirect will be returned:

```
def my_view(request):
    ...
    obj = MyModel.objects.get(...)
    return redirect(obj, permanent=True)
```

get_object_or_404()

```
get_object_or_404(klass, *args, **kwargs)
```

Calls `get()` on a given model manager, but it raises `Http404` instead of the model’s `DoesNotExist` exception.

**Required arguments**

klass A `Model` class, a `Manager`, or a `QuerySet` instance from which to get the object.

**kwargs Lookup parameters, which should be in the format accepted by `get()` and `filter()`.

**Example**

The following example gets the object with the primary key of 1 from `MyModel`:

```
from django.shortcuts import get_object_or_404

def my_view(request):
    obj = get_object_or_404(MyModel, pk=1)
```

This example is equivalent to:

```
from django.http import Http404

def my_view(request):
    try:
        obj = MyModel.objects.get(pk=1)
    except MyModel.DoesNotExist:
        raise Http404("No MyModel matches the given query.")
```

The most common use case is to pass a `Model`, as shown above. However, you can also pass a `QuerySet` instance:

```
queryset = Book.objects.filter(title__startswith='M')
get_object_or_404(queryset, pk=1)
```
The above example is a bit contrived since it’s equivalent to doing:

```
get_object_or_404(Book, title__startswith='M', pk=1)
```

but it can be useful if you are passed the queryset variable from somewhere else.

Finally, you can also use a Manager. This is useful for example if you have a custom manager:

```
get_object_or_404(Book, dahl_objects, title='Matilda')
```

You can also use related managers:

```
author = Author.objects.get(name='Roald Dahl')
get_object_or_404(author.book_set, title='Matilda')
```

Note: As with get(), a MultipleObjectsReturned exception will be raised if more than one object is found.

```
get_list_or_404()
```

```
get_list_or_404(klass, *args, **kwargs)
```

Returns the result of filter() on a given model manager cast to a list, raising Http404 if the resulting list is empty.

**Required arguments**

klass A Model, Manager or QuerySet instance from which to get the list.

**kwargs** Lookup parameters, which should be in the format accepted by get() and filter().

**Example**

The following example gets all published objects from MyModel:

```
from django.shortcuts import get_list_or_404

def my_view(request):
    my_objects = get_list_or_404(MyModel, published=True)
```

This example is equivalent to:

```
from django.http import Http404

def my_view(request):
    my_objects = list(MyModel.objects.filter(published=True))
    if not my_objects:
        raise Http404("No MyModel matches the given query.")
```

### 3.3.6 Generic views

See Built-in class-based views API.
Middleware is a framework of hooks into Django’s request/response processing. It’s a light, low-level “plugin” system for globally altering Django’s input or output.

Each middleware component is responsible for doing some specific function. For example, Django includes a middleware component, `AuthenticationMiddleware`, that associates users with requests using sessions.

This document explains how middleware works, how you activate middleware, and how to write your own middleware. Django ships with some built-in middleware you can use right out of the box. They’re documented in the [built-in middleware reference](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/http/middleware/).

### Writing your own middleware

A middleware factory is a callable that takes a `get_response` callable and returns a middleware. A middleware is a callable that takes a request and returns a response, just like a view.

A middleware can be written as a function that looks like this:

```python
def simple_middleware(get_response):
    # One-time configuration and initialization.
    def middleware(request):
        # Code to be executed for each request before
        # the view (and later middleware) are called.
        response = get_response(request)
        # Code to be executed for each request/response after
        # the view is called.
        return response
    return middleware
```

Or it can be written as a class whose instances are callable, like this:

```python
class SimpleMiddleware:
    def __init__(self, get_response):
        self.get_response = get_response
        # One-time configuration and initialization.

    def __call__(self, request):
        # Code to be executed for each request before
        # the view (and later middleware) are called.
        response = self.get_response(request)
        # Code to be executed for each request/response after
        # the view is called.
        return response
```

The `get_response` callable provided by Django might be the actual view (if this is the last listed middleware) or it might be the next middleware in the chain. The current middleware doesn’t need to know or care what exactly it is, just that it represents whatever comes next.
The above is a slight simplification – the get_response callable for the last middleware in the chain won’t be the actual view but rather a wrapper method from the handler which takes care of applying view middleware, calling the view with appropriate URL arguments, and applying template-response and exception middleware.

Middleware can either support only synchronous Python (the default), only asynchronous Python, or both. See Asynchronous support for details of how to advertise what you support, and know what kind of request you are getting.

Middleware can live anywhere on your Python path.

__init__(get_response)

Middleware factories must accept a get_response argument. You can also initialize some global state for the middleware. Keep in mind a couple of caveats:

- Django initializes your middleware with only the get_response argument, so you can’t define __init__() as requiring any other arguments.
- Unlike the __call__() method which is called once per request, __init__() is called only once, when the Web server starts.

Marking middleware as unused

It’s sometimes useful to determine at startup time whether a piece of middleware should be used. In these cases, your middleware’s __init__() method may raise MiddlewareNotUsed. Django will then remove that middleware from the middleware process and log a debug message to the django.request logger when DEBUG is True.

Activating middleware

To activate a middleware component, add it to the MIDDLEWARE list in your Django settings.

In MIDDLEWARE, each middleware component is represented by a string: the full Python path to the middleware factory’s class or function name. For example, here’s the default value created by django-admin startproject:

```python
MIDDLEWARE = [
    'django.middleware.security.SecurityMiddleware',
    'django.contrib.sessions.middleware.SessionMiddleware',
    'django.middleware.common.CommonMiddleware',
    'django.middleware.csrf.CsrfViewMiddleware',
    'django.contrib.auth.middleware.AuthenticationMiddleware',
    'django.contrib.messages.middleware.MessageMiddleware',
    'django.middleware.clickjacking.XFrameOptionsMiddleware',
]
```

A Django installation doesn’t require any middleware — MIDDLEWARE can be empty, if you’d like — but it’s strongly suggested that you at least use CommonMiddleware.

The order in MIDDLEWARE matters because a middleware can depend on other middleware. For instance, AuthenticationMiddleware stores the authenticated user in the session; therefore, it must run after SessionMiddleware. See Middleware ordering for some common hints about ordering of Django middleware classes.

Middleware order and layering

During the request phase, before calling the view, Django applies middleware in the order it’s defined in MIDDLEWARE, top-down.
You can think of it like an onion: each middleware class is a “layer” that wraps the view, which is in the core of the onion. If the request passes through all the layers of the onion (each one calls `get_response` to pass the request in to the next layer), all the way to the view at the core, the response will then pass through every layer (in reverse order) on the way back out.

If one of the layers decides to short-circuit and return a response without ever calling its `get_response`, none of the layers of the onion inside that layer (including the view) will see the request or the response. The response will only return through the same layers that the request passed in through.

**Other middleware hooks**

Besides the basic request/response middleware pattern described earlier, you can add three other special methods to class-based middleware:

**process_view()**

```python
process_view(request, view_func, view_args, view_kwargs)
```

- `request` is an `HttpRequest` object.
- `view_func` is the Python function that Django is about to use. (It’s the actual function object, not the name of the function as a string.)
- `view_args` is a list of positional arguments that will be passed to the view.
- `view_kwargs` is a dictionary of keyword arguments that will be passed to the view.

Neither `view_args` nor `view_kwargs` include the first view argument (`request`).

`process_view()` is called just before Django calls the view.

It should return either `None` or an `HttpResponse` object. If it returns `None`, Django will continue processing this request, executing any other `process_view()` middleware and, then, the appropriate view. If it returns an `HttpResponse` object, Django won’t bother calling the appropriate view; it’ll apply response middleware to that `HttpResponse` and return the result.

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**Note:** Accessing `request.POST` inside middleware before the view runs or in `process_view()` will prevent any view running after the middleware from being able to modify the upload handlers for the request, and should normally be avoided.

The `CsrfViewMiddleware` class can be considered an exception, as it provides the `csrf_exempt()` and `csrf_protect()` decorators which allow views to explicitly control at what point the CSRF validation should occur.

**process_exception()**

```python
process_exception(request, exception)
```

- `request` is an `HttpRequest` object.
- `exception` is an `Exception` object raised by the view function.

Django calls `process_exception()` when a view raises an exception. `process_exception()` should return either `None` or an `HttpResponse` object. If it returns an `HttpResponse` object, the template response and response middleware will be applied and the resulting response returned to the browser. Otherwise, default exception handling kicks in.

Again, middleware are run in reverse order during the response phase, which includes `process_exception`. If an exception middleware returns a response, the `process_exception` methods of the middleware classes above that middleware won’t be called at all.
process_template_response()

**process_template_response** *(request, response)*

*request* is an *HttpRequest* object. *response* is the *TemplateResponse* object (or equivalent) returned by a Django view or by a middleware.

*process_template_response()* is called just after the view has finished executing, if the response instance has a *render()* method, indicating that it is a *TemplateResponse* or equivalent.

It must return a response object that implements a *render* method. It could alter the given *response* by changing *response.template_name* and *response.context_data*, or it could create and return a brand-new *TemplateResponse* or equivalent.

You don’t need to explicitly render responses – responses will be automatically rendered once all template response middleware has been called.

Middleware are run in reverse order during the response phase, which includes *process_template_response()*.

**Dealing with streaming responses**

Unlike *HttpResponse*, *StreamingHttpResponse* does not have a *content* attribute. As a result, middleware can no longer assume that all responses will have a *content* attribute. If they need access to the content, they must test for streaming responses and adjust their behavior accordingly:

```python
if response.streaming:
    response.streaming_content = wrap_streaming_content(response.streaming_content)
else:
    response.content = alter_content(response.content)
```

**Note:** *streaming_content* should be assumed to be too large to hold in memory. Response middleware may wrap it in a new generator, but must not consume it. Wrapping is typically implemented as follows:

```python
def wrap_streaming_content(content):
    for chunk in content:
        yield alter_content(chunk)
```

**Exception handling**

Django automatically converts exceptions raised by the view or by middleware into an appropriate HTTP response with an error status code. *Certain exceptions* are converted to 4xx status codes, while an unknown exception is converted to a 500 status code.

This conversion takes place before and after each middleware (you can think of it as the thin film in between each layer of the onion), so that every middleware can always rely on getting some kind of HTTP response back from calling its *get_response* callable. Middleware don’t need to worry about wrapping their call to *get_response* in a *try/except* and handling an exception that might have been raised by a later middleware or the view. Even if the very next middleware in the chain raises an *Http404* exception, for example, your middleware won’t see that exception; instead it will get an *HttpResponse* object with a *status_code* of 404.
Asynchronous support

Middleware can support any combination of synchronous and asynchronous requests. Django will adapt requests to fit the middleware’s requirements if it cannot support both, but at a performance penalty.

By default, Django assumes that your middleware is capable of handling only synchronous requests. To change these assumptions, set the following attributes on your middleware factory function or class:

- `sync_capable` is a boolean indicating if the middleware can handle synchronous requests. Defaults to `True`.
- `async_capable` is a boolean indicating if the middleware can handle asynchronous requests. Defaults to `False`.

If your middleware has both `sync_capable = True` and `async_capable = True`, then Django will pass it the request without converting it. In this case, you can work out if your middleware will receive async requests by checking if the `get_response` object you are passed is a coroutine function, using `asyncio.iscoroutinefunction()`.

The `django.utils.decorators` module contains `sync_only_middleware()`, `async_only_middleware()`, and `sync_and_async_middleware()` decorators that allow you to apply these flags to middleware factory functions.

The returned callable must match the sync or async nature of the `get_response` method. If you have an asynchronous `get_response`, you must return a coroutine function (`async def`).

`process_view`, `process_template_response` and `process_exception` methods, if they are provided, should also be adapted to match the sync/async mode. However, Django will individually adapt them as required if you do not, at an additional performance penalty.

Here’s an example of how to create a middleware function that supports both:

```python
import asyncio
from django.utils.decorators import sync_and_async_middleware

@sync_and_async_middleware
def simple_middleware(get_response):
    # One-time configuration and initialization goes here.
    if asyncio.iscoroutinefunction(get_response):
        async def middleware(request):
            # Do something here!
            response = await get_response(request)
            return response
    else:
        def middleware(request):
            # Do something here!
            response = get_response(request)
            return response

    return middleware
```

**Note:** If you declare a hybrid middleware that supports both synchronous and asynchronous calls, the kind of call you get may not match the underlying view. Django will optimize the middleware call stack to have as few sync/async transitions as possible.

Thus, even if you are wrapping an async view, you may be called in sync mode if there is other, synchronous middleware between you and the view.
Upgrading pre-Django 1.10-style middleware

Class `django.utils.deprecation.MiddlewareMixin`

Django provides `django.utils.deprecation.MiddlewareMixin` to ease creating middleware classes that are compatible with both `MIDDLEWARE` and the old `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES`, and support synchronous and asynchronous requests. All middleware classes included with Django are compatible with both settings.

The mixin provides an `__init__()` method that requires a `get_response` argument and stores it in `self.get_response`.

The `__call__()` method:

1. Calls `self.process_request(request)` (if defined).
2. Calls `self.get_response(request)` to get the response from later middleware and the view.
4. Returns the response.

If used with `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES`, the `__call__()` method will never be used; Django calls `process_request()` and `process_response()` directly.

In most cases, inheriting from this mixin will be sufficient to make an old-style middleware compatible with the new system with sufficient backwards-compatibility. The new short-circuiting semantics will be harmless or even beneficial to the existing middleware. In a few cases, a middleware class may need some changes to adjust to the new semantics.

These are the behavioral differences between using `MIDDLEWARE` and `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES`:

1. Under `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES`, every middleware will always have its `process_response` method called, even if an earlier middleware short-circuited by returning a response from its `process_request` method. Under `MIDDLEWARE`, middleware behaves more like an onion: the layers that a response goes through on the way out are the same layers that saw the request on the way in. If a middleware short-circuits, only that middleware and the ones before it in `MIDDLEWARE` will see the response.
2. Under `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES`, `process_exception` is applied to exceptions raised from a middleware `process_request` method. Under `MIDDLEWARE`, `process_exception` applies only to exceptions raised from the view (or from the `render` method of a `TemplateResponse`). Exceptions raised from a middleware are converted to the appropriate HTTP response and then passed to the next middleware.
3. Under `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES`, if a `process_response` method raises an exception, the `process_response` methods of all earlier middleware are skipped and a 500 Internal Server Error HTTP response is always returned (even if the exception raised was e.g. an `Http404`). Under `MIDDLEWARE`, an exception raised from a middleware will immediately be converted to the appropriate HTTP response, and then the next middleware in line will see that response. Middleware are never skipped due to a middleware raising an exception.

Support for asynchronous requests was added to the `MiddlewareMixin`.

3.3.8 How to use sessions

Django provides full support for anonymous sessions. The session framework lets you store and retrieve arbitrary data on a per-site-visitor basis. It stores data on the server side and abstracts the sending and receiving of cookies. Cookies contain a session ID – not the data itself (unless you’re using the `cookie based backend`).

Enabling sessions

Sessions are implemented via a piece of middleware.
To enable session functionality, do the following:

- Edit the `MIDDLEWARE` setting and make sure it contains `'django.contrib.sessions.middleware.SessionMiddleware'`. The default settings.py created by `django-admin startproject` has `SessionMiddleware` activated.

If you don’t want to use sessions, you might as well remove the `SessionMiddleware` line from `MIDDLEWARE` and `'django.contrib.sessions'` from your `INSTALLED_APPS`. It’ll save you a small bit of overhead.

**Configuring the session engine**

By default, Django stores sessions in your database (using the model `django.contrib.sessions.models.Session`). Though this is convenient, in some setups it’s faster to store session data elsewhere, so Django can be configured to store session data on your filesystem or in your cache.

**Using database-backed sessions**

If you want to use a database-backed session, you need to add `'django.contrib.sessions'` to your `INSTALLED_APPS` setting.

Once you have configured your installation, run `manage.py migrate` to install the single database table that stores session data.

**Using cached sessions**

For better performance, you may want to use a cache-based session backend.

To store session data using Django’s cache system, you’ll first need to make sure you’ve configured your cache; see the cache documentation for details.

**Warning:** You should only use cache-based sessions if you’re using the Memcached cache backend. The local-memory cache backend doesn’t retain data long enough to be a good choice, and it’ll be faster to use file or database sessions directly instead of sending everything through the file or database cache backends. Additionally, the local-memory cache backend is NOT multi-process safe, therefore probably not a good choice for production environments.

If you have multiple caches defined in `CACHES`, Django will use the default cache. To use another cache, set `SESSION_CACHE_ALIAS` to the name of that cache.

Once your cache is configured, you’ve got two choices for how to store data in the cache:

- Set `SESSION_ENGINE` to "django.contrib.sessions.backends.cache" for a simple caching session store. Session data will be stored directly in your cache. However, session data may not be persistent: cached data can be evicted if the cache fills up or if the cache server is restarted.

- For persistent, cached data, set `SESSION_ENGINE` to "django.contrib.sessions.backends.cached_db". This uses a write-through cache – every write to the cache will also be written to the database. Session reads only use the database if the data is not already in the cache.

Both session stores are quite fast, but the simple cache is faster because it disregards persistence. In most cases, the `cached_db` backend will be fast enough, but if you need that last bit of performance, and are willing to let session data be expunged from time to time, the `cache` backend is for you.

If you use the `cached_db` session backend, you also need to follow the configuration instructions for the `using database-backed sessions`. 

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To use file-based sessions, set the `SESSION_ENGINE` setting to "django.contrib.sessions.backends.file".

You might also want to set the `SESSION_FILE_PATH` setting (which defaults to output from `tempfile.gettempdir()`, most likely `/tmp`) to control where Django stores session files. Be sure to check that your Web server has permissions to read and write to this location.

Using cookie-based sessions

To use cookies-based sessions, set the `SESSION_ENGINE` setting to "django.contrib.sessions.backends.signed_cookies". The session data will be stored using Django’s tools for cryptographic signing and the `SECRET_KEY` setting.

**Note:** It’s recommended to leave the `SESSION_COOKIE_HTTPONLY` setting on True to prevent access to the stored data from JavaScript.

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**Warning:** If the `SECRET_KEY` is not kept secret and you are using the PickleSerializer, this can lead to arbitrary remote code execution.

An attacker in possession of the `SECRET_KEY` can not only generate falsified session data, which your site will trust, but also remotely execute arbitrary code, as the data is serialized using pickle.

If you use cookie-based sessions, pay extra care that your secret key is always kept completely secret, for any system which might be remotely accessible.

**The session data is signed but not encrypted**

When using the cookies backend the session data can be read by the client.

A MAC (Message Authentication Code) is used to protect the data against changes by the client, so that the session data will be invalidated when being tampered with. The same invalidation happens if the client storing the cookie (e.g. your user’s browser) can’t store all of the session cookie and drops data. Even though Django compresses the data, it’s still entirely possible to exceed the common limit of 4096 bytes per cookie.

**No freshness guarantee**

Note also that while the MAC can guarantee the authenticity of the data (that it was generated by your site, and not someone else), and the integrity of the data (that it is all there and correct), it cannot guarantee freshness i.e. that you are being sent back the last thing you sent to the client. This means that for some uses of session data, the cookie backend might open you up to replay attacks. Unlike other session backends which keep a server-side record of each session and invalidate it when a user logs out, cookie-based sessions are not invalidated when a user logs out. Thus if an attacker steals a user’s cookie, they can use that cookie to login as that user even if the user logs out. Cookies will only be detected as ‘stale’ if they are older than your `SESSION_COOKIE_AGE`.

**Performance**

Finally, the size of a cookie can have an impact on the speed of your site.

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Using sessions in views

When `sessionMiddleware` is activated, each `HttpRequest` object – the first argument to any Django view function – will have a `session` attribute, which is a dictionary-like object.

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You can read it and write to `request.session` at any point in your view. You can edit it multiple times.

```python
class backends.base.SessionBase
    This is the base class for all session objects. It has the following standard dictionary methods:

    __getitem__(key)
        Example: fav_color = request.session['fav_color']

    __setitem__(key, value)
        Example: request.session['fav_color'] = 'blue'

    __delitem__(key)
        Example: del request.session['fav_color']. This raises KeyError if the given key isn’t already in the session.

    __contains__(key)
        Example: 'fav_color' in request.session

    get(key, default=None)
        Example: fav_color = request.session.get('fav_color', 'red')

    pop(key, default=__not_given)
        Example: fav_color = request.session.pop('fav_color', 'blue')

    keys()
    items()
    setdefault()
    clear()

    It also has these methods:

    flush()
        Deletes the current session data from the session and deletes the session cookie. This is used if you want to ensure that the previous session data can’t be accessed again from the user’s browser (for example, the `django.contrib.auth.logout()` function calls it).

    set_test_cookie()
        Sets a test cookie to determine whether the user’s browser supports cookies. Due to the way cookies work, you won’t be able to test this until the user’s next page request. See Setting test cookies below for more information.

    test_cookie_worked()
        Returns either True or False, depending on whether the user’s browser accepted the test cookie. Due to the way cookies work, you’ll have to call set_test_cookie() on a previous, separate page request. See Setting test cookies below for more information.

    delete_test_cookie()
        Deletes the test cookie. Use this to clean up after yourself.

    get_session_cookie_age()
        Returns the age of session cookies, in seconds. Defaults to `SESSION_COOKIE_AGE`.

    set_expiry(value)
        Sets the expiration time for the session. You can pass a number of different values:

            • If value is an integer, the session will expire after that many seconds of inactivity. For example, calling request.session.set_expiry(300) would make the session expire in 5 minutes.

            • If value is a datetime or timedelta object, the session will expire at that specific date/time. Note that datatime and timedelta values are only serializable if you are using the PickleSerializer.
• If `value` is 0, the user’s session cookie will expire when the user’s Web browser is closed.

• If `value` is `None`, the session reverts to using the global session expiry policy.

Reading a session is not considered activity for expiration purposes. Session expiration is computed from the last time the session was `modified`.

`get_expiry_age()`
Returns the number of seconds until this session expires. For sessions with no custom expiration (or those set to expire at browser close), this will equal `SESSION_COOKIE_AGE`.

This function accepts two optional keyword arguments:

• `modification`: last modification of the session, as a `datetime` object. Defaults to the current time.

• `expiry`: expiry information for the session, as a `datetime` object, an `int` (in seconds), or `None`. Defaults to the value stored in the session by `set_expiry()`, if there is one, or `None`.

`get_expiry_date()`
Returns the date this session will expire. For sessions with no custom expiration (or those set to expire at browser close), this will equal the date `SESSION_COOKIE_AGE` seconds from now.

This function accepts the same keyword arguments as `get_expiry_age()`.

`get_expire_at_browser_close()`
Returns either `True` or `False`, depending on whether the user’s session cookie will expire when the user’s Web browser is closed.

`clear_expired()`
Removes expired sessions from the session store. This class method is called by `clearsessions`.

`cycle_key()`
Creates a new session key while retaining the current session data. `django.contrib.auth.login()` calls this method to mitigate against session fixation.

**Session serialization**

By default, Django serializes session data using JSON. You can use the `SESSION_SERIALIZER` setting to customize the session serialization format. Even with the caveats described in *Write your own serializer*, we highly recommend sticking with JSON serialization *especially if you are using the cookie backend*.

For example, here’s an attack scenario if you use `pickle` to serialize session data. If you’re using the `signed cookie session backend` and `SECRET_KEY` is known by an attacker (there isn’t an inherent vulnerability in Django that would cause it to leak), the attacker could insert a string into their session which, when unpickled, executes arbitrary code on the server. The technique for doing so is simple and easily available on the internet. Although the cookie session storage signs the cookie-stored data to prevent tampering, a `SECRET_KEY` leak immediately escalates to a remote code execution vulnerability.

**Bundled serializers**

```python
class serializers.JSONSerializer
A wrapper around the JSON serializer from `django.core.signing`. Can only serialize basic data types.

In addition, as JSON supports only string keys, note that using non-string keys in `request.session` won’t work as expected:
```
Similarly, data that can’t be encoded in JSON, such as non-UTF8 bytes like \xd9 (which raises UnicodeDecodeError), can’t be stored.

See the Write your own serializer section for more details on limitations of JSON serialization.

class serializers.PickleSerializer

Supports arbitrary Python objects, but, as described above, can lead to a remote code execution vulnerability if SECRET_KEY becomes known by an attacker.

Write your own serializer

Note that unlike PickleSerializer, the JSONSerializer cannot handle arbitrary Python data types. As is often the case, there is a trade-off between convenience and security. If you wish to store more advanced data types including datetime and Decimal in JSON backed sessions, you will need to write a custom serializer (or convert such values to a JSON serializable object before storing them in request.session). While serializing these values is often straightforward (DjangoJSONEncoder may be helpful), writing a decoder that can reliably get back the same thing that you put in is more fragile. For example, you run the risk of returning a datetime that was actually a string that just happened to be in the same format chosen for datetimes.

Your serializer class must implement two methods, dumps(self, obj) and loads(self, data), to serialize and deserialize the dictionary of session data, respectively.

Session object guidelines

- Use normal Python strings as dictionary keys on request.session. This is more of a convention than a hard-and-fast rule.
- Session dictionary keys that begin with an underscore are reserved for internal use by Django.
- Don’t override request.session with a new object, and don’t access or set its attributes. Use it like a Python dictionary.

Examples

This simplistic view sets a has_commented variable to True after a user posts a comment. It doesn’t let a user post a comment more than once:

```python
def post_comment(request, new_comment):
    if request.session.get('has_commented', False):
        return HttpResponse("You've already commented."
    c = comments.Comment(comment=new_comment)
    c.save()
    request.session['has_commented'] = True
    return HttpResponse('Thanks for your comment!')
```

This simplistic view logs in a “member” of the site:
def login(request):
    m = Member.objects.get(username=request.POST['username'])
    if m.password == request.POST['password']:
        request.session['member_id'] = m.id
        return HttpResponse("You're logged in.")
    else:
        return HttpResponse("Your username and password didn't match.")

... And this one logs a member out, according to login() above:

def logout(request):
    try:
        del request.session['member_id']
    except KeyError:
        pass
    return HttpResponse("You're logged out.")

The standard django.contrib.auth.logout() function actually does a bit more than this to prevent inadvertent data leakage. It calls the flush() method of request.session. We are using this example as a demonstration of how to work with session objects, not as a full logout() implementation.

### Setting test cookies

As a convenience, Django provides a way to test whether the user’s browser accepts cookies. Call the set_test_cookie() method of request.session in a view, and call test_cookie_worked() in a subsequent view – not in the same view call.

This awkward split between set_test_cookie() and test_cookie_worked() is necessary due to the way cookies work. When you set a cookie, you can’t actually tell whether a browser accepted it until the browser’s next request.

It’s good practice to use delete_test_cookie() to clean up after yourself. Do this after you’ve verified that the test cookie worked.

Here’s a typical usage example:

```python
def login(request):
    if request.method == 'POST':
        if request.session.test_cookie_worked():
            request.session.delete_test_cookie()
        return HttpResponse("You're logged in.")
    else:
        return HttpResponse("Please enable cookies and try again.")
    request.session.set_test_cookie()
    return render(request, 'foo/login_form.html')
```

### Using sessions out of views

Note: The examples in this section import the SessionStore object directly from the django.contrib.sessions.backends.db backend. In your own code, you should consider importing SessionStore from the session engine designated by SESSION_ENGINE, as below:

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An API is available to manipulate session data outside of a view:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.sessions.backends.db import SessionStore
>>> s = SessionStore()
>>> # stored as seconds since epoch since datetimes are not serializable in JSON.
>>> s['last_login'] = 1376587691
>>> s.create()
>>> s.session_key = '2b1189a188b44ad18c35e113ac6ceed'
>>> s = SessionStore(session_key='2b1189a188b44ad18c35e113ac6ceed')
>>> s['last_login'] = 1376587691
```

SessionStore.create() is designed to create a new session (i.e. one not loaded from the session store and with `session_key=None`). save() is designed to save an existing session (i.e. one loaded from the session store). Calling save() on a new session may also work but has a small chance of generating a `session_key` that collides with an existing one. create() calls save() and loops until an unused `session_key` is generated.

If you’re using the `django.contrib.sessions.backends.db` backend, each session is a normal Django model. The `Session` model is defined in `django/contrib/sessions/models.py`. Because it’s a normal model, you can access sessions using the normal Django database API:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.sessions.models import Session
>>> s = Session.objects.get(pk='2b1189a188b44ad18c35e113ac6ceed')
>>> s.expire_date = datetime.datetime(2005, 8, 20, 13, 35, 12)
```

Note that you’ll need to call `get_decoded()` to get the session dictionary. This is necessary because the dictionary is stored in an encoded format:

```python
>>> s.session_data
'KGRwMQpTJ19hdXRoX3VzZXJfaWQnCnAyCkkxCnMuMTExY2ZjODIYj...

>>> s.get_decoded()
{'user_id': 42}
```

When sessions are saved

By default, Django only saves to the session database when the session has been modified – that is if any of its dictionary values have been assigned or deleted:

```python
# Session is modified.
request.session['foo'] = 'bar'

# Session is modified.
del request.session['foo']

# Session is modified.
request.session['foo'] = {}

# Gotcha: Session is NOT modified, because this alters
```

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In the last case of the above example, we can tell the session object explicitly that it has been modified by setting the `modified` attribute on the session object:

```python
request.session.modified = True
```

To change this default behavior, set the `SESSION_SAVE_EVERY_REQUEST` setting to `True`. When set to `True`, Django will save the session to the database on every single request.

Note that the session cookie is only sent when a session has been created or modified. If `SESSION_SAVE_EVERY_REQUEST` is `True`, the session cookie will be sent on every request.

Similarly, the `expires` part of a session cookie is updated each time the session cookie is sent.

The session is not saved if the response’s status code is 500.

### Browser-length sessions vs. persistent sessions

You can control whether the session framework uses browser-length sessions vs. persistent sessions with the `SESSION_EXPIRE_AT_BROWSER_CLOSE` setting.

By default, `SESSION_EXPIRE_AT_BROWSER_CLOSE` is set to `False`, which means session cookies will be stored in users’ browsers for as long as `SESSION_COOKIE_AGE`. Use this if you don’t want people to have to log in every time they open a browser.

If `SESSION_EXPIRE_AT_BROWSER_CLOSE` is set to `True`, Django will use browser-length cookies – cookies that expire as soon as the user closes their browser. Use this if you want people to have to log in every time they open a browser.

This setting is a global default and can be overwritten at a per-session level by explicitly calling the `set_expiry()` method of `request.session` as described above in using sessions in views.

**Note:** Some browsers (Chrome, for example) provide settings that allow users to continue browsing sessions after closing and re-opening the browser. In some cases, this can interfere with the `SESSION_EXPIRE_AT_BROWSER_CLOSE` setting and prevent sessions from expiring on browser close. Please be aware of this while testing Django applications which have the `SESSION_EXPIRE_AT_BROWSER_CLOSE` setting enabled.

### Clearing the session store

As users create new sessions on your website, session data can accumulate in your session store. If you’re using the database backend, the `django_session` database table will grow. If you’re using the file backend, your temporary directory will contain an increasing number of files.

To understand this problem, consider what happens with the database backend. When a user logs in, Django adds a row to the `django_session` database table. Django updates this row each time the session data changes. If the user logs out manually, Django deletes the row. But if the user does not log out, the row never gets deleted. A similar process happens with the file backend.

Django does not provide automatic purging of expired sessions. Therefore, it’s your job to purge expired sessions on a regular basis. Django provides a clean-up management command for this purpose: `clearsessions`. It’s recommended to call this command on a regular basis, for example as a daily cron job.
Note that the cache backend isn’t vulnerable to this problem, because caches automatically delete stale data. Neither is the cookie backend, because the session data is stored by the users’ browsers.

**Settings**

A few *Django settings* give you control over session behavior:

- `SESSION_CACHE_ALIAS`
- `SESSION_COOKIE_AGE`
- `SESSION_COOKIE_DOMAIN`
- `SESSION_COOKIE_HTTPONLY`
- `SESSION_COOKIE_NAME`
- `SESSION_COOKIE_PATH`
- `SESSION_COOKIE_SAMESITE`
- `SESSION_COOKIE_SECURE`
- `SESSION_ENGINE`
- `SESSION_EXPIRE_AT_BROWSER_CLOSE`
- `SESSION_FILE_PATH`
- `SESSION_SAVE_EVERY_REQUEST`
- `SESSION_SERIALIZER`

**Session security**

Subdomains within a site are able to set cookies on the client for the whole domain. This makes session fixation possible if cookies are permitted from subdomains not controlled by trusted users.

For example, an attacker could log into good.example.com and get a valid session for their account. If the attacker has control over bad.example.com, they can use it to send their session key to you since a subdomain is permitted to set cookies on *.example.com. When you visit good.example.com, you’ll be logged in as the attacker and might inadvertently enter your sensitive personal data (e.g. credit card info) into the attacker’s account.

Another possible attack would be if good.example.com sets its `SESSION_COOKIE_DOMAIN` to "example.com" which would cause session cookies from that site to be sent to bad.example.com.

**Technical details**

- The session dictionary accepts any *json* serializable value when using `JSONSerializer` or any picklable Python object when using `PickleSerializer`. See the `pickle` module for more information.
- Session data is stored in a database table named `django_session`.
- Django only sends a cookie if it needs to. If you don’t set any session data, it won’t send a session cookie.
The SessionStore object

When working with sessions internally, Django uses a session store object from the corresponding session engine. By convention, the session store object class is named SessionStore and is located in the module designated by $SESSION_ENGINE$.

All SessionStore classes available in Django inherit from SessionBase and implement data manipulation methods, namely:

- exists()
- create()
- save()
- delete()
- load()
- clear_expired()

In order to build a custom session engine or to customize an existing one, you may create a new class inheriting from SessionBase or any other existing SessionStore class.

You can extend the session engines, but doing so with database-backed session engines generally requires some extra effort (see the next section for details).

Extending database-backed session engines

Creating a custom database-backed session engine built upon those included in Django (namely db and cached_db) may be done by inheriting AbstractBaseSession and either SessionStore class.

AbstractBaseSession and BaseSessionManager are importable from django.contrib.sessions.base_session so that they can be imported without including django.contrib.sessions in INSTALLED_APPS.

```python
class base_session.AbstractBaseSession
    The abstract base session model.

    session_key
        Primary key. The field itself may contain up to 40 characters. The current implementation generates a 32-character string (a random sequence of digits and lowercase ASCII letters).

    session_data
        A string containing an encoded and serialized session dictionary.

    expire_date
        A datetime designating when the session expires.

        Expired sessions are not available to a user, however, they may still be stored in the database until the clearsessions management command is run.

    classmethod get_session_store_class()
        Returns a session store class to be used with this session model.

    get_decoded()
        Returns decoded session data.

        Decoding is performed by the session store class.
```

You can also customize the model manager by subclassing BaseSessionManager.
class base_session.BaseSessionManager

    encode(session_dict)
    Returns the given session dictionary serialized and encoded as a string.
    Encoding is performed by the session store class tied to a model class.

    save(session_key, session_dict, expire_date)
    Saves session data for a provided session key, or deletes the session in case the data is empty.

Customization of SessionStore classes is achieved by overriding methods and properties described below:

class backends.db.SessionStore
    Implements database-backed session store.

    classmethod get_model_class()
    Override this method to return a custom session model if you need one.

    create_model_instance(data)
    Returns a new instance of the session model object, which represents the current session state.
    Overriding this method provides the ability to modify session model data before it’s saved to database.

class backends.cached_db.SessionStore
    Implements cached database-backed session store.

    cache_key_prefix
    A prefix added to a session key to build a cache key string.

Example

The example below shows a custom database-backed session engine that includes an additional database column to store an account ID (thus providing an option to query the database for all active sessions for an account):

```python
from django.contrib.sessions.backends.db import SessionStore as DBStore
from django.contrib.sessions.base_session import AbstractBaseSession
from django.db import models

class CustomSession(AbstractBaseSession):
    account_id = models.IntegerField(null=True, db_index=True)

    @classmethod
    def get_session_store_class(cls):
        return SessionStore

class SessionStore(DBStore):
    @classmethod
    def get_model_class(cls):
        return CustomSession

    def create_model_instance(self, data):
        obj = super().create_model_instance(data)
        try:
            account_id = int(data.get('_auth_user_id'))
        except (ValueError, TypeError):
            account_id = None
        obj.account_id = account_id
        return obj
```
If you are migrating from the Django’s built-in cached_db session store to a custom one based on cached_db, you should override the cache key prefix in order to prevent a namespace clash:

```python
class SessionStore(CachedDBStore):
    cache_key_prefix = 'mysessions.custom_cached_db_backend'
    # ...
```

### Session IDs in URLs

The Django sessions framework is entirely, and solely, cookie-based. It does not fall back to putting session IDs in URLs as a last resort, as PHP does. This is an intentional design decision. Not only does that behavior make URLs ugly, it makes your site vulnerable to session-ID theft via the “Referer” header.

## 3.4 Working with forms

### About this document

This document provides an introduction to the basics of web forms and how they are handled in Django. For a more detailed look at specific areas of the forms API, see The Forms API, Form fields, and Form and field validation.

Unless you’re planning to build websites and applications that do nothing but publish content, and don’t accept input from your visitors, you’re going to need to understand and use forms.

Django provides a range of tools and libraries to help you build forms to accept input from site visitors, and then process and respond to the input.

### 3.4.1 HTML forms

In HTML, a form is a collection of elements inside `<form>...</form>` that allow a visitor to do things like enter text, select options, manipulate objects or controls, and so on, and then send that information back to the server.

Some of these form interface elements - text input or checkboxes - are built into HTML itself. Others are much more complex; an interface that pops up a date picker or allows you to move a slider or manipulate controls will typically use JavaScript and CSS as well as HTML form `<input>` elements to achieve these effects.

As well as its `<input>` elements, a form must specify two things:

- **where**: the URL to which the data corresponding to the user’s input should be returned
- **how**: the HTTP method the data should be returned by

As an example, the login form for the Django admin contains several `<input>` elements: one of `type="text"` for the username, one of `type="password"` for the password, and one of `type="submit"` for the “Log in” button. It also contains some hidden text fields that the user doesn’t see, which Django uses to determine what to do next.

It also tells the browser that the form data should be sent to the URL specified in the `<form>`’s `action` attribute - `/admin/` - and that it should be sent using the HTTP mechanism specified by the `method` attribute - `post`.

When the `<input type="submit" value="Log in">` element is triggered, the data is returned to `/admin/`.
GET and POST

GET and POST are the only HTTP methods to use when dealing with forms.

Django’s login form is returned using the POST method, in which the browser bundles up the form data, encodes it for transmission, sends it to the server, and then receives back its response.

GET, by contrast, bundles the submitted data into a string, and uses this to compose a URL. The URL contains the address where the data must be sent, as well as the data keys and values. You can see this in action if you do a search in the Django documentation, which will produce a URL of the form https://docs.djangoproject.com/search/?q=forms&release=1.

GET and POST are typically used for different purposes.

Any request that could be used to change the state of the system - for example, a request that makes changes in the database - should use POST. GET should be used only for requests that do not affect the state of the system.

GET would also be unsuitable for a password form, because the password would appear in the URL, and thus, also in browser history and server logs, all in plain text. Neither would it be suitable for large quantities of data, or for binary data, such as an image. A Web application that uses GET requests for admin forms is a security risk: it can be easy for an attacker to mimic a form’s request to gain access to sensitive parts of the system. POST, coupled with other protections like Django’s CSRF protection offers more control over access.

On the other hand, GET is suitable for things like a web search form, because the URLs that represent a GET request can easily be bookmarked, shared, or resubmitted.

3.4.2 Django’s role in forms

Handling forms is a complex business. Consider Django’s admin, where numerous items of data of several different types may need to be prepared for display in a form, rendered as HTML, edited using a convenient interface, returned to the server, validated and cleaned up, and then saved or passed on for further processing.

Django’s form functionality can simplify and automate vast portions of this work, and can also do it more securely than most programmers would be able to do in code they wrote themselves.

Django handles three distinct parts of the work involved in forms:

• preparing and restructuring data to make it ready for rendering
• creating HTML forms for the data
• receiving and processing submitted forms and data from the client

It is possible to write code that does all of this manually, but Django can take care of it all for you.

3.4.3 Forms in Django

We’ve described HTML forms briefly, but an HTML `<form>` is just one part of the machinery required.

In the context of a Web application, ‘form’ might refer to that HTML `<form>`, or to the Django Form that produces it, or to the structured data returned when it is submitted, or to the end-to-end working collection of these parts.

The Django Form class

At the heart of this system of components is Django’s Form class. In much the same way that a Django model describes the logical structure of an object, its behavior, and the way its parts are represented to us, a Form class describes a form and determines how it works and appears.
In a similar way that a model class’s fields map to database fields, a form class’s fields map to HTML form `input` elements. (A `ModelForm` maps a model class’s fields to HTML form `input` elements via a `Form`; this is what the Django admin is based upon.)

A form’s fields are themselves classes; they manage form data and perform validation when a form is submitted. A `DateField` and a `FileField` handle very different kinds of data and have to do different things with it.

A form field is represented to a user in the browser as an HTML “widget” - a piece of user interface machinery. Each field type has an appropriate default `Widget class`, but these can be overridden as required.

### Instantiating, processing, and rendering forms

When rendering an object in Django, we generally:

1. get hold of it in the view (fetch it from the database, for example)
2. pass it to the template context
3. expand it to HTML markup using template variables

Rendering a form in a template involves nearly the same work as rendering any other kind of object, but there are some key differences.

In the case of a model instance that contained no data, it would rarely if ever be useful to do anything with it in a template. On the other hand, it makes perfect sense to render an unpopulated form - that’s what we do when we want the user to populate it.

So when we handle a model instance in a view, we typically retrieve it from the database. When we’re dealing with a form we typically instantiate it in the view.

When we instantiate a form, we can opt to leave it empty or pre-populate it, for example with:

- data from a saved model instance (as in the case of admin forms for editing)
- data that we have collated from other sources
- data received from a previous HTML form submission

The last of these cases is the most interesting, because it’s what makes it possible for users not just to read a website, but to send information back to it too.

### Building a form

**The work that needs to be done**

Suppose you want to create a simple form on your website, in order to obtain the user’s name. You’d need something like this in your template:

```html
<form action="/your-name/" method="post">
    <label for="your_name">Your name: </label>
    <input id="your_name" type="text" name="your_name" value="{{ current_name }}">
    <input type="submit" value="OK">
</form>
```

This tells the browser to return the form data to the URL `/your-name/`, using the `POST` method. It will display a text field, labeled “Your name:”, and a button marked “OK”. If the template context contains a `current_name` variable, that will be used to pre-fill the `your_name` field.

You’ll need a view that renders the template containing the HTML form, and that can supply the `current_name` field as appropriate.
When the form is submitted, the POST request which is sent to the server will contain the form data.

Now you’ll also need a view corresponding to that /your-name/ URL which will find the appropriate key/value pairs in the request, and then process them.

This is a very simple form. In practice, a form might contain dozens or hundreds of fields, many of which might need to be pre-populated, and we might expect the user to work through the edit-submit cycle several times before concluding the operation.

We might require some validation to occur in the browser, even before the form is submitted; we might want to use much more complex fields, that allow the user to do things like pick dates from a calendar and so on.

At this point it’s much easier to get Django to do most of this work for us.

Building a form in Django

The Form class

We already know what we want our HTML form to look like. Our starting point for it in Django is this:

```python
from django import forms

class NameForm(forms.Form):
    your_name = forms.CharField(label='Your name', max_length=100)
```

This defines a Form class with a single field (`your_name`). We’ve applied a human-friendly label to the field, which will appear in the `<label>` when it’s rendered (although in this case, the `label` we specified is actually the same one that would be generated automatically if we had omitted it).

The field’s maximum allowable length is defined by `max_length`. This does two things. It puts a `maxlength="100"` on the HTML `<input>` (so the browser should prevent the user from entering more than that number of characters in the first place). It also means that when Django receives the form back from the browser, it will validate the length of the data.

A Form instance has an `is_valid()` method, which runs validation routines for all its fields. When this method is called, if all fields contain valid data, it will:

- return True
- place the form’s data in its `cleaned_data` attribute.

The whole form, when rendered for the first time, will look like:

```html
<label for="your_name">Your name: </label>
<input id="your_name" type="text" name="your_name" maxlength="100" required>
```

Note that it does not include the `<form>` tags, or a submit button. We’ll have to provide those ourselves in the template.

The view

Form data sent back to a Django website is processed by a view, generally the same view which published the form. This allows us to reuse some of the same logic.

To handle the form we need to instantiate it in the view for the URL where we want it to be published:
from django.http import HttpResponseRedirect
from django.shortcuts import render
from .forms import NameForm

def get_name(request):
    # if this is a POST request we need to process the form data
    if request.method == 'POST':
        # create a form instance and populate it with data from the request:
        form = NameForm(request.POST)
        # check whether it's valid:
        if form.is_valid():
            # process the data in form.cleaned_data as required
            # ...
            # redirect to a new URL:
            return HttpResponseRedirect('/thanks/)
    # if a GET (or any other method) we'll create a blank form
    else:
        form = NameForm()
    return render(request, 'name.html', {'form': form})

If we arrive at this view with a GET request, it will create an empty form instance and place it in the template context to be rendered. This is what we can expect to happen the first time we visit the URL.

If the form is submitted using a POST request, the view will once again create a form instance and populate it with data from the request: form = NameForm(request.POST) This is called “binding data to the form” (it is now a bound form).

We call the form’s is_valid() method; if it’s not True, we go back to the template with the form. This time the form is no longer empty (unbound) so the HTML form will be populated with the data previously submitted, where it can be edited and corrected as required.

If is_valid() is True, we’ll now be able to find all the validated form data in its cleaned_data attribute. We can use this data to update the database or do other processing before sending an HTTP redirect to the browser telling it where to go next.

The template

We don’t need to do much in our name.html template:

```html
<form action="/your-name/" method="post">
  {% csrf_token %}
  {{ form }}
  <input type="submit" value="Submit">
</form>
```

All the form’s fields and their attributes will be unpacked into HTML markup from that {{ form }} by Django’s template language.

Forms and Cross Site Request Forgery protection

Django ships with an easy-to-use protection against Cross Site Request Forgeries. When submitting a form via POST
with CSRF protection enabled you must use the `csrf_token` template tag as in the preceding example. However, since CSRF protection is not directly tied to forms in templates, this tag is omitted from the following examples in this document.

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**HTML5 input types and browser validation**

If your form includes a `URLField`, an `EmailField` or any integer field type, Django will use the `url`, `email` and `number` HTML5 input types. By default, browsers may apply their own validation on these fields, which may be stricter than Django’s validation. If you would like to disable this behavior, set the `novalidate` attribute on the `form` tag, or specify a different widget on the field, like `TextInput`.

We now have a working web form, described by a Django `Form`, processed by a view, and rendered as an HTML `<form>`.

That’s all you need to get started, but the forms framework puts a lot more at your fingertips. Once you understand the basics of the process described above, you should be prepared to understand other features of the forms system and ready to learn a bit more about the underlying machinery.

### 3.4.5 More about Django Form classes

All form classes are created as subclasses of either `django.forms.Form` or `django.forms.ModelForm`. You can think of `ModelForm` as a subclass of `Form`. `Form` and `ModelForm` actually inherit common functionality from a (private) `BaseForm` class, but this implementation detail is rarely important.

**Models and Forms**

In fact if your form is going to be used to directly add or edit a Django model, a `ModelForm` can save you a great deal of time, effort, and code, because it will build a form, along with the appropriate fields and their attributes, from a `Model` class.

**Bound and unbound form instances**

The distinction between `Bound and unbound forms` is important:

- An unbound form has no data associated with it. When rendered to the user, it will be empty or will contain default values.
- A bound form has submitted data, and hence can be used to tell if that data is valid. If an invalid bound form is rendered, it can include inline error messages telling the user what data to correct.

The form’s `is_bound` attribute will tell you whether a form has data bound to it or not.

**More on fields**

Consider a more useful form than our minimal example above, which we could use to implement “contact me” functionality on a personal website:
Our earlier form used a single field, your_name, a CharField. In this case, our form has four fields: subject, message, sender and cc_myself. CharField, EmailField and BooleanField are just three of the available field types; a full list can be found in Form fields.

Widgets

Each form field has a corresponding Widget class, which in turn corresponds to an HTML form widget such as <input type="text">.

In most cases, the field will have a sensible default widget. For example, by default, a CharField will have a TextInput widget, that produces an <input type="text"> in the HTML. If you needed <textarea> instead, you’d specify the appropriate widget when defining your form field, as we have done for the message field.

Field data

Whatever the data submitted with a form, once it has been successfully validated by calling is_valid() (and is_valid() has returned True), the validated form data will be in the form.cleaned_data dictionary. This data will have been nicely converted into Python types for you.

Note: You can still access the unvalidated data directly from request.POST at this point, but the validated data is better.

In the contact form example above, cc_myself will be a boolean value. Likewise, fields such as IntegerField and FloatField convert values to a Python int and float respectively.

Here’s how the form data could be processed in the view that handles this form:

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```python
from django.core.mail import send_mail

if form.is_valid():
    subject = form.cleaned_data['subject']
    message = form.cleaned_data['message']
    sender = form.cleaned_data['sender']
    cc_myself = form.cleaned_data['cc_myself']

    recipients = ['info@example.com']
    if cc_myself:
        recipients.append(sender)

    send_mail(subject, message, sender, recipients)
    return HttpResponseRedirect('/thanks/')
```
Tip: For more on sending email from Django, see Sending email.

Some field types need some extra handling. For example, files that are uploaded using a form need to be handled differently (they can be retrieved from request.FILES, rather than request.POST). For details of how to handle file uploads with your form, see Binding uploaded files to a form.

3.4.6 Working with form templates

All you need to do to get your form into a template is to place the form instance into the template context. So if your form is called form in the context, {{ form }} will render its <label> and <input> elements appropriately.

Form rendering options

Additional form template furniture

Don’t forget that a form’s output does not include the surrounding <form> tags, or the form’s submit control. You will have to provide these yourself.

There are other output options though for the <label>/<input> pairs:

- {{ form.as_table }} will render them as table cells wrapped in <tr> tags
- {{ form.as_p }} will render them wrapped in <p> tags
- {{ form.as_ul }} will render them wrapped in <li> tags

Note that you’ll have to provide the surrounding <table> or <ul> elements yourself.

Here’s the output of {{ form.as_p }} for our ContactForm instance:

```html
<p><label for="id_subject">Subject:</label> <input id="id_subject" type="text" name="subject" maxlength="100" required"></p>
<p><label for="id_message">Message:</label> <textarea name="message" id="id_message" required></textarea></p>
<p><label for="id_sender">Sender:</label> <input type="email" name="sender" id="id_sender" required></p>
<p><label for="id_cc_myself">Cc myself:</label> <input type="checkbox" name="cc_myself" id="id_cc_myself"></p>
```

Note that each form field has an ID attribute set to id_<field-name>, which is referenced by the accompanying label tag. This is important in ensuring that forms are accessible to assistive technology such as screen reader software. You can also customize the way in which labels and ids are generated.

See Outputting forms as HTML for more on this.

Rendering fields manually

We don’t have to let Django unpack the form’s fields; we can do it manually if we like (allowing us to reorder the fields, for example). Each field is available as an attribute of the form using {{ form.name_of_field }}, and in a Django template, will be rendered appropriately. For example:
Complete <label> elements can also be generated using the label_tag(). For example:

```html
<div class="fieldWrapper">
    {{ form.subject.label_tag }}
    {{ form.subject.errors }}
    {{ form.subject }}
</div>
```

### Rendering form error messages

The price of this flexibility is a bit more work. Until now we haven’t had to worry about how to display form errors, because that’s taken care of for us. In this example we have had to make sure we take care of any errors for each field and any errors for the form as a whole. Note {{ form.non_field_errors }} at the top of the form and the template lookup for errors on each field.

Using {{ form.name_of_field.errors }} displays a list of form errors, rendered as an unordered list. This might look like:

```html
<ul class="errorlist">
    <li>Sender is required.</li>
</ul>
```

The list has a CSS class of errorlist to allow you to style its appearance. If you wish to further customize the display of errors you can do so by looping over them:

```html
{% if form.subject.errors %}
    <ol>
        {% for error in form.subject.errors %}
            <li><strong>{{ error|escape }}</strong></li>
        {% endfor %}
    </ol>
{% endif %}
```
Non-field errors (and/or hidden field errors that are rendered at the top of the form when using helpers like `form.as_p()`) will be rendered with an additional class of `nonfield` to help distinguish them from field-specific errors. For example, `{{ form.non_field_errors }}` would look like:

```html
<ul class="errorlist nonfield">
    <li>Generic validation error</li>
</ul>
```

See *The Forms API* for more on errors, styling, and working with form attributes in templates.

### Looping over the form’s fields

If you’re using the same HTML for each of your form fields, you can reduce duplicate code by looping through each field in turn using a `{% for %}` loop:

```template
{% for field in form %}
    <div class="fieldWrapper">
        {{ field.errors }}
        {{ field.label_tag }}
        {{ field.id_for_label }}
        {% if field.help_text %}
            <p class="help">{{ field.help_text|safe }}</p>
        {% endif %}
    </div>
{% endfor %}
```

Useful attributes on `{{ field }}` include:

- `{{ field.label }}`: The label of the field, e.g. *Email address*.
- `{{ field.label_tag }}`: The field’s label wrapped in the appropriate HTML `<label>` tag. This includes the form’s `label_suffix`. For example, the default `label_suffix` is a colon:

  ```html
  <label for="id_email">Email address:</label>
  ```

- `{{ field.id_for_label }}`: The ID that will be used for this field (`id_email` in the example above). If you are constructing the label manually, you may want to use this in lieu of `label_tag`. It’s also useful, for example, if you have some inline JavaScript and want to avoid hardcoding the field’s ID.

- `{{ field.value }}`: The value of the field, e.g. `someone@example.com`.

- `{{ field.html_name }}`: The name of the field that will be used in the input element’s name field. This takes the form prefix into account, if it has been set.

- `{{ field.help_text }}`: Any help text that has been associated with the field.

- `{{ field.errors }}`: Outputs a `<ul class="errorlist">` containing any validation errors corresponding to this field. You can customize the presentation of the errors with a `{% for error in field.errors %}` loop. In this case, each object in the loop is a string containing the error message.

- `{{ field.is_hidden }}`: This attribute is `True` if the form field is a hidden field and `False` otherwise. It’s not particularly useful as a template variable, but could be useful in conditional tests such as:

  ```template
  {% if field.is_hidden %}
    {% # Do something special %
  {% endif %}
  ```

- `{{ field.field }}`: The `Field` instance from the form class that this `BoundField` wraps. You can use it to access `Field` attributes, e.g. `{{ char_field.field.max_length }}`. 

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See also:

For a complete list of attributes and methods, see `BoundField`.

## Looping over hidden and visible fields

If you’re manually laying out a form in a template, as opposed to relying on Django’s default form layout, you might want to treat `<input type="hidden">` fields differently from non-hidden fields. For example, because hidden fields don’t display anything, putting error messages “next to” the field could cause confusion for your users – so errors for those fields should be handled differently.

Django provides two methods on a form that allow you to loop over the hidden and visible fields independently: `hidden_fields()` and `visible_fields()`. Here’s a modification of an earlier example that uses these two methods:

```html
{% # Include the hidden fields %}
{% for hidden in form.hidden_fields %}
    {{ hidden }}
{% endfor %}

{% # Include the visible fields %}
{% for field in form.visible_fields %}
    <div class="fieldWrapper">
        {{ field.errors }}
        {{ field.label_tag }}
        {{ field }}
    </div>
{% endfor %}
```

This example does not handle any errors in the hidden fields. Usually, an error in a hidden field is a sign of form tampering, since normal form interaction won’t alter them. However, you could easily insert some error displays for those form errors, as well.

## Reusable form templates

If your site uses the same rendering logic for forms in multiple places, you can reduce duplication by saving the form’s loop in a standalone template and using the `include` tag to reuse it in other templates:

```html
# In your form template:
{% include "form_snippet.html" %}

# In form_snippet.html:
{% for field in form %}
    <div class="fieldWrapper">
        {{ field.errors }}
        {{ field.label_tag }}
        {{ field }}
    </div>
{% endfor %}
```

If the form object passed to a template has a different name within the context, you can alias it using the `with` argument of the `include` tag:

```html
{% include "form_snippet.html" with form=comment_form %}
```

If you find yourself doing this often, you might consider creating a custom inclusion tag.
Formsets

class BaseFormSet

A formset is a layer of abstraction to work with multiple forms on the same page. It can be best compared to a data grid. Let’s say you have the following form:

```python
>>> from django import forms
>>> class ArticleForm(forms.Form):
...     title = forms.CharField()
...     pub_date = forms.DateField()
```

You might want to allow the user to create several articles at once. To create a formset out of an ArticleForm you would do:

```python
>>> from django.forms import formset_factory
>>> ArticleFormSet = formset_factory(ArticleForm)
```

You now have created a formset class named ArticleFormSet. Instantiating the formset gives you the ability to iterate over the forms in the formset and display them as you would with a regular form:

```python
>>> formset = ArticleFormSet()
>>> for form in formset:
...     print(form.as_table())
```

As you can see it only displayed one empty form. The number of empty forms that is displayed is controlled by the extra parameter. By default, formset_factory() defines one extra form; the following example will create a formset class to display two blank forms:

```python
>>> ArticleFormSet = formset_factory(ArticleForm, extra=2)
```

Iterating over a formset will render the forms in the order they were created. You can change this order by providing an alternate implementation for the __iter__() method.

Formsets can also be indexed into, which returns the corresponding form. If you override __iter__, you will need to also override __getitem__ to have matching behavior.

Using initial data with a formset

Initial data is what drives the main usability of a formset. As shown above you can define the number of extra forms. What this means is that you are telling the formset how many additional forms to show in addition to the number of forms it generates from the initial data. Let’s take a look at an example:

```python
>>> import datetime
>>> from django.forms import formset_factory
>>> from myapp.forms import ArticleForm
>>> ArticleFormSet = formset_factory(ArticleForm, extra=2)
```
from django.forms import formset_factory

from myapp.forms import ArticleForm

ArticleFormSet = formset_factory(ArticleForm, extra=2, max_num=1)

formset = ArticleFormSet()

for form in formset:
    print(form.as_table())

There are now a total of three forms showing above. One for the initial data that was passed in and two extra forms. Also note that we are passing in a list of dictionaries as the initial data.

If you use an initial for displaying a formset, you should pass the same initial when processing that formset’s submission so that the formset can detect which forms were changed by the user. For example, you might have something like:

ArticleFormSet(request.POST, initial=[...]).

See also:
Creating formsets from models with model formsets.

Limiting the maximum number of forms

The max_num parameter to formset_factory() gives you the ability to limit the number of forms the formset will display:

from django.forms import formset_factory

formset = formset_factory(ArticleForm, extra=2, max_num=1)

for form in formset:
    print(form.as_table())

If the value of max_num is greater than the number of existing items in the initial data, up to extra additional blank forms will be added to the formset, so long as the total number of forms does not exceed max_num. For example, if extra=2 and max_num=2 and the formset is initialized with one initial item, a form for the initial item and one blank form will be displayed.

If the number of items in the initial data exceeds max_num, all initial data forms will be displayed regardless of the value of max_num and no extra forms will be displayed. For example, if extra=3 and max_num=1 and the formset is initialized with two initial items, two forms with the initial data will be displayed.
A `max_num` value of `None` (the default) puts a high limit on the number of forms displayed (1000). In practice this is equivalent to no limit.

By default, `max_num` only affects how many forms are displayed and does not affect validation. If `validate_max=True` is passed to the `formset_factory()`, then `max_num` will affect validation. See `validate_max`.

### Formset validation

Validation with a formset is almost identical to a regular `Form`. There is an `is_valid` method on the formset to provide a convenient way to validate all forms in the formset:

```python
>>> from django.forms import formset_factory
>>> from myapp.forms import ArticleForm
>>> ArticleFormSet = formset_factory(ArticleForm)
>>> data = {
             ...
             'form-TOTAL_FORMS': '1',
             ...
             'form-INITIAL_FORMS': '0',
             ...
             'form-MAX_NUM_FORMS': '',
             ...
           }
>>> formset = ArticleFormSet(data)
>>> formset.is_valid()
True
```

We passed in no data to the formset which is resulting in a valid form. The formset is smart enough to ignore extra forms that were not changed. If we provide an invalid article:

```python
>>> data = {
             ...
             'form-TOTAL_FORMS': '2',
             ...
             'form-INITIAL_FORMS': '0',
             ...
             'form-MAX_NUM_FORMS': '',
             ...
             'form-0-title': 'Test',
             ...
             'form-0-pub_date': '1904-06-16',
             ...
             'form-1-title': 'Test',
             ...
             'form-1-pub_date': '', # <-- this date is missing but required
             ...
           }
>>> formset = ArticleFormSet(data)
>>> formset.is_valid()
False
>>> formset.errors
[[], ['pub_date': ['This field is required.']].]]
```

As we can see, `formset.errors` is a list whose entries correspond to the forms in the formset. Validation was performed for each of the two forms, and the expected error message appears for the second item.

Just like when using a normal `Form`, each field in a formset’s forms may include HTML attributes such as `maxlength` for browser validation. However, form fields of formsets won’t include the `required` attribute as that validation may be incorrect when adding and deleting forms.

`BaseFormSet.total_error_count()`

To check how many errors there are in the formset, we can use the `total_error_count` method:

```python
>>> # Using the previous example
>>> formset.errors
[[], ['pub_date': ['This field is required.']].]]
>>> len(formset.errors)
```

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We can also check if form data differs from the initial data (i.e. the form was sent without any data):

```python
>>> data = {
...   'form-TOTAL_FORMS': '1',
...   'form-INITIAL_FORMS': '0',
...   'form-MAX_NUM_FORMS': '',
...   'form-0-title': '',
...   'form-0-pub_date': '',
... }
>>> formset = ArticleFormSet(data)
>>> formset.has_changed()
False
```

### Understanding the `ManagementForm`

You may have noticed the additional data (form-TOTAL_FORMS, form-INITIAL_FORMS and form-MAX_NUM_FORMS) that was required in the formset's data above. This data is required for the `ManagementForm`. This form is used by the formset to manage the collection of forms contained in the formset. If you don’t provide this management data, an exception will be raised:

```python
>>> data = {
...   'form-0-title': 'Test',
...   'form-0-pub_date': '',
... }
>>> formset = ArticleFormSet(data)
>>> formset.is_valid()
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...django.core.exceptions.ValidationError: ['ManagementForm data is missing or has been tampered with']
```

It is used to keep track of how many form instances are being displayed. If you are adding new forms via JavaScript, you should increment the count fields in this form as well. On the other hand, if you are using JavaScript to allow deletion of existing objects, then you need to ensure the ones being removed are properly marked for deletion by including form-#-DELETE in the POST data. It is expected that all forms are present in the POST data regardless. The management form is available as an attribute of the formset itself. When rendering a formset in a template, you can include all the management data by rendering `{{ my_formset.management_form }}` (substituting the name of your formset as appropriate).

**total_form_count and initial_form_count**

`BaseFormSet` has a couple of methods that are closely related to the `ManagementForm`, `total_form_count` and `initial_form_count`.

`total_form_count` returns the total number of forms in this formset. `initial_form_count` returns the number of forms in the formset that were pre-filled, and is also used to determine how many forms are required. You will probably never need to override either of these methods, so please be sure you understand what they do before doing so.
empty_form

BaseFormSet provides an additional attribute empty_form which returns a form instance with a prefix of __prefix__ for easier use in dynamic forms with JavaScript.

Custom formset validation

A formset has a clean method similar to the one on a Form class. This is where you define your own validation that works at the formset level:

```python
>>> from django.core.exceptions import ValidationError
>>> from django.forms import BaseFormSet
>>> from django.forms import formset_factory
>>> from myapp.forms import ArticleForm

>>> class BaseArticleFormSet(BaseFormSet):
...     def clean(self):
...         '''Checks that no two articles have the same title.'''
...         if any(self.errors):
...             # Don't bother validating the formset unless each form is valid on its own
...             return
...         titles = []
...         for form in self.forms:
...             if self.can_delete and self._should_delete_form(form):
...                 continue
...             title = form.cleaned_data['title']
...             if title in titles:
...                 raise ValidationError("Articles in a set must have distinct titles.")
...             titles.append(title)

>>> ArticleFormSet = formset_factory(ArticleForm, formset=BaseArticleFormSet)
>>> data = {
...     'form-TOTAL_FORMS': '2',
...     'form-INITIAL_FORMS': '0',
...     'form-MAX_NUM_FORMS': '',
...     'form-0-title': 'Test',
...     'form-0-pub_date': '1904-06-16',
...     'form-1-title': 'Test',
...     'form-1-pub_date': '1912-06-23',
... }
>>> formset = ArticleFormSet(data)
>>> formset.is_valid()
False
>>> formset.errors
[{}, {}]
>>> formset.non_form_errors()
['Articles in a set must have distinct titles.]
```

The formset clean method is called after all the Form.clean methods have been called. The errors will be found using the non_form_errors() method on the formset.
Validating the number of forms in a formset

Django provides a couple ways to validate the minimum or maximum number of submitted forms. Applications which need more customizable validation of the number of forms should use custom formset validation.

**validate_max**

If `validate_max=True` is passed to `formset_factory()`, validation will also check that the number of forms in the data set, minus those marked for deletion, is less than or equal to `max_num`.

```python
>>> from django.forms import formset_factory
>>> from myapp.forms import ArticleForm
>>> ArticleFormSet = formset_factory(ArticleForm, max_num=1, validate_max=True)
>>> data = {
...    'form-TOTAL_FORMS': '2',
...    'form-INITIAL_FORMS': '0',
...    'form-MIN_NUM_FORMS': '',
...    'form-MAX_NUM_FORMS': '',
...    'form-0-title': 'Test',
...    'form-0-pub_date': '1904-06-16',
...    'form-1-title': 'Test 2',
...    'form-1-pub_date': '1912-06-23',
... }
>>> formset = ArticleFormSet(data)
>>> formset.is_valid()
False
>>> formset.errors
[{}, {}]
>>> formset.non_form_errors()
['Please submit 1 or fewer forms. ']
```

`validate_max=True` validates against `max_num` strictly even if `max_num` was exceeded because the amount of initial data supplied was excessive.

**Note:** Regardless of `validate_max`, if the number of forms in a data set exceeds `max_num` by more than 1000, then the form will fail to validate as if `validate_max` were set, and additionally only the first 1000 forms above `max_num` will be validated. The remainder will be truncated entirely. This is to protect against memory exhaustion attacks using forged POST requests.

**validate_min**

If `validate_min=True` is passed to `formset_factory()`, validation will also check that the number of forms in the data set, minus those marked for deletion, is greater than or equal to `min_num`.

```python
>>> from django.forms import formset_factory
>>> from myapp.forms import ArticleForm
>>> ArticleFormSet = formset_factory(ArticleForm, min_num=3, validate_min=True)
>>> data = {
...    'form-TOTAL_FORMS': '2',
...    'form-INITIAL_FORMS': '0',
...    'form-MIN_NUM_FORMS': '',
...    'form-MAX_NUM_FORMS': '',
...    'form-0-title': 'Test',
...    'form-0-pub_date': '1904-06-16',
...    'form-1-title': 'Test 2',
...    'form-1-pub_date': '1912-06-23',
... }
```

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... 'form-0-title': 'Test',
... 'form-0-pub_date': '1904-06-16',
... 'form-1-title': 'Test 2',
... 'form-1-pub_date': '1912-06-23',
... }

>>> formset = ArticleFormSet(data)
>>> formset.is_valid()
False
>>> formset.errors
[{}, {}]
>>> formset.non_form_errors()
["Please submit 3 or more forms."]

Note: Regardless of validate_min, if a formset contains no data, then extra + min_num empty forms will be displayed.

Dealing with ordering and deletion of forms

The formset_factory() provides two optional parameters can_order and can_delete to help with ordering of forms in formsets and deletion of forms from a formset.

can_order

BaseFormSet.can_order

Default: False

Lets you create a formset with the ability to order:

```python
>>> from django.forms import formset_factory
>>> from myapp.forms import ArticleForm
>>> ArticleFormSet = formset_factory(ArticleForm, can_order=True)
>>> formset = ArticleFormSet(initial=[
...     {'title': 'Article #1', 'pub_date': datetime.date(2008, 5, 10)},
...     {'title': 'Article #2', 'pub_date': datetime.date(2008, 5, 11)},
... ])
>>> for form in formset:
...     print(form.as_table())
```

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This adds an additional field to each form. This new field is named ORDER and is an `forms.IntegerField`. For the forms that came from the initial data it automatically assigned them a numeric value. Let’s look at what will happen when the user changes these values:

```python
>>> data = {
...     'form-TOTAL_FORMS': '3',
...     'form-INITIAL_FORMS': '2',
...     'form-MAX_NUM_FORMS': '',
...     'form-0-title': 'Article #1',
...     'form-0-pub_date': '2008-05-10',
...     'form-0-ORDER': '2',
...     'form-1-title': 'Article #2',
...     'form-1-pub_date': '2008-05-11',
...     'form-1-ORDER': '1',
...     'form-2-title': 'Article #3',
...     'form-2-pub_date': '2008-05-01',
...     'form-2-ORDER': '0',
... }  
>>> formset = ArticleFormSet(data, initial=[
...     {'title': 'Article #1', 'pub_date': datetime.date(2008, 5, 10)},
...     {'title': 'Article #2', 'pub_date': datetime.date(2008, 5, 11)},
... ])
>>> formset.is_valid()
True
>>> for form in formset.ordered_forms:
...     print(form.cleaned_data)
{'pub_date': datetime.date(2008, 5, 1), 'ORDER': 0, 'title': 'Article #3'}
{'pub_date': datetime.date(2008, 5, 11), 'ORDER': 1, 'title': 'Article #2'}
{'pub_date': datetime.date(2008, 5, 10), 'ORDER': 2, 'title': 'Article #1'}
```

`BaseFormSet` also provides an `ordering_widget` attribute and `get_ordering_widget()` method that control the widget used with `can_order`.

ordering_widget

`BaseFormSet.ordering_widget`

Default: `NumberInput`

Set `ordering_widget` to specify the widget class to be used with `can_order`:

```python
>>> from django.forms import BaseFormSet, formset_factory
>>> from myapp.forms import ArticleForm
>>> class BaseArticleFormSet(BaseFormSet):
...     ordering_widget = HiddenInput

>>> ArticleFormSet = formset_factory(ArticleForm, formset=BaseArticleFormSet, can_...
...     order=True)
```
get_ordering_widget

BaseFormSet.get_ordering_widget()

Override get_ordering_widget() if you need to provide a widget instance for use with can_order:

```python
>>> from django.forms import BaseFormSet, formset_factory
>>> from myapp.forms import ArticleForm
>>> class BaseArticleFormSet(BaseFormSet):
...     def get_ordering_widget(self):
...         return HiddenInput(attrs={'class': 'ordering'})

>>> ArticleFormSet = formset_factory(ArticleForm, formset=BaseArticleFormSet, can_order=True)
```

can_delete

BaseFormSet.can_delete

Default: False

Lets you create a formset with the ability to select forms for deletion:

```python
>>> from django.forms import formset_factory
>>> from myapp.forms import ArticleForm
>>> ArticleFormSet = formset_factory(ArticleForm, can_delete=True)
>>> formset = ArticleFormSet(initial=[
...     {'title': 'Article #1', 'pub_date': datetime.date(2008, 5, 10)},
...     {'title': 'Article #2', 'pub_date': datetime.date(2008, 5, 11)},
... ],)
>>> for form in formset:
...     print(form.as_table())
```

Similar to can_order this adds a new field to each form named DELETE and is a forms.BooleanField. When data comes through marking any of the delete fields you can access them with deleted_forms:

```python
>>> data = {
...     'form-TOTAL_FORMS': '3',
...     'form-INITIAL_FORMS': '2',
...     (continues on next page)
```
... 'form-MAX_NUM_FORMS': '',
... 'form-0-title': 'Article #1',
... 'form-0-pub_date': '2008-05-10',
... 'form-0-DELETE': 'on',
... 'form-1-title': 'Article #2',
... 'form-1-pub_date': '2008-05-11',
... 'form-1-DELETE': '',
... 'form-2-title': '',
... 'form-2-pub_date': '',
... 'form-2-DELETE': '',
... }

>>> formset = ArticleFormSet(data, initial=[
... {'title': 'Article #1', 'pub_date': datetime.date(2008, 5, 10)},
... {'title': 'Article #2', 'pub_date': datetime.date(2008, 5, 11)},
... ])

>>> [form.cleaned_data for form in formset.deleted_forms]
[{'DELETE': True, 'pub_date': datetime.date(2008, 5, 10), 'title': 'Article #1'}]

If you are using a ModelFormSet, model instances for deleted forms will be deleted when you call formset.save().

If you call formset.save(commit=False), objects will not be deleted automatically. You’ll need to call delete() on each of the formset.deleted_objects to actually delete them:

>>> instances = formset.save(commit=False)
>>> for obj in formset.deleted_objects:
...     obj.delete()

On the other hand, if you are using a plain FormSet, it’s up to you to handle formset.deleted_forms, perhaps in your formset’s save() method, as there’s no general notion of what it means to delete a form.

Adding additional fields to a formset

If you need to add additional fields to the formset this can be easily accomplished. The formset base class provides an add_fields method. You can override this method to add your own fields or even redefine the default fields/attributes of the order and deletion fields:

>>> from django.forms import BaseFormSet
>>> from django.forms import formset_factory
>>> from myapp.forms import ArticleForm
>>> class BaseArticleFormSet(BaseFormSet):
...     def add_fields(self, form, index):
...         super().add_fields(form, index)
...         form.fields['my_field'] = forms.CharField()

>>> ArticleFormSet = formset_factory(ArticleForm, formset=BaseArticleFormSet)
>>> formset = ArticleFormSet()
>>> for form in formset:
...     print(form.as_table())
Passing custom parameters to formset forms

Sometimes your form class takes custom parameters, like MyArticleForm. You can pass this parameter when instantiating the formset:

```python
>>> from django.forms import BaseFormSet
>>> from django.forms import formset_factory
>>> from myapp.forms import ArticleForm

>>> class MyArticleForm(ArticleForm):
...     def __init__(self, *args, user, **kwargs):
...         self.user = user
...         super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)

>>> ArticleFormSet = formset_factory(MyArticleForm)
>>> formset = ArticleFormSet(form_kwargs={'user': request.user})
```

The form_kwargs may also depend on the specific form instance. The formset base class provides a get_form_kwargs method. The method takes a single argument - the index of the form in the formset. The index is None for the empty_form:

```python
>>> from django.forms import BaseFormSet
>>> from django.forms import formset_factory

>>> class BaseArticleFormSet(BaseFormSet):
...     def get_form_kwargs(self, index):
...         kwargs = super().get_form_kwargs(index)
...         kwargs['custom_kwarg'] = index
...         return kwargs
```

Customizing a formset’s prefix

In the rendered HTML, formsets include a prefix on each field’s name. By default, the prefix is 'form', but it can be customized using the formset’s prefix argument.

For example, in the default case, you might see:

```html
<label for="id_form-0-title">Title:</label>
<input type="text" name="form-0-title" id="id_form-0-title">
```

But with ArticleFormset (prefix='article') that becomes:

```html
<label for="id_article-0-title">Title:</label>
<input type="text" name="article-0-title" id="id_article-0-title">
```

This is useful if you want to use more than one formset in a view.

Using a formset in views and templates

Using a formset inside a view is not very different from using a regular Form class. The only thing you will want to be aware of is making sure to use the management form inside the template. Let’s look at a sample view:
from django.forms import formset_factory
from django.shortcuts import render
from myapp.forms import ArticleForm

def manage_articles(request):
    ArticleFormSet = formset_factory(ArticleForm)
    if request.method == 'POST':
        formset = ArticleFormSet(request.POST, request.FILES)
        if formset.is_valid():
            # do something with the formset.cleaned_data
            pass
    else:
        formset = ArticleFormSet()
    return render(request, 'manage_articles.html', {'formset': formset})

The `manage_articles.html` template might look like this:

```html
<form method="post">
    {{ formset.management_form }}
    <table>
        {% for form in formset %}
        {{ form }}
        {% endfor %}
    </table>
</form>
```

However there’s a slight shortcut for the above by letting the formset itself deal with the management form:

```html
<form method="post">
    {{ formset }}
    </table>
</form>
```

The above ends up calling the `as_table` method on the formset class.

**Manually rendered can_delete and can_order**

If you manually render fields in the template, you can render `can_delete` parameter with `{{ form.DELETE }}`:

```html
<form method="post">
    {{ formset.management_form }}
    {% for form in formset %}
    <li>{{ form.DELETE }}</li>
    {% endfor %}
</form>
```

Similarly, if the formset has the ability to order (can_order=True), it is possible to render it with `{{ form.ORDER }}`.
Using more than one formset in a view

You are able to use more than one formset in a view if you like. Formsets borrow much of its behavior from forms. With that said you are able to use prefix to prefix formset form field names with a given value to allow more than one formset to be sent to a view without name clashing. Let’s take a look at how this might be accomplished:

```python
from django.forms import formset_factory
from django.shortcuts import render
from myapp.forms import ArticleForm, BookForm

def manage_articles(request):
    ArticleFormSet = formset_factory(ArticleForm)
    BookFormSet = formset_factory(BookForm)
    if request.method == 'POST':
        article_formset = ArticleFormSet(request.POST, request.FILES, prefix='articles')
        book_formset = BookFormSet(request.POST, request.FILES, prefix='books')
        if article_formset.is_valid() and book_formset.is_valid():
            # do something with the cleaned_data on the formsets.
            pass
    else:
        article_formset = ArticleFormSet(prefix='articles')
        book_formset = BookFormSet(prefix='books')
    return render(request, 'manage_articles.html', {
        'article_formset': article_formset,
        'book_formset': book_formset,
    })
```

You would then render the formsets as normal. It is important to point out that you need to pass prefix on both the POST and non-POST cases so that it is rendered and processed correctly.

Each formset’s prefix replaces the default form prefix that’s added to each field’s name and id HTML attributes.

Creating forms from models

ModelForm

class ModelForm

If you’re building a database-driven app, chances are you’ll have forms that map closely to Django models. For instance, you might have a BlogComment model, and you want to create a form that lets people submit comments. In this case, it would be redundant to define the field types in your form, because you’ve already defined the fields in your model.

For this reason, Django provides a helper class that lets you create a Form class from a Django model.

For example:

```python
>>> from django.forms import ModelForm
>>> from myapp.models import Article

# Create the form class.
>>> class ArticleForm(ModelForm):
...    class Meta:
...        model = Article
...        fields = ['pub_date', 'headline', 'content', 'reporter']
```
# Creating a form to add an article.
>>> form = ArticleForm()

# Creating a form to change an existing article.
>>> article = Article.objects.get(pk=1)
>>> form = ArticleForm(instance=article)

Field types

The generated Form class will have a form field for every model field specified, in the order specified in the fields attribute.

Each model field has a corresponding default form field. For example, a CharField on a model is represented as a CharField on a form. A model ManyToManyField is represented as a MultipleChoiceField. Here is the full list of conversions:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Model field</th>
<th>Form field</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AutoField</td>
<td>Not represented in the form</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BigAutoField</td>
<td>Not represented in the form</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BigIntegerField</td>
<td>IntegerField with min_value set to -9223372036854775808 and max_value set to 9223372036854775807.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BinaryField</td>
<td>CharField, if editable is set to True on the model field, otherwise not represented in the form.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BooleanField</td>
<td>BooleanField or NullBooleanField if null=True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CharField</td>
<td>CharField with max_length set to the model field’s max_length and empty_value set to None if null=True.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DateField</td>
<td>DateField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DateTimeField</td>
<td>DateTimeField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DecimalField</td>
<td>DecimalField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DurationField</td>
<td>DurationField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EmailField</td>
<td>EmailField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FileField</td>
<td>FileField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FilePathField</td>
<td>FilePathField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FloatField</td>
<td>FloatField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ForeignKey</td>
<td>ModelChoiceField (see below)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ImageField</td>
<td>ImageField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IntegerField</td>
<td>IntegerField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IPAddressField</td>
<td>IPAddressField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GenericIPAddressField</td>
<td>GenericIPAddressField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>JSONField</td>
<td>JSONField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ManyToManyField</td>
<td>ModelMultipleChoiceField (see below)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NullBooleanField</td>
<td>NullBooleanField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PositiveBigIntegerField</td>
<td>IntegerField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PositiveIntegerField</td>
<td>IntegerField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PositiveSmallIntegerField</td>
<td>IntegerField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SlugField</td>
<td>SlugField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SmallAutoField</td>
<td>Not represented in the form</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SmallIntegerField</td>
<td>IntegerField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TextField</td>
<td>CharField with widget=forms.Textarea</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TimeField</td>
<td>TimeField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>URLField</td>
<td>URLField</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UUIDField</td>
<td>UUIDField</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
As you might expect, the `ForeignKey` and `ManyToManyField` model field types are special cases:

- `ForeignKey` is represented by `django.forms.ModelChoiceField`, which is a `ChoiceField` whose choices are a model `QuerySet`.
- `ManyToManyField` is represented by `django.forms.ModelMultipleChoiceField`, which is a `MultipleChoiceField` whose choices are a model `QuerySet`.

In addition, each generated form field has attributes set as follows:

- If the model field has `blank=True`, then `required` is set to `False` on the form field. Otherwise, `required=True`.
- The form field’s `label` is set to the `verbose_name` of the model field, with the first character capitalized.
- The form field’s `help_text` is set to the `help_text` of the model field.
- If the model field has `choices` set, then the form field’s `widget` will be set to `Select`, with choices coming from the model field’s `choices`. The choices will normally include the blank choice which is selected by default. If the field is required, this forces the user to make a selection. The blank choice will not be included if the model field has `blank=False` and an explicit `default` value (the `default` value will be initially selected instead).

Finally, note that you can override the form field used for a given model field. See *Overriding the default fields* below.

### A full example

Consider this set of models:

```python
from django.db import models
from django.forms import ModelForm

TITLE_CHOICES = [
    ('MR', 'Mr.'),
    ('MRS', 'Mrs.'),
    ('MS', 'Ms.'),
]

class Author(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    title = models.CharField(max_length=3, choices=TITLE_CHOICES)
    birth_date = models.DateField(blank=True, null=True)

    def __str__(self):
        return self.name

class Book(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    authors = models.ManyToManyField(Author)

class AuthorForm(ModelForm):
    class Meta:
        model = Author
        fields = ['name', 'title', 'birth_date']

class BookForm(ModelForm):
    class Meta:
        model = Book
        fields = ['name', 'authors']
```

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With these models, the ModelForm subclasses above would be roughly equivalent to this (the only difference being the `save()` method, which we’ll discuss in a moment):

```python
from django import forms

class AuthorForm(forms.Form):
    name = forms.CharField(max_length=100)
    title = forms.CharField(
        max_length=3,
        widget=forms.Select(choices=TITLE_CHOICES),
    )
    birth_date = forms.DateField(required=False)

class BookForm(forms.Form):
    name = forms.CharField(max_length=100)
    authors = forms.ModelMultipleChoiceField(queryset=Author.objects.all())
```

### Validation on a ModelForm

There are two main steps involved in validating a ModelForm:

1. **Validating the form**
2. **Validating the model instance**

Just like normal form validation, model form validation is triggered implicitly when calling `is_valid()` or accessing the `errors` attribute and explicitly when calling `full_clean()`, although you will typically not use the latter method in practice.

Model validation (`Model.full_clean()`) is triggered from within the form validation step, right after the form’s `clean()` method is called.

**Warning:** The cleaning process modifies the model instance passed to the ModelForm constructor in various ways. For instance, any date fields on the model are converted into actual date objects. Failed validation may leave the underlying model instance in an inconsistent state and therefore it’s not recommended to reuse it.

### Overriding the clean() method

You can override the `clean()` method on a model form to provide additional validation in the same way you can on a normal form.

A model form instance attached to a model object will contain an `instance` attribute that gives its methods access to that specific model instance.

**Warning:** The ModelForm.clean() method sets a flag that makes the model validation step validate the uniqueness of model fields that are marked as `unique`, `unique_together` or `unique_for_date|month|year`.

If you would like to override the `clean()` method and maintain this validation, you must call the parent class’s `clean()` method.
Django Documentation, Release 3.1.5.dev

Interaction with model validation
As part of the validation process, ModelForm will call the clean() method of each field on your model that has
a corresponding field on your form. If you have excluded any model fields, validation will not be run on those fields.
See the form validation documentation for more on how field cleaning and validation work.
The model’s clean() method will be called before any uniqueness checks are made. See Validating objects for more
information on the model’s clean() hook.
Considerations regarding model’s error_messages
Error messages defined at the form field level or at the form Meta level always take precedence over the error
messages defined at the model field level.
Error messages defined on model fields are only used when the ValidationError is raised during the model
validation step and no corresponding error messages are defined at the form level.
You can override the error messages from NON_FIELD_ERRORS raised by model validation by adding the
NON_FIELD_ERRORS key to the error_messages dictionary of the ModelForm’s inner Meta class:
from django.core.exceptions import NON_FIELD_ERRORS
from django.forms import ModelForm
class ArticleForm(ModelForm):
class Meta:
error_messages = {
NON_FIELD_ERRORS: {
'unique_together': "%(model_name)s's %(field_labels)s are not unique.
˓→",
}
}

The save() method
Every ModelForm also has a save() method. This method creates and saves a database object from the data bound
to the form. A subclass of ModelForm can accept an existing model instance as the keyword argument instance;
if this is supplied, save() will update that instance. If it’s not supplied, save() will create a new instance of the
specified model:
>>> from myapp.models import Article
>>> from myapp.forms import ArticleForm
# Create a form instance from POST data.
>>> f = ArticleForm(request.POST)
# Save a new Article object from the form's data.
>>> new_article = f.save()
# Create a form to edit an existing Article, but use
# POST data to populate the form.
>>> a = Article.objects.get(pk=1)
>>> f = ArticleForm(request.POST, instance=a)
>>> f.save()

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Note that if the form hasn’t been validated, calling save() will do so by checking form.errors. A ValueError will be raised if the data in the form doesn’t validate – i.e., if form.errors evaluates to True.

If an optional field doesn’t appear in the form’s data, the resulting model instance uses the model field default, if there is one, for that field. This behavior doesn’t apply to fields that use CheckboxInput, CheckboxSelectMultiple, or SelectMultiple (or any custom widget whose value_omitted_from_data() method always returns False) since an unchecked checkbox and unselected <select multiple> don’t appear in the data of an HTML form submission. Use a custom form field or widget if you’re designing an API and want the default fallback behavior for a field that uses one of these widgets.

This save() method accepts an optional commit keyword argument, which accepts either True or False. If you call save() with commit=False, then it will return an object that hasn’t yet been saved to the database. In this case, it’s up to you to call save() on the resulting model instance. This is useful if you want to do custom processing on the object before saving it, or if you want to use one of the specialized model saving options. commit is True by default.

Another side effect of using commit=False is seen when your model has a many-to-many relation with another model. If your model has a many-to-many relation and you specify commit=False when you save a form, Django cannot immediately save the form data for the many-to-many relation. This is because it isn’t possible to save many-to-many data for an instance until the instance exists in the database.

To work around this problem, every time you save a form using commit=False, Django adds a save_m2m() method to your ModelForm subclass. After you’ve manually saved the instance produced by the form, you can invoke save_m2m() to save the many-to-many form data. For example:

```python
# Create a form instance with POST data.
>>> f = AuthorForm(request.POST)

# Create, but don't save the new author instance.
>>> new_author = f.save(commit=False)

# Modify the author in some way.
>>> new_author.some_field = 'some_value'

# Save the new instance.
>>> new_author.save()

# Now, save the many-to-many data for the form.
>>> f.save_m2m()
```

Calling save_m2m() is only required if you use save(commit=False). When you use a save() on a form, all data – including many-to-many data – is saved without the need for any additional method calls. For example:

```python
# Create a form instance with POST data.
>>> a = Author()
>>> f = AuthorForm(request.POST, instance=a)

# Create and save the new author instance. There's no need to do anything else.
>>> new_author = f.save()
```

Other than the save() and save_m2m() methods, a ModelForm works exactly the same way as any other forms form. For example, the is_valid() method is used to check for validity, the is_multipart() method is used to determine whether a form requires multipart file upload (and hence whether request.FILES must be passed to the form), etc. See Binding uploaded files to a form for more information.


Selecting the fields to use

It is strongly recommended that you explicitly set all fields that should be edited in the form using the `fields` attribute. Failure to do so can easily lead to security problems when a form unexpectedly allows a user to set certain fields, especially when new fields are added to a model. Depending on how the form is rendered, the problem may not even be visible on the web page.

The alternative approach would be to include all fields automatically, or remove only some. This fundamental approach is known to be much less secure and has led to serious exploits on major websites (e.g. GitHub).

There are, however, two shortcuts available for cases where you can guarantee these security concerns do not apply to you:

1. Set the `fields` attribute to the special value `__all__` to indicate that all fields in the model should be used. For example:

   ```python
   from django.forms import ModelForm
   class AuthorForm(ModelForm):
       class Meta:
           model = Author
           fields = '__all__'
   ```

2. Set the `exclude` attribute of the `ModelForm`'s inner `Meta` class to a list of fields to be excluded from the form.

   For example:

   ```python
   class PartialAuthorForm(ModelForm):
       class Meta:
           model = Author
           exclude = ['title']
   ```

   Since the `Author` model has the 3 fields `name`, `title` and `birth_date`, this will result in the fields `name` and `birth_date` being present on the form. If either of these are used, the order the fields appear in the form will be the order the fields are defined in the model, with `ManyToManyField` instances appearing last.

   In addition, Django applies the following rule: if you set `editable=False` on the model field, any form created from the model via `ModelForm` will not include that field.

   **Note:** Any fields not included in a form by the above logic will not be set by the form's `save()` method. Also, if you manually add the excluded fields back to the form, they will not be initialized from the model instance.

   Django will prevent any attempt to save an incomplete model, so if the model does not allow the missing fields to be empty, and does not provide a default value for the missing fields, any attempt to `save()` a `ModelForm` with missing fields will fail. To avoid this failure, you must instantiate your model with initial values for the missing, but required fields:

   ```python
   author = Author(title='Mr')
   form = PartialAuthorForm(request.POST, instance=author)
   form.save()
   ```

   Alternatively, you can use `save(commit=False)` and manually set any extra required fields:

   ```python
   form = PartialAuthorForm(request.POST)
   author = form.save(commit=False)
   ```

(continues on next page)
author.title = 'Mr'
author.save()

See the section on saving forms for more details on using `save(commit=False)`.

**Overriding the default fields**

The default field types, as described in the *Field types* table above, are sensible defaults. If you have a `DateField` in your model, chances are you’d want that to be represented as a `DateField` in your form. But `ModelForm` gives you the flexibility of changing the form field for a given model.

To specify a custom widget for a field, use the `widgets` attribute of the inner `Meta` class. This should be a dictionary mapping field names to widget classes or instances.

For example, if you want the `CharField` for the `name` attribute of `Author` to be represented by a `<textarea>` instead of its default `<input type="text">`, you can override the field’s widget:

```python
from django.forms import ModelForm, Textarea
from myapp.models import Author

class AuthorForm(ModelForm):
    class Meta:
        model = Author
        fields = ('name', 'title', 'birth_date')
        widgets = {
            'name': Textarea(attrs={'cols': 80, 'rows': 20}),
        }
```

The `widgets` dictionary accepts either widget instances (e.g., `Textarea(...)`) or classes (e.g., `Textarea`). Note that the `widgets` dictionary is ignored for a model field with a non-empty `choices` attribute. In this case, you must override the form field to use a different widget.

Similarly, you can specify the `labels`, `help_texts` and `error_messages` attributes of the inner `Meta` class if you want to further customize a field.

For example if you wanted to customize the wording of all user facing strings for the `name` field:

```python
from django.utils.translation import gettext_lazy as _

class AuthorForm(ModelForm):
    class Meta:
        model = Author
        fields = ('name', 'title', 'birth_date')
        labels = {
            'name': _('Writer'),
        }
        help_texts = {
            'name': _('Some useful help text.'),
        }
        error_messages = {
            'name': {
                'max_length': _("This writer's name is too long."),
            },
        }
```

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You can also specify `field_classes` to customize the type of fields instantiated by the form.

For example, if you wanted to use `MySlugFormField` for the `slug` field, you could do the following:

```python
class ArticleForm(ModelForm):
    class Meta:
        model = Article
        fields = ['pub_date', 'headline', 'content', 'reporter', 'slug']
        field_classes = {
            'slug': MySlugFormField,
        }
```

Finally, if you want complete control over of a field – including its type, validators, required, etc. – you can do this by declaratively specifying fields like you would in a regular `Form`.

If you want to specify a field’s validators, you can do so by defining the field declaratively and setting its `validators` parameter:

```python
class ArticleForm(ModelForm):
    slug = CharField(validators=[validate_slug])

class Meta:
    model = Article
    fields = ['pub_date', 'headline', 'content', 'reporter', 'slug']
```

**Note:** When you explicitly instantiate a form field like this, it is important to understand how `ModelForm` and regular `Form` are related.

`ModelForm` is a regular `Form` which can automatically generate certain fields. The fields that are automatically generated depend on the content of the `Meta` class and on which fields have already been defined declaratively. Basically, `ModelForm` will only generate fields that are missing from the form, or in other words, fields that weren’t defined declaratively.

Fields defined declaratively are left as-is, therefore any customizations made to `Meta` attributes such as `widgets`, `labels`, `help_texts`, or `error_messages` are ignored; these only apply to fields that are generated automatically.

Similarly, fields defined declaratively do not draw their attributes like `max_length` or `required` from the corresponding model. If you want to maintain the behavior specified in the model, you must set the relevant arguments explicitly when declaring the form field.

For example, if the `Article` model looks like this:

```python
class Article(models.Model):
    headline = models.CharField(
        max_length=200,
        null=True,
        blank=True,
        help_text='Use puns liberally',
    )
    content = models.TextField()
```
and you want to do some custom validation for `headline`, while keeping the `blank` and `help_text` values as specified, you might define `ArticleForm` like this:

```python
class ArticleForm(ModelForm):
    headline = MyFormField(
        max_length=200,
        required=False,
        help_text='Use puns liberally',
    )

    class Meta:
        model = Article
        fields = ['headline', 'content']
```

You must ensure that the type of the form field can be used to set the contents of the corresponding model field. When they are not compatible, you will get a `ValueError` as no implicit conversion takes place.

See the [form field documentation](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/forms/) for more information on fields and their arguments.

### Enabling localization of fields

By default, the fields in a `ModelForm` will not localize their data. To enable localization for fields, you can use the `localized_fields` attribute on the `Meta` class.

```python
>>> from django.forms import ModelForm
>>> from myapp.models import Author
>>> class AuthorForm(ModelForm):
...     class Meta:
...         model = Author
...         localized_fields = ('birth_date',)
```

If `localized_fields` is set to the special value `__all__`, all fields will be localized.

### Form inheritance

As with basic forms, you can extend and reuse `ModelForms` by inheriting them. This is useful if you need to declare extra fields or extra methods on a parent class for use in a number of forms derived from models. For example, using the previous `ArticleForm` class:

```python
>>> class EnhancedArticleForm(ArticleForm):
...     def clean_pub_date(self):
...         ...
```

This creates a form that behaves identically to `ArticleForm`, except there’s some extra validation and cleaning for the `pub_date` field.

You can also subclass the parent’s `Meta` inner class if you want to change the `Meta.fields` or `Meta.exclude` lists:

```python
>>> class RestrictedArticleForm(EnhancedArticleForm):
...     class Meta(ArticleForm.Meta):
...         exclude = ('body',)
```

This adds the extra method from the `EnhancedArticleForm` and modifies the original `ArticleForm.Meta` to remove one field.
There are a couple of things to note, however.

- Normal Python name resolution rules apply. If you have multiple base classes that declare a `Meta` inner class, only the first one will be used. This means the child’s `Meta`, if it exists, otherwise the `Meta` of the first parent, etc.

- It’s possible to inherit from both `Form` and `ModelForm` simultaneously, however, you must ensure that `ModelForm` appears first in the MRO. This is because these classes rely on different metaclasses and a class can only have one metaclass.

- It’s possible to declaratively remove a `Field` inherited from a parent class by setting the name to be `None` on the subclass.

You can only use this technique to opt out from a field defined declaratively by a parent class; it won’t prevent the `ModelForm` metaclass from generating a default field. To opt-out from default fields, see *Selecting the fields to use.*

### Providing initial values

As with regular forms, it’s possible to specify initial data for forms by specifying an `initial` parameter when instantiating the form. Initial values provided this way will override both initial values from the form field and values from an attached model instance. For example:

```python
>>> article = Article.objects.get(pk=1)
>>> article.headline = 'My headline'
>>> form = ArticleForm(initial={'headline': 'Initial headline'}, instance=article)
>>> form['headline'].value()
'Initial headline'
```

### ModelForm factory function

You can create forms from a given model using the standalone function `modelform_factory()`, instead of using a class definition. This may be more convenient if you do not have many customizations to make:

```python
>>> from django.forms import modelform_factory
>>> from myapp.models import Book
>>> BookForm = modelform_factory(Book, fields=("author", "title"))
```

This can also be used to make modifications to existing forms, for example by specifying the widgets to be used for a given field:

```python
>>> from django.forms import Textarea
>>> Form = modelform_factory(Book, form=BookForm,
...                           widgets={"title": Textarea()})
```

The fields to include can be specified using the `fields` and `exclude` keyword arguments, or the corresponding attributes on the `ModelForm` inner `Meta` class. Please see the `ModelForm Selecting the fields to use` documentation. … or enable localization for specific fields:

```python
>>> Form = modelform_factory(Author, form=AuthorForm, localized_fields=('birth_date',))
```
Model formsets

class models.BaseModelFormSet

Like regular formsets, Django provides a couple of enhanced formset classes to make working with Django models more convenient. Let’s reuse the Author model from above:

```python
>>> from django.forms import modelformset_factory
>>> from myapp.models import Author
>>> AuthorFormSet = modelformset_factory(Author, fields=('name', 'title'))
```

Using fields restricts the formset to use only the given fields. Alternatively, you can take an “opt-out” approach, specifying which fields to exclude:

```python
>>> AuthorFormSet = modelformset_factory(Author, exclude=('birth_date',))
```

This will create a formset that is capable of working with the data associated with the Author model. It works just like a regular formset:

```python
>>> formset = AuthorFormSet()
>>> print(formset)

Note: `modelformset_factory()` uses `formset_factory()` to generate formsets. This means that a model formset is an extension of a basic formset that knows how to interact with a particular model.

Note: When using multi-table inheritance, forms generated by a formset factory will contain a parent link field (by default `<parent_model_name>_ptr`) instead of an id field.

Changing the queryset

By default, when you create a formset from a model, the formset will use a queryset that includes all objects in the model (e.g., `Author.objects.all()`). You can override this behavior by using the queryset argument:

```python
>>> formset = AuthorFormSet(queryset=Author.objects.filter(name__startswith='O'))
```

Alternatively, you can create a subclass that sets `self.queryset` in `__init__`: 3.4. Working with forms 269
```python
from django.forms import BaseModelFormSet
from myapp.models import Author

class BaseAuthorFormSet(BaseModelFormSet):
    def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
        super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)
        self.queryset = Author.objects.filter(name__startswith='O')
```

Then, pass your `BaseAuthorFormSet` class to the factory function:

```python
>>> AuthorFormSet = modelformset_factory(... Author, fields=('name', 'title'), formset=BaseAuthorFormSet)
```

If you want to return a formset that doesn’t include any pre-existing instances of the model, you can specify an empty QuerySet:

```python
>>> AuthorFormSet(queryset=Author.objects.none())
```

### Changing the form

By default, when you use `modelformset_factory`, a model form will be created using `modelform_factory()`. Often, it can be useful to specify a custom model form. For example, you can create a custom model form that has custom validation:

```python
class AuthorForm(forms.ModelForm):
    class Meta:
        model = Author
        fields = ('name', 'title')

    def clean_name(self):
        # custom validation for the name field
```

Then, pass your model form to the factory function:

```python
AuthorFormSet = modelformset_factory(Author, form=AuthorForm)
```

It is not always necessary to define a custom model form. The `modelformset_factory` function has several arguments which are passed through to `modelform_factory`, which are described below.

### Specifying widgets to use in the form with `widgets`

Using the `widgets` parameter, you can specify a dictionary of values to customize the `ModelForm`’s widget class for a particular field. This works the same way as the `widgets` dictionary on the inner `Meta` class of a `ModelForm` works:

```python
>>> AuthorFormSet = modelformset_factory(... Author, fields=('name', 'title'), ...
                                             widgets={'name': Textarea(attrs={'cols': 80, 'rows': 20}))}
```

### Enabling localization for fields with `localized_fields`

Using the `localized_fields` parameter, you can enable localization for fields in the form.
>>> AuthorFormSet = modelformset_factory(
...     Author, fields=('name', 'title', 'birth_date'),
...     localized_fields=('birth_date',))

If `localized_fields` is set to the special value `__all__`, all fields will be localized.

**Providing initial values**

As with regular formsets, it’s possible to specify initial data for forms in the formset by specifying an `initial` parameter when instantiating the model formset class returned by `modelformset_factory()`. However, with model formsets, the initial values only apply to extra forms, those that aren’t attached to an existing model instance. If the length of `initial` exceeds the number of extra forms, the excess initial data is ignored. If the extra forms with initial data aren’t changed by the user, they won’t be validated or saved.

**Saving objects in the formset**

As with a `ModelForm`, you can save the data as a model object. This is done with the formset’s `save()` method:

```python
# Create a formset instance with POST data.
>>> formset = AuthorFormSet(request.POST)

# Assuming all is valid, save the data.
>>> instances = formset.save()
```

The `save()` method returns the instances that have been saved to the database. If a given instance’s data didn’t change in the bound data, the instance won’t be saved to the database and won’t be included in the return value (`instances`, in the above example).

When fields are missing from the form (for example because they have been excluded), these fields will not be set by the `save()` method. You can find more information about this restriction, which also holds for regular `ModelForms`, in Selecting the fields to use.

Pass `commit=False` to return the unsaved model instances:

```python
# don't save to the database
>>> instances = formset.save(commit=False)

# do something with instance
>>> for instance in instances:
...     # do something with instance
...     instance.save()
```

This gives you the ability to attach data to the instances before saving them to the database. If your formset contains a `ManyToManyField`, you’ll also need to call `formset.save_m2m()` to ensure the many-to-many relationships are saved properly.

After calling `save()`, your model formset will have three new attributes containing the formset’s changes:

```python
models.BaseModelFormSet.changed_objects
models.BaseModelFormSet.deleted_objects
models.BaseModelFormSet.new_objects
```
Limiting the number of editable objects

As with regular formsets, you can use the `max_num` and `extra` parameters to `modelformset_factory()` to limit the number of extra forms displayed.

```
>>> Author.objects.order_by('name')
<QuerySet [<Author: Charles Baudelaire>, <Author: Paul Verlaine>, <Author: Walt Whitman>]>
```

```
>>> AuthorFormSet = modelformset_factory(Author, fields=('name',), max_num=1)
>>> formset = AuthorFormSet(queryset=Author.objects.order_by('name'))
>>> [x.name for x in formset]
['Charles Baudelaire', 'Paul Verlaine', 'Walt Whitman']
```

Also, `extra=0` doesn’t prevent creation of new model instances as you can add additional forms with JavaScript or send additional POST data. Formsets don’t yet provide functionality for an “edit only” view that prevents creation of new instances.

If the value of `max_num` is greater than the number of existing related objects, up to `extra` additional blank forms will be added to the formset, so long as the total number of forms does not exceed `max_num`:

```
>>> AuthorFormSet = modelformset_factory(Author, fields=('name',), max_num=4, extra=2)
>>> formset = AuthorFormSet(queryset=Author.objects.order_by('name'))
>>> for form in formset:
...     print(form.as_table())
<tr><th><label for="id_form-0-name">Name:</label></th><td><input id="id_form-0-name" type="text" name="form-0-name" value="Charles Baudelaire" maxlength="100"><input type="hidden" name="form-0-id" value="1" id="id_form-0-id"></td></tr>
<tr><th><label for="id_form-1-name">Name:</label></th><td><input id="id_form-1-name" type="text" name="form-1-name" value="Paul Verlaine" maxlength="100"><input type="hidden" name="form-1-id" value="3" id="id_form-1-id"></td></tr>
<tr><th><label for="id_form-2-name">Name:</label></th><td><input id="id_form-2-name" type="text" name="form-2-name" value="Walt Whitman" maxlength="100"><input type="hidden" name="form-2-id" value="2" id="id_form-2-id"></td></tr>
<tr><th><label for="id_form-3-name">Name:</label></th><td><input id="id_form-3-name" type="text" name="form-3-name" value="" maxlength="100"><input type="hidden" name="form-3-id" id="id_form-3-id"></td></tr>
```

A `max_num` value of `None` (the default) puts a high limit on the number of forms displayed (1000). In practice this is equivalent to no limit.

Using a model formset in a view

Model formsets are very similar to formsets. Let’s say we want to present a formset to edit `Author` model instances:

```
from django.forms import modelformset_factory
from django.shortcuts import render
from myapp.models import Author

def manage_authors(request):
    AuthorFormSet = modelformset_factory(Author, fields=('name', 'title'))
    if request.method == 'POST':
        formset = AuthorFormSet(request.POST, request.FILES)
        if formset.is_valid():
            (continues on next page)
```
As you can see, the view logic of a model formset isn’t drastically different than that of a “normal” formset. The only difference is that we call `formset.save()` to save the data into the database. (This was described above, in Saving objects in the formset.)

### Overriding `clean()` on a ModelFormSet

Just like with ModelForms, by default the `clean()` method of a ModelFormSet will validate that none of the items in the formset violate the unique constraints on your model (either `unique`, `unique_together` or `unique_for_date|month|year`). If you want to override the `clean()` method on a ModelFormSet and maintain this validation, you must call the parent class’s `clean` method:

```python
from django.forms import BaseModelFormSet
class MyModelFormSet(BaseModelFormSet):
    def clean(self):
        super().clean()
        # example custom validation across forms in the formset
        for form in self.forms:
            # your custom formset validation
            ...
```

Also note that by the time you reach this step, individual model instances have already been created for each `Form`. Modifying a value in `form.cleaned_data` is not sufficient to affect the saved value. If you wish to modify a value in `ModelFormSet.clean()` you must modify `form.instance`:

```python
from django.forms import BaseModelFormSet
class MyModelFormSet(BaseModelFormSet):
    def clean(self):
        super().clean()
        for form in self.forms:
            name = form.cleaned_data['name'].upper()
            form.cleaned_data['name'] = name
            # update the instance value.
            form.instance.name = name
```

### Using a custom query set

As stated earlier, you can override the default queryset used by the model formset:

```python
from django.forms import modelformset_factory
from django.shortcuts import render
from myapp.models import Author
def manage_authors(request):
    AuthorFormSet = modelformset_factory(Author, fields=('name', 'title'))
```

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if request.method == "POST":
    formset = AuthorFormSet(
        request.POST, request.FILES,
        queryset=Author.objects.filter(name__startswith='O'),
    )
    if formset.is_valid():
        formset.save()
        # Do something.
    else:
        formset = AuthorFormSet(queryset=Author.objects.filter(name__startswith='O'))
return render(request, 'manage_authors.html', {'formset': formset})

Note that we pass the queryset argument in both the POST and GET cases in this example.

Using the formset in the template

There are three ways to render a formset in a Django template.

First, you can let the formset do most of the work:

```html
<form method="post">
    {{ formset }}
</form>
```

Second, you can manually render the formset, but let the form deal with itself:

```html
<form method="post">
    {{ formset.management_form }}
    {% for form in formset %}
        {{ form }}
    {% endfor %}
</form>
```

When you manually render the forms yourself, be sure to render the management form as shown above. See the management form documentation.

Third, you can manually render each field:

```html
<form method="post">
    {{ formset.management_form }}
    {% for form in formset %}
        {% for field in form %}
            {{ field.label_tag }} {{ field }}
        {% endfor %}
    {% endfor %}
</form>
```

If you opt to use this third method and you don’t iterate over the fields with a `{% for %}` loop, you’ll need to render the primary key field. For example, if you were rendering the name and age fields of a model:

```html
<form method="post">
    {{ formset.management_form }}
    {% for form in formset %}
        {{ form.id }}
        <ul>
            <li>{{ form.name }}</li>
        </ul>
    {% endfor %}
</form>
```
Notice how we need to explicitly render `{{ form.id }}`. This ensures that the model formset, in the POST case, will work correctly. (This example assumes a primary key named id. If you’ve explicitly defined your own primary key that isn’t called id, make sure it gets rendered.)

**Inline formsets**

**class** `models.BaseInlineFormSet`

Inline formsets is a small abstraction layer on top of model formsets. These simplify the case of working with related objects via a foreign key. Suppose you have these two models:

```python
from django.db import models

class Author(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)

class Book(models.Model):
    author = models.ForeignKey(Author, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    title = models.CharField(max_length=100)
```

If you want to create a formset that allows you to edit books belonging to a particular author, you could do this:

```python
>>> from django.forms import inlineformset_factory
>>> BookFormSet = inlineformset_factory(Author, Book, fields=('title',))
>>> author = Author.objects.get(name='Mike Royko')
>>> formset = BookFormSet(instance=author)
```

BookFormSet’s `prefix` is 'book_set' (<model name>__set). If Book’s ForeignKey to Author has a related_name, that’s used instead.

**Note:** `inlineformset_factory()` uses `modelformset_factory()` and marks `can_delete=True`.

**See also:** Manually rendered can_delete and can_order.

**Overriding methods on an InlineFormSet**

When overriding methods on InlineFormSet, you should subclass `BaseInlineFormSet` rather than `BaseModelFormSet`.

For example, if you want to override `clean()`:

```python
from django.forms import BaseInlineFormSet
class CustomInlineFormSet(BaseInlineFormSet):
    def clean(self):
        super().clean()
```

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```python
for form in self.forms:
    # your custom formset validation
...
```

See also *Overriding clean() on a ModelFormSet*.

Then when you create your inline formset, pass in the optional argument `formset`:

```python
>>> from django.forms import inlineformset_factory
global
>>> BookFormSet = inlineformset_factory(Author, Book, fields=('title',), ...
...    formset=CustomInlineFormSet)
>>> author = Author.objects.get(name='Mike Royko')
>>> formset = BookFormSet(instance=author)
```

## More than one foreign key to the same model

If your model contains more than one foreign key to the same model, you’ll need to resolve the ambiguity manually using `fk_name`. For example, consider the following model:

```python
class Friendship(models.Model):
    from_friend = models.ForeignKey(Friend,
        on_delete=models.CASCADE,
        related_name='from_friends',
    )
    to_friend = models.ForeignKey(Friend,
        on_delete=models.CASCADE,
        related_name='friends',
    )
    length_in_months = models.IntegerField()
```

To resolve this, you can use `fk_name` to `inlineformset_factory()`:

```python
>>> FriendshipFormSet = inlineformset_factory(Friend, Friendship, fk_name='from_friend →',
...    fields=('to_friend', 'length_in_months'))
```

## Using an inline formset in a view

You may want to provide a view that allows a user to edit the related objects of a model. Here’s how you can do that:

```python
def manage_books(request, author_id):
    author = Author.objects.get(pk=author_id)
    BookInlineFormSet = inlineformset_factory(Author, Book, fields=('title',))
    if request.method == "POST":
        formset = BookInlineFormSet(request.POST, request.FILES, instance=author)
        if formset.is_valid():
            formset.save()
            # Do something. Should generally end with a redirect. For example:
            return HttpResponseRedirect(author.get_absolute_url())
    else:
        formset = BookInlineFormSet(instance=author)
```

(continues on next page)
formset = BookInlineFormSet(instance=author)
return render(request, 'manage_books.html', {'formset': formset})

Notice how we pass instance in both the POST and GET cases.

**Specifying widgets to use in the inline form**

inlineformset_factory uses modelformset_factory and passes most of its arguments to modelformset_factory. This means you can use the widgets parameter in much the same way as passing it to modelformset_factory. See Specifying widgets to use in the form with widgets above.

**Form Assets (the Media class)**

Rendering an attractive and easy-to-use Web form requires more than just HTML - it also requires CSS stylesheets, and if you want to use fancy “Web2.0” widgets, you may also need to include some JavaScript on each page. The exact combination of CSS and JavaScript that is required for any given page will depend upon the widgets that are in use on that page.

This is where asset definitions come in. Django allows you to associate different files – like stylesheets and scripts – with the forms and widgets that require those assets. For example, if you want to use a calendar to render DateFields, you can define a custom Calendar widget. This widget can then be associated with the CSS and JavaScript that is required to render the calendar. When the Calendar widget is used on a form, Django is able to identify the CSS and JavaScript files that are required, and provide the list of file names in a form suitable for inclusion on your Web page.

**Assets and Django Admin**

The Django Admin application defines a number of customized widgets for calendars, filtered selections, and so on. These widgets define asset requirements, and the Django Admin uses the custom widgets in place of the Django defaults. The Admin templates will only include those files that are required to render the widgets on any given page.

If you like the widgets that the Django Admin application uses, feel free to use them in your own application! They're all stored in django.contrib.admin.widgets.

**Which JavaScript toolkit?**

Many JavaScript toolkits exist, and many of them include widgets (such as calendar widgets) that can be used to enhance your application. Django has deliberately avoided blessing any one JavaScript toolkit. Each toolkit has its own relative strengths and weaknesses - use whichever toolkit suits your requirements. Django is able to integrate with any JavaScript toolkit.

**Assets as a static definition**

The easiest way to define assets is as a static definition. Using this method, the declaration is an inner Media class. The properties of the inner class define the requirements.

Here’s an example:
from django import forms

class CalendarWidget(forms.TextInput):
    class Media:
        css = {
            'all': ('pretty.css',)
        }
        js = ('animations.js', 'actions.js')

This code defines a CalendarWidget, which will be based on TextInput. Every time the CalendarWidget is used on a form, that form will be directed to include the CSS file pretty.css, and the JavaScript files animations.js and actions.js.

This static definition is converted at runtime into a widget property named media. The list of assets for a CalendarWidget instance can be retrieved through this property:

```python
>>> w = CalendarWidget()
>>> print(w.media)
<link href="http://static.example.com/pretty.css" type="text/css" media="all" rel="stylesheet">
<script src="http://static.example.com/animations.js"></script>
<script src="http://static.example.com/actions.js"></script>
```

Here's a list of all possible Media options. There are no required options.

**css**

A dictionary describing the CSS files required for various forms of output media.

The values in the dictionary should be a tuple/list of file names. See the section on paths for details of how to specify paths to these files.

The keys in the dictionary are the output media types. These are the same types accepted by CSS files in media declarations: ‘all’, ‘aural’, ‘braille’, ‘embossed’, ‘handheld’, ‘print’, ‘projection’, ‘screen’, ‘tty’ and ‘tv’. If you need to have different stylesheets for different media types, provide a list of CSS files for each output medium. The following example would provide two CSS options – one for the screen, and one for print:

```python
class Media:
    css = {
        'screen': ('pretty.css',),
        'print': ('newspaper.css',)
    }
```

If a group of CSS files are appropriate for multiple output media types, the dictionary key can be a comma separated list of output media types. In the following example, TV’s and projectors will have the same media requirements:

```python
class Media:
    css = {
        'screen': ('pretty.css',),
        'tv,projector': ('lo_res.css',),
        'print': ('newspaper.css',)
    }
```

If this last CSS definition were to be rendered, it would become the following HTML:
js

A tuple describing the required JavaScript files. See the section on paths for details of how to specify paths to these files.

extend

A boolean defining inheritance behavior for Media declarations.

By default, any object using a static Media definition will inherit all the assets associated with the parent widget. This occurs regardless of how the parent defines its own requirements. For example, if we were to extend our basic Calendar widget from the example above:

```python
>>> class FancyCalendarWidget(CalendarWidget):
...     class Media:
...         css = {
...             'all': ('fancy.css',)
...         }
...         js = ('whizbang.js',)
```

```python
>>> w = FancyCalendarWidget()
>>> print(w.media)
<link href='http://static.example.com/pretty.css' type='text/css' media='all' rel='stylesheet'>
<link href='http://static.example.com/fancy.css' type='text/css' media='all' rel='stylesheet'>
<script src='http://static.example.com/animations.js'></script>
<script src='http://static.example.com/actions.js'></script>
<script src='http://static.example.com/whizbang.js'></script>
```

The FancyCalendar widget inherits all the assets from its parent widget. If you don’t want Media to be inherited in this way, add an extend=False declaration to the Media declaration:

```python
>>> class FancyCalendarWidget(CalendarWidget):
...     class Media:
...         extend = False
...         css = {
...             'all': ('fancy.css',)
...         }
...         js = ('whizbang.js',)
```

```python
>>> w = FancyCalendarWidget()
>>> print(w.media)
<link href='http://static.example.com/fancy.css' type='text/css' media='all' rel='stylesheet'>
<script src='http://static.example.com/whizbang.js'></script>
```
If you require even more control over inheritance, define your assets using a *dynamic property*. Dynamic properties give you complete control over which files are inherited, and which are not.

**Media as a dynamic property**

If you need to perform some more sophisticated manipulation of asset requirements, you can define the `media` property directly. This is done by defining a widget property that returns an instance of `forms.Media`. The constructor for `forms.Media` accepts `css` and `js` keyword arguments in the same format as that used in a static media definition.

For example, the static definition for our Calendar Widget could also be defined in a dynamic fashion:

```python
class CalendarWidget(forms.TextInput):
    @property
def media(self):
        return forms.Media(css={"all": ["pretty.css"],}
        js=["animations.js", "actions.js"]
```

See the section on *Media objects* for more details on how to construct return values for dynamic `media` properties.

**Paths in asset definitions**

Paths used to specify assets can be either relative or absolute. If a path starts with `/`, `http://` or `https://`, it will be interpreted as an absolute path, and left as-is. All other paths will be prepended with the value of the appropriate prefix. If the `django.contrib.staticfiles` app is installed, it will be used to serve assets.

Whether or not you use `django.contrib.staticfiles`, the `STATIC_URL` and `STATIC_ROOT` settings are required to render a complete web page.

To find the appropriate prefix to use, Django will check if the `STATIC_URL` setting is not `None` and automatically fall back to using `MEDIA_URL`. For example, if the `MEDIA_URL` for your site was `http://uploads.example.com/` and `STATIC_URL` was `None`:

```python
>>> from django import forms
>>> class CalendarWidget(forms.TextInput):
...     class Media:
...         css = {
...             'all': ["/css/pretty.css"],
...         }
...         js = ["animations.js", "http://othersite.com/actions.js"]

>>> w = CalendarWidget()
>>> print(w.media)
<link href="/css/pretty.css" type="text/css" media="all" rel="stylesheet">
<script src="http://uploads.example.com/animations.js"></script>
<script src="http://othersite.com/actions.js"></script>
```

But if `STATIC_URL` is `http://static.example.com/`:

```python
>>> w = CalendarWidget()
>>> print(w.media)
<link href="/css/pretty.css" type="text/css" media="all" rel="stylesheet">
<script src="http://static.example.com/animations.js"></script>
<script src="http://othersite.com/actions.js"></script>
```

Or if `staticfiles` is configured using the `ManifestStaticFilesStorage`:
>>> w = CalendarWidget()
>>> print(w.media)
<link href="http://static.example.com/pretty.css" type="text/css" media="all" rel="stylesheet">
<script src="http://static.example.com/animations.js"></script>
<script src="http://static.example.com/actions.js"></script>

Media objects

When you interrogate the media attribute of a widget or form, the value that is returned is a forms.Media object. As we have already seen, the string representation of a Media object is the HTML required to include the relevant files in the <head> block of your HTML page.

However, Media objects have some other interesting properties.

Subsets of assets

If you only want files of a particular type, you can use the subscript operator to filter out a medium of interest. For example:

>>> w = CalendarWidget()
>>> print(w.media)
<link href="http://static.example.com/pretty.css" type="text/css" media="all" rel="stylesheet">
<script src="http://static.example.com/animations.js"></script>
<script src="http://static.example.com/actions.js"></script>

>>> print(w.media['css'])
<link href="http://static.example.com/pretty.css" type="text/css" media="all" rel="stylesheet">

When you use the subscript operator, the value that is returned is a new Media object – but one that only contains the media of interest.

Combining Media objects

Media objects can also be added together. When two Media objects are added, the resulting Media object contains the union of the assets specified by both:

>>> from django import forms
>>> class CalendarWidget(forms.TextInput):
...  class Media:
...    css = {
...      'all': ('pretty.css',)
...    }
...    js = ('animations.js', 'actions.js')

>>> class OtherWidget(forms.TextInput):
...  class Media:
...    js = ('whizbang.js',)

>>> w1 = CalendarWidget()
>>> w2 = OtherWidget()
>>> print(w1.media + w2.media)
<link href="http://static.example.com/pretty.css" type="text/css" media="all" rel="stylesheet">
<script src="http://static.example.com/animations.js"></script>
<script src="http://static.example.com/actions.js"></script>
<script src="http://static.example.com/whizbang.js"></script>

Order of assets

The order in which assets are inserted into the DOM is often important. For example, you may have a script that depends on jQuery. Therefore, combining Media objects attempts to preserve the relative order in which assets are defined in each Media class.

For example:

```python
>>> from django import forms
>>> class CalendarWidget(forms.TextInput):
...     class Media:
...         js = ('jQuery.js', 'calendar.js', 'noConflict.js')
>>> class TimeWidget(forms.TextInput):
...     class Media:
...         js = ('jQuery.js', 'time.js', 'noConflict.js')
>>> w1 = CalendarWidget()
>>> w2 = TimeWidget()
>>> print(w1.media + w2.media)
<script src="http://static.example.com/jQuery.js"></script>
<script src="http://static.example.com/calendar.js"></script>
<script src="http://static.example.com/time.js"></script>
<script src="http://static.example.com/noConflict.js"></script>

Combining Media objects with assets in a conflicting order results in a MediaOrderConflictWarning.

Media on Forms

Widgets aren’t the only objects that can have media definitions – forms can also define media. The rules for media definitions on forms are the same as the rules for widgets: declarations can be static or dynamic; path and inheritance rules for those declarations are exactly the same.

Regardless of whether you define a media declaration, all Form objects have a media property. The default value for this property is the result of adding the media definitions for all widgets that are part of the form:

```python
>>> from django import forms
>>> class ContactForm(forms.Form):
...     date = DateField(widget=CalendarWidget)
...     name = CharField(max_length=40, widget=OtherWidget)

>>> f = ContactForm()
>>> f.media
<link href="http://static.example.com/pretty.css" type="text/css" media="all" rel="stylesheet">
<script src="http://static.example.com/animations.js"></script>
<script src="http://static.example.com/actions.js"></script>
<script src="http://static.example.com/whizbang.js"></script>
```
If you want to associate additional assets with a form – for example, CSS for form layout – add a `Media` declaration to the form:

```python
>>> class ContactForm(forms.Form):
...     date = DateField(widget=CalendarWidget)
...     name = CharField(max_length=40, widget=OtherWidget)
...     ...
...     class Media:
...         css = {
...             'all': ('layout.css',)
...         }
```

```python
>>> f = ContactForm()
>>> f.media
<link href="http://static.example.com/pretty.css" type="text/css" media="all" rel="stylesheet">
<link href="http://static.example.com/layout.css" type="text/css" media="all" rel="stylesheet">
<script src="http://static.example.com/animations.js"></script>
<script src="http://static.example.com/actions.js"></script>
<script src="http://static.example.com/whizbang.js"></script>
```

See also:

*The Forms Reference*  Covers the full API reference, including form fields, form widgets, and form and field validation.

### 3.5 Templates

Being a web framework, Django needs a convenient way to generate HTML dynamically. The most common approach relies on templates. A template contains the static parts of the desired HTML output as well as some special syntax describing how dynamic content will be inserted. For a hands-on example of creating HTML pages with templates, see *Tutorial 3*.

A Django project can be configured with one or several template engines (or even zero if you don’t use templates). Django ships built-in backends for its own template system, creatively called the Django template language (DTL), and for the popular alternative Jinja2. Backends for other template languages may be available from third-parties. You can also write your own custom backend, see *Custom template backend*.

Django defines a standard API for loading and rendering templates regardless of the backend. Loading consists of finding the template for a given identifier and preprocessing it, usually compiling it to an in-memory representation. Rendering means interpolating the template with context data and returning the resulting string.

The *Django template language* is Django’s own template system. Until Django 1.8 it was the only built-in option available. It’s a good template library even though it’s fairly opinionated and sports a few idiosyncrasies. If you don’t have a pressing reason to choose another backend, you should use the DTL, especially if you’re writing a pluggable application and you intend to distribute templates. Django’s contrib apps that include templates, like `django.contrib.admin`, use the DTL.

For historical reasons, both the generic support for template engines and the implementation of the Django template language live in the `django.template` namespace.

**Warning:** The template system isn’t safe against untrusted template authors. For example, a site shouldn’t allow its users to provide their own templates, since template authors can do things like perform XSS attacks and access properties of template variables that may contain sensitive information.

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3.5.1 The Django template language

Syntax

About this section

This is an overview of the Django template language’s syntax. For details see the language syntax reference.

A Django template is a text document or a Python string marked-up using the Django template language. Some constructs are recognized and interpreted by the template engine. The main ones are variables and tags.

A template is rendered with a context. Rendering replaces variables with their values, which are looked up in the context, and executes tags. Everything else is output as is.

The syntax of the Django template language involves four constructs.

Variables

A variable outputs a value from the context, which is a dict-like object mapping keys to values.

Variables are surrounded by {{ and }} like this:

My first name is {{ first_name }}. My last name is {{ last_name }}.

With a context of {'first_name': 'John', 'last_name': 'Doe'}, this template renders to:

My first name is John. My last name is Doe.

Dictionary lookup, attribute lookup and list-index lookups are implemented with a dot notation:

{{ my_dict.key }}
{{ my_object.attribute }}
{{ my_list.0 }}

If a variable resolves to a callable, the template system will call it with no arguments and use its result instead of the callable.

Tags

Tags provide arbitrary logic in the rendering process.

This definition is deliberately vague. For example, a tag can output content, serve as a control structure e.g. an “if” statement or a “for” loop, grab content from a database, or even enable access to other template tags.

Tags are surrounded by {% and %} like this:

{% csrf_token %}

Most tags accept arguments:

{% cycle 'odd' 'even' %}

Some tags require beginning and ending tags:
A reference of built-in tags is available as well as instructions for writing custom tags.

Filters

Filters transform the values of variables and tag arguments.

They look like this:

```html
{{ django|title }}
```

With a context of `{'django': 'the web framework for perfectionists with deadlines'}`, this template renders to:

```
The Web Framework For Perfectionists With Deadlines
```

Some filters take an argument:

```html
{{ my_date|date:"Y-m-d" }}
```

A reference of built-in filters is available as well as instructions for writing custom filters.

Comments

Comments look like this:

```html
{% comment %} this won’t be rendered {% endcomment %}
```

A `{% comment %}` tag provides multi-line comments.

Components

About this section

This is an overview of the Django template language’s APIs. For details see the API reference.

Engine

`django.template.Engine` encapsulates an instance of the Django template system. The main reason for instan-
tiating an `Engine` directly is to use the Django template language outside of a Django project.

`django.template.backends.django.DjangoTemplates` is a thin wrapper adapting `django.
template.Engine` to Django’s template backend API.

Template

`django.template.Template` represents a compiled template. Templates are obtained with `Engine.
get_template()` or `Engine.from_string()`.
Likewise `django.template.backends.django.Template` is a thin wrapper adapting `django.template.Template` to the common template API.

**Context**

`django.template.Context` holds some metadata in addition to the context data. It is passed to `Template.render()` for rendering a template.

`django.template.RequestContext` is a subclass of `Context` that stores the current `HttpRequest` and runs template context processors.

The common API doesn’t have an equivalent concept. Context data is passed in a plain `dict` and the current `HttpRequest` is passed separately if needed.

**Loaders**

Template loaders are responsible for locating templates, loading them, and returning `Template` objects.

Django provides several *built-in template loaders* and supports *custom template loaders*.

**Context processors**

Context processors are functions that receive the current `HttpRequest` as an argument and return a `dict` of data to be added to the rendering context.

Their main use is to add common data shared by all templates to the context without repeating code in every view.

Django provides many *built-in context processors*, and you can implement your own additional context processors, too.

### 3.5.2 Support for template engines

**Configuration**

Templates engines are configured with the `TEMPLATES` setting. It’s a list of configurations, one for each engine. The default value is empty. The `settings.py` generated by the `startproject` command defines a more useful value:

```python
TEMPLATES = [
    {
        'BACKEND': 'django.template.backends.django.DjangoTemplates',
        'DIRS': [],
        'APP_DIRS': True,
        'OPTIONS': {
            # ... some options here ...
        },
    },
]
```

`BACKEND` is a dotted Python path to a template engine class implementing Django’s template backend API. The built-in backends are `django.template.backends.django.DjangoTemplates` and `django.template.backends.jinja2.Jinja2`. 

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Since most engines load templates from files, the top-level configuration for each engine contains two common settings:

- **DIRS** defines a list of directories where the engine should look for template source files, in search order.
- **APP_DIRS** tells whether the engine should look for templates inside installed applications. Each backend defines a conventional name for the subdirectory inside applications where its templates should be stored.

While uncommon, it’s possible to configure several instances of the same backend with different options. In that case you should define a unique `NAME` for each engine.

**OPTIONS** contains backend-specific settings.

### Usage

The `django.template.loader` module defines two functions to load templates.

**get_template** (*template_name*, *using=None*)

This function loads the template with the given name and returns a `Template` object.

The exact type of the return value depends on the backend that loaded the template. Each backend has its own `Template` class.

`get_template()` tries each template engine in order until one succeeds. If the template cannot be found, it raises `TemplateDoesNotExist`. If the template is found but contains invalid syntax, it raises `TemplateSyntaxError`.

How templates are searched and loaded depends on each engine’s backend and configuration.

If you want to restrict the search to a particular template engine, pass the engine’s `NAME` in the `using` argument.

**select_template** (*template_name_list*, *using=None*)

`select_template()` is just like `get_template()`, except it takes a list of template names. It tries each name in order and returns the first template that exists.

If loading a template fails, the following two exceptions, defined in `django.template`, may be raised:

**exception TemplateDoesNotExist** (*msg*, *tried=None*, *backend=None*, *chain=None*)

This exception is raised when a template cannot be found. It accepts the following optional arguments for populating the `template postmortem` on the debug page:

- **backend** The template backend instance from which the exception originated.
- **tried** A list of sources that were tried when finding the template. This is formatted as a list of tuples containing `(origin, status)`, where `origin` is an `origin-like` object and `status` is a string with the reason the template wasn’t found.
- **chain** A list of intermediate `TemplateDoesNotExist` exceptions raised when trying to load a template.

This is used by functions, such as `get_template()`, that try to load a given template from multiple engines.

**exception TemplateSyntaxError** (*msg*)

This exception is raised when a template was found but contains errors.

Template objects returned by `get_template()` and `select_template()` must provide a `render()` method with the following signature:

**Template.render** (*context=None*, *request=None*)

Renders this template with a given context.

If `context` is provided, it must be a `dict`. If it’s not provided, the engine will render the template with an empty context.
If `request` is provided, it must be an `HttpRequest`. Then the engine must make it, as well as the CSRF token, available in the template. How this is achieved is up to each backend.

Here’s an example of the search algorithm. For this example the `TEMPLATES` setting is:

```python
TEMPLATES = [
    {
        'BACKEND': 'django.template.backends.django.DjangoTemplates',
        'DIRS': [
            '/home/html/example.com',
            '/home/html/default',
        ],
    },
    {
        'BACKEND': 'django.template.backends.jinja2.Jinja2',
        'DIRS': [
            '/home/html/jinja2',
        ],
    },
]
```

If you call `get_template('story_detail.html')`, here are the files Django will look for, in order:

- `/home/html/example.com/story_detail.html` (`django` engine)
- `/home/html/default/story_detail.html` (`django` engine)
- `/home/html/jinja2/story_detail.html` (`jinja2` engine)

If you call `select_template(['story_253_detail.html', 'story_detail.html'])`, here’s what Django will look for:

- `/home/html/example.com/story_253_detail.html` (`django` engine)
- `/home/html/default/story_253_detail.html` (`django` engine)
- `/home/html/jinja2/story_253_detail.html` (`jinja2` engine)
- `/home/html/example.com/story_detail.html` (`django` engine)
- `/home/html/default/story_detail.html` (`django` engine)
- `/home/html/jinja2/story_detail.html` (`jinja2` engine)

When Django finds a template that exists, it stops looking.

**Tip**

You can use `select_template()` for flexible template loading. For example, if you’ve written a news story and want some stories to have custom templates, use something like `select_template(['story_%s_detail.html' % story.id, 'story_detail.html'])`. That’ll allow you to use a custom template for an individual story, with a fallback template for stories that don’t have custom templates.

It’s possible – and preferable – to organize templates in subdirectories inside each directory containing templates. The convention is to make a subdirectory for each Django app, with subdirectories within those subdirectories as needed.

Do this for your own sanity. Storing all templates in the root level of a single directory gets messy.

To load a template that’s within a subdirectory, use a slash, like so:

```python
get_template('news/story_detail.html')
```
Using the same TEMPLATES option as above, this will attempt to load the following templates:


In addition, to cut down on the repetitive nature of loading and rendering templates, Django provides a shortcut function which automates the process.

render_to_string(template_name, context=None, request=None, using=None)

render_to_string() loads a template like get_template() and calls its render() method immediately. It takes the following arguments:

- template_name: The name of the template to load and render. If it's a list of template names, Django uses select_template() instead of get_template() to find the template.
- context: A dict to be used as the template’s context for rendering.
- request: An optional HttpRequest that will be available during the template’s rendering process.
- using: An optional template engine NAME. The search for the template will be restricted to that engine.

Usage example:

```python
from django.template.loader import render_to_string
rendered = render_to_string('my_template.html', {'foo': 'bar'})
```

See also the render() shortcut which calls render_to_string() and feeds the result into an HttpResponse suitable for returning from a view.

Finally, you can use configured engines directly:

engines

Template engines are available in django.template.engines:

```python
from django.template import engines

django_engine = engines['django']
template = django_engine.from_string("Hello {{ name }}!")
```

The lookup key — 'django' in this example — is the engine’s NAME.

Built-in backends

class DjangoTemplates

Set BACKEND to 'django.template.backends.django.DjangoTemplates' to configure a Django template engine.

When APP_DIRS is True, DjangoTemplates engines look for templates in the templates subdirectory of installed applications. This generic name was kept for backwards-compatibility.

DjangoTemplates engines accept the following OPTIONS:

- 'autoescape': a boolean that controls whether HTML autoescaping is enabled.
  It defaults to True.

  Warning: Only set it to False if you’re rendering non-HTML templates!
• 'context_processors': a list of dotted Python paths to callables that are used to populate the context when a template is rendered with a request. These callables take a request object as their argument and return a dict of items to be merged into the context.

It defaults to an empty list.

See RequestContext for more information.

• 'debug': a boolean that turns on/off template debug mode. If it is True, the fancy error page will display a detailed report for any exception raised during template rendering. This report contains the relevant snippet of the template with the appropriate line highlighted.

It defaults to the value of the DEBUG setting.

• 'loaders': a list of dotted Python paths to template loader classes. Each Loader class knows how to import templates from a particular source. Optionally, a tuple can be used instead of a string. The first item in the tuple should be the Loader class name, and subsequent items are passed to the Loader during initialization.

The default depends on the values of DIRS and APP_DIRS.

See Loader types for details.

• 'string_if_invalid': the output, as a string, that the template system should use for invalid (e.g. mis-spelled) variables.

It defaults to an empty string.

See How invalid variables are handled for details.

• 'file_charset': the charset used to read template files on disk.

It defaults to 'utf-8'.

• 'libraries': A dictionary of labels and dotted Python paths of template tag modules to register with the template engine. This can be used to add new libraries or provide alternate labels for existing ones. For example:

```python
OPTIONS={
    'libraries': {
        'myapp_tags': 'path.to.myapp.tags',
        'admin.urls': 'django.contrib.admin.templatetags.admin_urls',
    },
}
```

Libraries can be loaded by passing the corresponding dictionary key to the {% load %} tag.

• 'builtins': A list of dotted Python paths of template tag modules to add to built-ins. For example:

```python
OPTIONS={
    'builtins': ['myapp.builtins'],
}
```

Tags and filters from built-in libraries can be used without first calling the {% load %} tag.

class Jinja2

Requires Jinja2 to be installed:

```sh
$ python -m pip install Jinja2
```

Set BACKEND to 'django.template.backends.jinja2.Jinja2' to configure a Jinja2 engine.

When APP_DIRS is True, Jinja2 engines look for templates in the jinja2 subdirectory of installed applications.
The most important entry in OPTIONS is 'environment'. It's a dotted Python path to a callable returning a Jinja2 environment. It defaults to 'jinja2.Environment'. Django invokes that callable and passes other options as keyword arguments. Furthermore, Django adds defaults that differ from Jinja2's for a few options:

- 'autoescape': True
- 'loader': a loader configured for DIRS and APP_DIRS
- 'auto_reload': settings.DEBUG
- 'undefined': DebugUndefined if settings.DEBUG else Undefined

Jinja2 engines also accept the following OPTIONS:

- 'context_processors': a list of dotted Python paths to callables that are used to populate the context when a template is rendered with a request. These callables take a request object as their argument and return a dict of items to be merged into the context.

It defaults to an empty list.

Using context processors with Jinja2 templates is discouraged.

Context processors are useful with Django templates because Django templates don’t support calling functions with arguments. Since Jinja2 doesn’t have that limitation, it’s recommended to put the function that you would use as a context processor in the global variables available to the template using jinja2.Environment as described below. You can then call that function in the template:

```python
{{ function(request) }}
```

Some Django templates context processors return a fixed value. For Jinja2 templates, this layer of indirection isn’t necessary since you can add constants directly in jinja2.Environment. The original use case for adding context processors for Jinja2 involved:

- Making an expensive computation that depends on the request.
- Needing the result in every template.
- Using the result multiple times in each template.

Unless all of these conditions are met, passing a function to the template is more in line with the design of Jinja2.

The default configuration is purposefully kept to a minimum. If a template is rendered with a request (e.g. when using render()), the Jinja2 backend adds the globals request, csrf_input, and csrf_token to the context. Apart from that, this backend doesn’t create a Django-flavored environment. It doesn’t know about Django filters and tags. In order to use Django-specific APIs, you must configure them into the environment.

For example, you can create myproject/jinja2.py with this content:

```python
from django.templatetags.static import static
from django.urls import reverse

from jinja2 import Environment

def environment(**options):
    env = Environment(**options)
    env.globals.update({
        'static': static,
        'url': reverse,
    })
```

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and set the 'environment' option to 'myproject.jinja2.environment'.

Then you could use the following constructs in Jinja2 templates:

```html
<img src="{{ static('path/to/company-logo.png') }}" alt="Company Logo">
<a href="{{ url('admin:index') }}">Administration</a>
```

The concepts of tags and filters exist both in the Django template language and in Jinja2 but they’re used differently. Since Jinja2 supports passing arguments to callables in templates, many features that require a template tag or filter in Django templates can be achieved by calling a function in Jinja2 templates, as shown in the example above. Jinja2’s global namespace removes the need for template context processors. The Django template language doesn’t have an equivalent of Jinja2 tests.

### 3.6 Class-based views

A view is a callable which takes a request and returns a response. This can be more than just a function, and Django provides an example of some classes which can be used as views. These allow you to structure your views and reuse code by harnessing inheritance and mixins. There are also some generic views for tasks which we’ll get to later, but you may want to design your own structure of reusable views which suits your use case. For full details, see the class-based views reference documentation.

#### 3.6.1 Introduction to class-based views

Class-based views provide an alternative way to implement views as Python objects instead of functions. They do not replace function-based views, but have certain differences and advantages when compared to function-based views:

- Organization of code related to specific HTTP methods (GET, POST, etc.) can be addressed by separate methods instead of conditional branching.
- Object oriented techniques such as mixins (multiple inheritance) can be used to factor code into reusable components.

The relationship and history of generic views, class-based views, and class-based generic views

In the beginning there was only the view function contract, Django passed your function an HttpRequest and expected back an HttpResponse. This was the extent of what Django provided.

Early on it was recognized that there were common idioms and patterns found in view development. Function-based generic views were introduced to abstract these patterns and ease view development for the common cases.

The problem with function-based generic views is that while they covered the simple cases well, there was no way to extend or customize them beyond some configuration options, limiting their usefulness in many real-world applications.

Class-based generic views were created with the same objective as function-based generic views, to make view development easier. However, the way the solution is implemented, through the use of mixins, provides a toolkit that results in class-based generic views being more extensible and flexible than their function-based counterparts.
If you have tried function based generic views in the past and found them lacking, you should not think of class-based
generic views as a class-based equivalent, but rather as a fresh approach to solving the original problems that generic
views were meant to solve.

The toolkit of base classes and mixins that Django uses to build class-based generic views are built for maximum
flexibility, and as such have many hooks in the form of default method implementations and attributes that you are
unlikely to be concerned with in the simplest use cases. For example, instead of limiting you to a class-based attribute
for form_class, the implementation uses a get_form method, which calls a get_form_class method, which
in its default implementation returns the form_class attribute of the class. This gives you several options for
specifying what form to use, from an attribute, to a fully dynamic, callable hook. These options seem to add hollow
complexity for simple situations, but without them, more advanced designs would be limited.

**Using class-based views**

At its core, a class-based view allows you to respond to different HTTP request methods with different class instance
methods, instead of with conditionally branching code inside a single view function.

So where the code to handle HTTP GET in a view function would look something like:

```python
from django.http import HttpResponse
def my_view(request):
    if request.method == 'GET':
        # <view logic>
        return HttpResponse('result')
```

In a class-based view, this would become:

```python
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.views import View
class MyView(View):
    def get(self, request):
        # <view logic>
        return HttpResponse('result')
```

Because Django’s URL resolver expects to send the request and associated arguments to a callable function, not a class,
class-based views have an as_view() class method which returns a function that can be called when a request arrives
for a URL matching the associated pattern. The function creates an instance of the class, calls setup() to initialize its
attributes, and then calls its dispatch() method. dispatch looks at the request to determine whether it is a GET,
POST, etc, and relays the request to a matching method if one is defined, or raises HttpResponseNotAllowed if not:

```python
# urls.py
from django.urls import path
from myapp.views import MyView
urlpatterns = [
    path('about/', MyView.as_view()),
]
```

It is worth noting that what your method returns is identical to what you return from a function-based view, namely
some form of HttpResponse. This means that http shortcuts or TemplateResponse objects are valid to use
inside a class-based view.

While a minimal class-based view does not require any class attributes to perform its job, class attributes are useful in
many class-based designs, and there are two ways to configure or set class attributes.

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The first is the standard Python way of subclassing and overriding attributes and methods in the subclass. So that if your parent class had an attribute greeting like this:

```python
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.views import View
class GreetingView(View):
    greeting = "Good Day"
    def get(self, request):
        return HttpResponse(self.greeting)
```

You can override that in a subclass:

```python
class MorningGreetingView(GreetingView):
    greeting = "Morning to ya"
```

Another option is to configure class attributes as keyword arguments to the `as_view()` call in the URLconf:

```python
urlpatterns = [
    path('about/', GreetingView.as_view(greeting="G'day")),
]
```

**Note:** While your class is instantiated for each request dispatched to it, class attributes set through the `as_view()` entry point are configured only once at the time your URLs are imported.

### Using mixins

Mixins are a form of multiple inheritance where behaviors and attributes of multiple parent classes can be combined. For example, in the generic class-based views there is a mixin called `TemplateResponseMixin` whose primary purpose is to define the method `render_to_response()`. When combined with the behavior of the `View` base class, the result is a `TemplateView` class that will dispatch requests to the appropriate matching methods (a behavior defined in the `View` base class), and that has a `render_to_response()` method that uses a `template_name` attribute to return a `TemplateResponse` object (a behavior defined in the `TemplateResponseMixin`).

Mixins are an excellent way of reusing code across multiple classes, but they come with some cost. The more your code is scattered among mixins, the harder it will be to read a child class and know what exactly it is doing, and the harder it will be to know which methods from which mixins to override if you are subclassing something that has a deep inheritance tree.

Note also that you can only inherit from one generic view - that is, only one parent class may inherit from `View` and the rest (if any) should be mixins. Trying to inherit from more than one class that inherits from `View` - for example, trying to use a form at the top of a list and combining `ProcessFormView` and `ListView` - won’t work as expected.

### Handling forms with class-based views

A basic function-based view that handles forms may look something like this:

```python
from django.http import HttpResponseRedirect
from django.shortcuts import render
```
from .forms import MyForm

def myview(request):
    if request.method == "POST":
        form = MyForm(request.POST)
        if form.is_valid():
            # <process form cleaned data>
            return HttpResponseRedirect('/success/)
    else:
        form = MyForm(initial= {'key': 'value'})

    return render(request, 'form_template.html', {'form': form})

A similar class-based view might look like:

from django.http import HttpResponseRedirect
from django.shortcuts import render
from django.views import View
from .forms import MyForm

class MyFormView(View):
    form_class = MyForm
    initial = { 'key': 'value' }
    template_name = 'form_template.html'

    def get(self, request, *args, **kwargs):
        form = self.form_class(initial=self.initial)
        return render(request, self.template_name, { 'form': form })

    def post(self, request, *args, **kwargs):
        form = self.form_class(request.POST)
        if form.is_valid():
            # <process form cleaned data>
            return HttpResponseRedirect('/success/)

        return render(request, self.template_name, { 'form': form })

This is a minimal case, but you can see that you would then have the option of customizing this view by overriding any of the class attributes, e.g. form_class, via URLconf configuration, or subclassing and overriding one or more of the methods (or both!).

### Decorating class-based views

The extension of class-based views isn’t limited to using mixins. You can also use decorators. Since class-based views aren’t functions, decorating them works differently depending on if you’re using as_view() or creating a subclass.

#### Decorating in URLconf

You can adjust class-based views by decorating the result of the as_view() method. The easiest place to do this is in the URLconf where you deploy your view:

from django.contrib.auth.decorators import login_required, permission_required
from django.views.generic import TemplateView

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This approach applies the decorator on a per-instance basis. If you want every instance of a view to be decorated, you need to take a different approach.

Decorating the class

To decorate every instance of a class-based view, you need to decorate the class definition itself. To do this you apply the decorator to the \texttt{dispatch()} method of the class.

A method on a class isn’t quite the same as a standalone function, so you can’t just apply a function decorator to the method – you need to transform it into a method decorator first. The \texttt{method_decorator} decorator transforms a function decorator into a method decorator so that it can be used on an instance method. For example:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.decorators import login_required
from django.utils.decorators import method_decorator
from django.views.generic import TemplateView

class ProtectedView(TemplateView):
    template_name = 'secret.html'

    @method_decorator(login_required)
    def dispatch(self, *args, **kwargs):
        return super().dispatch(*args, **kwargs)
```

Or, more succinctly, you can decorate the class instead and pass the name of the method to be decorated as the keyword argument name:

```python
@method_decorator(login_required, name='dispatch')
class ProtectedView(TemplateView):
    template_name = 'secret.html'
```

If you have a set of common decorators used in several places, you can define a list or tuple of decorators and use this instead of invoking \texttt{method_decorator()} multiple times. These two classes are equivalent:

```python
decorators = [never_cache, login_required]

@method_decorator(decorators, name='dispatch')
class ProtectedView(TemplateView):
    template_name = 'secret.html'
```

The decorators will process a request in the order they are passed to the decorator. In the example, \texttt{never_cache()} will process the request before \texttt{login_required()}.
In this example, every instance of ProtectedView will have login protection. These examples use
login_required, however, the same behavior can be obtained by using LoginRequiredMixin.

Note: method_decorator passes *args and **kwargs as parameters to the decorated method on the class. If
your method does not accept a compatible set of parameters it will raise a TypeError exception.

3.6.2 Built-in class-based generic views

Writing Web applications can be monotonous, because we repeat certain patterns again and again. Django tries to take
away some of that monotony at the model and template layers, but Web developers also experience this boredom at
the view level.

Django’s generic views were developed to ease that pain. They take certain common idioms and patterns found in
view development and abstract them so that you can quickly write common views of data without having to write too
much code.

We can recognize certain common tasks, like displaying a list of objects, and write code that displays a list of any
object. Then the model in question can be passed as an extra argument to the URLconf.

Django ships with generic views to do the following:

- Display list and detail pages for a single object. If we were creating an application to manage conferences then
  a TalkListView and a RegisteredUserListView would be examples of list views. A single talk page
  is an example of what we call a “detail” view.
- Present date-based objects in year/month/day archive pages, associated detail, and “latest” pages.
- Allow users to create, update, and delete objects – with or without authorization.

Taken together, these views provide interfaces to perform the most common tasks developers encounter.

Extending generic views

There’s no question that using generic views can speed up development substantially. In most projects, however, there
comes a moment when the generic views no longer suffice. Indeed, the most common question asked by new Django
developers is how to make generic views handle a wider array of situations.

This is one of the reasons generic views were redesigned for the 1.3 release - previously, they were view functions
with a bewildering array of options; now, rather than passing in a large amount of configuration in the URLconf, the
recommended way to extend generic views is to subclass them, and override their attributes or methods.

That said, generic views will have a limit. If you find you’re struggling to implement your view as a subclass of
a generic view, then you may find it more effective to write just the code you need, using your own class-based or
functional views.

More examples of generic views are available in some third party applications, or you could write your own as needed.

Generic views of objects

TemplateView certainly is useful, but Django’s generic views really shine when it comes to presenting views of
your database content. Because it’s such a common task, Django comes with a handful of built-in generic views to
help generate list and detail views of objects.

Let’s start by looking at some examples of showing a list of objects or an individual object.

We’ll be using these models:
Now we need to define a view:

```python
# views.py
from django.views.generic import ListView
from books.models import Publisher

class PublisherList(ListView):
    model = Publisher
```

Finally hook that view into your urls:

```python
# urls.py
from django.urls import path
from books.views import PublisherList

urlpatterns = [
    path('publishers/', PublisherList.as_view()),
]
```

That’s all the Python code we need to write. We still need to write a template, however. We could explicitly tell the view which template to use by adding a `template_name` attribute to the view, but in the absence of an explicit template Django will infer one from the object’s name. In this case, the inferred template will be "books/publisher_list.html" – the “books" part comes from the name of the app that defines the model, while the “publisher” bit is the lowercased version of the model’s name.
Note: Thus, when (for example) the APP_DIRS option of a DjangoTemplates backend is set to True in TEMPLATES, a template location could be: /path/to/project/books/templates/books/publisher_list.html

This template will be rendered against a context containing a variable called object_list that contains all the publisher objects. A template might look like this:

```
{% extends "base.html" %}
{% block content %}
  <h2>Publishers</h2>
  <ul>
    {% for publisher in object_list %}
      <li>{{ publisher.name }}</li>
    {% endfor %}
  </ul>
{% endblock %}
```

That’s really all there is to it. All the cool features of generic views come from changing the attributes set on the generic view. The generic views reference documents all the generic views and their options in detail; the rest of this document will consider some of the common ways you might customize and extend generic views.

Making “friendly” template contexts

You might have noticed that our sample publisher list template stores all the publishers in a variable named object_list. While this works just fine, it isn’t all that “friendly” to template authors: they have to “just know” that they’re dealing with publishers here.

Well, if you’re dealing with a model object, this is already done for you. When you are dealing with an object or queryset, Django is able to populate the context using the lowercased version of the model class’ name. This is provided in addition to the default object_list entry, but contains exactly the same data, i.e. publisher_list.

If this still isn’t a good match, you can manually set the name of the context variable. The context_object_name attribute on a generic view specifies the context variable to use:

```
# views.py
from django.views.generic import ListView
from books.models import Publisher

class PublisherList(ListView):
    model = Publisher
    context_object_name = 'my_favorite_publishers'
```

Providing a useful context_object_name is always a good idea. Your coworkers who design templates will thank you.

Adding extra context

Often you need to present some extra information beyond that provided by the generic view. For example, think of showing a list of all the books on each publisher detail page. TheDetailView generic view provides the publisher to the context, but how do we get additional information in that template?

The answer is to subclassDetailView and provide your own implementation of the get_context_data method. The default implementation adds the object being displayed to the template, but you can override it to send more:
from django.views.generic import DetailView
from books.models import Book, Publisher

class PublisherDetail(DetailView):
    model = Publisher

    def get_context_data(self, **kwargs):
        # Call the base implementation first to get a context
        context = super().get_context_data(**kwargs)
        # Add in a QuerySet of all the books
        context['book_list'] = Book.objects.all()
        return context

Note: Generally, `get_context_data` will merge the context data of all parent classes with those of the current class. To preserve this behavior in your own classes where you want to alter the context, you should be sure to call `get_context_data` on the super class. When no two classes try to define the same key, this will give the expected results. However, if any class attempts to override a key after parent classes have set it (after the call to `super`), any children of that class will also need to explicitly set it after `super` if they want to be sure to override all parents. If you're having trouble, review the method resolution order of your view.

Another consideration is that the context data from class-based generic views will override data provided by context processors; see `get_context_data()` for an example.

Viewing subsets of objects

Now let's take a closer look at the `model` argument we've been using all along. The `model` argument, which specifies the database model that the view will operate upon, is available on all the generic views that operate on a single object or a collection of objects. However, the `model` argument is not the only way to specify the objects that the view will operate upon – you can also specify the list of objects using the `queryset` argument:

```python
from django.views.generic import DetailView
from books.models import Publisher

class PublisherDetail(DetailView):
    context_object_name = 'publisher'
    queryset = Publisher.objects.all()

Specifying `model = Publisher` is shorthand for saying `queryset = Publisher.objects.all()`. However, by using `queryset` to define a filtered list of objects you can be more specific about the objects that will be visible in the view (see Making queries for more information about QuerySet objects, and see the class-based views reference for the complete details).

To pick an example, we might want to order a list of books by publication date, with the most recent first:

```python
from django.views.generic import ListView
from books.models import Book

class BookList(ListView):
    queryset = Book.objects.order_by('-publication_date')
    context_object_name = 'book_list'
```
That’s a pretty minimal example, but it illustrates the idea nicely. You’ll usually want to do more than just reorder objects. If you want to present a list of books by a particular publisher, you can use the same technique:

```python
from django.views.generic import ListView
from books.models import Book

class AcmeBookList(ListView):
    context_object_name = 'book_list'
    queryset = Book.objects.filter(publisher__name='ACME Publishing')
    template_name = 'books/acme_list.html'
```

Notice that along with a filtered queryset, we’re also using a custom template name. If we didn’t, the generic view would use the same template as the “vanilla” object list, which might not be what we want.

Also notice that this isn’t a very elegant way of doing publisher-specific books. If we want to add another publisher page, we’d need another handful of lines in the URLconf, and more than a few publishers would get unreasonable. We’ll deal with this problem in the next section.

**Note:** If you get a 404 when requesting /books/acme/, check to ensure you actually have a Publisher with the name ‘ACME Publishing’. Generic views have an allow_empty parameter for this case. See the [class-based-views reference](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/class-based-views/) for more details.

### Dynamic filtering

Another common need is to filter down the objects given in a list page by some key in the URL. Earlier we hard-coded the publisher’s name in the URLconf, but what if we wanted to write a view that displayed all the books by some arbitrary publisher?

Handily, the ListView has a `get_queryset()` method we can override. By default, it returns the value of the queryset attribute, but we can use it to add more logic.

The key part to making this work is that when class-based views are called, various useful things are stored on self; as well as the request (self.request) this includes the positional (self.args) and name-based (self.kwargs) arguments captured according to the URLconf.

Here, we have a URLconf with a single captured group:

```python
# urls.py
from django.urls import path
from books.views import PublisherBookList

urlpatterns = [
    path('books/<publisher>/', PublisherBookList.as_view()),
]
```

Next, we’ll write the PublisherBookList view itself:

```python
# views.py
from django.shortcuts import get_object_or_404
from django.views.generic import ListView
from books.models import Book, Publisher

class PublisherBookList(ListView):
```

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Using `get_queryset` to add logic to the queryset selection is as convenient as it is powerful. For instance, if we wanted, we could use `self.request.user` to filter using the current user, or other more complex logic.

We can also add the publisher into the context at the same time, so we can use it in the template:

```python
# ...
def get_context_data(self, **kwargs):
    # Call the base implementation first to get a context
    context = super().get_context_data(**kwargs)
    # Add in the publisher
    context['publisher'] = self.publisher
    return context
```

### Performing extra work

The last common pattern we’ll look at involves doing some extra work before or after calling the generic view.

Imagine we had a `last_accessed` field on our `Author` model that we were using to keep track of the last time anybody looked at that author:

```python
# models.py
from django.db import models
class Author(models.Model):
    salutation = models.CharField(max_length=10)
    name = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    email = models.EmailField()
    headshot = models.ImageField(upload_to='author_headshots')
    last_accessed = models.DateTimeField()
```

The generic `DetailView` class wouldn’t know anything about this field, but once again we could write a custom view to keep that field updated.

First, we’d need to add an author detail bit in the URLconf to point to a custom view:

```python
from django.urls import path
from books.views import AuthorDetailView
urlpatterns = [
    #...
    path('authors/<int:pk>/', AuthorDetailView.as_view(), name='author-detail'),
]
```

Then we’d write our new view – `get_object` is the method that retrieves the object – so we override it and wrap the call:

```python
from django.utils import timezone
from django.views.generic import DetailView
```
from books.models import Author

class AuthorDetailView(DetailView):
    queryset = Author.objects.all()
    
    def get_object(self):
        obj = super().get_object()
        # Record the last accessed date
        obj.last_accessed = timezone.now()
        obj.save()
        return obj

Note: The URLconf here uses the named group pk - this name is the default name that DetailView uses to find the value of the primary key used to filter the queryset.

If you want to call the group something else, you can set pk_url_kwarg on the view. More details can be found in the reference for DetailView.

3.6.3 Form handling with class-based views

Form processing generally has 3 paths:

- Initial GET (blank or prepopulated form)
- POST with invalid data (typically redisplay form with errors)
- POST with valid data (process the data and typically redirect)

Implementing this yourself often results in a lot of repeated boilerplate code (see Using a form in a view). To help avoid this, Django provides a collection of generic class-based views for form processing.

Basic forms

Given a contact form:

Listing 14: forms.py

```
from django import forms

class ContactForm(forms.Form):
    name = forms.CharField()
    message = forms.CharField(widget=forms.Textarea)

    def send_email(self):
        # send email using the self.cleaned_data dictionary
        pass
```

The view can be constructed using a FormView:
Listing 15: views.py

```python
from myapp.forms import ContactForm
from django.views.generic.edit import FormView

class ContactView(FormView):
    template_name = 'contact.html'
    form_class = ContactForm
    success_url = '/thanks/'

    def form_valid(self, form):
        # This method is called when valid form data has been POSTed.
        # It should return an HttpResponse.
        form.send_email()
        return super().form_valid(form)
```

Notes:

- FormView inherits TemplateResponseMixin so template_name can be used here.
- The default implementation for form_valid() simply redirects to the success_url.

Model forms

Generic views really shine when working with models. These generic views will automatically create a `ModelForm`, so long as they can work out which model class to use:

- If the model attribute is given, that model class will be used.
- If get_object() returns an object, the class of that object will be used.
- If a queryset is given, the model for that queryset will be used.

Model form views provide a form_valid() implementation that saves the model automatically. You can override this if you have any special requirements; see below for examples.

You don’t even need to provide a success_url for CreateView or UpdateView - they will use get_absolute_url() on the model object if available.

If you want to use a custom ModelForm (for instance to add extra validation), set form_class on your view.

**Note:** When specifying a custom form class, you must still specify the model, even though the form_class may be a ModelForm.

First we need to add get_absolute_url() to our Author class:

Listing 16: models.py

```python
from django.db import models
from django.urls import reverse

class Author(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=200)

    def get_absolute_url(self):
        return reverse('author-detail', kwargs={'pk': self.pk})
```

Then we can use CreateView and friends to do the actual work. Notice how we’re just configuring the generic class-based views here; we don’t have to write any logic ourselves:
Listing 17: views.py

```python
from django.urls import reverse_lazy
from django.views.generic.edit import CreateView, DeleteView, UpdateView
from myapp.models import Author

class AuthorCreate(CreateView):
    model = Author
    fields = ['name']

class AuthorUpdate(UpdateView):
    model = Author
    fields = ['name']

class AuthorDelete(DeleteView):
    model = Author
    success_url = reverse_lazy('author-list')
```

**Note:** We have to use `reverse_lazy()` instead of `reverse()`, as the urls are not loaded when the file is imported.

The `fields` attribute works the same way as the `fields` attribute on the inner `Meta` class on `ModelForm`. Unless you define the form class in another way, the attribute is required and the view will raise an `ImproperlyConfigured` exception if it’s not.

If you specify both the `fields` and `form_class` attributes, an `ImproperlyConfigured` exception will be raised.

Finally, we hook these new views into the URLconf:

Listing 18: urls.py

```python
from django.urls import path
from myapp.views import AuthorCreate, AuthorDelete, AuthorUpdate

urlpatterns = [
    # ...
    path('author/add/', AuthorCreate.as_view(), name='author-add'),
    path('author/<int:pk>/', AuthorUpdate.as_view(), name='author-update'),
    path('author/<int:pk>/delete/', AuthorDelete.as_view(), name='author-delete'),
]
```

**Note:** These views inherit `SingleObjectTemplateResponseMixin` which uses `template_name_suffix` to construct the `template_name` based on the model.

In this example:

- `CreateView` and `UpdateView` use `myapp/author_form.html`
- `DeleteView` uses `myapp/author_confirm_delete.html`

If you wish to have separate templates for `CreateView` and `UpdateView`, you can set either `template_name` or `template_name_suffix` on your view class.

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Models and request.user

To track the user that created an object using a CreateView, you can use a custom ModelForm to do this. First, add the foreign key relation to the model:

```
from django.contrib.auth.models import User
from django.db import models

class Author(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    created_by = models.ForeignKey(User, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    # ...
```

In the view, ensure that you don’t include created_by in the list of fields to edit, and override form_valid() to add the user:

```
from django.contrib.auth.mixins import LoginRequiredMixin
from django.views.generic.edit import CreateView
from myapp.models import Author

class AuthorCreate(LoginRequiredMixin, CreateView):
    model = Author
    fields = ['name']

    def form_valid(self, form):
        form.instance.created_by = self.request.user
        return super().form_valid(form)
```

LoginRequiredMixin prevents users who aren’t logged in from accessing the form. If you omit that, you’ll need to handle unauthorized users in form_valid().

Content negotiation example

Here is an example showing how you might go about implementing a form that works with an API-based workflow as well as ‘normal’ form POSTs:

```
from django.http import JsonResponse
from django.views.generic.edit import CreateView
from myapp.models import Author

class JsonableResponseMixin:
    """
    Mixin to add JSON support to a form.
    Must be used with an object-based FormView (e.g. CreateView)
    """
    def form_invalid(self, form):
        response = super().form_invalid(form)
        if self.request.accepts('text/html'):
            return response
        else:
            return JsonResponse(form.errors, status=400)
```
```python
def form_valid(self, form):
    # We make sure to call the parent's form_valid() method because
    # it might do some processing (in the case of CreateView, it will
    # call form.save() for example).
    response = super().form_valid(form)
    if self.request.accepts('text/html'):
        return response
    else:
        data = {
            'pk': self.object.pk,
        }
        return JsonResponse(data)

class AuthorCreate(JsonableResponseMixin, CreateView):
    model = Author
    fields = ['name']
```

### 3.6.4 Using mixins with class-based views

**Caution:** This is an advanced topic. A working knowledge of Django’s class-based views is advised before exploring these techniques.

Django’s built-in class-based views provide a lot of functionality, but some of it you may want to use separately. For instance, you may want to write a view that renders a template to make the HTTP response, but you can’t use TemplateView; perhaps you need to render a template only on POST, with GET doing something else entirely. While you could use TemplateResponse directly, this will likely result in duplicate code.

For this reason, Django also provides a number of mixins that provide more discrete functionality. Template rendering, for instance, is encapsulated in the TemplateResponseMixin. The Django reference documentation contains full documentation of all the mixins.

#### Context and template responses

Two central mixins are provided that help in providing a consistent interface to working with templates in class-based views.

**TemplateResponseMixin** Every built-in view which returns a TemplateResponse will call the render_to_response() method that TemplateResponseMixin provides. Most of the time this will be called for you (for instance, it is called by the get() method implemented by both TemplateView and DetailView); similarly, it’s unlikely that you’ll need to override it, although if you want your response to return something not rendered via a Django template then you’ll want to do it. For an example of this, see the JSONResponseMixin example.

render_to_response() itself calls get_template_names(), which by default will look up template_name on the class-based view; two other mixins (SingleObjectTemplateResponseMixin and MultipleObjectTemplateResponseMixin) override this to provide more flexible defaults when dealing with actual objects.

**ContextMixin** Every built-in view which needs context data, such as for rendering a template (including TemplateResponseMixin above), should call get_context_data() passing any data they want to ensure is in there as keyword arguments. get_context_data() returns a dictionary in ContextMixin
it returns its keyword arguments, but it is common to override this to add more members to the dictionary. You can also use the `extra_context` attribute.

**Building up Django’s generic class-based views**

Let’s look at how two of Django’s generic class-based views are built out of mixins providing discrete functionality. We’ll consider `DetailView`, which renders a “detail” view of an object, and `ListView`, which will render a list of objects, typically from a queryset, and optionally paginate them. This will introduce us to four mixins which between them provide useful functionality when working with either a single Django object, or multiple objects.

There are also mixins involved in the generic edit views (`FormView`, and the model-specific views `CreateView`, `UpdateView` and `DeleteView`), and in the date-based generic views. These are covered in the mixin reference documentation.

**DetailView: working with a single Django object**

To show the detail of an object, we basically need to do two things: we need to look up the object and then we need to make a `TemplateResponse` with a suitable template, and that object as context.

To get the object, `DetailView` relies on `SingleObjectMixin`, which provides a `get_object()` method that figures out the object based on the URL of the request (it looks for `pk` and `slug` keyword arguments as declared in the URLConf, and looks the object up either from the `model` attribute on the view, or the `queryset` attribute if that’s provided). `SingleObjectMixin` also overrides `get_context_data()`, which is used across all Django’s built in class-based views to supply context data for template renders.

To then make a `TemplateResponse`, `DetailView` uses `SingleObjectTemplateResponseMixin`, which extends `TemplateResponseMixin`, overriding `get_template_names()` as discussed above. It actually provides a fairly sophisticated set of options, but the main one that most people are going to use is `<app_label>/<model_name>_detail.html`. The _detail part can be changed by setting `template_name_suffix` on a subclass to something else. (For instance, the generic edit views use _form for create and update views, and _confirm_delete for delete views.)

**ListView: working with many Django objects**

Lists of objects follow roughly the same pattern: we need a (possibly paginated) list of objects, typically a `QuerySet`, and then we need to make a `TemplateResponse` with a suitable template using that list of objects.

To get the objects, `ListView` uses `MultipleObjectMixin`, which provides both `get_queryset()` and `paginate_queryset()`. Unlike with `SingleObjectMixin`, there’s no need to key off parts of the URL to figure out the queryset to work with, so the default uses the `queryset` or `model` attribute on the view class. A common reason to override `get_queryset()` here would be to dynamically vary the objects, such as depending on the current user or to exclude posts in the future for a blog.

`MultipleObjectMixin` also overrides `get_context_data()` to include appropriate context variables for pagination (providing dummies if pagination is disabled). It relies on `object_list` being passed in as a keyword argument, which `ListView` arranges for it.

To make a `TemplateResponse`, `ListView` then uses `MultipleObjectTemplateResponseMixin`; as with `SingleObjectTemplateResponseMixin` above, this overrides `get_template_names()` to provide a range of options, with the most commonly-used being `<app_label>/<model_name>_list.html`, with the _list part again being taken from the `template_name_suffix` attribute. (The date based generic views use suffixes such as _archive, _archive_year and so on to use different templates for the various specialized date-based list views.)
Using Django’s class-based view mixins

Now we’ve seen how Django’s generic class-based views use the provided mixins, let’s look at other ways we can combine them. We’re still going to be combining them with either built-in class-based views, or other generic class-based views, but there are a range of rarer problems you can solve than are provided for by Django out of the box.

Warning: Not all mixins can be used together, and not all generic class based views can be used with all other mixins. Here we present a few examples that do work; if you want to bring together other functionality then you’ll have to consider interactions between attributes and methods that overlap between the different classes you’re using, and how method resolution order will affect which versions of the methods will be called in what order.

The reference documentation for Django’s class-based views and class-based view mixins will help you in understanding which attributes and methods are likely to cause conflict between different classes and mixins.

If in doubt, it’s often better to back off and base your work on View or TemplateView, perhaps with SingleObjectMixin and MultipleObjectMixin. Although you will probably end up writing more code, it is more likely to be clearly understandable to someone else coming to it later, and with fewer interactions to worry about you will save yourself some thinking. (Of course, you can always dip into Django’s implementation of the generic class-based views for inspiration on how to tackle problems.)

Using SingleObjectMixin with View

If we want to write a class-based view that responds only to POST, we’ll subclass View and write a post() method in the subclass. However if we want our processing to work on a particular object, identified from the URL, we’ll want the functionality provided by SingleObjectMixin.

We’ll demonstrate this with the Author model we used in the generic class-based views introduction.

Listing 21: views.py

```python
from django.http import HttpResponseForbidden, HttpResponseRedirect
from django.urls import reverse
from django.views import View
from django.views.generic.detail import SingleObjectMixin
from books.models import Author

class RecordInterest(SingleObjectMixin, View):
    """Records the current user's interest in an author."""
    model = Author

    def post(self, request, *args, **kwargs):
        if not request.user.is_authenticated:
            return HttpResponseForbidden()

        # Look up the author we're interested in.
        self.object = self.get_object()
        # Actually record interest somehow here!

        return HttpResponseRedirect(reverse('author-detail', kwargs={'pk': self.object.pk}))
```

In practice you’d probably want to record the interest in a key-value store rather than in a relational database, so we’ve left that bit out. The only bit of the view that needs to worry about using SingleObjectMixin is where we want to look up the author we’re interested in, which it does with a call to self.get_object(). Everything else is taken care of for us by the mixin.
We can hook this into our URLs easily enough:

Listing 22: urls.py

```python
from django.urls import path
from books.views import RecordInterest

urlpatterns = [
    #...
    path('author/<int:pk>/interest/', RecordInterest.as_view(), name='author-interest'),
]
```

Note the `pk` named group, which `get_object()` uses to look up the `Author` instance. You could also use a slug, or any of the other features of `SingleObjectMixin`.

### Using `SingleObjectMixin` with `ListView`

`ListView` provides built-in pagination, but you might want to paginate a list of objects that are all linked (by a foreign key) to another object. In our publishing example, you might want to paginate through all the books by a particular publisher.

One way to do this is to combine `ListView` with `SingleObjectMixin`, so that the queryset for the paginated list of books can hang off the publisher found as the single object. In order to do this, we need to have two different querysets:

- **Book queryset for use by `ListView`** Since we have access to the `Publisher` whose books we want to list, we override `get_queryset()` and use the `Publisher`'s `reverse foreign key manager`.

- **Publisher queryset for use in `get_object()`** We'll rely on the default implementation of `get_object()` to fetch the correct `Publisher` object. However, we need to explicitly pass a queryset argument because otherwise the default implementation of `get_object()` would call `get_queryset()` which we have overridden to return `Book` objects instead of `Publisher` ones.

**Note:** We have to think carefully about `get_context_data()`. Since both `SingleObjectMixin` and `ListView` will put things in the context data under the value of `context_object_name` if it's set, we'll instead explicitly ensure the `Publisher` is in the context data. `ListView` will add in the suitable `page_obj` and `paginator` for us providing we remember to call `super()`.

Now we can write a new `PublisherDetail`:

```python
from django.views.generic import ListView
from django.views.generic.detail import SingleObjectMixin
from books.models import Publisher

class PublisherDetail(SingleObjectMixin, ListView):
    paginate_by = 2
    template_name = "books/publisher_detail.html"

    def get(self, request, *args, **kwargs):
        self.object = self.get_object(queryset=Publisher.objects.all())
        return super().get(request, *args, **kwargs)

    def get_context_data(self, **kwargs):
        context = super().get_context_data(**kwargs)
```

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Notice how we set `self.object` within `get()` so we can use it again later in `get_context_data()` and `get_queryset()`. If you don’t set `template_name`, the template will default to the normal `ListView` choice, which in this case would be "books/book_list.html" because it’s a list of books; `ListView` knows nothing about `SingleObjectMixin`, so it doesn’t have any clue this view is anything to do with a Publisher.

The `paginate_by` is deliberately small in the example so you don’t have to create lots of books to see the pagination working! Here’s the template you’d want to use:

```python
context['publisher'] = self.object
return context

def get_queryset(self):
    return self.object.book_set.all()
```

Avoid anything more complex

Generally you can use `TemplateResponseMixin` and `SingleObjectMixin` when you need their functionality. As shown above, with a bit of care you can even combine `SingleObjectMixin` with `ListView`. However things get increasingly complex as you try to do so, and a good rule of thumb is:

**Hint:** Each of your views should use only mixins or views from one of the groups of generic class-based views: `detail`, `list`, `editing` and `date`. For example it’s fine to combine `TemplateView` (built in view) with `MultipleObjectMixin` (generic list), but you’re likely to have problems combining `SingleObjectMixin` (generic detail) with `MultipleObjectMixin` (generic list).

To show what happens when you try to get more sophisticated, we show an example that sacrifices readability and
maintainability when there is a simpler solution. First, let’s look at a naive attempt to combine `DetailView` with `FormMixin` to enable us to `POST` a Django `Form` to the same URL as we’re displaying an object using `DetailView`.

### Using `FormMixin` with `DetailView`

Think back to our earlier example of using `View` and `SingleObjectMixin` together. We were recording a user’s interest in a particular author; say now that we want to let them leave a message saying why they like them. Again, let’s assume we’re not going to store this in a relational database but instead in something more esoteric that we won’t worry about here.

At this point it’s natural to reach for a `Form` to encapsulate the information sent from the user’s browser to Django. Say also that we’re heavily invested in REST, so we want to use the same URL for displaying the author as for capturing the message from the user. Let’s rewrite our `AuthorDetailView` to do that.

We’ll keep the `GET` handling from `DetailView`, although we’ll have to add a `Form` into the context data so we can render it in the template. We’ll also want to pull in form processing from `FormMixin`, and write a bit of code so that on `POST` the form gets called appropriately.

**Note:** We use `FormMixin` and implement `post()` ourselves rather than try to mix `DetailView` with `FormView` (which provides a suitable `post()` already) because both of the views implement `get()`, and things would get much more confusing.

Our new `AuthorDetail` looks like this:

```python
# CAUTION: you almost certainly do not want to do this. # It is provided as part of a discussion of problems you can # run into when combining different generic class-based view # functionality that is not designed to be used together.

from django import forms
from django.http import HttpResponseForbidden
from django.urls import reverse
from django.views.generic import DetailView
from django.views.generic.edit import FormMixin
from books.models import Author

class AuthorInterestForm(forms.Form):
    message = forms.CharField()

class AuthorDetail(FormMixin, DetailView):
    model = Author
    form_class = AuthorInterestForm

    def get_success_url(self):
        return reverse('author-detail', kwargs={'pk': self.object.pk})

    def post(self, request, *args, **kwargs):
        if not request.user.is_authenticated:
            return HttpResponseForbidden()
        self.object = self.get_object()
        form = self.get_form()
        if form.is_valid():
            return self.form_valid(form)
        else:
            return self.form_valid(form)
```

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return self.form_invalid(form)

def form_valid(self, form):
    # Here, we would record the user’s interest using the message
    # passed in form.cleaned_data['message']
    return super().form_valid(form)

get_success_url() provides somewhere to redirect to, which gets used in the default implementation of form_valid(). We have to provide our own post() as noted earlier.

A better solution

The number of subtle interactions between FormMixin and ListView is already testing our ability to manage things. It’s unlikely you’d want to write this kind of class yourself.

In this case, you could write the post() method yourself, keeping ListView as the only generic functionality, although writing Form handling code involves a lot of duplication.

Alternatively, it would still be less work than the above approach to have a separate view for processing the form, which could use FormView distinct from ListView without concerns.

An alternative better solution

What we’re really trying to do here is to use two different class based views from the same URL. So why not do just that? We have a very clear division here: GET requests should get the ListView (with the Form added to the context data), and POST requests should get the FormView. Let’s set up those views first.

The AuthorDisplay view is almost the same as when we first introduced AuthorDetail; we have to write our own get_context_data() to make the AuthorInterestForm available to the template. We’ll skip the get_object() override from before for clarity:

```python
from django import forms
from django.views.generic import ListView
from books.models import Author

class AuthorInterestForm(forms.Form):
    message = forms.CharField()

class AuthorDisplay(ListView):
    model = Author

    def get_context_data(self, **kwargs):
        context = super().get_context_data(**kwargs)
        context['form'] = AuthorInterestForm()
        return context
```

Then the AuthorInterest is a FormView, but we have to bring in SingleObjectMixin so we can find the author we’re talking about, and we have to remember to set template_name to ensure that form errors will render the same template as AuthorDisplay is using on GET:

```python
from django.http import HttpResponseForbidden
from django.urls import reverse
from django.views.generic import FormView
from django.views.generic.detail import SingleObjectMixin
```

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Finally we bring this together in a new AuthorDetail view. We already know that calling \texttt{as\_view()} on a class-based view gives us something that behaves exactly like a function based view, so we can do that at the point we choose between the two subviews.

You can pass through keyword arguments to \texttt{as\_view()} in the same way you would in your URLconf, such as if you wanted the AuthorInterest behavior to also appear at another URL but using a different template:

```python
from django.views import View

class AuthorDetail(View):
    def get(self, request, *args, **kwargs):
        view = AuthorDisplay.as_view()
        return view(request, *args, **kwargs)

    def post(self, request, *args, **kwargs):
        view = AuthorInterest.as_view()
        return view(request, *args, **kwargs)
```

This approach can also be used with any other generic class-based views or your own class-based views inheriting directly from \texttt{View} or \texttt{TemplateView}, as it keeps the different views as separate as possible.

**More than just HTML**

Where class-based views shine is when you want to do the same thing many times. Suppose you’re writing an API, and every view should return JSON instead of rendered HTML.

We can create a mixin class to use in all of our views, handling the conversion to JSON once.

For example, a JSON mixin might look something like this:

```python
from django.http import JsonResponse

class JSONResponseMixin:
    
    @staticmethod
    def render_to_json_response(self, context, **response_kwargs):
        return JsonResponse(context, **response_kwargs)
```

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return JsonResponse(
    self.get_data(context),
    **response_kwargs
)

def get_data(self, context):
    
    Returns an object that will be serialized as JSON by json.dumps().
    
    # Note: This is *EXTREMELY* naive; in reality, you'll need
    # to do much more complex handling to ensure that arbitrary
    # objects -- such as Django model instances or querysets
    # -- can be serialized as JSON.
    
    return context

Note: Check out the Serializing Django objects documentation for more information on how to correctly transform Django models and querysets into JSON.

This mixin provides a `render_to_json_response()` method with the same signature as `render_to_response()`. To use it, we need to mix it into a `TemplateView` for example, and override `render_to_response()` to call `render_to_json_response()` instead:

```python
from django.views.generic import TemplateView

class JSONView(JSONResponseMixin, TemplateView):
    def render_to_response(self, context, **response_kwargs):
        return self.render_to_json_response(context, **response_kwargs)
```

Equally we could use our mixin with one of the generic views. We can make our own version of `DetailView` by mixing `JSONResponseMixin` with the `django.views.generic.detail.BaseDetailView` – (the `DetailView` before template rendering behavior has been mixed in):

```python
from django.views.generic.detail import BaseDetailView

class JSONDetailView(JSONResponseMixin, BaseDetailView):
    def render_to_response(self, context, **response_kwargs):
        return self.render_to_json_response(context, **response_kwargs)
```

This view can then be deployed in the same way as any other `DetailView`, with exactly the same behavior – except for the format of the response.

If you want to be really adventurous, you could even mix a `DetailView` subclass that is able to return both HTML and JSON content, depending on some property of the HTTP request, such as a query argument or a HTTP header. Mix in both the `JSONResponseMixin` and a `SingleObjectTemplateResponseMixin`, and override the implementation of `render_to_response()` to defer to the appropriate rendering method depending on the type of response that the user requested:

```python
from django.views.generic.detail import SingleObjectTemplateResponseMixin

class HybridDetailView(JSONResponseMixin, SingleObjectTemplateResponseMixin, `BaseDetailView):
    def render_to_response(self, context):
        # Look for a 'format=json' GET argument
        if self.request.GET.get('format') == 'json':
            return self.render_to_json_response(context, **response_kwargs)
        else:
            return super(HybridDetailView, self).render_to_response(context)
```

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return self.render_to_json_response(context)
else:
    return super().render_to_response(context)

Because of the way that Python resolves method overloading, the call to super().render_to_response(context) ends up calling the render_to_response() implementation of TemplateResponseMixin.

3.6.5 Basic examples

Django provides base view classes which will suit a wide range of applications. All views inherit from the View class, which handles linking the view into the URLs, HTTP method dispatching and other common features. RedirectView provides a HTTP redirect, and TemplateView extends the base class to make it also render a template.

3.6.6 Usage in your URLconf

The most direct way to use generic views is to create them directly in your URLconf. If you’re only changing a few attributes on a class-based view, you can pass them into the as_view() method call itself:

```python
from django.urls import path
from django.views.generic import TemplateView

urlpatterns = [
    path('about/', TemplateView.as_view(template_name="about.html")),
]
```

Any arguments passed to as_view() will override attributes set on the class. In this example, we set template_name on the TemplateView. A similar overriding pattern can be used for the url attribute on RedirectView.

3.6.7 Subclassing generic views

The second, more powerful way to use generic views is to inherit from an existing view and override attributes (such as the template_name) or methods (such as get_context_data) in your subclass to provide new values or methods. Consider, for example, a view that just displays one template, about.html. Django has a generic view to do this - TemplateView - so we can subclass it, and override the template name:

```python
# some_app/views.py
from django.views.generic import TemplateView

class AboutView(TemplateView):
    template_name = "about.html"
```

Then we need to add this new view into our URLconf. TemplateView is a class, not a function, so we point the URL to the as_view() class method instead, which provides a function-like entry to class-based views:

```python
# urls.py
from django.urls import path
from some_app.views import AboutView
```

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For more information on how to use the built in generic views, consult the next topic on *generic class-based views*.

### Supporting other HTTP methods

Suppose somebody wants to access our book library over HTTP using the views as an API. The API client would connect every now and then and download book data for the books published since last visit. But if no new books appeared since then, it is a waste of CPU time and bandwidth to fetch the books from the database, render a full response and send it to the client. It might be preferable to ask the API when the most recent book was published.

We map the URL to book list view in the URLconf:

```python
urlpatterns = [
    path('books/', BookListView.as_view()),
]
```

And the view:

```python
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.views.generic import ListView
from books.models import Book

class BookListView(ListView):
    model = Book

    def head(self, *args, **kwargs):
        last_book = self.get_queryset().latest('publication_date')
        response = HttpResponse()
        # RFC 1123 date format
        response['Last-Modified'] = last_book.publication_date.strftime('%a, %d %b %Y %H:%M:%S GMT')
        return response
```

If the view is accessed from a GET request, an object list is returned in the response (using the `book_list.html` template). But if the client issues a HEAD request, the response has an empty body and the Last-Modified header indicates when the most recent book was published. Based on this information, the client may or may not download the full object list.

### 3.7 Migrations

Migrations are Django’s way of propagating changes you make to your models (adding a field, deleting a model, etc.) into your database schema. They’re designed to be mostly automatic, but you’ll need to know when to make migrations, when to run them, and the common problems you might run into.

#### 3.7.1 The Commands

There are several commands which you will use to interact with migrations and Django’s handling of database schema:
• `migrate`, which is responsible for applying and unapplying migrations.
• `makemigrations`, which is responsible for creating new migrations based on the changes you have made to your models.
• `sqlmigrate`, which displays the SQL statements for a migration.
• `showmigrations`, which lists a project’s migrations and their status.

You should think of migrations as a version control system for your database schema. `makemigrations` is responsible for packaging up your model changes into individual migration files - analogous to commits - and `migrate` is responsible for applying those to your database.

The migration files for each app live in a “migrations” directory inside of that app, and are designed to be committed to, and distributed as part of, its codebase. You should be making them once on your development machine and then running the same migrations on your colleagues’ machines, your staging machines, and eventually your production machines.

**Note:** It is possible to override the name of the package which contains the migrations on a per-app basis by modifying the `MIGRATION_MODULES` setting.

Migrations will run the same way on the same dataset and produce consistent results, meaning that what you see in development and staging is, under the same circumstances, exactly what will happen in production.

Django will make migrations for any change to your models or fields - even options that don’t affect the database - as the only way it can reconstruct a field correctly is to have all the changes in the history, and you might need those options in some data migrations later on (for example, if you’ve set custom validators).

### 3.7.2 Backend Support

Migrations are supported on all backends that Django ships with, as well as any third-party backends if they have programmed in support for schema alteration (done via the `SchemaEditor` class).

However, some databases are more capable than others when it comes to schema migrations; some of the caveats are covered below.

**PostgreSQL**

PostgreSQL is the most capable of all the databases here in terms of schema support.

The only caveat is that prior to PostgreSQL 11, adding columns with default values causes a full rewrite of the table, for a time proportional to its size. For this reason, it’s recommended you always create new columns with `null=True`, as this way they will be added immediately.

**MySQL**

MySQL lacks support for transactions around schema alteration operations, meaning that if a migration fails to apply you will have to manually unpick the changes in order to try again (it’s impossible to roll back to an earlier point).

In addition, MySQL will fully rewrite tables for almost every schema operation and generally takes a time proportional to the number of rows in the table to add or remove columns. On slower hardware this can be worse than a minute per million rows - adding a few columns to a table with just a few million rows could lock your site up for over ten minutes.
Finally, MySQL has relatively small limits on name lengths for columns, tables and indexes, as well as a limit on the
combined size of all columns an index covers. This means that indexes that are possible on other backends will fail to
be created under MySQL.

**SQLite**

SQLite has very little built-in schema alteration support, and so Django attempts to emulate it by:

- Creating a new table with the new schema
- Copying the data across
- Dropping the old table
- Renaming the new table to match the original name

This process generally works well, but it can be slow and occasionally buggy. It is not recommended that you run
and migrate SQLite in a production environment unless you are very aware of the risks and its limitations; the support
Django ships with is designed to allow developers to use SQLite on their local machines to develop less complex
Django projects without the need for a full database.

### 3.7.3 Workflow

Django can create migrations for you. Make changes to your models - say, add a field and remove a model - and then
run `makemigrations`:

```bash
$ python manage.py makemigrations
Migrations for 'books':
  books/migrations/0003_auto.py:
    - Alter field author on book
```

Your models will be scanned and compared to the versions currently contained in your migration files, and then a new
set of migrations will be written out. Make sure to read the output to see what `makemigrations` thinks you have
changed - it’s not perfect, and for complex changes it might not be detecting what you expect.

Once you have your new migration files, you should apply them to your database to make sure they work as expected:

```bash
$ python manage.py migrate
Operations to perform:
  Apply all migrations: books
Running migrations:
  Rendering model states... DONE
  Applying books.0003_auto... OK
```

Once the migration is applied, commit the migration and the models change to your version control system as a single
commit - that way, when other developers (or your production servers) check out the code, they’ll get both the changes
to your models and the accompanying migration at the same time.

If you want to give the migration(s) a meaningful name instead of a generated one, you can use the `makemigrations --name` option:

```bash
$ python manage.py makemigrations --name changed_my_model your_app_label
```
Version control

Because migrations are stored in version control, you’ll occasionally come across situations where you and another developer have both committed a migration to the same app at the same time, resulting in two migrations with the same number.

Don’t worry - the numbers are just there for developers’ reference, Django just cares that each migration has a different name. Migrations specify which other migrations they depend on - including earlier migrations in the same app - in the file, so it’s possible to detect when there’s two new migrations for the same app that aren’t ordered.

When this happens, Django will prompt you and give you some options. If it thinks it’s safe enough, it will offer to automatically linearize the two migrations for you. If not, you’ll have to go in and modify the migrations yourself - don’t worry, this isn’t difficult, and is explained more in Migration files below.

3.7.4 Transactions

On databases that support DDL transactions (SQLite and PostgreSQL), all migration operations will run inside a single transaction by default. In contrast, if a database doesn’t support DDL transactions (e.g. MySQL, Oracle) then all operations will run without a transaction.

You can prevent a migration from running in a transaction by setting the atomic attribute to False. For example:

```python
from django.db import migrations

class Migration(migrations.Migration):
    atomic = False
```

It’s also possible to execute parts of the migration inside a transaction using atomic() or by passing atomic=True to RunPython. See Non-atomic migrations for more details.

3.7.5 Dependencies

While migrations are per-app, the tables and relationships implied by your models are too complex to be created for one app at a time. When you make a migration that requires something else to run - for example, you add a ForeignKey in your books app to your authors app - the resulting migration will contain a dependency on a migration in authors.

This means that when you run the migrations, the authors migration runs first and creates the table the ForeignKey references, and then the migration that makes the ForeignKey column runs afterwards and creates the constraint. If this didn’t happen, the migration would try to create the ForeignKey column without the table it’s referencing existing and your database would throw an error.

This dependency behavior affects most migration operations where you restrict to a single app. Restricting to a single app (either in makemigrations or migrate) is a best-efforts promise, and not a guarantee; any other apps that need to be used to get dependencies correct will be.

Apps without migrations must not have relations (ForeignKey, ManyToManyField, etc.) to apps with migrations. Sometimes it may work, but it’s not supported.

3.7.6 Migration files

Migrations are stored as an on-disk format, referred to here as “migration files”. These files are actually normal Python files with an agreed-upon object layout, written in a declarative style.

A basic migration file looks like this:
What Django looks for when it loads a migration file (as a Python module) is a subclass of `django.db.migrations.Migration` called `Migration`. It then inspects this object for four attributes, only two of which are used most of the time:

- `dependencies`, a list of migrations this one depends on.
- `operations`, a list of `Operation` classes that define what this migration does.

The operations are the key; they are a set of declarative instructions which tell Django what schema changes need to be made. Django scans them and builds an in-memory representation of all of the schema changes to all apps, and uses this to generate the SQL which makes the schema changes.

That in-memory structure is also used to work out what the differences are between your models and the current state of your migrations; Django runs through all the changes, in order, on an in-memory set of models to come up with the state of your models last time you ran `makemigrations`. It then uses these models to compare against the ones in your `models.py` files to work out what you have changed.

You should rarely, if ever, need to edit migration files by hand, but it's entirely possible to write them manually if you need to. Some of the more complex operations are not autodetectable and are only available via a hand-written migration, so don’t be scared about editing them if you have to.

### Custom fields

You can’t modify the number of positional arguments in an already migrated custom field without raising a `TypeError`. The old migration will call the modified `__init__` method with the old signature. So if you need a new argument, please create a keyword argument and add something like `assert 'argument_name' in kwargs` in the constructor.

### Model managers

You can optionally serialize managers into migrations and have them available in `RunPython` operations. This is done by defining a `use_in_migrations` attribute on the manager class:

```python
class MyManager (models.Manager):
    use_in_migrations = True

class MyModel (models.Model):
    objects = MyManager()
```

If you are using the `from_queryset()` function to dynamically generate a manager class, you need to inherit from the generated class to make it importable:

```python
class MyManager (MyBaseManager.from_queryset(CustomQuerySet)):
    use_in_migrations = True
```

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class MyModel (models.Model):
  objects = MyManager()

Please refer to the notes about Historical models in migrations to see the implications that come along.

Initial migrations

Migration.initial

The “initial migrations” for an app are the migrations that create the first version of that app’s tables. Usually an app will have one initial migration, but in some cases of complex model interdependencies it may have two or more.

Initial migrations are marked with an initial = True class attribute on the migration class. If an initial class attribute isn’t found, a migration will be considered “initial” if it is the first migration in the app (i.e. if it has no dependencies on any other migration in the same app).

When the migrate --fake-initial option is used, these initial migrations are treated specially. For an initial migration that creates one or more tables (CreateModel operation), Django checks that all of those tables already exist in the database and fake-applies the migration if so. Similarly, for an initial migration that adds one or more fields (AddField operation), Django checks that all of the respective columns already exist in the database and fake-applies the migration if so. Without --fake-initial, initial migrations are treated no differently from any other migration.

History consistency

As previously discussed, you may need to linearize migrations manually when two development branches are joined. While editing migration dependencies, you can inadvertently create an inconsistent history state where a migration has been applied but some of its dependencies haven’t. This is a strong indication that the dependencies are incorrect, so Django will refuse to run migrations or make new migrations until it’s fixed. When using multiple databases, you can use the allow_migrate() method of database routers to control which databases makemigrations checks for consistent history.

3.7.7 Adding migrations to apps

New apps come preconfigured to accept migrations, and so you can add migrations by running makemigrations once you’ve made some changes.

If your app already has models and database tables, and doesn’t have migrations yet (for example, you created it against a previous Django version), you’ll need to convert it to use migrations by running:

```bash
$ python manage.py makemigrations your_app_label
```

This will make a new initial migration for your app. Now, run python manage.py migrate --fake-initial, and Django will detect that you have an initial migration and that the tables it wants to create already exist, and will mark the migration as already applied. (Without the migrate --fake-initial flag, the command would error out because the tables it wants to create already exist.)

Note that this only works given two things:

- You have not changed your models since you made their tables. For migrations to work, you must make the initial migration first and then make changes, as Django compares changes against migration files, not the database.

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• You have not manually edited your database - Django won’t be able to detect that your database doesn’t match your models, you’ll just get errors when migrations try to modify those tables.

### 3.7.8 Reversing migrations

Migrations can be reversed with `migrate` by passing the number of the previous migration. For example, to reverse migration books.0003:

```bash
$ python manage.py migrate books 0002
Operations to perform:
  Target specific migration: 0002_auto, from books
Running migrations:
  Rendering model states... DONE
  Unapplying books.0003_auto... OK
```

If you want to reverse all migrations applied for an app, use the name `zero`:

```bash
$ python manage.py migrate books zero
Operations to perform:
  Unapply all migrations: books
Running migrations:
  Rendering model states... DONE
  Unapplying books.0002_auto... OK
  Unapplying books.0001_initial... OK
```

A migration is irreversible if it contains any irreversible operations. Attempting to reverse such migrations will raise `IrreversibleError`:

```bash
$ python manage.py migrate books 0002
Operations to perform:
  Target specific migration: 0002_auto, from books
Running migrations:
  Rendering model states... DONE
  Unapplying books.0003_auto... Traceback (most recent call last):
  django.db.migrations.exceptions.IrreversibleError: Operation <RunSQL sql='DROP TABLE demo_books'> in books.0003_auto is not reversible
```

### 3.7.9 Historical models

When you run migrations, Django is working from historical versions of your models stored in the migration files. If you write Python code using the `RunPython` operation, or if you have `allow_migrate` methods on your database routers, you need to use these historical model versions rather than importing them directly.

**Warning:** If you import models directly rather than using the historical models, your migrations may work initially but will fail in the future when you try to re-run old migrations (commonly, when you set up a new installation and run through all the migrations to set up the database).

This means that historical model problems may not be immediately obvious. If you run into this kind of failure, it’s OK to edit the migration to use the historical models rather than direct imports and commit those changes.

Because it’s impossible to serialize arbitrary Python code, these historical models will not have any custom methods that you have defined. They will, however, have the same fields, relationships, managers (limited to those with
use_in_migrations = True) and Meta options (also versioned, so they may be different from your current ones).

**Warning:** This means that you will NOT have custom save() methods called on objects when you access them in migrations, and you will NOT have any custom constructors or instance methods. Plan appropriately!

References to functions in field options such as upload_to and limit_choices_to and model manager declarations with managers having use_in_migrations = True are serialized in migrations, so the functions and classes will need to be kept around for as long as there is a migration referencing them. Any custom model fields will also need to be kept, since these are imported directly by migrations.

In addition, the concrete base classes of the model are stored as pointers, so you must always keep base classes around for as long as there is a migration that contains a reference to them. On the plus side, methods and managers from these base classes inherit normally, so if you absolutely need access to these you can opt to move them into a superclass.

To remove old references, you can squash migrations or, if there aren’t many references, copy them into the migration files.

### 3.7.10 Considerations when removing model fields

Similar to the “references to historical functions” considerations described in the previous section, removing custom model fields from your project or third-party app will cause a problem if they are referenced in old migrations.

To help with this situation, Django provides some model field attributes to assist with model field deprecation using the system checks framework.

Add the `system_check_deprecated_details` attribute to your model field similar to the following:

```python
class IPAddressField(Field):
    system_check_deprecated_details = {
        'msg': (
            'IPAddressField has been deprecated. Support for it (except '
            'in historical migrations) will be removed in Django 1.9.'
        ),
        'hint': 'Use GenericIPAddressField instead.', # optional
        'id': 'fields.W900', # pick a unique ID for your field.
    }
```

After a deprecation period of your choosing (two or three feature releases for fields in Django itself), change the `system_check_deprecated_details` attribute to `system_check_removed_details` and update the dictionary similar to:

```python
class IPAddressField(Field):
    system_check_removed_details = {
        'msg': (
            'IPAddressField has been removed except for support in '
            'historical migrations.'
        ),
        'hint': 'Use GenericIPAddressField instead.',
        'id': 'fields.E900', # pick a unique ID for your field.
    }
```

You should keep the field’s methods that are required for it to operate in database migrations such as `__init__()`, `deconstruct()`, and `get_internal_type()`. Keep this stub field for as long as any migrations which reference the field exist. For example, after squashing migrations and removing the old ones, you should be able to remove the field completely.
3.7.11 Data Migrations

As well as changing the database schema, you can also use migrations to change the data in the database itself, in conjunction with the schema if you want.

Migrations that alter data are usually called “data migrations”; they’re best written as separate migrations, sitting alongside your schema migrations.

Django can’t automatically generate data migrations for you, as it does with schema migrations, but it’s not very hard to write them. Migration files in Django are made up of Operations, and the main operation you use for data migrations is RunPython.

To start, make an empty migration file you can work from (Django will put the file in the right place, suggest a name, and add dependencies for you):

```python
python manage.py makemigrations --empty yourappname
```

Then, open up the file; it should look something like this:

```python
# Generated by Django A.B on YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM
from django.db import migrations

class Migration(migrations.Migration):
    dependencies = [
        ('yourappname', '0001_initial'),
    ]
    operations = [
    ]
```

Now, all you need to do is create a new function and have RunPython use it. RunPython expects a callable as its argument which takes two arguments - the first is an app registry that has the historical versions of all your models loaded into it to match where in your history the migration sits, and the second is a SchemaEditor, which you can use to manually effect database schema changes (but beware, doing this can confuse the migration autodetector!)

Let’s write a migration that populates our new name field with the combined values of first_name and last_name (we’ve come to our senses and realized that not everyone has first and last names). All we need to do is use the historical model and iterate over the rows:

```python
from django.db import migrations

def combine_names(apps, schema_editor):
    # We can't import the Person model directly as it may be a newer
    # version than this migration expects. We use the historical version.
    Person = apps.get_model('yourappname', 'Person')
    for person in Person.objects.all():
        person.name = '%s %s' % (person.first_name, person.last_name)
        person.save()

class Migration(migrations.Migration):
    dependencies = [
        ('yourappname', '0001_initial'),
    ]
    operations = [
        migrations.RunPython(combine_names),
    ]
```

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Once that’s done, we can run `python manage.py migrate` as normal and the data migration will run in place alongside other migrations.

You can pass a second callable to `RunPython` to run whatever logic you want executed when migrating backwards. If this callable is omitted, migrating backwards will raise an exception.

### Accessing models from other apps

When writing a `RunPython` function that uses models from apps other than the one in which the migration is located, the migration’s `dependencies` attribute should include the latest migration of each app that is involved, otherwise you may get an error similar to: `LookupError: No installed app with label 'myappname' when you try to retrieve the model in the RunPython function using apps.get_model().`

In the following example, we have a migration in `app1` which needs to use models in `app2`. We aren’t concerned with the details of `move_m1` other than the fact it will need to access models from both apps. Therefore we’ve added a dependency that specifies the last migration of `app2`:

```python
class Migration(migrations.Migration):
    dependencies = [
        ('app1', '0001_initial'),
        # added dependency to enable using models from app2 in move_m1
        ('app2', '0004_foobar'),
    ]

    operations = [
        migrations.RunPython(move_m1),
    ]
```

### More advanced migrations

If you’re interested in the more advanced migration operations, or want to be able to write your own, see the [migration operations reference](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/db/migrating/#more-advanced-migrations) and the “how-to” on [writing migrations](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/db/migrating/).

### 3.7.12 Squashing migrations

You are encouraged to make migrations freely and not worry about how many you have; the migration code is optimized to deal with hundreds at a time without much slowdown. However, eventually you will want to move back from having several hundred migrations to just a few, and that’s where squashing comes in.

Squashing is the act of reducing an existing set of many migrations down to one (or sometimes a few) migrations which still represent the same changes.

Django does this by taking all of your existing migrations, extracting their `Operations` and putting them all in sequence, and then running an optimizer over them to try and reduce the length of the list - for example, it knows that `CreateModel` and `DeleteModel` cancel each other out, and it knows that `AddField` can be rolled into `CreateModel`.

Once the operation sequence has been reduced as much as possible - the amount possible depends on how closely intertwined your models are and if you have any `RunSQL` or `RunPython` operations (which can’t be optimized through unless they are marked as `elidable`) - Django will then write it back out into a new set of migration files.

These files are marked to say they replace the previously-squashed migrations, so they can coexist with the old migration files, and Django will intelligently switch between them depending where you are in the history. If you’re still
part-way through the set of migrations that you squashed, it will keep using them until it hits the end and then switch
to the squashed history, while new installs will use the new squashed migration and skip all the old ones.

This enables you to squash and not mess up systems currently in production that aren’t fully up-to-date yet. The
recommended process is to squash, keeping the old files, commit and release, wait until all systems are upgraded with
the new release (or if you’re a third-party project, ensure your users upgrade releases in order without skipping any),
and then remove the old files, commit and do a second release.

The command that backs all this is `squashmigrations` - pass it the app label and migration name you want to
squash up to, and it’ll get to work:

```bash
$ ./manage.py squashmigrations myapp 0004
Will squash the following migrations:
- 0001_initial
- 0002_some_change
- 0003_another_change
- 0004_undo_something
Do you wish to proceed? [yN] y
Optimizing...
Optimized from 12 operations to 7 operations.
Created new squashed migration /home/andrew/Programs/DjangoTest/test/migrations/0001_
→squashed_0004_undo_somthing.py
You should commit this migration but leave the old ones in place;
the new migration will be used for new installs. Once you are sure
all instances of the codebase have applied the migrations you squashed,
you can delete them.
```

Use the `squashmigrations --squashed-name` option if you want to set the name of the squashed migration
rather than use an autogenerated one.

Note that model interdependencies in Django can get very complex, and squashing may result in migrations that do
not run; either mis-optimized (in which case you can try again with `--no-optimize`, though you should also report
an issue), or with a `CircularDependencyError`, in which case you can manually resolve it.

To manually resolve a `CircularDependencyError`, break out one of the ForeignKeys in the circular depen-
dency loop into a separate migration, and move the dependency on the other app with it. If you’re unsure, see how
`makemigrations` deals with the problem when asked to create brand new migrations from your models. In a future
release of Django, `squashmigrations` will be updated to attempt to resolve these errors itself.

Once you’ve squashed your migration, you should then commit it alongside the migrations it replaces and distribute
this change to all running instances of your application, making sure that they run `migrate` to store the change in
their database.

You must then transition the squashed migration to a normal migration by:

- Deleting all the migration files it replaces.
- Updating all migrations that depend on the deleted migrations to depend on the squashed migration instead.
- Removing the `replaces` attribute in the `Migration` class of the squashed migration (this is how Django
tells that it is a squashed migration).

**Note:** Once you’ve squashed a migration, you should not then re-squash that squashed migration until you have fully
transitioned it to a normal migration.
3.7.13 Serializing values

Migrations are Python files containing the old definitions of your models - thus, to write them, Django must take the current state of your models and serialize them out into a file.

While Django can serialize most things, there are some things that we just can’t serialize out into a valid Python representation - there’s no Python standard for how a value can be turned back into code (repr() only works for basic values, and doesn’t specify import paths).

Django can serialize the following:

- int, float, bool, str, bytes, None, NoneType
- list, set, tuple, dict, range.
- datetime.date, datetime.time, and datetime.datetime instances (include those that are timezone-aware)
- decimal.Decimal instances
- enum.Enum instances
- uuid.UUID instances
- functools.partial() and functools.partialmethod instances which have serializable func, args, and keywords values.
- EnumerationObject instances which wrap a serializable value.
- Enumeration types (e.g. TextChoices or IntegerChoices) instances.
- Any Django field
- Any function or method reference (e.g. datetime.datetime.today) (must be in module’s top-level scope)
- Unbound methods used from within the class body
- Any class reference (must be in module’s top-level scope)
- Anything with a custom deconstruct() method (see below)

Django cannot serialize:

- Nested classes
- Arbitrary class instances (e.g. MyClass(4.3, 5.7))
- Lambdas

Custom serializers

You can serialize other types by writing a custom serializer. For example, if Django didn’t serialize Decimal by default, you could do this:

```python
from decimal import Decimal
from django.db.migrations.serializer import BaseSerializer
from django.db.migrations.writer import MigrationWriter

class DecimalSerializer(BaseSerializer):
    def serialize(self):
        return repr(self.value), {'from decimal import Decimal'}
```
(continues on next page)
MigrationWriter.register_serializer(Decimal, DecimalSerializer)

The first argument of \texttt{MigrationWriter.register_serializer()} is a type or iterable of types that should use the serializer.

The 	exttt{serialize()} method of your serializer must return a string of how the value should appear in migrations and a set of any imports that are needed in the migration.

\section*{Adding a \texttt{deconstruct()} method}

You can let Django serialize your own custom class instances by giving the class a \texttt{deconstruct()} method. It takes no arguments, and should return a tuple of three things (\texttt{path, args, kwargs}):

- \texttt{path} should be the Python path to the class, with the class name included as the last part (for example, \texttt{myapp.custom_things.MyClass}). If your class is not available at the top level of a module it is not serializable.
- \texttt{args} should be a list of positional arguments to pass to your class’ \texttt{__init__} method. Everything in this list should itself be serializable.
- \texttt{kwargs} should be a dict of keyword arguments to pass to your class’ \texttt{__init__} method. Every value should itself be serializable.

\textbf{Note:} This return value is different from the \texttt{deconstruct()} method \textit{for custom fields} which returns a tuple of four items.

Django will write out the value as an instantiation of your class with the given arguments, similar to the way it writes out references to Django fields.

To prevent a new migration from being created each time \texttt{makemigrations} is run, you should also add a \texttt{__eq__() method to the decorated class. This function will be called by Django’s migration framework to detect changes between states.

As long as all of the arguments to your class’ constructor are themselves serializable, you can use the \texttt{@deconstructible class decorator from django.utils.deconstruct to add the deconstruct()} method:

```python
from django.utils.deconstruct import deconstructible

@deconstructible
class MyCustomClass:
    def __init__(self, foo=1):
        self.foo = foo
    ...

    def __eq__(self, other):
        return self.foo == other.foo
```

The decorator adds logic to capture and preserve the arguments on their way into your constructor, and then returns those arguments exactly when \texttt{deconstruct()} is called.
3.7.14 Supporting multiple Django versions

If you are the maintainer of a third-party app with models, you may need to ship migrations that support multiple Django versions. In this case, you should always run `makemigrations` with the lowest Django version you wish to support.

The migrations system will maintain backwards-compatibility according to the same policy as the rest of Django, so migration files generated on Django X.Y should run unchanged on Django X.Y+1. The migrations system does not promise forwards-compatibility, however. New features may be added, and migration files generated with newer versions of Django may not work on older versions.

See also:

* The Migrations Operations Reference  Covers the schema operations API, special operations, and writing your own operations.
* The Writing Migrations “how-to”  Explains how to structure and write database migrations for different scenarios you might encounter.

3.8 Managing files

This document describes Django’s file access APIs for files such as those uploaded by a user. The lower level APIs are general enough that you could use them for other purposes. If you want to handle “static files” (JS, CSS, etc.), see Managing static files (e.g. images, JavaScript, CSS).

By default, Django stores files locally, using the `MEDIA_ROOT` and `MEDIA_URL` settings. The examples below assume that you’re using these defaults.

However, Django provides ways to write custom file storage systems that allow you to completely customize where and how Django stores files. The second half of this document describes how these storage systems work.

3.8.1 Using files in models

When you use a `FileField` or `ImageField`, Django provides a set of APIs you can use to deal with that file.

Consider the following model, using an `ImageField` to store a photo:

```python
from django.db import models

class Car(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=255)
    price = models.DecimalField(max_digits=5, decimal_places=2)
    photo = models.ImageField(upload_to='cars')
```

Any `Car` instance will have a `photo` attribute that you can use to get at the details of the attached photo:

```python
>>> car = Car.objects.get(name="57 Chevy")
>>> car.photo
<ImageFieldFile: cars/chevy.jpg>

>>> car.photo.name
'cars/chevy.jpg'

>>> car.photo.path
'/media/cars/chevy.jpg'

>>> car.photo.url
'http://media.example.com/cars/chevy.jpg'
```
This object — car.photo in the example — is a File object, which means it has all the methods and attributes described below.

**Note:** The file is saved as part of saving the model in the database, so the actual file name used on disk cannot be relied on until after the model has been saved.

For example, you can change the file name by setting the file’s name to a path relative to the file storage’s location (MEDIA_ROOT if you are using the default FileSystemStorage):

```python
>>> import os
>>> from django.conf import settings
>>> initial_path = car.photo.path
>>> new_path = settings.MEDIA_ROOT + car.photo.name
>>> # Move the file on the filesystem
>>> os.rename(initial_path, new_path)
>>> car.save()
>>> new_path
'/media/cars/chevy_ii.jpg'
>>> car.photo.path == new_path
True
```

**Note:** Whilst ImageField non-image data attributes, such as height, width, and size are available on the instance, the underlying image data cannot be used without reopening the image. For example:

```python
>>> from PIL import Image
>>> car = Car.objects.get(name='57 Chevy')
>>> car.photo.width
191
>>> car.photo.height
287
>>> image = Image.open(car.photo)
# Raises ValueError: seek of closed file.
>>> car.photo.open()
<ImageFieldFile: cars/chevy.jpg>
>>> image = Image.open(car.photo)
>>> image
<PIL.JpegImagePlugin.JpegImageFile image mode=RGB size=191x287 at 0x7F99A94E9048>
```

### 3.8.2 The File object

Internally, Django uses a django.core.files.File instance any time it needs to represent a file.

Most of the time you’ll use a File that Django’s given you (i.e. a file attached to a model as above, or perhaps an uploaded file).

If you need to construct a File yourself, the easiest way is to create one using a Python built-in file object:

```python
>>> from django.core.files import File

# Create a Python file object using open()
>>> f = open('/path/to/hello.world', 'w')
>>> myfile = File(f)
```
Now you can use any of the documented attributes and methods of the `File` class.

Be aware that files created in this way are not automatically closed. The following approach may be used to close files automatically:

```python
>>> from django.core.files import File
# Create a Python file object using open() and the with statement
>>> with open('/path/to/hello.world', 'w') as f:
...     myfile = File(f)
...     myfile.write('Hello World')
... >>> myfile.closed
True
>>> f.closed
True
```

Closing files is especially important when accessing file fields in a loop over a large number of objects. If files are not manually closed after accessing them, the risk of running out of file descriptors may arise. This may lead to the following error:

```
OSError: [Errno 24] Too many open files
```

### 3.8.3 File storage

Behind the scenes, Django delegates decisions about how and where to store files to a file storage system. This is the object that actually understands things like file systems, opening and reading files, etc.

Django’s default file storage is given by the `DEFAULT_FILE_STORAGE` setting; if you don’t explicitly provide a storage system, this is the one that will be used.

See below for details of the built-in default file storage system, and see [Writing a custom storage system](#) for information on writing your own file storage system.

#### Storage objects

Though most of the time you’ll want to use a `File` object (which delegates to the proper storage for that file), you can use file storage systems directly. You can create an instance of some custom file storage class, or – often more useful – you can use the global default storage system:

```python
>>> from django.core.files.base import ContentFile
>>> from django.core.files.storage import default_storage

>>> path = default_storage.save('path/to/file', ContentFile(b'new content'))
>>> path
'path/to/file'

>>> default_storage.size(path)
11
>>> default_storage.open(path).read()
 b'new content'

>>> default_storage.delete(path)
>>> default_storage.exists(path)
False
```
See *File storage API* for the file storage API.

**The built-in filesystem storage class**

Django ships with a `django.core.files.storage.FileSystemStorage` class which implements basic local filesystem file storage.

For example, the following code will store uploaded files under `/media/photos` regardless of what your `MEDIA_ROOT` setting is:

```python
from django.core.files.storage import FileSystemStorage
from django.db import models

fs = FileSystemStorage(location='/media/photos')

class Car(models.Model):
    ...
    photo = models.ImageField(storage=fs)
```

*Custom storage systems* work the same way: you can pass them in as the `storage` argument to a `FileField`.

**Using a callable**

You can use a callable as the `storage` parameter for `FileField` or `ImageField`. This allows you to modify the used storage at runtime, selecting different storages for different environments, for example.

Your callable will be evaluated when your models classes are loaded, and must return an instance of `Storage`.

For example:

```python
from django.conf import settings
from django.db import models
from .storages import MyLocalStorage, MyRemoteStorage

def select_storage():
    return MyLocalStorage() if settings.DEBUG else MyRemoteStorage()

class MyModel(models.Model):
    my_file = models.FileField(storage=select_storage)
```

### 3.9 Testing in Django

Automated testing is an extremely useful bug-killing tool for the modern Web developer. You can use a collection of tests – a *test suite* – to solve, or avoid, a number of problems:

- When you’re writing new code, you can use tests to validate your code works as expected.
- When you’re refactoring or modifying old code, you can use tests to ensure your changes haven’t affected your application’s behavior unexpectedly.

Testing a Web application is a complex task, because a Web application is made of several layers of logic – from HTTP-level request handling, to form validation and processing, to template rendering. With Django’s test-execution
framework and assorted utilities, you can simulate requests, insert test data, inspect your application’s output and generally verify your code is doing what it should be doing.

The preferred way to write tests in Django is using the `unittest` module built-in to the Python standard library. This is covered in detail in the Writing and running tests document.

You can also use any other Python test framework; Django provides an API and tools for that kind of integration. They are described in the Using different testing frameworks section of Advanced testing topics.

### 3.9.1 Writing and running tests

See also:

The testing tutorial, the testing tools reference, and the advanced testing topics.

This document is split into two primary sections. First, we explain how to write tests with Django. Then, we explain how to run them.

**Writing tests**

Django’s unit tests use a Python standard library module: `unittest`. This module defines tests using a class-based approach.

Here is an example which subclasses from `django.test.TestCase`, which is a subclass of `unittest.TestCase` that runs each test inside a transaction to provide isolation:

```python
from django.test import TestCase
from myapp.models import Animal

class AnimalTestCase(TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        Animal.objects.create(name="lion", sound="roar")
        Animal.objects.create(name="cat", sound="meow")

    def test_animals_can_speak(self):
        """Animals that can speak are correctly identified""
        lion = Animal.objects.get(name="lion")
        cat = Animal.objects.get(name="cat")
        self.assertEqual(lion.speak(), 'The lion says "roar"')
        self.assertEqual(cat.speak(), 'The cat says "meow"')
```

When you run your tests, the default behavior of the test utility is to find all the test cases (that is, subclasses of `unittest.TestCase`) in any file whose name begins with `test`, automatically build a test suite out of those test cases, and run that suite.

For more details about `unittest`, see the Python documentation.

**Where should the tests live?**

The default `startapp` template creates a `tests.py` file in the new application. This might be fine if you only have a few tests, but as your test suite grows you’ll likely want to restructure it into a tests package so you can split your tests into different submodules such as `test_models.py`, `test_views.py`, `test_forms.py`, etc. Feel free to pick whatever organizational scheme you like.

See also Using the Django test runner to test reusable applications.
**Warning:** If your tests rely on database access such as creating or querying models, be sure to create your test classes as subclasses of `django.test.TestCase` rather than `unittest.TestCase`.

Using `unittest.TestCase` avoids the cost of running each test in a transaction and flushing the database, but if your tests interact with the database their behavior will vary based on the order that the test runner executes them. This can lead to unit tests that pass when run in isolation but fail when run in a suite.

### Running tests

Once you’ve written tests, run them using the `test` command of your project’s `manage.py` utility:

```bash
$ ./manage.py test
```

Test discovery is based on the unittest module’s built-in test discovery. By default, this will discover tests in any file named “test*.py” under the current working directory.

You can specify particular tests to run by supplying any number of “test labels” to `./manage.py test`. Each test label can be a full Python dotted path to a package, module, `TestCase` subclass, or test method. For instance:

```bash
# Run all the tests in the animals.tests module
$ ./manage.py test animals.tests

# Run all the tests found within the 'animals' package
$ ./manage.py test animals

# Run just one test case
$ ./manage.py test animals.tests.AnimalTestCase

# Run just one test method
$ ./manage.py test animals.tests.AnimalTestCase.test_animals_can_speak
```

You can also provide a path to a directory to discover tests below that directory:

```bash
$ ./manage.py test animals/
```

You can specify a custom filename pattern match using the `-p` (or `--pattern`) option, if your test files are named differently from the `test*.py` pattern:

```bash
$ ./manage.py test --pattern="tests_*.py"
```

If you press Ctrl-C while the tests are running, the test runner will wait for the currently running test to complete and then exit gracefully. During a graceful exit the test runner will output details of any test failures, report on how many tests were run and how many errors and failures were encountered, and destroy any test databases as usual. Thus pressing Ctrl-C can be very useful if you forget to pass the `--failfast` option, notice that some tests are unexpectedly failing and want to get details on the failures without waiting for the full test run to complete.

If you do not want to wait for the currently running test to finish, you can press Ctrl-C a second time and the test run will halt immediately, but not gracefully. No details of the tests run before the interruption will be reported, and any test databases created by the run will not be destroyed.

### Test with warnings enabled

It’s a good idea to run your tests with Python warnings enabled: `python -Wa manage.py test`. The `-Wa` flag tells Python to display deprecation warnings. Django, like many other Python libraries, uses these warnings to flag
when features are going away. It also might flag areas in your code that aren’t strictly wrong but could benefit from a better implementation.

The test database

Tests that require a database (namely, model tests) will not use your “real” (production) database. Separate, blank databases are created for the tests.

Regardless of whether the tests pass or fail, the test databases are destroyed when all the tests have been executed.

You can prevent the test databases from being destroyed by using the `test --keepdb` option. This will preserve the test database between runs. If the database does not exist, it will first be created. Any migrations will also be applied in order to keep it up to date.

As described in the previous section, if a test run is forcefully interrupted, the test database may not be destroyed. On the next run, you’ll be asked whether you want to reuse or destroy the database. Use the `test --noinput` option to suppress that prompt and automatically destroy the database. This can be useful when running tests on a continuous integration server where tests may be interrupted by a timeout, for example.

The default test database names are created by prepending `test_` to the value of each `NAME` in `DATABASES`. When using SQLite, the tests will use an in-memory database by default (i.e., the database will be created in memory, bypassing the filesystem entirely!). The `TEST` dictionary in `DATABASES` offers a number of settings to configure your test database. For example, if you want to use a different database name, specify `NAME` in the `TEST` dictionary for any given database in `DATABASES`.

On PostgreSQL, `USER` will also need read access to the built-in `postgres` database.

Aside from using a separate database, the test runner will otherwise use all of the same database settings you have in your settings file: `ENGINE`, `USER`, `HOST`, etc. The test database is created by the user specified by `USER`, so you’ll need to make sure that the given user account has sufficient privileges to create a new database on the system.

For fine-grained control over the character encoding of your test database, use the `CHARSET` `TEST` option. If you’re using MySQL, you can also use the `COLLATION` option to control the particular collation used by the test database. See the settings documentation for details of these and other advanced settings.

If using an SQLite in-memory database with SQLite, shared cache is enabled, so you can write tests with ability to share the database between threads.

Finding data from your production database when running tests?

If your code attempts to access the database when its modules are compiled, this will occur before the test database is set up, with potentially unexpected results. For example, if you have a database query in module-level code and a real database exists, production data could pollute your tests. It is a bad idea to have such import-time database queries in your code anyway - rewrite your code so that it doesn’t do this.

This also applies to customized implementations of `ready()`.

See also:
The advanced multi-db testing topics.

Order in which tests are executed

In order to guarantee that all `TestCase` code starts with a clean database, the Django test runner reorders tests in the following way:
• All `TestCase` subclasses are run first.

• Then, all other Django-based tests (test cases based on `SimpleTestCase`, including `TransactionTestCase`) are run with no particular ordering guaranteed nor enforced among them.

• Then any other `unittest.TestCase` tests (including doctests) that may alter the database without restoring it to its original state are run.

**Note:** The new ordering of tests may reveal unexpected dependencies on test case ordering. This is the case with doctests that relied on state left in the database by a given `TransactionTestCase` test, they must be updated to be able to run independently.

You may reverse the execution order inside groups using the `test --reverse` option. This can help with ensuring your tests are independent from each other.

**Rollback emulation**

Any initial data loaded in migrations will only be available in `TestCase` tests and not in `TransactionTestCase` tests, and additionally only on backends where transactions are supported (the most important exception being MyISAM). This is also true for tests which rely on `TransactionTestCase` such as `LiveServerTestCase` and `StaticLiveServerTestCase`.

Django can reload that data for you on a per-testcase basis by setting the `serialized_rollback` option to `True` in the body of the `TestCase` or `TransactionTestCase`, but note that this will slow down that test suite by approximately 3x.

Third-party apps or those developing against MyISAM will need to set this; in general, however, you should be developing your own projects against a transactional database and be using `TestCase` for most tests, and thus not need this setting.

The initial serialization is usually very quick, but if you wish to exclude some apps from this process (and speed up test runs slightly), you may add those apps to `TEST_NON_SERIALIZED_APPS`.

To prevent serialized data from being loaded twice, setting `serialized_rollback=True` disables the `post_migrate` signal when flushing the test database.

**Other test conditions**

Regardless of the value of the `DEBUG` setting in your configuration file, all Django tests run with `DEBUG=False`. This is to ensure that the observed output of your code matches what will be seen in a production setting.

Caches are not cleared after each test, and running “manage.py test fooapp” can insert data from the tests into the cache of a live system if you run your tests in production because, unlike databases, a separate “test cache” is not used. This behavior may change in the future.

**Understanding the test output**

When you run your tests, you’ll see a number of messages as the test runner prepares itself. You can control the level of detail of these messages with the `verbosity` option on the command line:

```
Creating test database...
Creating table myapp_animal
Creating table myapp_mineral
```
This tells you that the test runner is creating a test database, as described in the previous section.

Once the test database has been created, Django will run your tests. If everything goes well, you’ll see something like this:

```
Ran 22 tests in 0.221s
OK
```

If there are test failures, however, you’ll see full details about which tests failed:

```
FAIL: test_was_published_recently_with_future_poll (polls.tests.PollMethodTests)

Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "~/dev/mysite/polls/tests.py", line 16, in test_was_published_recently_with_future_poll
    self.assertIs(future_poll.was_published_recently(), False)
AssertionError: True is not False

Ran 1 test in 0.003s
FAILED (failures=1)
```

A full explanation of this error output is beyond the scope of this document, but it’s pretty intuitive. You can consult the documentation of Python’s `unittest` library for details.

Note that the return code for the test-runner script is 1 for any number of failed and erroneous tests. If all the tests pass, the return code is 0. This feature is useful if you’re using the test-runner script in a shell script and need to test for success or failure at that level.

**Speeding up the tests**

**Running tests in parallel**

As long as your tests are properly isolated, you can run them in parallel to gain a speed up on multi-core hardware. See `test --parallel`.

**Password hashing**

The default password hasher is rather slow by design. If you’re authenticating many users in your tests, you may want to use a custom settings file and set the `PASSWORD_HASHERS` setting to a faster hashing algorithm:

```python
PASSWORD_HASHERS = [
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.MD5PasswordHasher',
]
```

Don’t forget to also include in `PASSWORD_HASHERS` any hashing algorithm used in fixtures, if any.
Preserving the test database

The `test --keepdb` option preserves the test database between test runs. It skips the create and destroy actions which can greatly decrease the time to run tests.

3.9.2 Testing tools

Django provides a small set of tools that come in handy when writing tests.

The test client

The test client is a Python class that acts as a dummy Web browser, allowing you to test your views and interact with your Django-powered application programmatically.

Some of the things you can do with the test client are:

- Simulate GET and POST requests on a URL and observe the response – everything from low-level HTTP (result headers and status codes) to page content.
- See the chain of redirects (if any) and check the URL and status code at each step.
- Test that a given request is rendered by a given Django template, with a template context that contains certain values.

Note that the test client is not intended to be a replacement for Selenium or other “in-browser” frameworks. Django’s test client has a different focus. In short:

- Use Django’s test client to establish that the correct template is being rendered and that the template is passed the correct context data.
- Use in-browser frameworks like Selenium to test rendered HTML and the behavior of Web pages, namely JavaScript functionality. Django also provides special support for those frameworks; see the section on LiveServerTestCase for more details.

A comprehensive test suite should use a combination of both test types.

Overview and a quick example

To use the test client, instantiate `django.test.Client` and retrieve Web pages:

```python
>>> from django.test import Client
>>> c = Client()
>>> response = c.post('/login/', {'username': 'john', 'password': 'smith'})
>>> response.status_code
200
>>> response = c.get('/customer/details/')
>>> response.content
b'<!DOCTYPE html...'
```

As this example suggests, you can instantiate `Client` from within a session of the Python interactive interpreter.

Note a few important things about how the test client works:

- The test client does not require the Web server to be running. In fact, it will run just fine with no Web server running at all! That’s because it avoids the overhead of HTTP and deals directly with the Django framework. This helps make the unit tests run quickly.
- When retrieving pages, remember to specify the *path* of the URL, not the whole domain. For example, this is correct:

```python
>>> c.get('/login/)
```

This is incorrect:

```python
>>> c.get('https://www.example.com/login/)
```

The test client is not capable of retrieving Web pages that are not powered by your Django project. If you need to retrieve other Web pages, use a Python standard library module such as *urllib*.

- To resolve URLs, the test client uses whatever URLconf is pointed-to by your `ROOT_URLCONF` setting.

- Although the above example would work in the Python interactive interpreter, some of the test client’s functionality, notably the template-related functionality, is only available *while tests are running*.

  The reason for this is that Django’s test runner performs a bit of black magic in order to determine which template was loaded by a given view. This black magic (essentially a patching of Django’s template system in memory) only happens during test running.

- By default, the test client will disable any CSRF checks performed by your site.

  If, for some reason, you want the test client to perform CSRF checks, you can create an instance of the test client that enforces CSRF checks. To do this, pass in the `enforce_csrf_checks` argument when you construct your client:

```python
>>> from django.test import Client
>>> csrf_client = Client(enforce_csrf_checks=True)
```

### Making requests

Use the `django.test.Client` class to make requests.

```python
class Client (enforce_csrf_checks=False, json_encoder=DjangoJSONEncoder, **defaults)
```

It requires no arguments at time of construction. However, you can use keywords arguments to specify some default headers. For example, this will send a `User-Agent` HTTP header in each request:

```python
>>> c = Client(HTTP_USER_AGENT='Mozilla/5.0')
```

The values from the `extra` keywords arguments passed to `get()`, `post()`, etc. have precedence over the defaults passed to the class constructor.

The `enforce_csrf_checks` argument can be used to test CSRF protection (see above).

The `json_encoder` argument allows setting a custom JSON encoder for the JSON serialization that’s described in `post()`.

The `raise_request_exception` argument allows controlling whether or not exceptions raised during the request should also be raised in the test. Defaults to `True`.

The `raise_request_exception` argument was added.

Once you have a `Client` instance, you can call any of the following methods:

```python
def get (path, data=None, follow=False, secure=False, **extra)
```

Makes a GET request on the provided `path` and returns a `Response` object, which is documented below.

The key-value pairs in the `data` dictionary are used to create a GET data payload. For example:
```python
>>> c = Client()
>>> c.get('/customers/details/', {'name': 'fred', 'age': 7})
```

…will result in the evaluation of a GET request equivalent to:

```python
'/customers/details/?name=fred&age=7'
```

The `extra` keyword arguments parameter can be used to specify headers to be sent in the request. For example:

```python
>>> c = Client()
>>> c.get('/customers/details/', {'name': 'fred', 'age': 7},
...     HTTP_ACCEPT='application/json')
```

…will send the HTTP header `HTTP_ACCEPT` to the details view, which is a good way to test code paths that use the `django.http.HttpRequest.accepts()` method.

**CGI specification**

The headers sent via `**extra` should follow CGI specification. For example, emulating a different “Host” header as sent in the HTTP request from the browser to the server should be passed as `HTTP_HOST`.

If you already have the GET arguments in URL-encoded form, you can use that encoding instead of using the data argument. For example, the previous GET request could also be posed as:

```python
>>> c = Client()
>>> c.get('/customers/details/?name=fred&age=7')
```

If you provide a URL with both an encoded GET data and a data argument, the data argument will take precedence.

If you set `follow` to `True` the client will follow any redirects and a `redirect_chain` attribute will be set in the response object containing tuples of the intermediate urls and status codes.

If you had a URL `/redirect_me/` that redirected to `/next/`, that redirected to `/final/`, this is what you’d see:

```python
>>> response = c.get('/redirect_me/', follow=True)
>>> response.redirect_chain
[('http://testserver/next/', 302), ('http://testserver/final/', 302)]
```

If you set `secure` to `True` the client will emulate an HTTPS request.

**post**

```
(path, data=None, content_type=MULTIPART_CONTENT, follow=False, secure=False, **extra)
```

Makes a POST request on the provided `path` and returns a `Response` object, which is documented below.

The key-value pairs in the `data` dictionary are used to submit POST data. For example:

```python
>>> c = Client()
>>> c.post('/login/', {'name': 'fred', 'passwd': 'secret'})
```

…will result in the evaluation of a POST request to this URL:

```
/login/
```

…with this POST data:
name=fred&passwd=secret

If you provide `content_type` as `application/json`, the data is serialized using `json.dumps()` if it’s a dict, list, or tuple. Serialization is performed with `DjangoJSONEncoder` by default, and can be overridden by providing a `json_encoder` argument to `Client`. This serialization also happens for `put()`, `patch()`, and `delete()` requests.

If you provide any other `content_type` (e.g. `text/xml` for an XML payload), the contents of `data` are sent as-is in the POST request, using `content_type` in the HTTP `Content-Type` header.

If you don’t provide a value for `content_type`, the values in `data` will be transmitted with a content type of `multipart/form-data`. In this case, the key-value pairs in `data` will be encoded as a multipart message and used to create the POST data payload.

To submit multiple values for a given key – for example, to specify the selections for a `<select multiple>` – provide the values as a list or tuple for the required key. For example, this value of `data` would submit three selected values for the field named `choices`:

```python
{'choices': ('a', 'b', 'd')}
```

Submitting files is a special case. To POST a file, you need only provide the file field name as a key, and a file handle to the file you wish to upload as a value. For example:

```python
>>> c = Client()
>>> with open('wishlist.doc') as fp:
...     c.post('/customers/wishes/', {'name': 'fred', 'attachment': fp})
```

(The name `attachment` here is not relevant; use whatever name your file-processing code expects.)

You may also provide any file-like object (e.g., `StringIO` or `BytesIO`) as a file handle. If you’re uploading to an `ImageField`, the object needs a `name` attribute that passes the `validate_image_file_extension` validator. For example:

```python
>>> from io import BytesIO
>>> img = BytesIO(b'mybinarydata')
>>> img.name = 'myimage.jpg'
```

Note that if you wish to use the same file handle for multiple `post()` calls then you will need to manually reset the file pointer between posts. The easiest way to do this is to manually close the file after it has been provided to `post()`, as demonstrated above.

You should also ensure that the file is opened in a way that allows the data to be read. If your file contains binary data such as an image, this means you will need to open the file in `rb` (read binary) mode.

The `extra` argument acts the same as for `Client.get()`.

If the URL you request with a POST contains encoded parameters, these parameters will be made available in the request.GET data. For example, if you were to make the request:

```python
>>> c.post('/login/?visitor=true', {'name': 'fred', 'passwd': 'secret'})
```

... the view handling this request could interrogate request.POST to retrieve the username and password, and could interrogate request.GET to determine if the user was a visitor.

If you set `follow` to `True` the client will follow any redirects and a `redirect_chain` attribute will be set in the response object containing tuples of the intermediate urls and status codes.

If you set `secure` to `True` the client will emulate an HTTPS request.
**head** (*path, data=None, follow=False, secure=False, **extra*)

Makes a HEAD request on the provided *path* and returns a *Response* object. This method works just like *Client.get()* including the follow, secure and extra arguments, except it does not return a message body.

**options** (*path, data=None, follow=False, secure=False, **extra*)

Makes an OPTIONS request on the provided *path* and returns a *Response* object. Useful for testing RESTful interfaces.

When *data* is provided, it is used as the request body, and a Content-Type header is set to content_type.

The follow, secure and extra arguments act the same as for *Client.get()*.

**put** (*path, data=None, follow=False, secure=False, **extra*)

Makes a PUT request on the provided *path* and returns a *Response* object. Useful for testing RESTful interfaces.

When *data* is provided, it is used as the request body, and a Content-Type header is set to content_type.

The follow, secure and extra arguments act the same as for *Client.get()*.

**patch** (*path, data=None, follow=False, secure=False, **extra*)

Makes a PATCH request on the provided *path* and returns a *Response* object. Useful for testing RESTful interfaces.

The follow, secure and extra arguments act the same as for *Client.get()*.

**delete** (*path, data=None, follow=False, secure=False, **extra*)

Makes a DELETE request on the provided *path* and returns a *Response* object. Useful for testing RESTful interfaces.

When *data* is provided, it is used as the request body, and a Content-Type header is set to content_type.

The follow, secure and extra arguments act the same as for *Client.get()*.

**trace** (*path, follow=False, secure=False, **extra*)

Makes a TRACE request on the provided *path* and returns a *Response* object. Useful for simulating diagnostic probes.

Unlike the other request methods, *data* is not provided as a keyword parameter in order to comply with RFC 7231#section-4.3.8, which mandates that TRACE requests must not have a body.

The follow, secure, and extra arguments act the same as for *Client.get()*.

**login** (**credentials**)

If your site uses Django’s *authentication system* and you deal with logging in users, you can use the test client’s *login()* method to simulate the effect of a user logging into the site.

After you call this method, the test client will have all the cookies and session data required to pass any login-based tests that may form part of a view.

The format of the *credentials* argument depends on which *authentication backend* you’re using (which is configured by your AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS setting). If you’re using the standard authentication backend provided by Django (ModelBackend), credentials should be the user’s username and password, provided as keyword arguments:

```python
>>> c = Client()
>>> c.login(username='fred', password='secret')
```

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# Now you can access a view that's only available to logged-in users.

If you’re using a different authentication backend, this method may require different credentials. It requires whichever credentials are required by your backend’s `authenticate()` method.

`login()` returns `True` if it the credentials were accepted and login was successful.

Finally, you’ll need to remember to create user accounts before you can use this method. As we explained above, the test runner is executed using a test database, which contains no users by default. As a result, user accounts that are valid on your production site will not work under test conditions. You’ll need to create users as part of the test suite – either manually (using the Django model API) or with a test fixture. Remember that if you want your test user to have a password, you can’t set the user’s password by setting the password attribute directly – you must use the `set_password()` function to store a correctly hashed password. Alternatively, you can use the `create_user()` helper method to create a new user with a correctly hashed password.

`force_login(user, backend=None)`

If your site uses Django’s `authentication system`, you can use the `force_login()` method to simulate the effect of a user logging into the site. Use this method instead of `login()` when a test requires a user be logged in and the details of how a user logged in aren’t important.

Unlike `login()`, this method skips the authentication and verification steps: inactive users (`is_active=False`) are permitted to login and the user’s credentials don’t need to be provided.

The user will have its `backend` attribute set to the value of the `backend` argument (which should be a dotted Python path string), or to `settings.AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS[0]` if a value isn’t provided. The `authenticate()` function called by `login()` normally annotates the user like this.

This method is faster than `login()` since the expensive password hashing algorithms are bypassed. Also, you can speed up `login()` by using a weaker hasher while testing.

`logout()`

If your site uses Django’s `authentication system`, the `logout()` method can be used to simulate the effect of a user logging out of your site.

After you call this method, the test client will have all the cookies and session data cleared to defaults. Subsequent requests will appear to come from an `AnonymousUser`.

Testing responses

The `get()` and `post()` methods both return a `Response` object. This `Response` object is not the same as the `HttpResponse` object returned by Django views; the test response object has some additional data useful for test code to verify.

Specifically, a `Response` object has the following attributes:

`class Response`

- `client`
  - The test client that was used to make the request that resulted in the response.

- `content`
  - The body of the response, as a bytestring. This is the final page content as rendered by the view, or any error message.
context
The template Context instance that was used to render the template that produced the response content.

If the rendered page used multiple templates, then context will be a list of Context objects, in the order in which they were rendered.

Regardless of the number of templates used during rendering, you can retrieve context values using the [] operator. For example, the context variable name could be retrieved using:

```python
>>> response = client.get('/foo/')
>>> response.context['name']
'Arthur'
```

Not using Django templates?
This attribute is only populated when using the DjangoTemplates backend. If you’re using another template engine, context_data may be a suitable alternative on responses with that attribute.

exc_info
A tuple of three values that provides information about the unhandled exception, if any, that occurred during the view.

The values are (type, value, traceback), the same as returned by Python’s sys.exc_info(). Their meanings are:

• type: The type of the exception.
• value: The exception instance.
• traceback: A traceback object which encapsulates the call stack at the point where the exception originally occurred.

If no exception occurred, then exc_info will be None.

json (**kwargs)
The body of the response, parsed as JSON. Extra keyword arguments are passed to json.loads(). For example:

```python
>>> response = client.get('/foo/')
>>> response.json()['name']
'Arthur'
```

If the Content-Type header is not "application/json", then a ValueError will be raised when trying to parse the response.

request
The request data that stimulated the response.

wsgi_request
The WSGIRequest instance generated by the test handler that generated the response.

status_code
The HTTP status of the response, as an integer. For a full list of defined codes, see the IANA status code registry.

templates
A list of Template instances used to render the final content, in the order they were rendered. For each template in the list, use template.name to get the template’s file name, if the template was loaded from a file. (The name is a string such as 'admin/index.html'.)
Not using Django templates?

This attribute is only populated when using the DjangoTemplates backend. If you’re using another template engine, template_name may be a suitable alternative if you only need the name of the template used for rendering.

```
# my_view here is a function based view
self.assertEqual(response.resolver_match.func, my_view)

# class-based views need to be compared by name, as the functions
# generated by as_view() won't be equal
self.assertEqual(response.resolver_match.func.__name__, MyView.as_view().__name__)
```

If the given URL is not found, accessing this attribute will raise a Resolver404 exception.

You can also use dictionary syntax on the response object to query the value of any settings in the HTTP headers. For example, you could determine the content type of a response using response['Content-Type'].

Exceptions

If you point the test client at a view that raises an exception and Client.raise_request_exception is True, that exception will be visible in the test case. You can then use a standard try ... except block or assertRaises() to test for exceptions.

The only exceptions that are not visible to the test client are Http404, PermissionDenied, SystemExit, and SuspiciousOperation. Django catches these exceptions internally and converts them into the appropriate HTTP response codes. In these cases, you can check response.status_code in your test.

If Client.raise_request_exception is False, the test client will return a 500 response as would be returned to a browser. The response has the attribute exc_info to provide information about the unhandled exception.

Persistent state

The test client is stateful. If a response returns a cookie, then that cookie will be stored in the test client and sent with all subsequent get() and post() requests.

Expiration policies for these cookies are not followed. If you want a cookie to expire, either delete it manually or create a new Client instance (which will effectively delete all cookies).

A test client has two attributes that store persistent state information. You can access these properties as part of a test condition.

**Client.cookies**

A Python SimpleCookie object, containing the current values of all the client cookies. See the documentation of the http.cookies module for more.

**Client.session**

A dictionary-like object containing session information. See the session documentation for full details.

To modify the session and then save it, it must be stored in a variable first (because a new SessionStore is created every time this property is accessed):
def test_something(self):
    session = self.client.session
    session['somekey'] = 'test'
    session.save()

Setting the language

When testing applications that support internationalization and localization, you might want to set the language for a
test client request. The method for doing so depends on whether or not the LocaleMiddleware is enabled.

If the middleware is enabled, the language can be set by creating a cookie with a name of LANGUAGE_COOKIE_NAME
and a value of the language code:

```python
from django.conf import settings

def test_language_using_cookie(self):
    self.client.cookies.load({settings.LANGUAGE_COOKIE_NAME: 'fr'})
    response = self.client.get('/')
    self.assertEqual(response.content, b'Bienvenue sur mon site.')
```

or by including the Accept-Language HTTP header in the request:

```python
def test_language_using_header(self):
    response = self.client.get('/', HTTP_ACCEPT_LANGUAGE='fr')
    self.assertEqual(response.content, b'Bienvenue sur mon site.')
```

More details are in How Django discovers language preference.

If the middleware isn’t enabled, the active language may be set using translation.override():

```python
from django.utils import translation

def test_language_using_override(self):
    with translation.override('fr'):
        response = self.client.get('/')
    self.assertEqual(response.content, b'Bienvenue sur mon site.')
```

More details are in Explicitly setting the active language.

Example

The following is a unit test using the test client:

```python
import unittest
from django.test import Client

class SimpleTest(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        # Every test needs a client.
        self.client = Client()

    def test_details(self):
        # Issue a GET request.
        response = self.client.get('/customer/details/')
```

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# Check that the response is 200 OK.
self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 200)

# Check that the rendered context contains 5 customers.
self.assertEqual(len(response.context['customers']), 5)

See also:
django.test.RequestFactory

Provided test case classes

Normal Python unit test classes extend a base class of unittest.TestCase. Django provides a few extensions of this base class:

![Hierarchy of Django unit testing classes](image)

Fig. 1: Hierarchy of Django unit testing classes

You can convert a normal unittest.TestCase to any of the subclasses: change the base class of your test from unittest.TestCase to the subclass. All of the standard Python unit test functionality will be available, and it will be augmented with some useful additions as described in each section below.

SimpleTestCase

class SimpleTestCase

A subclass of unittest.TestCase that adds this functionality:

- Some useful assertions like:
  - Checking that a callable raises a certain exception.
  - Checking that a callable triggers a certain warning.
– Testing HTML responses for the presence/lack of a given fragment.
– Verifying that a template has/hasn’t been used to generate a given response content.
– Verifying that two URLs are equal.
– Verifying a HTTP redirect is performed by the app.
– Robustly testing two HTML fragments for equality/inequality or containment.
– Robustly testing two XML fragments for equality/inequality.
– Robustly testing two JSON fragments for equality.

• The ability to run tests with modified settings.
• Using the client.

If your tests make any database queries, use subclasses TransactionTestCase or TestCase.

SimpleTestCase.database

SimpleTestCase disallows database queries by default. This helps to avoid executing write queries which will affect other tests since each SimpleTestCase test isn’t run in a transaction. If you aren’t concerned about this problem, you can disable this behavior by setting the databases class attribute to '__all__' on your test class.

Warning: SimpleTestCase and its subclasses (e.g. TestCase, ...) rely on setUpClass() and tearDownClass() to perform some class-wide initialization (e.g. overriding settings). If you need to override those methods, don’t forget to call the super implementation:

```python
class MyTestCase(TestCase):
    @classmethod
    def setUpClass(cls):
        super().setUpClass()
        ...

    @classmethod
    def tearDownClass(cls):
        ...
        super().tearDownClass()
```

Be sure to account for Python’s behavior if an exception is raised during setUpClass(). If that happens, neither the tests in the class nor tearDownClass() are run. In the case of django.test.TestCase, this will leak the transaction created in super() which results in various symptoms including a segmentation fault on some platforms (reported on macOS). If you want to intentionally raise an exception such as unittest.SkipTest in setUpClass(), be sure to do it before calling super() to avoid this.

The debug() method was implemented to allow running a test without collecting the result and catching exceptions.

TransactionTestCase
class TransactionTestCase

TransactionTestCase inherits from SimpleTestCase to add some database-specific features:

• Resetting the database to a known state at the beginning of each test to ease testing and using the ORM.
• Database fixtures.
• Test skipping based on database backend features.
• The remaining specialized assert* methods.

Django’s `TestCase` class is a more commonly used subclass of `TransactionTestCase` that makes use of database transaction facilities to speed up the process of resetting the database to a known state at the beginning of each test. A consequence of this, however, is that some database behaviors cannot be tested within a Django `TestCase` class. For instance, you cannot test that a block of code is executing within a transaction, as is required when using `select_for_update()`. In those cases, you should use `TransactionTestCase`.

`TransactionTestCase` and `TestCase` are identical except for the manner in which the database is reset to a known state and the ability for test code to test the effects of commit and rollback:

• A `TransactionTestCase` resets the database after the test runs by truncating all tables. A `TransactionTestCase` may call commit and rollback and observe the effects of these calls on the database.
• A `TestCase`, on the other hand, does not truncate tables after a test. Instead, it encloses the test code in a database transaction that is rolled back at the end of the test. This guarantees that the rollback at the end of the test restores the database to its initial state.

**Warning:** `TestCase` running on a database that does not support rollback (e.g. MySQL with the MyISAM storage engine), and all instances of `TransactionTestCase`, will roll back at the end of the test by deleting all data from the test database.

Apps will not see their data reloaded; if you need this functionality (for example, third-party apps should enable this) you can set `serialized_rollback = True` inside the `TestCase` body.

### `TestCase`

#### class `TestCase`

This is the most common class to use for writing tests in Django. It inherits from `TransactionTestCase` (and by extension `SimpleTestCase`). If your Django application doesn’t use a database, use `SimpleTestCase`.

The class:

• Wraps the tests within two nested `atomic()` blocks: one for the whole class and one for each test. Therefore, if you want to test some specific database transaction behavior, use `TransactionTestCase`.
• Checks deferrable database constraints at the end of each test.

It also provides an additional method:

##### classmethod `TestCase.setUpTestData()`

The class-level `atomic` block described above allows the creation of initial data at the class level, once for the whole `TestCase`. This technique allows for faster tests as compared to using `setUp()`.

For example:

```python
from django.test import TestCase

class MyTests(TestCase):
    @classmethod
    def setUpTestData(cls):
        # Set up data for the whole TestCase
        cls.foo = Foo.objects.create(bar="Test")
```

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def test1(self):
    # Some test using self.foo
    ...  

def test2(self):
    # Some other test using self.foo
    ...

Note that if the tests are run on a database with no transaction support (for instance, MySQL with the MyISAM engine), setUpTestData() will be called before each test, negating the speed benefits.

Be careful not to modify any objects created in setUpTestData() in your test methods. Modifications to in-memory objects from setup work done at the class level will persist between test methods. If you do need to modify them, you could reload them in the setUp() method with refresh_from_db(), for example.

LiveServerTestCase

class LiveServerTestCase

LiveServerTestCase does basically the same as TransactionTestCase with one extra feature: it launches a live Django server in the background on setup, and shuts it down on teardown. This allows the use of automated test clients other than the Django dummy client such as, for example, the Selenium client, to execute a series of functional tests inside a browser and simulate a real user’s actions.

The live server listens on localhost and binds to port 0 which uses a free port assigned by the operating system. The server’s URL can be accessed with self.live_server_url during the tests.

To demonstrate how to use LiveServerTestCase, let’s write a Selenium test. First of all, you need to install the selenium package into your Python path:

```bash
$ python -m pip install selenium
```

Then, add a LiveServerTestCase-based test to your app’s tests module (for example: myapp/tests.py). For this example, we’ll assume you’re using the staticfiles app and want to have static files served during the execution of your tests similar to what we get at development time with DEBUG=True, i.e. without having to collect them using collectstatic. We’ll use the StaticLiveServerTestCase subclass which provides that functionality. Replace it with django.test.LiveServerTestCase if you don’t need that.

The code for this test may look as follows:

```python
from django.contrib.staticfiles.testing import StaticLiveServerTestCase
from selenium.webdriver.firefox.webdriver import WebDriver

class MySeleniumTests(StaticLiveServerTestCase):
    fixtures = ['user-data.json']

    @classmethod
    def setUpClass(cls):
        super().setUpClass()
        cls.selenium = WebDriver()
        cls.selenium.implicitly_wait(10)

    @classmethod
    def tearDownClass(cls):
```

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Finally, you may run the test as follows:

```bash
$ ./manage.py test myapp.tests.MySeleniumTests.test_login
```

This example will automatically open Firefox then go to the login page, enter the credentials and press the “Log in” button. Selenium offers other drivers in case you do not have Firefox installed or wish to use another browser. The example above is just a tiny fraction of what the Selenium client can do; check out the full reference for more details.

**Note:** When using an in-memory SQLite database to run the tests, the same database connection will be shared by two threads in parallel: the thread in which the live server is run and the thread in which the test case is run. It’s important to prevent simultaneous database queries via this shared connection by the two threads, as that may sometimes randomly cause the tests to fail. So you need to ensure that the two threads don’t access the database at the same time. In particular, this means that in some cases (for example, just after clicking a link or submitting a form), you might need to check that a response is received by Selenium and that the next page is loaded before proceeding with further test execution. Do this, for example, by making Selenium wait until the `<body>` HTML tag is found in the response (requires Selenium > 2.13):

```python
def test_login(self):
    from selenium.webdriver.support.wait import WebDriverWait
    timeout = 2
    ...
    self.selenium.find_element_by_xpath('//input[@value="Log in"]').click()
    # Wait until the response is received
    WebDriverWait(self.selenium, timeout).until(
        lambda driver: driver.find_element_by_tag_name('body'))
```

The tricky thing here is that there’s really no such thing as a “page load,” especially in modern Web apps that generate HTML dynamically after the server generates the initial document. So, checking for the presence of `<body>` in the response might not necessarily be appropriate for all use cases. Please refer to the Selenium FAQ and Selenium documentation for more information.

**Test cases features**

**Default test client**

SimpleTestCase.client

Every test case in a django.test.*TestCase instance has access to an instance of a Django test client. This client can be accessed as self.client. This client is recreated for each test, so you don’t have to worry about state (such as cookies) carrying over from one test to another.

This means, instead of instantiating a Client in each test:
import unittest
from django.test import Client

class SimpleTest(unittest.TestCase):
    def test_details(self):
        client = Client()
        response = client.get('/customer/details/)
        self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 200)

    def test_index(self):
        client = Client()
        response = client.get('/customer/index/)
        self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 200)

...you can refer to self.client, like so:

from django.test import TestCase

class SimpleTest(TestCase):
    def test_details(self):
        response = self.client.get('/customer/details/)
        self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 200)

    def test_index(self):
        response = self.client.get('/customer/index/)
        self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 200)

Customizing the test client

SimpleTestCase.client_class

If you want to use a different Client class (for example, a subclass with customized behavior), use the client_class class attribute:

from django.test import Client, TestCase

class MyTestClient(Client):
    # Specialized methods for your environment
    ...

class MyTest(TestCase):
    client_class = MyTestClient

    def test_my_stuff(self):
        # Here self.client is an instance of MyTestClient...
        call_some_test_code()

Fixture loading

TransactionTestCase.fixtures

A test case for a database-backed website isn’t much use if there isn’t any data in the database. Tests are more readable and it’s more maintainable to create objects using the ORM, for example in TestCase.setUpTestData(), however, you can also use fixtures.
A fixture is a collection of data that Django knows how to import into a database. For example, if your site has user accounts, you might set up a fixture of fake user accounts in order to populate your database during tests.

The most straightforward way of creating a fixture is to use the `manage.py dumpdata` command. This assumes you already have some data in your database. See the `dumpdata` documentation for more details.

Once you’ve created a fixture and placed it in a `fixtures` directory in one of your `INSTALLED_APPS`, you can use it in your unit tests by specifying a `fixtures` class attribute on your `django.test.TestCase` subclass:

```python
from django.test import TestCase
from myapp.models import Animal

class AnimalTestCase(TestCase):
    fixtures = ['mammals.json', 'birds']

    def setUp(self):
        # Test definitions as before.
        call_setup_methods()

    def test_fluffy_animals(self):
        # A test that uses the fixtures.
        call_some_test_code()
```

Here’s specifically what will happen:

- At the start of each test, before `setUp()` is run, Django will flush the database, returning the database to the state it was in directly after `migrate` was called.
- Then, all the named fixtures are installed. In this example, Django will install any JSON fixture named `mammals`, followed by any fixture named `birds`. See the `loaddata` documentation for more details on defining and installing fixtures.

For performance reasons, `TestCase` loads fixtures once for the entire test class, before `setUpTestData()`, instead of before each test, and it uses transactions to clean the database before each test. In any case, you can be certain that the outcome of a test will not be affected by another test or by the order of test execution.

By default, fixtures are only loaded into the `default` database. If you are using multiple databases and set `TransactionTestCase.databases`, fixtures will be loaded into all specified databases.

**URLconf configuration**

If your application provides views, you may want to include tests that use the test client to exercise those views. However, an end user is free to deploy the views in your application at any URL of their choosing. This means that your tests can’t rely upon the fact that your views will be available at a particular URL. Decorate your test class or test method with `@override_settings(ROOT_URLCONF=...)` for URLconf configuration.

**Multi-database support**

`TransactionTestCase.databases`

Django sets up a test database corresponding to every database that is defined in the `DATABASES` definition in your settings and referred to by at least one test through `databases`.

However, a big part of the time taken to run a Django `TestCase` is consumed by the call to `flush` that ensures that you have a clean database at the start of each test run. If you have multiple databases, multiple flushes are required (one for each database), which can be a time consuming activity – especially if your tests don’t need to test multi-database activity.
As an optimization, Django only flushes the default database at the start of each test run. If your setup contains multiple databases, and you have a test that requires every database to be clean, you can use the databases attribute on the test suite to request extra databases to be flushed.

For example:

```python
class TestMyViews(TransactionTestCase):
    databases = {'default', 'other'}

    def test_index_page_view(self):
        call_some_test_code()
```

This test case will flush the default and other test databases before running test_index_page_view. You can also use '__all__' to specify that all of the test databases must be flushed.

The databases flag also controls which databases the TransactionTestCase.fixtures are loaded into. By default, fixtures are only loaded into the default database.

Queries against databases not in databases will give assertion errors to prevent state leaking between tests.

TestCase.databases

By default, only the default database will be wrapped in a transaction during a TestCase’s execution and attempts to query other databases will result in assertion errors to prevent state leaking between tests.

Use the databases class attribute on the test class to request transaction wrapping against non-default databases.

For example:

```python
class OtherDBTests(TestCase):
    databases = {'other'}

    def test_other_db_query(self):
        ...
```

This test will only allow queries against the other database. Just like for SimpleTestCase.databases and TransactionTestCase.databases, the '__all__' constant can be used to specify that the test should allow queries to all databases.

Overriding settings

**Warning:** Use the functions below to temporarily alter the value of settings in tests. Don’t manipulate django.conf.settings directly as Django won’t restore the original values after such manipulations.

SimpleTestCase.settings()

For testing purposes it’s often useful to change a setting temporarily and revert to the original value after running the testing code. For this use case Django provides a standard Python context manager (see PEP 343) called settings(), which can be used like this:

```python
from django.test import TestCase

class LoginTestCase(TestCase):
    def test_login(self):
        ...
```

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# First check for the default behavior
response = self.client.get('/sekrit/)
self.assertRedirects(response, '/accounts/login/?next=/sekrit/)

# Then override the LOGIN_URL setting
with self.settings(LOGIN_URL='/other/login/'):  
    response = self.client.get('/sekrit/)
    self.assertRedirects(response, '/other/login/?next=/sekrit/)

This example will override the LOGIN_URL setting for the code in the with block and reset its value to the previous state afterwards.

**SimpleTestCase.modify_settings**()

It can prove unwieldy to redefine settings that contain a list of values. In practice, adding or removing values is often sufficient. Django provides the modify_settings() context manager for easier settings changes:

```python
from django.test import TestCase

class MiddlewareTestCase(TestCase):
    def test_cache_middleware(self):
        with self.modify_settings(MIDDLEWARE={
            'append': 'django.middleware.cache.FetchFromCacheMiddleware',
            'prepend': 'django.middleware.cache.UpdateCacheMiddleware',
            'remove': [  
                'django.contrib.sessions.middleware.SessionMiddleware',
                'django.contrib.auth.middleware.AuthenticationMiddleware',
                'django.contrib.messages.middleware.MessageMiddleware',
            ],
        ) :  
            response = self.client.get('/')  
            # ...
```

For each action, you can supply either a list of values or a string. When the value already exists in the list, append and prepend have no effect; neither does remove when the value doesn’t exist.

**override_settings**()

In case you want to override a setting for a test method, Django provides the override_settings() decorator (see PEP 318). It’s used like this:

```python
from django.test import TestCase, override_settings

class LoginTestCase(TestCase):
    @override_settings(LOGIN_URL='/other/login/')
    def test_login(self):
        response = self.client.get('/sekrit/)
        self.assertRedirects(response, '/other/login/?next=/sekrit/)
```

The decorator can also be applied to **TestCase** classes:

```python
from django.test import TestCase, override_settings

@override_settings(LOGIN_URL='/other/login/')
class LoginTestCase(TestCase):
```
**def test_login**(self):
    response = self.client.get('/sekrit/)
    self.assertRedirects(response, '/other/login/?next=/sekrit/)

**modify_settings()**
Likewise, Django provides the `modify_settings()` decorator:

```python
from django.test import TestCase, modify_settings

class MiddlewareTestCase(TestCase):

    @modify_settings(MIDDLEWARE={
        'append': 'django.middleware.cache.FetchFromCacheMiddleware',
        'prepend': 'django.middleware.cache.UpdateCacheMiddleware',
    })
    def test_cache_middleware(self):
        response = self.client.get('/')
        # ...
```

The decorator can also be applied to test case classes:

```python
from django.test import TestCase, modify_settings

@modify_settings(MIDDLEWARE={
    'append': 'django.middleware.cache.FetchFromCacheMiddleware',
    'prepend': 'django.middleware.cache.UpdateCacheMiddleware',
})
class MiddlewareTestCase(TestCase):

    def test_cache_middleware(self):
        response = self.client.get('/')
        # ...
```

**Note:** When given a class, these decorators modify the class directly and return it; they don’t create and return a modified copy of it. So if you try to tweak the above examples to assign the return value to a different name than LoginTestCase or MiddlewareTestCase, you may be surprised to find that the original test case classes are still equally affected by the decorator. For a given class, `modify_settings()` is always applied after `override_settings()`.

**Warning:** The settings file contains some settings that are only consulted during initialization of Django internals. If you change them with `override_settings()`, the setting is changed if you access it via the `django.conf.settings` module, however, Django’s internals access it differently. Effectively, using `override_settings()` or `modify_settings()` with these settings is probably not going to do what you expect it to do.

We do not recommend altering the `DATABASES` setting. Altering the `CACHES` setting is possible, but a bit tricky if you are using internals that make using of caching, like `django.contrib.sessions`. For example, you will have to reinitialize the session backend in a test that uses cached sessions and overrides `CACHES`.

Finally, avoid aliasing your settings as module-level constants as `override_settings()` won’t work on such values since they are only evaluated the first time the module is imported.
You can also simulate the absence of a setting by deleting it after settings have been overridden, like this:

```python
@override_settings()
def test_something(self):
    del settings.LOGIN_URL
...
```

When overriding settings, make sure to handle the cases in which your app’s code uses a cache or similar feature that retains state even if the setting is changed. Django provides the `django.test.signals.setting_changed` signal that lets you register callbacks to clean up and otherwise reset state when settings are changed.

Django itself uses this signal to reset various data:

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<tr>
<th>Overridden settings</th>
<th>Data reset</th>
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<td>USE_TZ, TIME_ZONE</td>
<td>Databases timezone</td>
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<td>TEMPLATES</td>
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<td>SERIALIZATION_MODULES</td>
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<td>LOCALE_PATHS, LANGUAGE_CODE</td>
<td>Default translation and loaded translations</td>
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<td>MEDIA_ROOT, DEFAULT_FILE_STORAGE</td>
<td>Default file storage</td>
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**Emptying the test outbox**

If you use any of Django’s custom `TestCase` classes, the test runner will clear the contents of the test email outbox at the start of each test case.

For more detail on email services during tests, see Email services below.

**Assertions**

As Python’s normal `unittest.TestCase` class implements assertion methods such as `assertTrue()` and `assertEqual()`, Django’s custom `TestCase` class provides a number of custom assertion methods that are useful for testing Web applications:

The failure messages given by most of these assertion methods can be customized with the `msg_prefix` argument. This string will be prefixed to any failure message generated by the assertion. This allows you to provide additional details that may help you to identify the location and cause of a failure in your test suite.

- `SimpleTestCase.assertRaisesMessage(expected_exception, expected_message, callable, *args, **kwargs)`
- `SimpleTestCase.assertRaisesMessage(expected_exception, expected_message)`
  Asserts that execution of `callable` raises `expected_exception` and that `expected_message` is found in the exception’s message. Any other outcome is reported as a failure. It’s a simpler version of `unittest.TestCase.assertRaisesRegex()` with the difference that `expected_message` isn’t treated as a regular expression.
  
  If only the `expected_exception` and `expected_message` parameters are given, returns a context manager so that the code being tested can be written inline rather than as a function:

  ```python
  with self.assertRaisesMessage(ValueError, 'invalid literal for int()'):  
      int('a')
  ```

- `SimpleTestCase.assertWarnsMessage(expected_warning, expected_message, callable, *args, **kwargs)`
SimpleTestCase\texttt{.assertWarnsMessage}(\texttt{expected\_warning, expected\_message})

Analogous to \texttt{SimpleTestCase.assertRaiseMessage()} but for \texttt{assertWarnsRegex()} instead of \texttt{assertRaisesRegex()}.

SimpleTestCase\texttt{.assertFieldOutput} (\texttt{fieldclass, valid, invalid, field\_args=\texttt{None}, field\_kwargs=\texttt{None}, empty\_value=\texttt{"}})

Asserts that a form field behaves correctly with various inputs.

\textbf{Parameters}

- \texttt{fieldclass} – the class of the field to be tested.
- \texttt{valid} – a dictionary mapping valid inputs to their expected cleaned values.
- \texttt{invalid} – a dictionary mapping invalid inputs to one or more raised error messages.
- \texttt{field\_args} – the args passed to instantiate the field.
- \texttt{field\_kwargs} – the kwargs passed to instantiate the field.
- \texttt{empty\_value} – the expected clean output for inputs in \texttt{empty\_values}.

For example, the following code tests that an EmailField accepts a@a.com as a valid email address, but rejects aaa with a reasonable error message:

\begin{verbatim}
self.assertFieldOutput(EmailField, {'a@a.com': 'a@a.com'}, {'aaa': ['Enter a valid email address.']})
\end{verbatim}

SimpleTestCase\texttt{.assertFormError} (\texttt{response, form, field, errors, msg\_prefix=\texttt{"}})

Asserts that a field on a form raises the provided list of errors when rendered on the form.

- \texttt{form} is the name the Form instance was given in the template context.
- \texttt{field} is the name of the field on the form to check. If \texttt{field} has a value of \texttt{None}, non-field errors (errors you can access via \texttt{form.non\_field\_errors()}) will be checked.
- \texttt{errors} is an error string, or a list of error strings, that are expected as a result of form validation.

SimpleTestCase\texttt{.assertFormsetError} (\texttt{response, formset, form\_index, field, errors, msg\_prefix=\texttt{"}})

Asserts that the Formset raises the provided list of errors when rendered.

- \texttt{formset} is the name the Formset instance was given in the template context.
- \texttt{form\_index} is the number of the form within the Formset. If \texttt{form\_index} has a value of \texttt{None}, non-form errors (errors you can access via \texttt{formset.non\_form\_errors()}) will be checked.
- \texttt{field} is the name of the field on the form to check. If \texttt{field} has a value of \texttt{None}, non-field errors (errors you can access via \texttt{formset.non\_field\_errors()}) will be checked.
- \texttt{errors} is an error string, or a list of error strings, that are expected as a result of form validation.

SimpleTestCase\texttt{.assertContains} (\texttt{response, text, count=\texttt{None}, status\_code=\texttt{200}, msg\_prefix=\texttt{"}, html=\texttt{False})

Asserts that a Response instance produced the given status\_code and that \texttt{text} appears in the content of the response. If \texttt{count} is provided, \texttt{text} must occur exactly \texttt{count} times in the response.

- Set \texttt{html} to \texttt{True} to handle \texttt{text} as HTML. The comparison with the response content will be based on HTML semantics instead of character-by-character equality. Whitespace is ignored in most cases, attribute ordering is not significant. See \texttt{assertHTMLEqual()} for more details.

SimpleTestCase\texttt{.assertNotContains} (\texttt{response, text, status\_code=\texttt{200}, msg\_prefix=\texttt{"}, html=\texttt{False})

Asserts that a Response instance produced the given status\_code and that \texttt{text} does not appear in the content of the response.
Set `html` to `True` to handle text as HTML. The comparison with the response content will be based on HTML semantics instead of character-by-character equality. Whitespace is ignored in most cases, attribute ordering is not significant. See `assertHTMLEqual()` for more details.

**SimpleTestCase.assertTemplateUsed**( `response`, `template_name`, `msg_prefix=", count=None`)

Asserts that the template with the given name was used in rendering the response.

The name is a string such as `'admin/index.html'`.

The count argument is an integer indicating the number of times the template should be rendered. Default is `None`, meaning that the template should be rendered one or more times.

You can use this as a context manager, like this:

```python
with self.assertTemplateUsed('index.html'):
    render_to_string('index.html')

with self.assertTemplateUsed(template_name='index.html'):
    render_to_string('index.html')
```

**SimpleTestCase.assertTemplateNotUsed**( `response`, `template_name`, `msg_prefix=", `)

Asserts that the template with the given name was not used in rendering the response.

You can use this as a context manager in the same way as `assertTemplateUsed()`.

**SimpleTestCase.assertURLEqual**( `url1`, `url2`, `msg_prefix="", `)

Asserts that two URLs are the same, ignoring the order of query string parameters except for parameters with the same name. For example, `/path/?x=1&y=2` is equal to `/path/?y=2&x=1`, but `/path/?a=1&a=2` isn’t equal to `/path/?a=2&a=1`.

**SimpleTestCase.assertRedirects**( `response`, `expected_url`, `status_code=302`, `target_status_code=200`, `msg_prefix="", fetch_redirect_response=True`)

Asserts that the response returned a `status_code` redirect status, redirected to `expected_url` (including any GET data), and that the final page was received with `target_status_code`.

If your request used the `follow` argument, the `expected_url` and `target_status_code` will be the url and status code for the final point of the redirect chain.

If `fetch_redirect_response` is `False`, the final page won’t be loaded. Since the test client can’t fetch external URLs, this is particularly useful if `expected_url` isn’t part of your Django app.

Scheme is handled correctly when making comparisons between two URLs. If there isn’t any scheme specified in the location where we are redirected to, the original request’s scheme is used. If present, the scheme in `expected_url` is the one used to make the comparisons to.

**SimpleTestCase.assertHTMLEqual**( `html1`, `html2`, `msg=None`)

Asserts that the strings `html1` and `html2` are equal. The comparison is based on HTML semantics. The comparison takes following things into account:

- Whitespace before and after HTML tags is ignored.
- All types of whitespace are considered equivalent.
- All open tags are closed implicitly, e.g. when a surrounding tag is closed or the HTML document ends.
- Empty tags are equivalent to their self-closing version.
- The ordering of attributes of an HTML element is not significant.
- Attributes without an argument are equal to attributes that equal in name and value (see the examples).
- Text, character references, and entity references that refer to the same character are equivalent.

The following examples are valid tests and don’t raise any `AssertionError`: 
html1 and html2 must be valid HTML. An AssertionError will be raised if one of them cannot be parsed.

Output in case of error can be customized with the msg argument.

**SimpleTestCase.assertHTMLNotEqual (html1, html2, msg=None)**

Asserts that the strings html1 and html2 are not equal. The comparison is based on HTML semantics. See assertHTMLEqual() for details.

html1 and html2 must be valid HTML. An AssertionError will be raised if one of them cannot be parsed.

Output in case of error can be customized with the msg argument.

**SimpleTestCase.assertXMLEqual (xml1, xml2, msg=None)**

Asserts that the strings xml1 and xml2 are equal. The comparison is based on XML semantics. Similarly to assertHTMLEqual(), the comparison is made on parsed content, hence only semantic differences are considered, not syntax differences. When invalid XML is passed in any parameter, an AssertionError is always raised, even if both strings are identical.

XML declaration, document type, processing instructions, and comments are ignored. Only the root element and its children are compared.

Output in case of error can be customized with the msg argument.

**SimpleTestCase.assertXMLNotEqual (xml1, xml2, msg=None)**

Asserts that the strings xml1 and xml2 are not equal. The comparison is based on XML semantics. See assertXMLEqual() for details.

Output in case of error can be customized with the msg argument.

**SimpleTestCase.assertInHTML (needle, haystack, count=None, msg_prefix=“”)**

Asserts that the HTML fragment needle is contained in the haystack one.

If the count integer argument is specified, then additionally the number of needle occurrences will be strictly verified.

Whitespace in most cases is ignored, and attribute ordering is not significant. The passed-in arguments must be valid HTML.

**SimpleTestCase.assertJSONEqual (raw, expected_data, msg=None)**

Asserts that the JSON fragments raw and expected_data are equal. Usual JSON non-significant whitespace rules apply as the heavyweight is delegated to the json library.

Output in case of error can be customized with the msg argument.

**SimpleTestCase.assertJSONNotEqual (raw, expected_data, msg=None)**

Asserts that the JSON fragments raw and expected_data are not equal. See assertJSONEqual() for further details.

Output in case of error can be customized with the msg argument.
**TransactionTestCase**.assertQuerysetEqual *(qs, values, transform=repr, ordered=True, msg=None)*

Asserts that a queryset `qs` returns a particular list of values `values`.

The comparison of the contents of `qs` and `values` is performed by applying `transform` to `qs`. By default, this means that the `repr()` of each value in `qs` is compared to the `values`. Any other callable can be used if `repr()` doesn’t provide a unique or helpful comparison.

By default, the comparison is also ordering dependent. If `qs` doesn’t provide an implicit ordering, you can set the `ordered` parameter to `False`, which turns the comparison into a `collections.Counter` comparison. If the order is undefined (if the given `qs` isn’t ordered and the comparison is against more than one ordered values), a `ValueError` is raised.

Output in case of error can be customized with the `msg` argument.

**TransactionTestCase**.assertNumQueries *(num, func, *args, **kwargs)*

Asserts that when `func` is called with `*args` and `**kwargs` that `num` database queries are executed.

If a "using" key is present in `kwargs` it is used as the database alias for which to check the number of queries:

```
self.assertNumQueries(7, using='non_default_db')
```

If you wish to call a function with a `using` parameter you can do it by wrapping the call with a `lambda` to add an extra parameter:

```
self.assertNumQueries(7, lambda: my_function(using=7))
```

You can also use this as a context manager:

```
with self.assertNumQueries(2):
    Person.objects.create(name="Aaron")
    Person.objects.create(name="Daniel")
```

**Tagging tests**

You can tag your tests so you can easily run a particular subset. For example, you might label fast or slow tests:

```
from django.test import tag

class SampleTestCase(TestCase):
    @tag('fast')
    def test_fast(self):
        ...

    @tag('slow')
    def test_slow(self):
        ...

    @tag('slow', 'core')
    def test_slow_but_core(self):
        ...
```

You can also tag a test case:
@tag('slow', 'core')
class SampleTestCase(TestCase):
...

Subclasses inherit tags from superclasses, and methods inherit tags from their class. Given:

@tag('foo')
class SampleTestCaseChild(SampleTestCase):
    @tag('bar')
    def test(self):
        ...

SampleTestCaseChild.test will be labeled with 'slow', 'core', 'bar', and 'foo'.

Then you can choose which tests to run. For example, to run only fast tests:

$ ./manage.py test --tag=fast

Or to run fast tests and the core one (even though it’s slow):

$ ./manage.py test --tag=fast --tag=core

You can also exclude tests by tag. To run core tests if they are not slow:

$ ./manage.py test --tag=core --exclude-tag=slow

test --exclude-tag has precedence over test --tag, so if a test has two tags and you select one of them and exclude the other, the test won’t be run.

Testing asynchronous code

If you merely want to test the output of your asynchronous views, the standard test client will run them inside their own asynchronous loop without any extra work needed on your part.

However, if you want to write fully-asynchronous tests for a Django project, you will need to take several things into account.

Firstly, your tests must be `async def` methods on the test class (in order to give them an asynchronous context). Django will automatically detect any `async def` tests and wrap them so they run in their own event loop.

If you are testing from an asynchronous function, you must also use the asynchronous test client. This is available as `django.test.AsyncClient`, or as `self.async_client` on any test.

AsyncClient has the same methods and signatures as the synchronous (normal) test client, with two exceptions:

- The `follow` parameter is not supported.
- Headers passed as `extra` keyword arguments should not have the HTTP_ prefix required by the synchronous client (see `Client.get()`). For example, here is how to set an HTTP Accept header:

```python
>>> c = AsyncClient()
>>> c.get(
...    '/customers/details/',
...    {'name': 'fred', 'age': 7},
...    ACCEPT='application/json'
...)
```

Using AsyncClient any method that makes a request must be awaited:
```python
async def test_my_thing(self):
    response = await self.async_client.get('/some-url/)
    self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 200)
```

The asynchronous client can also call synchronous views; it runs through Django’s *asynchronous request path*, which supports both. Any view called through the `AsyncClient` will get an `ASGIRequest` object for its request rather than the `WSGIRequest` that the normal client creates.

**Warning:** If you are using test decorators, they must be async-compatible to ensure they work correctly. Django’s built-in decorators will behave correctly, but third-party ones may appear to not execute (they will “wrap” the wrong part of the execution flow and not your test).

If you need to use these decorators, then you should decorate your test methods with `async_to_sync()` inside of them instead:

```python
from asgiref.sync import async_to_sync
from django.test import TestCase

class MyTests(TestCase):
    @mock.patch(...)
    @async_to_sync
    async def test_my_thing(self):
        ...
```

**Email services**

If any of your Django views send email using *Django’s email functionality*, you probably don’t want to send email each time you run a test using that view. For this reason, Django’s test runner automatically redirects all Django-sent email to a dummy outbox. This lets you test every aspect of sending email – from the number of messages sent to the contents of each message – without actually sending the messages.

The test runner accomplishes this by transparently replacing the normal email backend with a testing backend. (Don’t worry – this has no effect on any other email senders outside of Django, such as your machine’s mail server, if you’re running one.)

```python
django.core.mail.outbox
```

During test running, each outgoing email is saved in `django.core.mail.outbox`. This is a list of all `EmailMessage` instances that have been sent. The `outbox` attribute is a special attribute that is created *only* when the `locmem` email backend is used. It doesn’t normally exist as part of the `django.core.mail` module and you can’t import it directly. The code below shows how to access this attribute correctly.

Here’s an example test that examines `django.core.mail.outbox` for length and contents:

```python
from django.core import mail
from django.test import TestCase

class EmailTest(TestCase):
    def test_send_email(self):
        # Send message.
        mail.send_mail('Subject here', 'Here is the message.', 
                       'from@example.com', ['to@example.com'], 
                       fail_silently=False,
```

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As noted previously, the test outbox is emptied at the start of every test in a Django `TestCase`. To empty the outbox manually, assign the empty list to `mail.outbox`:

```python
from django.core import mail

# Empty the test outbox
mail.outbox = []
```

### Management Commands

Management commands can be tested with the `call_command()` function. The output can be redirected into a `StringIO` instance:

```python
from io import StringIO
from django.core.management import call_command
from django.test import TestCase

class ClosepollTest(TestCase):
    def test_command_output(self):
        out = StringIO()
        call_command('closepoll', stdout=out)
        self.assertIn('Expected output', out.getvalue())
```

### Skipping tests

The unittest library provides the `@skipIf` and `@skipUnless` decorators to allow you to skip tests if you know ahead of time that those tests are going to fail under certain conditions.

For example, if your test requires a particular optional library in order to succeed, you could decorate the test case with `@skipIf`. Then, the test runner will report that the test wasn’t executed and why, instead of failing the test or omitting the test altogether.

To supplement these test skipping behaviors, Django provides two additional skip decorators. Instead of testing a generic boolean, these decorators check the capabilities of the database, and skip the test if the database doesn’t support a specific named feature.

The decorators use a string identifier to describe database features. This string corresponds to attributes of the database connection features class. See `django.db.backends.BaseDatabaseFeatures` class for a full list of database features that can be used as a basis for skipping tests.

```python
skipIfDBFeature(*feature_name_strings)
```

Skip the decorated test or `TestCase` if all of the named database features are supported.

For example, the following test will not be executed if the database supports transactions (e.g., it would not run under PostgreSQL, but it would under MySQL with MyISAM tables):
class MyTests (TestCase):
    @skipIfDBFeature('supports_transactions')
    def test_transaction_behavior(self):
        # ... conditional test code
        pass

skipUnlessDBFeature(*feature_name_strings)

Skip the decorated test or TestCase if any of the named database features are not supported.

For example, the following test will only be executed if the database supports transactions (e.g., it would run under PostgreSQL, but not under MySQL with MyISAM tables):

class MyTests (TestCase):
    @skipUnlessDBFeature('supports_transactions')
    def test_transaction_behavior(self):
        # ... conditional test code
        pass

3.9.3 Advanced testing topics

The request factory

class RequestFactory

The RequestFactory shares the same API as the test client. However, instead of behaving like a browser, the RequestFactory provides a way to generate a request instance that can be used as the first argument to any view. This means you can test a view function the same way as you would test any other function – as a black box, with exactly known inputs, testing for specific outputs.

The API for the RequestFactory is a slightly restricted subset of the test client API:

- It only has access to the HTTP methods `get()`, `post()`, `put()`, `delete()`, `head()`, `options()`, and `trace()`.
- These methods accept all the same arguments except for `follow`. Since this is just a factory for producing requests, it’s up to you to handle the response.
- It does not support middleware. Session and authentication attributes must be supplied by the test itself if required for the view to function properly.

Example

The following is a unit test using the request factory:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.models import AnonymousUser, User
from django.test import RequestFactory, TestCase
from .views import MyView, my_view

class SimpleTest (TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        # Every test needs access to the request factory.
        self.factory = RequestFactory()
        self.user = User.objects.create_user(
            username='jacob', email='jacob@...', password='top_secret')

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def test_details(self):
    # Create an instance of a GET request.
    request = self.factory.get('/customer/details')

    # Recall that middleware are not supported. You can simulate a
    # logged-in user by setting request.user manually.
    request.user = self.user

    # Or you can simulate an anonymous user by setting request.user to
    # an AnonymousUser instance.
    request.user = AnonymousUser()

    # Test my_view() as if it were deployed at /customer/details
    response = my_view(request)
    # Use this syntax for class-based views.
    response = MyView.as_view()(request)
    self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 200)

AsyncRequestFactory

RequestFactory creates WSGI-like requests. If you want to create ASGI-like requests, including having a correct
ASGI scope, you can instead use django.test.AsyncRequestFactory.

This class is directly API-compatible with RequestFactory, with the only difference being that it returns
ASGIRequest instances rather than WSGIRequest instances. All of its methods are still synchronous callables.

Testing class-based views

In order to test class-based views outside of the request/response cycle you must ensure that they are configured
correctly, by calling setup() after instantiation.

For example, assuming the following class-based view:

Listing 23: views.py

```python
from django.views.generic import TemplateView

class HomeView(TemplateView):
    template_name = 'myapp/home.html'

    def get_context_data(self, **kwargs):
        kwargs['environment'] = 'Production'
        return super().get_context_data(**kwargs)
```

You may directly test the get_context_data() method by first instantiating the view, then passing a request
to setup(), before proceeding with your test’s code:

Listing 24: tests.py

```python
from django.test import RequestFactory, TestCase
from .views import HomeView
```
class HomePageTest(TestCase):
    def test_environment_set_in_context(self):
        request = RequestFactory().get('/
        view = HomeView()
        view.setup(request)

        context = view.get_context_data()
        self.assertIn('environment', context)

Tests and multiple host names

The ALLOWED_HOSTS setting is validated when running tests. This allows the test client to differentiate between internal and external URLs.

Projects that support multitenancy or otherwise alter business logic based on the request’s host and use custom host names in tests must include those hosts in ALLOWED_HOSTS.

The first option to do so is to add the hosts to your settings file. For example, the test suite for docs.djangoproject.com includes the following:

```python
from django.test import TestCase
class SearchFormTestCase(TestCase):
    def test_empty_get(self):
        response = self.client.get('/en/dev/search/', HTTP_HOST='docs.djangoproject.dev:8000')
        self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 200)
```

and the settings file includes a list of the domains supported by the project:

```python
ALLOWED_HOSTS = [
    'www.djangoproject.dev',
    'docs.djangoproject.dev',
    ...
]
```

Another option is to add the required hosts to ALLOWED_HOSTS using override_settings() or modify_settings(). This option may be preferable in standalone apps that can’t package their own settings file or for projects where the list of domains is not static (e.g., subdomains for multitenancy). For example, you could write a test for the domain http://otherserver/ as follows:

```python
from django.test import TestCase, override_settings
class MultiDomainTestCase(TestCase):
    @override_settings(ALLOWED_HOSTS=['otherserver'])
    def test_other_domain(self):
        response = self.client.get('http://otherserver/foo/bar/')
```

Disabling ALLOWED_HOSTS checking (ALLOWED_HOSTS = ['*']) when running tests prevents the test client from raising a helpful error message if you follow a redirect to an external URL.

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Testing primary/replica configurations

If you’re testing a multiple database configuration with primary/replica (referred to as master/slave by some databases) replication, this strategy of creating test databases poses a problem. When the test databases are created, there won’t be any replication, and as a result, data created on the primary won’t be seen on the replica.

To compensate for this, Django allows you to define that a database is a test mirror. Consider the following (simplified) example database configuration:

```python
DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.mysql',
        'NAME': 'myproject',
        'HOST': 'dbprimary',
        # ... plus some other settings
    },
    'replica': {
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.mysql',
        'NAME': 'myproject',
        'HOST': 'dbreplica',
        'TEST': {
            'MIRROR': 'default',
        },
        # ... plus some other settings
    }
}
```

In this setup, we have two database servers: `dbprimary`, described by the database alias `default`, and `dbreplica` described by the alias `replica`. As you might expect, `dbreplica` has been configured by the database administrator as a read replica of `dbprimary`, so in normal activity, any write to `default` will appear on `replica`.

If Django created two independent test databases, this would break any tests that expected replication to occur. However, the `replica` database has been configured as a test mirror (using the `MIRROR` test setting), indicating that under testing, `replica` should be treated as a mirror of `default`.

When the test environment is configured, a test version of `replica` will not be created. Instead the connection to `replica` will be redirected to point at `default`. As a result, writes to `default` will appear on `replica` — but because they are actually the same database, not because there is data replication between the two databases.

Controlling creation order for test databases

By default, Django will assume all databases depend on the `default` database and therefore always create the `default` database first. However, no guarantees are made on the creation order of any other databases in your test setup.

If your database configuration requires a specific creation order, you can specify the dependencies that exist using the `DEPENDENCIES` test setting. Consider the following (simplified) example database configuration:

```python
DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        # ... db settings
        'TEST': {
            'DEPENDENCIES': ['diamonds'],
        },
    },
}
```

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Under this configuration, the `diamonds` database will be created first, as it is the only database alias without dependencies. The `default` and `clubs` alias will be created next (although the order of creation of this pair is not guaranteed), then `hearts`, and finally `spades`.

If there are any circular dependencies in the `DEPENDENCIES` definition, an `ImproperlyConfigured` exception will be raised.

### Advanced features of `TransactionTestCase`

`TransactionTestCase.available_apps`

**Warning:** This attribute is a private API. It may be changed or removed without a deprecation period in the future, for instance to accommodate changes in application loading.

It’s used to optimize Django’s own test suite, which contains hundreds of models but no relations between models in different applications.

By default, `available_apps` is set to `None`. After each test, Django calls `flush` to reset the database state. This empties all tables and emits the `post_migrate` signal, which recreates one content type and four permissions for each model. This operation gets expensive proportionally to the number of models.

Setting `available_apps` to a list of applications instructs Django to behave as if only the models from these applications were available. The behavior of `TransactionTestCase` changes as follows:

- `post_migrate` is fired before each test to create the content types and permissions for each model in available apps, in case they’re missing.
• After each test, Django empties only tables corresponding to models in available apps. However, at the database level, truncation may cascade to related models in unavailable apps. Furthermore, `post_migrate` isn’t fired; it will be fired by the next `TransactionTestCase`, after the correct set of applications is selected.

Since the database isn’t fully flushed, if a test creates instances of models not included in `available_apps`, they will leak and they may cause unrelated tests to fail. Be careful with tests that use sessions; the default session engine stores them in the database.

Since `post_migrate` isn’t emitted after flushing the database, its state after a `TransactionTestCase` isn’t the same as after a `TestCase`: it’s missing the rows created by listeners to `post_migrate`. Considering the order in which tests are executed, this isn’t an issue, provided either all `TransactionTestCase` in a given test suite declare `available_apps`, or none of them.

`available_apps` is mandatory in Django’s own test suite.

### TransactionTestCase.reset_sequences

Setting `reset_sequences = True` on a `TransactionTestCase` will make sure sequences are always reset before the test run:

```python
class TestsThatDependsOnPrimaryKeySequences(TransactionTestCase):
    reset_sequences = True
    
    def test_animal_pk(self):
        lion = Animal.objects.create(name="lion", sound="roar")
        # lion.pk is guaranteed to always be 1
        self.assertEqual(lion.pk, 1)
```

Unless you are explicitly testing primary keys sequence numbers, it is recommended that you do not hard code primary key values in tests.

Using `reset_sequences = True` will slow down the test, since the primary key reset is a relatively expensive database operation.

### Enforce running test classes sequentially

If you have test classes that cannot be run in parallel (e.g. because they share a common resource), you can use `django.test.testcases.SerializeMixin` to run them sequentially. This mixin uses a filesystem lockfile.

For example, you can use `__file__` to determine that all test classes in the same file that inherit from `SerializeMixin` will run sequentially:

```python
import os
from django.test import TestCase
from django.test.testcases import SerializeMixin

class ImageTestCaseMixin(SerializeMixin):
    lockfile = __file__

    def setUp(self):
        self.filename = os.path.join(temp_storage_dir, 'my_file.png')
        self.file = create_file(self.filename)

class RemoveImageTests(ImageTestCaseMixin, TestCase):
    def test_remove_image(self):
        os.remove(self.filename)
```

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Using the Django test runner to test reusable applications

If you are writing a reusable application you may want to use the Django test runner to run your own test suite and thus benefit from the Django testing infrastructure.

A common practice is a tests directory next to the application code, with the following structure:

```
runtests.py
polls/
    __init__.py
    models.py
    ...
tests/
    __init__.py
    models.py
    test_settings.py
    tests.py
```

Let's take a look inside a couple of those files:

Listing 25: runtests.py

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
import os
import sys

import django
from django.conf import settings
from django.test.utils import get_runner

if __name__ == '__main__':
    os.environ['DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE'] = 'tests.test_settings'
    django.setup()
    TestRunner = get_runner(settings)
    test_runner = TestRunner()
    failures = test_runner.run_tests(['tests'])
    sys.exit(bool(failures))
```

This is the script that you invoke to run the test suite. It sets up the Django environment, creates the test database and runs the tests.

For the sake of clarity, this example contains only the bare minimum necessary to use the Django test runner. You may want to add command-line options for controlling verbosity, passing in specific test labels to run, etc.

Listing 26: tests/test_settings.py

```
SECRET_KEY = 'fake-key'
INSTALLED_APPS = [
```
This file contains the Django settings required to run your app’s tests.

Again, this is a minimal example; your tests may require additional settings to run.

Since the tests package is included in INSTALLED_APPS when running your tests, you can define test-only models in its models.py file.

**Using different testing frameworks**

Clearly, unittest is not the only Python testing framework. While Django doesn’t provide explicit support for alternative frameworks, it does provide a way to invoke tests constructed for an alternative framework as if they were normal Django tests.

When you run ./manage.py test, Django looks at the TEST_RUNNER setting to determine what to do. By default, TEST_RUNNER points to 'django.test.runner.DiscoverRunner'. This class defines the default Django testing behavior. This behavior involves:

1. Performing global pre-test setup.
2. Looking for tests in any file below the current directory whose name matches the pattern test*.py.
3. Creating the test databases.
4. Running migrate to install models and initial data into the test databases.
5. Running the system checks.
6. Running the tests that were found.
7. Destroying the test databases.

If you define your own test runner class and point TEST_RUNNER at that class, Django will execute your test runner whenever you run ./manage.py test. In this way, it is possible to use any test framework that can be executed from Python code, or to modify the Django test execution process to satisfy whatever testing requirements you may have.

**Defining a test runner**

A test runner is a class defining a run_tests() method. Django ships with a DiscoverRunner class that defines the default Django testing behavior. This class defines the run_tests() entry point, plus a selection of other methods that are used to by run_tests() to set up, execute and tear down the test suite.

```python
class DiscoverRunner:
    pattern='test*.py',
    top_level=None,
    verbosity=1,
    interactive=True,
    failfast=False,
    keepdb=False,
    reverse=False,
    debug_mode=False,
    debug_sql=False,
    test_name_patterns=None,
    pdb=False,
    buffer=False,
    **kwargs)
```

DiscoverRunner will search for tests in any file matching pattern.

top_level can be used to specify the directory containing your top-level Python modules. Usually Django can figure this out automatically, so it's not necessary to specify this option. If specified, it should generally be the directory containing your manage.py file.

verbosity determines the amount of notification and debug information that will be printed to the console; 0 is no output, 1 is normal output, and 2 is verbose output.
If `interactive` is `True`, the test suite has permission to ask the user for instructions when the test suite is executed. An example of this behavior would be asking for permission to delete an existing test database. If `interactive` is `False`, the test suite must be able to run without any manual intervention.

If `failfast` is `True`, the test suite will stop running after the first test failure is detected.

If `keepdb` is `True`, the test suite will use the existing database, or create one if necessary. If `False`, a new database will be created, prompting the user to remove the existing one, if present.

If `reverse` is `True`, test cases will be executed in the opposite order. This could be useful to debug tests that aren’t properly isolated and have side effects. Grouping by test class is preserved when using this option.

`debug_mode` specifies what the `DEBUG` setting should be set to prior to running tests.

If `debug_sql` is `True`, failing test cases will output SQL queries logged to the `django.db.backends logger` as well as the traceback. If `verbosity` is `2`, then queries in all tests are output.

`test_name_patterns` can be used to specify a set of patterns for filtering test methods and classes by their names.

If `pdb` is `True`, a debugger (pdb or ipdb) will be spawned at each test error or failure.

If `buffer` is `True`, outputs from passing tests will be discarded.

Django may, from time to time, extend the capabilities of the test runner by adding new arguments. The `**kwargs` declaration allows for this expansion. If you subclass `DiscoverRunner` or write your own test runner, ensure it accepts `**kwargs`.

Your test runner may also define additional command-line options. Create or override an `add_arguments(cls, parser)` class method and add custom arguments by calling `parser.add_argument()` inside the method, so that the `test` command will be able to use those arguments.

The `pdb` argument was added.

The `buffer` argument was added.

**Attributes**

*DiscoverRunner*. `test_suite`  
The class used to build the test suite. By default it is set to `unittest.TestSuite`. This can be overridden if you wish to implement different logic for collecting tests.

*DiscoverRunner*. `test_runner`  
This is the class of the low-level test runner which is used to execute the individual tests and format the results. By default it is set to `unittest.TextTestRunner`. Despite the unfortunate similarity in naming conventions, this is not the same type of class as `DiscoverRunner`, which covers a broader set of responsibilities. You can override this attribute to modify the way tests are run and reported.

*DiscoverRunner*. `test_loader`  
This is the class that loads tests, whether from TestCases or modules or otherwise and bundles them into test suites for the runner to execute. By default it is set to `unittest.defaultTestLoader`. You can override this attribute if your tests are going to be loaded in unusual ways.

**Methods**

*DiscoverRunner*. `run_tests(test_labels, extra_tests=None, **kwargs)`  
Run the test suite.
test_labels allows you to specify which tests to run and supports several formats (see DiscoverRunner.build_suite() for a list of supported formats).

extra_tests is a list of extra TestCase instances to add to the suite that is executed by the test runner. These extra tests are run in addition to those discovered in the modules listed in test_labels.

This method should return the number of tests that failed.

classmethod DiscoverRunner.add_arguments(parser)
Override this class method to add custom arguments accepted by the test management command. See argparse.ArgumentParser.add_argument() for details about adding arguments to a parser.

DiscoverRunner.setup_test_environment(**kwargs)
Sets up the test environment by calling setup_test_environment() and setting DEBUG to self.debug_mode (defaults to False).

DiscoverRunner.build_suite(test_labels, extra_tests=None, **kwargs)
Constructs a test suite that matches the test labels provided.

test_labels is a list of strings describing the tests to be run. A test label can take one of four forms:

- path.to.test_module.TestCase – Run all the test methods in a test case.
- path.to.module – Search for and run all tests in the named Python package or module.
- path/to/directory – Search for and run all tests below the named directory.

If test_labels has a value of None, the test runner will search for tests in all files below the current directory whose names match its pattern (see above).

extra_tests is a list of extra TestCase instances to add to the suite that is executed by the test runner. These extra tests are run in addition to those discovered in the modules listed in test_labels.

Returns a TestSuite instance ready to be run.

DiscoverRunner.setup_databases(**kwargs)
Creates the test databases by calling setup_databases().

DiscoverRunner.run_checks(databases)
Runs the system checks on the test databases.

The databases parameter was added.

DiscoverRunner.run_suite(suite, **kwargs)
Runs the test suite.

Returns the result produced by the running the test suite.

DiscoverRunner.get_test_runner_kwars() 
Returns the keyword arguments to instantiate the DiscoverRunner.test_runner with.

DiscoverRunner.teardown_databases(old_config, **kwargs)
Destroys the test databases, restoring pre-test conditions by calling teardown_databases().

DiscoverRunner.teardown_test_environment(**kwargs)
Restores the pre-test environment.

DiscoverRunner.suite_result(suite, result, **kwargs)
Computes and returns a return code based on a test suite, and the result from that test suite.
Testing utilities

django.test.utils

To assist in the creation of your own test runner, Django provides a number of utility methods in the django.test.utils module.

setup_test_environment(debug=None)
Perform global pre-test setup, such as installing instrumentation for the template rendering system and setting up the dummy email outbox.

If debug isn’t None, the DEBUG setting is updated to its value.

tear down_test_environment()
Performs global post-test teardown, such as removing instrumentation from the template system and restoring normal email services.

setup_databases(verbosity, interactive, keepdb=False, debug_sql=False, parallel=0, aliases=None, **kwargs)
Creates the test databases.

Returns a data structure that provides enough detail to undo the changes that have been made. This data will be provided to the teardown_databases() function at the conclusion of testing.

The aliases argument determines which DATABASES aliases test databases should be setup for. If it’s not provided, it defaults to all of DATABASES aliases.

tear down_databases(old_config, parallel=0, keepdb=False)
Destroys the test databases, restoring pre-test conditions.

old_config is a data structure defining the changes in the database configuration that need to be reversed. It’s the return value of the setup_databases() method.

django.db.connection.creation

The creation module of the database backend also provides some utilities that can be useful during testing.

create_test_db(verbosity=1, autoclobber=False, serialize=True, keepdb=False)
Creates a new test database and runs migrate against it.

Verbosity has the same behavior as in run_tests().

autoclobber describes the behavior that will occur if a database with the same name as the test database is discovered:

- If autoclobber is False, the user will be asked to approve destroying the existing database. sys.exit is called if the user does not approve.
- If autoclobber is True, the database will be destroyed without consulting the user.

serialize determines if Django serializes the database into an in-memory JSON string before running tests (used to restore the database state between tests if you don’t have transactions). You can set this to False to speed up creation time if you don’t have any test classes with serialized_rollback=True.

If you are using the default test runner, you can control this with the the SERIALIZE entry in the TEST dictionary.

keepdb determines if the test run should use an existing database, or create a new one. If True, the existing database will be used, or created if not present. If False, a new database will be created, prompting the user to remove the existing one, if present.
Returns the name of the test database that it created.

`create_test_db()` has the side effect of modifying the value of `NAME` in `DATABASES` to match the name of the test database.

**destroy_test_db** *(old_database_name, verbosity=1, keepdb=False)*

Destroys the database whose name is the value of `NAME` in `DATABASES`, and sets `NAME` to the value of `old_database_name`.

The `verbosity` argument has the same behavior as for `DiscoverRunner`.

If the `keepdb` argument is `True`, then the connection to the database will be closed, but the database will not be destroyed.

**Integration with coverage.py**

Code coverage describes how much source code has been tested. It shows which parts of your code are being exercised by tests and which are not. It’s an important part of testing applications, so it’s strongly recommended to check the coverage of your tests.

Django can be easily integrated with coverage.py, a tool for measuring code coverage of Python programs. First, install coverage.py. Next, run the following from your project folder containing `manage.py`:

```
coverage run --source='.' manage.py test myapp
```

This runs your tests and collects coverage data of the executed files in your project. You can see a report of this data by typing following command:

```
coverage report
```

Note that some Django code was executed while running tests, but it is not listed here because of the `source` flag passed to the previous command.

For more options like annotated HTML listings detailing missed lines, see the coverage.py docs.

### 3.10 User authentication in Django

#### 3.10.1 Using the Django authentication system

This document explains the usage of Django’s authentication system in its default configuration. This configuration has evolved to serve the most common project needs, handling a reasonably wide range of tasks, and has a careful implementation of passwords and permissions. For projects where authentication needs differ from the default, Django supports extensive extension and customization of authentication.

Django authentication provides both authentication and authorization together and is generally referred to as the authentication system, as these features are somewhat coupled.

**User objects**

User objects are the core of the authentication system. They typically represent the people interacting with your site and are used to enable things like restricting access, registering user profiles, associating content with creators etc. Only one class of user exists in Django’s authentication framework, i.e., 'superusers' or admin 'staff' users are just user objects with special attributes set, not different classes of user objects.

The primary attributes of the default user are:
Creating users

The most direct way to create users is to use the included `create_user()` helper function:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.auth.models import User
>>> user = User.objects.create_user('john', 'lennon@thebeatles.com', 'johnpassword')
```

# At this point, user is a User object that has already been saved
# to the database. You can continue to change its attributes
# if you want to change other fields.
>>> user.last_name = 'Lennon'
>>> user.save()

If you have the Django admin installed, you can also create users interactively.

Creating superusers

Create superusers using the `createsuperuser` command:

```
$ python manage.py createsuperuser --username=joe --email=joe@example.com
```

You will be prompted for a password. After you enter one, the user will be created immediately. If you leave off the ```--username``` or ```--email``` options, it will prompt you for those values.

Changing passwords

Django does not store raw (clear text) passwords on the user model, but only a hash (see documentation of how passwords are managed for full details). Because of this, do not attempt to manipulate the password attribute of the user directly. This is why a helper function is used when creating a user.

To change a user’s password, you have several options:

`manage.py changepassword *username*` offers a method of changing a user’s password from the command line. It prompts you to change the password of a given user which you must enter twice. If they both match, the new password will be changed immediately. If you do not supply a user, the command will attempt to change the password whose username matches the current system user.

You can also change a password programmatically, using `set_password()`:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.auth.models import User
>>> u = User.objects.get(username='john')
>>> u.set_password('new password')
>>> u.save()
```
If you have the Django admin installed, you can also change user’s passwords on the authentication system’s admin pages.

Django also provides views and forms that may be used to allow users to change their own passwords.

Changing a user’s password will log out all their sessions. See Session invalidation on password change for details.

**Authenticating users**

```python
from django.contrib.auth import authenticate
user = authenticate(username='john', password='secret')
if user is not None:
    # A backend authenticated the credentials
else:
    # No backend authenticated the credentials
```

request is an optional HttpRequest which is passed on the authenticate() method of the authentication backends.

**Note:** This is a low level way to authenticate a set of credentials; for example, it’s used by the RemoteUserMiddleware. Unless you are writing your own authentication system, you probably won’t use this. Rather if you’re looking for a way to login a user, use the LoginView.

**Permissions and Authorization**

Django comes with a built-in permissions system. It provides a way to assign permissions to specific users and groups of users.

It’s used by the Django admin site, but you’re welcome to use it in your own code.

The Django admin site uses permissions as follows:

- Access to view objects is limited to users with the “view” or “change” permission for that type of object.
- Access to view the “add” form and add an object is limited to users with the “add” permission for that type of object.
- Access to view the change list, view the “change” form and change an object is limited to users with the “change” permission for that type of object.
- Access to delete an object is limited to users with the “delete” permission for that type of object.

Permissions can be set not only per type of object, but also per specific object instance. By using the has_view_permission(), has_add_permission(), has_change_permission() and has_delete_permission() methods provided by the ModelAdmin class, it is possible to customize permissions for different object instances of the same type.

User objects have two many-to-many fields: groups and user_permissions. User objects can access their related objects in the same way as any other Django model.
myuser.groups.set([group_list])
myuser.groups.add(group, group, ...)
myuser.groups.remove(group, group, ...)
myuser.groups.clear()
myuser.user_permissions.set([permission_list])
myuser.user_permissions.add(permission, permission, ...)
myuser.user_permissions.remove(permission, permission, ...)
myuser.user_permissions.clear()
content_type = ContentType.objects.get_for_model(BlogPost)
permission = Permission.objects.create(
    codename='can_publish',
    name='Can Publish Posts',
    content_type=content_type,
)

The permission can then be assigned to a User via its user_permissions attribute or to a Group via its permissions attribute.

Proxy models need their own content type

If you want to create permissions for a proxy model, pass for_concrete_model=False to ContentTypeManager.get_for_model() to get the appropriate ContentType:

content_type = ContentType.objects.get_for_model(BlogPostProxy, for_concrete_model=False)

Permission caching

The ModelBackend caches permissions on the user object after the first time they need to be fetched for a permissions check. This is typically fine for the request-response cycle since permissions aren’t typically checked immediately after they are added (in the admin, for example). If you are adding permissions and checking them immediately afterward, in a test or view for example, the easiest solution is to re-fetch the user from the database. For example:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.models import Permission, User
from django.contrib.contenttypes.models import ContentType
from django.shortcuts import get_object_or_404
from myapp.models import BlogPost

def user_gains_perms(request, user_id):
    user = get_object_or_404(User, pk=user_id)
    # any permission check will cache the current set of permissions
    user.has_perm('myapp.change_blogpost')

    content_type = ContentType.objects.get_for_model(BlogPost)
    permission = Permission.objects.get(
        codename='change_blogpost',
        content_type=content_type,
    )
    user.user_permissions.add(permission)

    # Checking the cached permission set
    user.has_perm('myapp.change_blogpost')  # False

    # Request new instance of User
    # Be aware that user.refresh_from_db() won't clear the cache.
    user = get_object_or_404(User, pk=user_id)

    # Permission cache is repopulated from the database
    user.has_perm('myapp.change_blogpost')  # True
```

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Proxy models

Proxy models work exactly the same way as concrete models. Permissions are created using the own content type of the proxy model. Proxy models don’t inherit the permissions of the concrete model they subclass:

```python
class Person(models.Model):
    class Meta:
        permissions = [('can_eat_pizzas', 'Can eat pizzas')]

class Student(Person):
    class Meta:
        proxy = True
        permissions = [('can_deliver_pizzas', 'Can deliver pizzas')]
```

```python
>>> # Fetch the content type for the proxy model.
>>> content_type = ContentType.objects.get_for_model(Student, for_concrete_model=False)
>>> student_permissions = Permission.objects.filter(content_type=content_type)
>>> [p.codename for p in student_permissions]
['add_student', 'change_student', 'delete_student', 'view_student', 'can_deliver_pizzas']
```

```python
>>> for permission in student_permissions:
...     user.user_permissions.add(permission)
>>> user.has_perm('app.add_person')
False
>>> user.has_perm('app.can_eat_pizzas')
False
>>> user.has_perms(('app.add_student', 'app.can_deliver_pizzas'))
True
```

Authentication in Web requests

Django uses `sessions` and middleware to hook the authentication system into `request` objects.

These provide a `request.user` attribute on every request which represents the current user. If the current user has not logged in, this attribute will be set to an instance of `AnonymousUser`, otherwise it will be an instance of `User`.

You can tell them apart with `is_authenticated`, like so:

```python
if request.user.is_authenticated:
    # Do something for authenticated users.
    ...
else:
    # Do something for anonymous users.
    ...
```

How to log a user in

If you have an authenticated user you want to attach to the current session - this is done with a `login()` function.
To log a user in, from a view, use `login()`. It takes an `HttpRequest` object and a `User` object. `login()` saves the user’s ID in the session, using Django’s session framework.

Note that any data set during the anonymous session is retained in the session after a user logs in.

This example shows how you might use both `authenticate()` and `login()`:

```python
from django.contrib.auth import authenticate, login

def my_view(request):
    username = request.POST['username']
    password = request.POST['password']
    user = authenticate(request, username=username, password=password)
    if user is not None:
        login(request, user)
        # Redirect to a success page.
    else:
        # Return an 'invalid login' error message.
```

### Selecting the authentication backend

When a user logs in, the user’s ID and the backend that was used for authentication are saved in the user’s session. This allows the same `authentication backend` to fetch the user’s details on a future request. The authentication backend to save in the session is selected as follows:

1. Use the value of the optional `backend` argument, if provided.
2. Use the value of the `user.backend` attribute, if present. This allows pairing `authenticate()` and `login()`: `authenticate()` sets the `user.backend` attribute on the user object it returns.
3. Use the `backend` in `AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS`, if there is only one.
4. Otherwise, raise an exception.

In cases 1 and 2, the value of the `backend` argument or the `user.backend` attribute should be a dotted import path string (like that found in `AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS`), not the actual backend class.

### How to log a user out

To log out a user who has been logged in via `django.contrib.auth.login()`, use `django.contrib.auth.logout()` within your view. It takes an `HttpRequest` object and has no return value. Example:

```python
from django.contrib.auth import logout

def logout_view(request):
    logout(request)
    # Redirect to a success page.
```

Note that `logout()` doesn’t throw any errors if the user wasn’t logged in.

When you call `logout()`, the session data for the current request is completely cleaned out. All existing data is removed. This is to prevent another person from using the same Web browser to log in and have access to
the previous user’s session data. If you want to put anything into the session that will be available to the user immediately after logging out, do that after calling `django.contrib.auth.logout()`.

### Limiting access to logged-in users

#### The raw way

The raw way to limit access to pages is to check `request.user.is_authenticated` and either redirect to a login page:

```python
from django.conf import settings
from django.shortcuts import redirect

def my_view(request):
    if not request.user.is_authenticated:
        return redirect('%s?next=%s' % (settings.LOGIN_URL, request.path))
    # ...
```

...or display an error message:

```python
from django.shortcuts import render

def my_view(request):
    if not request.user.is_authenticated:
        return render(request, 'myapp/login_error.html')
    # ...
```

#### The `login_required` decorator

`login_required(redirect_field_name='next', login_url=None)`

As a shortcut, you can use the convenient `login_required()` decorator:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.decorators import login_required

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

`login_required()` does the following:

- If the user isn’t logged in, redirect to `settings.LOGIN_URL`, passing the current absolute path in the query string. Example: `/accounts/login/?next=/polls/3/`.
- If the user is logged in, execute the view normally. The view code is free to assume the user is logged in.

By default, the path that the user should be redirected to upon successful authentication is stored in a query string parameter called "next". If you would prefer to use a different name for this parameter, `login_required()` takes an optional `redirect_field_name` parameter:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.decorators import login_required

@login_required(redirect_field_name='my_redirect_field')
def my_view(request):
    ...
```
Note that if you provide a value to `redirect_field_name`, you will most likely need to customize your login template as well, since the template context variable which stores the redirect path will use the value of `redirect_field_name` as its key rather than "next" (the default).

`login_required()` also takes an optional `login_url` parameter. Example:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.decorators import login_required

@login_required(login_url='/accounts/login/')
def my_view(request):
    ...
```

Note that if you don’t specify the `login_url` parameter, you’ll need to ensure that the `settings.LOGIN_URL` and your login view are properly associated. For example, using the defaults, add the following lines to your URLconf:

```python
from django.contrib.auth import views as auth_views
path('accounts/login/', auth_views.LoginView.as_view()),
```

The `settings.LOGIN_URL` also accepts view function names and named URL patterns. This allows you to freely remap your login view within your URLconf without having to update the setting.

**Note:** The `login_required` decorator does NOT check the `is_active` flag on a user, but the default `AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS` reject inactive users.

**See also:**

If you are writing custom views for Django’s admin (or need the same authorization check that the built-in views use), you may find the `django.contrib.admin.views.decorators.staff_member_required()` decorator a useful alternative to `login_required()`.

**The LoginRequired mixin**

When using class-based views, you can achieve the same behavior as with `login_required` by using the `LoginRequiredMixin`. This mixin should be at the leftmost position in the inheritance list.

```python
from django.contrib.auth.mixins import LoginRequiredMixin

class MyView(LoginRequiredMixin, View):
    login_url = '/login/
    redirect_field_name = 'redirect_to'
```

**Note:** Just as the `login_required` decorator, this mixin does NOT check the `is_active` flag on a user, but the default `AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS` reject inactive users.
Limiting access to logged-in users that pass a test

To limit access based on certain permissions or some other test, you’d do essentially the same thing as described in the previous section.

You can run your test on `request.user` in the view directly. For example, this view checks to make sure the user has an email in the desired domain and if not, redirects to the login page:

```python
from django.shortcuts import redirect

def my_view(request):
    if not request.user.email.endswith('@example.com'):
        return redirect('/login/?next=%s' % request.path)
    # ...
```

```python
user_passes_test(test_func, login_url=None, redirect_field_name='next')
```

As a shortcut, you can use the convenient `user_passes_test` decorator which performs a redirect when the callable returns `False`:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.decorators import user_passes_test
def email_check(user):
    return user.email.endswith('@example.com')

@user_passes_test(email_check)
def my_view(request):
    ...
```

`user_passes_test()` takes a required argument: a callable that takes a `User` object and returns `True` if the user is allowed to view the page. Note that `user_passes_test()` does not automatically check that the `User` is not anonymous.

`user_passes_test()` takes two optional arguments:

- `login_url` Lets you specify the URL that users who don’t pass the test will be redirected to. It may be a login page and defaults to `settings.LOGIN_URL` if you don’t specify one.
- `redirect_field_name` Same as for `login_required()`. Setting it to `None` removes it from the URL, which you may want to do if you are redirecting users that don’t pass the test to a non-login page where there’s no “next page”.

For example:

```python
@user_passes_test(email_check, login_url='/login/')
def my_view(request):
    ...
```

class UserPassesTestMixin

When using `class-based views`, you can use the `UserPassesTestMixin` to do this.

```python
from django.contrib.auth.mixins import UserPassesTestMixin
class MyView(UserPassesTestMixin, View):
```

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def test_func(self):
    return self.request.user.email.endswith('@example.com')

def test_func(self):
    return self.request.user.email.endswith('@example.com')

def test_func(self):
    return self.request.user.email.endswith('@example.com')

def test_func(self):
    return self.request.user.email.endswith('@example.com')

class TestMixin1(UserPassesTestMixin):
    def test_func(self):
        return self.request.user.email.endswith('@example.com')

class TestMixin2(UserPassesTestMixin):
    def test_func(self):
        return self.request.user.username.startswith('django')

class MyView(TestMixin1, TestMixin2, View):
    ...

If TestMixin1 would call super() and take that result into account, TestMixin1 wouldn’t work standalone anymore.

### The `permission_required` decorator

`permission_required(perm, login_url=None, raise_exception=False)`

It’s a relatively common task to check whether a user has a particular permission. For that reason, Django provides a shortcut for that case: the `permission_required()` decorator:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.decorators import permission_required
@permission_required('polls.add_choice')
def my_view(request):
    ...
```

Just like the `has_perm()` method, permission names take the form "<app label>.<permission codename>" (i.e. polls.add_choice for a permission on a model in the polls application).

The decorator may also take an iterable of permissions, in which case the user must have all of the permissions in order to access the view.

Note that `permission_required()` also takes an optional `login_url` parameter:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.decorators import permission_required
@permission_required('polls.add_choice', login_url='/loginpage/')
def my_view(request):
    ...
```

As in the `login_required()` decorator, `login_url` defaults to `settings.LOGIN_URL`.  

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If the `raise_exception` parameter is given, the decorator will raise `PermissionDenied`, prompting the 403 (HTTP Forbidden) view instead of redirecting to the login page.

If you want to use `raise_exception` but also give your users a chance to login first, you can add the `login_required()` decorator:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.decorators import login_required, permission_required
@login_required
@permission_required('polls.add_choice', raise_exception=True)
def my_view(request):
    ...
```

This also avoids a redirect loop when `LoginView`’s `redirect_authenticated_user=True` and the logged-in user doesn’t have all of the required permissions.

### The `PermissionRequiredMixin` mixin

To apply permission checks to class-based views, you can use the `PermissionRequiredMixin`:

```python
class PermissionRequiredMixin
    This mixin, just like the permission_required decorator, checks whether the user accessing a view has all given permissions. You should specify the permission (or an iterable of permissions) using the permission_required parameter:

    from django.contrib.auth.mixins import PermissionRequiredMixin
class MyView(PermissionRequiredMixin, View):
        permission_required = 'polls.add_choice'
        # Or multiple of permissions:
        permission_required = ('polls.view_choice', 'polls.change_choice')
```

You can set any of the parameters of `AccessMixin` to customize the handling of unauthorized users.

You may also override these methods:

- `get_permission_required()`
  Returns an iterable of permission names used by the mixin. Defaults to the `permission_required` attribute, converted to a tuple if necessary.

- `has_permission()`
  Returns a boolean denoting whether the current user has permission to execute the decorated view. By default, this returns the result of calling `has_perms()` with the list of permissions returned by `get_permission_required()`.

### Redirecting unauthorized requests in class-based views

To ease the handling of access restrictions in class-based views, the `AccessMixin` can be used to configure the behavior of a view when access is denied. Authenticated users are denied access with an HTTP 403 Forbidden response. Anonymous users are redirected to the login page or shown an HTTP 403 Forbidden response, depending on the `raise_exception` attribute.
login_url
Default return value for get_login_url(). Defaults to None in which case get_login_url() falls back to settings.LOGIN_URL.

permission_denied_message
Default return value for get_permission_denied_message(). Defaults to an empty string.

redirect_field_name
Default return value for get_redirect_field_name(). Defaults to "next".

raise_exception
If this attribute is set to True, a PermissionDenied exception is raised when the conditions are not met. When False (the default), anonymous users are redirected to the login page.

get_login_url()
Returns the URL that users who don’t pass the test will be redirected to. Returns login_url if set, or settings.LOGIN_URL otherwise.

get_permission_denied_message()
When raise_exception is True, this method can be used to control the error message passed to the error handler for display to the user. Returns the permission_denied_message attribute by default.

get_redirect_field_name()
Returns the name of the query parameter that will contain the URL the user should be redirected to after a successful login. If you set this to None, a query parameter won’t be added. Returns the redirect_field_name attribute by default.

handle_no_permission()
Depending on the value of raise_exception, the method either raises a PermissionDenied exception or redirects the user to the login_url, optionally including the redirect_field_name if it is set.

Session invalidation on password change

If your AUTH_USER_MODEL inherits from AbstractBaseUser or implements its own get_session_auth_hash() method, authenticated sessions will include the hash returned by this function. In the AbstractBaseUser case, this is an HMAC of the password field. Django verifies that the hash in the session for each request matches the one that’s computed during the request. This allows a user to log out all of their sessions by changing their password.

The default password change views included with Django, PasswordChangeView and the user_change_password view in the django.contrib.auth admin, update the session with the new password hash so that a user changing their own password won’t log themselves out. If you have a custom password change view and wish to have similar behavior, use the update_session_auth_hash() function.

update_session_auth_hash(request, user)
This function takes the current request and the updated user object from which the new session hash will be derived and updates the session hash appropriately. It also rotates the session key so that a stolen session cookie will be invalidated.

Example usage:

```python
from django.contrib.auth import update_session_auth_hash

def password_change(request):
    if request.method == 'POST':
        form = PasswordChangeForm(user=request.user, data=request.POST)
        if form.is_valid():
```

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Note: Since `get_session_auth_hash()` is based on `SECRET_KEY`, updating your site to use a new secret will invalidate all existing sessions.

### Authentication Views

Django provides several views that you can use for handling login, logout, and password management. These make use of the stock auth forms but you can pass in your own forms as well.

Django provides no default template for the authentication views. You should create your own templates for the views you want to use. The template context is documented in each view, see *All authentication views*.

### Using the views

There are different methods to implement these views in your project. The easiest way is to include the provided URLconf in `django.contrib.auth.urls` in your own URLconf, for example:

```python
urlpatterns = [
    path('accounts/', include('django.contrib.auth.urls')),
]
```

This will include the following URL patterns:

```python
accounts/login/ [name='login']
accounts/logout/ [name='logout']
accounts/password_change/ [name='password_change']
accounts/password_change/done/ [name='password_change_done']
accounts/password_reset/ [name='password_reset']
accounts/password_reset/done/ [name='password_reset_done']
accounts/reset/<uidb64>/<token>/ [name='password_reset_confirm']
accounts/reset/done/ [name='password_reset_complete']
```

The views provide a URL name for easier reference. See the URL documentation for details on using named URL patterns.

If you want more control over your URLs, you can reference a specific view in your URLconf:

```python
from django.contrib.auth import views as auth_views
urlpatterns = [
    path('change-password/', auth_views.PasswordChangeView.as_view()),
]
```

The views have optional arguments you can use to alter the behavior of the view. For example, if you want to change the template name a view uses, you can provide the `template_name` argument. A way to do this is to provide keyword arguments in the URLconf, these will be passed on to the view. For example:
urlpatterns = [
    path('change-password/',
        auth_views.PasswordChangeView.as_view(template_name='change-password.html'),
    ),
]

All views are class-based, which allows you to easily customize them by subclassing.

**All authentication views**

This is a list with all the views django.contrib.auth provides. For implementation details see Using the views.

**class LoginView**

**URL name:** login

See the URL documentation for details on using named URL patterns.

**Attributes:**

- **template_name:** The name of a template to display for the view used to log the user in. Defaults to registration/login.html.
- **redirect_field_name:** The name of a GET field containing the URL to redirect to after login. Defaults to next.
- **authentication_form:** A callable (typically a form class) to use for authentication. Defaults to AuthenticationForm.
- **extra_context:** A dictionary of context data that will be added to the default context data passed to the template.
- **redirect_authenticated_user:** A boolean that controls whether or not authenticated users accessing the login page will be redirected as if they had just successfully logged in. Defaults to False.

**Warning:** If you enable redirect_authenticated_user, other websites will be able to determine if their visitors are authenticated on your site by requesting redirect URLs to image files on your website. To avoid this “social media fingerprinting” information leakage, host all images and your favicon on a separate domain.

Enabling redirect_authenticated_user can also result in a redirect loop when using the permission_required() decorator unless the raise_exception parameter is used.

- **success_url_allowed_hosts:** A set of hosts, in addition to request.get_host(), that are safe for redirecting after login. Defaults to an empty set.

Here’s what LoginView does:

- If called via GET, it displays a login form that POSTs to the same URL. More on this in a bit.
- If called via POST with user submitted credentials, it tries to log the user in. If login is successful, the view redirects to the URL specified in next. If next isn’t provided, it redirects to settings.LOGIN_REDIRECT_URL (which defaults to /accounts/profile/). If login isn’t successful, it redisplay the login form.

It’s your responsibility to provide the html for the login template, called registration/login.html by default. This template gets passed four template context variables:
• **form**: A *Form* object representing the *AuthenticationForm*.

• **next**: The URL to redirect to after successful login. This may contain a query string, too.

• **site**: The current *Site*, according to the *SITE_ID* setting. If you don’t have the site framework installed, this will be set to an instance of *RequestSite*, which derives the site name and domain from the current *HttpRequest*.

• **site_name**: An alias for *site.name*. If you don’t have the site framework installed, this will be set to the value of *request.META['SERVER_NAME']*]. For more on sites, see *The “sites” framework*.

If you’d prefer not to call the template *registration/login.html*, you can pass the `template_name` parameter via the extra arguments to the `as_view` method in your URLconf. For example, this URLconf line would use `myapp/login.html` instead:

```python
path('accounts/login/', auth_views.LoginView.as_view(template_name='myapp/login.html'),)
```

You can also specify the name of the GET field which contains the URL to redirect to after login using `redirect_field_name`. By default, the field is called `next`.

Here’s a sample *registration/login.html* template you can use as a starting point. It assumes you have a `base.html` template that defines a `content` block:

```html
{% extends "base.html" %}

{% block content %}

{% if form.errors %}
  <p>Your username and password didn't match. Please try again.</p>
{% endif %}

{% if next %}
  {% if user.is_authenticated %}
    <p>Your account doesn't have access to this page. To proceed, please login with an account that has access.</p>
  {% else %}
    <p>Please login to see this page.</p>
  {% endif %}
{% endif %}

<form method="post" action="{% url 'login' %}">
{% csrf_token %}
  <table>
    <tr>
      <td>{{ form.username.label_tag }}</td>
      <td>{{ form.username }}</td>
    </tr>
    <tr>
      <td>{{ form.password.label_tag }}</td>
      <td>{{ form.password }}</td>
    </tr>
  </table>
  <input type="submit" value="login">
  <input type="hidden" name="next" value="{{ next }}">
</form>

{% # Assumes you setup the password_reset view in your URLconf %}

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If you have customized authentication (see *Customizing Authentication*) you can use a custom authentication form by setting the `authentication_form` attribute. This form must accept a `request` keyword argument in its `__init__()` method and provide a `get_user()` method which returns the authenticated user object (this method is only ever called after successful form validation).

```python
class LogoutView
    Logs a user out.

    URL name: logout

    Attributes:
    • next_page: The URL to redirect to after logout. Defaults to `settings.LOGOUT_REDIRECT_URL`.
    • template_name: The full name of a template to display after logging the user out. Defaults to `registration/logged_out.html`.
    • redirect_field_name: The name of a GET field containing the URL to redirect to after log out. Defaults to `next`. Overrides the `next_page` URL if the given GET parameter is passed.
    • extra_context: A dictionary of context data that will be added to the default context data passed to the template.
    • success_url_allowed_hosts: A set of hosts, in addition to `request.get_host()`, that are safe for redirecting after logout. Defaults to an empty set.

    Template context:
    • title: The string “Logged out”, localized.
    • site: The current `Site`, according to the `SITE_ID` setting. If you don’t have the site framework installed, this will be set to an instance of `RequestSite`, which derives the site name and domain from the current `HttpRequest`.
    • site_name: An alias for `site.name`. If you don’t have the site framework installed, this will be set to the value of `request.META['SERVER_NAME']`. For more on sites, see *The “sites” framework*.

    logout_then_login(request, login_url=None)
    Logs a user out, then redirects to the login page.

    URL name: No default URL provided

    Optional arguments:
    • login_url: The URL of the login page to redirect to. Defaults to `settings.LOGIN_URL` if not supplied.

    class PasswordChangeView
    URL name: password_change

    Allows a user to change their password.

    Attributes:
    • template_name: The full name of a template to use for displaying the password change form. Defaults to `registration/password_change_form.html` if not supplied.
    • success_url: The URL to redirect to after a successful password change. Defaults to 'password_change_done'.
• **form_class**: A custom “change password” form which must accept a **user** keyword argument. The form is responsible for actually changing the user’s password. Defaults to `PasswordChangeForm`.

• **extra_context**: A dictionary of context data that will be added to the default context data passed to the template.

**Template context:**

• **form**: The password change form (see form_class above).

### class PasswordChangeDoneView

**URL name**: `password_change_done`

The page shown after a user has changed their password.

**Attributes:**

• **template_name**: The full name of a template to use. Defaults to `registration/password_change_done.html` if not supplied.

• **extra_context**: A dictionary of context data that will be added to the default context data passed to the template.

### class PasswordResetView

**URL name**: `password_reset`

Allows a user to reset their password by generating a one-time use link that can be used to reset the password, and sending that link to the user’s registered email address.

If the email address provided does not exist in the system, this view won’t send an email, but the user won’t receive any error message either. This prevents information leaking to potential attackers. If you want to provide an error message in this case, you can subclass `PasswordResetForm` and use the form_class attribute.

**Note:** Be aware that sending an email costs extra time, hence you may be vulnerable to an email address enumeration timing attack due to a difference between the duration of a reset request for an existing email address and the duration of a reset request for a nonexistent email address. To reduce the overhead, you can use a 3rd party package that allows to send emails asynchronously, e.g. `django-mailer`.

Users flagged with an unusable password (see `set_unusable_password()`) aren’t allowed to request a password reset to prevent misuse when using an external authentication source like LDAP. Note that they won’t receive any error message since this would expose their account’s existence but no mail will be sent either.

**Attributes:**

• **template_name**: The full name of a template to use for displaying the password reset form. Defaults to `registration/password_reset_form.html` if not supplied.

• **form_class**: Form that will be used to get the email of the user to reset the password for. Defaults to `PasswordResetForm`.

• **email_template_name**: The full name of a template to use for generating the email with the reset password link. Defaults to `registration/password_reset_email.html` if not supplied.

• **subject_template_name**: The full name of a template to use for the subject of the email with the reset password link. Defaults to `registration/password_reset_subject.txt` if not supplied.

• **token_generator**: Instance of the class to check the one time link. This will default to `default_token_generator`, it’s an instance of `django.contrib.auth.tokens.PasswordResetTokenGenerator`.

• **success_url**: The URL to redirect to after a successful password reset request. Defaults to 'password_reset_done'.

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• **from_email**: A valid email address. By default Django uses the `DEFAULT_FROM_EMAIL`.

• **extra_context**: A dictionary of context data that will be added to the default context data passed to the template.

• **html_email_template_name**: The full name of a template to use for generating a `text/html` multipart email with the password reset link. By default, HTML email is not sent.

• **extra_email_context**: A dictionary of context data that will be available in the email template. It can be used to override default template context values listed below e.g. `domain`.

**Template context:**

• **form**: The form (see `form_class` above) for resetting the user’s password.

**Email template context:**

• **email**: An alias for `user.email`

• **user**: The current `User`, according to the email form field. Only active users are able to reset their passwords (`User.is_active` is `True`).

• **site_name**: An alias for `site.name`. If you don’t have the site framework installed, this will be set to the value of `request.META['SERVER_NAME']`. For more on sites, see *The “sites” framework*.

• **domain**: An alias for `site.domain`. If you don’t have the site framework installed, this will be set to the value of `request.get_host()`.

• **protocol**: `http` or `https`

• **uid**: The user’s primary key encoded in base 64.

• **token**: Token to check that the reset link is valid.

Sample `registration/password_reset_email.html` (email body template):

```html
Someone asked for password reset for email {{ email }}. Follow the link below:
{{ protocol }}://{{ domain }}{% url 'password_reset_confirm' uidb64=uid %}token=token %}
```

The same template context is used for subject template. Subject must be single line plain text string.

**class PasswordResetDoneView**

**URL name**: `password_reset_done`

The page shown after a user has been emailed a link to reset their password. This view is called by default if the `PasswordResetView` doesn’t have an explicit `success_url` URL set.

**Note:** If the email address provided does not exist in the system, the user is inactive, or has an unusable password, the user will still be redirected to this view but no email will be sent.

**Attributes:**

• **template_name**: The full name of a template to use. Defaults to `registration/password_reset_done.html` if not supplied.

• **extra_context**: A dictionary of context data that will be added to the default context data passed to the template.

**class PasswordResetConfirmView**

**URL name**: `password_reset_confirm`

Presents a form for entering a new password.
Keyword arguments from the URL:

- **uidb64**: The user’s id encoded in base 64.
- **token**: Token to check that the password is valid.

Attributes:

- **template_name**: The full name of a template to display the confirm password view. Default value is `registration/password_reset_confirm.html`.
- **token_generator**: Instance of the class to check the password. This will default to `default_token_generator`, it’s an instance of `django.contrib.auth.tokens.PasswordResetTokenGenerator`.
- **post_reset_login**: A boolean indicating if the user should be automatically authenticated after a successful password reset. Defaults to `False`.
- **post_reset_login_backend**: A dotted path to the authentication backend to use when authenticating a user if `post_reset_login` is `True`. Required only if you have multiple `AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS` configured. Defaults to `None`.
- **form_class**: Form that will be used to set the password. Defaults to `SetPasswordForm`.
- **success_url**: URL to redirect after the password reset done. Defaults to `'password_reset_complete'`.
- **extra_context**: A dictionary of context data that will be added to the default context data passed to the template.
- **reset_url_token**: Token parameter displayed as a component of password reset URLs. Defaults to `'set-password'`.

  The `reset_url_token` class attribute was added.

Template context:

- **form**: The form (see `form_class` above) for setting the new user’s password.
- **validlink**: Boolean, True if the link (combination of `uidb64` and `token`) is valid or unused yet.

```python
class PasswordResetCompleteView

URL name: password_reset_complete

Presents a view which informs the user that the password has been successfully changed.

Attributes:

- **template_name**: The full name of a template to display the view. Defaults to `registration/password_reset_complete.html`.
- **extra_context**: A dictionary of context data that will be added to the default context data passed to the template.
```

Helper functions

```python
redirect_to_login (next, login_url=None, redirect_field_name='next')

Redirects to the login page, and then back to another URL after a successful login.

Required arguments:

- **next**: The URL to redirect to after a successful login.

Optional arguments:
```
• `login_url`: The URL of the login page to redirect to. Defaults to `settings.LOGIN_URL` if not supplied.
• `redirect_field_name`: The name of a GET field containing the URL to redirect to after log out. Overrides `next` if the given GET parameter is passed.

## Built-in forms

If you don’t want to use the built-in views, but want the convenience of not having to write forms for this functionality, the authentication system provides several built-in forms located in `django.contrib.auth.forms`:

**Note:** The built-in authentication forms make certain assumptions about the user model that they are working with. If you’re using a custom user model, it may be necessary to define your own forms for the authentication system. For more information, refer to the documentation about using the built-in authentication forms with custom user models.

```python
class AdminPasswordChangeForm
    A form used in the admin interface to change a user’s password.
    Takes the `user` as the first positional argument.

class AuthenticationForm
    A form for logging a user in.
    Takes `request` as its first positional argument, which is stored on the form instance for use by sub-classes.

    confirm_login_allowed(user)
    By default, AuthenticationForm rejects users whose `is_active` flag is set to False. You may override this behavior with a custom policy to determine which users can log in. Do this with a custom form that subclasses AuthenticationForm and overrides the confirm_login_allowed() method. This method should raise a ValidationError if the given user may not log in.

    For example, to allow all users to log in regardless of “active” status:
```
from django.contrib.auth.forms import AuthenticationForm
class AuthenticationFormWithInactiveUsersOkay(AuthenticationForm):
    def confirm_login_allowed(self, user):
        pass

(In this case, you’ll also need to use an authentication backend that allows inactive users, such as `AllowAllUsersModelBackend`.)

Or to allow only some active users to log in:
```
class PickyAuthenticationForm(AuthenticationForm):
    def confirm_login_allowed(self, user):
        if not user.is_active:
            raise ValidationError(
                _("This account is inactive."),
                code='inactive',
            )
        if user.username.startswith('b'):
            raise ValidationError(
                _("Sorry, accounts starting with 'b' aren't welcome here."),
                code='no_b_users',
            )
```

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class PasswordChangeForm
A form for allowing a user to change their password.

class PasswordResetForm
A form for generating and emailing a one-time use link to reset a user’s password.

send_mail(subject_template_name, email_template_name, context, from_email, to_email, html_email_template_name=None)
Uses the arguments to send an EmailMultiAlternatives. Can be overridden to customize how the email is sent to the user.

Parameters
- **subject_template_name** – the template for the subject.
- **email_template_name** – the template for the email body.
- **context** – context passed to the subject_template, email_template, and html_email_template (if it is not None).
- **from_email** – the sender’s email.
- **to_email** – the email of the requester.
- **html_email_template_name** – the template for the HTML body; defaults to None, in which case a plain text email is sent.

By default, save() populates the context with the same variables that PasswordResetView passes to its email context.

class SetPasswordForm
A form that lets a user change their password without entering the old password.

class UserChangeForm
A form used in the admin interface to change a user’s information and permissions.

class UserCreationForm
A ModelForm for creating a new user.

It has three fields: username (from the user model), password1, and password2. It verifies that password1 and password2 match, validates the password using validate_password(), and sets the user’s password using set_password().

Authentication data in templates

The currently logged-in user and their permissions are made available in the template context when you use RequestContext.

Technicality

Technically, these variables are only made available in the template context if you use RequestContext and the 'django.contrib.auth.context_processors.auth' context processor is enabled. It is in the default generated settings file. For more, see the RequestContext docs.

Users

When rendering a template RequestContext, the currently logged-in user, either a User instance or an AnonymousUser instance, is stored in the template variable {{ user }}:
This template context variable is not available if a RequestContext is not being used.

**Permissions**

The currently logged-in user’s permissions are stored in the template variable `{{ perms }}`. This is an instance of `django.contrib.auth.context_processors.PermWrapper`, which is a template-friendly proxy of permissions.

Evaluating a single-attribute lookup of `{{ perms }}` as a boolean is a proxy to `User.has_module_perms()`. For example, to check if the logged-in user has any permissions in the `foo` app:

```{% if perms.foo %}```

Evaluating a two-level-attribute lookup as a boolean is a proxy to `User.has_perm()`. For example, to check if the logged-in user has the permission `foo.add_vote`:

```{% if perms.foo.add_vote %}```

Here’s a more complete example of checking permissions in a template:

```{% if perms.foo %}
    <p>You have permission to do something in the foo app.</p>
{% if perms.foo.add_vote %}
    <p>You can vote!</p>
{% endif %}
{% if perms.foo.add_driving %}
    <p>You can drive!</p>
{% endif %}
{% else %}
    <p>You don't have permission to do anything in the foo app.</p>
{% endif %}```

It is possible to also look permissions up by `{% if in %}` statements. For example:

```{% if 'foo' in perms %}
    {% if 'foo.add_vote' in perms %}
        <p>In lookup works, too.</p>
    {% endif %}
{% endif %}```

**Managing users in the admin**

When you have both `django.contrib.admin` and `django.contrib.auth` installed, the admin provides a convenient way to view and manage users, groups, and permissions. Users can be created and deleted like any Django model. Groups can be created, and permissions can be assigned to users or groups. A log of user edits to models made within the admin is also stored and displayed.
Creating users

You should see a link to “Users” in the “Auth” section of the main admin index page. The “Add user” admin page is different than standard admin pages in that it requires you to choose a username and password before allowing you to edit the rest of the user’s fields.

Also note: if you want a user account to be able to create users using the Django admin site, you’ll need to give them permission to add users and change users (i.e., the “Add user” and “Change user” permissions). If an account has permission to add users but not to change them, that account won’t be able to add users. Why? Because if you have permission to add users, you have the power to create superusers, which can then, in turn, change other users. So Django requires add and change permissions as a slight security measure.

Be thoughtful about how you allow users to manage permissions. If you give a non-superuser the ability to edit users, this is ultimately the same as giving them superuser status because they will be able to elevate permissions of users including themselves!

Changing passwords

User passwords are not displayed in the admin (nor stored in the database), but the password storage details are displayed. Included in the display of this information is a link to a password change form that allows admins to change user passwords.

3.10.2 Password management in Django

Password management is something that should generally not be reinvented unnecessarily, and Django endeavors to provide a secure and flexible set of tools for managing user passwords. This document describes how Django stores passwords, how the storage hashing can be configured, and some utilities to work with hashed passwords.

See also:

Even though users may use strong passwords, attackers might be able to eavesdrop on their connections. Use HTTPS to avoid sending passwords (or any other sensitive data) over plain HTTP connections because they will be vulnerable to password sniffing.

How Django stores passwords

Django provides a flexible password storage system and uses PBKDF2 by default.

The password attribute of a User object is a string in this format:

```
<algorithm>$<iterations>$<salt>$<hash>
```

Those are the components used for storing a User’s password, separated by the dollar-sign character and consist of: the hashing algorithm, the number of algorithm iterations (work factor), the random salt, and the resulting password hash. The algorithm is one of a number of one-way hashing or password storage algorithms Django can use; see below. Iterations describe the number of times the algorithm is run over the hash. Salt is the random seed used and the hash is the result of the one-way function.

By default, Django uses the PBKDF2 algorithm with a SHA256 hash, a password stretching mechanism recommended by NIST. This should be sufficient for most users: it’s quite secure, requiring massive amounts of computing time to break.

However, depending on your requirements, you may choose a different algorithm, or even use a custom algorithm to match your specific security situation. Again, most users shouldn’t need to do this – if you’re not sure, you probably don’t. If you do, please read on:
Django chooses the algorithm to use by consulting the `PASSWORD_HASHERS` setting. This is a list of hashing algorithm classes that this Django installation supports. The first entry in this list (that is, `settings.PASSWORD_HASHERS[0]`) will be used to store passwords, and all the other entries are valid hashers that can be used to check existing passwords. This means that if you want to use a different algorithm, you’ll need to modify `PASSWORD_HASHERS` to list your preferred algorithm first in the list.

The default for `PASSWORD_HASHERS` is:

```python
PASSWORD_HASHERS = [  
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.PBKDF2PasswordHasher',  
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.PBKDF2SHA1PasswordHasher',  
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.Argon2PasswordHasher',  
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.BCryptSHA256PasswordHasher',  
]
```

This means that Django will use PBKDF2 to store all passwords but will support checking passwords stored with PBKDF2SHA1, argon2, and bcrypt.

The next few sections describe a couple of common ways advanced users may want to modify this setting.

### Using Argon2 with Django

Argon2 is the winner of the 2015 Password Hashing Competition, a community organized open competition to select a next generation hashing algorithm. It’s designed not to be easier to compute on custom hardware than it is to compute on an ordinary CPU.

Argon2 is not the default for Django because it requires a third-party library. The Password Hashing Competition panel, however, recommends immediate use of Argon2 rather than the other algorithms supported by Django.

To use Argon2 as your default storage algorithm, do the following:

1. Install the `argon2-cffi` library. This can be done by running `python -m pip install django[argon2]`, which is equivalent to `python -m pip install argon2-cffi` (along with any version requirement from Django’s `setup.cfg`).

2. Modify `PASSWORD_HASHERS` to list `Argon2PasswordHasher` first. That is, in your settings file, you’d put:

   ```python
   PASSWORD_HASHERS = [  
     'django.contrib.auth.hashers.Argon2PasswordHasher',  
     'django.contrib.auth.hashers.PBKDF2PasswordHasher',  
     'django.contrib.auth.hashers.PBKDF2SHA1PasswordHasher',  
     'django.contrib.auth.hashers.BCryptSHA256PasswordHasher',  
   ]
   ```

   Keep and/or add any entries in this list if you need Django to upgrade passwords.

### Using bcrypt with Django

Bcrypt is a popular password storage algorithm that’s specifically designed for long-term password storage. It’s not the default used by Django since it requires the use of third-party libraries, but since many people may want to use it Django supports bcrypt with minimal effort.

To use Bcrypt as your default storage algorithm, do the following:

1. Install the `bcrypt` library. This can be done by running `python -m pip install django[bcrypt]`, which is equivalent to `python -m pip install bcrypt` (along with any version requirement from Django’s `setup.cfg`).

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2. Modify `PASSWORD_HASHERS` to list `BCryptSHA256PasswordHasher` first. That is, in your settings file, you’d put:

```python
PASSWORD_HASHERS = [
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.BCryptSHA256PasswordHasher',
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.PBKDF2PasswordHasher',
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.PBKDF2SHA1PasswordHasher',
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.Argon2PasswordHasher',
]
```

Keep and/or add any entries in this list if you need Django to upgrade passwords.

That’s it – now your Django install will use Bcrypt as the default storage algorithm.

**Increasing the work factor**

**PBKDF2 and bcrypt**

The PBKDF2 and bcrypt algorithms use a number of iterations or rounds of hashing. This deliberately slows down attackers, making attacks against hashed passwords harder. However, as computing power increases, the number of iterations needs to be increased. We’ve chosen a reasonable default (and will increase it with each release of Django), but you may wish to tune it up or down, depending on your security needs and available processing power. To do so, you’ll subclass the appropriate algorithm and override the `iterations` parameters. For example, to increase the number of iterations used by the default PBKDF2 algorithm:

1. Create a subclass of `django.contrib.auth.hashers.PBKDF2PasswordHasher`:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.hashers import PBKDF2PasswordHasher

class MyPBKDF2PasswordHasher(PBKDF2PasswordHasher):
    
    
    """
    A subclass of PBKDF2PasswordHasher that uses 100 times more iterations.
    """
    iterations = PBKDF2PasswordHasher.iterations * 100
```

Save this somewhere in your project. For example, you might put this in a file like `myproject/hashers.py`.

2. Add your new hasher as the first entry in `PASSWORD_HASHERS`:

```python
PASSWORD_HASHERS = [
    'myproject.hashers.MyPBKDF2PasswordHasher',
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.PBKDF2PasswordHasher',
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.PBKDF2SHA1PasswordHasher',
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.Argon2PasswordHasher',
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.BCryptSHA256PasswordHasher',
]
```

That’s it – now your Django install will use more iterations when it stores passwords using PBKDF2.

**Argon2**

Argon2 has three attributes that can be customized:

1. `time_cost` controls the number of iterations within the hash.
2. memory_cost controls the size of memory that must be used during the computation of the hash.

3. parallelism controls how many CPUs the computation of the hash can be parallelized on.

The default values of these attributes are probably fine for you. If you determine that the password hash is too fast or too slow, you can tweak it as follows:

1. Choose parallelism to be the number of threads you can spare computing the hash.
2. Choose memory_cost to be the KiB of memory you can spare.
3. Adjust time_cost and measure the time hashing a password takes. Pick a time_cost that takes an acceptable time for you. If time_cost set to 1 is unacceptably slow, lower memory_cost.

**memory_cost interpretation**

The argon2 command-line utility and some other libraries interpret the memory_cost parameter differently from the value that Django uses. The conversion is given by memory_cost == 2 ** memory_cost_commandline.

**Password upgrading**

When users log in, if their passwords are stored with anything other than the preferred algorithm, Django will automatically upgrade the algorithm to the preferred one. This means that old installs of Django will get automatically more secure as users log in, and it also means that you can switch to new (and better) storage algorithms as they get invented.

However, Django can only upgrade passwords that use algorithms mentioned in PASSWORD_HASHERS, so as you upgrade to new systems you should make sure never to remove entries from this list. If you do, users using unmentioned algorithms won’t be able to upgrade. Hashed passwords will be updated when increasing (or decreasing) the number of PBKDF2 iterations, bcrypt rounds, or argon2 attributes.

Be aware that if all the passwords in your database aren’t encoded in the default hasher’s algorithm, you may be vulnerable to a user enumeration timing attack due to a difference between the duration of a login request for a user with a password encoded in a non-default algorithm and the duration of a login request for a nonexistent user (which runs the default hasher). You may be able to mitigate this by upgrading older password hashes.

**Password upgrading without requiring a login**

If you have an existing database with an older, weak hash such as MD5 or SHA1, you might want to upgrade those hashes yourself instead of waiting for the upgrade to happen when a user logs in (which may never happen if a user doesn’t return to your site). In this case, you can use a “wrapped” password hasher.

For this example, we’ll migrate a collection of SHA1 hashes to use PBKDF2(SHA1(password)) and add the corresponding password hasher for checking if a user entered the correct password on login. We assume we’re using the built-in User model and that our project has an accounts app. You can modify the pattern to work with any algorithm or with a custom user model.

First, we’ll add the custom hasher:

```
from django.contrib.auth.hashers import (
    PBKDF2PasswordHasher, SHA1PasswordHasher,
)
```
class PBKDF2WrappedSHA1PasswordHasher(PBKDF2PasswordHasher):
    algorithm = 'pbkdf2_wrapped_sha1'

    def encode_sha1_hash(self, sha1_hash, salt, iterations=None):
        return super().encode(sha1_hash, salt, iterations)

    def encode(self, password, salt, iterations=None):
        _, _, sha1_hash = SHA1PasswordHasher().encode(password, salt).split('$', 2)
        return self.encode_sha1_hash(sha1_hash, salt, iterations)

The data migration might look something like:

Listing 28: accounts/migrations/0002_migrate_sha1_passwords.py

from django.db import migrations
from ..hashers import PBKDF2WrappedSHA1PasswordHasher

def forwards_func(apps, schema_editor):
    User = apps.get_model('auth', 'User')
    users = User.objects.filter(password__startswith='sha1$')
    hasher = PBKDF2WrappedSHA1PasswordHasher()
    for user in users:
        algorithm, salt, sha1_hash = user.password.split('$', 2)
        user.password = hasher.encode_sha1_hash(sha1_hash, salt)
        user.save(update_fields=['password'])

class Migration(migrations.Migration):

    dependencies = [
        ('accounts', '0001_initial'),
        # replace this with the latest migration in contrib.auth
        ('auth', '####_migration_name'),
    ]

    operations = [
        migrations.RunPython(forwards_func),
    ]

Be aware that this migration will take on the order of several minutes for several thousand users, depending on the speed of your hardware.

Finally, we’ll add a PASSWORD_HASHERS setting:

Listing 29: mysite/settings.py

PASSWORD_HASHERS = [
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.PBKDF2PasswordHasher',
    'accounts.hashers.PBKDF2WrappedSHA1PasswordHasher',
]

Include any other hashers that your site uses in this list.
Included hashers

The full list of hashers included in Django is:

```python
[
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.PBKDF2PasswordHasher',
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.PBKDF2SHA1PasswordHasher',
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.Argon2PasswordHasher',
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.BCryptSHA256PasswordHasher',
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.BCryptPasswordHasher',
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.SHA1PasswordHasher',
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.MD5PasswordHasher',
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.UnsaltedSHA1PasswordHasher',
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.UnsaltedMD5PasswordHasher',
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.CryptPasswordHasher',
]
```

The corresponding algorithm names are:

- pbkdf2_sha256
- pbkdf2_sha1
- argon2
- bcrypt_sha256
- bcrypt
- sha1
- md5
- unsalted_sha1
- unsalted_md5
- crypt

Writing your own hasher

If you write your own password hasher that contains a work factor such as a number of iterations, you should implement a `harden_runtime(self, password, encoded)` method to bridge the runtime gap between the work factor supplied in the `encoded` password and the default work factor of the hasher. This prevents a user enumeration timing attack due to difference between a login request for a user with a password encoded in an older number of iterations and a nonexistent user (which runs the default hasher's default number of iterations).

Taking PBKDF2 as example, if `encoded` contains 20,000 iterations and the hasher’s default iterations is 30,000, the method should run `password` through another 10,000 iterations of PBKDF2.

If your hasher doesn’t have a work factor, implement the method as a no-op (pass).

Manually managing a user’s password

The `django.contrib.auth.hashers` module provides a set of functions to create and validate hashed passwords. You can use them independently from the `User` model.

**check_password(password, encoded)**

If you’d like to manually authenticate a user by comparing a plain-text password to the hashed password in the database, use the convenience function `check_password()`. It takes two arguments: the plain-text password
to check, and the full value of a user’s `password` field in the database to check against, and returns `True` if they match, `False` otherwise.

**make_password** *(password, salt=None, hasher='default')*

Creates a hashed password in the format used by this application. It takes one mandatory argument: the password in plain-text (string or bytes). Optionally, you can provide a salt and a hashing algorithm to use, if you don’t want to use the defaults (first entry of `PASSWORD_HASHERS` setting). See Included hashers for the algorithm name of each hasher. If the password argument is `None`, an unusable password is returned (one that will never be accepted by `check_password()`).

The `password` parameter must be a string or bytes if not `None`.

**is_password_usable** *(encoded_password)*

Returns `False` if the password is a result of `User.set_unusable_password()`.

### Password validation

Users often choose poor passwords. To help mitigate this problem, Django offers pluggable password validation. You can configure multiple password validators at the same time. A few validators are included in Django, but you can write your own as well.

Each password validator must provide a help text to explain the requirements to the user, validate a given password and return an error message if it does not meet the requirements, and optionally receive passwords that have been set. Validators can also have optional settings to fine tune their behavior.

Validation is controlled by the `AUTH_PASSWORD_VALIDATORS` setting. The default for the setting is an empty list, which means no validators are applied. In new projects created with the default `startproject` template, a set of validators is enabled by default.

By default, validators are used in the forms to reset or change passwords and in the `createsuperuser` and `changepassword` management commands. Validators aren’t applied at the model level, for example in `User`.

Note: Password validation can prevent the use of many types of weak passwords. However, the fact that a password passes all the validators doesn’t guarantee that it is a strong password. There are many factors that can weaken a password that are not detectable by even the most advanced password validators.

### Enabling password validation

Password validation is configured in the `AUTH_PASSWORD_VALIDATORS` setting:

```python
AUTH_PASSWORD_VALIDATORS = [  
    {  
        'NAME': 'django.contrib.auth.password_validation.UserAttributeSimilarityValidator',  
    },  
    {  
        'NAME': 'django.contrib.auth.password_validation.MinimumLengthValidator',  
        'OPTIONS': {  
            'min_length': 9,  
        }  
    },
]
```

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This example enables all four included validators:

- **UserAttributeSimilarityValidator**, which checks the similarity between the password and a set of attributes of the user.
- **MinimumLengthValidator**, which checks whether the password meets a minimum length. This validator is configured with a custom option: it now requires the minimum length to be nine characters, instead of the default eight.
- **CommonPasswordValidator**, which checks whether the password occurs in a list of common passwords. By default, it compares to an included list of 20,000 common passwords.
- **NumericPasswordValidator**, which checks whether the password isn’t entirely numeric.

For **UserAttributeSimilarityValidator** and **CommonPasswordValidator**, we’re using the default settings in this example. **NumericPasswordValidator** has no settings.

The help texts and any errors from password validators are always returned in the order they are listed in `AUTH_PASSWORD_VALIDATORS`.

### Included validators

Django includes four validators:

- **class MinimumLengthValidator**(min_length=8)  
  Validates whether the password meets a minimum length. The minimum length can be customized with the `min_length` parameter.

- **class UserAttributeSimilarityValidator**(user_attributes=DEFAULT_USER_ATTRIBUTES,  
  max_similarity=0.7)  
  Validates whether the password is sufficiently different from certain attributes of the user.

  The `user_attributes` parameter should be an iterable of names of user attributes to compare to. If this argument is not provided, the default is used: 'username', 'first_name', 'last_name', 'email'. Attributes that don’t exist are ignored.

  The minimum similarity of a rejected password can be set on a scale of 0 to 1 with the `max_similarity` parameter. A setting of 0 rejects all passwords, whereas a setting of 1 rejects only passwords that are identical to an attribute’s value.

- **class CommonPasswordValidator**(password_list_path=DEFAULT_PASSWORD_LIST_PATH)  
  Validates whether the password is not a common password. This converts the password to lowercase (to do a case-insensitive comparison) and checks it against a list of 20,000 common password created by Royce Williams.

  The `password_list_path` can be set to the path of a custom file of common passwords. This file should contain one lowercase password per line and may be plain text or gzipped.

- **class NumericPasswordValidator**  
  Validates whether the password is not entirely numeric.
Integrating validation

There are a few functions in `django.contrib.auth.password_validation` that you can call from your own forms or other code to integrate password validation. This can be useful if you use custom forms for password setting, or if you have API calls that allow passwords to be set, for example.

*validate_password*(password, user=None, password_validators=None)

Validates a password. If all validators find the password valid, returns `None`. If one or more validators reject the password, raises a `ValidationError` with all the error messages from the validators.

The `user` object is optional: if it’s not provided, some validators may not be able to perform any validation and will accept any password.

*password_changed*(password, user=None, password_validators=None)

Informs all validators that the password has been changed. This can be used by validators such as one that prevents password reuse. This should be called once the password has been successfully changed.

For subclasses of `AbstractBaseUser`, the password field will be marked as “dirty” when calling `set_password()` which triggers a call to `password_changed()` after the user is saved.

*password_validators_help_texts*(password_validators=None)

Returns a list of the help texts of all validators. These explain the password requirements to the user.

*password_validators_help_text_html*(password_validators=None)

Returns an HTML string with all help texts in an `<ul>`. This is helpful when adding password validation to forms, as you can pass the output directly to the `help_text` parameter of a form field.

*get_password_validators*(validator_config)

Returns a set of validator objects based on the `validator_config` parameter. By default, all functions use the validators defined in `AUTH_PASSWORD_VALIDATORS`, but by calling this function with an alternate set of validators and then passing the result into the `password_validators` parameter of the other functions, your custom set of validators will be used instead. This is useful when you have a typical set of validators to use for most scenarios, but also have a special situation that requires a custom set. If you always use the same set of validators, there is no need to use this function, as the configuration from `AUTH_PASSWORD_VALIDATORS` is used by default.

The structure of `validator_config` is identical to the structure of `AUTH_PASSWORD_VALIDATORS`. The return value of this function can be passed into the `password_validators` parameter of the functions listed above.

Note that where the password is passed to one of these functions, this should always be the clear text password - not a hashed password.

Writing your own validator

If Django’s built-in validators are not sufficient, you can write your own password validators. Validators have a fairly small interface. They must implement two methods:

- `validate(self, password, user=None)`: validate a password. Return `None` if the password is valid, or raise a `ValidationError` with an error message if the password is not valid. You must be able to deal with `user` being `None` - if that means your validator can’t run, return `None` for no error.
- `get_help_text()`: provide a help text to explain the requirements to the user.

Any items in the `OPTIONS` in `AUTH_PASSWORD_VALIDATORS` for your validator will be passed to the constructor. All constructor arguments should have a default value.

Here’s a basic example of a validator, with one optional setting:
You can also implement `password_changed(password, user=None)`, which will be called after a successful password change. That can be used to prevent password reuse, for example. However, if you decide to store a user’s previous passwords, you should never do so in clear text.

### 3.10.3 Customizing authentication in Django

The authentication that comes with Django is good enough for most common cases, but you may have needs not met by the out-of-the-box defaults. Customizing authentication in your projects requires understanding what points of the provided system are extensible or replaceable. This document provides details about how the auth system can be customized.

**Authentication backends** provide an extensible system for when a username and password stored with the user model need to be authenticated against a different service than Django’s default.

You can give your models `custom permissions` that can be checked through Django’s authorization system.

You can `extend` the default `User` model, or `substitute` a completely customized model.

**Other authentication sources**

There may be times you have the need to hook into another authentication source – that is, another source of usernames and passwords or authentication methods.

For example, your company may already have an LDAP setup that stores a username and password for every employee. It’d be a hassle for both the network administrator and the users themselves if users had separate accounts in LDAP and the Django-based applications.

So, to handle situations like this, the Django authentication system lets you plug in other authentication sources. You can override Django’s default database-based scheme, or you can use the default system in tandem with other systems.

See the [authentication backend reference](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/auth.BACKENDS/) for information on the authentication backends included with Django.
Specifying authentication backends

Behind the scenes, Django maintains a list of “authentication backends” that it checks for authentication. When somebody calls `django.contrib.auth.authenticate()` – as described in *How to log a user in* – Django tries authenticating across all of its authentication backends. If the first authentication method fails, Django tries the second one, and so on, until all backends have been attempted.

The list of authentication backends to use is specified in the `AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS` setting. This should be a list of Python path names that point to Python classes that know how to authenticate. These classes can be anywhere on your Python path.

By default, `AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS` is set to:

```python
['django.contrib.auth.backends.ModelBackend']
```

That’s the basic authentication backend that checks the Django users database and queries the built-in permissions. It does not provide protection against brute force attacks via any rate limiting mechanism. You may either implement your own rate limiting mechanism in a custom auth backend, or use the mechanisms provided by most Web servers.

The order of `AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS` matters, so if the same username and password is valid in multiple backends, Django will stop processing at the first positive match.

If a backend raises a `PermissionDenied` exception, authentication will immediately fail. Django won’t check the backends that follow.

**Note:** Once a user has authenticated, Django stores which backend was used to authenticate the user in the user’s session, and re-uses the same backend for the duration of that session whenever access to the currently authenticated user is needed. This effectively means that authentication sources are cached on a per-session basis, so if you change `AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS`, you’ll need to clear out session data if you need to force users to re-authenticate using different methods. A simple way to do that is to execute `Session.objects.all().delete()`.

Writing an authentication backend

An authentication backend is a class that implements two required methods: `get_user(user_id)` and `authenticate(request, **credentials)`, as well as a set of optional permission related authorization methods.

The `get_user` method takes a `user_id` – which could be a username, database ID or whatever, but has to be the primary key of your user object – and returns a user object or `None`.

The `authenticate` method takes a `request` argument and credentials as keyword arguments. Most of the time, it’ll look like this:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.backends import BaseBackend

class MyBackend(BaseBackend):
    def authenticate(self, request, username=None, password=None):
        # Check the username/password and return a user.
        ...
```

But it could also authenticate a token, like so:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.backends import BaseBackend

class MyBackend(BaseBackend):
    # (continues on next page)
```
Either way, authenticate() should check the credentials it gets and return a user object that matches those credentials if the credentials are valid. If they’re not valid, it should return None.

request is an HttpRequest and may be None if it wasn’t provided to authenticate() (which passes it on to the backend).

The Django admin is tightly coupled to the Django User object. The best way to deal with this is to create a Django User object for each user that exists for your backend (e.g., in your LDAP directory, your external SQL database, etc.) You can either write a script to do this in advance, or your authenticate method can do it the first time a user logs in.

Here’s an example backend that authenticates against a username and password variable defined in your settings.py file and creates a Django User object the first time a user authenticates:

```python
from django.conf import settings
from django.contrib.auth.backends import BaseBackend
from django.contrib.auth.hashers import check_password
from django.contrib.auth.models import User

class SettingsBackend(BaseBackend):
    
    Authenticate against the settings ADMIN_LOGIN and ADMIN_PASSWORD.
    Use the login name and a hash of the password. For example:
    
    ADMIN_LOGIN = 'admin'
    ADMIN_PASSWORD = 'pbkdf2_sha256$30000$Vo0VlMnkR4Bk$Etvtdy2RWTcOsCnI/oQ7fVOu1XURIZYoOZ3iq8Dr4M=
    
    def authenticate(self, request, username=None, password=None):
        login_valid = (settings.ADMIN_LOGIN == username)
        pwd_valid = check_password(password, settings.ADMIN_PASSWORD)
        if login_valid and pwd_valid:
            try:
                user = User.objects.get(username=username)
            except User.DoesNotExist:
                # Create a new user. There's no need to set a password
                # because only the password from settings.py is checked.
                user = User(username=username)
                user.is_staff = True
                user.is_superuser = True
                user.save()
            return user
        return None

def get_user(self, user_id):
    try:
        return User.objects.get(pk=user_id)
    except User.DoesNotExist:
        return None
```

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Handling authorization in custom backends

Custom auth backends can provide their own permissions.

The user model and its manager will delegate permission lookup functions (get_user_permissions(), get_group_permissions(), get_all_permissions(), has_perm(), has_module_perms(), and with_perm()) to any authentication backend that implements these functions.

The permissions given to the user will be the superset of all permissions returned by all backends. That is, Django grants a permission to a user that any one backend grants.

If a backend raises a PermissionDenied exception in has_perm() or has_module_perms(), the authorization will immediately fail and Django won’t check the backends that follow.

A backend could implement permissions for the magic admin like this:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.backends import BaseBackend

class MagicAdminBackend(BaseBackend):
    def has_perm(self, user_obj, perm, obj=None):
        return user_obj.username == settings.ADMIN_LOGIN
```

This gives full permissions to the user granted access in the above example. Notice that in addition to the same arguments given to the associated django.contrib.auth.models.User functions, the backend auth functions all take the user object, which may be an anonymous user, as an argument.

A full authorization implementation can be found in the ModelBackend class in django/contrib/auth/backends.py, which is the default backend and queries the auth_permission table most of the time.

Authorization for anonymous users

An anonymous user is one that is not authenticated i.e. they have provided no valid authentication details. However, that does not necessarily mean they are not authorized to do anything. At the most basic level, most websites authorize anonymous users to browse most of the site, and many allow anonymous posting of comments etc.

Django’s permission framework does not have a place to store permissions for anonymous users. However, the user object passed to an authentication backend may be an django.contrib.auth.models.AnonymousUser object, allowing the backend to specify custom authorization behavior for anonymous users. This is especially useful for the authors of re-usable apps, who can delegate all questions of authorization to the auth backend, rather than needing settings, for example, to control anonymous access.

Authorization for inactive users

An inactive user is one that has its is_active field set to False. The ModelBackend and RemoteUserBackend authentication backends prohibits these users from authenticating. If a custom user model doesn’t have an is_active field, all users will be allowed to authenticate.

You can use AllowAllUsersModelBackend or AllowAllUsersRemoteUserBackend if you want to allow inactive users to authenticate.

The support for anonymous users in the permission system allows for a scenario where anonymous users have permissions to do something while inactive authenticated users do not.

Do not forget to test for the is_active attribute of the user in your own backend permission methods.
Handling object permissions

Django’s permission framework has a foundation for object permissions, though there is no implementation for it in the core. That means that checking for object permissions will always return False or an empty list (depending on the check performed). An authentication backend will receive the keyword parameters obj and user_obj for each object related authorization method and can return the object level permission as appropriate.

Custom permissions

To create custom permissions for a given model object, use the permissions model Meta attribute.

This example Task model creates two custom permissions, i.e., actions users can or cannot do with Task instances, specific to your application:

```python
class Task(models.Model):
    ...

class Meta:
    permissions = [
        ("change_task_status", "Can change the status of tasks"),
        ("close_task", "Can remove a task by setting its status as closed"),
    ]
```

The only thing this does is create those extra permissions when you run manage.py migrate (the function that creates permissions is connected to the post_migrate signal). Your code is in charge of checking the value of these permissions when a user is trying to access the functionality provided by the application (changing the status of tasks or closing tasks.) Continuing the above example, the following checks if a user may close tasks:

```python
user.has_perm('app.close_task')
```

Extending the existing User model

There are two ways to extend the default User model without substituting your own model. If the changes you need are purely behavioral, and don’t require any change to what is stored in the database, you can create a proxy model based on User. This allows for any of the features offered by proxy models including default ordering, custom managers, or custom model methods.

If you wish to store information related to User, you can use a OneToOneField to a model containing the fields for additional information. This one-to-one model is often called a profile model, as it might store non-auth related information about a site user. For example you might create an Employee model:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.models import User

class Employee(models.Model):
    user = models.OneToOneField(User, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    department = models.CharField(max_length=100)
```

Assuming an existing Employee Fred Smith who has both a User and Employee model, you can access the related information using Django’s standard related model conventions:

```python
>>> u = User.objects.get(username='fsmith')
>>> freds_department = u.employee.department
```

To add a profile model’s fields to the user page in the admin, define an InlineModelAdmin (for this example, we’ll use a StackedInline) in your app’s admin.py and add it to a UserAdmin class which is registered with the User class:

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These profile models are not special in any way - they are just Django models that happen to have a one-to-one link with a user model. As such, they aren’t auto created when a user is created, but a `django.db.models.signals.post_save` could be used to create or update related models as appropriate.

Using related models results in additional queries or joins to retrieve the related data. Depending on your needs, a custom user model that includes the related fields may be your better option, however, existing relations to the default user model within your project’s apps may justify the extra database load.

**Substituting a custom User model**

Some kinds of projects may have authentication requirements for which Django’s built-in `User` model is not always appropriate. For instance, on some sites it makes more sense to use an email address as your identification token instead of a username.

Django allows you to override the default user model by providing a value for the `AUTH_USER_MODEL` setting that references a custom model:

```
AUTH_USER_MODEL = 'myapp.MyUser'
```

This dotted pair describes the name of the Django app (which must be in your `INSTALLED_APPS`), and the name of the Django model that you wish to use as your user model.

**Using a custom user model when starting a project**

If you’re starting a new project, it’s highly recommended to set up a custom user model, even if the default `User` model is sufficient for you. This model behaves identically to the default user model, but you’ll be able to customize it in the future if the need arises:

```
from django.contrib.auth.models import AbstractUser

class User(AbstractUser):
    pass
```
Don’t forget to point `AUTH_USER_MODEL` to it. Do this before creating any migrations or running `manage.py migrate` for the first time.

Also, register the model in the app’s `admin.py`:

```python
from django.contrib import admin
from django.contrib.auth.admin import UserAdmin
from .models import User
admin.site.register(User, UserAdmin)
```

### Changing to a custom user model mid-project

Changing `AUTH_USER_MODEL` after you’ve created database tables is significantly more difficult since it affects foreign keys and many-to-many relationships, for example.

This change can’t be done automatically and requires manually fixing your schema, moving your data from the old user table, and possibly manually reapplying some migrations. See #25313 for an outline of the steps.

Due to limitations of Django’s dynamic dependency feature for swappable models, the model referenced by `AUTH_USER_MODEL` must be created in the first migration of its app (usually called `0001_initial`); otherwise, you’ll have dependency issues.

In addition, you may run into a `CircularDependencyError` when running your migrations as Django won’t be able to automatically break the dependency loop due to the dynamic dependency. If you see this error, you should break the loop by moving the models depended on by your user model into a second migration. (You can try making two normal models that have a `ForeignKey` to each other and seeing how `makemigrations` resolves that circular dependency if you want to see how it’s usually done.)

### Reusable apps and `AUTH_USER_MODEL`

Reusable apps shouldn’t implement a custom user model. A project may use many apps, and two reusable apps that implemented a custom user model couldn’t be used together. If you need to store per user information in your app, use a `ForeignKey` or `OneToOneField` to `settings.AUTH_USER_MODEL` as described below.

### Referencing the User model

If you reference `User` directly (for example, by referring to it in a foreign key), your code will not work in projects where the `AUTH_USER_MODEL` setting has been changed to a different user model.

`get_user_model()`

Instead of referring to `User` directly, you should reference the user model using `django.contrib.auth.get_user_model()`. This method will return the currently active user model – the custom user model if one is specified, or `User` otherwise.

When you define a foreign key or many-to-many relations to the user model, you should specify the custom model using the `AUTH_USER_MODEL` setting. For example:

```python
from django.conf import settings
from django.db import models

class Article(models.Model):
    author = models.ForeignKey(
        settings.AUTH_USER_MODEL,
        ...)
```
When connecting to signals sent by the user model, you should specify the custom model using the `AUTH_USER_MODEL` setting. For example:

```python
from django.conf import settings
from django.db.models.signals import post_save

def post_save_receiver(sender, instance, created, **kwargs):
    pass

post_save.connect(post_save_receiver, sender=settings.AUTH_USER_MODEL)
```

Generally speaking, it’s easiest to refer to the user model with the `AUTH_USER_MODEL` setting in code that's executed at import time, however, it’s also possible to call `get_user_model()` while Django is importing models, so you could use `models.ForeignKey(get_user_model(), ...)`. If your app is tested with multiple user models, using `@override_settings(AUTH_USER_MODEL=...)` for example, and you cache the result of `get_user_model()` in a module-level variable, you may need to listen to the `setting_changed` signal to clear the cache. For example:

```python
from django.apps import apps
from django.contrib.auth import get_user_model
from django.core.signals import setting_changed
from django.dispatch import receiver

@receiver(setting_changed)
def user_model_swapped(**kwargs):
    if kwargs['setting'] == 'AUTH_USER_MODEL':
        apps.clear_cache()
        from myapp import some_module
        some_module.UserModel = get_user_model()
```

Specifying a custom user model

When you start your project with a custom user model, stop to consider if this is the right choice for your project. Keeping all user related information in one model removes the need for additional or more complex database queries to retrieve related models. On the other hand, it may be more suitable to store app-specific user information in a model that has a relation with your custom user model. That allows each app to specify its own user data requirements without potentially conflicting or breaking assumptions by other apps. It also means that you would keep your user model as simple as possible, focused on authentication, and following the minimum requirements Django expects custom user models to meet.

If you use the default authentication backend, then your model must have a single unique field that can be used for identification purposes. This can be a username, an email address, or any other unique attribute. A non-unique username field is allowed if you use a custom authentication backend that can support it.

The easiest way to construct a compliant custom user model is to inherit from `AbstractBaseUser`. `AbstractBaseUser` provides the core implementation of a user model, including hashed passwords and tokenized password resets. You must then provide some key implementation details:

```python
class models.CustomUser
```
USERNAME_FIELD

A string describing the name of the field on the user model that is used as the unique identifier. This will usually be a username of some kind, but it can also be an email address, or any other unique identifier. The field must be unique (i.e., have unique=True set in its definition), unless you use a custom authentication backend that can support non-unique usernames.

In the following example, the field identifier is used as the identifying field:

```python
class MyUser(AbstractBaseUser):
    identifier = models.CharField(max_length=40, unique=True)
    ...
    USERNAME_FIELD = 'identifier'
```

EMAIL_FIELD

A string describing the name of the email field on the User model. This value is returned by get_email_field_name().

REQUIRED_FIELDS

A list of the field names that will be prompted for when creating a user via the createsuperuser management command. The user will be prompted to supply a value for each of these fields. It must include any field for which blank is False or undefined and may include additional fields you want prompted for when a user is created interactively. REQUIRED_FIELDS has no effect in other parts of Django, like creating a user in the admin.

REQUIRED_FIELDS now supports ManyToManyFields without a custom through model. Since there is no way to pass model instances during the createsuperuser prompt, expect the user to enter IDs of existing instances of the class to which the model is related.

For example, here is the partial definition for a user model that defines two required fields - a date of birth and height:

```python
class MyUser(AbstractBaseUser):
    ...
    date_of_birth = models.DateField()
    height = models.FloatField()
    ...
    REQUIRED_FIELDS = ['date_of_birth', 'height']
```

Note: REQUIRED_FIELDS must contain all required fields on your user model, but should not contain the USERNAME_FIELD or password as these fields will always be prompted for.

is_active

A boolean attribute that indicates whether the user is considered “active”. This attribute is provided as an attribute on AbstractBaseUser defaulting to True. How you choose to implement it will depend on the details of your chosen auth backends. See the documentation of the is_active attribute on the built-in user model for details.

get_full_name()

Optional. A longer formal identifier for the user such as their full name. If implemented, this appears alongside the username in an object’s history in django.contrib.admin.

get_short_name()

Optional. A short, informal identifier for the user such as their first name. If implemented, this replaces the username in the greeting to the user in the header of django.contrib.admin.

Importing AbstractBaseUser
AbstractBaseUser and BaseUserManager are importable from django.contrib.auth.base_user so that they can be imported without including django.contrib.auth in INSTALLED_APPS.

The following attributes and methods are available on any subclass of AbstractBaseUser:

class models.AbstractBaseUser

    get_username()
    Returns the value of the field nominated by USERNAME_FIELD.

clean()
    Normalizes the username by calling normalize_username(). If you override this method, be sure to call super() to retain the normalization.

classmethod get_email_field_name()
    Returns the name of the email field specified by the EMAIL_FIELD attribute. Defaults to 'email' if EMAIL_FIELD isn’t specified.

classmethod normalize_username(username)
    Applies NFKC Unicode normalization to usernames so that visually identical characters with different Unicode code points are considered identical.

    is_authenticated
    Read-only attribute which is always True (as opposed to AnonymousUser.is_authenticated which is always False). This is a way to tell if the user has been authenticated. This does not imply any permissions and doesn’t check if the user is active or has a valid session. Even though normally you will check this attribute on request.user to find out whether it has been populated by the AuthenticationMiddleware (representing the currently logged-in user), you should know this attribute is True for any User instance.

    is_anonymous
    Read-only attribute which is always False. This is a way of differentiating User and AnonymousUser objects. Generally, you should prefer using is_authenticated to this attribute.

    set_password(raw_password)
    Sets the user’s password to the given raw string, taking care of the password hashing. Doesn’t save the AbstractBaseUser object.

    When the raw_password is None, the password will be set to an unusable password, as if set_unusable_password() were used.

    check_password(raw_password)
    Returns True if the given raw string is the correct password for the user. (This takes care of the password hashing in making the comparison.)

    set_unusable_password()
    Marks the user as having no password set. This isn’t the same as having a blank string for a password. check_password() for this user will never return True. Doesn’t save the AbstractBaseUser object.

    You may need this if authentication for your application takes place against an existing external source such as an LDAP directory.

    has_usable_password()
    Returns False if set_unusable_password() has been called for this user.

    get_session_auth_hash()
    Returns an HMAC of the password field. Used for Session invalidation on password change.
The hashing algorithm was changed to the SHA-256.

AbstractUser subclasses AbstractBaseUser:

class models.AbstractUser

    clean()
    Normalizes the email by calling BaseUserManager.normalize_email(). If you override this
    method, be sure to call super() to retain the normalization.

Writing a manager for a custom user model

You should also define a custom manager for your user model. If your user model defines username, email, is_staff, is_active, is_superuser, last_login, and date_joined fields the same as Django’s default user, you can install Django’s UserManager; however, if your user model defines different fields, you’ll need to define a custom manager that extends BaseUserManager providing two additional methods:

class models.CustomUserManager

    create_user(username_field, password=None, **other_fields)
    The prototype of create_user() should accept the username field, plus all required fields as arguments. For example, if your user model uses email as the username field, and has date_of_birth as a required field, then create_user should be defined as:

    ```python
    def create_user(self, email, date_of_birth, password=None):
        # create user here
        ...
    ```

    create_superuser(username_field, password=None, **other_fields)
    The prototype of create_superuser() should accept the username field, plus all required fields as arguments. For example, if your user model uses email as the username field, and has date_of_birth as a required field, then create_superuser should be defined as:

    ```python
    def create_superuser(self, email, date_of_birth, password=None):
        # create superuser here
        ...
    ```

For a ForeignKey in USERNAME_FIELD or REQUIRED_FIELDS, these methods receive the value of the to_field (the primary_key by default) of an existing instance.

BaseUserManager provides the following utility methods:

class models.BaseUserManager

    classmethod normalize_email(email)
    Normalizes email addresses by lowercasing the domain portion of the email address.

    get_by_natural_key(username)
    Retrieves a user instance using the contents of the field nominated by USERNAME_FIELD.

    make_random_password(length=10, allowed_chars='abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ23456789')
    Returns a random password with the given length and given string of allowed characters. Note that the default value of allowed_chars doesn’t contain letters that can cause user confusion, including:

    • i, l, I, and 1 (lowercase letter i, lowercase letter l, uppercase letter i, and the number one)
    • o, O, and 0 (lowercase letter o, uppercase letter o, and zero)
Extending Django’s default User

If you’re entirely happy with Django’s User model, but you want to add some additional profile information, you could subclass `django.contrib.auth.models.AbstractUser` and add your custom profile fields, although we’d recommend a separate model as described in the “Model design considerations” note of Specifying a custom user model. AbstractUser provides the full implementation of the default User as an abstract model.

Custom users and the built-in auth forms

Django’s built-in forms and views make certain assumptions about the user model that they are working with.

The following forms are compatible with any subclass of AbstractBaseUser:

- AuthenticationForm: Uses the username field specified by USERNAME_FIELD.
- SetPasswordForm
- PasswordChangeForm
- AdminPasswordChangeForm

The following forms make assumptions about the user model and can be used as-is if those assumptions are met:

- PasswordResetForm: Assumes that the user model has a field that stores the user’s email address with the name returned by get_email_field_name() (email by default) that can be used to identify the user and a boolean field named is_active to prevent password resets for inactive users.

Finally, the following forms are tied to User and need to be rewritten or extended to work with a custom user model:

- UserCreationForm
- UserChangeForm

If your custom user model is a subclass of AbstractUser, then you can extend these forms in this manner:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.forms import UserCreationForm
from myapp.models import CustomUser

class CustomUserCreationForm(UserCreationForm):
    class Meta(UserCreationForm.Meta):
        model = CustomUser
        fields = UserCreationForm.Meta.fields + ('custom_field',)
```

Custom users and django.contrib.admin

If you want your custom user model to also work with the admin, your user model must define some additional attributes and methods. These methods allow the admin to control access of the user to admin content:

```python
class models.CustomUser

    is_staff
        Returns True if the user is allowed to have access to the admin site.

    is_active
        Returns True if the user account is currently active.

    has_perm(perm, obj=None):
        Returns True if the user has the named permission. If obj is provided, the permission needs to be checked against a specific object instance.
```
has_module_perms(app_label):

Returns True if the user has permission to access models in the given app.

You will also need to register your custom user model with the admin. If your custom user model extends django.contrib.auth.models.AbstractUser, you can use Django’s existing django.contrib.auth.admin.UserAdmin class. However, if your user model extends AbstractBaseUser, you’ll need to define a custom ModelAdmin class. It may be possible to subclass the default django.contrib.auth.admin.UserAdmin; however, you’ll need to override any of the definitions that refer to fields on django.contrib.auth.models(AbstractUser that aren’t on your custom user class.

Note: If you are using a custom ModelAdmin which is a subclass of django.contrib.auth.admin.UserAdmin, then you need to add your custom fields to fieldsets (for fields to be used in editing users) and to add_fieldsets (for fields to be used when creating a user). For example:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.admin import UserAdmin

class CustomUserAdmin(UserAdmin):
    ...  
    fieldsets = UserAdmin.fieldsets + [
        (None, {'fields': ('custom_field',)}),
        )
    add_fieldsets = UserAdmin.add_fieldsets + [
        (None, {'fields': ('custom_field',)}),
        )
```

See a full example for more details.

### Custom users and permissions

To make it easy to include Django’s permission framework into your own user class, Django provides PermissionsMixin. This is an abstract model you can include in the class hierarchy for your user model, giving you all the methods and database fields necessary to support Django’s permission model.

PermissionsMixin provides the following methods and attributes:

```python
class models.PermissionsMixin

    is_superuser
        Boolean. Designates that this user has all permissions without explicitly assigning them.

    get_user_permissions(obj=None)
        Returns a set of permission strings that the user has directly.
        If obj is passed in, only returns the user permissions for this specific object.

    get_group_permissions(obj=None)
        Returns a set of permission strings that the user has, through their groups.
        If obj is passed in, only returns the group permissions for this specific object.

    get_all_permissions(obj=None)
        Returns a set of permission strings that the user has, both through group and user permissions.
        If obj is passed in, only returns the permissions for this specific object.
```
**has_perm** *(perm, obj=None)*
Returns True if the user has the specified permission, where perm is in the format "<app label>.<permission codename>" (see permissions). If User.is_active and is_superuser are both True, this method always returns True.

If obj is passed in, this method won’t check for a permission for the model, but for this specific object.

**has_perms** *(perm_list, obj=None)*
Returns True if the user has each of the specified permissions, where each perm is in the format "<app label>.<permission codename>". If User.is_active and is_superuser are both True, this method always returns True.

If obj is passed in, this method won’t check for permissions for the model, but for the specific object.

**has_module_perms** *(package_name)*
Returns True if the user has any permissions in the given package (the Django app label). If User.is_active and is_superuser are both True, this method always returns True.

### PermissionsMixin and ModelBackend

If you don’t include the PermissionsMixin, you must ensure you don’t invoke the permissions methods on ModelBackend. ModelBackend assumes that certain fields are available on your user model. If your user model doesn’t provide those fields, you’ll receive database errors when you check permissions.

### Custom users and proxy models

One limitation of custom user models is that installing a custom user model will break any proxy model extending User. Proxy models must be based on a concrete base class; by defining a custom user model, you remove the ability of Django to reliably identify the base class.

If your project uses proxy models, you must either modify the proxy to extend the user model that’s in use in your project, or merge your proxy’s behavior into your User subclass.

### A full example

Here is an example of an admin-compliant custom user app. This user model uses an email address as the username, and has a required date of birth; it provides no permission checking beyond an admin flag on the user account. This model would be compatible with all the built-in auth forms and views, except for the user creation forms. This example illustrates how most of the components work together, but is not intended to be copied directly into projects for production use.

This code would all live in a models.py file for a custom authentication app:

```python
from django.db import models
from django.contrib.auth.models import (BaseUserManager, AbstractBaseUser)

class MyUserManager(BaseUserManager):
    def create_user(self, email, date_of_birth, password=None):
        ""
        Creates and saves a User with the given email, date of
        birth and password.
        """```
if not email:
    raise ValueError('Users must have an email address')

user = self.model(
    email=self.normalize_email(email),
    date_of_birth=date_of_birth,
)

user.set_password(password)
user.save(using=self._db)
return user

def create_superuser(self, email, date_of_birth, password=None):
    ""
    Creates and saves a superuser with the given email, date of birth and password.
    ""
    user = self.create_user(
        email,
        password=password,
        date_of_birth=date_of_birth,
    )
    user.is_admin = True
    user.save(using=self._db)
    return user

class MyUser(AbstractBaseUser):
    email = models.EmailField(
        verbose_name='email address',
        max_length=255,
        unique=True,
    )
    date_of_birth = models.DateField()
    is_active = models.BooleanField(default=True)
    is_admin = models.BooleanField(default=False)

    objects = MyUserManager()

    USERNAME_FIELD = 'email'
    REQUIRED_FIELDS = ['date_of_birth']

    def __str__(self):
        return self.email

    def has_perm(self, perm, obj=None):
        """Does the user have a specific permission?"
        # Simplest possible answer: Yes, always
        return True

    def has_module_perms(self, app_label):
        """Does the user have permissions to view the app `app_label`?"
        # Simplest possible answer: Yes, always
        return True
def is_staff(self):
    "Is the user a member of staff?"
    # Simplest possible answer: All admins are staff
    return self.is_admin

Then, to register this custom user model with Django’s admin, the following code would be required in the app’s admin.py file:

```python
from django import forms
from django.contrib import admin
from django.contrib.auth.models import Group
from django.contrib.auth.admin import UserAdmin as BaseUserAdmin
from django.contrib.auth.forms import ReadOnlyPasswordHashField
from django.core.exceptions import ValidationError
from customauth.models import MyUser

class UserCreationForm(forms.ModelForm):
    """A form for creating new users. Includes all the required fields, plus a repeated password."""
    password1 = forms.CharField(label='Password', widget=forms.PasswordInput)
    password2 = forms.CharField(label='Password confirmation', widget=forms.PasswordInput)

    class Meta:
        model = MyUser
        fields = ('email', 'date_of_birth')

    def clean_password2(self):
        # Check that the two password entries match
        password1 = self.cleaned_data.get('password1')
        password2 = self.cleaned_data.get('password2')
        if password1 and password2 and password1 != password2:
            raise ValidationError('Passwords don''t match')
        return password2

    def save(self, commit=True):
        # Save the provided password in hashed format
        user = super().save(commit=False)
        user.set_password(self.cleaned_data['password1'])
        if commit:
            user.save()
        return user

class UserChangeForm(forms.ModelForm):
    """A form for updating users. Includes all the fields on the user, but replaces the password field with admin's password hash display field."
    password = ReadOnlyPasswordHashField()

    class Meta:
        model = MyUser
        fields = ('email', 'password', 'date_of_birth', 'is_active', 'is_admin')
```

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def clean_password(self):
    # Regardless of what the user provides, return the initial value.
    # This is done here, rather than on the field, because the
    # field does not have access to the initial value
    return self.initial['password']

class UserAdmin(BaseUserAdmin):
    # The forms to add and change user instances
    form = UserChangeForm
    add_form = UserCreationForm

    # The fields to be used in displaying the User model.
    # These override the definitions on the base UserAdmin
    # that reference specific fields on auth.User.
    list_display = ('email', 'date_of_birth', 'is_admin')
    list_filter = ('is_admin',)
    fieldsets = [
        (None, {'fields': ('email', 'password')}),
        ('Personal info', {'fields': ('date_of_birth',)}),
        ('Permissions', {'fields': ('is_admin',)}),
    ]
    add_fieldsets = [
        (None, {
            'classes': ('wide',),
            'fields': ('email', 'date_of_birth', 'password1', 'password2'),
        })
    ]
    search_fields = ('email',)
    ordering = ('email',)
    filter_horizontal = ()

    # Now register the new UserAdmin...
    admin.site.register(MyUser, UserAdmin)
    ... and, since we're not using Django's built-in permissions,
    # unregister the Group model from admin.
    admin.site.unregister(Group)

Finally, specify the custom model as the default user model for your project using the `AUTH_USER_MODEL` setting in your `settings.py`:

```python
AUTH_USER_MODEL = 'customauth.MyUser'
```

Django comes with a user authentication system. It handles user accounts, groups, permissions and cookie-based user sessions. This section of the documentation explains how the default implementation works out of the box, as well as how to extend and customize it to suit your project’s needs.

### 3.10.4 Overview

The Django authentication system handles both authentication and authorization. Briefly, authentication verifies a user is who they claim to be, and authorization determines what an authenticated user is allowed to do. Here the term authentication is used to refer to both tasks.
The auth system consists of:

- Users
- Permissions: Binary (yes/no) flags designating whether a user may perform a certain task.
- Groups: A generic way of applying labels and permissions to more than one user.
- A configurable password hashing system
- Forms and view tools for logging in users, or restricting content
- A pluggable backend system

The authentication system in Django aims to be very generic and doesn’t provide some features commonly found in web authentication systems. Solutions for some of these common problems have been implemented in third-party packages:

- Password strength checking
- Throttling of login attempts
- Authentication against third-parties (OAuth, for example)
- Object-level permissions

### 3.10.5 Installation

Authentication support is bundled as a Django contrib module in `django.contrib.auth`. By default, the required configuration is already included in the `settings.py` generated by `django-admin startproject`, these consist of two items listed in your `INSTALLED_APPS` setting:

1. `'django.contrib.auth'` contains the core of the authentication framework, and its default models.
2. `'django.contrib.contenttypes'` is the Django content type system, which allows permissions to be associated with models you create.

and these items in your `MIDDLEWARE` setting:

1. `SessionMiddleware` manages sessions across requests.
2. `AuthenticationMiddleware` associates users with requests using sessions.

With these settings in place, running the command `manage.py migrate` creates the necessary database tables for auth related models and permissions for any models defined in your installed apps.

### 3.10.6 Usage

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3.11 Django’s cache framework

A fundamental trade-off in dynamic websites is, well, they’re dynamic. Each time a user requests a page, the Web server makes all sorts of calculations – from database queries to template rendering to business logic – to create the page that your site’s visitor sees. This is a lot more expensive, from a processing-overhead perspective, than your standard read-a-file-off-the-filesystem server arrangement.

For most Web applications, this overhead isn’t a big deal. Most Web applications aren’t washingtonpost.com or slashdot.org; they’re small- to medium-sized sites with so-so traffic. But for medium- to high-traffic sites, it’s essential to cut as much overhead as possible.

That’s where caching comes in.

To cache something is to save the result of an expensive calculation so that you don’t have to perform the calculation next time. Here’s some pseudocode explaining how this would work for a dynamically generated Web page:

```
given a URL, try finding that page in the cache
if the page is in the cache:
    return the cached page
else:
    generate the page
    save the generated page in the cache (for next time)
    return the generated page
```

Django comes with a robust cache system that lets you save dynamic pages so they don’t have to be calculated for each request. For convenience, Django offers different levels of cache granularity: You can cache the output of specific views, you can cache only the pieces that are difficult to produce, or you can cache your entire site.

Django also works well with “downstream” caches, such as Squid and browser-based caches. These are the types of caches that you don’t directly control but to which you can provide hints (via HTTP headers) about which parts of your site should be cached, and how.

See also:

The Cache Framework design philosophy explains a few of the design decisions of the framework.

3.11.1 Setting up the cache

The cache system requires a small amount of setup. Namely, you have to tell it where your cached data should live – whether in a database, on the filesystem or directly in memory. This is an important decision that affects your cache’s performance; yes, some cache types are faster than others.

Your cache preference goes in the `CACHES` setting in your settings file. Here’s an explanation of all available values for `CACHES`.

Memcached

The fastest, most efficient type of cache supported natively by Django, Memcached is an entirely memory-based cache server, originally developed to handle high loads at LiveJournal.com and subsequently open-sourced by Danga Interactive. It is used by sites such as Facebook and Wikipedia to reduce database access and dramatically increase site performance.

Memcached runs as a daemon and is allotted a specified amount of RAM. All it does is provide a fast interface for adding, retrieving and deleting data in the cache. All data is stored directly in memory, so there’s no overhead of database or filesystem usage.
After installing Memcached itself, you'll need to install a Memcached binding. There are several Python Memcached bindings available; the two most common are python-memcached and pylibmc.

To use Memcached with Django:

- Set `BACKEND` to `django.core.cache.backends.memcached.MemcachedCache` or `django.core.cache.backends.memcached.PyLibMCCache` (depending on your chosen memcached binding)
- Set `LOCATION` to `ip:port` values, where `ip` is the IP address of the Memcached daemon and `port` is the port on which Memcached is running, or to a `unix:path` value, where `path` is the path to a Memcached Unix socket file.

In this example, Memcached is running on localhost (127.0.0.1) port 11211, using the python-memcached binding:

```python
CACHES = {
    'default': {
        'BACKEND': 'django.core.cache.backends.memcached.MemcachedCache',
        'LOCATION': '127.0.0.1:11211',
    }
}
```

In this example, Memcached is available through a local Unix socket file `/tmp/memcached.sock` using the python-memcached binding:

```python
CACHES = {
    'default': {
        'BACKEND': 'django.core.cache.backends.memcached.MemcachedCache',
        'LOCATION': 'unix:/tmp/memcached.sock',
    }
}
```

When using the pylibmc binding, do not include the `unix:/` prefix:

```python
CACHES = {
    'default': {
        'BACKEND': 'django.core.cache.backends.memcached.PyLibMCCache',
        'LOCATION': '/tmp/memcached.sock',
    }
}
```

One excellent feature of Memcached is its ability to share a cache over multiple servers. This means you can run Memcached daemons on multiple machines, and the program will treat the group of machines as a single cache, without the need to duplicate cache values on each machine. To take advantage of this feature, include all server addresses in `LOCATION`, either as a semicolon or comma delimited string, or as a list.

In this example, the cache is shared over Memcached instances running on IP address 172.19.26.240 and 172.19.26.242, both on port 11211:

```python
CACHES = {
    'default': {
        'BACKEND': 'django.core.cache.backends.memcached.MemcachedCache',
    }
}
```
In the following example, the cache is shared over Memcached instances running on the IP addresses 172.19.26.240 (port 11211), 172.19.26.242 (port 11212), and 172.19.26.244 (port 11213):

```python
CACHES = {
    'default': {
        'BACKEND': 'django.core.cache.backends.memcached.MemcachedCache',
                     '172.19.26.242:11212',
                     '172.19.26.244:11213'],
    }
}
```

A final point about Memcached is that memory-based caching has a disadvantage: because the cached data is stored in memory, the data will be lost if your server crashes. Clearly, memory isn’t intended for permanent data storage, so don’t rely on memory-based caching as your only data storage. Without a doubt, none of the Django caching backends should be used for permanent storage – they’re all intended to be solutions for caching, not storage – but we point this out here because memory-based caching is particularly temporary.

### Database caching

Django can store its cached data in your database. This works best if you’ve got a fast, well-indexed database server.

To use a database table as your cache backend:

- Set `BACKEND` to `django.core.cache.backends.db.DatabaseCache`
- Set `LOCATION` to `tablename`, the name of the database table. This name can be whatever you want, as long as it’s a valid table name that’s not already being used in your database.

In this example, the cache table’s name is `my_cache_table`:

```python
CACHES = {
    'default': {
        'BACKEND': 'django.core.cache.backends.db.DatabaseCache',
        'LOCATION': 'my_cache_table',
    }
}
```

### Creating the cache table

Before using the database cache, you must create the cache table with this command:

```
python manage.py createcachetable
```

This creates a table in your database that is in the proper format that Django’s database-cache system expects. The name of the table is taken from `LOCATION`.

If you are using multiple database caches, `createcachetable` creates one table for each cache.

If you are using multiple databases, `createcachetable` observes the `allow_migrate()` method of your database routers (see below).

Like `migrate`, `createcachetable` won’t touch an existing table. It will only create missing tables.

To print the SQL that would be run, rather than run it, use the `createcachetable --dry-run` option.
Multiple databases

If you use database caching with multiple databases, you’ll also need to set up routing instructions for your database cache table. For the purposes of routing, the database cache table appears as a model named `CacheEntry`, in an application named `django_cache`. This model won’t appear in the models cache, but the model details can be used for routing purposes.

For example, the following router would direct all cache read operations to `cache_replica`, and all write operations to `cache_primary`. The cache table will only be synchronized onto `cache_primary`:

```python
class CacheRouter:
    '''A router to control all database cache operations'''
    def db_for_read(self, model, **hints):
        "All cache read operations go to the replica"
        if model._meta.app_label == 'django_cache':
            return 'cache_replica'
        return None

    def db_for_write(self, model, **hints):
        "All cache write operations go to primary"
        if model._meta.app_label == 'django_cache':
            return 'cache_primary'
        return None

    def allow_migrate(self, db, app_label, model_name=None, **hints):
        "Only install the cache model on primary"
        if app_label == 'django_cache':
            return db == 'cache_primary'
        return None
```

If you don’t specify routing directions for the database cache model, the cache backend will use the default database.

And if you don’t use the database cache backend, you don’t need to worry about providing routing instructions for the database cache model.

Filesystem caching

The file-based backend serializes and stores each cache value as a separate file. To use this backend set `BACKEND` to "django.core.cache.backends.filebased.FileBasedCache" and `LOCATION` to a suitable directory. For example, to store cached data in `/var/tmp/django_cache`, use this setting:

```python
CACHES = {
    'default': {
        'BACKEND': 'django.core.cache.backends.filebased.FileBasedCache',
        'LOCATION': '/var/tmp/django_cache',
    }
}
```

If you’re on Windows, put the drive letter at the beginning of the path, like this:

```python
CACHES = {
    'default': {
        'BACKEND': 'django.core.cache.backends.filebased.FileBasedCache',
        'LOCATION': 'c:/foo/bar',
```

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The directory path should be absolute – that is, it should start at the root of your filesystem. It doesn’t matter whether you put a slash at the end of the setting.

Make sure the directory pointed-to by this setting either exists and is readable and writable, or that it can be created by the system user under which your Web server runs. Continuing the above example, if your server runs as the user apache, make sure the directory `/var/tmp/django_cache` exists and is readable and writable by the user apache, or that it can be created by the user apache.

### Local-memory caching

This is the default cache if another is not specified in your settings file. If you want the speed advantages of in-memory caching but don’t have the capability of running Memcached, consider the local-memory cache backend. This cache is per-process (see below) and thread-safe. To use it, set `BACKEND` to "django.core.cache.backends.locmem.LocMemCache". For example:

```python
CACHES = {
    'default': {
        'BACKEND': 'django.core.cache.backends.locmem.LocMemCache',
        'LOCATION': 'unique-snowflake',
    }
}
```

The cache `LOCATION` is used to identify individual memory stores. If you only have one locmem cache, you can omit the `LOCATION`; however, if you have more than one local memory cache, you will need to assign a name to at least one of them in order to keep them separate.

The cache uses a least-recently-used (LRU) culling strategy.

Note that each process will have its own private cache instance, which means no cross-process caching is possible. This also means the local memory cache isn’t particularly memory-efficient, so it’s probably not a good choice for production environments. It’s nice for development.

### Dummy caching (for development)

Finally, Django comes with a “dummy” cache that doesn’t actually cache – it just implements the cache interface without doing anything.

This is useful if you have a production site that uses heavy-duty caching in various places but a development/test environment where you don’t want to cache and don’t want to have to change your code to special-case the latter. To activate dummy caching, set `BACKEND` like so:

```python
CACHES = {
    'default': {
        'BACKEND': 'django.core.cache.backends.dummy.DummyCache',
    }
}
```

### Using a custom cache backend

While Django includes support for a number of cache backends out-of-the-box, sometimes you might want to use a customized cache backend. To use an external cache backend with Django, use the Python import path as the
**BACKEND** of the **CACHES** setting, like so:

```python
CACHES = {
    'default': {
        'BACKEND': 'path.to.backend',
    },
}
```

If you’re building your own backend, you can use the standard cache backends as reference implementations. You’ll find the code in the `django/core/cache/backends/` directory of the Django source.

Note: Without a really compelling reason, such as a host that doesn’t support them, you should stick to the cache backends included with Django. They’ve been well-tested and are well-documented.

### Cache arguments

Each cache backend can be given additional arguments to control caching behavior. These arguments are provided as additional keys in the **CACHES** setting. Valid arguments are as follows:

- **TIMEOUT**: The default timeout, in seconds, to use for the cache. This argument defaults to 300 seconds (5 minutes). You can set **TIMEOUT** to `None` so that, by default, cache keys never expire. A value of 0 causes keys to immediately expire (effectively “don’t cache”).

- **OPTIONS**: Any options that should be passed to the cache backend. The list of valid options will vary with each backend, and cache backends backed by a third-party library will pass their options directly to the underlying cache library.

Cache backends that implement their own culling strategy (i.e., the `locmem`, `filesystem` and `database` backends) will honor the following options:

- **MAX_ENTRIES**: The maximum number of entries allowed in the cache before old values are deleted. This argument defaults to 300.

- **CULL_FREQUENCY**: The fraction of entries that are culled when **MAX_ENTRIES** is reached. The actual ratio is 1 / **CULL_FREQUENCY**, so set **CULL_FREQUENCY** to 2 to cull half the entries when **MAX_ENTRIES** is reached. This argument should be an integer and defaults to 3.

  A value of 0 for **CULL_FREQUENCY** means that the entire cache will be dumped when **MAX_ENTRIES** is reached. On some backends (`database` in particular) this makes culling much faster at the expense of more cache misses.

Memcached backends pass the contents of **OPTIONS** as keyword arguments to the client constructors, allowing for more advanced control of client behavior. For example usage, see below.

- **KEY_PREFIX**: A string that will be automatically included (prepended by default) to all cache keys used by the Django server.

  See the [cache documentation](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/cache) for more information.

- **VERSION**: The default version number for cache keys generated by the Django server.

  See the [cache documentation](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/cache) for more information.

- **KEY_FUNCTION** A string containing a dotted path to a function that defines how to compose a prefix, version and key into a final cache key.

  See the [cache documentation](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/cache) for more information.

In this example, a filesystem backend is being configured with a timeout of 60 seconds, and a maximum capacity of 1000 items:
Here’s an example configuration for a python-memcached based backend with an object size limit of 2MB:

```
CACHES = {
    'default': {
        'BACKEND': 'django.core.cache.backends.memcached.MemcachedCache',
        'LOCATION': '127.0.0.1:11211',
        'OPTIONS': {
            'server_max_value_length': 1024 * 1024 * 2,
        }
    }
}
```

Here’s an example configuration for a pylibmc based backend that enables the binary protocol, SASL authentication, and the ketama behavior mode:

```
CACHES = {
    'default': {
        'BACKEND': 'django.core.cache.backends.memcached.PyLibMCCache',
        'LOCATION': '127.0.0.1:11211',
        'OPTIONS': {
            'binary': True,
            'username': 'user',
            'password': 'pass',
            'behaviors': {
                'ketama': True,
            }
        }
    }
}
```

### 3.11.2 The per-site cache

Once the cache is set up, the simplest way to use caching is to cache your entire site. You’ll need to add 'django.middleware.cache.UpdateCacheMiddleware' and 'django.middleware.cache.FetchFromCacheMiddleware' to your `MIDDLEWARE` setting, as in this example:

```
MIDDLEWARE = [
    'django.middleware.cache.UpdateCacheMiddleware',
    'django.middleware.common.CommonMiddleware',
    'django.middleware.cache.FetchFromCacheMiddleware',
]
```

**Note:** No, that’s not a typo: the “update” middleware must be first in the list, and the “fetch” middleware must be
last. The details are a bit obscure, but see *Order of MIDDLEWARE* below if you’d like the full story.

Then, add the following required settings to your Django settings file:

- **CACHE_MIDDLEWARE_ALIAS** – The cache alias to use for storage.
- **CACHE_MIDDLEWARE_SECONDS** – The number of seconds each page should be cached.
- **CACHE_MIDDLEWARE_KEY_PREFIX** – If the cache is shared across multiple sites using the same Django installation, set this to the name of the site, or some other string that is unique to this Django instance, to prevent key collisions. Use an empty string if you don’t care.

*FetchFromCacheMiddleware* caches GET and HEAD responses with status 200, where the request and response headers allow. Responses to requests for the same URL with different query parameters are considered to be unique pages and are cached separately. This middleware expects that a HEAD request is answered with the same response headers as the corresponding GET request; in which case it can return a cached GET response for HEAD request.

Additionally, *UpdateCacheMiddleware* automatically sets a few headers in each *HttpResponse* which affect downstream caches:

- Sets the *Expires* header to the current date/time plus the defined **CACHE_MIDDLEWARE_SECONDS**.
- Sets the *Cache-Control* header to give a max age for the page – again, from the **CACHE_MIDDLEWARE_SECONDS** setting.

See *Middleware* for more on middleware.

If a view sets its own cache expiry time (i.e. it has a max-age section in its Cache-Control header) then the page will be cached until the expiry time, rather than **CACHE_MIDDLEWARE_SECONDS**. Using the decorators in *django.views.decorators.cache* you can easily set a view’s expiry time (using the *cache_control()* decorator) or disable caching for a view (using the *never_cache()* decorator). See the *using other headers* section for more on these decorators.

If *USE_I18N* is set to True then the generated cache key will include the name of the active language – see also *How Django discovers language preference*). This allows you to easily cache multilingual sites without having to create the cache key yourself.

Cache keys also include the active language when *USE_L10N* is set to True and the current time zone when *USE_TZ* is set to True.

### 3.11.3 The per-view cache

*django.views.decorators.cache.cache_page()*  
A more granular way to use the caching framework is by caching the output of individual views. *django.views.decorators.cache* defines a *cache_page* decorator that will automatically cache the view’s response for you:

```python
from django.views.decorators.cache import cache_page

@cache_page(60 * 15)
def my_view(request):
    ...
```

cache_page takes a single argument: the cache timeout, in seconds. In the above example, the result of the my_view() view will be cached for 15 minutes. (Note that we’ve written it as 60 * 15 for the purpose of readability. 60 * 15 will be evaluated to 900 – that is, 15 minutes multiplied by 60 seconds per minute.)

The cache timeout set by *cache_page* takes precedence over the max-age directive from the Cache-Control header.
The per-view cache, like the per-site cache, is keyed off of the URL. If multiple URLs point at the same view, each URL will be cached separately. Continuing the `my_view` example, if your URLconf looks like this:

```python
def my_view(request):
...```

then requests to `/foo/1/` and `/foo/23/` will be cached separately, as you may expect. But once a particular URL (e.g., `/foo/23/`) has been requested, subsequent requests to that URL will use the cache.

cache_page can also take an optional keyword argument, `cache`, which directs the decorator to use a specific cache (from your `CACHES` setting) when caching view results. By default, the default cache will be used, but you can specify any cache you want:

```python
@cache_page(60 * 15, cache='special_cache')
def my_view(request):
...```

You can also override the cache prefix on a per-view basis. cache_page takes an optional keyword argument, `key_prefix`, which works in the same way as the `CACHE_MIDDLEWARE_KEY_PREFIX` setting for the middleware. It can be used like this:

```python
@cache_page(60 * 15, key_prefix='site1')
def my_view(request):
...```

The `key_prefix` and `cache` arguments may be specified together. The `key_prefix` argument and the `KEY_PREFIX` specified under `CACHES` will be concatenated.

Additionally, cache_page automatically sets Cache-Control and Expires headers in the response which affect downstream caches.

In older versions, the max-age directive from the Cache-Control header had precedence over the cache timeout set by cache_page.

### Specifying per-view cache in the URLconf

The examples in the previous section have hard-coded the fact that the view is cached, because cache_page alters the `my_view` function in place. This approach couples your view to the cache system, which is not ideal for several reasons. For instance, you might want to reuse the view functions on another, cache-less site, or you might want to distribute the views to people who might want to use them without being cached. The solution to these problems is to specify the per-view cache in the URLconf rather than next to the view functions themselves.

You can do so by wrapping the view function with cache_page when you refer to it in the URLconf. Here’s the old URLconf from earlier:

```python
def my_view(request):
...```

Here’s the same thing, with `my_view` wrapped in cache_page:

```python
from django.views.decorators.cache import cache_page
urlpatterns = [
    path('foo/<int:code>/', cache_page(60 * 15)(my_view)),
]```
3.11.4 Template fragment caching

If you’re after even more control, you can also cache template fragments using the `cache` template tag. To give your template access to this tag, put `{% load cache %}` near the top of your template.

The `{% cache %}` template tag caches the contents of the block for a given amount of time. It takes at least two arguments: the cache timeout, in seconds, and the name to give the cache fragment. The fragment is cached forever if timeout is `None`. The name will be taken as is, do not use a variable. For example:

```latex
{% load cache %}
{% cache 500 sidebar %}
... sidebar ...
{% endcache %}
```

Sometimes you might want to cache multiple copies of a fragment depending on some dynamic data that appears inside the fragment. For example, you might want a separate cached copy of the sidebar used in the previous example for every user of your site. Do this by passing one or more additional arguments, which may be variables with or without filters, to the `{% cache %}` template tag to uniquely identify the cache fragment:

```latex
{% load cache %}
{% cache 500 sidebar request.user.username %}
... sidebar for logged in user ...
{% endcache %}
```

If `USE_I18N` is set to `True` the per-site middleware cache will respect the active language. For the `cache` template tag you could use one of the translation-specific variables available in templates to achieve the same result:

```latex
{% load i18n %}
{% load cache %}
{% get_current_language as LANGUAGE_CODE %}
{% cache 600 welcome LANGUAGE_CODE %}
... Translate "Welcome to example.com" ...
{% endcache %}
```

The cache timeout can be a template variable, as long as the template variable resolves to an integer value. For example, if the template variable `my_timeout` is set to the value `600`, then the following two examples are equivalent:

```latex
{% cache 600 sidebar %} ... {% endcache %}
{% cache my_timeout sidebar %} ... {% endcache %}
```

This feature is useful in avoiding repetition in templates. You can set the timeout in a variable, in one place, and reuse that value.

By default, the cache tag will try to use the cache called “template_fragments”. If no such cache exists, it will fall back to using the default cache. You may select an alternate cache backend to use with the `using` keyword argument, which must be the last argument to the tag.

```latex
{% cache 300 local-thing ... using="localcache" %}
```

It is considered an error to specify a cache name that is not configured.

`django.core.cache.utils.make_template_fragment_key(fragment_name, vary_on=Nothing)`

If you want to obtain the cache key used for a cached fragment, you can use `make_template_fragment_key`. `fragment_name` is the same as second argument to the `cache` template tag; `vary_on` is a list of all additional arguments passed to the tag. This function can be useful for invalidating or overwriting a cached item, for example:
3.11.5 The low-level cache API

Sometimes, caching an entire rendered page doesn’t gain you very much and is, in fact, inconvenient overkill.

Perhaps, for instance, your site includes a view whose results depend on several expensive queries, the results of which change at different intervals. In this case, it would not be ideal to use the full-page caching that the per-site or per-view cache strategies offer, because you wouldn’t want to cache the entire result (since some of the data changes often), but you’d still want to cache the results that rarely change.

For cases like this, Django exposes a low-level cache API. You can use this API to store objects in the cache with any level of granularity you like. You can cache any Python object that can be pickled safely: strings, dictionaries, lists of model objects, and so forth. (Most common Python objects can be pickled; refer to the Python documentation for more information about pickling.)

Accessing the cache

django.core.cache.caches

You can access the caches configured in the CACHES setting through a dict-like object: django.core.cache.caches. Repeated requests for the same alias in the same thread will return the same object.

```python
>>> from django.core.cache import caches
>>> cache1 = caches['myalias']
>>> cache2 = caches['myalias']
>>> cache1 is cache2
True
```

If the named key does not exist, InvalidCacheBackendError will be raised.

To provide thread-safety, a different instance of the cache backend will be returned for each thread.

django.core.cache.cache

As a shortcut, the default cache is available as django.core.cache.cache:

```python
>>> from django.core.cache import cache
```

This object is equivalent to caches['default'].

Basic usage

The basic interface is:

cache.set(key, value, timeout=DEFAULT_TIMEOUT, version=None)

```python
>>> cache.set('my_key', 'hello, world!', 30)
```

cache.get(key, default=None, version=None)
>>> cache.get('my_key')
'hello, world!'

key should be a str, and value can be any picklable Python object.

The timeout argument is optional and defaults to the timeout argument of the appropriate backend in the CACHES setting (explained above). It’s the number of seconds the value should be stored in the cache. Passing in None for timeout will cache the value forever. A timeout of 0 won’t cache the value.

If the object doesn’t exist in the cache, cache.get() returns None:

>>> # Wait 30 seconds for 'my_key' to expire...
>>> cache.get('my_key')
None

If you need to determine whether the object exists in the cache and you have stored a literal value None, use a sentinel object as the default:

>>> sentinel = object()
>>> cache.get('my_key', sentinel) is sentinel
False
>>> # Wait 30 seconds for 'my_key' to expire...
>>> cache.get('my_key', sentinel) is sentinel
True

MemcachedCache

Due to a python-memcached limitation, it’s not possible to distinguish between stored None value and a cache miss signified by a return value of None on the deprecated MemcachedCache backend.

cache.get() can take a default argument. This specifies which value to return if the object doesn’t exist in the cache:

>>> cache.get('my_new_key')
# returns None
>>> cache.get_or_set('my_new_key', 'my new value', 100)
'my new value'
You can also pass any callable as a `default` value:

```python
>>> import datetime
>>> cache.get_or_set('some-timestamp-key', datetime.datetime.now)
datetime.datetime(2014, 12, 11, 0, 15, 49, 457920)
```

```python
cache.get_many(keys, version=None)
```

There’s also a `get_many()` interface that only hits the cache once. `get_many()` returns a dictionary with all the keys you asked for that actually exist in the cache (and haven’t expired):

```python
>>> cache.set('a', 1)
>>> cache.set('b', 2)
>>> cache.set('c', 3)
>>> cache.get_many(['a', 'b', 'c'])
{'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 3}
```

```python
cache.set_many(dict, timeout)
```

To set multiple values more efficiently, use `set_many()` to pass a dictionary of key-value pairs:

```python
>>> cache.set_many({'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 3})
>>> cache.get_many(['a', 'b', 'c'])
{'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 3}
```

Like `cache.set()`, `set_many()` takes an optional `timeout` parameter.

On supported backends (memcached), `set_many()` returns a list of keys that failed to be inserted.

```python
cache.delete(key, version=None)
```

You can delete keys explicitly with `delete()` to clear the cache for a particular object:

```python
>>> cache.delete('a')
True
```

delete() returns True if the key was successfully deleted, False otherwise.

The boolean return value was added.

```python
cache.delete_many(keys, version=None)
```

If you want to clear a bunch of keys at once, `delete_many()` can take a list of keys to be cleared:

```python
>>> cache.delete_many(['a', 'b', 'c'])
```

```python
cache.clear()
```

Finally, if you want to delete all the keys in the cache, use `cache.clear()`. Be careful with this; `clear()` will remove everything from the cache, not just the keys set by your application.

```python
>>> cache.clear()
```

```python
cache.touch(key, timeout=DEFAULT_TIMEOUT, version=None)
```

cache.touch() sets a new expiration for a key. For example, to update a key to expire 10 seconds from now:

```python
>>> cache.touch('a', 10)
True
```
Like other methods, the `timeout` argument is optional and defaults to the `TIMEOUT` option of the appropriate backend in the `CACHES` setting.

`touch()` returns `True` if the key was successfully touched, `False` otherwise.

```python
>>> cache.incr('key', delta=1, version=None)
```

You can also increment or decrement a key that already exists using the `incr()` or `decr()` methods, respectively. By default, the existing cache value will be incremented or decremented by 1. Other increment/decrement values can be specified by providing an argument to the increment/decrement call. A `ValueError` will be raised if you attempt to increment or decrement a nonexistent cache key:

```python
>>> cache.set('num', 1)
>>> cache.incr('num')
2
>>> cache.incr('num', 10)
12
>>> cache.decr('num')
11
>>> cache.decr('num', 5)
6
```

**Note:** `incr()`/`decr()` methods are not guaranteed to be atomic. On those backends that support atomic increment/decrement (most notably, the `memcached` backend), increment and decrement operations will be atomic. However, if the backend doesn’t natively provide an increment/decrement operation, it will be implemented using a two-step retrieve/update.

```python
>>> cache.close()
```

You can close the connection to your cache with `close()` if implemented by the cache backend.

**Note:** For caches that don’t implement `close` methods it is a no-op.

### Cache key prefixing

If you are sharing a cache instance between servers, or between your production and development environments, it’s possible for data cached by one server to be used by another server. If the format of cached data is different between servers, this can lead to some very hard to diagnose problems.

To prevent this, Django provides the ability to prefix all cache keys used by a server. When a particular cache key is saved or retrieved, Django will automatically prefix the cache key with the value of the `KEY_PREFIX` cache setting.

By ensuring each Django instance has a different `KEY_PREFIX`, you can ensure that there will be no collisions in cache values.

### Cache versioning

When you change running code that uses cached values, you may need to purge any existing cached values. The easiest way to do this is to flush the entire cache, but this can lead to the loss of cache values that are still valid and useful.
Django provides a better way to target individual cache values. Django’s cache framework has a system-wide version identifier, specified using the `VERSION` cache setting. The value of this setting is automatically combined with the cache prefix and the user-provided cache key to obtain the final cache key.

By default, any key request will automatically include the site default cache key version. However, the primitive cache functions all include a `version` argument, so you can specify a particular cache key version to set or get. For example:

```python
>>> # Set version 2 of a cache key
>>> cache.set('my_key', 'hello world!', version=2)
>>> # Get the default version (assuming version=1)
>>> cache.get('my_key')
None
>>> # Get version 2 of the same key
>>> cache.get('my_key', version=2)
'hello world!'
```

The version of a specific key can be incremented and decremented using the `incr_version()` and `decr_version()` methods. This enables specific keys to be bumped to a new version, leaving other keys unaffected. Continuing our previous example:

```python
>>> # Increment the version of 'my_key'
>>> cache.incr_version('my_key')
>>> # The default version still isn’t available
>>> cache.get('my_key')
None
# Version 2 isn’t available, either
>>> cache.get('my_key', version=2)
None
>>> # But version 3 *is* available
>>> cache.get('my_key', version=3)
'hello world!'
```

### Cache key transformation

As described in the previous two sections, the cache key provided by a user is not used verbatim – it is combined with the cache prefix and key version to provide a final cache key. By default, the three parts are joined using colons to produce a final string:

```python
def make_key(key, key_prefix, version):
    return '%s:%s:%s' % (key_prefix, version, key)
```

If you want to combine the parts in different ways, or apply other processing to the final key (e.g., taking a hash digest of the key parts), you can provide a custom key function.

The `KEY_FUNCTION` cache setting specifies a dotted-path to a function matching the prototype of `make_key()` above. If provided, this custom key function will be used instead of the default key combining function.

### Cache key warnings

Memcached, the most commonly-used production cache backend, does not allow cache keys longer than 250 characters or containing whitespace or control characters, and using such keys will cause an exception. To encourage cache-portable code and minimize unpleasant surprises, the other built-in cache backends issue a warning (``django.core.cache.backends.base.CacheKeyWarning``) if a key is used that would cause an error on memcached.
If you are using a production backend that can accept a wider range of keys (a custom backend, or one of the non-memcached built-in backends), and want to use this wider range without warnings, you can silence CacheKeyWarning with this code in the management module of one of your INSTALLED_APPS:

```python
import warnings
from django.core.cache import CacheKeyWarning

warnings.simplefilter("ignore", CacheKeyWarning)
```

If you want to instead provide custom key validation logic for one of the built-in backends, you can subclass it, override just the `validate_key` method, and follow the instructions for using a custom cache backend. For instance, to do this for the locmem backend, put this code in a module:

```python
from django.core.cache.backends.locmem import LocMemCache

class CustomLocMemCache(LocMemCache):
    def validate_key(self, key):
        
        ...  
```

…and use the dotted Python path to this class in the BACKEND portion of your CACHES setting.

### 3.11.6 Downstream caches

So far, this document has focused on caching your own data. But another type of caching is relevant to Web development, too: caching performed by “downstream” caches. These are systems that cache pages for users even before the request reaches your website.

Here are a few examples of downstream caches:

- Your ISP may cache certain pages, so if you requested a page from https://example.com/, your ISP would send you the page without having to access example.com directly. The maintainers of example.com have no knowledge of this caching; the ISP sits between example.com and your Web browser, handling all of the caching transparently.

- Your Django website may sit behind a proxy cache, such as Squid Web Proxy Cache (http://www.squid-cache.org/), that caches pages for performance. In this case, each request first would be handled by the proxy, and it would be passed to your application only if needed.

- Your Web browser caches pages, too. If a Web page sends out the appropriate headers, your browser will use the local cached copy for subsequent requests to that page, without even contacting the Web page again to see whether it has changed.

Downstream caching is a nice efficiency boost, but there’s a danger to it: Many Web pages’ contents differ based on authentication and a host of other variables, and cache systems that blindly save pages based purely on URLs could expose incorrect or sensitive data to subsequent visitors to those pages.

For example, if you operate a Web email system, then the contents of the “inbox” page depend on which user is logged in. If an ISP blindly cached your site, then the first user who logged in through that ISP would have their user-specific inbox page cached for subsequent visitors to the site. That’s not cool.

Fortunately, HTTP provides a solution to this problem. A number of HTTP headers exist to instruct downstream caches to differ their cache contents depending on designated variables, and to tell caching mechanisms not to cache particular pages. We’ll look at some of these headers in the sections that follow.
3.11.7 Using Vary headers

The Vary header defines which request headers a cache mechanism should take into account when building its cache key. For example, if the contents of a Web page depend on a user’s language preference, the page is said to “vary on language.”

By default, Django’s cache system creates its cache keys using the requested fully-qualified URL — e.g., "https://www.example.com/stories/2005/?order_by=author"). This means every request to that URL will use the same cached version, regardless of user-agent differences such as cookies or language preferences. However, if this page produces different content based on some difference in request headers – such as a cookie, or a language, or a user-agent – you’ll need to use the Vary header to tell caching mechanisms that the page output depends on those things.

To do this in Django, use the convenient `django.views.decorators.vary.vary_on_headers()` view decorator, like so:

```python
from django.views.decorators.vary import vary_on_headers

@vary_on_headers('User-Agent')
def my_view(request):
    ...
```

In this case, a caching mechanism (such as Django’s own cache middleware) will cache a separate version of the page for each unique user-agent.

The advantage to using the `vary_on_headers` decorator rather than manually setting the Vary header (using something like `response['Vary'] = 'user-agent'`) is that the decorator `adds` to the Vary header (which may already exist), rather than setting it from scratch and potentially overriding anything that was already in there.

You can pass multiple headers to `vary_on_headers()`:

```python
@vary_on_headers('User-Agent', 'Cookie')
def my_view(request):
    ...
```

This tells downstream caches to vary on both, which means each combination of user-agent and cookie will get its own cache value. For example, a request with the user-agent Mozilla and the cookie value `foo=bar` will be considered different from a request with the user-agent Mozilla and the cookie value `foo=ham`.

Because varying on cookie is so common, there’s a `django.views.decorators.vary.vary_on_cookie()` decorator. These two views are equivalent:

```python
@vary_on_cookie
def my_view(request):
    ...

@vary_on_headers('Cookie')
def my_view(request):
    ...
```

The headers you pass to `vary_on_headers` are not case sensitive; "User-Agent" is the same thing as "user-agent".

You can also use a helper function, `django.utils.cache.patch_vary_headers()`, directly. This function sets, or adds to, the Vary header. For example:

```python
from django.shortcuts import render
from django.utils.cache import patch_vary_headers
```

(continues on next page)
def my_view(request):
    ...
    response = render(request, 'template_name', context)
    patch_vary_headers(response, ['Cookie'])
    return response

patch_vary_headers takes an HttpResponse instance as its first argument and a list/tuple of case-insensitive header names as its second argument.

For more on Vary headers, see the official Vary spec.

### 3.11.8 Controlling cache: Using other headers

Other problems with caching are the privacy of data and the question of where data should be stored in a cascade of caches.

A user usually faces two kinds of caches: their own browser cache (a private cache) and their provider’s cache (a public cache). A public cache is used by multiple users and controlled by someone else. This poses problems with sensitive data—you don’t want, say, your bank account number stored in a public cache. So Web applications need a way to tell caches which data is private and which is public.

The solution is to indicate a page’s cache should be “private.” To do this in Django, use the cache_control() view decorator. Example:

```python
from django.views.decorators.cache import cache_control

@cache_control(private=True)
def my_view(request):
    ...
```

This decorator takes care of sending out the appropriate HTTP header behind the scenes.

Note that the cache control settings “private” and “public” are mutually exclusive. The decorator ensures that the “public” directive is removed if “private” should be set (and vice versa). An example use of the two directives would be a blog site that offers both private and public entries. Public entries may be cached on any shared cache. The following code uses patch_cache_control(), the manual way to modify the cache control header (it is internally called by the cache_control() decorator):

```python
from django.views.decorators.cache import patch_cache_control
from django.views.decorators.vary import vary_on_cookie

@vary_on_cookie
def list_blog_entries_view(request):
    if request.user.is_anonymous:
        response = render_only_public_entries()
        patch_cache_control(response, public=True)
    else:
        response = render_private_and_public_entries(request.user)
        patch_cache_control(response, private=True)
    return response
```

You can control downstream caches in other ways as well (see RFC 7234 for details on HTTP caching). For example, even if you don’t use Django’s server-side cache framework, you can still tell clients to cache a view for a certain amount of time with the max-age directive:
from django.views.decorators.cache import cache_control

@cache_control(max_age=3600)
def my_view(request):
    ...

(If you do use the caching middleware, it already sets the max-age with the value of the CACHE_MIDDLEWARE_SECONDS setting. In that case, the custom max_age from the cache_control() decorator will take precedence, and the header values will be merged correctly.)

Any valid Cache-Control response directive is valid in cache_control(). Here are some more examples:

- no_transform=True
- must_revalidate=True
- stale_while_revalidate=num_seconds
- no_cache=True

The full list of known directives can be found in the IANA registry (note that not all of them apply to responses).

If you want to use headers to disable caching altogether, never_cache() is a view decorator that adds headers to ensure the response won’t be cached by browsers or other caches. Example:

from django.views.decorators.cache import never_cache

@never_cache
def myview(request):
    ...

3.11.9 Order of MIDDLEWARE

If you use caching middleware, it’s important to put each half in the right place within the MIDDLEWARE setting. That’s because the cache middleware needs to know which headers by which to vary the cache storage. Middleware always adds something to the Vary response header when it can.

UpdateCacheMiddleware runs during the response phase, where middleware is run in reverse order, so an item at the top of the list runs last during the response phase. Thus, you need to make sure that UpdateCacheMiddleware appears before any other middleware that might add something to the Vary header. The following middleware modules do so:

- SessionMiddleware adds Cookie
- GZipMiddleware adds Accept-Encoding
- LocaleMiddleware adds Accept-Language

FetchFromCacheMiddleware, on the other hand, runs during the request phase, where middleware is applied first-to-last, so an item at the top of the list runs first during the request phase. The FetchFromCacheMiddleware also needs to run after other middleware updates the Vary header, so FetchFromCacheMiddleware must be after any item that does so.

3.12 Conditional View Processing

HTTP clients can send a number of headers to tell the server about copies of a resource that they have already seen. This is commonly used when retrieving a Web page (using an HTTP GET request) to avoid sending all the data for
something the client has already retrieved. However, the same headers can be used for all HTTP methods (POST, PUT, DELETE, etc.).

For each page (response) that Django sends back from a view, it might provide two HTTP headers: the ETag header and the Last-Modified header. These headers are optional on HTTP responses. They can be set by your view function, or you can rely on the ConditionalGetMiddleware middleware to set the ETag header.

When the client next requests the same resource, it might send along a header such as either If-modified-since or If-unmodified-since, containing the date of the last modification time it was sent, or either If-match or If-none-match, containing the last ETag it was sent. If the current version of the page matches the ETag sent by the client, or if the resource has not been modified, a 304 status code can be sent back, instead of a full response, telling the client that nothing has changed. Depending on the header, if the page has been modified or does not match the ETag sent by the client, a 412 status code (Precondition Failed) may be returned.

When you need more fine-grained control you may use per-view conditional processing functions.

### 3.12.1 The condition decorator

Sometimes (in fact, quite often) you can create functions to rapidly compute the ETag value or the last-modified time for a resource, without needing to do all the computations needed to construct the full view. Django can then use these functions to provide an “early bailout” option for the view processing. Telling the client that the content has not been modified since the last request, perhaps.

These two functions are passed as parameters to the django.views.decorators.http.condition decorator. This decorator uses the two functions (you only need to supply one, if you can’t compute both quantities easily and quickly) to work out if the headers in the HTTP request match those on the resource. If they don’t match, a new copy of the resource must be computed and your normal view is called.

The condition decorator’s signature looks like this:

```python
condition(etag_func=None, last_modified_func=None)
```

The two functions, to compute the ETag and the last modified time, will be passed the incoming request object and the same parameters, in the same order, as the view function they are helping to wrap. The function passed last_modified_func should return a standard datetime value specifying the last time the resource was modified, or None if the resource doesn’t exist. The function passed to the etag decorator should return a string representing the ETag for the resource, or None if it doesn’t exist.

The decorator sets the ETag and Last-Modified headers on the response if they are not already set by the view and if the request’s method is safe (GET or HEAD).

Using this feature usefully is probably best explained with an example. Suppose you have this pair of models, representing a small blog system:

```python
import datetime
from django.db import models

class Blog(models.Model):
    ...

class Entry(models.Model):
    blog = models.ForeignKey(Blog, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    published = models.DateTimeField(default=datetime.datetime.now)
    ...
```

If the front page, displaying the latest blog entries, only changes when you add a new blog entry, you can compute the last modified time very quickly. You need the latest published date for every entry associated with that blog. One way to do this would be:
def latest_entry(request, blog_id):
    return Entry.objects.filter(blog=blog_id).latest("published").published

You can then use this function to provide early detection of an unchanged page for your front page view:

from django.views.decorators.http import condition

@condition(last_modified_func=latest_entry)
def front_page(request, blog_id):
    ...

Be careful with the order of decorators

When condition() returns a conditional response, any decorators below it will be skipped and won’t apply to the response. Therefore, any decorators that need to apply to both the regular view response and a conditional response must be above condition(). In particular, vary_on_cookie(), vary_on_headers(), and cache_control() should come first because RFC 7232 requires that the headers they set be present on 304 responses.

3.12.2 Shortcuts for only computing one value

As a general rule, if you can provide functions to compute both the ETag and the last modified time, you should do so. You don’t know which headers any given HTTP client will send you, so be prepared to handle both. However, sometimes only one value is easy to compute and Django provides decorators that handle only ETag or only last-modified computations.

The django.views.decorators.http.etag and django.views.decorators.http.last_modified decorators are passed the same type of functions as the condition decorator. Their signatures are:

etag(etag_func)
last_modified(last_modified_func)

We could write the earlier example, which only uses a last-modified function, using one of these decorators:

@last_modified(latest_entry)
def front_page(request, blog_id):
    ...

... or:

def front_page(request, blog_id):
    ...
    front_page = last_modified(latest_entry)(front_page)

Use condition when testing both conditions

It might look nicer to some people to try and chain the etag and last_modified decorators if you want to test both preconditions. However, this would lead to incorrect behavior.
The first decorator doesn’t know anything about the second and might answer that the response is not modified even if the second decorators would determine otherwise. The condition decorator uses both callback functions simultaneously to work out the right action to take.

### 3.12.3 Using the decorators with other HTTP methods

The condition decorator is useful for more than only GET and HEAD requests (HEAD requests are the same as GET in this situation). It can also be used to provide checking for POST, PUT and DELETE requests. In these situations, the idea isn’t to return a “not modified” response, but to tell the client that the resource they are trying to change has been altered in the meantime.

For example, consider the following exchange between the client and server:

1. Client requests /foo/.
2. Server responds with some content with an ETag of "abcd1234".
3. Client sends an HTTP PUT request to /foo/ to update the resource. It also sends an If-Match: "abcd1234" header to specify the version it is trying to update.
4. Server checks to see if the resource has changed, by computing the ETag the same way it does for a GET request (using the same function). If the resource has changed, it will return a 412 status code, meaning “precondition failed”.
5. Client sends a GET request to /foo/, after receiving a 412 response, to retrieve an updated version of the content before updating it.

The important thing this example shows is that the same functions can be used to compute the ETag and last modification values in all situations. In fact, you should use the same functions, so that the same values are returned every time.

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**Validator headers with non-safe request methods**

The condition decorator only sets validator headers (ETag and Last-Modified) for safe HTTP methods, i.e. GET and HEAD. If you wish to return them in other cases, set them in your view. See RFC 7231#section-4.3.4 to learn about the distinction between setting a validator header in response to requests made with PUT versus POST.

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**3.12.4 Comparison with middleware conditional processing**

Django provides conditional GET handling via `django.middleware.http.ConditionalGetMiddleware`. While being suitable for many situations, the middleware has limitations for advanced usage:

- It’s applied globally to all views in your project.
- It doesn’t save you from generating the response, which may be expensive.
- It’s only appropriate for HTTP GET requests.
You should choose the most appropriate tool for your particular problem here. If you have a way to compute ETags and modification times quickly and if some view takes a while to generate the content, you should consider using the `condition` decorator described in this document. If everything already runs fairly quickly, stick to using the middleware and the amount of network traffic sent back to the clients will still be reduced if the view hasn’t changed.

### 3.13 Cryptographic signing

The golden rule of Web application security is to never trust data from untrusted sources. Sometimes it can be useful to pass data through an untrusted medium. Cryptographically signed values can be passed through an untrusted channel safe in the knowledge that any tampering will be detected.

Django provides both a low-level API for signing values and a high-level API for setting and reading signed cookies, one of the most common uses of signing in Web applications.

You may also find signing useful for the following:

- Generating “recover my account” URLs for sending to users who have lost their password.
- Ensuring data stored in hidden form fields has not been tampered with.
- Generating one-time secret URLs for allowing temporary access to a protected resource, for example a downloadable file that a user has paid for.

#### 3.13.1 Protecting the `SECRET_KEY`

When you create a new Django project using `startproject`, the `settings.py` file is generated automatically and gets a random `SECRET_KEY` value. This value is the key to securing signed data – it is vital you keep this secure, or attackers could use it to generate their own signed values.

#### 3.13.2 Using the low-level API

Django’s signing methods live in the `django.core.signing` module. To sign a value, first instantiate a `Signer` instance:

```python
>>> from django.core.signing import Signer
>>> signer = Signer()
>>> value = signer.sign('My string')
>>> value
'My string:GdMGD6HNQ_qdgxYP8yB2AdAIV1w'
```

The signature is appended to the end of the string, following the colon. You can retrieve the original value using the `unsign` method:

```python
>>> original = signer.unsign(value)
>>> original
'My string'
```

If you pass a non-string value to `sign`, the value will be forced to string before being signed, and the `unsign` result will give you that string value:

```python
>>> signed = signer.sign(2.5)
>>> original = signer.unsign(signed)
>>> original
'2.5'
```
If the signature or value have been altered in any way, a `django.core.signing.BadSignature` exception will be raised:

```python
>>> from django.core import signing
>>> value += 'm'
>>> try:
...     original = signer.unsign(value)
... except signing.BadSignature:
...     print("Tampering detected!")
```

By default, the `Signer` class uses the `SECRET_KEY` setting to generate signatures. You can use a different secret by passing it to the `Signer` constructor:

```python
>>> signer = Signer('my-other-secret')
>>> value = signer.sign('My string')
>>> value
'My string:EkJQJaFvGyiofrdGnuthdxImIjw'
```

### class Signer(key=None, sep=':', salt=None, algorithm=None)

Returns a signer which uses `key` to generate signatures and `sep` to separate values. `sep` cannot be in the URL safe base64 alphabet. This alphabet contains alphanumeric characters, hyphens, and underscores. `algorithm` must be an algorithm supported by `hashlib`, it defaults to 'sha256'.

The `algorithm` parameter was added.

### Using the salt argument

If you do not wish for every occurrence of a particular string to have the same signature hash, you can use the optional `salt` argument to the `Signer` class. Using a salt will seed the signing hash function with both the salt and your `SECRET_KEY`:

```python
>>> signer = Signer()
>>> signer.sign('My string')
'My string:GdMGd6HNQ_qdqxYP8yB2AAdAIV1w'
>>> signer = Signer(salt='extra')
>>> signer.sign('My string')
'My string:Ee7vGi-ING6n02gkcJ-QLHg6vFw'
>>> signer.unsign('My string:Ee7vGi-ING6n02gkcJ-QLHg6vFw')
'My string'
```

Using salt in this way puts the different signatures into different namespaces. A signature that comes from one namespace (a particular salt value) cannot be used to validate the same plaintext string in a different namespace that is using a different salt setting. The result is to prevent an attacker from using a signed string generated in one place in the code as input to another piece of code that is generating (and verifying) signatures using a different salt.

Unlike your `SECRET_KEY`, your salt argument does not need to stay secret.

### Verifying timestamped values

`TimestampSigner` is a subclass of `Signer` that appends a signed timestamp to the value. This allows you to confirm that a signed value was created within a specified period of time:

```python
>>> from datetime import timedelta
>>> from django.core.signing import TimestampSigner
>>> signer = TimestampSigner()
```
>>> value = signer.sign('hello')
>>> value
'hello:1NMg5H:opVuCqlJWmChm1rA2lyTUselC-c'
>>> signer.unsign(value)
'hello'

>>> signer.unsign(value, max_age=10)
... SignatureExpired: Signature age 15.5289158821 > 10 seconds
>>> signer.unsign(value, max_age=20)
'hello'

class TimestampSigner (key=None, sep=':', salt=None, algorithm='sha256'))

    sign (value)
        Sign value and append current timestamp to it.

    unsign (value, max_age=None)
        Checks if value was signed less than max_age seconds ago, otherwise raises SignatureExpired. The max_age parameter can accept an integer or a datetime.timedelta object.

        The algorithm parameter was added.

Protecting complex data structures

If you wish to protect a list, tuple or dictionary you can do so using the signing module’s dumps and loads functions. These imitate Python’s pickle module, but use JSON serialization under the hood. JSON ensures that even if your SECRET_KEY is stolen an attacker will not be able to execute arbitrary commands by exploiting the pickle format:

>>> from django.core import signing
>>> value = signing.dumps({'foo': 'bar'})
>>> value
'eyJmb28iOiJiYXIifQ:1NMg1b:zGcDE4-TCkaeGzLeW9UQwZesciI'

Because of the nature of JSON (there is no native distinction between lists and tuples) if you pass in a tuple, you will get a list from signing.loads(object):

>>> from django.core import signing
>>> value = signing.dumps(('a', 'b', 'c'))
>>> signing.loads(value)
['a', 'b', 'c']

dumps (obj, key=None, salt='django.core.signing', serializer=JSONSerializer, compress=False)
    Returns URL-safe, signed base64 compressed JSON string. Serialized object is signed using TimestampSigner.

loads (string, key=None, salt='django.core.signing', serializer=JSONSerializer, max_age=None)
    Reverse of dumps (), raises BadSignature if signature fails. Checks max_age (in seconds) if given.
3.14 Sending email

Although Python provides a mail sending interface via the `smtplib` module, Django provides a couple of light wrappers over it. These wrappers are provided to make sending email extra quick, to help test email sending during development, and to provide support for platforms that can’t use SMTP.

The code lives in the `django.core.mail` module.

### 3.14.1 Quick example

In two lines:

```python
from django.core.mail import send_mail

send_mail('Subject here', 'Here is the message.', 'from@example.com', ['to@example.com'], fail_silently=False)
```

Mail is sent using the SMTP host and port specified in the `EMAIL_HOST` and `EMAIL_PORT` settings. The `EMAIL_HOST_USER` and `EMAIL_HOST_PASSWORD` settings, if set, are used to authenticate to the SMTP server, and the `EMAIL_USE_TLS` and `EMAIL_USE_SSL` settings control whether a secure connection is used.

**Note:** The character set of email sent with `django.core.mail` will be set to the value of your `DEFAULT_CHARSET` setting.

### 3.14.2 send_mail()

```python
send_mail(subject, message, from_email, recipient_list, fail_silently=False, auth_user=None, auth_password=None, connection=None, html_message=None)
```

In most cases, you can send email using `django.core.mail.send_mail()`.

The `subject`, `message`, `from_email` and `recipient_list` parameters are required.

- `subject`: A string.
- `message`: A string.
- `from_email`: A string. If None, Django will use the value of the `DEFAULT_FROM_EMAIL` setting.
- `recipient_list`: A list of strings, each an email address. Each member of `recipient_list` will see the other recipients in the “To:” field of the email message.
- `fail_silently`: A boolean. When it’s False, `send_mail()` will raise an `smtplib.SMTPException` if an error occurs. See the `smtplib` docs for a list of possible exceptions, all of which are subclasses of `SMTPException`.
- `auth_user`: The optional username to use to authenticate to the SMTP server. If this isn’t provided, Django will use the value of the `EMAIL_HOST_USER` setting.
- `auth_password`: The optional password to use to authenticate to the SMTP server. If this isn’t provided, Django will use the value of the `EMAIL_HOST_PASSWORD` setting.
• connection: The optional email backend to use to send the mail. If unspecified, an instance of the default backend will be used. See the documentation on Email backends for more details.

• html_message: If html_message is provided, the resulting email will be a multipart/alternative email with message as the text/plain content type and html_message as the text/html content type.

The return value will be the number of successfully delivered messages (which can be 0 or 1 since it can only send one message).

### 3.14.3 send_mass_mail()

send_mass_mail((datatuple, fail_silently=False, auth_user=None, auth_password=None, connection=None))

django.core.mail.send_mass_mail() is intended to handle mass emailing.

datatuple is a tuple in which each element is in this format:

```
(subject, message, from_email, recipient_list)
```

fail_silently, auth_user and auth_password have the same functions as in send_mail().

Each separate element of datatuple results in a separate email message. As in send_mail(), recipients in the same recipient_list will all see the other addresses in the email messages’ “To:” field.

For example, the following code would send two different messages to two different sets of recipients; however, only one connection to the mail server would be opened:

```python
message1 = ('Subject here', 'Here is the message', 'from@example.com', ['first@example.com', 'other@example.com'])
message2 = ('Another Subject', 'Here is another message', 'from@example.com', ['second@test.com'])
send_mass_mail((message1, message2), fail_silently=False)
```

The return value will be the number of successfully delivered messages.

### send_mass_mail() vs. send_mail()

The main difference between send_mass_mail() and send_mail() is that send_mail() opens a connection to the mail server each time it’s executed, while send_mass_mail() uses a single connection for all of its messages. This makes send_mass_mail() slightly more efficient.

### 3.14.4 mail_admins()

mail_admins(subject, message, fail_silently=False, connection=None, html_message=None)

django.core.mail.mail_admins() is a shortcut for sending an email to the site admins, as defined in the ADMINS setting.

mail_admins() prefixes the subject with the value of the EMAIL_SUBJECT_PREFIX setting, which is "[Django] " by default.

The “From:” header of the email will be the value of the SERVER_EMAIL setting.

This method exists for convenience and readability.
If `html_message` is provided, the resulting email will be a `multipart/alternative` email with `message` as the `text/plain` content type and `html_message` as the `text/html` content type.

### 3.14.5 `mail_managers()`

```python
def mail_managers(subject, message, fail_silently=False, connection=None, html_message=None):
```
django.core.mail.mail_managers() is just like `mail_admins()`, except it sends an email to the site managers, as defined in the `MANAGERS` setting.

### 3.14.6 Examples

This sends a single email to john@example.com and jane@example.com, with them both appearing in the “To:”:

```python
send_mail(
    'Subject',
    'Message.',
    'from@example.com',
    ['john@example.com', 'jane@example.com'],
)
```

This sends a message to john@example.com and jane@example.com, with them both receiving a separate email:

```python
datatuple = (
    ('Subject', 'Message.', 'from@example.com', ['john@example.com']),
    ('Subject', 'Message.', 'from@example.com', ['jane@example.com']),
)
send_mass_mail(datatuple)
```

### 3.14.7 Preventing header injection

Header injection is a security exploit in which an attacker inserts extra email headers to control the “To:” and “From:” in email messages that your scripts generate.

The Django email functions outlined above all protect against header injection by forbidding newlines in header values. If any `subject`, `from_email` or `recipient_list` contains a newline (in either Unix, Windows or Mac style), the email function (e.g. `send_mail()`) will raise `django.core.mail.BadHeaderError` (a subclass of `ValueError`) and, hence, will not send the email. It’s your responsibility to validate all data before passing it to the email functions.

If a `message` contains headers at the start of the string, the headers will be printed as the first bit of the email message.

Here’s an example view that takes a `subject`, `message` and `from_email` from the request’s POST data, sends that to `admin@example.com` and redirects to “/contact/thanks/” when it’s done:

```python
from django.core.mail import BadHeaderError, send_mail
from django.http import HttpResponse, HttpResponseRedirect
def send_email(request):
    subject = request.POST.get('subject', '')
    message = request.POST.get('message', '')
    from_email = request.POST.get('from_email', '')
    if subject and message and from_email:
        try:
```
send_mail(subject, message, from_email, ['admin@example.com'])

except BadHeaderError:
    return HttpResponse('Invalid header found."

return HttpResponseRedirect('/contact/thanks/')

else:
    # In reality we'd use a form class
    # to get proper validation errors.
    return HttpResponse('Make sure all fields are entered and valid.')

3.14.8 The EmailMessage class

Django's send_mail() and send_mass_mail() functions are actually thin wrappers that make use of the EmailMessage class.

Not all features of the EmailMessage class are available through the send_mail() and related wrapper functions. If you wish to use advanced features, such as BCC’ed recipients, file attachments, or multi-part email, you’ll need to create EmailMessage instances directly.

Note: This is a design feature. send_mail() and related functions were originally the only interface Django provided. However, the list of parameters they accepted was slowly growing over time. It made sense to move to a more object-oriented design for email messages and retain the original functions only for backwards compatibility.

EmailMessage is responsible for creating the email message itself. The email backend is then responsible for sending the email.

For convenience, EmailMessage provides a send() method for sending a single email. If you need to send multiple messages, the email backend API provides an alternative.

EmailMessage Objects

class EmailMessage

The EmailMessage class is initialized with the following parameters (in the given order, if positional arguments are used). All parameters are optional and can be set at any time prior to calling the send() method.

• subject: The subject line of the email.
• body: The body text. This should be a plain text message.
• from_email: The sender’s address. Both fred@example.com and "Fred" <fred@example.com> forms are legal. If omitted, the DEFAULT_FROM_EMAIL setting is used.
• to: A list or tuple of recipient addresses.
• bcc: A list or tuple of addresses used in the “Bcc” header when sending the email.
• connection: An email backend instance. Use this parameter if you want to use the same connection for multiple messages. If omitted, a new connection is created when send() is called.
• attachments: A list of attachments to put on the message. These can be either MIMEBase instances, or (filename, content, mimetype) triples.
• headers: A dictionary of extra headers to put on the message. The keys are the header name, values are the header values. It’s up to the caller to ensure header names and values are in the correct format for an email message. The corresponding attribute is extra_headers.
• **cc**: A list or tuple of recipient addresses used in the “Cc” header when sending the email.

• **reply_to**: A list or tuple of recipient addresses used in the “Reply-To” header when sending the email.

For example:

```python
from django.core.mail import EmailMessage

email = EmailMessage(
    'Hello',
    'Body goes here',
    'from@example.com',
    ['to1@example.com', 'to2@example.com'],
    ['bcc@example.com'],
    reply_to=['another@example.com'],
    headers={'Message-ID': 'foo'},
)
```

The class has the following methods:

• **send**(*fail_silently=False*) sends the message. If a connection was specified when the email was constructed, that connection will be used. Otherwise, an instance of the default backend will be instantiated and used. If the keyword argument **fail_silently** is True, exceptions raised while sending the message will be quashed. An empty list of recipients will not raise an exception.

• **message()** constructs a `django.core.mail.SafeMIMEText` object (a subclass of Python’s `MIMEText` class) or a `django.core.mail.SafeMIMEMultipart` object holding the message to be sent. If you ever need to extend the `EmailMessage` class, you’ll probably want to override this method to put the content you want into the MIME object.

• **recipients()** returns a list of all the recipients of the message, whether they’re recorded in the **to**, **cc** or **bcc** attributes. This is another method you might need to override when subclassing, because the SMTP server needs to be told the full list of recipients when the message is sent. If you add another way to specify recipients in your class, they need to be returned from this method as well.

• **attach()** creates a new file attachment and adds it to the message. There are two ways to call **attach()**:
  
  – You can pass it a single argument that is a `MIMEBase` instance. This will be inserted directly into the resulting message.
  
  – Alternatively, you can pass **attach()** three arguments: **filename**, **content** and **mimetype**. **filename** is the name of the file attachment as it will appear in the email, **content** is the data that will be contained inside the attachment and **mimetype** is the optional MIME type for the attachment. If you omit **mimetype**, the MIME content type will be guessed from the filename of the attachment.

For example:

```python
message.attach('design.png', img_data, 'image/png')
```

If you specify a mimetype of `message/rfc822`, it will also accept `django.core.mail.EmailMessage` and `email.message.Message`.

For a mimetype starting with `text/`, content is expected to be a string. Binary data will be decoded using UTF-8, and if that fails, the MIME type will be changed to `application/octet-stream` and the data will be attached unchanged.

In addition, `message/rfc822` attachments will no longer be base64-encoded in violation of **RFC 2046#section-5.2.1**, which can cause issues with displaying the attachments in Evolution and Thunderbird.
• `attach_file()` creates a new attachment using a file from your filesystem. Call it with the path of the file to attach and, optionally, the MIME type to use for the attachment. If the MIME type is omitted, it will be guessed from the filename. You can use it like this:

```python
message.attach_file('/images/weather_map.png')
```

For MIME types starting with `text/`, binary data is handled as in `attach()`.

### Sending alternative content types

It can be useful to include multiple versions of the content in an email; the classic example is to send both text and HTML versions of a message. With Django’s email library, you can do this using the `EmailMultiAlternatives` class. This subclass of `EmailMessage` has an `attach_alternative()` method for including extra versions of the message body in the email. All the other methods (including the class initialization) are inherited directly from `EmailMessage`.

To send a text and HTML combination, you could write:

```python
from django.core.mail import EmailMultiAlternatives

subject, from_email, to = 'hello', 'from@example.com', 'to@example.com'
text_content = 'This is an important message.'
html_content = '<p>This is an <strong>important</strong> message.</p>'
msg = EmailMultiAlternatives(subject, text_content, from_email, [to])
msg.attach_alternative(html_content, 'text/html')
msg.send()
```

By default, the MIME type of the `body` parameter in an `EmailMessage` is "text/plain". It is good practice to leave this alone, because it guarantees that any recipient will be able to read the email, regardless of their mail client. However, if you are confident that your recipients can handle an alternative content type, you can use the `content_subtype` attribute on the `EmailMessage` class to change the main content type. The major type will always be "text", but you can change the subtype. For example:

```python
msg = EmailMessage(subject, html_content, from_email, [to])
msg.content_subtype = "html"  # Main content is now text/html
msg.send()
```

### 3.14.9 Email backends

The actual sending of an email is handled by the email backend.

The email backend class has the following methods:

• `open()` instantiates a long-lived email-sending connection.
• `close()` closes the current email-sending connection.
• `send_messages(email_messages)` sends a list of `EmailMessage` objects. If the connection is not open, this call will implicitly open the connection, and close the connection afterwards. If the connection is already open, it will be left open after mail has been sent.

It can also be used as a context manager, which will automatically call `open()` and `close()` as needed:

```python
from django.core import mail

with mail.get_connection() as connection:
    # do something
```
Obtaining an instance of an email backend

The `get_connection()` function in `django.core.mail` returns an instance of the email backend that you can use.

```python
get_connection(backend=None, fail_silently=False, *args, **kwargs)
```

By default, a call to `get_connection()` will return an instance of the email backend specified in `EMAIL_BACKEND`. If you specify the `backend` argument, an instance of that backend will be instantiated.

The `fail_silently` argument controls how the backend should handle errors. If `fail_silently` is True, exceptions during the email sending process will be silently ignored.

All other arguments are passed directly to the constructor of the email backend.

Django ships with several email sending backends. With the exception of the SMTP backend (which is the default), these backends are only useful during testing and development. If you have special email sending requirements, you can write your own email backend.

SMTP backend

```python
class backends.smtp.EmailBackend(host=None, port=None, username=None, password=None, use_tls=None, fail_silently=False, use_ssl=None, timeout=None, ssl_keyfile=None, ssl_certfile=None, **kwargs)
```

This is the default backend. Email will be sent through a SMTP server.

The value for each argument is retrieved from the matching setting if the argument is `None`:

- `host`: `EMAIL_HOST`
- `port`: `EMAIL_PORT`
- `username`: `EMAIL_HOST_USER`
- `password`: `EMAIL_HOST_PASSWORD`
- `use_tls`: `EMAIL_USE_TLS`
- `use_ssl`: `EMAIL_USE_SSL`
- `timeout`: `EMAIL_TIMEOUT`
- `ssl_keyfile`: `EMAIL_SSL_KEYFILE`
- `ssl_certfile`: `EMAIL_SSL_CERTFILE`

The SMTP backend is the default configuration inherited by Django. If you want to specify it explicitly, put the following in your settings:
If unspecified, the default timeout will be the one provided by `socket.getdefaulttimeout()`, which defaults to `None` (no timeout).

### Console backend

Instead of sending out real emails the console backend just writes the emails that would be sent to the standard output. By default, the console backend writes to `stdout`. You can use a different stream-like object by providing the `stream` keyword argument when constructing the connection.

To specify this backend, put the following in your settings:

```python
EMAIL_BACKEND = 'django.core.mail.backends.console.EmailBackend'
```

This backend is not intended for use in production – it is provided as a convenience that can be used during development.

### File backend

The file backend writes emails to a file. A new file is created for each new session that is opened on this backend. The directory to which the files are written is either taken from the `EMAIL_FILE_PATH` setting or from the `file_path` keyword when creating a connection with `get_connection()`.

To specify this backend, put the following in your settings:

```python
EMAIL_BACKEND = 'django.core.mail.backends.filebased.EmailBackend'
EMAIL_FILE_PATH = '/tmp/app-messages'  # change this to a proper location
```

This backend is not intended for use in production – it is provided as a convenience that can be used during development.

Support for `pathlib.Path` was added.

### In-memory backend

The 'locmem' backend stores messages in a special attribute of the `django.core.mail` module. The `outbox` attribute is created when the first message is sent. It’s a list with an `EmailMessage` instance for each message that would be sent.

To specify this backend, put the following in your settings:

```python
EMAIL_BACKEND = 'django.core.mail.backends.locmem.EmailBackend'
```

This backend is not intended for use in production – it is provided as a convenience that can be used during development and testing.

Django’s test runner automatically uses this backend for testing.

### Dummy backend

As the name suggests the dummy backend does nothing with your messages. To specify this backend, put the following in your settings:
**EMAIL_BACKEND** = 'django.core.mail.backends.dummy.EmailBackend'

This backend is not intended for use in production – it is provided as a convenience that can be used during development.

### Defining a custom email backend

If you need to change how emails are sent you can write your own email backend. The **EMAIL_BACKEND** setting in your settings file is then the Python import path for your backend class.

Custom email backends should subclass **BaseEmailBackend** that is located in the `django.core.mail.backends.base` module. A custom email backend must implement the `send_messages(email_messages)` method. This method receives a list of `EmailMessage` instances and returns the number of successfully delivered messages. If your backend has any concept of a persistent session or connection, you should also implement the `open()` and `close()` methods. Refer to `smtp.EmailBackend` for a reference implementation.

### Sending multiple emails

Establishing and closing an SMTP connection (or any other network connection, for that matter) is an expensive process. If you have a lot of emails to send, it makes sense to reuse an SMTP connection, rather than creating and destroying a connection every time you want to send an email.

There are two ways you tell an email backend to reuse a connection.

Firstly, you can use the `send_messages()` method. `send_messages()` takes a list of `EmailMessage` instances (or subclasses), and sends them all using a single connection.

For example, if you have a function called `get_notification_email()` that returns a list of `EmailMessage` objects representing some periodic email you wish to send out, you could send these emails using a single call to `send_messages`:

```python
from django.core import mail
connection = mail.get_connection()  # Use default email connection
messages = get_notification_email()
connection.send_messages(messages)
```

In this example, the call to `send_messages()` opens a connection on the backend, sends the list of messages, and then closes the connection again.

The second approach is to use the `open()` and `close()` methods on the email backend to manually control the connection. `send_messages()` will not manually open or close the connection if it is already open, so if you manually open the connection, you can control when it is closed. For example:

```python
from django.core import mail
connection = mail.get_connection()

# Manually open the connection
connection.open()

# Construct an email message that uses the connection
email1 = mail.EmailMessage(
    'Hello',
    'Body goes here',
    'from@example.com',
    ['to1@example.com'],
    connection=connection,
)```

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```python
email1.send()  # Send the email

# Construct two more messages
email2 = mail.EmailMessage(
    'Hello',
    'Body goes here',
    'from@example.com',
    ['to2@example.com'],
)
email3 = mail.EmailMessage(
    'Hello',
    'Body goes here',
    'from@example.com',
    ['to3@example.com'],
)
# Send the two emails in a single call -
connection.send_messages([email2, email3])
# The connection was already open so send_messages() doesn't close it.
# We need to manually close the connection.
connection.close()
```

### 3.14.10 Configuring email for development

There are times when you do not want Django to send emails at all. For example, while developing a website, you probably don’t want to send out thousands of emails – but you may want to validate that emails will be sent to the right people under the right conditions, and that those emails will contain the correct content.

The easiest way to configure email for local development is to use the `console` email backend. This backend redirects all email to stdout, allowing you to inspect the content of mail.

The `file` email backend can also be useful during development – this backend dumps the contents of every SMTP connection to a file that can be inspected at your leisure.

Another approach is to use a “dumb” SMTP server that receives the emails locally and displays them to the terminal, but does not actually send anything. Python has a built-in way to accomplish this with a single command:

```
python -m smtpd -n -c DebuggingServer localhost:1025
```

This command will start a minimal SMTP server listening on port 1025 of localhost. This server prints to standard output all email headers and the email body. You then only need to set the `EMAIL_HOST` and `EMAIL_PORT` accordingly. For a more detailed discussion of SMTP server options, see the Python documentation for the `smtpd` module.

For information about unit-testing the sending of emails in your application, see the `Email services` section of the testing documentation.

### 3.15 Internationalization and localization

#### 3.15.1 Translation
Overview

In order to make a Django project translatable, you have to add a minimal number of hooks to your Python code and templates. These hooks are called translation strings. They tell Django: “This text should be translated into the end user’s language, if a translation for this text is available in that language.” It’s your responsibility to mark translatable strings; the system can only translate strings it knows about.

Django then provides utilities to extract the translation strings into a message file. This file is a convenient way for translators to provide the equivalent of the translation strings in the target language. Once the translators have filled in the message file, it must be compiled. This process relies on the GNU gettext toolset.

Once this is done, Django takes care of translating Web apps on the fly in each available language, according to users’ language preferences.

Django’s internationalization hooks are on by default, and that means there’s a bit of i18n-related overhead in certain places of the framework. If you don’t use internationalization, you should take the two seconds to set `USE_I18N = False` in your settings file. Then Django will make some optimizations so as not to load the internationalization machinery.

**Note:** There is also an independent but related `USE_L10N` setting that controls if Django should implement format localization. See [Format localization](#) for more details.

**Note:** Make sure you’ve activated translation for your project (the fastest way is to check if `MIDDLEWARE` includes `django.middleware.locale.LocaleMiddleware`). If you haven’t yet, see [How Django discovers language preference](#).

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Standard translation

Specify a translation string by using the function `gettext()`. It’s convention to import this as a shorter alias, `_`, to save typing.

**Note:** Python’s standard library `gettext` module installs `_()` into the global namespace, as an alias for `gettext()`. In Django, we have chosen not to follow this practice, for a couple of reasons:

1. Sometimes, you should use `gettext_lazy()` as the default translation method for a particular file. Without `_()` in the global namespace, the developer has to think about which is the most appropriate translation function.

2. The underscore character `_` is used to represent “the previous result” in Python’s interactive shell and doctest tests. Installing a global `_()` function causes interference. Explicitly importing `gettext()` as `_()` avoids this problem.

What functions may be aliased as `_`?

Because of how `xgettext` (used by `makemessages`) works, only functions that take a single string argument can be imported as `_`:

- `gettext()`
- `gettext_lazy()`
In this example, the text "Welcome to my site." is marked as a translation string:

```python
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.utils.translation import gettext as _

def my_view(request):
    output = _("Welcome to my site.")
    return HttpResponse(output)
```

You could code this without using the alias. This example is identical to the previous one:

```python
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.utils.translation import gettext

def my_view(request):
    output = gettext("Welcome to my site.")
    return HttpResponse(output)
```

Translation works on computed values. This example is identical to the previous two:

```python
def my_view(request):
    words = ['Welcome', 'to', 'my', 'site.]
    output = _(' '.join(words))
    return HttpResponse(output)
```

Translation works on variables. Again, here’s an identical example:

```python
def my_view(request):
    sentence = 'Welcome to my site.'
    output = _(sentence)
    return HttpResponse(output)
```

(The caveat with using variables or computed values, as in the previous two examples, is that Django’s translation-string-detecting utility, `django-admin makemessages`, won’t be able to find these strings. More on `makemessages` later.)

The strings you pass to `_()` or `gettext()` can take placeholders, specified with Python’s standard named-string interpolation syntax. Example:

```python
def my_view(request, m, d):
    output = _("Today is %month% %day%.") % {'month': m, 'day': d}
    return HttpResponse(output)
```

This technique lets language-specific translations reorder the placeholder text. For example, an English translation may be "Today is November 26.", while a Spanish translation may be "Hoy es 26 de noviembre." – with the month and the day placeholders swapped.

For this reason, you should use named-string interpolation (e.g., `% (day) s`) instead of positional interpolation (e.g., `% s or `% d`) whenever you have more than a single parameter. If you used positional interpolation, translations wouldn’t be able to reorder placeholder text.

Since string extraction is done by the `xgettext` command, only syntaxes supported by `gettext` are supported by Django. In particular, Python f-strings are not yet supported by `xgettext`, and JavaScript template strings need `gettext 0.21+`.  

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Comments for translators

If you would like to give translators hints about a translatable string, you can add a comment prefixed with the `Translators` keyword on the line preceding the string, e.g.:

```python
def my_view(request):
    # Translators: This message appears on the home page only
    output = gettext("Welcome to my site.")
```

The comment will then appear in the resulting `.po` file associated with the translatable construct located below it and should also be displayed by most translation tools.

**Note:** Just for completeness, this is the corresponding fragment of the resulting `.po` file:

```po
#. Translators: This message appears on the home page only
# path/to/python/file.py:123
msgid "Welcome to my site."
msgstr ""
```

This also works in templates. See *Comments for translators in templates* for more details.

**Marking strings as no-op**

Use the function `django.utils.translation.gettext noop()` to mark a string as a translation string without translating it. The string is later translated from a variable.

Use this if you have constant strings that should be stored in the source language because they are exchanged over systems or users – such as strings in a database – but should be translated at the last possible point in time, such as when the string is presented to the user.

**Pluralization**

Use the function `django.utils.translation.ngettext()` to specify pluralized messages.

`ngettext()` takes three arguments: the singular translation string, the plural translation string and the number of objects.

This function is useful when you need your Django application to be localizable to languages where the number and complexity of plural forms is greater than the two forms used in English (‘object’ for the singular and ‘objects’ for all the cases where `count` is different from one, irrespective of its value.)

For example:

```python
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.utils.translation import ngettext

def hello_world(request, count):
    page = ngettext(
        'there is %(count)d object',
        'there are %(count)d objects',
        count,
    ) % {
        'count': count,
    }
```

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In this example the number of objects is passed to the translation languages as the `count` variable.

Note that pluralization is complicated and works differently in each language. Comparing `count` to 1 isn’t always the correct rule. This code looks sophisticated, but will produce incorrect results for some languages:

```python
from django.utils.translation import ngettext
from myapp.models import Report

count = Report.objects.count()
if count == 1:
    name = Report._meta.verbose_name
else:
    name = Report._meta.verbose_name_plural

text = ngettext(
    'There is %(count)d %(name)s available.',
    'There are %(count)d %(name)s available.',
    count,
) % {
    'count': count,
    'name': name
}
```

Don’t try to implement your own singular-or-plural logic; it won’t be correct. In a case like this, consider something like the following:

```python
from django.utils.translation import ngettext
from myapp.models import Report

count = Report.objects.count()
if count == 1:
    name = Report._meta.verbose_name
else:
    name = Report._meta.verbose_name_plural

text = ngettext(
    'There is %(count)d %(name)s object available.',
    'There are %(count)d %(name)s objects available.',
    count,
) % {
    'count': count,
    'name': name
}
```

**Note:** When using `ngettext()`, make sure you use a single name for every extrapolated variable included in the literal. In the examples above, note how we used the `name` Python variable in both translation strings. This example, besides being incorrect in some languages as noted above, would fail:

```python
from django.utils.translation import ngettext
from myapp.models import Report

count = Report.objects.count()
if count == 1:
    name = Report._meta.verbose_name
else:
    name = Report._meta.verbose_name_plural

text = ngettext(
    'There is %(count)d %(name)s available.',
    'There are %(count)d %(plural_name)s available.',
    count,
) % {
    'count': count,
    'name': name,
    'plural_name': name
}
```

You would get an error when running `django-admin compilemessages`:
Contextual markers

Sometimes words have several meanings, such as "May" in English, which refers to a month name and to a verb. To enable translators to translate these words correctly in different contexts, you can use the `django.utils.translation.pgettext()` function, or the `django.utils.translation.npgettext()` function if the string needs pluralization. Both take a context string as the first variable.

In the resulting `.po` file, the string will then appear as often as there are different contextual markers for the same string (the context will appear on the `msgctxt` line), allowing the translator to give a different translation for each of them.

For example:

```python
from django.utils.translation import pgettext

month = pgettext("month name", "May")
```

or:

```python
from django.db import models
from django.utils.translation import pgettext_lazy

class MyThing(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(help_text=pgettext_lazy(  # 'help text for MyThing model', 'This is the help text')
```

will appear in the `.po` file as:

```
msgctxt "month name"
msgid "May"
msgstr ""
```

Contextual markers are also supported by the `translate` and `blocktranslate` template tags.

Lazy translation

Use the lazy versions of translation functions in `django.utils.translation` (easily recognizable by the `lazy` suffix in their names) to translate strings lazily – when the value is accessed rather than when they’re called.

These functions store a lazy reference to the string – not the actual translation. The translation itself will be done when the string is used in a string context, such as in template rendering.

This is essential when calls to these functions are located in code paths that are executed at module load time.

This is something that can easily happen when defining models, forms and model forms, because Django implements these such that their fields are actually class-level attributes. For that reason, make sure to use lazy translations in the following cases:

**Model fields and relationships `verbose_name` and `help_text` option values**

For example, to translate the help text of the `name` field in the following model, do the following:
```python
from django.db import models
from django.utils.translation import gettext_lazy as _

class MyThing(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(help_text=_('This is the help text'))
```

You can mark names of `ForeignKey`, `ManyToManyField` or `OneToOneField` relationship as translatable by using their `verbose_name` options:

```python
class MyThing(models.Model):
    kind = models.ForeignKey(
        ThingKind,
        on_delete=models.CASCADE,
        related_name='kinds',
        verbose_name=_('kind'),
    )
```

Just like you would do in `verbose_name` you should provide a lowercase verbose name text for the relation as Django will automatically titlecase it when required.

### Model verbose names values

It is recommended to always provide explicit `verbose_name` and `verbose_name_plural` options rather than relying on the fallback English-centric and somewhat naïve determination of verbose names Django performs by looking at the model’s class name:

```python
from django.db import models
from django.utils.translation import gettext_lazy as _

class MyThing(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(_('name'), help_text=_('This is the help text'))

    class Meta:
        verbose_name = _('my thing')
        verbose_name_plural = _('my things')
```

### Model methods `short_description` attribute values

For model methods, you can provide translations to Django and the admin site with the `short_description` attribute:

```python
from django.db import models
from django.utils.translation import gettext_lazy as _

class MyThing(models.Model):
    kind = models.ForeignKey(
        ThingKind,
        on_delete=models.CASCADE,
        related_name='kinds',
        verbose_name=_('kind'),
    )

    def is_mouse(self):
```

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Working with lazy translation objects

The result of a `gettext_lazy()` call can be used wherever you would use a string (a `str` object) in other Django code, but it may not work with arbitrary Python code. For example, the following won’t work because the `requests` library doesn’t handle `gettext_lazy` objects:

```python
body = gettext_lazy("I \u2764 Django")  # (Unicode :heart:)
requests.post('https://example.com/send', data={'body': body})
```

You can avoid such problems by casting `gettext_lazy()` objects to text strings before passing them to non-Django code:

```python
requests.post('https://example.com/send', data={'body': str(body)})
```

If you don’t like the long `gettext_lazy` name, you can alias it as `_` (underscore), like so:

```python
from django.db import models
from django.utils.translation import gettext_lazy as _

class MyThing(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(help_text=_('This is the help text'))
```

Using `gettext_lazy()` and `ngettext_lazy()` to mark strings in models and utility functions is a common operation. When you’re working with these objects elsewhere in your code, you should ensure that you don’t accidentally convert them to strings, because they should be converted as late as possible (so that the correct locale is in effect). This necessitates the use of the helper function described next.

Lazy translations and plural

When using lazy translation for a plural string (`n[p]gettext_lazy`), you generally don’t know the `number` argument at the time of the string definition. Therefore, you are authorized to pass a key name instead of an integer as the `number` argument. Then `number` will be looked up in the dictionary under that key during string interpolation. Here’s example:

```python
from django import forms
from django.core.exceptions import ValidationError
from django.utils.translation import ngettext_lazy

class MyForm(forms.Form):
    error_message = ngettext_lazy("You only provided %(num)d argument", "You only provided %(num)d arguments", 'num')

    def clean(self):
        # ...
        if error:
            raise ValidationError(self.error_message % {'num': number})
```

If the string contains exactly one unnamed placeholder, you can interpolate directly with the `number` argument:
```

class MyForm(forms.Form):
    error_message = ngettext_lazy(
        "You provided %d argument",
        "You provided %d arguments",
    )

    def clean(self):
        # ...
        if error:
            raise ValidationError(self.error_message % number)

Formatting strings: `format_lazy()`

Python's `str.format()` method will not work when either the `format_string` or any of the arguments to `str.format()` contains lazy translation objects. Instead, you can use `django.utils.text.format_lazy()`, which creates a lazy object that runs the `str.format()` method only when the result is included in a string. For example:

```python
from django.utils.text import format_lazy
from django.utils.translation import gettext_lazy
...
name = gettext_lazy('John Lennon')
n instrument = gettext_lazy('guitar')
result = format_lazy('{name}: {instrument}', name=name, instrument=instrument)
```

In this case, the lazy translations in `result` will only be converted to strings when `result` itself is used in a string (usually at template rendering time).

**Other uses of lazy in delayed translations**

For any other case where you would like to delay the translation, but have to pass the translatable string as argument to another function, you can wrap this function inside a lazy call yourself. For example:

```python
from django.utils.functional import lazy
from django.utils.safestring import mark_safe
from django.utils.translation import gettext_lazy as _

mark_safe_lazy = lazy(mark_safe, str)
```

And then later:

```python
lazy_string = mark_safe_lazy(_("<p>My <strong>string!</strong></p>"))
```

**Localized names of languages**

`get_language_info()`

The `get_language_info()` function provides detailed information about languages:

```python
>>> from django.utils.translation import activate, get_language_info
>>> activate('fr')
>>> li = get_language_info('de')
```

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The `name`, `name_local`, and `name_translated` attributes of the dictionary contain the name of the language in English, in the language itself, and in your current active language respectively. The `bidi` attribute is True only for bi-directional languages.

The source of the language information is the `django.conf.locale` module. Similar access to this information is available for template code. See below.

**Internationalization: in template code**

Translations in *Django templates* uses two template tags and a slightly different syntax than in Python code. To give your template access to these tags, put `{% load i18n %}` toward the top of your template. As with all template tags, this tag needs to be loaded in all templates which use translations, even those templates that extend from other templates which have already loaded the `i18n` tag.

**Warning:** Translated strings will not be escaped when rendered in a template. This allows you to include HTML in translations, for example for emphasis, but potentially dangerous characters (e.g. `"`) will also be rendered unchanged.

**translate template tag**

The `{% translate %}` template tag translates either a constant string (enclosed in single or double quotes) or variable content:

```html
<title>{% translate "This is the title." %}</title>
<title>{% translate myvar %}</title>
```

If the `noop` option is present, variable lookup still takes place but the translation is skipped. This is useful when “stubbing out” content that will require translation in the future:

```html
<title>{% translate myvar noop %}</title>
```

Internally, inline translations use an `gettext()` call.

In case a template var (*myvar* above) is passed to the tag, the tag will first resolve such variable to a string at run-time and then look up that string in the message catalogs.

It’s not possible to mix a template variable inside a string within `{% translate %}`. If your translations require strings with variables (placeholders), use `{% blocktranslate %}` instead.

If you’d like to retrieve a translated string without displaying it, you can use the following syntax:

```html
{% translate "This is the title" as the_title %}
<title>{{ the_title }}</title>
<meta name="description" content="{{ the_title }}”>
```

In practice you’ll use this to get a string you can use in multiple places in a template or so you can use the output as an argument for other template tags or filters:
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{% translate "starting point" as start %}
{% translate "end point" as end %}
{% translate "La Grande Boucle" as race %}

<h1><a href="/" title="{{ race }}" homepage="{% blocktranslate %}Back to '{{ race }}' homepage{% endblocktranslate %}">{{ race }}</a></h1>

<p>{% for stage in tour_stages %}
   {% cycle start end %}: {{ stage }}{% if forloop.counter|divisibleby:2 %}<br>{% else %}, {% endif %}{% endfor %}
{% endfor %}</p>

{% translate %}also supports contextual markers using the context keyword:

{% translate "May" context "month name" %}

The trans tag was renamed to translate. The trans tag is still supported as an alias for backwards compatibility.

**blocktranslate template tag**

Contrarily to the translate tag, the blocktranslate tag allows you to mark complex sentences consisting of literals and variable content for translation by making use of placeholders:

{% blocktranslate %}This string will have {{ value }} inside.{% endblocktranslate %}

To translate a template expression – say, accessing object attributes or using template filters – you need to bind the expression to a local variable for use within the translation block. Examples:

{% blocktranslate with amount=article.price %}
That will cost $ {{ amount }}.
{% endblocktranslate %}

{% blocktranslate with myvar=value|filter %}
This will have {{ myvar }} inside.
{% endblocktranslate %}

You can use multiple expressions inside a single blocktranslate tag:

{% blocktranslate with book_t=book|title author_t=author|title %}
This is {{ book_t }} by {{ author_t }}
{% endblocktranslate %}

**Note:** The previous more verbose format is still supported: {% blocktranslate with book|title as book_t and author|title as author_t %}

Other block tags (for example {% for %} or {% if %}) are not allowed inside a blocktranslate tag.

If resolving one of the block arguments fails, blocktranslate will fall back to the default language by deactivating the currently active language temporarily with the deactivate_all() function.

This tag also provides for pluralization. To use it:

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• Designate and bind a counter value with the name `count`. This value will be the one used to select the right plural form.

• Specify both the singular and plural forms separating them with the `{% plural %}` tag within the `{% blocktranslate %}` and `{% endblocktranslate %}` tags.

An example:

```django
{% blocktranslate count counter=list|length %}
There is only one {{ name }} object.
{% plural %}
There are {{ counter }} {{ name }} objects.
{% endblocktranslate %}
```

A more complex example:

```django
{% blocktranslate with amount=article.price count years=i.length %}
That will cost $ {{ amount }} per year.
{% plural %}
That will cost $ {{ amount }} per {{ years }} years.
{% endblocktranslate %}
```

When you use both the pluralization feature and bind values to local variables in addition to the counter value, keep in mind that the `blocktranslate` construct is internally converted to an `ngettext` call. This means the same notes regarding `ngettext` variables apply.

Reverse URL lookups cannot be carried out within the `blocktranslate` and should be retrieved (and stored) beforehand:

```django
{% url 'path.to.view' arg arg2 as the_url %}
{% blocktranslate %}
This is a URL: {{ the_url }}
{% endblocktranslate %}
```

If you’d like to retrieve a translated string without displaying it, you can use the following syntax:

```django
{% blocktranslate asvar the_title %}
The title is {{ title }}.{% endblocktranslate %}
	<title>{{ the_title }}</title>
	<meta name="description" content="{{ the_title }}"> 
```

In practice you’ll use this to get a string you can use in multiple places in a template or so you can use the output as an argument for other template tags or filters.

{% blocktranslate %} also supports contextual markers using the context keyword:

```django
{% blocktranslate with name=user.username context "greeting" %}
Hi {{ name }}{% endblocktranslate %}
```

Another feature `{% blocktranslate %}` supports is the `trimmed` option. This option will remove newline characters from the beginning and the end of the content of the `{% blocktranslate %}` tag, replace any whitespace at the beginning and end of a line and merge all lines into one using a space character to separate them. This is quite useful for indenting the content of a `{% blocktranslate %}` tag without having the indentation characters end up in the corresponding entry in the PO file, which makes the translation process easier.

For instance, the following `{% blocktranslate %}` tag:

```django
{% blocktranslate trimmed %}
First sentence.
```

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Second paragraph.
{% endblocktranslate %}

will result in the entry "First sentence. Second paragraph." in the PO file, compared to "\n First sentence.\n Second paragraph.\n", if the trimmed option had not been specified.

The blocktrans tag was renamed to blocktranslate. The blocktrans tag is still supported as an alias for backwards compatibility.

**String literals passed to tags and filters**

You can translate string literals passed as arguments to tags and filters by using the familiar _()_ syntax:

```
{% some_tag _("Page not found") value|yesno:_("yes,no") %}
```

In this case, both the tag and the filter will see the translated string, so they don’t need to be aware of translations.

*Note:* In this example, the translation infrastructure will be passed the string "yes,no", not the individual strings "yes" and "no". The translated string will need to contain the comma so that the filter parsing code knows how to split up the arguments. For example, a German translator might translate the string "yes,no" as "ja,nein" (keeping the comma intact).

**Comments for translators in templates**

Just like with *Python code*, these notes for translators can be specified using comments, either with the `comment` tag:

```
{% comment %}Translators: View verb{% endcomment %}
{% translate "View" %}

{% comment %}Translators: Short intro blurb{% endcomment %}
<p>{% blocktranslate %}A multiline translatable literal.{% endblocktranslate %}</p>
```

or with the `{# ... #}` one-line comment constructs:

```
#{ Translators: Label of a button that triggers search #}
<button type="submit">{% translate "Go" %}</button>

#{ Translators: This is a text of the base template #}
{% blocktranslate %}Ambiguous translatable block of text{% endblocktranslate %}
```

*Note:* Just for completeness, these are the corresponding fragments of the resulting .po file:

```
#. Translators: View verb
# path/to/template/file.html:10
msgid "View"
msgstr ""

#. Translators: Short intro blurb
# path/to/template/file.html:13
```
Switching language in templates

If you want to select a language within a template, you can use the `language` template tag:

```
{% load i18n %}

{% get_current_language as LANGUAGE_CODE %}
<p>{% translate "Welcome to our page" %}</p>

{% language 'en' %}
    {% get_current_language as LANGUAGE_CODE %}
    <p>{% translate "Welcome to our page" %}</p>
{% endlanguage %}
```

While the first occurrence of “Welcome to our page” uses the current language, the second will always be in English.

Other tags

These tags also require a `{% load i18n %}`.

`get_available_languages`

`{% get_available_languages as LANGUAGES %}` returns a list of tuples in which the first element is the `language code` and the second is the language name (translated into the currently active locale).

`get_current_language`

`{% get_current_language as LANGUAGE_CODE %}` returns the current user’s preferred language as a string. Example: en-us. See *How Django discovers language preference*. 
**get_current_language_bidi**

(% get_current_language_bidi as LANGUAGE_BIDI %) returns the current locale’s direction. If True, it’s a right-to-left language, e.g. Hebrew, Arabic. If False it’s a left-to-right language, e.g. English, French, German, etc.

**i18n context processor**

If you enable the django.template.context_processors.i18n context processor, then each RequestContext will have access to LANGUAGES, LANGUAGE_CODE, and LANGUAGE_BIDI as defined above.

**get_language_info**

You can also retrieve information about any of the available languages using provided template tags and filters. To get information about a single language, use the {% get_language_info %} tag:

```plaintext
{% get_language_info for LANGUAGE_CODE as lang %}
{% get_language_info for "pl" as lang %}
```

You can then access the information:

- Language code: `{{ lang.code }}`
- Name of language: `{{ lang.name_local }}`
- Name in English: `{{ lang.name }}`
- Bi-directional: `{{ lang.bidi }}`
- Name in the active language: `{{ lang.name_translated }}`

**get_language_info_list**

You can also use the {% get_language_info_list %} template tag to retrieve information for a list of languages (e.g. active languages as specified in LANGUAGES). See the section about the set_language redirect view for an example of how to display a language selector using {% get_language_info_list %}.

In addition to LANGUAGES style list of tuples, {% get_language_info_list %} supports lists of language codes. If you do this in your view:

```python
context = {'available_languages': ['en', 'es', 'fr']}
return render(request, 'mytemplate.html', context)
```

you can iterate over those languages in the template:

```plaintext
{% get_language_info_list for available_languages as langs %}
{% for lang in langs %} ... {%- endfor %}
```

**Template filters**

There are also some filters available for convenience:

- `{% LANGUAGE_CODE|language_name %}` (“German”)
- `{% LANGUAGE_CODE|language_name_local %}` (“Deutsch”)
Internationalization: in JavaScript code

Adding translations to JavaScript poses some problems:

- JavaScript code doesn’t have access to a gettext implementation.
- JavaScript code doesn’t have access to .po or .mo files; they need to be delivered by the server.
- The translation catalogs for JavaScript should be kept as small as possible.

Django provides an integrated solution for these problems: It passes the translations into JavaScript, so you can call gettext, etc., from within JavaScript.

The main solution to these problems is the following JavaScriptCatalog view, which generates a JavaScript code library with functions that mimic the gettext interface, plus an array of translation strings.

The JavaScriptCatalog view

class JavaScriptCatalog
A view that produces a JavaScript code library with functions that mimic the gettext interface, plus an array of translation strings.

Attributes

- domain
  Translation domain containing strings to add in the view output. Defaults to 'djangojs'.

- packages
  A list of application names among installed applications. Those apps should contain a locale directory. All those catalogs plus all catalogs found in LOCALE_PATHS (which are always included) are merged into one catalog. Defaults to None, which means that all available translations from all INSTALLED_APPS are provided in the JavaScript output.

Example with default values:

```python
from django.views.i18n import JavaScriptCatalog

urlpatterns = [
    path('jsi18n/', JavaScriptCatalog.as_view(), name='javascript-catalog'),
]
```

Example with custom packages:

```python
urlpatterns = [
    path('jsi18n/myapp/',
        JavaScriptCatalog.as_view(packages=['your.app.label']),
        name='javascript-catalog'),
]
```

If your root URLconf uses i18n_patterns(), JavaScriptCatalog must also be wrapped by i18n_patterns() for the catalog to be correctly generated.

Example with i18n_patterns():
from django.conf.urls.i18n import i18n_patterns

urlpatterns = i18n_patterns(
    path('jsi18n/', JavaScriptCatalog.as_view(), name='javascript-catalog'),
)

The precedence of translations is such that the packages appearing later in the packages argument have higher precedence than the ones appearing at the beginning. This is important in the case of clashing translations for the same literal.

If you use more than one JavaScriptCatalog view on a site and some of them define the same strings, the strings in the catalog that was loaded last take precedence.

**Using the JavaScript translation catalog**

To use the catalog, pull in the dynamically generated script like this:

```html
<script src="/url 'javascript-catalog' "></script>
```

This uses reverse URL lookup to find the URL of the JavaScript catalog view. When the catalog is loaded, your JavaScript code can use the following methods:

- gettext
- ngettext
- interpolate
- get_format
- gettext noop
- pgettext
- npgettext
- pluralidx

**gettext**

The gettext function behaves similarly to the standard gettext interface within your Python code:

```python
document.write(gettext('this is to be translated'));
```

**ngettext**

The ngettext function provides an interface to pluralize words and phrases:

```javascript
const objectCount = 1 // or 0, or 2, or 3, ...
const string = ngettext(
    'literal for the singular case',
    'literal for the plural case',
    objectCount
);
```
**interpolate**

The `interpolate` function supports dynamically populating a format string. The interpolation syntax is borrowed from Python, so the `interpolate` function supports both positional and named interpolation:

- **Positional interpolation:** `obj` contains a JavaScript Array object whose elements values are then sequentially interpolated in their corresponding `fmt` placeholders in the same order they appear. For example:

  ```javascript
  const formats = ngettext(
    'There is %s object. Remaining: %s',
    'There are %s objects. Remaining: %s',
    11
  );
  const string = interpolate(formats, [11, 20]);
  // string is 'There are 11 objects. Remaining: 20'
  ```

- **Named interpolation:** This mode is selected by passing the optional boolean `named` parameter as `true`. `obj` contains a JavaScript object or associative array. For example:

  ```javascript
  const data = {
    count: 10,
    total: 50
  };
  const formats = ngettext(
    'Total: %(total)s, there is %(count)s object',
    'there are %(count)s of a total of %(total)s objects',
    data.count
  );
  const string = interpolate(formats, data, true);
  ```

You shouldn’t go over the top with string interpolation, though: this is still JavaScript, so the code has to make repeated regular-expression substitutions. This isn’t as fast as string interpolation in Python, so keep it to those cases where you really need it (for example, in conjunction with `ngettext` to produce proper pluralizations).

**get_format**

The `get_format` function has access to the configured i18n formatting settings and can retrieve the format string for a given setting name:

```javascript
document.write(get_format('DATE_FORMAT'));
// 'N j, Y'
```

It has access to the following settings:

- `DATE_FORMAT`
- `DATE_INPUT_FORMATS`
- `DATETIME_FORMAT`
- `DATETIME_INPUT_FORMATS`
- `DECIMAL_SEPARATOR`
- `FIRST_DAY_OF_WEEK`
- `MONTH_DAY_FORMAT`
This is useful for maintaining formatting consistency with the Python-rendered values.

**gettext_noop**

This emulates the `gettext` function but does nothing, returning whatever is passed to it:

```python
document.write(gettext_noop('this will not be translated'));
```

This is useful for stubbing out portions of the code that will need translation in the future.

**pgettext**

The `pgettext` function behaves like the Python variant (`pgettext()`), providing a contextually translated word:

```python
document.write(pgettext('month name', 'May'));
```

**npgettext**

The `npgettext` function also behaves like the Python variant (`npgettext()`), providing a pluralized contextually translated word:

```python
document.write(npgettext('group', 'party', 1));  // party
document.write(npgettext('group', 'party', 2));  // parties
```

**pluralidx**

The `pluralidx` function works in a similar way to the `pluralize` template filter, determining if a given count should use a plural form of a word or not:

```python
document.write(pluralidx(0));  // true
document.write(pluralidx(1));  // false
document.write(pluralidx(2));  // true
```
In the simplest case, if no custom pluralization is needed, this returns `false` for the integer 1 and `true` for all other numbers.

However, pluralization is not this simple in all languages. If the language does not support pluralization, an empty value is provided.

Additionally, if there are complex rules around pluralization, the catalog view will render a conditional expression. This will evaluate to either a `true` (should pluralize) or `false` (should not pluralize) value.

### The JSONCatalog View

**class JSONCatalog**

In order to use another client-side library to handle translations, you may want to take advantage of the JSONCatalog view. It’s similar to JavaScriptCatalog but returns a JSON response.

See the documentation for JavaScriptCatalog to learn about possible values and use of the `domain` and `packages` attributes.

The response format is as follows:

```json
{
    "catalog": { # Translations catalog
        },
    "formats": { # Language formats for date, time, etc.
        },
    "plural": "..." # Expression for plural forms, or null.
}
```

### Note on Performance

The various JavaScript/JSON i18n views generate the catalog from .mo files on every request. Since its output is constant, at least for a given version of a site, it’s a good candidate for caching.

Server-side caching will reduce CPU load. It’s easily implemented with the `cache_page()` decorator. To trigger cache invalidation when your translations change, provide a version-dependent key prefix, as shown in the example below, or map the view at a version-dependent URL:

```python
from django.views.decorators.cache import cache_page
from django.views.i18n import JavaScriptCatalog

# The value returned by get_version() must change when translations change.
urlpatterns = [
    path('jsi18n/',
        cache_page(86400, key_prefix='js18n-%s' % get_version())(JavaScriptCatalog.as_view()),
        name='javascript-catalog'),
]
```

Client-side caching will save bandwidth and make your site load faster. If you’re using ETags (`ConditionalGetMiddleware`), you’re already covered. Otherwise, you can apply conditional decorators. In the following example, the cache is invalidated whenever you restart your application server:
from django.utils import timezone
from django.views.decorators.http import last_modified
from django.views.i18n import JavaScriptCatalog

last_modified_date = timezone.now()

urlpatterns = [
    path('jsi18n/',
        last_modified(lambda req, **kw: last_modified_date)(JavaScriptCatalog.as_view()),
        name='javascript-catalog'),
]

You can even pre-generate the JavaScript catalog as part of your deployment procedure and serve it as a static file. This radical technique is implemented in django-statici18n.

**Internationalization: in URL patterns**

Django provides two mechanisms to internationalize URL patterns:

- Adding the language prefix to the root of the URL patterns to make it possible for LocaleMiddleware to detect the language to activate from the requested URL.
- Making URL patterns themselves translatable via the django.utils.translation.gettext_lazy() function.

**Warning:** Using either one of these features requires that an active language be set for each request; in other words, you need to have django.middleware.locale.LocaleMiddleware in your MIDDLEWARE setting.

**Language prefix in URL patterns**

**i18n_patterns(**urls, prefix_default_language=True)**

This function can be used in a root URLconf and Django will automatically prepend the current active language code to all URL patterns defined within i18n_patterns().

Setting prefix_default_language to False removes the prefix from the default language (LANGUAGE_CODE). This can be useful when adding translations to existing site so that the current URLs won’t change.

Example URL patterns:

from django.conf.urls.i18n import i18n_patterns
from django.urls import include, path

from about import views as about_views
from news import views as news_views
from sitemap.views import sitemap

urlpatterns = [
    path('sitemap.xml', sitemap, name='sitemap-xml'),
]
After defining these URL patterns, Django will automatically add the language prefix to the URL patterns that were added by the `i18n_patterns` function. Example:

```python
>>> from django.urls import reverse
>>> from django.utils.translation import activate

>>> activate('en')
>>> reverse('sitemap-xml')
'/sitemap.xml'
>>> reverse('news:index')
'/en/news/'

>>> activate('nl')
>>> reverse('news:detail', kwargs={'slug': 'news-slug'})
'/nl/news/news-slug/'
```

With `prefix_default_language=False` and `LANGUAGE_CODE='en'`, the URLs will be:

```python
>>> activate('en')
>>> reverse('news:index')
'/news/'

>>> activate('nl')
>>> reverse('news:index')
'/nl/news/'
```

**Warning:** `i18n_patterns()` is only allowed in a root URLconf. Using it within an included URLconf will throw an `ImproperlyConfigured` exception.

**Warning:** Ensure that you don’t have non-prefixed URL patterns that might collide with an automatically-added language prefix.

### Translating URL patterns

URL patterns can also be marked translatable using the `gettext_lazy()` function. Example:

```python
from django.conf.urls.i18n import i18n_patterns
from django.urls import include, path
from django.utils.translation import gettext_lazy as _
```
from about import views as about_views
from news import views as news_views
from sitemaps.views import sitemap

urlpatterns = [
    path('sitemap.xml', sitemap, name='sitemap-xml'),
]

news_patterns = [
    path('', news_views.index, name='index'),
    path(_('category/<slug:slug>/'), news_views.category, name='category'),
    path('<slug:slug>/', news_views.details, name='detail'),
], 'news')

urlpatterns += i18n_patterns(  
    path(_('about/'), about_views.main, name='about'),
    path(_('news/'), include(news_patterns, namespace='news')),
)

After you’ve created the translations, the `reverse()` function will return the URL in the active language. Example:

```python
>>> from django.urls import reverse
>>> from django.utils.translation import activate

>>> activate('en')
>>> reverse('news:category', kwargs={'slug': 'recent'})
'/en/news/category/recent/'

>>> activate('nl')
>>> reverse('news:category', kwargs={'slug': 'recent'})
'/nl/nieuws/categorie/recent/'
```

**Warning:** In most cases, it’s best to use translated URLs only within a language code prefixed block of patterns (using `i18n_patterns()`), to avoid the possibility that a carelessly translated URL causes a collision with a non-translated URL pattern.

### Reversing in templates

If localized URLs get reversed in templates they always use the current language. To link to a URL in another language use the `language` template tag. It enables the given language in the enclosed template section:

```html
{% load i18n %}

{% get_available_languages as languages %}

{% translate "View this category in:" %}
{% for lang_code, lang_name in languages %}
    {% language lang_code %}
    <a href="{% url 'category' slug=category.slug %}"{% endlanguage %}
        >{{ lang_name }}</a>
    {% endfor %}

{% endfor %}
```

The `language` tag expects the language code as the only argument.
Localization: how to create language files

Once the string literals of an application have been tagged for later translation, the translation themselves need to be written (or obtained). Here’s how that works.

Message files

The first step is to create a message file for a new language. A message file is a plain-text file, representing a single language, that contains all available translation strings and how they should be represented in the given language. Message files have a .po file extension.

Django comes with a tool, django-admin makemessages, that automates the creation and upkeep of these files.

Gettext utilities

The makemessages command (and compilemessages discussed later) use commands from the GNU gettext toolset: xgettext, msgfmt, msgmerge and msguniq.

The minimum version of the gettext utilities supported is 0.15.

To create or update a message file, run this command:

```
django-admin makemessages -l de
```

... where de is the locale name for the message file you want to create. For example, pt_BR for Brazilian Portuguese, de_AT for Austrian German or id for Indonesian.

The script should be run from one of two places:

- The root directory of your Django project (the one that contains manage.py).
- The root directory of one of your Django apps.

The script runs over your project source tree or your application source tree and pulls out all strings marked for translation (see How Django discovers translations and be sure LOCALE_PATHS is configured correctly). It creates (or updates) a message file in the directory locale/LANG/LC_MESSAGES. In the de example, the file will be locale/de/LC_MESSAGES/django.po.

When you run makemessages from the root directory of your project, the extracted strings will be automatically distributed to the proper message files. That is, a string extracted from a file of an app containing a locale directory will go in a message file under that directory. A string extracted from a file of an app without any locale directory will either go in a message file under the directory listed first in LOCALE_PATHS or will generate an error if LOCALE_PATHS is empty.

By default django-admin makemessages examines every file that has the .html, .txt or .py file extension. If you want to override that default, use the --extension or -e option to specify the file extensions to examine:

```
django-admin makemessages -l de -e txt
```

Separate multiple extensions with commas and/or use -e or --extension multiple times:

```
django-admin makemessages -l de -e html,txt -e xml
```

Warning: When creating message files from JavaScript source code you need to use the special djangojs domain, not -e js.
Using Jinja2 templates?

`makemessages` doesn’t understand the syntax of Jinja2 templates. To extract strings from a project containing Jinja2 templates, use Message Extracting from Babel instead.

Here’s an example `babel.cfg` configuration file:

```ini
# Extraction from Python source files
[python: **.py]

# Extraction from Jinja2 templates
[jinja2: **.jinja]
extensions = jinja2.ext.with_
```

Make sure you list all extensions you’re using! Otherwise Babel won’t recognize the tags defined by these extensions and will ignore Jinja2 templates containing them entirely.

Babel provides similar features to `makemessages`, can replace it in general, and doesn’t depend on `gettext`. For more information, read its documentation about working with message catalogs.

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No gettext?

If you don’t have the `gettext` utilities installed, `makemessages` will create empty files. If that’s the case, either install the `gettext` utilities or copy the English message file (`locale/en/LC_MESSAGES/django.po`) if available and use it as a starting point, which is an empty translation file.

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Working on Windows?

If you’re using Windows and need to install the GNU gettext utilities so `makemessages` works, see `gettext on Windows` for more information.

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Each `.po` file contains a small bit of metadata, such as the translation maintainer’s contact information, but the bulk of the file is a list of messages – mappings between translation strings and the actual translated text for the particular language.

For example, if your Django app contained a translation string for the text "Welcome to my site.", like so:

```python
_("Welcome to my site.")
```

...then `django-admin makemessages` will have created a `.po` file containing the following snippet – a message:

```ini
#: path/to/python/module.py:23
msgid "Welcome to my site."
msgstr ""
```

A quick explanation:

- `msgid` is the translation string, which appears in the source. Don’t change it.
- `msgstr` is where you put the language-specific translation. It starts out empty, so it’s your responsibility to change it. Make sure you keep the quotes around your translation.
- As a convenience, each message includes, in the form of a comment line prefixed with `#` and located above the `msgid` line, the filename and line number from which the translation string was gleaned.
Long messages are a special case. There, the first string directly after the `msgstr` (or `msgid`) is an empty string. Then the content itself will be written over the next few lines as one string per line. Those strings are directly concatenated. Don’t forget trailing spaces within the strings; otherwise, they’ll be tacked together without whitespace!

**Mind your charset**

Due to the way the `gettext` tools work internally and because we want to allow non-ASCII source strings in Django’s core and your applications, you **must** use UTF-8 as the encoding for your PO files (the default when PO files are created). This means that everybody will be using the same encoding, which is important when Django processes the PO files.

**Fuzzy entries**

`makemessages` sometimes generates translation entries marked as fuzzy, e.g. when translations are inferred from previously translated strings. By default, fuzzy entries are **not** processed by `compilemessages`.

To reexamine all source code and templates for new translation strings and update all message files for **all** languages, run this:

```
django-admin makemessages -a
```

**Compiling message files**

After you create your message file – and each time you make changes to it – you’ll need to compile it into a more efficient form, for use by `gettext`. Do this with the `django-admin compilemessages` utility.

This tool runs over all available `.po` files and creates `.mo` files, which are binary files optimized for use by `gettext`. In the same directory from which you ran `django-admin makemessages`, run `django-admin compilemessages` like this:

```
django-admin compilemessages
```

That’s it. Your translations are ready for use.

**Working on Windows?**

If you’re using Windows and need to install the GNU gettext utilities so `django-admin compilemessages` works see `gettext on Windows` for more information.

**.po files: Encoding and BOM usage.**

Django only supports `.po` files encoded in UTF-8 and without any BOM (Byte Order Mark) so if your text editor adds such marks to the beginning of files by default then you will need to reconfigure it.

**Troubleshooting: `gettext()` incorrectly detects `python-format` in strings with percent signs**

In some cases, such as strings with a percent sign followed by a space and a string conversion type (e.g. `_("10% interest")`), `gettext()` incorrectly flags strings with `python-format`. 
If you try to compile message files with incorrectly flagged strings, you’ll get an error message like number of format specifications in 'msgid' and 'msgstr' does not match or 'msgstr' is not a valid Python format string, unlike 'msgid'.

To workaround this, you can escape percent signs by adding a second percent sign:

```python
from django.utils.translation import gettext as _
output = _("10%% interest")
```

Or you can use `no-python-format` so that all percent signs are treated as literals:

```python
# xgettext: no-python-format
output = _("10% interest")
```

### Creating message files from JavaScript source code

You create and update the message files the same way as the other Django message files – with the `django-admin makemessages` tool. The only difference is you need to explicitly specify what in gettext parlance is known as a domain in this case the `djangojs` domain, by providing a `-d djangojs` parameter, like this:

```
django-admin makemessages -d djangojs -l de
```

This would create or update the message file for JavaScript for German. After updating message files, run `django-admin compilemessages` the same way as you do with normal Django message files.

### gettext on Windows

This is only needed for people who either want to extract message IDs or compile message files (.po). Translation work itself involves editing existing files of this type, but if you want to create your own message files, or want to test or compile a changed message file, download a precompiled binary installer.

You may also use `gettext` binaries you have obtained elsewhere, so long as the `xgettext --version` command works properly. Do not attempt to use Django translation utilities with a `gettext` package if the command `xgettext --version` entered at a Windows command prompt causes a popup window saying “xgettext.exe has generated errors and will be closed by Windows”.

### Customizing the `makemessages` command

If you want to pass additional parameters to `xgettext`, you need to create a custom `makemessages` command and override its `xgettext_options` attribute:

```python
from django.core.management.commands import makemessages

class Command(makemessages.Command):
    xgettext_options = makemessages.Command.xgettext_options + ['--keyword=mytrans']
```

If you need more flexibility, you could also add a new argument to your custom `makemessages` command:

```python
from django.core.management.commands import makemessages

class Command(makemessages.Command):
    def add_arguments(self, parser):
        (continues on next page)
super().add_arguments(parser)
parser.add_argument(
    '--extra-keyword',
    dest='xgettext_keywords',
    action='append',
)

def handle(self, *args, **options):
xgettext_keywords = options.pop('xgettext_keywords')
if xgettext_keywords:
    self.xgettext_options = {
        xgettext_options[0] +
        ['--keyword=%s' % kwd for kwd in xgettext_keywords]
    }
super().handle(*args, **options)

Miscellaneous

The set_language redirect view

set_language(request)

As a convenience, Django comes with a view, django.views.i18n.set_language(), that sets a user’s language preference and redirects to a given URL or, by default, back to the previous page.

Activate this view by adding the following line to your URLconf:

```
path('i18n/', include('django.conf.urls.i18n'))
```

(Note that this example makes the view available at /i18n/setlang/.)

**Warning:** Make sure that you don’t include the above URL within i18n_patterns() - it needs to be language-independent itself to work correctly.

The view expects to be called via the POST method, with a language parameter set in request. If session support is enabled, the view saves the language choice in the user’s session. It also saves the language choice in a cookie that is named django_language by default. (The name can be changed through the LANGUAGE_COOKIE_NAME setting.)

After setting the language choice, Django looks for a next parameter in the POST or GET data. If that is found and Django considers it to be a safe URL (i.e. it doesn’t point to a different host and uses a safe scheme), a redirect to that URL will be performed. Otherwise, Django may fall back to redirecting the user to the URL from the Referrer header or, if it is not set, to /, depending on the nature of the request:

- If the request accepts HTML content (based on its Accept HTTP header), the fallback will always be performed.
- If the request doesn’t accept HTML, the fallback will be performed only if the next parameter was set. Otherwise a 204 status code (No Content) will be returned.

In older versions, the distinction for the fallback is based on whether the X-Requested-With header is set to the value XMLHttpRequest. This is set by the jQuery ajax() method.

Here’s example HTML template code:
In this example, Django looks up the URL of the page to which the user will be redirected in the redirect_to context variable.

Explicitly setting the active language

You may want to set the active language for the current session explicitly. Perhaps a user’s language preference is retrieved from another system, for example. You’ve already been introduced to `django.utils.translation.activate()`. That applies to the current thread only. To persist the language for the entire session in a cookie, set the `LANGUAGE_COOKIE_NAME` cookie on the response:

```python
from django.conf import settings
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.utils import translation

user_language = 'fr'
translation.activate(user_language)
response = HttpResponse(...)
response.set_cookie(settings.LANGUAGE_COOKIE_NAME, user_language)
```

You would typically want to use both: `django.utils.translation.activate()` changes the language for this thread, and setting the cookie makes this preference persist in future requests.

In older versions, you could set the language in the current session.

Using translations outside views and templates

While Django provides a rich set of i18n tools for use in views and templates, it does not restrict the usage to Django-specific code. The Django translation mechanisms can be used to translate arbitrary texts to any language that is supported by Django (as long as an appropriate translation catalog exists, of course). You can load a translation catalog, activate it and translate text to language of your choice, but remember to switch back to original language, as activating a translation catalog is done on per-thread basis and such change will affect code running in the same thread.

For example:

```python
from django.utils import translation
```
def welcome_translated(language):
    cur_language = translation.get_language()
    try:
        translation.activate(language)
        text = translation.gettext('welcome')
    finally:
        translation.activate(cur_language)
    return text

Calling this function with the value 'de' will give you "Willkommen", regardless of LANGUAGE_CODE and language set by middleware.

Functions of particular interest are django.utils.translation.get_language() which returns the language used in the current thread, django.utils.translation.activate() which activates a translation catalog for the current thread, and django.utils.translation.check_for_language() which checks if the given language is supported by Django.

To help write more concise code, there is also a context manager django.utils.translation.override() that stores the current language on enter and restores it on exit. With it, the above example becomes:

```python
from django.utils import translation

def welcome_translated(language):
    with translation.override(language):
        return translation.gettext('welcome')
```

Language cookie

A number of settings can be used to adjust language cookie options:

- LANGUAGE_COOKIE_NAME
- LANGUAGE_COOKIE_AGE
- LANGUAGE_COOKIE_DOMAIN
- LANGUAGE_COOKIE_HTTPONLY
- LANGUAGE_COOKIE_PATH
- LANGUAGE_COOKIE_SAMESITE
- LANGUAGE_COOKIE_SECURE

Implementation notes

Specialties of Django translation

Django’s translation machinery uses the standard gettext module that comes with Python. If you know gettext, you might note these specialties in the way Django does translation:

- The string domain is django or djangojs. This string domain is used to differentiate between different programs that store their data in a common message-file library (usually /usr/share/locale/). The django domain is used for Python and template translation strings and is loaded into the global translation catalogs. The djangojs domain is only used for JavaScript translation catalogs to make sure that those are as small as possible.
• Django doesn’t use `xgettext` alone. It uses Python wrappers around `xgettext` and `msgfmt`. This is mostly for convenience.

How Django discovers language preference

Once you’ve prepared your translations – or, if you want to use the translations that come with Django – you’ll need to activate translation for your app.

Behind the scenes, Django has a very flexible model of deciding which language should be used – installation-wide, for a particular user, or both.

To set an installation-wide language preference, set `LANGUAGE_CODE`. Django uses this language as the default translation – the final attempt if no better matching translation is found through one of the methods employed by the locale middleware (see below).

If all you want is to run Django with your native language all you need to do is set `LANGUAGE_CODE` and make sure the corresponding message files and their compiled versions (.mo) exist.

If you want to let each individual user specify which language they prefer, then you also need to use the `LocaleMiddleware`. `LocaleMiddleware` enables language selection based on data from the request. It customizes content for each user.

To use `LocaleMiddleware`, add `'django.middleware.locale.LocaleMiddleware'` to your `MIDDLEWARE` setting. Because middleware order matters, follow these guidelines:

• Make sure it’s one of the first middleware installed.
• It should come after `SessionMiddleware`, because `LocaleMiddleware` makes use of session data. And it should come before `CommonMiddleware` because `CommonMiddleware` needs an activated language in order to resolve the requested URL.
• If you use `CacheMiddleware`, put `LocaleMiddleware` after it.

For example, your `MIDDLEWARE` might look like this:

```python
MIDDLEWARE = [
    'django.contrib.sessions.middleware.SessionMiddleware',
    'django.middleware.locale.LocaleMiddleware',
    'django.middleware.common.CommonMiddleware',
]
```

(For more on middleware, see the middleware documentation.)

`LocaleMiddleware` tries to determine the user’s language preference by following this algorithm:

• First, it looks for the language prefix in the requested URL. This is only performed when you are using the `i18n_patterns` function in your root URLconf. See Internationalization: in URL patterns for more information about the language prefix and how to internationalize URL patterns.

• Failing that, it looks for a cookie.

  The name of the cookie used is set by the `LANGUAGE_COOKIE_NAME` setting. (The default name is `django_language`.)

• Failing that, it looks at the `Accept-Language` HTTP header. This header is sent by your browser and tells the server which language(s) you prefer, in order by priority. Django tries each language in the header until it finds one with available translations.

• Failing that, it uses the global `LANGUAGE_CODE` setting.

Notes:
• In each of these places, the language preference is expected to be in the standard language format, as a string. For example, Brazilian Portuguese is pt-br.

• If a base language is available but the sublanguage specified is not, Django uses the base language. For example, if a user specifies de-at (Austrian German) but Django only has de available, Django uses de.

• Only languages listed in the LANGUAGES setting can be selected. If you want to restrict the language selection to a subset of provided languages (because your application doesn’t provide all those languages), set LANGUAGES to a list of languages. For example:

```python
LANGUAGES = [
    ('de', _('German')),
    ('en', _('English')),
]
```

This example restricts languages that are available for automatic selection to German and English (and any sublanguage, like de-ch or en-us).

• If you define a custom LANGUAGES setting, as explained in the previous bullet, you can mark the language names as translation strings – but use gettext_lazy() instead of gettext() to avoid a circular import.

Here’s a sample settings file:

```python
from django.utils.translation import gettext_lazy as _

LANGUAGES = [
    ('de', _('German')),
    ('en', _('English')),
]
```

Once LocaleMiddleware determines the user’s preference, it makes this preference available as request.LANGUAGE_CODE for each HttpRequest. Feel free to read this value in your view code. Here’s an example:

```python
from django.http import HttpResponse

def hello_world(request, count):
    if request.LANGUAGE_CODE == 'de-at':
        return HttpResponse("You prefer to read Austrian German.")
    else:
        return HttpResponse("You prefer to read another language.")
```

Note that, with static (middleware-less) translation, the language is in settings.LANGUAGE_CODE, while with dynamic (middleware) translation, it’s in request.LANGUAGE_CODE.

### How Django discovers translations

At runtime, Django builds an in-memory unified catalog of literals-translations. To achieve this it looks for translations by following this algorithm regarding the order in which it examines the different file paths to load the compiled message files (.mo) and the precedence of multiple translations for the same literal:

1. The directories listed in LOCALE_PATHS have the highest precedence, with the ones appearing first having higher precedence than the ones appearing later.

2. Then, it looks for and uses if it exists a locale directory in each of the installed apps listed in INSTALLED_APPS. The ones appearing first have higher precedence than the ones appearing later.

3. Finally, the Django-provided base translation in django/conf/locale is used as a fallback.
See also:
The translations for literals included in JavaScript assets are looked up following a similar but not identical algorithm. See JavaScriptCatalog for more details.

You can also put custom format files in the LOCALE_PATHS directories if you also set FORMAT_MODULE_PATH.

In all cases the name of the directory containing the translation is expected to be named using locale name notation. E.g. de, pt_BR, es_AR, etc. Untranslated strings for territorial language variants use the translations of the generic language. For example, untranslated pt_BR strings use pt translations.

This way, you can write applications that include their own translations, and you can override base translations in your project. Or, you can build a big project out of several apps and put all translations into one big common message file specific to the project you are composing. The choice is yours.

All message file repositories are structured the same way. They are:

- All paths listed in LOCALE_PATHS in your settings file are searched for <language>/LC_MESSAGES/
django.(po|mo)
- $APPPATH/locale/<language>/LC_MESSAGES/django.(po|mo)
- $PYTHONPATH/django/conf/locale/<language>/LC_MESSAGES/django.(po|mo)

To create message files, you use the django-admin makemessages tool. And you use django-admin compilemessages to produce the binary .mo files that are used by gettext.

You can also run django-admin compilemessages --settings=path.to.settings to make the compiler process all the directories in your LOCALE_PATHS setting.

Using a non-English base language

Django makes the general assumption that the original strings in a translatable project are written in English. You can choose another language, but you must be aware of certain limitations:

- gettext only provides two plural forms for the original messages, so you will also need to provide a translation for the base language to include all plural forms if the plural rules for the base language are different from English.

- When an English variant is activated and English strings are missing, the fallback language will not be the LANGUAGE_CODE of the project, but the original strings. For example, an English user visiting a site with LANGUAGE_CODE set to Spanish and original strings written in Russian will see Russian text rather than Spanish.

3.15.2 Format localization

Overview

Django’s formatting system is capable of displaying dates, times and numbers in templates using the format specified for the current locale. It also handles localized input in forms.

When it’s enabled, two users accessing the same content may see dates, times and numbers formatted in different ways, depending on the formats for their current locale.

The formatting system is disabled by default. To enable it, it’s necessary to set USE_L10N = True in your settings file.
Note: The default settings.py file created by django-admin startproject includes USE_L10N = True for convenience. Note, however, that to enable number formatting with thousand separators it is necessary to set USE_THOUSAND_SEPARATOR = True in your settings file. Alternatively, you could use intcomma to format numbers in your template.

Note: There is also an independent but related USE_I18N setting that controls if Django should activate translation. See Translation for more details.

Locale aware input in forms

When formatting is enabled, Django can use localized formats when parsing dates, times and numbers in forms. That means it tries different formats for different locales when guessing the format used by the user when inputting data on forms.

Note: Django uses different formats for displaying data to those it uses for parsing data. Most notably, the formats for parsing dates can’t use the %a (abbreviated weekday name), %A (full weekday name), %b (abbreviated month name), %B (full month name), or %p (AM/PM).

To enable a form field to localize input and output data use its localize argument:

```python
class CashRegisterForm(forms.Form):
    product = forms.CharField()
    revenue = forms.DecimalField(max_digits=4, decimal_places=2, localize=True)
```

Controlling localization in templates

When you have enabled formatting with USE_L10N, Django will try to use a locale specific format whenever it outputs a value in a template.

However, it may not always be appropriate to use localized values — for example, if you’re outputting JavaScript or XML that is designed to be machine-readable, you will always want unlocalized values. You may also want to use localization in selected templates, rather than using localization everywhere.

To allow for fine control over the use of localization, Django provides the l10n template library that contains the following tags and filters.

Template tags

localize

Enables or disables localization of template variables in the contained block.

This tag allows a more fine grained control of localization than USE_L10N.

To activate or deactivate localization for a template block, use:
Note: The value of `USE_L10N` isn’t respected inside of a `{% localize %}` block.

See `localize` and `unlocalize` for template filters that will do the same job on a per-variable basis.

**Template filters**

**localize**

Forces localization of a single value.

For example:

```plaintext
{% load l10n %}
{{ value|localize }}
```

To disable localization on a single value, use `unlocalize`. To control localization over a large section of a template, use the `localize` template tag.

**unlocalize**

Forces a single value to be printed without localization.

For example:

```plaintext
{% load l10n %}
{{ value|unlocalize }}
```

To force localization of a single value, use `localize`. To control localization over a large section of a template, use the `localize` template tag.

Returns a string representation for unlocalized numbers (`int`, `float`, or `Decimal`).

**Creating custom format files**

Django provides format definitions for many locales, but sometimes you might want to create your own, because a format files doesn’t exist for your locale, or because you want to overwrite some of the values.

To use custom formats, specify the path where you’ll place format files first. To do that, set your `FORMAT_MODULE_PATH` setting to the package where format files will exist, for instance:
FORMAT_MODULE_PATH = [
    'mysite.formats',
    'some_app.formats',
]

Files are not placed directly in this directory, but in a directory named as the locale, and must be named formats.py. Be careful not to put sensitive information in these files as values inside can be exposed if you pass the string to django.utils.formats.get_format() (used by the date template filter).

To customize the English formats, a structure like this would be needed:

```
mysite/
    formats/
        __init__.py
    en/
        __init__.py
        formats.py
```

where formats.py contains custom format definitions. For example:

```
THOUSAND_SEPARATOR = '\xa0'
```

to use a non-breaking space (Unicode \00A0) as a thousand separator, instead of the default for English, a comma.

**Limitations of the provided locale formats**

Some locales use context-sensitive formats for numbers, which Django’s localization system cannot handle automatically.

**Switzerland (German)**

The Swiss number formatting depends on the type of number that is being formatted. For monetary values, a comma is used as the thousand separator and a decimal point for the decimal separator. For all other numbers, a comma is used as decimal separator and a space as thousand separator. The locale format provided by Django uses the generic separators, a comma for decimal and a space for thousand separators.

### 3.15.3 Time zones

**Overview**

When support for time zones is enabled, Django stores datetime information in UTC in the database, uses time-zone-aware datetime objects internally, and translates them to the end user’s time zone in templates and forms.

This is handy if your users live in more than one time zone and you want to display datetime information according to each user’s wall clock.

Even if your website is available in only one time zone, it’s still good practice to store data in UTC in your database. The main reason is Daylight Saving Time (DST). Many countries have a system of DST, where clocks are moved forward in spring and backward in autumn. If you’re working in local time, you’re likely to encounter errors twice a year, when the transitions happen. (The pytz documentation discusses these issues in greater detail.) This probably doesn’t matter for your blog, but it’s a problem if you over-bill or under-bill your customers by one hour, twice a year, every year. The solution to this problem is to use UTC in the code and use local time only when interacting with end users.
Time zone support is disabled by default. To enable it, set `USE_TZ = True` in your settings file. Time zone support uses `pytz`, which is installed when you install Django.

**Note:** The default `settings.py` file created by `django-admin startproject` includes `USE_TZ = True` for convenience.

**Note:** There is also an independent but related `USE_L10N` setting that controls whether Django should activate format localization. See Format localization for more details.

If you're wrestling with a particular problem, start with the time zone FAQ.

**Concepts**

**Naive and aware datetime objects**

Python’s `datetime.datetime` objects have a `tzinfo` attribute that can be used to store time zone information, represented as an instance of a subclass of `datetime.tzinfo`. When this attribute is set and describes an offset, a datetime object is aware. Otherwise, it's naive.

You can use `is_aware()` and `is_naive()` to determine whether datetimes are aware or naive.

When time zone support is disabled, Django uses naive datetime objects in local time. This is sufficient for many use cases. In this mode, to obtain the current time, you would write:

```python
import datetime
now = datetime.datetime.now()
```

When time zone support is enabled (`USE_TZ=True`), Django uses time-zone-aware datetime objects. If your code creates datetime objects, they should be aware too. In this mode, the example above becomes:

```python
from django.utils import timezone
now = timezone.now()
```

**Warning:** Dealing with aware datetime objects isn’t always intuitive. For instance, the `tzinfo` argument of the standard datetime constructor doesn’t work reliably for time zones with DST. Using UTC is generally safe; if you're using other time zones, you should review the `pytz` documentation carefully.

**Note:** Python’s `datetime.time` objects also feature a `tzinfo` attribute, and PostgreSQL has a matching `time with time zone` type. However, as PostgreSQL’s docs put it, this type “exhibits properties which lead to questionable usefulness”.

Django only supports naive time objects and will raise an exception if you attempt to save an aware time object, as a timezone for a time with no associated date does not make sense.
Interpretation of naive datetime objects

When `USE_TZ` is `True`, Django still accepts naive datetime objects, in order to preserve backwards-compatibility. When the database layer receives one, it attempts to make it aware by interpreting it in the default time zone and raises a warning.

Unfortunately, during DST transitions, some datetimes don’t exist or are ambiguous. In such situations, `pytz` raises an exception. That’s why you should always create aware datetime objects when time zone support is enabled.

In practice, this is rarely an issue. Django gives you aware datetime objects in the models and forms, and most often, new datetime objects are created from existing ones through `timedelta` arithmetic. The only datetime that’s often created in application code is the current time, and `timezone.now()` automatically does the right thing.

Default time zone and current time zone

The default time zone is the time zone defined by the `TIME_ZONE` setting.

The current time zone is the time zone that’s used for rendering.

You should set the current time zone to the end user’s actual time zone with `activate()`. Otherwise, the default time zone is used.

Note: As explained in the documentation of `TIME_ZONE`, Django sets environment variables so that its process runs in the default time zone. This happens regardless of the value of `USE_TZ` and of the current time zone.

When `USE_TZ` is `True`, this is useful to preserve backwards-compatibility with applications that still rely on local time. However, as explained above, this isn’t entirely reliable, and you should always work with aware datetimes in UTC in your own code. For instance, use `fromtimestamp()` and set the `tz` parameter to `utc`.

Selecting the current time zone

The current time zone is the equivalent of the current locale for translations. However, there’s no equivalent of the Accept-Language HTTP header that Django could use to determine the user’s time zone automatically. Instead, Django provides time zone selection functions. Use them to build the time zone selection logic that makes sense for you.

Most websites that care about time zones ask users in which time zone they live and store this information in the user’s profile. For anonymous users, they use the time zone of their primary audience or UTC. `pytz` provides helpers, like a list of time zones per country, that you can use to pre-select the most likely choices.

Here’s an example that stores the current timezone in the session. (It skips error handling entirely for the sake of simplicity.)

Add the following middleware to `MIDDLEWARE`:

```python
import pytz
from django.utils import timezone

class TimezoneMiddleware:
    def __init__(self, get_response):
        self.get_response = get_response

    def __call__(self, request):
        # (continues on next page)
```
tzname = request.session.get('django_timezone')
if tzname:
    timezone.activate(pytz.timezone(tzname))
else:
    timezone.deactivate()
return self.get_response(request)

Create a view that can set the current timezone:

```python
from django.shortcuts import redirect, render

def set_timezone(request):
    if request.method == 'POST':
        request.session['django_timezone'] = request.POST['timezone']
        return redirect('/')
    else:
        return render(request, 'template.html', {'timezones': pytz.common_timezones})
```

Include a form in template.html that will POST to this view:

```html
{% load tz %}
{% get_current_timezone as TIME_ZONE %}
<form action="{% url 'set_timezone' %}" method="POST">
    {% csrf_token %}
    <label for="timezone">Time zone:</label>
    <select name="timezone">
    {% for tz in timezones %}
        <option value="{{ tz }}"{% if tz == TIME_ZONE %} selected{% endif %}>{% tz %}</option>
    {% endfor %}
    </select>
    <input type="submit" value="Set">
</form>
```

### Time zone aware input in forms

When you enable time zone support, Django interprets datetimes entered in forms in the current time zone and returns aware datetime objects in cleaned_data.

If the current time zone raises an exception for datetimes that don’t exist or are ambiguous because they fall in a DST transition (the timezones provided by pytz do this), such datetimes will be reported as invalid values.

### Time zone aware output in templates

When you enable time zone support, Django converts aware datetime objects to the current time zone when they’re rendered in templates. This behaves very much like format localization.

**Warning:** Django doesn’t convert naive datetime objects, because they could be ambiguous, and because your code should never produce naive datetimes when time zone support is enabled. However, you can force conversion with the template filters described below.

Conversion to local time isn’t always appropriate – you may be generating output for computers rather than for humans. The following filters and tags, provided by the tz template tag library, allow you to control the time zone conversions.

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 localtime

Enables or disables conversion of aware datetime objects to the current time zone in the contained block. This tag has exactly the same effects as the USE_TZ setting as far as the template engine is concerned. It allows a more fine grained control of conversion.

To activate or deactivate conversion for a template block, use:

```template
{% load tz %}
{% localtime on %}
    {{ value }}
{% endlocaltime %}
{% localtime off %}
    {{ value }}
{% endlocaltime %}
```

Note: The value of USE_TZ isn’t respected inside of a {% localtime %} block.

 timezone

Sets or unsets the current time zone in the contained block. When the current time zone is unset, the default time zone applies.

```template
{% load tz %}
{% timezone "Europe/Paris" %}
    Paris time: {{ value }}
{% endtimezone %}
{% timezone None %}
    Server time: {{ value }}
{% endtimezone %}
```

get_current_timezone

You can get the name of the current time zone using the get_current_timezone tag:

```template
{% get_current_timezone as TIME_ZONE %}
```

Alternatively, you can activate the tz() context processor and use the TIMEZONE context variable.

Template filters

These filters accept both aware and naive datetimes. For conversion purposes, they assume that naive datetimes are in the default time zone. They always return aware datetimes.
### localtime

Forces conversion of a single value to the current time zone.

For example:

```bash
{% load tz %}
{{ value|localtime }}
```

### utc

Forces conversion of a single value to UTC.

For example:

```bash
{% load tz %}
{{ value|utc }}
```

### timezone

Forces conversion of a single value to an arbitrary timezone.

The argument must be an instance of a `tzinfo` subclass or a time zone name.

For example:

```bash
{% load tz %}
{{ value|timezone:"Europe/Paris" }}
```

### Migration guide

Here's how to migrate a project that was started before Django supported time zones.

### Database

#### PostgreSQL

The PostgreSQL backend stores datetimes as `timestamp with time zone`. In practice, this means it converts datetimes from the connection’s time zone to UTC on storage, and from UTC to the connection’s time zone on retrieval.

As a consequence, if you’re using PostgreSQL, you can switch between `USE_TZ = False` and `USE_TZ = True` freely. The database connection’s time zone will be set to `TIME_ZONE` or `UTC` respectively, so that Django obtains correct datetimes in all cases. You don’t need to perform any data conversions.

### Other databases

Other backends store datetimes without time zone information. If you switch from `USE_TZ = False` to `USE_TZ = True`, you must convert your data from local time to UTC – which isn’t deterministic if your local time has DST.
**Code**

The first step is to add `USE_TZ = True` to your settings file. At this point, things should mostly work. If you create naive datetime objects in your code, Django makes them aware when necessary.

However, these conversions may fail around DST transitions, which means you aren’t getting the full benefits of time zone support yet. Also, you’re likely to run into a few problems because it’s impossible to compare a naive datetime with an aware datetime. Since Django now gives you aware datetimes, you’ll get exceptions wherever you compare a datetime that comes from a model or a form with a naive datetime that you’ve created in your code.

So the second step is to refactor your code wherever you instantiate datetime objects to make them aware. This can be done incrementally. `django.utils.timezone` defines some handy helpers for compatibility code: `now()`, `is_aware()`, `is_naive()`, `make_aware()`, and `make_naive()`.

Finally, in order to help you locate code that needs upgrading, Django raises a warning when you attempt to save a naive datetime to the database:

```
RuntimeWarning: DateTimeField ModelName.field_name received a naive datetime (2012-01-01 00:00:00) while time zone support is active.
```

During development, you can turn such warnings into exceptions and get a traceback by adding the following to your settings file:

```python
import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings("error", r"DateTimeField .* received a naive datetime", RuntimeWarning, r'django\db\models\fields',)
```

**Fixtures**

When serializing an aware datetime, the UTC offset is included, like this:

```
"2011-09-01T13:20:30+03:00"
```

While for a naive datetime, it isn’t:

```
"2011-09-01T13:20:30"
```

For models with `DateTimeField`S, this difference makes it impossible to write a fixture that works both with and without time zone support.

Fixtures generated with `USE_TZ = False`, or before Django 1.4, use the “naive” format. If your project contains such fixtures, after you enable time zone support, you’ll see `RuntimeWarnings` when you load them. To get rid of the warnings, you must convert your fixtures to the “aware” format.

You can regenerate fixtures with `loaddata` then `dumpdata`. Or, if they’re small enough, you can edit them to add the UTC offset that matches your `TIME_ZONE` to each serialized datetime.

**FAQ**

**Setup**

1. I don’t need multiple time zones. Should I enable time zone support?
Yes. When time zone support is enabled, Django uses a more accurate model of local time. This shields you from subtle and unrepeatable bugs around Daylight Saving Time (DST) transitions.

When you enable time zone support, you’ll encounter some errors because you’re using naive datetimes where Django expects aware datetimes. Such errors show up when running tests. You’ll quickly learn how to avoid invalid operations.

On the other hand, bugs caused by the lack of time zone support are much harder to prevent, diagnose and fix. Anything that involves scheduled tasks or datetime arithmetic is a candidate for subtle bugs that will bite you only once or twice a year.

For these reasons, time zone support is enabled by default in new projects, and you should keep it unless you have a very good reason not to.

2. I’ve enabled time zone support. Am I safe?

Maybe. You’re better protected from DST-related bugs, but you can still shoot yourself in the foot by carelessly turning naive datetimes into aware datetimes, and vice-versa.

If your application connects to other systems – for instance, if it queries a Web service – make sure datetimes are properly specified. To transmit datetimes safely, their representation should include the UTC offset, or their values should be in UTC (or both!).

Finally, our calendar system contains interesting edge cases. For example, you can’t always subtract one year directly from a given date:

```
>>> import datetime
>>> def one_year_before(value): # Wrong example.
...     return value.replace(year=value.year - 1)
>>> one_year_before(datetime.datetime(2012, 3, 1, 10, 0))
datetime.datetime(2011, 3, 1, 10, 0)
>>> one_year_before(datetime.datetime(2012, 2, 29, 10, 0))
Traceback (most recent call last):
... ValueError: day is out of range for month
```

To implement such a function correctly, you must decide whether 2012-02-29 minus one year is 2011-02-28 or 2011-03-01, which depends on your business requirements.

3. How do I interact with a database that stores datetimes in local time?

Set the `TIME_ZONE` option to the appropriate time zone for this database in the `DATABASES` setting.

This is useful for connecting to a database that doesn’t support time zones and that isn’t managed by Django when `USE_TZ` is True.

**Troubleshooting**

1. My application crashes with `TypeError: can’t compare offset-naive and offset-aware datetimes – what’s wrong?`

Let’s reproduce this error by comparing a naive and an aware datetime:

```
>>> import datetime
>>> from django.utils import timezone
>>> naive = datetime.datetime.utcnow()
>>> aware = timezone.now()
>>> naive == aware
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

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...  

TypeError: can't compare offset-naive and offset-aware datetimes

If you encounter this error, most likely your code is comparing these two things:

- a datetime provided by Django – for instance, a value read from a form or a model field. Since you enabled time zone support, it’s aware.
- a datetime generated by your code, which is naive (or you wouldn’t be reading this).

Generally, the correct solution is to change your code to use an aware datetime instead.

If you’re writing a pluggable application that’s expected to work independently of the value of `USE_TZ`, you may find `django.utils.timezone.now()` useful. This function returns the current date and time as a naive datetime when `USE_TZ = False` and as an aware datetime when `USE_TZ = True`. You can add or subtract `datetime.timedelta` as needed.

2. I see lots of `RuntimeWarning: DateTimeField received a naive datetime (YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS) while time zone support is active – is that bad?`

When time zone support is enabled, the database layer expects to receive only aware datetimes from your code. This warning occurs when it receives a naive datetime. This indicates that you haven’t finished porting your code for time zone support. Please refer to the migration guide for tips on this process.

In the meantime, for backwards compatibility, the datetime is considered to be in the default time zone, which is generally what you expect.

3. `now.date()` is yesterday! (or tomorrow)

If you’ve always used naive datetimes, you probably believe that you can convert a datetime to a date by calling its `date()` method. You also consider that a `date` is a lot like a `datetime`, except that it’s less accurate.

None of this is true in a time zone aware environment:

```python
>>> import datetime
>>> import pytz
>>> paris_tz = pytz.timezone("Europe/Paris")
>>> new_york_tz = pytz.timezone("America/New_York")
>>> paris = paris_tz.localize(datetime.datetime(2012, 3, 3, 1, 30))
# This is the correct way to convert between time zones with pytz.
>>> new_york = new_york_tz.normalize(paris.astimezone(new_york_tz))
>>> paris == new_york, paris.date() == new_york.date()
(True, False)
>>> paris - new_york, paris.date() - new_york.date()
(datetime.timedelta(0), datetime.timedelta(1))
>>> paris
datetime.datetime(2012, 3, 3, 1, 30, tzinfo=<DstTzInfo 'Europe/Paris' CET+1:00:00 →STD>)
>>> new_york
datetime.datetime(2012, 3, 2, 19, 30, tzinfo=<DstTzInfo 'America/New_York' EST-1...>
```

As this example shows, the same datetime has a different date, depending on the time zone in which it is represented. But the real problem is more fundamental.

A datetime represents a **point in time**. It’s absolute: it doesn’t depend on anything. On the contrary, a date is a **calendaring concept**. It’s a period of time whose bounds depend on the time zone in which the date is considered. As you can see, these two concepts are fundamentally different, and converting a datetime to a date isn’t a deterministic operation.
What does this mean in practice?

Generally, you should avoid converting a `datetime` to `date`. For instance, you can use the `date` template filter to only show the date part of a datetime. This filter will convert the datetime into the current time zone before formatting it, ensuring the results appear correctly.

If you really need to do the conversion yourself, you must ensure the datetime is converted to the appropriate time zone first. Usually, this will be the current timezone:

```python
>>> from django.utils import timezone
>>> timezone.activate(pytz.timezone("Asia/Singapore"))
# For this example, we set the time zone to Singapore, but here's how
# you would obtain the current time zone in the general case.
>>> current_tz = timezone.get_current_timezone()
# Again, this is the correct way to convert between time zones with pytz.
>>> local = current_tz.normalize(paris.astimezone(current_tz))
>>> local
datetime.datetime(2012, 3, 3, 8, 30, tzinfo=<DstTzInfo 'Asia/Singapore' SGT+8:00:00 STD>)
>>> local.date()
datetime.date(2012, 3, 3)
```

4. **I get an error** “Are time zone definitions for your database installed?”

   If you are using MySQL, see the *Time zone definitions* section of the MySQL notes for instructions on loading time zone definitions.

**Usage**

1. **I have a string "2012-02-21 10:28:45" and I know it’s in the "Europe/Helsinki" time zone. How do I turn that into an aware datetime?**

   This is exactly what `pytz` is for.

   ```python
   >>> from django.utils.dateparse import parse_datetime
   >>> naive = parse_datetime("2012-02-21 10:28:45")
   >>> import pytz
   >>> pytz.timezone("Europe/Helsinki").localize(naive, is_dst=None)
   datetime.datetime(2012, 2, 21, 10, 28, 45, tzinfo=<DstTzInfo 'Europe/Helsinki' EET+2:00:00 STD>)
   ```

   Note that `localize` is a `pytz` extension to the `tzinfo` API. Also, you may want to catch `pytz.InvalidTimeError`. The documentation of `pytz` contains more examples. You should review it before attempting to manipulate aware datetimes.

2. **How can I obtain the local time in the current time zone?**

   Well, the first question is, do you really need to?

   You should only use local time when you’re interacting with humans, and the template layer provides `filters and tags` to convert datetimes to the time zone of your choice.

   Furthermore, Python knows how to compare aware datetimes, taking into account UTC offsets when necessary. It’s much easier (and possibly faster) to write all your model and view code in UTC. So, in most circumstances, the datetime in UTC returned by `django.utils.timezone.now()` will be sufficient.

   For the sake of completeness, though, if you really want the local time in the current time zone, here’s how you can obtain it:
In this example, the current time zone is "Europe/Paris".

3. How can I see all available time zones?

pytz provides helpers, including a list of current time zones and a list of all available time zones – some of which are only of historical interest.

3.15.4 Overview

The goal of internationalization and localization is to allow a single Web application to offer its content in languages and formats tailored to the audience.

Django has full support for translation of text, formatting of dates, times and numbers, and time zones.

Essentially, Django does two things:

- It allows developers and template authors to specify which parts of their apps should be translated or formatted for local languages and cultures.
- It uses these hooks to localize Web apps for particular users according to their preferences.

Translation depends on the target language, and formatting usually depends on the target country. This information is provided by browsers in the Accept-Language header. However, the time zone isn’t readily available.

3.15.5 Definitions

The words “internationalization” and “localization” often cause confusion; here’s a simplified definition:

internationalization  Preparing the software for localization. Usually done by developers.

localization  Writing the translations and local formats. Usually done by translators.

More details can be found in the W3C Web Internationalization FAQ, the Wikipedia article or the GNU gettext documentation.

Warning: Translation and formatting are controlled by USE_I18N and USE_L10N settings respectively. However, both features involve internationalization and localization. The names of the settings are an unfortunate result of Django’s history.

Here are some other terms that will help us to handle a common language:

locale name  A locale name, either a language specification of the form ll or a combined language and country specification of the form ll_CC. Examples: it, de_AT, es, pt_BR, sr_Latn. The language part is always in lowercase. The country part is in titlecase if it has more than 2 characters, otherwise it’s in uppercase. The separator is an underscore.

language code  Represents the name of a language. Browsers send the names of the languages they accept in the Accept-Language HTTP header using this format. Examples: it, de-at, es, pt-br. Language codes are generally represented in lowercase, but the HTTP Accept-Language header is case-insensitive. The separator is a dash.
A message file is a plain-text file, representing a single language, that contains all available translation strings and how they should be represented in the given language. Message files have a .po file extension.

A literal that can be translated.

A format file is a Python module that defines the data formats for a given locale.

### 3.16 Logging

#### 3.16.1 A quick logging primer

Django uses Python’s built-in `logging` module to perform system logging. The usage of this module is discussed in detail in Python’s own documentation. However, if you’ve never used Python’s logging framework (or even if you have), here’s a quick primer.

#### The cast of players

A Python logging configuration consists of four parts:

- **Loggers**
- **Handlers**
- **Filters**
- **Formatters**

#### Loggers

A logger is the entry point into the logging system. Each logger is a named bucket to which messages can be written for processing.

A logger is configured to have a log level. This log level describes the severity of the messages that the logger will handle. Python defines the following log levels:

- **DEBUG**: Low level system information for debugging purposes
- **INFO**: General system information
- **WARNING**: Information describing a minor problem that has occurred.
- **ERROR**: Information describing a major problem that has occurred.
- **CRITICAL**: Information describing a critical problem that has occurred.

Each message that is written to the logger is a Log Record. Each log record also has a log level indicating the severity of that specific message. A log record can also contain useful metadata that describes the event that is being logged. This can include details such as a stack trace or an error code.

When a message is given to the logger, the log level of the message is compared to the log level of the logger. If the log level of the message meets or exceeds the log level of the logger itself, the message will undergo further processing. If it doesn’t, the message will be ignored.

Once a logger has determined that a message needs to be processed, it is passed to a Handler.
Handlers

The handler is the engine that determines what happens to each message in a logger. It describes a particular logging behavior, such as writing a message to the screen, to a file, or to a network socket.

Like loggers, handlers also have a log level. If the log level of a log record doesn’t meet or exceed the level of the handler, the handler will ignore the message.

A logger can have multiple handlers, and each handler can have a different log level. In this way, it is possible to provide different forms of notification depending on the importance of a message. For example, you could install one handler that forwards ERROR and CRITICAL messages to a paging service, while a second handler logs all messages (including ERROR and CRITICAL messages) to a file for later analysis.

Filters

A filter is used to provide additional control over which log records are passed from logger to handler.

By default, any log message that meets log level requirements will be handled. However, by installing a filter, you can place additional criteria on the logging process. For example, you could install a filter that only allows ERROR messages from a particular source to be emitted.

Filters can also be used to modify the logging record prior to being emitted. For example, you could write a filter that downgrades ERROR log records to WARNING records if a particular set of criteria are met.

Filters can be installed on loggers or on handlers; multiple filters can be used in a chain to perform multiple filtering actions.

Formatters

Ultimately, a log record needs to be rendered as text. Formatters describe the exact format of that text. A formatter usually consists of a Python formatting string containing LogRecord attributes; however, you can also write custom formatters to implement specific formatting behavior.

3.16.2 Using logging

Once you have configured your loggers, handlers, filters and formatters, you need to place logging calls into your code. Using the logging framework works like this:

```python
# import the logging library
import logging

# Get an instance of a logger
logger = logging.getLogger(__name__)

def my_view(request, arg1, arg):
    ...
    if bad_mojo:
        # Log an error message
        logger.error('Something went wrong!')
```

And that’s it! Every time the bad_mojo condition is activated, an error log record will be written.
Naming loggers

The call to `logging.getLogger()` obtains (creating, if necessary) an instance of a logger. The logger instance is identified by a name. This name is used to identify the logger for configuration purposes.

By convention, the logger name is usually `__name__`, the name of the Python module that contains the logger. This allows you to filter and handle logging calls on a per-module basis. However, if you have some other way of organizing your logging messages, you can provide any dot-separated name to identify your logger:

```python
# Get an instance of a specific named logger
logger = logging.getLogger('project.interesting.stuff')
```

The dotted paths of logger names define a hierarchy. The `project.interesting` logger is considered to be a parent of the `project.interesting.stuff` logger; the `project` logger is a parent of the `project.interesting` logger.

Why is the hierarchy important? Well, because loggers can be set to propagate their logging calls to their parents. In this way, you can define a single set of handlers at the root of a logger tree, and capture all logging calls in the subtree of loggers. A logger defined in the `project` namespace will catch all logging messages issued on the `project.interesting` and `project.interesting.stuff` loggers.

This propagation can be controlled on a per-logger basis. If you don’t want a particular logger to propagate to its parents, you can turn off this behavior.

Making logging calls

The logger instance contains an entry method for each of the default log levels:

- `logger.debug()`
- `logger.info()`
- `logger.warning()`
- `logger.error()`
- `logger.critical()`

There are two other logging calls available:

- `logger.log()`: Manually emits a logging message with a specific log level.
- `logger.exception()`: Creates an ERROR level logging message wrapping the current exception stack frame.

3.16.3 Configuring logging

It isn’t enough to just put logging calls into your code. You also need to configure the loggers, handlers, filters, and formatters to ensure you can use the logging output.

Python’s logging library provides several techniques to configure logging, ranging from a programmatic interface to configuration files. By default, Django uses the `dictConfig` format.

In order to configure logging, you use `LOGGING` to define a dictionary of logging settings. These settings describes the loggers, handlers, filters and formatters that you want in your logging setup, and the log levels and other properties that you want those components to have.

By default, the `LOGGING` setting is merged with Django’s default logging configuration using the following scheme.
If the `disable_existing_loggers` key in the `LOGGING` dictConfig is set to `True` (which is the `dictConfig` default if the key is missing) then all loggers from the default configuration will be disabled. Disabled loggers are not the same as removed; the logger will still exist, but will silently discard anything logged to it, not even propagating entries to a parent logger. Thus you should be very careful using `'disable_existing_loggers': True`; it’s probably not what you want. Instead, you can set `disable_existing_loggers` to `False` and redefine some or all of the default loggers; or you can set `LOGGING_CONFIG` to `None` and handle logging config yourself.

Logging is configured as part of the general Django `setup()` function. Therefore, you can be certain that loggers are always ready for use in your project code.

**Examples**

The full documentation for `dictConfig` format is the best source of information about logging configuration dictionaries. However, to give you a taste of what is possible, here are several examples.

To begin, here’s a small configuration that will allow you to output all log messages to the console:

Listing 30: settings.py

```python
import os

LOGGING = {
    'version': 1,
    'disable_existing_loggers': False,
    'handlers': {
        'console': {
            'class': 'logging.StreamHandler',
        },
    },
    'root': {
        'handlers': ['console'],
        'level': 'WARNING',
    },
}
```

This configures the parent `root` logger to send messages with the `WARNING` level and higher to the console handler. By adjusting the level to `INFO` or `DEBUG` you can display more messages. This may be useful during development.

Next we can add more fine-grained logging. Here’s an example of how to make the logging system print more messages from just the `django` named logger:

Listing 31: settings.py

```python
import os

LOGGING = {
    'version': 1,
    'disable_existing_loggers': False,
    'handlers': {
        'console': {
            'class': 'logging.StreamHandler',
        },
    },
    'root': {
        'handlers': ['console'],
        'level': 'WARNING',
    },
}
```

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By default, this config sends messages from the django logger of level INFO or higher to the console. This is the same level as Django’s default logging config, except that the default config only displays log records when DEBUG=True. Django does not log many such INFO level messages. With this config, however, you can also set the environment variable DJANGO_LOG_LEVEL=DEBUG to see all of Django’s debug logging which is very verbose as it includes all database queries.

You don’t have to log to the console. Here’s a configuration which writes all logging from the django named logger to a local file:

Listing 32: settings.py

```
LOGGING = {
    'version': 1,
    'disable_existing_loggers': False,
    'handlers': {
        'file': {
            'level': 'DEBUG',
            'class': 'logging.FileHandler',
            'filename': '/path/to/django/debug.log',
        },
    },
    'loggers': {
        'django': {
            'handlers': ['file'],
            'level': 'DEBUG',
            'propagate': True,
        },
    },
}
```

If you use this example, be sure to change the 'filename' path to a location that’s writable by the user that’s running the Django application.

Finally, here’s an example of a fairly complex logging setup:

Listing 33: settings.py

```
LOGGING = {
    'version': 1,
    'disable_existing_loggers': False,
    'formatters': {
        'verbose': {
            'format': '{levelname} {asctime} {module} {process:d} {thread:d} {message}',
            'style': '{',
        },
        'simple': {
            'format': '{levelname} {message}',
        },
    },
    ...
}
```

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This logging configuration does the following things:

- Identifies the configuration as being in ‘dictConfig version 1’ format. At present, this is the only dictConfig format version.
- Defines two formatters:
  - simple, that outputs the log level name (e.g., DEBUG) and the log message.
    
    The format string is a normal Python formatting string describing the details that are to be output on each logging line. The full list of detail that can be output can be found in Formatter Objects.
    
    - verbose, that outputs the log level name, the log message, plus the time, process, thread and module that generate the log message.
- Defines two filters:
- project.logging.SpecialFilter, using the alias special. If this filter required additional arguments, they can be provided as additional keys in the filter configuration dictionary. In this case, the argument foo will be given a value of bar when instantiating SpecialFilter.

- django.utils.log.RequireDebugTrue, which passes on records when DEBUG is True.

- Defines two handlers:
  - console, a StreamHandler, which prints any INFO (or higher) message to sys.stderr. This handler uses the simple output format.
  - mail_admins, an AdminEmailHandler, which emails any ERROR (or higher) message to the site ADMINS. This handler uses the special filter.

- Configures three loggers:
  - django, which passes all messages to the console handler.
  - django.request, which passes all ERROR messages to the mail_admins handler. In addition, this logger is marked to not propagate messages. This means that log messages written to django.request will not be handled by the django logger.
  - myproject.custom, which passes all messages at INFO or higher that also pass the special filter to two handlers – the console, and mail_admins. This means that all INFO level messages (or higher) will be printed to the console; ERROR and CRITICAL messages will also be output via email.

Custom logging configuration

If you don’t want to use Python’s dictConfig format to configure your logger, you can specify your own configuration scheme.

The LOGGING_CONFIG setting defines the callable that will be used to configure Django’s loggers. By default, it points at Python’s logging.config.dictConfig() function. However, if you want to use a different configuration process, you can use any other callable that takes a single argument. The contents of LOGGING will be provided as the value of that argument when logging is configured.

Disabling logging configuration

If you don’t want to configure logging at all (or you want to manually configure logging using your own approach), you can set LOGGING_CONFIG to None. This will disable the configuration process for Django’s default logging.

Setting LOGGING_CONFIG to None only means that the automatic configuration process is disabled, not logging itself. If you disable the configuration process, Django will still make logging calls, falling back to whatever default logging behavior is defined.

Here’s an example that disables Django’s logging configuration and then manually configures logging:

Listing 34: settings.py

```python
LOGGING_CONFIG = None
import logging.config
logging.config.dictConfig(...)```

Note that the default configuration process only calls LOGGING_CONFIG once settings are fully-loaded. In contrast, manually configuring the logging in your settings file will load your logging config immediately. As such, your logging config must appear after any settings on which it depends.
3.16.4 Django's logging extensions

Django provides a number of utilities to handle the unique requirements of logging in Web server environment.

Loggers

Django provides several built-in loggers.

**django**

The catch-all logger for messages in the **django** hierarchy. No messages are posted using this name but instead using one of the loggers below.

**django.request**

Log messages related to the handling of requests. 5XX responses are raised as **ERROR** messages; 4XX responses are raised as **WARNING** messages. Requests that are logged to the **django.security** logger aren’t logged to **django.request**.

Messages to this logger have the following extra context:

- **status_code**: The HTTP response code associated with the request.
- **request**: The request object that generated the logging message.

**django.server**

Log messages related to the handling of requests received by the server invoked by the `runserver` command. HTTP 5XX responses are logged as **ERROR** messages, 4XX responses are logged as **WARNING** messages, and everything else is logged as **INFO**.

Messages to this logger have the following extra context:

- **status_code**: The HTTP response code associated with the request.
- **request**: The request object that generated the logging message.

**django.template**

Log messages related to the rendering of templates.

- Missing context variables are logged as **DEBUG** messages.

**django.db.backends**

Messages relating to the interaction of code with the database. For example, every application-level SQL statement executed by a request is logged at the **DEBUG** level to this logger.

Messages to this logger have the following extra context:

- **duration**: The time taken to execute the SQL statement.
- **sql**: The SQL statement that was executed.
params: The parameters that were used in the SQL call.

For performance reasons, SQL logging is only enabled when `settings.DEBUG` is set to `True`, regardless of the logging level or handlers that are installed.

This logging does not include framework-level initialization (e.g. `SET TIMEZONE`) or transaction management queries (e.g. `BEGIN`, `COMMIT`, and `ROLLBACK`). Turn on query logging in your database if you wish to view all database queries.

django.security.*

The security loggers will receive messages on any occurrence of `SuspiciousOperation` and other security-related errors. There is a sub-logger for each subtype of security error, including all `SuspiciousOperations`. The level of the log event depends on where the exception is handled. Most occurrences are logged as a warning, while any `SuspiciousOperation` that reaches the WSGI handler will be logged as an error. For example, when an HTTP Host header is included in a request from a client that does not match `ALLOWED_HOSTS`, Django will return a 400 response, and an error message will be logged to the `django.security.DisallowedHost` logger.

These log events will reach the `django` logger by default, which mails error events to admins when `DEBUG=False`. Requests resulting in a 400 response due to a `SuspiciousOperation` will not be logged to the `django.request` logger, but only to the `django.security` logger.

To silence a particular type of `SuspiciousOperation`, you can override that specific logger following this example:

```python
'handlers': {
    'null': {
        'class': 'logging.NullHandler',
    },
},
'loggers': {
    'django.security.DisallowedHost': {
        'handlers': ['null'],
        'propagate': False,
    },
},
```

Other `django.security` loggers not based on `SuspiciousOperation` are:

- `django.security.csrf`: For `CSRF failures`.

django.db.backends.schema

Logs the SQL queries that are executed during schema changes to the database by the migrations framework. Note that it won’t log the queries executed by `RunPython`. Messages to this logger have `params` and `sql` in their extra context (but unlike `django.db.backends`, not duration). The values have the same meaning as explained in `django.db.backends`.

Handlers

Django provides one log handler in addition to those provided by the Python logging module.

```python
class AdminEmailHandler(include_html=False, email_backend=None, reporter_class=None)
```

This handler sends an email to the site `ADMINS` for each log message it receives.
If the log record contains a `request` attribute, the full details of the request will be included in the email. The email subject will include the phrase “internal IP” if the client’s IP address is in the `INTERNAL_IPS` setting; if not, it will include “EXTERNAL IP”.

If the log record contains stack trace information, that stack trace will be included in the email.

The `include_html` argument of `AdminEmailHandler` is used to control whether the traceback email includes an HTML attachment containing the full content of the debug Web page that would have been produced if `DEBUG` were True. To set this value in your configuration, include it in the handler definition for `django.utils.log.AdminEmailHandler`, like this:

```python
'handlers': {  
    'mail_admins': {  
        'level': 'ERROR',  
        'class': 'django.utils.log.AdminEmailHandler',  
        'include_html': True,  
    }  
},
```

Note that this HTML version of the email contains a full traceback, with names and values of local variables at each level of the stack, plus the values of your Django settings. This information is potentially very sensitive, and you may not want to send it over email. Consider using something such as Sentry to get the best of both worlds – the rich information of full backtraces plus the security of not sending the information over email. You may also explicitly designate certain sensitive information to be filtered out of error reports – learn more on Filtering error reports.

By setting the `email_backend` argument of `AdminEmailHandler`, the `email backend` that is being used by the handler can be overridden, like this:

```python
'handlers': {  
    'mail_admins': {  
        'level': 'ERROR',  
        'class': 'django.utils.log.AdminEmailHandler',  
        'email_backend': 'django.core.mail.backends.filebased.EmailBackend',  
    }  
},
```

By default, an instance of the email backend specified in `EMAIL_BACKEND` will be used.

The `reporter_class` argument of `AdminEmailHandler` allows providing an `django.views.debug.ExceptionReporter` subclass to customize the traceback text sent in the email body. You provide a string import path to the class you wish to use, like this:

```python
'handlers': {  
    'mail_admins': {  
        'level': 'ERROR',  
        'class': 'django.utils.log.AdminEmailHandler',  
        'include_html': True,  
        'reporter_class': 'somepackage.error_reporter.CustomErrorReporter'  
    }  
},
```

The `reporter_class` argument was added.

`send_mail(subject, message, *args, **kwargs)`

Sends emails to admin users. To customize this behavior, you can subclass the `AdminEmailHandler` class and override this method.
Filters

Django provides some log filters in addition to those provided by the Python logging module.

**class CallbackFilter(callback)**

This filter accepts a callback function (which should accept a single argument, the record to be logged), and calls it for each record that passes through the filter. Handling of that record will not proceed if the callback returns False.

For instance, to filter out `UnreadablePostError` (raised when a user cancels an upload) from the admin emails, you would create a filter function:

```python
from django.http import UnreadablePostError
def skip_unreadable_post(record):
    if record.exc_info:
        exc_type, exc_value = record.exc_info[:2]
        if isinstance(exc_value, UnreadablePostError):
            return False
    return True
```

and then add it to your logging config:

```json
'filters': {
    'skip_unreadable_posts': {
        '()': 'django.utils.log.CallbackFilter',
        'callback': skip_unreadable_post,
    }
},
'hhandlers': {
    'mail_admins': {
        'level': 'ERROR',
        'filters': [{'skip_unreadable_posts'],
        'class': 'django.utils.log.AdminEmailHandler'
    }
}
```

**class RequireDebugFalse**

This filter will only pass on records when `settings.DEBUG` is False.

This filter is used as follows in the default `LOGGING` configuration to ensure that the `AdminEmailHandler` only sends error emails to admins when `DEBUG` is False:

```json
'filters': {
    'require_debug_false': {
        '()': 'django.utils.log.RequireDebugFalse',
    }
},
'hhandlers': {
    'mail_admins': {
        'level': 'ERROR',
        'filters': ['require_debug_false'],
        'class': 'django.utils.log.AdminEmailHandler'
    }
}
```

**class RequireDebugTrue**

This filter is similar to `RequireDebugFalse`, except that records are passed only when `DEBUG` is True.
3.16.5 Django’s default logging configuration

By default, Django configures the following logging:

When `DEBUG` is `True`:

- The `django` logger sends messages in the `django` hierarchy (except `django.server`) at the `INFO` level or higher to the console.

When `DEBUG` is `False`:

- The `django` logger sends messages in the `django` hierarchy (except `django.server`) with `ERROR` or `CRITICAL` level to `AdminEmailHandler`.

Independent of the value of `DEBUG`:

- The `django.server` logger sends messages at the `INFO` level or higher to the console.

All loggers except `django.server` propagate logging to their parents, up to the root `django` logger. The `console` and `mail_admins` handlers are attached to the root logger to provide the behavior described above.

See also `Configuring logging` to learn how you can complement or replace this default logging configuration defined in `django/utils/log.py`.

3.17 Pagination

Django provides high-level and low-level ways to help you manage paginated data – that is, data that’s split across several pages, with “Previous/Next” links.

3.17.1 The `Paginator` class

Under the hood, all methods of pagination use the `Paginator` class. It does all the heavy lifting of actually splitting a `QuerySet` into `Page` objects.

3.17.2 Example

Give `Paginator` a list of objects, plus the number of items you’d like to have on each page, and it gives you methods for accessing the items for each page:

```python
>>> from django.core.paginator import Paginator
>>> objects = ['john', 'paul', 'george', 'ringo']
>>> p = Paginator(objects, 2)

>>> p.count
4
>>> p.num_pages
2
>>> type(p.page_range)
<class 'range_iterator'>
>>> p.page_range
range(1, 3)

>>> page1 = p.page(1)
>>> page1
<Page 1 of 2>
```
>>> page1.object_list
['john', 'paul']

>>> page2 = p.page(2)
>>> page2.object_list
['george', 'ringo']
>>> page2.has_next()
False
>>> page2.has_previous()
True
>>> page2.has_other_pages()
True
>>> page2.next_page_number()
Traceback (most recent call last):
... 
EmptyPage: That page contains no results
>>> page2.previous_page_number()
1
>>> page2.start_index() # The 1-based index of the first item on this page
3
>>> page2.end_index() # The 1-based index of the last item on this page
4

>>> p.page(0)
Traceback (most recent call last):
... 
EmptyPage: That page number is less than 1
>>> p.page(3)
Traceback (most recent call last):
... 
EmptyPage: That page contains no results

Note: Note that you can give Paginator a list/tuple, a Django QuerySet, or any other object with a count() or __len__() method. When determining the number of objects contained in the passed object, Paginator will first try calling count(), then fallback to using len() if the passed object has no count() method. This allows objects such as Django’s QuerySet to use a more efficient count() method when available.

3.17.3 Paginating a ListView

django.views.generic.list.ListView provides a built-in way to paginate the displayed list. You can do this by adding a paginate_by attribute to your view class, for example:

```python
from django.views.generic import ListView

from myapp.models import Contact

class ContactList(ListView):
    paginate_by = 2
    model = Contact
```

This limits the number of objects per page and adds a paginator and page_obj to the context. To allow your users to navigate between pages, add links to the next and previous page, in your template like this:
3.17.4 Using Paginator in a view function

Here's an example using Paginator in a view function to paginate a queryset:

```python
from django.core.paginator import Paginator
from django.shortcuts import render
from myapp.models import Contact

def listing(request):
    contact_list = Contact.objects.all()
    paginator = Paginator(contact_list, 25)  # Show 25 contacts per page.

    page_number = request.GET.get('page')
    page_obj = paginator.get_page(page_number)

    return render(request, 'list.html', {'page_obj': page_obj})
```

In the template `list.html`, you can include navigation between pages in the same way as in the template for the ListView above.

3.18 Security in Django

This document is an overview of Django's security features. It includes advice on securing a Django-powered site.

3.18.1 Cross site scripting (XSS) protection

XSS attacks allow a user to inject client side scripts into the browsers of other users. This is usually achieved by storing the malicious scripts in the database where it will be retrieved and displayed to other users, or by getting users to click a link which will cause the attacker's JavaScript to be executed by the user's browser. However, XSS attacks...
can originate from any untrusted source of data, such as cookies or Web services, whenever the data is not sufficiently sanitized before including in a page.

Using Django templates protects you against the majority of XSS attacks. However, it is important to understand what protections it provides and its limitations.

Django templates escape specific characters which are particularly dangerous to HTML. While this protects users from most malicious input, it is not entirely foolproof. For example, it will not protect the following:

```html
<style class={{ var }}>...</style>
```

If `var` is set to `'class1 onmouseover=javascript:func()'`, this can result in unauthorized JavaScript execution, depending on how the browser renders imperfect HTML. (Quoting the attribute value would fix this case.)

It is also important to be particularly careful when using `is_safe` with custom template tags, the `safe` template tag, `mark_safe`, and when autoescape is turned off.

In addition, if you are using the template system to output something other than HTML, there may be entirely separate characters and words which require escaping.

You should also be very careful when storing HTML in the database, especially when that HTML is retrieved and displayed.

### 3.18.2 Cross site request forgery (CSRF) protection

CSRF attacks allow a malicious user to execute actions using the credentials of another user without that user’s knowledge or consent.

Django has built-in protection against most types of CSRF attacks, providing you have *enabled and used it* where appropriate. However, as with any mitigation technique, there are limitations. For example, it is possible to disable the CSRF module globally or for particular views. You should only do this if you know what you are doing. There are other limitations if your site has subdomains that are outside of your control.

**CSRF protection works** by checking for a secret in each POST request. This ensures that a malicious user cannot “replay” a form POST to your website and have another logged in user unwittingly submit that form. The malicious user would have to know the secret, which is user specific (using a cookie).

When deployed with `HTTPS`, `CsrfViewMiddleware` will check that the HTTP referer header is set to a URL on the same origin (including subdomain and port). Because HTTPS provides additional security, it is imperative to ensure connections use HTTPS where it is available by forwarding insecure connection requests and using HSTS for supported browsers.

Be very careful with marking views with the `csrf_exempt` decorator unless it is absolutely necessary.

### 3.18.3 SQL injection protection

SQL injection is a type of attack where a malicious user is able to execute arbitrary SQL code on a database. This can result in records being deleted or data leakage.

Django’s querysets are protected from SQL injection since their queries are constructed using query parameterization. A query’s SQL code is defined separately from the query’s parameters. Since parameters may be user-provided and therefore unsafe, they are escaped by the underlying database driver.

Django also gives developers power to write *raw queries* or execute *custom sql*. These capabilities should be used sparingly and you should always be careful to properly escape any parameters that the user can control. In addition, you should exercise caution when using `extra()` and `RawSQL`.

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3.18.4 Clickjacking protection

Clickjacking is a type of attack where a malicious site wraps another site in a frame. This attack can result in an unsuspecting user being tricked into performing unintended actions on the target site.

Django contains clickjacking protection in the form of the X-Frame-Options middleware which in a supporting browser can prevent a site from being rendered inside a frame. It is possible to disable the protection on a per view basis or to configure the exact header value sent.

The middleware is strongly recommended for any site that does not need to have its pages wrapped in a frame by third party sites, or only needs to allow that for a small section of the site.

3.18.5 SSL/HTTPS

It is always better for security to deploy your site behind HTTPS. Without this, it is possible for malicious network users to sniff authentication credentials or any other information transferred between client and server, and in some cases – active network attackers – to alter data that is sent in either direction.

If you want the protection that HTTPS provides, and have enabled it on your server, there are some additional steps you may need:

- If necessary, set SECURE_PROXY_SSL_HEADER, ensuring that you have understood the warnings there thoroughly. Failure to do this can result in CSRF vulnerabilities, and failure to do it correctly can also be dangerous!
- Set SECURE_SSL_REDIRECT to True, so that requests over HTTP are redirected to HTTPS.
  Please note the caveats under SECURE_PROXY_SSL_HEADER. For the case of a reverse proxy, it may be easier or more secure to configure the main Web server to do the redirect to HTTPS.
- Use ‘secure’ cookies.
  If a browser connects initially via HTTP, which is the default for most browsers, it is possible for existing cookies to be leaked. For this reason, you should set your SESSION_COOKIE_SECURE and CSRF_COOKIE_SECURE settings to True. This instructs the browser to only send these cookies over HTTPS connections. Note that this will mean that sessions will not work over HTTP, and the CSRF protection will prevent any POST data being accepted over HTTP (which will be fine if you are redirecting all HTTP traffic to HTTPS).
- Use HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS)
  HSTS is an HTTP header that informs a browser that all future connections to a particular site should always use HTTPS. Combined with redirecting requests over HTTP to HTTPS, this will ensure that connections always enjoy the added security of SSL provided one successful connection has occurred. HSTS may either be configured with SECURE_HSTS_SECONDS, SECURE_HSTS_INCLUDE_SUBDOMAINS, and SECURE_HSTS_PRELOAD, or on the Web server.

3.18.6 Host header validation

Django uses the Host header provided by the client to construct URLs in certain cases. While these values are sanitized to prevent Cross Site Scripting attacks, a fake Host value can be used for Cross-Site Request Forgery, cache poisoning attacks, and poisoning links in emails.

Because even seemingly-secure web server configurations are susceptible to fake Host headers, Django validates Host headers against the ALLOWED_HOSTS setting in the django.http.HttpRequest.get_host() method.

This validation only applies via get_host(); if your code accesses the Host header directly from request. META you are bypassing this security protection.
For more details see the full ALLOWED_HOSTS documentation.

**Warning:** Previous versions of this document recommended configuring your web server to ensure it validates incoming HTTP Host headers. While this is still recommended, in many common web servers a configuration that seems to validate the Host header may not in fact do so. For instance, even if Apache is configured such that your Django site is served from a non-default virtual host with the `ServerName` set, it is still possible for an HTTP request to match this virtual host and supply a fake Host header. Thus, Django now requires that you set ALLOWED_HOSTS explicitly rather than relying on web server configuration.

Additionally, Django requires you to explicitly enable support for the X-Forwarded-Host header (via the `USE_X_FORWARDED_HOST` setting) if your configuration requires it.

### 3.18.7 Referrer policy

Browsers use the `Referer` header as a way to send information to a site about how users got there. By setting a Referrer Policy you can help to protect the privacy of your users, restricting under which circumstances the `Referer` header is set. See the referrer policy section of the security middleware reference for details.

### 3.18.8 Session security

Similar to the CSRF limitations requiring a site to be deployed such that untrusted users don’t have access to any subdomains, `django.contrib.sessions` also has limitations. See the session topic guide section on security for details.

### 3.18.9 User-uploaded content

**Note:** Consider serving static files from a cloud service or CDN to avoid some of these issues.

- If your site accepts file uploads, it is strongly advised that you limit these uploads in your Web server configuration to a reasonable size in order to prevent denial of service (DOS) attacks. In Apache, this can be easily set using the `LimitRequestBody` directive.
- If you are serving your own static files, be sure that handlers like Apache’s `mod_php`, which would execute static files as code, are disabled. You don’t want users to be able to execute arbitrary code by uploading and requesting a specially crafted file.
- Django’s media upload handling poses some vulnerabilities when that media is served in ways that do not follow security best practices. Specifically, an HTML file can be uploaded as an image if that file contains a valid PNG header followed by malicious HTML. This file will pass verification of the library that Django uses for `ImageField` image processing (Pillow). When this file is subsequently displayed to a user, it may be displayed as HTML depending on the type and configuration of your web server.

No bulletproof technical solution exists at the framework level to safely validate all user uploaded file content, however, there are some other steps you can take to mitigate these attacks:

1. One class of attacks can be prevented by always serving user uploaded content from a distinct top-level or second-level domain. This prevents any exploit blocked by same-origin policy protections such as cross site scripting. For example, if your site runs on example.com, you would want to serve uploaded content (the `MEDIA_URL` setting) from something like usercontent-example.com. It’s not sufficient to serve content from a subdomain like usercontent.example.com.
2. Beyond this, applications may choose to define a list of allowable file extensions for user uploaded files and configure the web server to only serve such files.

3.18.10 Additional security topics

While Django provides good security protection out of the box, it is still important to properly deploy your application and take advantage of the security protection of the Web server, operating system and other components.

- Make sure that your Python code is outside of the Web server’s root. This will ensure that your Python code is not accidentally served as plain text (or accidentally executed).

- Take care with any user uploaded files.

- Django does not throttle requests to authenticate users. To protect against brute-force attacks against the authentication system, you may consider deploying a Django plugin or Web server module to throttle these requests.

- Keep your $SECRET_KEY$ a secret.

- It is a good idea to limit the accessibility of your caching system and database using a firewall.

- Take a look at the Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP) Top 10 list which identifies some common vulnerabilities in web applications. While Django has tools to address some of the issues, other issues must be accounted for in the design of your project.

- Mozilla discusses various topics regarding web security. Their pages also include security principles that apply to any system.

3.19 Performance and optimization

This document provides an overview of techniques and tools that can help get your Django code running more efficiently - faster, and using fewer system resources.

3.19.1 Introduction

Generally one’s first concern is to write code that works, whose logic functions as required to produce the expected output. Sometimes, however, this will not be enough to make the code work as efficiently as one would like.

In this case, what’s needed is something - and in practice, often a collection of things - to improve the code’s performance without, or only minimally, affecting its behavior.

3.19.2 General approaches

What are you optimizing for?

It’s important to have a clear idea what you mean by ‘performance’. There is not just one metric of it.

Improved speed might be the most obvious aim for a program, but sometimes other performance improvements might be sought, such as lower memory consumption or fewer demands on the database or network.

Improvements in one area will often bring about improved performance in another, but not always; sometimes one can even be at the expense of another. For example, an improvement in a program’s speed might cause it to use more memory. Even worse, it can be self-defeating - if the speed improvement is so memory-hungry that the system starts to run out of memory, you’ll have done more harm than good.
There are other trade-offs to bear in mind. Your own time is a valuable resource, more precious than CPU time. Some improvements might be too difficult to be worth implementing, or might affect the portability or maintainability of the code. Not all performance improvements are worth the effort.

So, you need to know what performance improvements you are aiming for, and you also need to know that you have a good reason for aiming in that direction - and for that you need:

**Performance benchmarking**

It’s no good just guessing or assuming where the inefficiencies lie in your code.

**Django tools**

django-debug-toolbar is a very handy tool that provides insights into what your code is doing and how much time it spends doing it. In particular it can show you all the SQL queries your page is generating, and how long each one has taken.

Third-party panels are also available for the toolbar, that can (for example) report on cache performance and template rendering times.

**Third-party services**

There are a number of free services that will analyze and report on the performance of your site’s pages from the perspective of a remote HTTP client, in effect simulating the experience of an actual user.

These can’t report on the internals of your code, but can provide a useful insight into your site’s overall performance, including aspects that can’t be adequately measured from within Django environment. Examples include:

- Yahoo’s Yslow
- Google PageSpeed

There are also several paid-for services that perform a similar analysis, including some that are Django-aware and can integrate with your codebase to profile its performance far more comprehensively.

**Get things right from the start**

Some work in optimization involves tackling performance shortcomings, but some of the work can be built-in to what you’d do anyway, as part of the good practices you should adopt even before you start thinking about improving performance.

In this respect Python is an excellent language to work with, because solutions that look elegant and feel right usually are the best performing ones. As with most skills, learning what “looks right” takes practice, but one of the most useful guidelines is:

**Work at the appropriate level**

Django offers many different ways of approaching things, but just because it’s possible to do something in a certain way doesn’t mean that it’s the most appropriate way to do it. For example, you might find that you could calculate the same thing - the number of items in a collection, perhaps - in a QuerySet, in Python, or in a template.

However, it will almost always be faster to do this work at lower rather than higher levels. At higher levels the system has to deal with objects through multiple levels of abstraction and layers of machinery.
That is, the database can typically do things faster than Python can, which can do them faster than the template language can:

```python
# QuerySet operation on the database
# fast, because that's what databases are good at
my_bicycles.count()

# counting Python objects
# slower, because it requires a database query anyway, and processing
# of the Python objects
len(my_bicycles)

# Django template filter
# slower still, because it will have to count them in Python anyway,
# and because of template language overheads
{{ my_bicycles|length }}
```

Generally speaking, the most appropriate level for the job is the lowest-level one that it is comfortable to code for.

**Note:** The example above is merely illustrative.

Firstly, in a real-life case you need to consider what is happening before and after your count to work out what’s an optimal way of doing it *in that particular context*. The database optimization documents describes *a case where counting in the template would be better.*

Secondly, there are other options to consider: in a real-life case, `{{ my_bicycles.count }}`, which invokes the `QuerySet.count()` method directly from the template, might be the most appropriate choice.

### 3.19.3 Caching

Often it is expensive (that is, resource-hungry and slow) to compute a value, so there can be huge benefit in saving the value to a quickly accessible cache, ready for the next time it’s required.

It’s a sufficiently significant and powerful technique that Django includes a comprehensive caching framework, as well as other smaller pieces of caching functionality.

**The caching framework**

Django’s *caching framework* offers very significant opportunities for performance gains, by saving dynamic content so that it doesn’t need to be calculated for each request.

For convenience, Django offers different levels of cache granularity: you can cache the output of specific views, or only the pieces that are difficult to produce, or even an entire site.

Implementing caching should not be regarded as an alternative to improving code that’s performing poorly because it has been written badly. It’s one of the final steps towards producing well-performing code, not a shortcut.

**cached_property**

It’s common to have to call a class instance’s method more than once. If that function is expensive, then doing so can be wasteful.

Using the `cached_property` decorator saves the value returned by a property; the next time the function is called on that instance, it will return the saved value rather than re-computing it. Note that this only works on methods that take `self` as their only argument and that it changes the method to a property.
Certain Django components also have their own caching functionality; these are discussed below in the sections related to those components.

### 3.19.4 Understanding laziness

*Laziness* is a strategy complementary to caching. Caching avoids recomputation by saving results; laziness delays computation until it’s actually required.

Laziness allows us to refer to things before they are instantiated, or even before it’s possible to instantiate them. This has numerous uses.

For example, *lazy translation* can be used before the target language is even known, because it doesn’t take place until the translated string is actually required, such as in a rendered template.

Laziness is also a way to save effort by trying to avoid work in the first place. That is, one aspect of laziness is not doing anything until it has to be done, because it may not turn out to be necessary after all. Laziness can therefore have performance implications, and the more expensive the work concerned, the more there is to gain through laziness.

Python provides a number of tools for lazy evaluation, particularly through the `generator` and `generator expression` constructs. It’s worth reading up on laziness in Python to discover opportunities for making use of lazy patterns in your code.

#### Laziness in Django

Django is itself quite lazy. A good example of this can be found in the evaluation of `QuerySets`. `QuerySets` are lazy. Thus a `QuerySet` can be created, passed around and combined with other `QuerySets`, without actually incurring any trips to the database to fetch the items it describes. What gets passed around is the `QuerySet` object, not the collection of items that - eventually - will be required from the database.

On the other hand, certain operations will force the evaluation of a `QuerySet`. Avoiding the premature evaluation of a `QuerySet` can save making an expensive and unnecessary trip to the database.

Django also offers a `keep_lazy()` decorator. This allows a function that has been called with a lazy argument to behave lazily itself, only being evaluated when it needs to be. Thus the lazy argument - which could be an expensive one - will not be called upon for evaluation until it’s strictly required.

### 3.19.5 Databases

#### Database optimization

Django’s database layer provides various ways to help developers get the best performance from their databases. The *database optimization documentation* gathers together links to the relevant documentation and adds various tips that outline the steps to take when attempting to optimize your database usage.

#### Other database-related tips

Enabling *Persistent connections* can speed up connections to the database accounts for a significant part of the request processing time.

This helps a lot on virtualized hosts with limited network performance, for example.
3.19.6 HTTP performance

Middleware

Django comes with a few helpful pieces of middleware that can help optimize your site’s performance. They include:

ConditionalGetMiddleware

Adds support for modern browsers to conditionally GET responses based on the ETag and Last-Modified headers. It also calculates and sets an ETag if needed.

GZipMiddleware

Compresses responses for all modern browsers, saving bandwidth and transfer time. Note that GZipMiddleware is currently considered a security risk, and is vulnerable to attacks that nullify the protection provided by TLS/SSL. See the warning in GZipMiddleware for more information.

Sessions

Using cached sessions

Using cached sessions may be a way to increase performance by eliminating the need to load session data from a slower storage source like the database and instead storing frequently used session data in memory.

Static files

Static files, which by definition are not dynamic, make an excellent target for optimization gains.

ManifestStaticFilesStorage

By taking advantage of web browsers’ caching abilities, you can eliminate network hits entirely for a given file after the initial download.

ManifestStaticFilesStorage appends a content-dependent tag to the filenames of static files to make it safe for browsers to cache them long-term without missing future changes - when a file changes, so will the tag, so browsers will reload the asset automatically.

“Minification”

Several third-party Django tools and packages provide the ability to “minify” HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. They remove unnecessary whitespace, newlines, and comments, and shorten variable names, and thus reduce the size of the documents that your site publishes.
3.19.7 Template performance

Note that:

- using `{% block %}` is faster than using `{% include %}`
- heavily-fragmented templates, assembled from many small pieces, can affect performance

The cached template loader

Enabling the `cached template loader` often improves performance drastically, as it avoids compiling each template every time it needs to be rendered.

3.19.8 Using different versions of available software

It can sometimes be worth checking whether different and better-performing versions of the software that you’re using are available.

These techniques are targeted at more advanced users who want to push the boundaries of performance of an already well-optimized Django site.

However, they are not magic solutions to performance problems, and they’re unlikely to bring better than marginal gains to sites that don’t already do the more basic things the right way.

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**Note:** It’s worth repeating: reaching for alternatives to software you’re already using is never the first answer to performance problems. When you reach this level of optimization, you need a formal benchmarking solution.

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Newer is often - but not always - better

It’s fairly rare for a new release of well-maintained software to be less efficient, but the maintainers can’t anticipate every possible use-case - so while being aware that newer versions are likely to perform better, don’t assume that they always will.

This is true of Django itself. Successive releases have offered a number of improvements across the system, but you should still check the real-world performance of your application, because in some cases you may find that changes mean it performs worse rather than better.

Newer versions of Python, and also of Python packages, will often perform better too - but measure, rather than assume.

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**Note:** Unless you’ve encountered an unusual performance problem in a particular version, you’ll generally find better features, reliability, and security in a new release and that these benefits are far more significant than any performance you might win or lose.

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Alternatives to Django’s template language

For nearly all cases, Django’s built-in template language is perfectly adequate. However, if the bottlenecks in your Django project seem to lie in the template system and you have exhausted other opportunities to remedy this, a third-party alternative may be the answer.

Jinja2 can offer performance improvements, particularly when it comes to speed.
Alternative template systems vary in the extent to which they share Django’s templating language.

**Note:** If you experience performance issues in templates, the first thing to do is to understand exactly why. Using an alternative template system may prove faster, but the same gains may also be available without going to that trouble—for example, expensive processing and logic in your templates could be done more efficiently in your views.

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**Alternative software implementations**

It may be worth checking whether Python software you’re using has been provided in a different implementation that can execute the same code faster.

However: most performance problems in well-written Django sites aren’t at the Python execution level, but rather in inefficient database querying, caching, and templates. If you’re relying on poorly-written Python code, your performance problems are unlikely to be solved by having it execute faster.

Using an alternative implementation may introduce compatibility, deployment, portability, or maintenance issues. It goes without saying that before adopting a non-standard implementation you should ensure it provides sufficient performance gains for your application to outweigh the potential risks.

With these caveats in mind, you should be aware of:

**PyPy**

PyPy is an implementation of Python in Python itself (the ‘standard’ Python implementation is in C). PyPy can offer substantial performance gains, typically for heavyweight applications.

A key aim of the PyPy project is compatibility with existing Python APIs and libraries. Django is compatible, but you will need to check the compatibility of other libraries you rely on.

**C implementations of Python libraries**

Some Python libraries are also implemented in C, and can be much faster. They aim to offer the same APIs. Note that compatibility issues and behavior differences are not unknown (and not always immediately evident).

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**3.20 Serializing Django objects**

Django’s serialization framework provides a mechanism for “translating” Django models into other formats. Usually these other formats will be text-based and used for sending Django data over a wire, but it’s possible for a serializer to handle any format (text-based or not).

**See also:**

If you just want to get some data from your tables into a serialized form, you could use the `dumpdata` management command.

**3.20.1 Serializing data**

At the highest level, you can serialize data like this:
from django.core import serializers

data = serializers.serialize("xml", SomeModel.objects.all())

The arguments to the `serialize` function are the format to serialize the data to (see `Serialization formats`) and a `QuerySet` to serialize. (Actually, the second argument can be any iterator that yields Django model instances, but it'll almost always be a `QuerySet`).

django.core.serializers.get_serializer(format)

You can also use a serializer object directly:

```python
XMLSerializer = serializers.get_serializer("xml")
xm_serializer = XMLSerializer()
xm_serializer.serialize(queryset)
data = xm_serializer.getvalue()
```

This is useful if you want to serialize data directly to a file-like object (which includes an `HttpResponse`):

```python
with open("file.xml", "w") as out:
    xm_serializer.serialize(SomeModel.objects.all(), stream=out)
```

Note: Calling `get_serializer()` with an unknown `format` will raise a `django.core.serializers.SerializerDoesNotExist` exception.

Subset of fields

If you only want a subset of fields to be serialized, you can specify a `fields` argument to the serializer:

```python
from django.core import serializers

data = serializers.serialize("xml", SomeModel.objects.all(), fields=('name','size'))
```

In this example, only the `name` and `size` attributes of each model will be serialized. The primary key is always serialized as the `pk` element in the resulting output; it never appears in the `fields` part.

Note: Depending on your model, you may find that it is not possible to deserialize a model that only serializes a subset of its fields. If a serialized object doesn’t specify all the fields that are required by a model, the deserializer will not be able to save deserialized instances.

Inherited models

If you have a model that is defined using an `abstract base class`, you don’t have to do anything special to serialize that model. Call the serializer on the object (or objects) that you want to serialize, and the output will be a complete representation of the serialized object.

However, if you have a model that uses `multi-table inheritance`, you also need to serialize all of the base classes for the model. This is because only the fields that are locally defined on the model will be serialized. For example, consider the following models:

```python
class Place(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
```

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class Restaurant(Place):
    serves_hot_dogs = models.BooleanField(default=False)

If you only serialize the Restaurant model:

```python
data = serializers.serialize('xml', Restaurant.objects.all())
```

the fields on the serialized output will only contain the `serves_hot_dogs` attribute. The `name` attribute of the base class will be ignored.

In order to fully serialize your Restaurant instances, you will need to serialize the Place models as well:

```python
all_objects = [Restaurant.objects.all(), Place.objects.all()]
data = serializers.serialize('xml', all_objects)
```

## 3.20.2 Deserializing data

Deserializing data is very similar to serializing it:

```python
for obj in serializers.deserialize("xml", data):
    do_something_with(obj)
```

As you can see, the `deserialize` function takes the same format argument as `serialize`, a string or stream of data, and returns an iterator.

However, here it gets slightly complicated. The objects returned by the `deserialize` iterator aren’t regular Django objects. Instead, they are special `DeserializedObject` instances that wrap a created – but unsaved – object and any associated relationship data.

Calling `DeserializedObject.save()` saves the object to the database.

**Note:** If the `pk` attribute in the serialized data doesn’t exist or is null, a new instance will be saved to the database.

This ensures that deserializing is a non-destructive operation even if the data in your serialized representation doesn’t match what’s currently in the database. Usually, working with these `DeserializedObject` instances looks something like:

```python
for deserialized_object in serializers.deserialize("xml", data):
    if object_should_be_saved(deserialized_object):
        deserialized_object.save()
```

In other words, the usual use is to examine the deserialized objects to make sure that they are “appropriate” for saving before doing so. If you trust your data source you can instead save the object directly and move on.

The Django object itself can be inspected as `deserialized_object.object`. If fields in the serialized data do not exist on a model, a `DeserializationError` will be raised unless the `ignorenonexistent` argument is passed in as `True`:

```python
serializers.deserialize("xml", data, ignorenonexistent=True)
```

## 3.20.3 Serialization formats

Django supports a number of serialization formats, some of which require you to install third-party Python modules:
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Identifier</th>
<th>Information</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>xml</td>
<td>Serializes to and from a simple XML dialect.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>json</td>
<td>Serializes to and from JSON.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>yaml</td>
<td>Serializes to YAML (YAML Ain’t a Markup Language). This serializer is only available if PyYAML is installed.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**XML**

The basic XML serialization format looks like this:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<django-objects version="1.0">
    <object pk="123" model="sessions.session">
        <field type="DateTimeField" name="expire_date">2013-01-16T08:16:59.844560+00:00</field>
    </object>
</django-objects>
```

The whole collection of objects that is either serialized or deserialized is represented by a `<django-objects>`-tag which contains multiple `<object>`-elements. Each such object has two attributes: “pk” and “model”, the latter being represented by the name of the app (“sessions”) and the lowercase name of the model (“session”) separated by a dot.

Each field of the object is serialized as a `<field>`-element sporting the fields “type” and “name”. The text content of the element represents the value that should be stored.

Foreign keys and other relational fields are treated a little bit differently:

```xml
<object pk="27" model="auth.permission">
    <!-- ... -->
    <field type="contenttypes.contenttype" name="content_type" rel="ManyToOneRel">9</field>
    <!-- ... -->
</object>
```

In this example we specify that the auth.Permission object with the PK 27 has a foreign key to the contenttypes.ContentType instance with the PK 9.

ManyToMany-relations are exported for the model that binds them. For instance, the auth.User model has such a relation to the auth.Permission model:

```xml
<object pk="1" model="auth.user">
    <!-- ... -->
    <field type="auth.permission" name="user_permissions" rel="ManyToManyRel">
        <object pk="46"></object>
        <object pk="47"></object>
    </field>
</object>
```

This example links the given user with the permission models with PKs 46 and 47.

**Control characters**

If the content to be serialized contains control characters that are not accepted in the XML 1.0 standard, the serialization will fail with a `ValueError` exception. Read also the W3C’s explanation of HTML, XHTML, XML and Control...
When staying with the same example data as before it would be serialized as JSON in the following way:

```json
[
  {
    "pk": "4b678b301dfda4e0dad910de3ae245b",
    "model": "sessions.session",
    "fields": {
      "expire_date": "2013-01-16T08:16:59.844Z",
      ...
    }
  }
]
```

The formatting here is a bit simpler than with XML. The whole collection is just represented as an array and the objects are represented by JSON objects with three properties: “pk”, “model” and “fields”. “fields” is again an object containing each field’s name and value as property and property-value respectively.

Foreign keys have the PK of the linked object as property value. ManyToMany-relations are serialized for the model that defines them and are represented as a list of PKs.

Be aware that not all Django output can be passed unmodified to `json`. For example, if you have some custom type in an object to be serialized, you’ll have to write a custom `json` encoder for it. Something like this will work:

```python
from django.core.serializers.json import DjangoJSONEncoder

class LazyEncoder(DjangoJSONEncoder):
    def default(self, obj):
        if isinstance(obj, YourCustomType):
            return str(obj)
        return super().default(obj)
```

You can then pass `cls=LazyEncoder` to the `serializers.serialize()` function:

```python
from django.core.serializers import serialize

serialize('json', SomeModel.objects.all(), cls=LazyEncoder)
```

Also note that GeoDjango provides a customized GeoJSON serializer.

All data is now dumped with Unicode. If you need the previous behavior, pass `ensure_ascii=True` to the `serializers.serialize()` function.

**DjangoJSONEncoder**

```python
class django.core.serializers.json.DjangoJSONEncoder
```

The JSON serializer uses `DjangoJSONEncoder` for encoding. A subclass of `JSONEncoder`, it handles these additional types:

- **datetime** A string of the form `YYYY-MM-DDTHH:mm:ss.sssZ` or `YYYY-MM-DDTHH:mm:ss.sss+HH:MM` as defined in ECMA-262.
- **date** A string of the form `YYYY-MM-DD` as defined in ECMA-262.
**time** A string of the form `HH:MM:ss.sss` as defined in ECMA-262.

**timedelta** A string representing a duration as defined in ISO-8601. For example, `timedelta(days=1, hours=2, seconds=3.4)` is represented as `'P1DT02H00M03.400000S'`.

**Decimal**, **Promise** (`django.utils.functional.lazy()` objects), **UUID** A string representation of the object.

**YAML**

YAML serialization looks quite similar to JSON. The object list is serialized as a sequence mappings with the keys “pk”, “model” and “fields”. Each field is again a mapping with the key being name of the field and the value the value:

```
- fields: {expire_date: !!timestamp '2013-01-16 08:16:59.844560+00:00'}
  model: sessions.session
  pk: 4b678b301dfd8a4e0dad910de3ae245b
```

Referential fields are again represented by the PK or sequence of PKs.

All data is now dumped with Unicode. If you need the previous behavior, pass `allow_unicode=False` to the `serializers.serialize()` function.

### 3.20.4 Natural keys

The default serialization strategy for foreign keys and many-to-many relations is to serialize the value of the primary key(s) of the objects in the relation. This strategy works well for most objects, but it can cause difficulty in some circumstances.

Consider the case of a list of objects that have a foreign key referencing `ContentType`. If you’re going to serialize an object that refers to a content type, then you need to have a way to refer to that content type to begin with. Since `ContentType` objects are automatically created by Django during the database synchronization process, the primary key of a given content type isn’t easy to predict; it will depend on how and when `migrate` was executed. This is true for all models which automatically generate objects, notably including `Permission`, `Group`, and `User`.

```
Warning: You should never include automatically generated objects in a fixture or other serialized data. By chance, the primary keys in the fixture may match those in the database and loading the fixture will have no effect. In the more likely case that they don’t match, the fixture loading will fail with an IntegrityError.
```

There is also the matter of convenience. An integer id isn’t always the most convenient way to refer to an object; sometimes, a more natural reference would be helpful.

It is for these reasons that Django provides natural keys. A natural key is a tuple of values that can be used to uniquely identify an object instance without using the primary key value.

**Deserialization of natural keys**

Consider the following two models:

```
from django.db import models

class Person(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
```

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Ordinarily, serialized data for Book would use an integer to refer to the author. For example, in JSON, a Book might be serialized as:

```json
...
{
  "pk": 1,
  "model": "store.book",
  "fields": {
    "name": "Mostly Harmless",
    "author": 42
  }
}
...
```

This isn’t a particularly natural way to refer to an author. It requires that you know the primary key value for the author; it also requires that this primary key value is stable and predictable.

However, if we add natural key handling to Person, the fixture becomes much more humane. To add natural key handling, you define a default Manager for Person with a `get_by_natural_key()` method. In the case of a Person, a good natural key might be the pair of first and last name:

```python
from django.db import models

class PersonManager(models.Manager):
    def get_by_natural_key(self, first_name, last_name):
        return self.get(first_name=first_name, last_name=last_name)

class Person(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    birthdate = models.DateField()

    objects = PersonManager()

class Meta:
    unique_together = [['first_name', 'last_name']]`n```n

Now books can use that natural key to refer to Person objects:

```json
...
{
  "pk": 1,
  "model": "store.book",
  "fields": {
    "name": "Mostly Harmless",
    "author": ["Douglas", "Adams"]
  }
}
...`n```
When you try to load this serialized data, Django will use the `get_by_natural_key()` method to resolve ["Douglas", "Adams"] into the primary key of an actual Person object.

**Note:** Whatever fields you use for a natural key must be able to uniquely identify an object. This will usually mean that your model will have a uniqueness clause (either unique=True on a single field, or unique_together over multiple fields) for the field or fields in your natural key. However, uniqueness doesn’t need to be enforced at the database level. If you are certain that a set of fields will be effectively unique, you can still use those fields as a natural key.

Deserialization of objects with no primary key will always check whether the model’s manager has a `get_by_natural_key()` method and if so, use it to populate the deserialized object’s primary key.

### Serialization of natural keys

So how do you get Django to emit a natural key when serializing an object? Firstly, you need to add another method – this time to the model itself:

```python
class Person(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    birthdate = models.DateField()

    objects = PersonManager()

    class Meta:
        unique_together = [['first_name', 'last_name']]

    def natural_key(self):
        return (self.first_name, self.last_name)
```

That method should always return a natural key tuple – in this example, (first name, last name). Then, when you call `serializers.serialize()`, you provide `use_natural_foreign_keys=True` or `use_natural_primary_keys=True` arguments:

```python
>>> serializers.serialize('json', [book1, book2], indent=2,
...                         use_natural_foreign_keys=True, use_natural_primary_keys=True)
```

When `use_natural_foreign_keys=True` is specified, Django will use the `natural_key()` method to serialize any foreign key reference to objects of the type that defines the method.

When `use_natural_primary_keys=True` is specified, Django will not provide the primary key in the serialized data of this object since it can be calculated during deserialization:

```json
...
{
    "model": "store.person",
    "fields": {
        "first_name": "Douglas",
        "last_name": "Adams",
        "birth_date": "1952-03-11",
```
This can be useful when you need to load serialized data into an existing database and you cannot guarantee that the serialized primary key value is not already in use, and do not need to ensure that deserialized objects retain the same primary keys.

If you are using `dumpdata` to generate serialized data, use the `dumpdata --natural-foreign` and `dumpdata --natural-primary` command line flags to generate natural keys.

**Note:** You don’t need to define both `natural_key()` and `get_by_natural_key()`. If you don’t want Django to output natural keys during serialization, but you want to retain the ability to load natural keys, then you can opt to not implement the `natural_key()` method.

Conversely, if (for some strange reason) you want Django to output natural keys during serialization, but *not* be able to load those key values, just don’t define the `get_by_natural_key()` method.

### Natural keys and forward references

Sometimes when you use *natural foreign keys* you’ll need to deserialize data where an object has a foreign key referencing another object that hasn’t yet been deserialized. This is called a “forward reference”.

For instance, suppose you have the following objects in your fixture:

```json
...
{"model": "store.book",
 "fields": {
     "name": "Mostly Harmless",
     "author": ["Douglas", "Adams"]
   }
 },
...
{"model": "store.person",
 "fields": {
     "first_name": "Douglas",
     "last_name": "Adams"
   }
 },
...
```

In order to handle this situation, you need to pass `handle_forward_references=True` to `serializers.deserialize()`. This will set the `deferred_fields` attribute on the `DeserializedObject` instances. You’ll need to keep track of `DeserializedObject` instances where this attribute isn’t `None` and later call `save_deferred_fields()` on them.

Typical usage looks like this:

```python
objs_with_deferred_fields = []
for obj in serializers.deserialize('xml', data, handle_forward_references=True):
    obj.save()
```
For this to work, the ForeignKey on the referencing model must have null=True.

Dependencies during serialization

It’s often possible to avoid explicitly having to handle forward references by taking care with the ordering of objects within a fixture.

To help with this, calls to dumpdata that use the dumpdata --natural-foreign option will serialize any model with a natural_key() method before serializing standard primary key objects.

However, this may not always be enough. If your natural key refers to another object (by using a foreign key or natural key to another object as part of a natural key), then you need to be able to ensure that the objects on which a natural key depends occur in the serialized data before the natural key requires them.

To control this ordering, you can define dependencies on your natural_key() methods. You do this by setting a dependencies attribute on the natural_key() method itself.

For example, let’s add a natural key to the Book model from the example above:

```python
class Book(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    author = models.ForeignKey(Person, on_delete=models.CASCADE)

    def natural_key(self):
        return (self.name,) + self.author.natural_key()
```

The natural key for a Book is a combination of its name and its author. This means that Person must be serialized before Book. To define this dependency, we add one extra line:

```python
def natural_key(self):
    return (self.name,) + self.author.natural_key()

natural_key.dependencies = ['example_app.person']
```

This definition ensures that all Person objects are serialized before any Book objects. In turn, any object referencing Book will be serialized after both Person and Book have been serialized.

3.21 Django settings

A Django settings file contains all the configuration of your Django installation. This document explains how settings work and which settings are available.

3.21.1 The basics

A settings file is just a Python module with module-level variables.

Here are a couple of example settings:
ALLOWED_HOSTS = ['www.example.com']
DEBUG = False
DEFAULT_FROM_EMAIL = 'webmaster@example.com'

Note: If you set DEBUG to False, you also need to properly set the ALLOWED_HOSTS setting.

Because a settings file is a Python module, the following apply:

- It doesn’t allow for Python syntax errors.
- It can assign settings dynamically using normal Python syntax. For example:

  ```python
  MY_SETTING = [str(i) for i in range(30)]
  ```
- It can import values from other settings files.

### 3.21.2 Designating the settings

**DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE**

When you use Django, you have to tell it which settings you’re using. Do this by using an environment variable, DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE.

The value of DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE should be in Python path syntax, e.g. `mysite.settings`. Note that the settings module should be on the Python import search path.

**The django-admin utility**

When using django-admin, you can either set the environment variable once, or explicitly pass in the settings module each time you run the utility.

Example (Unix Bash shell):

```bash
export DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE=mysite.settings
django-admin runserver
```

Example (Windows shell):

```bash
set DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE=mysite.settings
django-admin runserver
```

Use the --settings command-line argument to specify the settings manually:

```bash
django-admin runserver --settings=mysite.settings
```

**On the server (mod_wsgi)**

In your live server environment, you’ll need to tell your WSGI application what settings file to use. Do that with os.environ:

```python
import os
os.environ['DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE'] = 'mysite.settings'
```
Read the *Django mod_wsgi documentation* for more information and other common elements to a Django WSGI application.

### 3.21.3 Default settings

A Django settings file doesn’t have to define any settings if it doesn’t need to. Each setting has a sensible default value. These defaults live in the module `django/conf/global_settings.py`.

Here’s the algorithm Django uses in compiling settings:

- Load settings from `global_settings.py`.
- Load settings from the specified settings file, overriding the global settings as necessary.

Note that a settings file should *not* import from `global_settings`, because that’s redundant.

#### Seeing which settings you’ve changed

The command `python manage.py diffsettings` displays differences between the current settings file and Django’s default settings.

For more, see the `diffsettings` documentation.

### 3.21.4 Using settings in Python code

In your Django apps, use settings by importing the object `django.conf.settings`. Example:

```python
from django.conf import settings

if settings.DEBUG:
    # Do something
```

Note that `django.conf.settings` isn’t a module – it’s an object. So importing individual settings is not possible:

```python
from django.conf.settings import DEBUG  # This won't work.
```

Also note that your code should *not* import from either `global_settings` or your own settings file. `django.conf.settings` abstracts the concepts of default settings and site-specific settings; it presents a single interface. It also decouples the code that uses settings from the location of your settings.

### 3.21.5 Altering settings at runtime

You shouldn’t alter settings in your applications at runtime. For example, don’t do this in a view:

```python
from django.conf import settings

settings.DEBUG = True  # Don't do this!
```

The only place you should assign to settings is in a settings file.
3.21.6 Security

Because a settings file contains sensitive information, such as the database password, you should make every attempt to limit access to it. For example, change its file permissions so that only you and your Web server’s user can read it. This is especially important in a shared-hosting environment.

3.21.7 Available settings

For a full list of available settings, see the settings reference.

3.21.8 Creating your own settings

There’s nothing stopping you from creating your own settings, for your own Django apps, but follow these guidelines:

- Setting names must be all uppercase.
- Don’t reinvent an already-existing setting.

For settings that are sequences, Django itself uses lists, but this is only a convention.

3.21.9 Using settings without setting DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE

In some cases, you might want to bypass the DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE environment variable. For example, if you’re using the template system by itself, you likely don’t want to have to set up an environment variable pointing to a settings module.

In these cases, you can configure Django’s settings manually. Do this by calling:

django.conf.settings.configure(default_settings, **settings)

Example:

```python
from django.conf import settings
settings.configure(DEBUG=True)
```

Pass `configure()` as many keyword arguments as you’d like, with each keyword argument representing a setting and its value. Each argument name should be all uppercase, with the same name as the settings described above. If a particular setting is not passed to `configure()` and is needed at some later point, Django will use the default setting value.

Configuring Django in this fashion is mostly necessary – and, indeed, recommended – when you’re using a piece of the framework inside a larger application.

Consequently, when configured via `settings.configure()`, Django will not make any modifications to the process environment variables (see the documentation of `TIME_ZONE` for why this would normally occur). It’s assumed that you’re already in full control of your environment in these cases.

Custom default settings

If you’d like default values to come from somewhere other than `django.conf.global_settings`, you can pass in a module or class that provides the default settings as the `default_settings` argument (or as the first positional argument) in the call to `configure()`.

In this example, default settings are taken from `myapp_defaults`, and the `DEBUG` setting is set to `True`, regardless of its value in `myapp_defaults`: 
from django.conf import settings
from myapp import myapp_defaults

settings.configure(default_settings=myapp_defaults, DEBUG=True)

The following example, which uses myapp_defaults as a positional argument, is equivalent:

settings.configure(myapp_defaults, DEBUG=True)

Normally, you will not need to override the defaults in this fashion. The Django defaults are sufficiently tame that you can safely use them. Be aware that if you do pass in a new default module, it entirely replaces the Django defaults, so you must specify a value for every possible setting that might be used in that code you are importing. Check in django.conf.settings.global_settings for the full list.

Either configure() or DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE is required

If you’re not setting the DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE environment variable, you must call configure() at some point before using any code that reads settings.

If you don’t set DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE and don’t call configure(), Django will raise an ImportError exception the first time a setting is accessed.

If you set DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE, access settings values somehow, then call configure(), Django will raise a RuntimeError indicating that settings have already been configured. There is a property for this purpose:

For example:

from django.conf import settings
if not settings.configured:
    settings.configure(myapp_defaults, DEBUG=True)

Also, it’s an error to call configure() more than once, or to call configure() after any setting has been accessed.

It boils down to this: Use exactly one of either configure() or DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE. Not both, and not neither.

Calling django.setup() is required for “standalone” Django usage

If you’re using components of Django “standalone” – for example, writing a Python script which loads some Django templates and renders them, or uses the ORM to fetch some data – there’s one more step you’ll need in addition to configuring settings.

After you’ve either set DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE or called configure(), you’ll need to call django.setup() to load your settings and populate Django’s application registry. For example:

import django
from django.conf import settings
from myapp import myapp_defaults

settings.configure(default_settings=myapp_defaults, DEBUG=True)
django.setup()

# Now this script or any imported module can use any part of Django it needs.
from myapp import models
Note that calling `django.setup()` is only necessary if your code is truly standalone. When invoked by your Web server, or through `django-admin`, Django will handle this for you.

`django.setup()` may only be called once.

Therefore, avoid putting reusable application logic in standalone scripts so that you have to import from the script elsewhere in your application. If you can’t avoid that, put the call to `django.setup()` inside an `if` block:

```python
if __name__ == '__main__':
    import django
    django.setup()
```

See also:

*The Settings Reference*  Contains the complete list of core and contrib app settings.

## 3.22 Signals

Django includes a “signal dispatcher” which helps allow decoupled applications get notified when actions occur elsewhere in the framework. In a nutshell, signals allow certain senders to notify a set of receivers that some action has taken place. They’re especially useful when many pieces of code may be interested in the same events.

Django provides a set of built-in signals that let user code get notified by Django itself of certain actions. These include some useful notifications:

- `django.db.models.signals.pre_save` & `django.db.models.signals.post_save`
  Sent before or after a model’s `save()` method is called.
- `django.db.models.signals.pre_delete` & `django.db.models.signals.post_delete`
  Sent before or after a model’s `delete()` method or queryset’s `delete()` method is called.
- `django.db.models.signals.m2m_changed`
  Sent when a ManyToManyField on a model is changed.
- `django.core.signals.request_started` & `django.core.signals.request_finished`
  Sent when Django starts or finishes an HTTP request.

See the *built-in signal documentation* for a complete list, and a complete explanation of each signal.

You can also define and send your own custom signals; see below.

### 3.22.1 Listening to signals

To receive a signal, register a receiver function using the `Signal.connect()` method. The receiver function is called when the signal is sent. All of the signal’s receiver functions are called one at a time, in the order they were registered.

```python
Signal.connect(receiver, sender=None, weak=True, dispatch_uid=None)
```

Parameters

- **receiver** – The callback function which will be connected to this signal. See Receiver functions for more information.
• **sender** – Specifies a particular sender to receive signals from. See Connecting to signals sent by specific senders for more information.

• **weak** – Django stores signal handlers as weak references by default. Thus, if your receiver is a local function, it may be garbage collected. To prevent this, pass weak=False when you call the signal’s connect() method.

• **dispatch_uid** – A unique identifier for a signal receiver in cases where duplicate signals may be sent. See Preventing duplicate signals for more information.

Let’s see how this works by registering a signal that gets called after each HTTP request is finished. We’ll be connecting to the `request_finished` signal.

## Receiver functions

First, we need to define a receiver function. A receiver can be any Python function or method:

```python
def my_callback(sender, **kwargs):
    print("Request finished!")
```

Notice that the function takes a `sender` argument, along with wildcard keyword arguments (**kwargs); all signal handlers must take these arguments.

We’ll look at senders a bit later, but right now look at the **kwargs argument. All signals send keyword arguments, and may change those keyword arguments at any time. In the case of `request_finished`, it’s documented as sending no arguments, which means we might be tempted to write our signal handling as `my_callback(sender)`.

This would be wrong – in fact, Django will throw an error if you do so. That’s because at any point arguments could get added to the signal and your receiver must be able to handle those new arguments.

## Connecting receiver functions

There are two ways you can connect a receiver to a signal. You can take the manual connect route:

```python
from django.core.signals import request_finished
request_finished.connect(my_callback)
```

Alternatively, you can use a `receiver()` decorator:

```python
receiver(signal)

Parameters signal – A signal or a list of signals to connect a function to.
```

Here’s how you connect with the decorator:

```python
from django.core.signals import request_finished
from django.dispatch import receiver

@receiver(request_finished)
def my_callback(sender, **kwargs):
    print("Request finished!")
```

Now, our `my_callback` function will be called each time a request finishes.

### Where should this code live?
Strictly speaking, signal handling and registration code can live anywhere you like, although it’s recommended to avoid the application’s root module and its `models` module to minimize side-effects of importing code.

In practice, signal handlers are usually defined in a `signals` submodule of the application they relate to. Signal receivers are connected in the `ready()` method of your application configuration class. If you’re using the `receiver()` decorator, import the `signals` submodule inside `ready()`.

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Note: The `ready()` method may be executed more than once during testing, so you may want to guard your signals from duplication, especially if you’re planning to send them within tests.

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### Connecting to signals sent by specific senders

Some signals get sent many times, but you’ll only be interested in receiving a certain subset of those signals. For example, consider the `django.db.models.signals.pre_save` signal sent before a model gets saved. Most of the time, you don’t need to know when any model gets saved – just when one specific model is saved.

In these cases, you can register to receive signals sent only by particular senders. In the case of `django.db.models.signals.pre_save`, the sender will be the model class being saved, so you can indicate that you only want signals sent by some model:

```python
from django.db.models.signals import pre_save
from django.dispatch import receiver
from myapp.models import MyModel

@receiver(pre_save, sender=MyModel)
def my_handler(sender, **kwargs):
    ...
```

The `my_handler` function will only be called when an instance of `MyModel` is saved.

Different signals use different objects as their senders; you’ll need to consult the built-in signal documentation for details of each particular signal.

### Preventing duplicate signals

In some circumstances, the code connecting receivers to signals may run multiple times. This can cause your receiver function to be registered more than once, and thus called as many times for a signal event. For example, the `ready()` method may be executed more than once during testing. More generally, this occurs everywhere your project imports the module where you define the signals, because signal registration runs as many times as it is imported.

If this behavior is problematic (such as when using signals to send an email whenever a model is saved), pass a unique identifier as the `dispatch_uid` argument to identify your receiver function. This identifier will usually be a string, although any hashable object will suffice. The end result is that your receiver function will only be bound to the signal once for each unique `dispatch_uid` value:

```python
from django.core.signals import request_finished

request_finished.connect(my_callback, dispatch_uid="my_unique_identifier")
```
3.22.2 Defining and sending signals

Your applications can take advantage of the signal infrastructure and provide its own signals.

When to use custom signals

Signals are implicit function calls which make debugging harder. If the sender and receiver of your custom signal are both within your project, you’re better off using an explicit function call.

Defining signals

class Signal

All signals are\texttt{django.dispatch.Signal} instances.

For example:

```python
import django.dispatch

pizza_done = django.dispatch.Signal()
```

This declares a \texttt{pizza\_done} signal.

Sending signals

There are two ways to send signals in Django.

\texttt{Signal.send} (\texttt{sender}, **\texttt{kwargs})

\texttt{Signal.send\_robust} (\texttt{sender}, **\texttt{kwargs})

To send a signal, call either \texttt{Signal.send()} (all built-in signals use this) or \texttt{Signal.send\_robust()}. You must provide the \texttt{sender} argument (which is a class most of the time) and may provide as many other keyword arguments as you like.

For example, here’s how sending our \texttt{pizza\_done} signal might look:

```python
class PizzaStore:
    ...

    def send\_pizza(self, toppings, size):
        pizza\_done.send(sender=self.__class__, toppings=toppings, size=size)
    ...
```

Both \texttt{send()} and \texttt{send\_robust()} return a list of tuple pairs \([(receiver, response), ... \], representing the list of called receiver functions and their response values.

\texttt{send()} differs from \texttt{send\_robust()} in how exceptions raised by receiver functions are handled. \texttt{send()} does \textit{not} catch any exceptions raised by receivers; it simply allows errors to propagate. Thus not all receivers may be notified of a signal in the face of an error.

\texttt{send\_robust()} catches all errors derived from Python’s \texttt{Exception} class, and ensures all receivers are notified of the signal. If an error occurs, the error instance is returned in the tuple pair for the receiver that raised the error.

The tracebacks are present on the \texttt{__traceback__} attribute of the errors returned when calling \texttt{send\_robust()}.
3.22.3 Disconnecting signals

`Signal.disconnect(receiver=None, sender=None, dispatch_uid=None)`

To disconnect a receiver from a signal, call `Signal.disconnect()`. The arguments are as described in `Signal.connect()`. The method returns `True` if a receiver was disconnected and `False` if not.

The `receiver` argument indicates the registered receiver to disconnect. It may be `None` if `dispatch_uid` is used to identify the receiver.

3.23 System check framework

The system check framework is a set of static checks for validating Django projects. It detects common problems and provides hints for how to fix them. The framework is extensible so you can easily add your own checks.

Checks can be triggered explicitly via the `check` command. Checks are triggered implicitly before most commands, including `runserver` and `migrate`. For performance reasons, checks are not run as part of the WSGI stack that is used in deployment. If you need to run system checks on your deployment server, trigger them explicitly using `check`.

Serious errors will prevent Django commands (such as `runserver`) from running at all. Minor problems are reported to the console. If you have inspected the cause of a warning and are happy to ignore it, you can hide specific warnings using the `SILENCED_SYSTEM_CHECKS` setting in your project settings file.

A full list of all checks that can be raised by Django can be found in the `System check reference`.

3.23.1 Writing your own checks

The framework is flexible and allows you to write functions that perform any other kind of check you may require. The following is an example stub check function:

```python
from django.core.checks import Error, register

@register()
def example_check(app_configs, **kwargs):
    errors = []
    # ... your check logic here
    if check_failed:
        errors.append(
            Error('an error',
                hint='A hint.',
                obj=checked_object,
                id='myapp.E001',
            )
        )
    return errors
```

The check function `must` accept an `app_configs` argument; this argument is the list of applications that should be inspected. If `None`, the check must be run on all installed apps in the project. The `**kwargs` argument is required for future expansion.
Messages

The function must return a list of messages. If no problems are found as a result of the check, the check function must return an empty list.

The warnings and errors raised by the check method must be instances of :class:`~django.core.checks.CheckMessage`. An instance of :class:`~django.core.checks.CheckMessage` encapsulates a single reportable error or warning. It also provides context and hints applicable to the message, and a unique identifier that is used for filtering purposes.

The concept is very similar to messages from the :mod:`message framework` or the :mod:`logging framework`. Messages are tagged with a level indicating the severity of the message.

There are also shortcuts to make creating messages with common levels easier. When using these classes you can omit the level argument because it is implied by the class name.

- `Debug`
- `Info`
- `Warning`
- `Error`
- `Critical`

Registering and labeling checks

Lastly, your check function must be registered explicitly with system check registry. Checks should be registered in a file that’s loaded when your application is loaded; for example, in the :meth:`AppConfig.ready()` method.

```
@register(*tags)(function)
```

You can pass as many tags to register as you want in order to label your check. Tagging checks is useful since it allows you to run only a certain group of checks. For example, to register a compatibility check, you would make the following call:

```python
from django.core.checks import register, Tags

@register(Tags.compatibility)
def my_check(app_configs, **kwargs):
    # ... perform compatibility checks and collect errors
    return errors
```

You can register “deployment checks” that are only relevant to a production settings file like this:

```python
@register(Tags.security, deploy=True)
def my_check(app_configs, **kwargs):
    ...
```

These checks will only be run if the `check --deploy` option is used.

You can also use `register` as a function rather than a decorator by passing a callable object (usually a function) as the first argument to `register`.

The code below is equivalent to the code above:

```python
def my_check(app_configs, **kwargs):
    ...
register(my_check, Tags.security, deploy=True)
```
Field, model, manager, and database checks

In some cases, you won’t need to register your check function – you can piggyback on an existing registration.

Fields, models, model managers, and database backends all implement a `check()` method that is already registered with the check framework. If you want to add extra checks, you can extend the implementation on the base class, perform any extra checks you need, and append any messages to those generated by the base class. It’s recommended that you delegate each check to separate methods.

Consider an example where you are implementing a custom field named `RangedIntegerField`. This field adds `min` and `max` arguments to the constructor of `IntegerField`. You may want to add a check to ensure that users provide a `min` value that is less than or equal to the `max` value. The following code snippet shows how you can implement this check:

```python
from django.core import checks
from django.db import models

class RangedIntegerField(models.IntegerField):
    def __init__(self, min=None, max=None, **kwargs):
        super().__init__(**kwargs)
        self.min = min
        self.max = max

    def check(self, **kwargs):
        # Call the superclass
        errors = super().check(**kwargs)

        # Do some custom checks and add messages to 'errors':
        errors.extend(self._check_min_max_values(**kwargs))

        # Return all errors and warnings
        return errors

    def _check_min_max_values(self, **kwargs):
        if (self.min is not None and
            self.max is not None and
            self.min > self.max):
            return [
                checks.Error(
                    'min greater than max.',
                    hint='Decrease min or increase max.',
                    obj=self,
                    id='myapp.E001',
                )
            ]
        # When no error, return an empty list
        return []
```

If you wanted to add checks to a model manager, you would take the same approach on your subclass of `Manager`.

If you want to add a check to a model class, the approach is almost the same: the only difference is that the check is a classmethod, not an instance method:

```python
class MyModel(models.Model):
    @classmethod
    def check(cls, **kwargs):
        errors = super().check(**kwargs)
        # ... your own checks ...
        return errors
```
Writing tests

Messages are comparable. That allows you to easily write tests:

```python
from django.core.checks import Error
errors = checked_object.check()
expected_errors = [
    Error(
        'an error',
        hint='A hint.',
        obj=checked_object,
        id='myapp.E001',
    )
]
self.assertEqual(errors, expected_errors)
```

### 3.24 External packages

Django ships with a variety of extra, optional tools that solve common problems (`contrib.*`). For easier maintenance and to trim the size of the codebase, a few of those applications have been moved out to separate projects.

#### 3.24.1 Localflavor

django-localflavor is a collection of utilities for particular countries and cultures.

- GitHub
- Documentation
- PyPI

#### 3.24.2 Comments

django-contrib-comments can be used to attach comments to any model, so you can use it for comments on blog entries, photos, book chapters, or anything else. Most users will be better served with a custom solution, or a hosted product like Disqus.

- GitHub
- Documentation
- PyPI

#### 3.24.3 Formtools

django-formtools is a collection of assorted utilities to work with forms.

- GitHub
- Documentation
- PyPI

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3.25 Asynchronous support

Django has support for writing asynchronous (“async”) views, along with an entirely async-enabled request stack if you are running under ASGI. Async views will still work under WSGI, but with performance penalties, and without the ability to have efficient long-running requests.

We’re still working on async support for the ORM and other parts of Django. You can expect to see this in future releases. For now, you can use the sync_to_async() adapter to interact with the sync parts of Django. There is also a whole range of async-native Python libraries that you can integrate with.

Support for async views was added.

3.25.1 Async views

Any view can be declared async by making the callable part of it return a coroutine - commonly, this is done using async def. For a function-based view, this means declaring the whole view using async def. For a class-based view, this means making its __call__() method an async def (not its __init__() or as_view()).

Note: Django uses asyncio.iscoroutinefunction to test if your view is asynchronous or not. If you implement your own method of returning a coroutine, ensure you set the __is_coroutine attribute of the view to asyncio.coroutines._is_coroutine so this function returns True.

Under a WSGI server, async views will run in their own, one-off event loop. This means you can use async features, like concurrent async HTTP requests, without any issues, but you will not get the benefits of an async stack.

The main benefits are the ability to service hundreds of connections without using Python threads. This allows you to use slow streaming, long-polling, and other exciting response types.

If you want to use these, you will need to deploy Django using ASGI instead.

Warning: You will only get the benefits of a fully-asynchronous request stack if you have no synchronous middleware loaded into your site. If there is a piece of synchronous middleware, then Django must use a thread per request to safely emulate a synchronous environment for it.

Middleware can be built to support both sync and async contexts. Some of Django’s middleware is built like this, but not all. To see what middleware Django has to adapt, you can turn on debug logging for the django.request logger and look for log messages about “Synchronous middleware … adapted”.

In both ASGI and WSGI mode, you can still safely use asynchronous support to run code concurrently rather than serially. This is especially handy when dealing with external APIs or data stores.

If you want to call a part of Django that is still synchronous, like the ORM, you will need to wrap it in a sync_to_async() call. For example:

```python
from asgiref.sync import sync_to_async
results = await sync_to_async(Blog.objects.get, thread_sensitive=True)(pk=123)
```

You may find it easier to move any ORM code into its own function and call that entire function using sync_to_async(). For example:

```python
from asgiref.sync import sync_to_async
```

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If you accidentally try to call a part of Django that is still synchronous-only from an async view, you will trigger Django’s **asynchronous safety protection** to protect your data from corruption.

**Performance**

When running in a mode that does not match the view (e.g. an async view under WSGI, or a traditional sync view under ASGI), Django must emulate the other call style to allow your code to run. This context-switch causes a small performance penalty of around a millisecond.

This is also true of middleware. Django will attempt to minimize the number of context-switches between sync and async. If you have an ASGI server, but all your middleware and views are synchronous, it will switch just once, before it enters the middleware stack.

However, if you put synchronous middleware between an ASGI server and an asynchronous view, it will have to switch into sync mode for the middleware and then back to async mode for the view. Django will also hold the sync thread open for middleware exception propagation. This may not be noticeable at first, but adding this penalty of one thread per request can remove any async performance advantage.

You should do your own performance testing to see what effect ASGI versus WSGI has on your code. In some cases, there may be a performance increase even for a purely synchronous codebase under ASGI because the request-handling code is still all running asynchronously. In general you will only want to enable ASGI mode if you have asynchronous code in your project.

### 3.25.2 Async safety

**DJANGO_ALLOW_ASYNC_UNSAFE**

Certain key parts of Django are not able to operate safely in an async environment, as they have global state that is not coroutine-aware. These parts of Django are classified as “async-unsafe”, and are protected from execution in an async environment. The ORM is the main example, but there are other parts that are also protected in this way.

If you try to run any of these parts from a thread where there is a *running event loop*, you will get a `SynchronousOnlyOperation` error. Note that you don’t have to be inside an async function directly to have this error occur. If you have called a sync function directly from an async function, without using `sync_to_async()` or similar, then it can also occur. This is because your code is still running in a thread with an active event loop, even though it may not be declared as async code.

If you encounter this error, you should fix your code to not call the offending code from an async context. Instead, write your code that talks to async-unsafe functions in its own, sync function, and call that using `asgiref.sync.sync_to_async()` (or any other way of running sync code in its own thread).

You may still be forced to run sync code from an async context. For example, if the requirement is forced on you by an external environment, such as in a Jupyter notebook. If you are sure there is no chance of the code being run concurrently, and you absolutely need to run this sync code from an async context, then you can disable the warning by setting the `DJANGO_ALLOW_ASYNC_UNSAFE` environment variable to any value.

**Warning:** If you enable this option and there is concurrent access to the async-unsafe parts of Django, you may suffer data loss or corruption. Be very careful and do not use this in production environments.
If you need to do this from within Python, do that with `os.environ`:

```python
import os
os.environ["DJANGO_ALLOW_ASYNC_UNSAFE"] = "true"
```

### 3.25.3 Async adapter functions

It is necessary to adapt the calling style when calling sync code from an async context, or vice-versa. For this there are two adapter functions, from the `asgiref.sync` module: `async_to_sync()` and `sync_to_async()`. They are used to transition between the calling styles while preserving compatibility.

These adapter functions are widely used in Django. The `asgiref` package itself is part of the Django project, and it is automatically installed as a dependency when you install Django with `pip`.

**async_to_sync()**

**async_to_sync**(*async_function*, *force_new_loop=False*)

Takes an async function and returns a sync function that wraps it. Can be used as either a direct wrapper or a decorator:

```python
from asgiref.sync import async_to_sync

async def get_data(...):
    ...

sync_get_data = async_to_sync(get_data)

@async_to_sync
async def get_other_data(...):
    ...
```

The async function is run in the event loop for the current thread, if one is present. If there is no current event loop, a new event loop is spun up specifically for the single async invocation and shut down again once it completes. In either situation, the async function will execute on a different thread to the calling code.

Threadlocals and contextvars values are preserved across the boundary in both directions. `async_to_sync()` is essentially a more powerful version of the `asyncio.run()` function in Python’s standard library. As well as ensuring threadlocals work, it also enables the `thread_sensitive` mode of `sync_to_async()` when that wrapper is used below it.

**sync_to_async()**

**sync_to_async**(*sync_function*, *thread_sensitive=True*)

Takes a sync function and returns an async function that wraps it. Can be used as either a direct wrapper or a decorator:

```python
from asgiref.sync import sync_to_async

async_function = sync_to_async(sync_function, thread_sensitive=False)
async_function = sync_to_async(sensitive_sync_function, thread_sensitive=True)

@sync_to_async
def sync_function(...):
    ...
```
Threadlocals and contextvars values are preserved across the boundary in both directions.

Sync functions tend to be written assuming they all run in the main thread, so `sync_to_async()` has two threading modes:

- `thread_sensitive=True` (the default): the sync function will run in the same thread as all other `thread_sensitive` functions. This will be the main thread, if the main thread is synchronous and you are using the `async_to_sync()` wrapper.

- `thread_sensitive=False`: the sync function will run in a brand new thread which is then closed once the invocation completes.

**Warning:** `asgiref` version 3.3.0 changed the default value of the `thread_sensitive` parameter to `True`. This is a safer default, and in many cases interacting with Django the correct value, but be sure to evaluate uses of `sync_to_async()` if updating `asgiref` from a prior version.

Thread-sensitive mode is quite special, and does a lot of work to run all functions in the same thread. Note, though, that it relies on usage of `async_to_sync()` above it in the stack to correctly run things on the main thread. If you use `asyncio.run()` or similar, it will fall back to running thread-sensitive functions in a single, shared thread, but this will not be the main thread.

The reason this is needed in Django is that many libraries, specifically database adapters, require that they are accessed in the same thread that they were created in. Also a lot of existing Django code assumes it all runs in the same thread, e.g. middleware adding things to a request for later use in views.

Rather than introduce potential compatibility issues with this code, we instead opted to add this mode so that all existing Django sync code runs in the same thread and thus is fully compatible with async mode. Note that sync code will always be in a different thread to any async code that is calling it, so you should avoid passing raw database handles or other thread-sensitive references around.
Here you’ll find short answers to “How do I...?” types of questions. These how-to guides don’t cover topics in depth – you’ll find that material in the Using Django and the API Reference. However, these guides will help you quickly accomplish common tasks.

4.1 Authentication using REMOTE_USER

This document describes how to make use of external authentication sources (where the Web server sets the REMOTE_USER environment variable) in your Django applications. This type of authentication solution is typically seen on intranet sites, with single sign-on solutions such as IIS and Integrated Windows Authentication or Apache and mod_authnz_ldap, CAS, Cosign, WebAuth, mod_auth_sspi, etc.

When the Web server takes care of authentication it typically sets the REMOTE_USER environment variable for use in the underlying application. In Django, REMOTE_USER is made available in the request.META attribute. Django can be configured to make use of the REMOTE_USER value using the RemoteUserMiddleware or PersistentRemoteUserMiddleware, and RemoteUserBackend classes found in django.contrib.auth.

4.1.1 Configuration

First, you must add the django.contrib.auth.middleware.RemoteUserMiddleware to the MIDDLEWARE setting after the django.contrib.auth.middleware.AuthenticationMiddleware:

```python
MIDDLEWARE = [  
    '...',  
    'django.contrib.auth.middleware.AuthenticationMiddleware',  
    'django.contrib.auth.middleware.RemoteUserMiddleware',  
    '...',  
]
```

Next, you must replace the ModelBackend with RemoteUserBackend in the AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS setting:
AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS = [  'django.contrib.auth.backends.RemoteUserBackend',]

With this setup, RemoteUserMiddleware will detect the username in request.META['REMOTE_USER'] and will authenticate and auto-login that user using the RemoteUserBackend.

Be aware that this particular setup disables authentication with the default ModelBackend. This means that if the REMOTE_USER value is not set then the user is unable to log in, even using Django’s admin interface. Adding 'django.contrib.auth.backends.ModelBackend' to the AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS list will use ModelBackend as a fallback if REMOTE_USER is absent, which will solve these issues.

Django’s user management, such as the views in contrib.admin and the create superuser management command, doesn’t integrate with remote users. These interfaces work with users stored in the database regardless of AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS.

Note: Since the RemoteUserBackend inherits from ModelBackend, you will still have all of the same permissions checking that is implemented in ModelBackend.

Users with is_active=False won’t be allowed to authenticate. Use AllowAllUsersRemoteUserBackend if you want to allow them to.

If your authentication mechanism uses a custom HTTP header and not REMOTE_USER, you can subclass RemoteUserMiddleware and set the header attribute to the desired request.META key. For example:

```
from django.contrib.auth.middleware import RemoteUserMiddleware

class CustomHeaderMiddleware(RemoteUserMiddleware):
    header = 'HTTP_AUTHUSER'
```

Warning: Be very careful if using a RemoteUserMiddleware subclass with a custom HTTP header. You must be sure that your front-end web server always sets or strips that header based on the appropriate authentication checks, never permitting an end-user to submit a fake (or “spoofed”) header value. Since the HTTP headers X-Auth-User and X-Auth_User (for example) both normalize to the HTTP_X_AUTH_USER key in request.META, you must also check that your web server doesn’t allow a spoofed header using underscores in place of dashes.

This warning doesn’t apply to RemoteUserMiddleware in its default configuration with header = 'REMOTE_USER', since a key that doesn’t start with HTTP_ in request.META can only be set by your WSGI server, not directly from an HTTP request header.

If you need more control, you can create your own authentication backend that inherits from RemoteUserBackend and override one or more of its attributes and methods.

### 4.1.2 Using REMOTE_USER on login pages only

The RemoteUserMiddleware authentication middleware assumes that the HTTP request header REMOTE_USER is present with all authenticated requests. That might be expected and practical when Basic HTTP Auth with htpasswd or similar mechanisms are used, but with Negotiate (GSSAPI/Kerberos) or other resource intensive authentication methods, the authentication in the front-end HTTP server is usually only set up for one or a few login URLs, and after successful authentication, the application is supposed to maintain the authenticated session itself.
PersistentRemoteUserMiddleware provides support for this use case. It will maintain the authenticated session until explicit logout by the user. The class can be used as a drop-in replacement of RemoteUserMiddleware in the documentation above.

4.2 Writing custom django-admin commands

Applications can register their own actions with manage.py. For example, you might want to add a manage.py action for a Django app that you’re distributing. In this document, we will be building a custom closepoll command for the polls application from the tutorial.

To do this, add a management/commands directory to the application. Django will register a manage.py command for each Python module in that directory whose name doesn’t begin with an underscore. For example:

```
polls/
  __init__.py
  models.py
  management/
    commands/
      _private.py
      closepoll.py
  tests.py
  views.py
```

In this example, the closepoll command will be made available to any project that includes the polls application in INSTALLED_APPS.

The _private.py module will not be available as a management command.

The closepoll.py module has only one requirement – it must define a class Command that extends BaseCommand or one of its subclasses.

Standalone scripts

Custom management commands are especially useful for running standalone scripts or for scripts that are periodically executed from the UNIX crontab or from Windows scheduled tasks control panel.

To implement the command, edit polls/management/commands/closepoll.py to look like this:

```python
from django.core.management.base import BaseCommand, CommandError
from polls.models import Question as Poll

class Command(BaseCommand):
    help = 'Closes the specified poll for voting'

    def add_arguments(self, parser):
        parser.add_argument('poll_ids', nargs='+', type=int)

    def handle(self, *args, **options):
        for poll_id in options['poll_ids']:
            try:
                poll = Poll.objects.get(pk=poll_id)
            except Poll.DoesNotExist:
                raise CommandError('Poll "%s" does not exist' % poll_id)

            poll.opened = False
```

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poll.save()

    self.stdout.write(self.style.SUCCESS('Successfully closed poll "%s"' % poll_id))

Note: When you are using management commands and wish to provide console output, you should write to self.stdout and self.stderr, instead of printing to stdout and stderr directly. By using these proxies, it becomes much easier to test your custom command. Note also that you don’t need to end messages with a newline character, it will be added automatically, unless you specify the ending parameter:

    self.stdout.write("Unterminated line", ending='')

The new custom command can be called using python manage.py closepoll <poll_ids>.
The handle() method takes one or more poll_ids and sets poll.opened to False for each one. If the user referenced any nonexistent polls, a CommandError is raised. The poll.opened attribute does not exist in the tutorial and was added to polls.models.Question for this example.

### 4.2.1 Accepting optional arguments

The same closepoll could be easily modified to delete a given poll instead of closing it by accepting additional command line options. These custom options can be added in the add_arguments() method like this:

```python
class Command(BaseCommand):
    def add_arguments(self, parser):
        # Positional arguments
        parser.add_argument('poll_ids', nargs='+', type=int)

        # Named (optional) arguments
        parser.add_argument(
            '--delete',
            action='store_true',
            help='Delete poll instead of closing it',
        )

    def handle(self, *args, **options):
        # ...
        if options['delete']:
            poll.delete()
        # ...
```

The option (delete in our example) is available in the options dict parameter of the handle method. See the argparse Python documentation for more about add_argument usage.

In addition to being able to add custom command line options, all management commands can accept some default options such as --verbosity and --traceback.

### 4.2.2 Management commands and locales

By default, management commands are executed with the current active locale.
If, for some reason, your custom management command must run without an active locale (for example, to prevent translated content from being inserted into the database), deactivate translations using the `@no_translations` decorator on your `handle()` method:

```python
from django.core.management.base import BaseCommand, no_translations
class Command(BaseCommand):
    ...
    @no_translations
def handle(self, *args, **options):
        ...
```

Since translation deactivation requires access to configured settings, the decorator can’t be used for commands that work without configured settings.

### 4.2.3 Testing

Information on how to test custom management commands can be found in the testing docs.

### 4.2.4 Overriding commands

Django registers the built-in commands and then searches for commands in `INSTALLED_APPS` in reverse. During the search, if a command name duplicates an already registered command, the newly discovered command overrides the first.

In other words, to override a command, the new command must have the same name and its app must be before the overridden command’s app in `INSTALLED_APPS`.

Management commands from third-party apps that have been unintentionally overridden can be made available under a new name by creating a new command in one of your project’s apps (ordered before the third-party app in `INSTALLED_APPS`) which imports the `Command` of the overridden command.

### 4.2.5 Command objects

**class BaseCommand**

The base class from which all management commands ultimately derive.

Use this class if you want access to all of the mechanisms which parse the command-line arguments and work out what code to call in response; if you don’t need to change any of that behavior, consider using one of its subclasses.

Subclassing the `BaseCommand` class requires that you implement the `handle()` method.

**Attributes**

All attributes can be set in your derived class and can be used in `BaseCommand`’s subclasses.

- `BaseCommand.help`:
  A short description of the command, which will be printed in the help message when the user runs the command `python manage.py help <command>`.

- `BaseCommand.missing_args_message`:
  If your command defines mandatory positional arguments, you can customize the message error returned in the case of missing arguments. The default is output by `argparse` (“too few arguments”).

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BaseCommand.\texttt{output\_transaction}

A boolean indicating whether the command outputs SQL statements; if True, the output will automatically be wrapped with BEGIN; and COMMIT; . Default value is False.

BaseCommand.\texttt{requires\_migrations\_checks}

A boolean; if True, the command prints a warning if the set of migrations on disk don’t match the migrations in the database. A warning doesn’t prevent the command from executing. Default value is False.

BaseCommand.\texttt{requires\_system\_checks}

A boolean; if True, the entire Django project will be checked for potential problems prior to executing the command. Default value is True.

BaseCommand.\texttt{style}

An instance attribute that helps create colored output when writing to stdout or stderr. For example:

\begin{verbatim}
self.stdout.write(self.style.SUCCESS('...'))
\end{verbatim}

See Syntax coloring to learn how to modify the color palette and to see the available styles (use uppercased versions of the “roles” described in that section).

If you pass the \texttt{--no-color} option when running your command, all self.style() calls will return the original string uncolored.

\section*{Methods}

\texttt{BaseCommand} has a few methods that can be overridden but only the \texttt{handle()} method must be implemented.

\subsection*{Implementing a constructor in a subclass}

If you implement \texttt{\_\_init\_\_} in your subclass of \texttt{BaseCommand}, you must call \texttt{BaseCommand}'s \texttt{\_\_init\_\_}:

\begin{verbatim}
class Command(BaseCommand):
    def \_\_init\_\_(self, *args, **kwargs):
        super().\_\_init\_\_(*args, **kwargs)
        # ...
\end{verbatim}

BaseCommand.\texttt{create\_parser}(\texttt{prog\_name, subcommand, **kwargs})

Returns a CommandParser instance, which is an ArgumentParser subclass with a few customizations for Django.

You can customize the instance by overriding this method and calling super() with kwargs of ArgumentParser parameters.

BaseCommand.\texttt{add\_arguments}(\texttt{parser})

Entry point to add parser arguments to handle command line arguments passed to the command. Custom commands should override this method to add both positional and optional arguments accepted by the command. Calling super() is not needed when directly subclassing BaseCommand.

BaseCommand.\texttt{get\_version}()

Returns the Django version, which should be correct for all built-in Django commands. User-supplied commands can override this method to return their own version.

BaseCommand.\texttt{execute}(\texttt{*args, **options})

Tries to execute this command, performing system checks if needed (as controlled by the requires_system_checks attribute). If the command raises a CommandError, it’s intercepted and printed to stderr.
Calling a management command in your code

`execute()` should not be called directly from your code to execute a command. Use `call_command()` instead.

```python
BaseCommand.handle(*args, **options)
```

The actual logic of the command. Subclasses must implement this method.

It may return a string which will be printed to stdout (wrapped by BEGIN; and COMMIT; if `output_transaction` is True).

```python
BaseCommand.check(app_configs=None, tags=None, display_num_errors=False)
```

Uses the system check framework to inspect the entire Django project for potential problems. Serious problems are raised as a `CommandError`; warnings are output to stderr; minor notifications are output to stdout.

If `app_configs` and `tags` are both None, all system checks are performed. `tags` can be a list of check tags, like `compatibility` or `models`.

**BaseCommand subclasses**

```python
class AppCommand
```

A management command which takes one or more installed application labels as arguments, and does something with each of them.

Rather than implementing `handle()`, subclasses must implement `handle_app_config()`, which will be called once for each application.

```python
AppCommand.handle_app_config(app_config, **options)
```

Perform the command’s actions for `app_config`, which will be an `AppConfig` instance corresponding to an application label given on the command line.

```python
class LabelCommand
```

A management command which takes one or more arbitrary arguments (labels) on the command line, and does something with each of them.

Rather than implementing `handle()`, subclasses must implement `handle_label()`, which will be called once for each label.

```python
LabelCommand.label
```

A string describing the arbitrary arguments passed to the command. The string is used in the usage text and error messages of the command. Defaults to 'label'.

```python
LabelCommand.handle_label(label, **options)
```

Perform the command’s actions for `label`, which will be the string as given on the command line.

**Command exceptions**

```python
exception CommandError(returncode=1)
```

Exception class indicating a problem while executing a management command.

If this exception is raised during the execution of a management command from a command line console, it will be caught and turned into a nicely-printed error message to the appropriate output stream (i.e., stderr); as a result, raising this exception (with a sensible description of the error) is the preferred way to indicate that something has gone wrong in the execution of a command. It accepts the optional `returncode` argument to customize the exit status for the management command to exit with, using `sys.exit()`.
If a management command is called from code through `call_command()`, it’s up to you to catch the exception when needed.

The `returncode` argument was added.

## 4.3 Writing custom model fields

### 4.3.1 Introduction

The *model reference* documentation explains how to use Django’s standard field classes—`CharField`, `DateField`, etc. For many purposes, those classes are all you’ll need. Sometimes, though, the Django version won’t meet your precise requirements, or you’ll want to use a field that is entirely different from those shipped with Django.

Django’s built-in field types don’t cover every possible database column type—only the common types, such as `VARCHAR` and `INTEGER`. For more obscure column types, such as geographic polygons or even user-created types such as PostgreSQL custom types, you can define your own Django `Field` subclasses.

Alternatively, you may have a complex Python object that can somehow be serialized to fit into a standard database column type. This is another case where a `Field` subclass will help you use your object with your models.

### Our example object

Creating custom fields requires a bit of attention to detail. To make things easier to follow, we’ll use a consistent example throughout this document: wrapping a Python object representing the deal of cards in a hand of Bridge. Don’t worry, you don’t have to know how to play Bridge to follow this example. You only need to know that 52 cards are dealt out equally to four players, who are traditionally called *north*, *east*, *south* and *west*. Our class looks something like this:

```python
class Hand:
    """A hand of cards (bridge style)""
    def __init__(self, north, east, south, west):
        # Input parameters are lists of cards ('Ah', '9s', etc.)
        self.north = north
        self.east = east
        self.south = south
        self.west = west

    # ... (other possibly useful methods omitted) ...
```

This is an ordinary Python class, with nothing Django-specific about it. We’d like to be able to do things like this in our models (we assume the `hand` attribute on the model is an instance of `Hand`):

```python
example = MyModel.objects.get(pk=1)
print(example.hand.north)

new_hand = Hand(north, east, south, west)
example.hand = new_hand
example.save()
```

We assign to and retrieve from the `hand` attribute in our model just like any other Python class. The trick is to tell Django how to handle saving and loading such an object.

In order to use the `Hand` class in our models, we **do not** have to change this class at all. This is ideal, because it means you can easily write model support for existing classes where you cannot change the source code.
**Note:** You might only be wanting to take advantage of custom database column types and deal with the data as standard Python types in your models; strings, or floats, for example. This case is similar to our Hand example and we’ll note any differences as we go along.

### 4.3.2 Background theory

#### Database storage

Let’s start with model fields. If you break it down, a model field provides a way to take a normal Python object – string, boolean, datetime, or something more complex like Hand – and convert it to and from a format that is useful when dealing with the database. (Such a format is also useful for serialization, but as we’ll see later, that is easier once you have the database side under control).

Fields in a model must somehow be converted to fit into an existing database column type. Different databases provide different sets of valid column types, but the rule is still the same: those are the only types you have to work with. Anything you want to store in the database must fit into one of those types.

Normally, you’re either writing a Django field to match a particular database column type, or you will need a way to convert your data to, say, a string.

For our Hand example, we could convert the card data to a string of 104 characters by concatenating all the cards together in a pre-determined order – say, all the north cards first, then the east, south and west cards. So Hand objects can be saved to text or character columns in the database.

#### What does a field class do?

All of Django’s fields (and when we say fields in this document, we always mean model fields and not form fields) are subclasses of django.db.models.Field. Most of the information that Django records about a field is common to all fields – name, help text, uniqueness and so forth. Storing all that information is handled by Field. We’ll get into the precise details of what Field can do later on; for now, suffice it to say that everything descends from Field and then customizes key pieces of the class behavior.

It’s important to realize that a Django field class is not what is stored in your model attributes. The model attributes contain normal Python objects. The field classes you define in a model are actually stored in the Meta class when the model class is created (the precise details of how this is done are unimportant here). This is because the field classes aren’t necessary when you’re just creating and modifying attributes. Instead, they provide the machinery for converting between the attribute value and what is stored in the database or sent to the serializer.

Keep this in mind when creating your own custom fields. The Django Field subclass you write provides the machinery for converting between your Python instances and the database/serializer values in various ways (there are differences between storing a value and using a value for lookups, for example). If this sounds a bit tricky, don’t worry – it will become clearer in the examples below. Just remember that you will often end up creating two classes when you want a custom field:

- The first class is the Python object that your users will manipulate. They will assign it to the model attribute, they will read from it for displaying purposes, things like that. This is the Hand class in our example.

- The second class is the Field subclass. This is the class that knows how to convert your first class back and forth between its permanent storage form and the Python form.
4.3.3 Writing a field subclass

When planning your Field subclass, first give some thought to which existing Field class your new field is most similar to. Can you subclass an existing Django field and save yourself some work? If not, you should subclass the Field class, from which everything is descended.

Initializing your new field is a matter of separating out any arguments that are specific to your case from the common arguments and passing the latter to the __init__() method of Field (or your parent class).

In our example, we’ll call our field HandField. (It’s a good idea to call your Field subclass <Something>Field, so it’s easily identifiable as a Field subclass.) It doesn’t behave like any existing field, so we’ll subclass directly from Field:

```python
from django.db import models

class HandField(models.Field):
    description = "A hand of cards (bridge style)"

    def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
        kwargs['max_length'] = 104
        super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)
```

Our HandField accepts most of the standard field options (see the list below), but we ensure it has a fixed length, since it only needs to hold 52 card values plus their suits; 104 characters in total.

Note: Many of Django’s model fields accept options that they don’t do anything with. For example, you can pass both editable and auto_now to a django.db.models.DateField and it will ignore the editable parameter (auto_now being set implies editable=False). No error is raised in this case.

This behavior simplifies the field classes, because they don’t need to check for options that aren’t necessary. They pass all the options to the parent class and then don’t use them later on. It’s up to you whether you want your fields to be more strict about the options they select, or to use the more permissive behavior of the current fields.

The Field.__init__() method takes the following parameters:

- verbose_name
- name
- primary_key
- max_length
- unique
- blank
- null
- db_index
- rel: Used for related fields (like ForeignKey). For advanced use only.
- default
- editable
- serialize: If False, the field will not be serialized when the model is passed to Django’s serializers. Defaults to True.
- unique_for_date
• `unique_for_month`
• `unique_for_year`
• `choices`
• `help_text`
• `db_column`

• `db_tablespace`: Only for index creation, if the backend supports `tablespaces`. You can usually ignore this option.
• `auto_created`: `True` if the field was automatically created, as for the `OneToOneField` used by model inheritance. For advanced use only.

All of the options without an explanation in the above list have the same meaning they do for normal Django fields. See the field documentation for examples and details.

**Field deconstruction**

The counterpoint to writing your `__init__()` method is writing the `deconstruct()` method. It’s used during `model migrations` to tell Django how to take an instance of your new field and reduce it to a serialized form - in particular, what arguments to pass to `__init__()` to re-create it.

If you haven’t added any extra options on top of the field you inherited from, then there’s no need to write a new `deconstruct()` method. If, however, you’re changing the arguments passed in `__init__()` (like we are in `HandField`), you’ll need to supplement the values being passed.

`deconstruct()` returns a tuple of four items: the field’s attribute name, the full import path of the field class, the positional arguments (as a list), and the keyword arguments (as a dict). Note this is different from the `deconstruct()` method for custom classes which returns a tuple of three things.

As a custom field author, you don’t need to care about the first two values; the base `Field` class has all the code to work out the field’s attribute name and import path. You do, however, have to care about the positional and keyword arguments, as these are likely the things you are changing.

For example, in our `HandField` class we’re always forcibly setting `max_length` in `__init__()`. The `deconstruct()` method on the base `Field` class will see this and try to return it in the keyword arguments; thus, we can drop it from the keyword arguments for readability:

```python
from django.db import models
class HandField(models.Field):

    def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
        kwargs['max_length'] = 104
        super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)

    def deconstruct(self):
        name, path, args, kwars = super().deconstruct()
        del kwars['max_length']
        return name, path, args, kwars
```

If you add a new keyword argument, you need to write code in `deconstruct()` that puts its value into `kwargs` yourself. You should also omit the value from `kwargs` when it isn’t necessary to reconstruct the state of the field, such as when the default value is being used:
from django.db import models

class CommaSepField(models.Field):
    "Implements comma-separated storage of lists"

    def __init__(self, separator=",", *args, **kwargs):
        self.separator = separator
        super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)

    def deconstruct(self):
        name, path, args, kwargs = super().deconstruct()
        # Only include kwarg if it's not the default
        if self.separator != ",":
            kwargs['separator'] = self.separator
        return name, path, args, kwargs

More complex examples are beyond the scope of this document, but remember - for any configuration of your Field instance, deconstruct() must return arguments that you can pass to __init__ to reconstruct that state.

Pay extra attention if you set new default values for arguments in the Field superclass; you want to make sure they're always included, rather than disappearing if they take on the old default value.

In addition, try to avoid returning values as positional arguments; where possible, return values as keyword arguments for maximum future compatibility. If you change the names of things more often than their position in the constructor's argument list, you might prefer positional, but bear in mind that people will be reconstructing your field from the serialized version for quite a while (possibly years), depending how long your migrations live for.

You can see the results of deconstruction by looking in migrations that include the field, and you can test deconstruction in unit tests by deconstructing and reconstructing the field:

```python
name, path, args, kwargs = my_field_instance.deconstruct()
new_instance = MyField(*args, **kwargs)
sself.assertEqual(my_field_instance.some_attribute, new_instance.some_attribute)
```

### Changing a custom field's base class

You can’t change the base class of a custom field because Django won’t detect the change and make a migration for it. For example, if you start with:

```python
class CustomCharField(models.CharField):
    ...
```

and then decide that you want to use TextField instead, you can’t change the subclass like this:

```python
class CustomCharField(models.TextField):
    ...
```

Instead, you must create a new custom field class and update your models to reference it:

```python
class CustomCharField(models.CharField):
    ...

class CustomTextField(models.TextField):
    ...
```

As discussed in removing fields, you must retain the original CustomCharField class as long as you have migrations that reference it.
Documenting your custom field

As always, you should document your field type, so users will know what it is. In addition to providing a docstring for it, which is useful for developers, you can also allow users of the admin app to see a short description of the field type via the `django.contrib.admindocs` application. To do this provide descriptive text in a `description` class attribute of your custom field. In the above example, the description displayed by the `admindocs` application for a `HandField` will be 'A hand of cards (bridge style)'.

In the `django.contrib.admindocs` display, the field description is interpolated with `field.__dict__` which allows the description to incorporate arguments of the field. For example, the description for `CharField` is:

```python
description = _('String (up to %(max_length)s)')
```

Useful methods

Once you’ve created your `Field` subclass, you might consider overriding a few standard methods, depending on your field’s behavior. The list of methods below is in approximately decreasing order of importance, so start from the top.

Custom database types

Say you’ve created a PostgreSQL custom type called `mytype`. You can subclass `Field` and implement the `db_type()` method, like so:

```python
from django.db import models

class MytypeField(models.Field):
    def db_type(self, connection):
        return 'mytype'
```

Once you have `MytypeField`, you can use it in any model, just like any other `Field` type:

```python
class Person(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=80)
    something_else = MytypeField()
```

If you aim to build a database-agnostic application, you should account for differences in database column types. For example, the date/time column type in PostgreSQL is called `timestamp`, while the same column in MySQL is called `datetime`. You can handle this in a `db_type()` method by checking the `connection.settings_dict['ENGINE']` attribute.

For example:

```python
class MyDateField(models.Field):
    def db_type(self, connection):
        if connection.settings_dict['ENGINE'] == 'django.db.backends.mysql':
            return 'datetime'
        else:
            return 'timestamp'
```

The `db_type()` and `rel_db_type()` methods are called by Django when the framework constructs the `CREATE TABLE` statements for your application – that is, when you first create your tables. The methods are also called when constructing a `WHERE` clause that includes the model field – that is, when you retrieve data using QuerySet methods like `get()`, `filter()`, and `exclude()` and have the model field as an argument. They are not called at any other
time, so it can afford to execute slightly complex code, such as the `connection.settings_dict` check in the above example.

Some database column types accept parameters, such as `CHAR(25)`, where the parameter `25` represents the maximum column length. In cases like these, it’s more flexible if the parameter is specified in the model rather than being hard-coded in the `db_type()` method. For example, it wouldn’t make much sense to have a `CharMaxLength25Field`, shown here:

```python
# This is a silly example of hard-coded parameters.
class CharMaxLength25Field(models.Field):
    def db_type(self, connection):
        return 'char(25)'

# In the model:
class MyModel(models.Model):
    # ...
    my_field = CharMaxLength25Field()
```

The better way of doing this would be to make the parameter specifiable at run time – i.e., when the class is instantiated. To do that, implement `Field.__init__()`, like so:

```python
# This is a much more flexible example.
class BetterCharField(models.Field):
    def __init__(self, max_length, *args, **kwargs):
        self.max_length = max_length
        super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)

    def db_type(self, connection):
        return 'char(%s)' % self.max_length

# In the model:
class MyModel(models.Model):
    # ...
    my_field = BetterCharField(25)
```

Finally, if your column requires truly complex SQL setup, return `None` from `db_type()`. This will cause Django’s SQL creation code to skip over this field. You are then responsible for creating the column in the right table in some other way, but this gives you a way to tell Django to get out of the way.

The `rel_db_type()` method is called by fields such as `ForeignKey` and `OneToOneField` that point to another field to determine their database column data types. For example, if you have an `UnsignedAutoField`, you also need the foreign keys that point to that field to use the same data type:

```python
# MySQL unsigned integer (range 0 to 4294967295).
class UnsignedAutoField(models.AutoField):
    def db_type(self, connection):
        return 'integer UNSIGNED AUTO_INCREMENT'

    def rel_db_type(self, connection):
        return 'integer UNSIGNED'
```

### Converting values to Python objects

If your custom `Field` class deals with data structures that are more complex than strings, dates, integers, or floats, then you may need to override `from_db_value()` and `to_python()`.
If present for the field subclass, `from_db_value()` will be called in all circumstances when the data is loaded from the database, including in aggregates and `values()` calls.

`to_python()` is called by deserialization and during the `clean()` method used from forms.

As a general rule, `to_python()` should deal gracefully with any of the following arguments:

- An instance of the correct type (e.g., `Hand` in our ongoing example).
- A string
- `None` (if the field allows `null=True`)

In our `HandField` class, we’re storing the data as a `VARCHAR` field in the database, so we need to be able to process strings and `None` in the `from_db_value()`. In `to_python()`, we need to also handle `Hand` instances:

```python
import re

from django.core.exceptions import ValidationError
from django.db import models
from django.utils.translation import gettext_lazy as _

def parse_hand(hand_string):
    """Takes a string of cards and splits into a full hand.""
    p1 = re.compile('.{26}')
    p2 = re.compile('..')
    args = [p2.findall(x) for x in p1.findall(hand_string)]
    if len(args) != 4:
        raise ValidationError(_("Invalid input for a Hand instance"))
    return Hand(*args)

class HandField(models.Field):
    # ...

    def from_db_value(self, value, expression, connection):
        if value is None:
            return parse_hand(value)
        return value

    def to_python(self, value):
        if isinstance(value, Hand):
            return value
        if value is None:
            return parse_hand(value)
```

Notice that we always return a `Hand` instance from these methods. That’s the Python object type we want to store in the model’s attribute.

For `to_python()`, if anything goes wrong during value conversion, you should raise a `ValidationError` exception.

**Converting Python objects to query values**

Since using a database requires conversion in both ways, if you override `from_db_value()` you also have to override `get_prep_value()` to convert Python objects back to query values.

For example:
**Warning**: If your custom field uses the CHAR, VARCHAR or TEXT types for MySQL, you must make sure that `get_prep_value()` always returns a string type. MySQL performs flexible and unexpected matching when a query is performed on these types and the provided value is an integer, which can cause queries to include unexpected objects in their results. This problem cannot occur if you always return a string type from `get_prep_value()`.

### Converting query values to database values

Some data types (for example, dates) need to be in a specific format before they can be used by a database backend. `get_db_prep_value()` is the method where those conversions should be made. The specific connection that will be used for the query is passed as the `connection` parameter. This allows you to use backend-specific conversion logic if it is required.

For example, Django uses the following method for its `BinaryField`:

```python
def get_db_prep_value(self, value, connection, prepared=False):
    value = super().get_db_prep_value(value, connection, prepared)
    if value is not None:
        return connection.Database.Binary(value)
    return value
```

In case your custom field needs a special conversion when being saved that is not the same as the conversion used for normal query parameters, you can override `get_db_prep_save()`.

### Preprocessing values before saving

If you want to preprocess the value just before saving, you can use `pre_save()`. For example, Django’s `DateTimeField` uses this method to set the attribute correctly in the case of `auto_now` or `auto_now_add`.

If you do override this method, you must return the value of the attribute at the end. You should also update the model’s attribute if you make any changes to the value so that code holding references to the model will always see the correct value.

### Specifying the form field for a model field

To customize the form field used by `ModelForm`, you can override `formfield()`.

The form field class can be specified via the `form_class` and `choices_form_class` arguments; the latter is used if the field has choices specified, the former otherwise. If these arguments are not provided, `CharField` or `TypedChoiceField` will be used.

All of the `kwargs` dictionary is passed directly to the form field’s `__init__()` method. Normally, all you need to do is set up a good default for the `form_class` (and maybe `choices_form_class`) argument and then delegate further handling to the parent class. This might require you to write a custom form field (and even a form widget). See the `forms documentation` for information about this.
Continuing our ongoing example, we can write the `formfield()` method as:

```python
class HandField(models.Field):
    # ...

def formfield(self, **kwargs):
    # This is a fairly standard way to set up some defaults
    # while letting the caller override them.
    defaults = {'form_class': MyFormField}
    defaults.update(kwargs)
    return super().formfield(**defaults)
```

This assumes we’ve imported a `MyFormField` field class (which has its own default widget). This document doesn’t cover the details of writing custom form fields.

**Emulating built-in field types**

If you have created a `db_type()` method, you don’t need to worry about `get_internal_type()` – it won’t be used much. Sometimes, though, your database storage is similar in type to some other field, so you can use that other field’s logic to create the right column.

For example:

```python
class HandField(models.Field):
    # ...

def get_internal_type(self):
    return 'CharField'
```

No matter which database backend we are using, this will mean that `migrate` and other SQL commands create the right column type for storing a string.

If `get_internal_type()` returns a string that is not known to Django for the database backend you are using – that is, it doesn’t appear in `django.db.backends.<db_name>.base.DatabaseWrapper.data_types` – the string will still be used by the serializer, but the default `db_type()` method will return `None`. See the documentation of `db_type()` for reasons why this might be useful. Putting a descriptive string in as the type of the field for the serializer is a useful idea if you’re ever going to be using the serializer output in some other place, outside of Django.

**Converting field data for serialization**

To customize how the values are serialized by a serializer, you can override `value_to_string()`. Using `value_from_object()` is the best way to get the field’s value prior to serialization. For example, since `HandField` uses strings for its data storage anyway, we can reuse some existing conversion code:

```python
class HandField(models.Field):
    # ...

def value_to_string(self, obj):
    value = self.value_from_object(obj)
    return self.get_prep_value(value)
```
Some general advice

Writing a custom field can be a tricky process, particularly if you’re doing complex conversions between your Python types and your database and serialization formats. Here are a couple of tips to make things go more smoothly:

1. Look at the existing Django fields (in `django/db/models/fields/__init__.py`) for inspiration. Try to find a field that’s similar to what you want and extend it a little bit, instead of creating an entirely new field from scratch.

2. Put a `__str__()` method on the class you’re wrapping up as a field. There are a lot of places where the default behavior of the field code is to call `str()` on the value. (In our examples in this document, `value` would be a `Hand` instance, not a `HandField`). So if your `__str__()` method automatically converts to the string form of your Python object, you can save yourself a lot of work.

4.3.4 Writing a FileField subclass

In addition to the above methods, fields that deal with files have a few other special requirements which must be taken into account. The majority of the mechanics provided by `FileField`, such as controlling database storage and retrieval, can remain unchanged, leaving subclasses to deal with the challenge of supporting a particular type of file.

Django provides a `File` class, which is used as a proxy to the file’s contents and operations. This can be subclassed to customize how the file is accessed, and what methods are available. It lives at `django.db.models.files.files`, and its default behavior is explained in the `file documentation`.

Once a subclass of `File` is created, the new `FileField` subclass must be told to use it. To do so, assign the new `File` subclass to the special `attr_class` attribute of the `FileField` subclass.

A few suggestions

In addition to the above details, there are a few guidelines which can greatly improve the efficiency and readability of the field’s code.

1. The source for Django’s own `ImageField` (in `django/db/models/fields/files.py`) is a great example of how to subclass `FileField` to support a particular type of file, as it incorporates all of the techniques described above.

2. Cache file attributes wherever possible. Since files may be stored in remote storage systems, retrieving them may cost extra time, or even money, that isn’t always necessary. Once a file is retrieved to obtain some data about its content, cache as much of that data as possible to reduce the number of times the file must be retrieved on subsequent calls for that information.

4.4 Custom Lookups

Django offers a wide variety of built-in lookups for filtering (for example, `exact` and `icontains`). This documentation explains how to write custom lookups and how to alter the working of existing lookups. For the API references of lookups, see the `Lookup API reference`.

4.4.1 A lookup example

Let’s start with a small custom lookup. We will write a custom lookup `ne` which works opposite to `exact`. `Author.objects.filter(name__ne='Jack')` will translate to the SQL:
This SQL is backend independent, so we don’t need to worry about different databases.

There are two steps to making this work. Firstly we need to implement the lookup, then we need to tell Django about it:

```python
from django.db.models import Lookup

class NotEqual(Lookup):
    lookup_name = 'ne'

    def as_sql(self, compiler, connection):
        lhs, lhs_params = self.process_lhs(compiler, connection)
        rhs, rhs_params = self.process_rhs(compiler, connection)
        params = lhs_params + rhs_params
        return '%s <> %s' % (lhs, rhs), params
```

To register the `NotEqual` lookup we will need to call `register_lookup` on the field class we want the lookup to be available for. In this case, the lookup makes sense on all `Field` subclasses, so we register it with `Field` directly:

```python
from django.db.models import Field
Field.register_lookup(NotEqual)
```

Lookup registration can also be done using a decorator pattern:

```python
from django.db.models import Field
@Field.register_lookup
class NotEqualLookup(Lookup):
    # ...
```

We can now use `foo__ne` for any field `foo`. You will need to ensure that this registration happens before you try to create any querysets using it. You could place the implementation in a `models.py` file, or register the lookup in the `ready()` method of an AppConfig.

Taking a closer look at the implementation, the first required attribute is `lookup_name`. This allows the ORM to understand how to interpret `name__ne` and use `NotEqual` to generate the SQL. By convention, these names are always lowercase strings containing only letters, but the only hard requirement is that it must not contain the string `__`.

We then need to define the `as_sql` method. This takes a SQLCompiler object, called `compiler`, and the active database connection. SQLCompiler objects are not documented, but the only thing we need to know about them is that they have a `compile()` method which returns a tuple containing an SQL string, and the parameters to be interpolated into that string. In most cases, you don’t need to use it directly and can pass it on to `process_lhs()` and `process_rhs()`.

A Lookup works against two values, `lhs` and `rhs`, standing for left-hand side and right-hand side. The left-hand side is usually a field reference, but it can be anything implementing the query expression API. The right-hand is the value given by the user. In the example `Author.objects.filter(name__ne='Jack')`, the left-hand side is a reference to the name field of the Author model, and 'Jack' is the right-hand side.

We call `process_lhs` and `process_rhs` to convert them into the values we need for SQL using the compiler object described before. These methods return tuples containing some SQL and the parameters to be interpolated into that SQL, just as we need to return from our `as_sql` method. In the above example, `process_lhs` returns ('"author"."name"', []) and `process_rhs` returns ('"%s"', ['Jack']). In this example there were no parameters for the left hand side, but this would depend on the object we have, so we still need to include them in the parameters we return.
Finally we combine the parts into an SQL expression with 
<>, and supply all the parameters for the query. We then return a tuple containing the generated SQL string and the parameters.

### 4.4.2 A transformer example

The custom lookup above is great, but in some cases you may want to be able to chain lookups together. For example, let’s suppose we are building an application where we want to make use of the abs() operator. We have an Experiment model which records a start value, end value, and the change (start - end). We would like to find all experiments where the change was equal to a certain amount (Experiment.objects.filter(change__abs=27)), or where it did not exceed a certain amount (Experiment.objects.filter(change__abs__lt=27)).

**Note:** This example is somewhat contrived, but it nicely demonstrates the range of functionality which is possible in a database backend independent manner, and without duplicating functionality already in Django.

We will start by writing an AbsoluteValue transformer. This will use the SQL function ABS() to transform the value before comparison:

```python
from django.db.models import Transform
class AbsoluteValue(Transform):
    lookup_name = 'abs'
    function = 'ABS'
```

Next, let’s register it for IntegerField:

```python
from django.db.models import IntegerField
IntegerField.register_lookup(AbsoluteValue)
```

We can now run the queries we had before. Experiment.objects.filter(change__abs=27) will generate the following SQL:

```
SELECT ... WHERE ABS("experiments"."change") = 27
```

By using Transform instead of Lookup it means we are able to chain further lookups afterwards. So Experiment.objects.filter(change__abs__lt=27) will generate the following SQL:

```
SELECT ... WHERE ABS("experiments"."change") < 27
```

Note that in case there is no other lookup specified, Django interprets change__abs=27 as change__abs__exact=27.

This also allows the result to be used in ORDER BY and DISTINCT ON clauses. For example Experiment.objects.order_by('change__abs') generates:

```
SELECT ... ORDER BY ABS("experiments"."change") ASC
```

And on databases that support distinct on fields (such as PostgreSQL), Experiment.objects.distinct('change__abs') generates:

```
SELECT ... DISTINCT ON ABS("experiments"."change")
```

When looking for which lookups are allowable after the Transform has been applied, Django uses the output_field attribute. We didn’t need to specify this here as it didn’t change, but supposing we were applying AbsoluteValue to some field which represents a more complex type (for example a point relative to an origin,
or a complex number) then we may have wanted to specify that the transform returns a FloatField type for further lookups. This can be done by adding an output_field attribute to the transform:

```python
from django.db.models import FloatField, Transform

class AbsoluteValue(Transform):
    lookup_name = 'abs'
    function = 'ABS'

    @property
    def output_field(self):
        return FloatField()

This ensures that further lookups like abs__lte behave as they would for a FloatField.

4.4.3 Writing an efficient abs__lt lookup

When using the above written abs lookup, the SQL produced will not use indexes efficiently in some cases. In particular, when we use change__abs__lt=27, this is equivalent to change__gt=-27 AND change__lt=27. (For the lte case we could use the SQL BETWEEN).

So we would like `Experiment.objects.filter(change__abs__lt=27)` to generate the following SQL:

```
SELECT .. WHERE "experiments"."change" < 27 AND "experiments"."change" > -27
```

The implementation is:

```python
from django.db.models import Lookup

class AbsoluteValueLessThan(Lookup):
    lookup_name = 'lt'

    def as_sql(self, compiler, connection):
        lhs, lhs_params = compiler.compile(self.lhs.lhs)
        rhs, rhs_params = self.process_rhs(compiler, connection)
        params = lhs_params + rhs_params + lhs_params + rhs_params
        return '%s < %s AND %s > -%s' % (lhs, rhs, rhs, lhs), params

AbsoluteValue.register_lookup(AbsoluteValueLessThan)
```

There are a couple of notable things going on. First, AbsoluteValueLessThan isn’t calling process_lhs(). Instead it skips the transformation of the lhs done by AbsoluteValue and uses the original lhs. That is, we want to get "experiments"."change" not ABS("experiments"."change"). Referring directly to self.lhs.lhs is safe as AbsoluteValueLessThan can be accessed only from the AbsoluteValue lookup, that is the lhs is always an instance of AbsoluteValue.

Notice also that as both sides are used multiple times in the query the params need to contain lhs_params and rhs_params multiple times.

The final query does the inversion (27 to -27) directly in the database. The reason for doing this is that if the self.rhs is something else than a plain integer value (for example an F() reference) we can’t do the transformations in Python.

**Note:** In fact, most lookups with __abs could be implemented as range queries like this, and on most database backends it is likely to be more sensible to do so as you can make use of the indexes. However with PostgreSQL you may want to add an index on abs(change) which would allow these queries to be very efficient.
4.4.4 A bilateral transformer example

The **AbsoluteValue** example we discussed previously is a transformation which applies to the left-hand side of the lookup. There may be some cases where you want the transformation to be applied to both the left-hand side and the right-hand side. For instance, if you want to filter a queryset based on the equality of the left and right-hand side insensitively to some SQL function.

Let’s examine case-insensitive transformations here. This transformation isn’t very useful in practice as Django already comes with a bunch of built-in case-insensitive lookups, but it will be a nice demonstration of bilateral transformations in a database-agnostic way.

We define an **UpperCase** transformer which uses the SQL function `UPPER()` to transform the values before comparison. We define `bilateral = True` to indicate that this transformation should apply to both `lhs` and `rhs`:

```python
from django.db.models import Transform
class UpperCase(Transform):
    lookup_name = 'upper'
    function = 'UPPER'
    bilateral = True
```

Next, let’s register it:

```python
from django.db.models import CharField, TextField
CharField.register_lookup(UpperCase)
TextField.register_lookup(UpperCase)
```

Now, the queryset `Author.objects.filter(name__upper="doe")` will generate a case insensitive query like this:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE UPPER("author"."name") = UPPER('doe')
```

4.4.5 Writing alternative implementations for existing lookups

Sometimes different database vendors require different SQL for the same operation. For this example we will rewrite a custom implementation for MySQL for the NotEqual operator. Instead of `<>` we will be using `!=` operator. (Note that in reality almost all databases support both, including all the official databases supported by Django).

We can change the behavior on a specific backend by creating a subclass of `NotEqual` with an `as_mysql` method:

```python
class MySQLNotEqual(NotEqual):
    def as_mysql(self, compiler, connection, **extra_context):
        lhs, lhs_params = self.process_lhs(compiler, connection)
        rhs, rhs_params = self.process_rhs(compiler, connection)
        params = lhs_params + rhs_params
        return '%s != %s' % (lhs, rhs), params

Field.register_lookup(MySQLNotEqual)
```

We can then register it with `Field`. It takes the place of the original `NotEqual` class as it has the same `lookup_name`.

When compiling a query, Django first looks for `as_%s % connection.vendor` methods, and then falls back to `as_sql`. The vendor names for the in-built backends are `sqlite.postgresql.oracle` and `mysql`.
4.4.6 How Django determines the lookups and transforms which are used

In some cases you may wish to dynamically change which Transform or Lookup is returned based on the name passed in, rather than fixing it. As an example, you could have a field which stores coordinates or an arbitrary dimension, and wish to allow a syntax like `.filter(coords__x7=4)` to return the objects where the 7th coordinate has value 4. In order to do this, you would override `get_lookup` with something like:

```python
class CoordinatesField(Field):
    def get_lookup(self, lookup_name):
        if lookup_name.startswith('x'):
            try:
                dimension = int(lookup_name[1:])
            except ValueError:
                pass
        else:
            return get_coordinate_lookup(dimension)
        return super().get_lookup(lookup_name)
```

You would then define `get_coordinate_lookup` appropriately to return a `Lookup` subclass which handles the relevant value of dimension.

There is a similarly named method called `get_transform()`. `get_lookup()` should always return a `Lookup` subclass, and `get_transform()` a `Transform` subclass. It is important to remember that `Transform` objects can be further filtered on, and `Lookup` objects cannot.

When filtering, if there is only one lookup name remaining to be resolved, we will look for a `Lookup`. If there are multiple names, it will look for a `Transform`. In the situation where there is only one name and a `Lookup` is not found, we look for a `Transform` and then the exact lookup on that `Transform`. All call sequences always end with a `Lookup`. To clarify:

- `.filter(myfield__mylookup)` will call `myfield.get_lookup('mylookup')`.
- `.filter(myfield__mytransform__mylookup)` will call `myfield.get_transform('mytransform').get_lookup('mylookup')`.
- `.filter(myfield__mytransform)` will first call `myfield.get_lookup('mytransform')`, which will fail, so it will fall back to calling `myfield.get_transform('mytransform')` and then `mytransform.get_lookup('exact')`.

4.5 Custom template backend

4.5.1 Custom backends

Here’s how to implement a custom template backend in order to use another template system. A template backend is a class that inherits `django.template.backends.base.BaseEngine`. It must implement `get_template()` and optionally `from_string()`. Here’s an example for a fictional foobar template library:

```python
from django.template import TemplateDoesNotExist, TemplateSyntaxError
from django.template.backends.base import BaseEngine
from django.template.backends.utils import csrf_input_lazy, csrf_token_lazy

import foobar

class FooBar(BaseEngine):
    (continues on next page)
```
# Name of the subdirectory containing the templates for this engine
# inside an installed application.

app_dirname = 'foobar'

def __init__(self, params):
    params = params.copy()
    options = params.pop('OPTIONS').copy()
    super().__init__(params)
    self.engine = foobar.Engine(**options)

def from_string(self, template_code):
    try:
        return Template(self.engine.from_string(template_code))
    except foobar.TemplateCompilationFailed as exc:
        raise TemplateSyntaxError(exc.args)

def get_template(self, template_name):
    try:
        return Template(self.engine.get_template(template_name))
    except foobar.TemplateNotFound as exc:
        raise TemplateDoesNotExist(exc.args, backend=self)
    except foobar.TemplateCompilationFailed as exc:
        raise TemplateSyntaxError(exc.args)

class Template:

def __init__(self, template):
    self.template = template

def render(self, context=None, request=None):
    if context is None:
        context = {}
    if request is not None:
        context['request'] = request
        context['csrf_input'] = csrf_input_lazy(request)
        context['csrf_token'] = csrf_token_lazy(request)
    return self.template.render(context)

See DEP 182 for more information.

4.5.2 Debug integration for custom engines

The Django debug page has hooks to provide detailed information when a template error arises. Custom template engines can use these hooks to enhance the traceback information that appears to users. The following hooks are available:

Template postmortem

The postmortem appears when TemplateDoesNotExist is raised. It lists the template engines and loaders that were used when trying to find a given template. For example, if two Django engines are configured, the postmortem will appear like:
Template-loader postmortem

Django tried loading these templates, in this order:

Using engine django:
- django.template.loaders.filesystem.Loader:/path/to/templates2/xnotexists.html (Source does not exist)
- django.template.loaders.filesystem.Loader:/path/to/templates/xnotexists.html (Source does not exist)
- django.template.loaders.app_directories.Loader:/path/to/app1/templates/xnotexists.html (Source does not exist)

Using engine django2:
- django.template.loaders.filesystem.Loader:/path/to/django2/xnotexists.html (Source does not exist)

Custom engines can populate the postmortem by passing the backend and tried arguments when raising TemplateDoesNotExist. Backends that use the postmortem should specify an origin on the template object.

Contextual line information

If an error happens during template parsing or rendering, Django can display the line the error happened on. For example:

Error during template rendering

In template /path/to/template.html, error at line 4

Invalid block tag: 'syntax'

```plaintext
1 some
2 lines
3 before
4 Hello {% syntax error %} {{ world }}
5 some
6 lines
7 after
8
```

Custom engines can populate this information by setting a template_debug attribute on exceptions raised during parsing and rendering. This attribute is a dict with the following values:

- 'name': The name of the template in which the exception occurred.
- 'message': The exception message.
- 'source_lines': The lines before, after, and including the line the exception occurred on. This is for context, so it shouldn’t contain more than 20 lines or so.
- 'line': The line number on which the exception occurred.
- 'before': The content on the error line before the token that raised the error.
- 'during': The token that raised the error.
- 'after': The content on the error line after the token that raised the error.
- 'total': The number of lines in source_lines.
- 'top': The line number where source_lines starts.
- 'bottom': The line number where source_lines ends.

Given the above template error, template_debug would look like:
Origin API and 3rd-party integration

Django templates have an `Origin` object available through the `template.origin` attribute. This enables debug information to be displayed in the template postmortem, as well as in 3rd-party libraries, like the Django Debug Toolbar.

Custom engines can provide their own `template.origin` information by creating an object that specifies the following attributes:

- 'name': The full path to the template.
- 'template_name': The relative path to the template as passed into the template loading methods.
- 'loader_name': An optional string identifying the function or class used to load the template, e.g. `django.template.loaders.filesystem.Loader`.

4.6 Custom template tags and filters

Django’s template language comes with a wide variety of built-in tags and filters designed to address the presentation logic needs of your application. Nevertheless, you may find yourself needing functionality that is not covered by the core set of template primitives. You can extend the template engine by defining custom tags and filters using Python, and then make them available to your templates using the `{% load %}` tag.

4.6.1 Code layout

The most common place to specify custom template tags and filters is inside a Django app. If they relate to an existing app, it makes sense to bundle them there; otherwise, they can be added to a new app. When a Django app is added to `INSTALLED_APPS`, any tags it defines in the conventional location described below are automatically made available to load within templates.
The app should contain a `templatetags` directory, at the same level as `models.py`, `views.py`, etc. If this doesn’t already exist, create it - don’t forget the `__init__.py` file to ensure the directory is treated as a Python package.

**Development server won’t automatically restart**

After adding the `templatetags` module, you will need to restart your server before you can use the tags or filters in templates.

Your custom tags and filters will live in a module inside the `templatetags` directory. The name of the module file is the name you’ll use to load the tags later, so be careful to pick a name that won’t clash with custom tags and filters in another app.

For example, if your custom tags/filters are in a file called `poll_extras.py`, your app layout might look like this:

```python
polls/
    __init__.py
    models.py
    templatetags/
        __init__.py
        poll_extras.py
    views.py
```

And in your template you would use the following:

```html
{% load poll_extras %}
```

The app that contains the custom tags must be in `INSTALLED_APPS` in order for the `{% load %}` tag to work. This is a security feature: It allows you to host Python code for many template libraries on a single host machine without enabling access to all of them for every Django installation.

There’s no limit on how many modules you put in the `templatetags` package. Just keep in mind that a `{% load %}` statement will load tags/filters for the given Python module name, not the name of the app.

To be a valid tag library, the module must contain a module-level variable named `register` that is a `template.Library` instance, in which all the tags and filters are registered. So, near the top of your module, put the following:

```python
from django import template

register = template.Library()
```

Alternatively, template tag modules can be registered through the 'libraries' argument to `DjangoTemplates`. This is useful if you want to use a different label from the template tag module name when loading template tags. It also enables you to register tags without installing an application.

**Behind the scenes**

For a ton of examples, read the source code for Django’s default filters and tags. They’re in `django/template/defaultfilters.py` and `django/template/defaulttags.py`, respectively.

For more information on the `load` tag, read its documentation.

### 4.6.2 Writing custom template filters

Custom filters are Python functions that take one or two arguments:
• The value of the variable (input) – not necessarily a string.

• The value of the argument – this can have a default value, or be left out altogether.

For example, in the filter {{ var|foo:"bar" }}, the filter foo would be passed the variable var and the argument "bar".

Since the template language doesn’t provide exception handling, any exception raised from a template filter will be exposed as a server error. Thus, filter functions should avoid raising exceptions if there is a reasonable fallback value to return. In case of input that represents a clear bug in a template, raising an exception may still be better than silent failure which hides the bug.

Here’s an example filter definition:

```python
def cut(value, arg):
    """Removes all values of arg from the given string"""
    return value.replace(arg, '')
```

And here’s an example of how that filter would be used:

```html
{{ somevariable|cut:"0" }}
```

Most filters don’t take arguments. In this case, leave the argument out of your function:

```python
def lower(value):
    # Only one argument.
    """Converts a string into all lowercase"""
    return value.lower()
```

### Registering custom filters

django.template.Library.filter()

Once you’ve written your filter definition, you need to register it with your Library instance, to make it available to Django’s template language:

```python
register.filter('cut', cut)
register.filter('lower', lower)
```

The Library.filter() method takes two arguments:

1. The name of the filter – a string.
2. The compilation function – a Python function (not the name of the function as a string).

You can use register.filter() as a decorator instead:

```python
@register.filter(name='cut')
def cut(value, arg):
    return value.replace(arg, '')

@register.filter
def lower(value):
    return value.lower()
```

If you leave off the name argument, as in the second example above, Django will use the function’s name as the filter name.

Finally, register.filter() also accepts three keyword arguments, is_safe, needs_autoescape, and expects_localtime. These arguments are described in filters and auto-escaping and filters and time zones below.
Template filters that expect strings

django.template.defaultfilters.stringfilter()

If you’re writing a template filter that only expects a string as the first argument, you should use the decorator stringfilter. This will convert an object to its string value before being passed to your function:

```python
from django import template
from django.template.defaultfilters import stringfilter

register = template.Library()
@register.filter
@stringfilter
def lower(value):
    return value.lower()
```

This way, you’ll be able to pass, say, an integer to this filter, and it won’t cause an AttributeError (because integers don’t have lower() methods).

Filters and auto-escaping

When writing a custom filter, give some thought to how the filter will interact with Django’s auto-escaping behavior.

Note that two types of strings can be passed around inside the template code:

- **Raw strings** are the native Python strings. On output, they’re escaped if auto-escaping is in effect and presented unchanged, otherwise.
- **Safe strings** are strings that have been marked safe from further escaping at output time. Any necessary escaping has already been done. They’re commonly used for output that contains raw HTML that is intended to be interpreted as-is on the client side.

Internally, these strings are of type SafeString. You can test for them using code like:

```python
from django.utils.safestring import SafeString

if isinstance(value, SafeString):
    # Do something with the "safe" string.
    ...
```

Template filter code falls into one of two situations:

1. Your filter does not introduce any HTML-unsafe characters (<, >, ', " or &) into the result that were not already present. In this case, you can let Django take care of all the auto-escaping handling for you. All you need to do is set the is_safe flag to True when you register your filter function, like so:

```python
@register.filter(is_safe=True)
def myfilter(value):
    return value
```

This flag tells Django that if a “safe” string is passed into your filter, the result will still be “safe” and if a non-safe string is passed in, Django will automatically escape it, if necessary.

You can think of this as meaning “this filter is safe – it doesn’t introduce any possibility of unsafe HTML.”

The reason is_safe is necessary is because there are plenty of normal string operations that will turn a SafeData object back into a normal str object and, rather than try to catch them all, which would be very difficult, Django repairs the damage after the filter has completed.
For example, suppose you have a filter that adds the string `xx` to the end of any input. Since this introduces no dangerous HTML characters to the result (aside from any that were already present), you should mark your filter with `is_safe`:

```python
@register.filter(is_safe=True)
def add_xx(value):
    return '%sxx' % value
```

When this filter is used in a template where auto-escaping is enabled, Django will escape the output whenever the input is not already marked as "safe".

By default, `is_safe` is `False`, and you can omit it from any filters where it isn’t required.

Be careful when deciding if your filter really does leave safe strings as safe. If you’re removing characters, you might inadvertently leave unbalanced HTML tags or entities in the result. For example, removing a `>` from the input might turn `<a>` into `<a`, which would need to be escaped on output to avoid causing problems. Similarly, removing a semicolon (`;`) can turn `&` into `&amp`, which is no longer a valid entity and thus needs further escaping. Most cases won’t be nearly this tricky, but keep an eye out for any problems like that when reviewing your code.

Marking a filter `is_safe` will coerce the filter’s return value to a string. If your filter should return a boolean or other non-string value, marking it `is_safe` will probably have unintended consequences (such as converting a boolean `False` to the string ‘False’).

2. Alternatively, your filter code can manually take care of any necessary escaping. This is necessary when you’re introducing new HTML markup into the result. You want to mark the output as safe from further escaping so that your HTML markup isn’t escaped further, so you’ll need to handle the input yourself.

To mark the output as a safe string, use `django.utils.safestring.mark_safe()`.

Be careful, though. You need to do more than just mark the output as safe. You need to ensure it really is safe, and what you do depends on whether auto-escaping is in effect. The idea is to write filters that can operate in templates where auto-escaping is either on or off in order to make things easier for your template authors.

In order for your filter to know the current auto-escaping state, set the `needs_autoescape` flag to `True` when you register your filter function. (If you don’t specify this flag, it defaults to `False`). This flag tells Django that your filter function wants to be passed an extra keyword argument, called `autoescape`, that is `True` if auto-escaping is in effect and `False` otherwise. It is recommended to set the default of the `autoescape` parameter to `True`, so that if you call the function from Python code it will have escaping enabled by default.

For example, let’s write a filter that emphasizes the first character of a string:

```python
from django import template
from django.utils.html import conditional_escape
from django.utils.safestring import mark_safe

register = template.Library()
@register.filter(needs_autoescape=True)
def initial_letter_filter(text, autoescape=True):
    first, other = text[0], text[1:]
    if autoescape:
        esc = conditional_escape
    else:
        esc = lambda x: x
    result = '<strong>%s</strong>%s' % (esc(first), esc(other))
    return mark_safe(result)
```

The `needs_autoescape` flag and the `autoescape` keyword argument mean that our function will know whether automatic escaping is in effect when the filter is called. We use `autoescape` to decide whether the
input data needs to be passed through `django.utils.html.conditional_escape` or not. (In the latter case, we use the identity function as the “escape” function.) The `conditional_escape()` function is like `escape()` except it only escapes input that is not a `SafeData` instance. If a `SafeData` instance is passed to `conditional_escape()`, the data is returned unchanged.

Finally, in the above example, we remember to mark the result as safe so that our HTML is inserted directly into the template without further escaping.

There’s no need to worry about the `is_safe` flag in this case (although including it wouldn’t hurt anything). Whenever you manually handle the auto-escaping issues and return a safe string, the `is_safe` flag won’t change anything either way.

**Warning:** Avoiding XSS vulnerabilities when reusing built-in filters

Django’s built-in filters have `autoescape=True` by default in order to get the proper autoescaping behavior and avoid a cross-site script vulnerability.

In older versions of Django, be careful when reusing Django’s built-in filters as `autoescape` defaults to `None`. You’ll need to pass `autoescape=True` to get autoescaping.

For example, if you wanted to write a custom filter called `urlize_and_linebreaks` that combined the `urlize` and `linebreaksbr` filters, the filter would look like:

```python
from django.template.defaultfilters import linebreaksbr, urlize

@register.filter(needs_autoescape=True)
def urlize_and_linebreaks(text, autoescape=True):
    return linebreaksbr(urlize(text, autoescape=autoescape), autoescape=autoescape)
```

Then:

```html
{{ comment|urlize_and_linebreaks }}
```

would be equivalent to:

```html
{{ comment|urlize|linebreaksbr }}
```

**Filters and time zones**

If you write a custom filter that operates on `datetime` objects, you’ll usually register it with the `expects_localtime` flag set to `True`:

```python
@register.filter(expects_localtime=True)
def businesshours(value):
    try:
        return 9 <= value.hour < 17
    except AttributeError:
        return ''
```

When this flag is set, if the first argument to your filter is a time zone aware datetime, Django will convert it to the current time zone before passing it to your filter when appropriate, according to rules for time zones conversions in templates.
4.6.3 Writing custom template tags

Tags are more complex than filters, because tags can do anything. Django provides a number of shortcuts that make writing most types of tags easier. First we’ll explore those shortcuts, then explain how to write a tag from scratch for those cases when the shortcuts aren’t powerful enough.

Simple tags

django.template.Library.simple_tag()

Many template tags take a number of arguments – strings or template variables – and return a result after doing some processing based solely on the input arguments and some external information. For example, a current_time tag might accept a format string and return the time as a string formatted accordingly.

To ease the creation of these types of tags, Django provides a helper function, simple_tag. This function, which is a method of django.template.Library, takes a function that accepts any number of arguments, wraps it in a render function and the other necessary bits mentioned above and registers it with the template system.

Our current_time function could thus be written like this:

```python
import datetime
from django import template

register = template.Library()

@register.simple_tag
def current_time(format_string):
    return datetime.datetime.now().strftime(format_string)
```

A few things to note about the simple_tag helper function:

• Checking for the required number of arguments, etc., has already been done by the time our function is called, so we don’t need to do that.

• The quotes around the argument (if any) have already been stripped away, so we receive a plain string.

• If the argument was a template variable, our function is passed the current value of the variable, not the variable itself.

Unlike other tag utilities, simple_tag passes its output through conditional_escape() if the template context is in autoescape mode, to ensure correct HTML and protect you from XSS vulnerabilities.

If additional escaping is not desired, you will need to use mark_safe() if you are absolutely sure that your code does not contain XSS vulnerabilities. For building small HTML snippets, use of format_html() instead of mark_safe() is strongly recommended.

If your template tag needs to access the current context, you can use the takes_context argument when registering your tag:

```python
@register.simple_tag(takes_context=True)
def current_time(context, format_string):
    timezone = context['timezone']
    return your_get_current_time_method(timezone, format_string)
```

Note that the first argument must be called context.

For more information on how the takes_context option works, see the section on inclusion tags.

If you need to rename your tag, you can provide a custom name for it:
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```python
register.simple_tag(lambda x: x - 1, name='minusone')
```

```python
def some_function(value):
    return value - 2
```

Simple tag functions may accept any number of positional or keyword arguments. For example:

```python
@register.simple_tag
def my_tag(a, b, *args, **kwargs):
    warning = kwargs['warning']
    profile = kwargs['profile']
    ...
    return ...
```

Then in the template any number of arguments, separated by spaces, may be passed to the template tag. Like in Python, the values for keyword arguments are set using the equal sign ("=") and must be provided after the positional arguments. For example:

```html
{% my_tag 123 "abcd" book.title warning=message|lower profile=user.profile %}
```

It’s possible to store the tag results in a template variable rather than directly outputting it. This is done by using the `as` argument followed by the variable name. Doing so enables you to output the content yourself where you see fit:

```html
{% current_time "%Y-%m-%d %I:%M %p" as the_time %}
<p>The time is {{ the_time }}.</p>
```

**Inclusion tags**

django.template.Library.inclusion_tag()

Another common type of template tag is the type that displays some data by rendering another template. For example, Django’s admin interface uses custom template tags to display the buttons along the bottom of the “add/change” form pages. Those buttons always look the same, but the link targets change depending on the object being edited – so they’re a perfect case for using a small template that is filled with details from the current object. (In the admin’s case, this is the `submit_row` tag.)

These sorts of tags are called “inclusion tags”.

Writing inclusion tags is probably best demonstrated by example. Let’s write a tag that outputs a list of choices for a given `Poll` object, such as was created in the tutorials. We’ll use the tag like this:

```html
{% show_results poll %}
```

… and the output will be something like this:

```html
<ul>
    <li>First choice</li>
    <li>Second choice</li>
    <li>Third choice</li>
</ul>
```

First, define the function that takes the argument and produces a dictionary of data for the result. The important point here is we only need to return a dictionary, not anything more complex. This will be used as a template context for the template fragment. Example:
def show_results(poll):
    choices = poll.choice_set.all()
    return {'choices': choices}

Next, create the template used to render the tag’s output. This template is a fixed feature of the tag: the tag writer
specifies it, not the template designer. Following our example, the template is very short:

<ul>
  {% for choice in choices %}
  <li>{{ choice }}</li>
  {% endfor %}
</ul>

Now, create and register the inclusion tag by calling the inclusion_tag() method on a Library object. Following our example, if the above template is in a file called results.html in a directory that’s searched by the
template loader, we’d register the tag like this:

```python
# Here, register is a django.template.Library instance, as before
@register.inclusion_tag('results.html')
def show_results(poll):
    ...
```

Alternatively it is possible to register the inclusion tag using a django.template.Template instance:

```python
from django.template.loader import get_template
t = get_template('results.html')
register.inclusion_tag(t)(show_results)
```

... when first creating the function.

Sometimes, your inclusion tags might require a large number of arguments, making it a pain for template authors to
pass in all the arguments and remember their order. To solve this, Django provides a takes_context option for
inclusion tags. If you specify takes_context in creating a template tag, the tag will have no required arguments,
and the underlying Python function will have one argument — the template context as of when the tag was called.

For example, say you’re writing an inclusion tag that will always be used in a context that contains home_link and
home_title variables that point back to the main page. Here’s what the Python function would look like:

```python
@register.inclusion_tag('link.html', takes_context=True)
def jump_link(context):
    return {
        'link': context['home_link'],
        'title': context['home_title'],
    }
```

Note that the first parameter to the function must be called context.

In that register.inclusion_tag() line, we specified takes_context=True and the name of the template.
Here’s what the template link.html might look like:

```html
Jump directly to <a href="{{ link }}">{{ title }}</a>.
```

Then, any time you want to use that custom tag, load its library and call it without any arguments, like so:

```html
{% jump_link %}
```

Note that when you’re using takes_context=True, there’s no need to pass arguments to the template tag. It
automatically gets access to the context.
The `takes_context` parameter defaults to `False`. When it’s set to `True`, the tag is passed the context object, as in this example. That’s the only difference between this case and the previous `inclusion_tag` example.

`inclusion_tag` functions may accept any number of positional or keyword arguments. For example:

```python
@register.inclusion_tag('my_template.html')
def my_tag(a, b, *args, **kwargs):
    warning = kwargs['warning']
    profile = kwargs['profile']
    ...
    return ...
```

Then in the template any number of arguments, separated by spaces, may be passed to the template tag. Like in Python, the values for keyword arguments are set using the equal sign (“=”) and must be provided after the positional arguments. For example:

```html
{% my_tag 123 "abcd" book.title warning=message|lower profile=user.profile %}
```

### Advanced custom template tags

Sometimes the basic features for custom template tag creation aren’t enough. Don’t worry, Django gives you complete access to the internals required to build a template tag from the ground up.

#### A quick overview

The template system works in a two-step process: compiling and rendering. To define a custom template tag, you specify how the compilation works and how the rendering works.

When Django compiles a template, it splits the raw template text into ‘nodes’. Each node is an instance of `django.template.Node` and has a `render()` method. A compiled template is a list of `Node` objects. When you call `render()` on a compiled template object, the template calls `render()` on each `Node` in its node list, with the given context. The results are all concatenated together to form the output of the template.

Thus, to define a custom template tag, you specify how the raw template tag is converted into a `Node` (the compilation function), and what the node’s `render()` method does.

#### Writing the compilation function

For each template tag the template parser encounters, it calls a Python function with the tag contents and the parser object itself. This function is responsible for returning a `Node` instance based on the contents of the tag.

For example, let’s write a full implementation of our template tag, `{% current_time %}`, that displays the current date/time, formatted according to a parameter given in the tag, in `strftime()` syntax. It’s a good idea to decide the tag syntax before anything else. In our case, let’s say the tag should be used like this:

```html
<p>The time is {{ current_time %Y-%m-%d %I:%M %p }}.</p>
```

The parser for this function should grab the parameter and create a `Node` object:

```python
from django import template
def do_current_time(parser, token):
    try:
        # split_contents() knows not to split quoted strings.
        ...
    return ...
```

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Notes:

• parser is the template parser object. We don’t need it in this example.

• token.contents is a string of the raw contents of the tag. In our example, it’s 'current_time "%Y-%m-%d %I:%M %p"'.

• The token.split_contents() method separates the arguments on spaces while keeping quoted strings together. The more straightforward token.contents.split() wouldn’t be as robust, as it would naively split on all spaces, including those within quoted strings. It’s a good idea to always use token.split_contents().

• This function is responsible for raising django.template.TemplateSyntaxError, with helpful messages, for any syntax error.

• The TemplateSyntaxError exceptions use the tag_name variable. Don’t hard-code the tag’s name in your error messages, because that couples the tag’s name to your function. token.contents.split()[0] will “always” be the name of your tag – even when the tag has no arguments.

• The function returns a CurrentTimeNode with everything the node needs to know about this tag. In this case, it passes the argument – "%Y-%m-%d %I:%M %p". The leading and trailing quotes from the template tag are removed in format_string[1:-1].

• The parsing is very low-level. The Django developers have experimented with writing small frameworks on top of this parsing system, using techniques such as EBNF grammars, but those experiments made the template engine too slow. It’s low-level because that’s fastest.

Writing the renderer

The second step in writing custom tags is to define a Node subclass that has a render() method.

Continuing the above example, we need to define CurrentTimeNode:

```python
import datetime
from django import template

class CurrentTimeNode(template.Node):
    def __init__(self, format_string):
        self.format_string = format_string

    def render(self, context):
        return datetime.datetime.now().strftime(self.format_string)
```

Notes:

• __init__() gets the format_string from do_current_time(). Always pass any options/parameters/arguments to a Node via its __init__().
• The `render()` method is where the work actually happens.

• `render()` should generally fail silently, particularly in a production environment. In some cases however, particularly if `context.template.engine.debug` is True, this method may raise an exception to make debugging easier. For example, several core tags raise `django.template.TemplateSyntaxError` if they receive the wrong number or type of arguments.

Ultimately, this decoupling of compilation and rendering results in an efficient template system, because a template can render multiple contexts without having to be parsed multiple times.

### Auto-escaping considerations

The output from template tags is **not** automatically run through the auto-escaping filters (with the exception of `simple_tag()` as described above). However, there are still a couple of things you should keep in mind when writing a template tag.

If the `render()` method of your template tag stores the result in a context variable (rather than returning the result in a string), it should take care to call `mark_safe()` if appropriate. When the variable is ultimately rendered, it will be affected by the auto-escape setting in effect at the time, so content that should be safe from further escaping needs to be marked as such.

Also, if your template tag creates a new context for performing some sub-rendering, set the auto-escape attribute to the current context’s value. The `__init__` method for the `Context` class takes a parameter called `autoescape` that you can use for this purpose. For example:

```python
from django.template import Context

def render(self, context):
    # ...
    new_context = Context({'var': obj}, autoescape=context.autoescape)
    # ... Do something with new_context ...
```

This is not a very common situation, but it’s useful if you’re rendering a template yourself. For example:

```python
def render(self, context):
    t = context.template.engine.get_template('small_fragment.html')
    return t.render(Context({'var': obj}, autoescape=context.autoescape))
```

If we had neglected to pass in the current `context.autoescape` value to our new `Context` in this example, the results would have always been automatically escaped, which may not be the desired behavior if the template tag is used inside a `{% autoescape off %}` block.

### Thread-safety considerations

Once a node is parsed, its `render` method may be called any number of times. Since Django is sometimes run in multi-threaded environments, a single node may be simultaneously rendering with different contexts in response to two separate requests. Therefore, it’s important to make sure your template tags are thread safe.

To make sure your template tags are thread safe, you should never store state information on the node itself. For example, Django provides a builtin `cycle` template tag that cycles among a list of given strings each time it’s rendered:

```html
{% for o in some_list %}
    <tr class="${ cycle 'row1' 'row2' }">
    ...  
    </tr>
{% endfor %}
```
A naive implementation of `CycleNode` might look something like this:

```python
import itertools
from django import template

class CycleNode(template.Node):
    def __init__(self, cyclevars):
        self.cycle_iter = itertools.cycle(cyclevars)

    def render(self, context):
        return next(self.cycle_iter)
```

But, suppose we have two templates rendering the template snippet from above at the same time:

1. Thread 1 performs its first loop iteration, `CycleNode.render()` returns ‘row1’
2. Thread 2 performs its first loop iteration, `CycleNode.render()` returns ‘row2’
3. Thread 1 performs its second loop iteration, `CycleNode.render()` returns ‘row1’
4. Thread 2 performs its second loop iteration, `CycleNode.render()` returns ‘row2’

The `CycleNode` is iterating, but it’s iterating globally. As far as Thread 1 and Thread 2 are concerned, it’s always returning the same value. This is not what we want!

To address this problem, Django provides a `render_context` that’s associated with the `context` of the template that is currently being rendered. The `render_context` behaves like a Python dictionary, and should be used to store `Node` state between invocations of the `render` method.

Let’s refactor our `CycleNode` implementation to use the `render_context`:

```python
class CycleNode(template.Node):
    def __init__(self, cyclevars):
        self.cyclevars = cyclevars

    def render(self, context):
        if self not in context.render_context:
            context.render_context[self] = itertools.cycle(self.cyclevars)
            cycle_iter = context.render_context[self]
        return next(cycle_iter)
```

Note that it’s perfectly safe to store global information that will not change throughout the life of the `Node` as an attribute. In the case of `CycleNode`, the `cyclevars` argument doesn’t change after the `Node` is instantiated, so we don’t need to put it in the `render_context`. But state information that is specific to the template that is currently being rendered, like the current iteration of the `CycleNode`, should be stored in the `render_context`.

**Note:** Notice how we used `self` to scope the `CycleNode` specific information within the `render_context`. There may be multiple `CycleNodes` in a given template, so we need to be careful not to clobber another node’s state information. The easiest way to do this is to always use `self` as the key into `render_context`. If you’re keeping track of several state variables, make `render_context[self]` a dictionary.

**Registering the tag**

Finally, register the tag with your module’s `Library` instance, as explained in *writing custom template tags* above. Example:
The `tag()` method takes two arguments:

1. The name of the template tag – a string. If this is left out, the name of the compilation function will be used.
2. The compilation function – a Python function (not the name of the function as a string).

As with filter registration, it is also possible to use this as a decorator:

```python
@register.tag('current_time', do_current_time)
def do_current_time(parser, token):
    ...
@register.tag
def shout(parser, token):
    ...
```

If you leave off the name argument, as in the second example above, Django will use the function’s name as the tag name.

### Passing template variables to the tag

Although you can pass any number of arguments to a template tag using `token.split_contents()`, the arguments are all unpacked as string literals. A little more work is required in order to pass dynamic content (a template variable) to a template tag as an argument.

While the previous examples have formatted the current time into a string and returned the string, suppose you wanted to pass in a `DateTimeField` from an object and have the template tag format that date-time:

```html
<p>This post was last updated at {% format_time blog_entry.date_updated "\%Y-\%m-\%d \%I:\%M \%p" %}.</p>
```

Initially, `token.split_contents()` will return three values:

1. The tag name `format_time`.
2. The string `'blog_entry.date_updated'` (without the surrounding quotes).
3. The formatting string `'\%Y-\%m-\%d \%I:\%M \%p'`. The return value from `split_contents()` will include the leading and trailing quotes for string literals like this.

Now your tag should begin to look like this:

```python
from django import template
def do_format_time(parser, token):
    try:
        # split_contents() knows not to split quoted strings.
        tag_name, date_to_be_formatted, format_string = token.split_contents()
    except ValueError:
        raise template.TemplateSyntaxError("%r tag requires exactly two arguments" % token.contents.split()[0])
    if not (format_string[0] == format_string[-1] and format_string[0] in ("", "")):
        raise template.TemplateSyntaxError("%r tag's argument should be in quotes" % tag_name)
    return FormatTimeNode(date_to_be_formatted, format_string[1:-1])
```

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You also have to change the renderer to retrieve the actual contents of the `date_updated` property of the `blog_entry` object. This can be accomplished by using the `Variable()` class in `django.template`.

To use the `Variable` class, instantiate it with the name of the variable to be resolved, and then call `variable.resolve(context)`. So, for example:

```python
class FormatTimeNode(template.Node):
    def __init__(self, date_to_be_formatted, format_string):
        self.date_to_be_formatted = template.Variable(date_to_be_formatted)
        self.format_string = format_string

    def render(self, context):
        try:
            actual_date = self.date_to_be_formatted.resolve(context)
            return actual_date.strftime(self.format_string)
        except template.VariableDoesNotExist:
            return ''
```

Variable resolution will throw a `VariableDoesNotExist` exception if it cannot resolve the string passed to it in the current context of the page.

### Setting a variable in the context

The above examples output a value. Generally, it’s more flexible if your template tags set template variables instead of outputting values. That way, template authors can reuse the values that your template tags create.

To set a variable in the context, use dictionary assignment on the context object in the `render()` method. Here’s an updated version of `CurrentTimeNode` that sets a template variable `current_time` instead of outputting it:

```python
import datetime
from django import template

class CurrentTimeNode2(template.Node):
    def __init__(self, format_string):
        self.format_string = format_string

    def render(self, context):
        context['current_time'] = datetime.datetime.now().strftime(self.format_string)
        return ''
```

Note that `render()` returns the empty string. `render()` should always return string output. If all the template tag does is set a variable, `render()` should return the empty string.

Here’s how you’d use this new version of the tag:

```html
{% current_time "%Y-%m-%d %I:%M %p" %}The time is {{ current_time }}.</p>
```

### Variable scope in context

Any variable set in the context will only be available in the same block of the template in which it was assigned. This behavior is intentional; it provides a scope for variables so that they don’t conflict with context in other blocks.

But, there’s a problem with `CurrentTimeNode2`: The variable name `current_time` is hard-coded. This means you’ll need to make sure your template doesn’t use `{{ current_time }}` anywhere else, because the `(% current_time %)` will blindly overwrite that variable’s value. A cleaner solution is to make the template tag specify the name of the output variable, like so:
The difference here is that `do_current_time()` grabs the format string and the variable name, passing both to `CurrentTimeNode3`.

Finally, if you only need to have a simple syntax for your custom context-updating template tag, consider using the `simple_tag()` shortcut, which supports assigning the tag results to a template variable.

### Parsing until another block tag

Template tags can work in tandem. For instance, the standard `{% comment %}` tag hides everything until `{% endcomment %}`. To create a template tag such as this, use `parser.parse()` in your compilation function.

Here’s how a simplified `{% comment %}` tag might be implemented:
Note: The actual implementation of `{% comment %}` is slightly different in that it allows broken template tags to appear between `{% comment %}` and `{% endcomment %}`. It does so by calling `parser.skip_past('endcomment')` instead of `parser.parse(('endcomment',))` followed by `parser.delete_first_token()`, thus avoiding the generation of a node list.

`parser.parse()` takes a tuple of names of block tags `‘to parse until’`. It returns an instance of `django.template NodeList`, which is a list of all `Node` objects that the parser encountered “before” it encountered any of the tags named in the tuple.

In "nodelist = parser.parse(('endcomment',))" in the above example, nodelist is a list of all nodes between the `{% comment %}` and `{% endcomment %}`, not counting `{% comment %}` and `{% endcomment %}` themselves.

After `parser.parse()` is called, the parser hasn’t yet “consumed” the `{% endcomment %}` tag, so the code needs to explicitly call `parser.delete_first_token()`.

`CommentNode.render()` returns an empty string. Anything between `{% comment %}` and `{% endcomment %}` is ignored.

### Parsing until another block tag, and saving contents

In the previous example, `do_comment()` discarded everything between `{% comment %}` and `{% endcomment %}`. Instead of doing that, it’s possible to do something with the code between block tags.

For example, here’s a custom template tag, `{% upper %}`, that capitalizes everything between itself and `{% endupper %}`.

**Usage:**

```
{% upper %}This will appear in uppercase, {{ your_name }}{% endupper %}
```

As in the previous example, we’ll use `parser.parse()`. But this time, we pass the resulting `nodelist` to the `Node`:

```python
def do_upper(parser, token):
    nodelist = parser.parse(('endupper',))
    parser.delete_first_token()
    return UpperNode(nodelist)

class UpperNode(django.template.Node):
    def __init__(self, nodelist):
        self.nodelist = nodelist
    def render(self, context):
        output = self.nodelist.render(context)
        return output.upper()
```

The only new concept here is the `self.nodelist.render(context)` in `UpperNode.render()`.

For more examples of complex rendering, see the source code of `{% for %}` in `django/template/defaulttags.py` and `{% if %}` in `django/template/smartif.py`.

### 4.7 Writing a custom storage system

If you need to provide custom file storage – a common example is storing files on some remote system – you can do so by defining a custom storage class. You’ll need to follow these steps:
1. Your custom storage system must be a subclass of `django.core.files.storage.Storage`:

```python
from django.core.files.storage import Storage

class MyStorage(Storage):
    ...
```

2. Django must be able to instantiate your storage system without any arguments. This means that any settings should be taken from `django.conf.settings`:

```python
from django.conf import settings
from django.core.files.storage import Storage

class MyStorage(Storage):
    def __init__(self, option=None):
        if not option:
            option = settings.CUSTOM_STORAGE_OPTIONS
    ...
```

3. Your storage class must implement the `_open()` and `_save()` methods, along with any other methods appropriate to your storage class. See below for more on these methods.

   In addition, if your class provides local file storage, it must override the `path()` method.

4. Your storage class must be deconstructible so it can be serialized when it’s used on a field in a migration. As long as your field has arguments that are themselves serializable, you can use the `django.utils.deconstruct.deconstructible` class decorator for this (that’s what Django uses on FileSystemStorage).

   By default, the following methods raise `NotImplementedError` and will typically have to be overridden:

   - `Storage.delete()`
   - `Storage.exists()`
   - `Storage.listdir()`
   - `Storage.size()`
   - `Storage.url()`

   Note however that not all these methods are required and may be deliberately omitted. As it happens, it is possible to leave each method unimplemented and still have a working Storage.

   By way of example, if listing the contents of certain storage backends turns out to be expensive, you might decide not to implement `Storage.listdir()`.

   Another example would be a backend that only handles writing to files. In this case, you would not need to implement any of the above methods.

   Ultimately, which of these methods are implemented is up to you. Leaving some methods unimplemented will result in a partial (possibly broken) interface.

   You’ll also usually want to use hooks specifically designed for custom storage objects. These are:

   - `_open(name, mode='rb')`

   **Required.**

   Called by `Storage.open()`, this is the actual mechanism the storage class uses to open the file. This must return a `File` object, though in most cases, you’ll want to return some subclass here that implements logic specific to the backend storage system.

   - `_save(name, content)`
Called by Storage.save(). The name will already have gone through get_valid_name() and get_available_name(), and the content will be a File object itself.

Should return the actual name of name of the file saved (usually the name passed in, but if the storage needs to change the file name return the new name instead).

get_valid_name(name)

Returns a filename suitable for use with the underlying storage system. The name argument passed to this method is either the original filename sent to the server or, if upload_to is a callable, the filename returned by that method after any path information is removed. Override this to customize how non-standard characters are converted to safe filenames.

The code provided on Storage retains only alpha-numeric characters, periods and underscores from the original filename, removing everything else.

generate_alternative_name(file_root, file_ext)

Returns an alternative filename based on the file_root and file_ext parameters. By default, an underscore plus a random 7 character alphanumeric string is appended to the filename before the extension.

generate_available_name(name, max_length=None)

Returns a filename that is available in the storage mechanism, possibly taking the provided filename into account. The name argument passed to this method will have already cleaned to a filename valid for the storage system, according to the get_valid_name() method described above.

The length of the filename will not exceed max_length, if provided. If a free unique filename cannot be found, a SuspiciousFileOperation exception is raised.

If a file with name already exists, generate_alternative_name() is called to obtain an alternative name.

4.8 Deploying Django

Django is full of shortcuts to make Web developers’ lives easier, but all those tools are of no use if you can’t easily deploy your sites. Since Django’s inception, ease of deployment has been a major goal.

There are many options for deploying your Django application, based on your architecture or your particular business needs, but that discussion is outside the scope of what Django can give you as guidance.

Django, being a web framework, needs a web server in order to operate. And since most web servers don’t natively speak Python, we need an interface to make that communication happen.

Django currently supports two interfaces: WSGI and ASGI.

- WSGI is the main Python standard for communicating between Web servers and applications, but it only supports synchronous code.
- ASGI is the new, asynchronous-friendly standard that will allow your Django site to use asynchronous Python features, and asynchronous Django features as they are developed.

You should also consider how you will handle static files for your application, and how to handle error reporting.

Finally, before you deploy your application to production, you should run through our deployment checklist to ensure that your configurations are suitable.

4.8.1 How to deploy with WSGI

Django’s primary deployment platform is WSGI, the Python standard for web servers and applications.
Django’s `startproject` management command sets up a minimal default WSGI configuration for you, which you can tweak as needed for your project, and direct any WSGI-compliant application server to use.

Django includes getting-started documentation for the following WSGI servers:

**How to use Django with Gunicorn**

Gunicorn (‘Green Unicorn’) is a pure-Python WSGI server for UNIX. It has no dependencies and can be installed using `pip`.

**Installing Gunicorn**

Install gunicorn by running `python -m pip install gunicorn`. For more details, see the gunicorn documentation.

**Running Django in Gunicorn as a generic WSGI application**

When Gunicorn is installed, a `gunicorn` command is available which starts the Gunicorn server process. The simplest invocation of gunicorn is to pass the location of a module containing a WSGI application object named `application`, which for a typical Django project would look like:

```
gunicorn myproject.wsgi
```

This will start one process running one thread listening on `127.0.0.1:8000`. It requires that your project be on the Python path; the simplest way to ensure that is to run this command from the same directory as your `manage.py` file.

See Gunicorn’s deployment documentation for additional tips.

**How to use Django with uWSGI**

uWSGI is a fast, self-healing and developer/sysadmin-friendly application container server coded in pure C.

**See also:**
The uWSGI docs offer a tutorial covering Django, nginx, and uWSGI (one possible deployment setup of many). The docs below are focused on how to integrate Django with uWSGI.

**Prerequisite: uWSGI**

The uWSGI wiki describes several installation procedures. Using pip, the Python package manager, you can install any uWSGI version with a single command. For example:

```
# Install current stable version.
$ python -m pip install uwsgi

# Or install LTS (long term support).
$ python -m pip install https://projects.unbit.it/downloads/uwsgi-lts.tar.gz
```

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uWSGI model

uWSGI operates on a client-server model. Your Web server (e.g., nginx, Apache) communicates with a django-uwsgi “worker” process to serve dynamic content.

Configuring and starting the uWSGI server for Django

uWSGI supports multiple ways to configure the process. See uWSGI’s configuration documentation.

Here’s an example command to start a uWSGI server:

```bash
uwsgi --chdir=/path/to/your/project \
   --module=mysite.wsgi:application \
   --env DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE=mysite.settings \
   --master --pidfile=/tmp/project-master.pid \
   --socket=127.0.0.1:49152 \   # can also be a file \
   --processes=5 \   # number of worker processes \
   --uid=1000 --gid=2000 \   # if root, uwsgi can drop privileges \
   --harakiri=20 \   # respawn processes taking more than 20 seconds \
   --max-requests=5000 \   # respawn processes after serving 5000 requests \
   --vacuum \   # clear environment on exit \
   --home=/path/to/virtual/env \   # optional path to a virtual environment \
   --daemonize=/var/log/uwsgi/yourproject.log \   # background the process
```

This assumes you have a top-level project package named mysite, and within it a module mysite/wsgi.py that contains a WSGI application object. This is the layout you’ll have if you ran django-admin startproject mysite (using your own project name in place of mysite) with a recent version of Django. If this file doesn’t exist, you’ll need to create it. See the How to deploy with WSGI documentation for the default contents you should put in this file and what else you can add to it.

The Django-specific options here are:

- **chdir**: The path to the directory that needs to be on Python’s import path – i.e., the directory containing the mysite package.
- **module**: The WSGI module to use – probably the mysite.wsgi module that startproject creates.
- **env**: Should probably contain at least DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE.
- **home**: Optional path to your project virtual environment.

Example ini configuration file:

```ini
[uwsgi]
chdir=/path/to/your/project
module=mysite.wsgi:application
master=True
pidfile=/tmp/project-master.pid
vacuum=True
max-requests=5000
daemonize=/var/log/uwsgi/yourproject.log
```

Example ini configuration file usage:

```bash
uwsgi --ini uwsgi.ini
```

Fixing UnicodeEncodeError for file uploads
If you get a `UnicodeEncodeError` when uploading files with file names that contain non-ASCII characters, make sure uWSGI is configured to accept non-ASCII file names by adding this to your `uwsgi.ini`:

```
env = LANG=en_US.UTF-8
```

See the `Files` section of the Unicode reference guide for details.

See the uWSGI docs on managing the uWSGI process for information on starting, stopping and reloading the uWSGI workers.

**How to use Django with Apache and mod_wsgi**

Deploying Django with Apache and mod_wsgi is a tried and tested way to get Django into production. mod_wsgi is an Apache module which can host any Python WSGI application, including Django. Django will work with any version of Apache which supports mod_wsgi.

The official mod_wsgi documentation is your source for all the details about how to use mod_wsgi. You’ll probably want to start with the installation and configuration documentation.

**Basic configuration**

Once you’ve got mod_wsgi installed and activated, edit your Apache server’s `httpd.conf` file and add the following.

```
WSGIScriptAlias / /path/to/mysite.com/mysite/wsgi.py
WSGIPythonHome /path/to/venv
WSGIPythonPath /path/to/mysite.com

<Directory /path/to/mysite.com/mysite>
  <Files wsgi.py>
    Require all granted
  </Files>
</Directory>
```

The first bit in the `WSGIScriptAlias` line is the base URL path you want to serve your application at ( `/` indicates the root url), and the second is the location of a “WSGI file” – see below – on your system, usually inside of your project package (`mysite` in this example). This tells Apache to serve any request below the given URL using the WSGI application defined in that file.

If you install your project’s Python dependencies inside a virtual environment, add the path using WSGIPythonHome. See the mod_wsgi virtual environment guide for more details.

The `WSGIPythonPath` line ensures that your project package is available for import on the Python path; in other words, that `import mysite` works.

The `<Directory>` piece ensures that Apache can access your `wsgi.py` file.

Next we’ll need to ensure this `wsgi.py` with a WSGI application object exists. As of Django version 1.4, `startproject` will have created one for you; otherwise, you’ll need to create it. See the WSGI overview documentation for the default contents you should put in this file, and what else you can add to it.

**Warning:** If multiple Django sites are run in a single mod_wsgi process, all of them will use the settings of whichever one happens to run first. This can be solved by changing:

```
os.environ.setdefault("DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE", "{{ project_name }}.settings")
```
Fixing UnicodeEncodeError for file uploads

If you get a UnicodeEncodeError when uploading files with file names that contain non-ASCII characters, make sure Apache is configured to accept non-ASCII file names:

```shell
export LANG='en_US.UTF-8'
export LC_ALL='en_US.UTF-8'
```

A common location to put this configuration is `/etc/apache2/envvars`.

See the `Files` section of the Unicode reference guide for details.

Using mod_wsgi daemon mode

“Daemon mode” is the recommended mode for running mod_wsgi (on non-Windows platforms). To create the required daemon process group and delegate the Django instance to run in it, you will need to add appropriate `WSGIDAemonProcess` and `WSGIScriptAlias` directives. A further change required to the above configuration if you use daemon mode is that you can’t use `WSGIProcessGroup`; instead you should use the `python-path` option to `WSGIDAemonProcess`, for example:

```shell
WSGIDAemonProcess example.com python-home=/path/to/venv python-path=/path/to/mysite.com
WSGIProcessGroup example.com
```

If you want to serve your project in a subdirectory (https://example.com/mysite in this example), you can add `WSGIScriptAlias` to the configuration above:

```shell
WSGIScriptAlias /mysite /path/to/mysite.com/mysite/wsgi.py process-group=example.com
```

See the official mod_wsgi documentation for details on setting up daemon mode.

Serving files

Django doesn’t serve files itself; it leaves that job to whichever Web server you choose.

We recommend using a separate Web server – i.e., one that’s not also running Django – for serving media. Here are some good choices:

- Nginx
- A stripped-down version of Apache

If, however, you have no option but to serve media files on the same Apache VirtualHost as Django, you can set up Apache to serve some URLs as static media, and others using the mod_wsgi interface to Django.

This example sets up Django at the site root, but serves `robots.txt`, `favicon.ico`, and anything in the `/static/` and `/media/` URL space as a static file. All other URLs will be served using mod_wsgi:
Serving the admin files

When `django.contrib.staticfiles` is in `INSTALLED_APPS`, the Django development server automatically serves the static files of the admin app (and any other installed apps). This is however not the case when you use any other server arrangement. You’re responsible for setting up Apache, or whichever Web server you’re using, to serve the admin files.

The admin files live in (`django/contrib/admin/static/admin`) of the Django distribution.

We strongly recommend using `django.contrib.staticfiles` to handle the admin files (along with a Web server as outlined in the previous section; this means using the `collectstatic` management command to collect the static files in `STATIC_ROOT`, and then configuring your Web server to serve `STATIC_ROOT` at `STATIC_URL`), but here are three other approaches:

1. Create a symbolic link to the admin static files from within your document root (this may require `+FollowSymLinks` in your Apache configuration).
2. Use an `Alias` directive, as demonstrated above, to alias the appropriate URL (probably `STATIC_URL + admin/`) to the actual location of the admin files.
3. Copy the admin static files so that they live within your Apache document root.

Authenticating against Django’s user database from Apache

Django provides a handler to allow Apache to authenticate users directly against Django’s authentication backends. See the `mod_wsgi authentication documentation`.

Authenticating against Django’s user database from Apache

Since keeping multiple authentication databases in sync is a common problem when dealing with Apache, you can configure Apache to authenticate against Django’s `authentication system` directly. This requires Apache version >= 2.2 and `mod_wsgi` >= 2.0. For example, you could:
• Serve static/media files directly from Apache only to authenticated users.
• Authenticate access to a Subversion repository against Django users with a certain permission.
• Allow certain users to connect to a WebDAV share created with mod_dav.

Note: If you have installed a custom user model and want to use this default auth handler, it must support an is_active attribute. If you want to use group based authorization, your custom user must have a relation named ‘groups’, referring to a related object that has a ‘name’ field. You can also specify your own custom mod_wsgi auth handler if your custom cannot conform to these requirements.

Authentication with mod_wsgi

Note: The use of WSGIApplicationGroup %{GLOBAL} in the configurations below presumes that your Apache instance is running only one Django application. If you are running more than one Django application, please refer to the Defining Application Groups section of the mod_wsgi docs for more information about this setting.

Make sure that mod_wsgi is installed and activated and that you have followed the steps to setup Apache with mod_wsgi.

Next, edit your Apache configuration to add a location that you want only authenticated users to be able to view:

```bash
WSGIScriptAlias / /path/to/mysite.com/mysite/wsgi.py
WSGIPythonPath /path/to/mysite.com
WSGIProcessGroup %{GLOBAL}
WSGIApplicationGroup %{GLOBAL}

<Location "/secret">
    AuthType Basic
    AuthName "Top Secret"
    Require valid-user
    AuthBasicProvider wsgi
    WSGIAuthUserScript /path/to/mysite.com/mysite/wsgi.py
</Location>
```

The WSGIAuthUserScript directive tells mod_wsgi to execute the check_password function in specified wsgi script, passing the user name and password that it receives from the prompt. In this example, the WSGIAuthUserScript is the same as the WSGIScriptAlias that defines your application that is created by django-admin startproject.

Using Apache 2.2 with authentication

Make sure that mod_auth_basic and mod_authz_user are loaded.

These might be compiled statically into Apache, or you might need to use LoadModule to load them dynamically in your httpd.conf:

```bash
LoadModule auth_basic_module modules/mod_auth_basic.so
LoadModule authz_user_module modules/mod_authz_user.so
```

Finally, edit your WSGI script mysite.wsgi to tie Apache’s authentication to your site’s authentication mechanisms by importing the check_password function:
import os

os.environ['DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE'] = 'mysite.settings'

from django.contrib.auth.handlers.modwsgi import check_password

from django.core.handlers.wsgi import WSGIHandler

application = WSGIHandler()

Requests beginning with /secret/ will now require a user to authenticate.

The mod_wsgi access control mechanisms documentation provides additional details and information about alternative methods of authentication.

Authorization with mod_wsgi and Django groups

mod_wsgi also provides functionality to restrict a particular location to members of a group.

In this case, the Apache configuration should look like this:

```
WSGIScriptAlias / /path/to/mysite.com/mysite/wsgi.py
WSGIProcessGroup %{GLOBAL}
WSGIApplicationGroup %{GLOBAL}

<Location "/secret"/>
  AuthType Basic
  AuthName "Top Secret"
  AuthBasicProvider wsgi
  WSGIAuthUserScript /path/to/mysite.com/mysite/wsgi.py
  WSGIAuthGroupScript /path/to/mysite.com/mysite/wsgi.py
  Require group secret-agents
  Require valid-user
</Location>
```

To support the WSGIAuthGroupScript directive, the same WSGI script mysite.wsgi must also import the groups_for_user function which returns a list groups the given user belongs to.

```
from django.contrib.auth.handlers.modwsgi import check_password, groups_for_user
```

Requests for /secret/ will now also require user to be a member of the “secret-agents” group.

The application object

The key concept of deploying with WSGI is the application callable which the application server uses to communicate with your code. It’s commonly provided as an object named application in a Python module accessible to the server.

The startproject command creates a file <project_name>/wsgi.py that contains such an application callable.

It’s used both by Django’s development server and in production WSGI deployments.

WSGI servers obtain the path to the application callable from their configuration. Django’s built-in server, namely the runserver command, reads it from the WSGI_APPLICATION setting. By default, it’s set to <project_name>./wsgi.py, which points to the application callable in <project_name>./wsgi.py.
Configuring the settings module

When the WSGI server loads your application, Django needs to import the settings module — that’s where your entire application is defined.

Django uses the `DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE` environment variable to locate the appropriate settings module. It must contain the dotted path to the settings module. You can use a different value for development and production; it all depends on how you organize your settings.

If this variable isn’t set, the default `wsgi.py` sets it to `mysite.settings`, where `mysite` is the name of your project. That’s how `runserver` discovers the default settings file by default.

**Note:** Since environment variables are process-wide, this doesn’t work when you run multiple Django sites in the same process. This happens with mod_wsgi.

To avoid this problem, use mod_wsgi’s daemon mode with each site in its own daemon process, or override the value from the environment by enforcing `os.environ["DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE"] = "mysite.settings"` in your `wsgi.py`.

Applying WSGI middleware

To apply WSGI middleware you can wrap the application object. For instance you could add these lines at the bottom of `wsgi.py`:

```python
from helloworld.wsgi import HelloWorldApplication
application = HelloWorldApplication(application)
```

You could also replace the Django WSGI application with a custom WSGI application that later delegates to the Django WSGI application, if you want to combine a Django application with a WSGI application of another framework.

4.8.2 How to deploy with ASGI

As well as WSGI, Django also supports deploying on ASGI, the emerging Python standard for asynchronous web servers and applications.

Django’s `startproject` management command sets up a default ASGI configuration for you, which you can tweak as needed for your project, and direct any ASGI-compliant application server to use.

Django includes getting-started documentation for the following ASGI servers:

**How to use Django with Daphne**

Daphne is a pure-Python ASGI server for UNIX, maintained by members of the Django project. It acts as the reference server for ASGI.

**Installing Daphne**

You can install Daphne with pip:

```bash
python -m pip install daphne
```
Running Django in Daphne

When Daphne is installed, a `daphne` command is available which starts the Daphne server process. At its simplest, Daphne needs to be called with the location of a module containing an ASGI application object, followed by what the application is called (separated by a colon).

For a typical Django project, invoking Daphne would look like:

```
daphne myproject.asgi:application
```

This will start one process listening on `127.0.0.1:8000`. It requires that your project be on the Python path; to ensure that run this command from the same directory as your `manage.py` file.

How to use Django with Hypercorn

Hypercorn is an ASGI server that supports HTTP/1, HTTP/2, and HTTP/3 with an emphasis on protocol support.

Installing Hypercorn

You can install Hypercorn with `pip`:

```
python -m pip install hypercorn
```

Running Django in Hypercorn

When Hypercorn is installed, a `hypercorn` command is available which runs ASGI applications. Hypercorn needs to be called with the location of a module containing an ASGI application object, followed by what the application is called (separated by a colon).

For a typical Django project, invoking Hypercorn would look like:

```
hypercorn myproject.asgi:application
```

This will start one process listening on `127.0.0.1:8000`. It requires that your project be on the Python path; to ensure that run this command from the same directory as your `manage.py` file.

For more advanced usage, please read the Hypercorn documentation.

How to use Django with Uvicorn

Uvicorn is an ASGI server based on `uvloop` and `httptools`, with an emphasis on speed.

Installing Uvicorn

You can install Uvicorn with `pip`:

```
python -m pip install uvicorn gunicorn
```
Running Django in Uvicorn

When Uvicorn is installed, a uvicorn command is available which runs ASGI applications. Uvicorn needs to be called with the location of a module containing an ASGI application object, followed by what the application is called (separated by a colon).

For a typical Django project, invoking Uvicorn would look like:

```
gunicorn myproject.asgi:application -k uvicorn.workers.UvicornWorker
```

This will start one process listening on 127.0.0.1:8000. It requires that your project be on the Python path; to ensure that run this command from the same directory as your manage.py file.

For more advanced usage, please read the Uvicorn documentation.

The application object

Like WSGI, ASGI has you supply an application callable which the application server uses to communicate with your code. It’s commonly provided as an object named application in a Python module accessible to the server. The startproject command creates a file <project_name>/asgi.py that contains such an application callable.

It’s not used by the development server (runserver), but can be used by any ASGI server either in development or in production.

ASGI servers usually take the path to the application callable as a string; for most Django projects, this will look like myproject.asgi:application.

**Warning:** While Django’s default ASGI handler will run all your code in a synchronous thread, if you choose to run your own async handler you must be aware of async-safety.

Do not call blocking synchronous functions or libraries in any async code. Django prevents you from doing this with the parts of Django that are not async-safe, but the same may not be true of third-party apps or Python libraries.

Configuring the settings module

When the ASGI server loads your application, Django needs to import the settings module — that’s where your entire application is defined.

Django uses the DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE environment variable to locate the appropriate settings module. It must contain the dotted path to the settings module. You can use a different value for development and production; it all depends on how you organize your settings.

If this variable isn’t set, the default asgi.py sets it to mysite.settings, where mysite is the name of your project.

Applying ASGI middleware

To apply ASGI middleware, or to embed Django in another ASGI application, you can wrap Django’s application object in the asgi.py file. For example:

```
from some_asgi_library import AmazingMiddleware
application = AmazingMiddleware(application)
```
4.8.3 Deployment checklist

The Internet is a hostile environment. Before deploying your Django project, you should take some time to review your settings, with security, performance, and operations in mind.

Django includes many security features. Some are built-in and always enabled. Others are optional because they aren’t always appropriate, or because they’re inconvenient for development. For example, forcing HTTPS may not be suitable for all websites, and it’s impractical for local development.

Performance optimizations are another category of trade-offs with convenience. For instance, caching is useful in production, less so for local development. Error reporting needs are also widely different.

The following checklist includes settings that:

- must be set properly for Django to provide the expected level of security;
- are expected to be different in each environment;
- enable optional security features;
- enable performance optimizations;
- provide error reporting.

Many of these settings are sensitive and should be treated as confidential. If you’re releasing the source code for your project, a common practice is to publish suitable settings for development, and to use a private settings module for production.

Run `manage.py check --deploy`

Some of the checks described below can be automated using the `check --deploy` option. Be sure to run it against your production settings file as described in the option’s documentation.

Critical settings

**SECRET_KEY**

The secret key must be a large random value and it must be kept secret.

Make sure that the key used in production isn’t used anywhere else and avoid committing it to source control. This reduces the number of vectors from which an attacker may acquire the key.

Instead of hardcoding the secret key in your settings module, consider loading it from an environment variable:

```python
import os
SECRET_KEY = os.environ['SECRET_KEY']
```

or from a file:

```python
with open('/etc/secret_key.txt') as f:
    SECRET_KEY = f.read().strip()
```

**DEBUG**

You must never enable debug in production.
You’re certainly developing your project with `DEBUG = True`, since this enables handy features like full tracebacks in your browser.

For a production environment, though, this is a really bad idea, because it leaks lots of information about your project: excerpts of your source code, local variables, settings, libraries used, etc.

**Environment-specific settings**

**ALLOWED_HOSTS**

When `DEBUG = False`, Django doesn’t work at all without a suitable value for `ALLOWED_HOSTS`.

This setting is required to protect your site against some CSRF attacks. If you use a wildcard, you must perform your own validation of the Host HTTP header, or otherwise ensure that you aren’t vulnerable to this category of attacks.

You should also configure the Web server that sits in front of Django to validate the host. It should respond with a static error page or ignore requests for incorrect hosts instead of forwarding the request to Django. This way you’ll avoid spurious errors in your Django logs (or emails if you have error reporting configured that way). For example, on nginx you might setup a default server to return “444 No Response” on an unrecognized host:

```plaintext
server {
    listen 80 default_server;
    return 444;
}
```

**CACHES**

If you’re using a cache, connection parameters may be different in development and in production. Django defaults to per-process `local-memory caching` which may not be desirable.

Cache servers often have weak authentication. Make sure they only accept connections from your application servers.

**DATABASES**

Database connection parameters are probably different in development and in production.

Database passwords are very sensitive. You should protect them exactly like `SECRET_KEY`.

For maximum security, make sure database servers only accept connections from your application servers.

If you haven’t set up backups for your database, do it right now!

**EMAIL_BACKEND and related settings**

If your site sends emails, these values need to be set correctly.

By default, Django sends email from `webmaster@localhost` and `root@localhost`. However, some mail providers reject email from these addresses. To use different sender addresses, modify the `DEFAULT_FROM_EMAIL` and `SERVER_EMAIL` settings.
**STATIC_ROOT and STATIC_URL**

Static files are automatically served by the development server. In production, you must define a `STATIC_ROOT` directory where `collectstatic` will copy them.

See *Managing static files (e.g. images, JavaScript, CSS)* for more information.

**MEDIA_ROOT and MEDIA_URL**

Media files are uploaded by your users. They’re untrusted! Make sure your web server never attempts to interpret them. For instance, if a user uploads a `.php` file, the web server shouldn’t execute it.

Now is a good time to check your backup strategy for these files.

**HTTPS**

Any website which allows users to log in should enforce site-wide HTTPS to avoid transmitting access tokens in clear.

In Django, access tokens include the login/password, the session cookie, and password reset tokens. (You can’t do much to protect password reset tokens if you’re sending them by email.)

Protecting sensitive areas such as the user account or the admin isn’t sufficient, because the same session cookie is used for HTTP and HTTPS. Your web server must redirect all HTTP traffic to HTTPS, and only transmit HTTPS requests to Django.

Once you’ve set up HTTPS, enable the following settings.

**CSRF_COOKIE_SECURE**

Set this to `True` to avoid transmitting the CSRF cookie over HTTP accidentally.

**SESSION_COOKIE_SECURE**

Set this to `True` to avoid transmitting the session cookie over HTTP accidentally.

**Performance optimizations**

Setting `DEBUG = False` disables several features that are only useful in development. In addition, you can tune the following settings.

**Sessions**

Consider using *cached sessions* to improve performance.

If using database-backed sessions, regularly *clear old sessions* to avoid storing unnecessary data.

**CONN_MAX_AGE**

Enabling *persistent database connections* can result in a nice speed-up when connecting to the database accounts for a significant part of the request processing time.

This helps a lot on virtualized hosts with limited network performance.
TEMPLATES

Enabling the cached template loader often improves performance drastically, as it avoids compiling each template every time it needs to be rendered. See the template loaders docs for more information.

Error reporting

By the time you push your code to production, it’s hopefully robust, but you can’t rule out unexpected errors. Thankfully, Django can capture errors and notify you accordingly.

LOGGING

Review your logging configuration before putting your website in production, and check that it works as expected as soon as you have received some traffic. See Logging for details on logging.

ADMINS and MANAGERS

ADMINS will be notified of 500 errors by email. MANAGERS will be notified of 404 errors. IGNORABLE_404_URLS can help filter out spurious reports. See Error reporting for details on error reporting by email.

Error reporting by email doesn’t scale very well

Consider using an error monitoring system such as Sentry before your inbox is flooded by reports. Sentry can also aggregate logs.

Customize the default error views

Django includes default views and templates for several HTTP error codes. You may want to override the default templates by creating the following templates in your root template directory: 404.html, 500.html, 403.html, and 400.html. The default error views that use these templates should suffice for 99% of Web applications, but you can customize them as well.

4.9 Upgrading Django to a newer version

While it can be a complex process at times, upgrading to the latest Django version has several benefits:

- New features and improvements are added.
- Bugs are fixed.
- Older version of Django will eventually no longer receive security updates. (see Supported versions).
- Upgrading as each new Django release is available makes future upgrades less painful by keeping your code base up to date.

Here are some things to consider to help make your upgrade process as smooth as possible.
4.9.1 Required Reading

If it’s your first time doing an upgrade, it is useful to read the guide on the different release processes.

Afterwards, you should familiarize yourself with the changes that were made in the new Django version(s):

- Read the release notes for each ‘final’ release from the one after your current Django version, up to and including the version to which you plan to upgrade.
- Look at the deprecation timeline for the relevant versions.

Pay particular attention to backwards incompatible changes to get a clear idea of what will be needed for a successful upgrade.

If you’re upgrading through more than one feature version (e.g. 2.0 to 2.2), it’s usually easier to upgrade through each feature release incrementally (2.0 to 2.1 to 2.2) rather than to make all the changes for each feature release at once. For each feature release, use the latest patch release (e.g. for 2.1, use 2.1.15).

The same incremental upgrade approach is recommended when upgrading from one LTS to the next.

4.9.2 Dependencies

In most cases it will be necessary to upgrade to the latest version of your Django-related dependencies as well. If the Django version was recently released or if some of your dependencies are not well-maintained, some of your dependencies may not yet support the new Django version. In these cases you may have to wait until new versions of your dependencies are released.

4.9.3 Resolving deprecation warnings

Before upgrading, it’s a good idea to resolve any deprecation warnings raised by your project while using your current version of Django. Fixing these warnings before upgrading ensures that you’re informed about areas of the code that need altering.

In Python, deprecation warnings are silenced by default. You must turn them on using the -Wa Python command line option or the PYTHONWARNINGS environment variable. For example, to show warnings while running tests:

```bash
$ python -Wa manage.py test
```

If you’re not using the Django test runner, you may need to also ensure that any console output is not captured which would hide deprecation warnings. For example, if you use pytest:

```bash
$ PYTHONWARNINGS=always pytest tests --capture=no
```

Resolve any deprecation warnings with your current version of Django before continuing the upgrade process.

Third party applications might use deprecated APIs in order to support multiple versions of Django, so deprecation warnings in packages you’ve installed don’t necessarily indicate a problem. If a package doesn’t support the latest version of Django, consider raising an issue or sending a pull request for it.

4.9.4 Installation

Once you’re ready, it is time to install the new Django version. If you are using a virtual environment and it is a major upgrade, you might want to set up a new environment with all the dependencies first.

If you installed Django with pip, you can use the --upgrade or -U flag:
4.9.5 Testing

When the new environment is set up, run the full test suite for your application. Again, it’s useful to turn on deprecation warnings on so they’re shown in the test output (you can also use the flag if you test your app manually using manage.py runserver):

```shell
$ python -Wa manage.py test
```

After you have run the tests, fix any failures. While you have the release notes fresh in your mind, it may also be a good time to take advantage of new features in Django by refactoring your code to eliminate any deprecation warnings.

4.9.6 Deployment

When you are sufficiently confident your app works with the new version of Django, you’re ready to go ahead and deploy your upgraded Django project.

If you are using caching provided by Django, you should consider clearing your cache after upgrading. Otherwise you may run into problems, for example, if you are caching pickled objects as these objects are not guaranteed to be pickle-compatible across Django versions. A past instance of incompatibility was caching pickled `HttpResponse` objects, either directly or indirectly via the `cache_page()` decorator.

4.10 Error reporting

When you’re running a public site you should always turn off the `DEBUG` setting. That will make your server run much faster, and will also prevent malicious users from seeing details of your application that can be revealed by the error pages.

However, running with `DEBUG` set to `False` means you’ll never see errors generated by your site – everyone will instead see your public error pages. You need to keep track of errors that occur in deployed sites, so Django can be configured to create reports with details about those errors.

4.10.1 Email reports

Server errors

When `DEBUG` is `False`, Django will email the users listed in the `ADMINS` setting whenever your code raises an unhandled exception and results in an internal server error (strictly speaking, for any response with an HTTP status code of 500 or greater). This gives the administrators immediate notification of any errors. The `ADMINS` will get a description of the error, a complete Python traceback, and details about the HTTP request that caused the error.

**Note:** In order to send email, Django requires a few settings telling it how to connect to your mail server. At the very least, you’ll need to specify `EMAIL_HOST` and possibly `EMAIL_HOST_USER` and `EMAIL_HOST_PASSWORD`, though other settings may be also required depending on your mail server’s configuration. Consult the [Django settings documentation](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/settings/) for a full list of email-related settings.

By default, Django will send email from `root@localhost`. However, some mail providers reject all email from this address. To use a different sender address, modify the `SERVER_EMAIL` setting.
To activate this behavior, put the email addresses of the recipients in the `ADMINS` setting.

See also:

Server error emails are sent using the logging framework, so you can customize this behavior by customizing your logging configuration.

### 404 errors

Django can also be configured to email errors about broken links (404 “page not found” errors). Django sends emails about 404 errors when:

- `DEBUG` is `False`;
- Your `MIDDLEWARE` setting includes `django.middleware.common.BrokenLinkEmailsMiddleware`.

If those conditions are met, Django will email the users listed in the `MANAGERS` setting whenever your code raises a 404 and the request has a referer. It doesn’t bother to email for 404s that don’t have a referer – those are usually people typing in broken URLs or broken Web bots. It also ignores 404s when the referer is equal to the requested URL, since this behavior is from broken Web bots too.

**Note:** `BrokenLinkEmailsMiddleware` must appear before other middleware that intercepts 404 errors, such as `LocaleMiddleware` or `FlatpageFallbackMiddleware`. Put it towards the top of your `MIDDLEWARE` setting.

You can tell Django to stop reporting particular 404s by tweaking the `IGNORABLE_404_URLS` setting. It should be a list of compiled regular expression objects. For example:

```python
import re
IGNORABLE_404_URLS = [
    re.compile(r'\.(php|cgi)$'),
    re.compile(r'^/phpmyadmin/'),
]
```

In this example, a 404 to any URL ending with `.php` or `.cgi` will not be reported. Neither will any URL starting with `/phpmyadmin/`.

The following example shows how to exclude some conventional URLs that browsers and crawlers often request:

```python
import re
IGNORABLE_404_URLS = [
    re.compile(r'^/apple-touch-icon.*\.png$'),
    re.compile(r'^/favicon\.ico$'),
    re.compile(r'^/robots\.txt$'),
]
```

(Note that these are regular expressions, so we put a backslash in front of periods to escape them.)

If you’d like to customize the behavior of `django.middleware.common.BrokenLinkEmailsMiddleware` further (for example to ignore requests coming from web crawlers), you should subclass it and override its methods.

See also:

404 errors are logged using the logging framework. By default, these log records are ignored, but you can use them for error reporting by writing a handler and configuring logging appropriately.
4.10.2 Filtering error reports

**Warning:** Filtering sensitive data is a hard problem, and it’s nearly impossible to guarantee that sensitive data won’t leak into an error report. Therefore, error reports should only be available to trusted team members and you should avoid transmitting error reports unencrypted over the Internet (such as through email).

Filtering sensitive information

Error reports are really helpful for debugging errors, so it is generally useful to record as much relevant information about those errors as possible. For example, by default Django records the full traceback for the exception raised, each traceback frame’s local variables, and the HttpRequest’s attributes.

However, sometimes certain types of information may be too sensitive and thus may not be appropriate to be kept track of, for example a user’s password or credit card number. So in addition to filtering out settings that appear to be sensitive as described in the DEBUG documentation, Django offers a set of function decorators to help you control which information should be filtered out of error reports in a production environment (that is, where DEBUG is set to False): sensitive_variables() and sensitive_post_parameters().

**sensitive_variables(**variables**)

If a function (either a view or any regular callback) in your code uses local variables susceptible to contain sensitive information, you may prevent the values of those variables from being included in error reports using the sensitive_variables decorator:

```python
from django.views.decorators.debug import sensitive_variables

def process_info(user):
    pw = user.password
    cc = user.credit_card_number
    name = user.name
    ...
```

In the above example, the values for the user, pw and cc variables will be hidden and replaced with stars (*************) in the error reports, whereas the value of the name variable will be disclosed.

To systematically hide all local variables of a function from error logs, do not provide any argument to the sensitive_variables decorator:

```python
@sensitive_variables()
def my_function():
    ...
```

When using multiple decorators

If the variable you want to hide is also a function argument (e.g. ’user’ in the following example), and if the decorated function has multiple decorators, then make sure to place @sensitive_variables at the top of the decorator chain. This way it will also hide the function argument as it gets passed through the other decorators:

```python
@sensitive_variables('user', 'pw', 'cc')
@some_decorator
@another_decorator
def process_info(user):
    ...
```
If one of your views receives an `HttpRequest` object with `POST` parameters susceptible to contain sensitive information, you may prevent the values of those parameters from being included in the error reports using the `sensitive_post_parameters` decorator:

```python
from django.views.decorators.debug import sensitive_post_parameters

@sensitive_post_parameters('pass_word', 'credit_card_number')
def record_user_profile(request):
    UserProfile.create(
        user=request.user,
        password=request.POST['pass_word'],
        credit_card=request.POST['credit_card_number'],
        name=request.POST['name'],
    )
...```

In the above example, the values for the `pass_word` and `credit_card_number` POST parameters will be hidden and replaced with stars (***********) in the request’s representation inside the error reports, whereas the value of the `name` parameter will be disclosed.

To systematically hide all POST parameters of a request in error reports, do not provide any argument to the `sensitive_post_parameters` decorator:

```python
@sensitive_post_parameters()
def my_view(request):
    ...
```

All POST parameters are systematically filtered out of error reports for certain `django.contrib.auth.views` views (login, password_reset_confirm, password_change, and add_view and user_change_password in the auth admin) to prevent the leaking of sensitive information such as user passwords.

### Custom error reports

All `sensitive_variables()` and `sensitive_post_parameters()` do is, respectively, annotate the decorated function with the names of sensitive variables and annotate the `HttpRequest` object with the names of sensitive POST parameters, so that this sensitive information can later be filtered out of reports when an error occurs. The actual filtering is done by Django’s default error reporter filter: `django.views.debug.SafeExceptionReporterFilter`. This filter uses the decorators’ annotations to replace the corresponding values with stars (***********) when the error reports are produced. If you wish to override or customize this default behavior for your entire site, you need to define your own filter class and tell Django to use it via the `DEFAULT_EXCEPTION_REPORTER_FILTER` setting:

```
DEFAULT_EXCEPTION_REPORTER_FILTER = 'path.to.your.CustomExceptionReporterFilter'
```

You may also control in a more granular way which filter to use within any given view by setting the `HttpRequest`’s `exception_reporter_filter` attribute:

```python
def my_view(request):
    if request.user.is_authenticated:
        request.exception_reporter_filter = CustomExceptionReporterFilter()
    ...
```
Your custom filter class needs to inherit from `django.views.debug.SafeExceptionReporterFilter` and may override the following attributes and methods:

```python
class SafeExceptionReporterFilter

    cleansed_substitute
    The string value to replace sensitive value with. By default it replaces the values of sensitive variables with stars (**********).

    hidden_settings
    A compiled regular expression object used to match settings and request.META values considered as sensitive. By default equivalent to:

    ```python
    import re
    re.compile(r'API|TOKEN|KEY|SECRET|PASS|SIGNATURE', flags=re.IGNORECASE)
    ```

    is_active(request)
    Returns True to activate the filtering in `get_post_parameters()` and `get_traceback_frame_variables()`. By default the filter is active if DEBUG is False. Note that sensitive request.META values are always filtered along with sensitive setting values, as described in the DEBUG documentation.

    get_post_parameters(request)
    Returns the filtered dictionary of POST parameters. Sensitive values are replaced with `cleansed_substitute`.

    get_traceback_frame_variables(request, tb_frame)
    Returns the filtered dictionary of local variables for the given traceback frame. Sensitive values are replaced with `cleansed_substitute`.
```

If you need to customize error reports beyond filtering you may specify a custom error reporter class by defining the `DEFAULT_EXCEPTION_REPORTER` setting:

```python
DEFAULT_EXCEPTION_REPORTER = 'path.to.your.CustomExceptionReporter'
```

The exception reporter is responsible for compiling the exception report data, and formatting it as text or HTML appropriately. (The exception reporter uses `DEFAULT_EXCEPTION_REPORTER_FILTER` when preparing the exception report data.)

Your custom reporter class needs to inherit from `django.views.debug.ExceptionReporter`.

```python
class ExceptionReporter

    get_traceback_data()
    Return a dictionary containing traceback information.
    This is the main extension point for customizing exception reports, for example:

    ```python
    from django.views.debug import ExceptionReporter
    class CustomExceptionReporter(ExceptionReporter):
        def get_traceback_data(self):
            data = super().get_traceback_data()
            # ... remove/add something here ...
            return data
    ```
get_traceback_html()
Return HTML version of exception report.
Used for HTML version of debug 500 HTTP error page.

get_traceback_text()
Return plain text version of exception report.
Used for plain text version of debug 500 HTTP error page and email reports.

As with the filter class, you may control which exception reporter class to use within any given view by setting the HttpRequest's exception_reporter_class attribute:

```python
def my_view(request):
    if request.user.is_authenticated:
        request.exception_reporter_class = CustomExceptionReporter()
```

See also:
You can also set up custom error reporting by writing a custom piece of exception middleware. If you do write custom error handling, it’s a good idea to emulate Django’s built-in error handling and only report/log errors if DEBUG is False.

4.11 Providing initial data for models

It’s sometimes useful to pre-populate your database with hard-coded data when you’re first setting up an app. You can provide initial data with migrations or fixtures.

4.11.1 Providing initial data with migrations

If you want to automatically load initial data for an app, create a data migration. Migrations are run when setting up the test database, so the data will be available there, subject to some limitations.

4.11.2 Providing data with fixtures

You can also provide data using fixtures, however, this data isn’t loaded automatically, except if you use TransactionTestCase.fixtures.

A fixture is a collection of data that Django knows how to import into a database. The most straightforward way of creating a fixture if you’ve already got some data is to use the manage.py dumpdata command. Or, you can write fixtures by hand; fixtures can be written as JSON, XML or YAML (with PyYAML installed) documents. The serialization documentation has more details about each of these supported serialization formats.

As an example, though, here’s what a fixture for a Person model might look like in JSON:

```json
[
    {
        "model": "myapp.person",
        "pk": 1,
        "fields": {
            "first_name": "John",
            "last_name": "Lennon"
        }
    },
]

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And here’s that same fixture as YAML:

```
- model: myapp.person
  pk: 1
  fields:
    first_name: John
    last_name: Lennon
- model: myapp.person
  pk: 2
  fields:
    first_name: Paul
    last_name: McCartney
```

You’ll store this data in a fixtures directory inside your app.

You can load data by calling `manage.py loaddata <fixturename>`, where `<fixturename>` is the name of the fixture file you’ve created. Each time you run `loaddata`, the data will be read from the fixture and re-loaded into the database. Note this means that if you change one of the rows created by a fixture and then run `loaddata` again, you’ll wipe out any changes you’ve made.

**Where Django finds fixture files**

By default, Django looks in the fixtures directory inside each app for fixtures. You can set the `FIXTURE_DIRS` setting to a list of additional directories where Django should look.

When running `manage.py loaddata`, you can also specify a path to a fixture file, which overrides searching the usual directories.

**See also:**

Fixtures are also used by the testing framework to help set up a consistent test environment.

### 4.12 Integrating Django with a legacy database

While Django is best suited for developing new applications, it’s quite possible to integrate it into legacy databases. Django includes a couple of utilities to automate as much of this process as possible.

This document assumes you know the Django basics, as covered in the tutorial.

Once you’ve got Django set up, you’ll follow this general process to integrate with an existing database.
4.12.1 Give Django your database parameters

You’ll need to tell Django what your database connection parameters are, and what the name of the database is. Do that by editing the `DATABASES` setting and assigning values to the following keys for the ‘default’ connection:

- **NAME**
- **ENGINE**
- **USER**
- **PASSWORD**
- **HOST**
- **PORT**

4.12.2 Auto-generate the models

Django comes with a utility called `inspectdb` that can create models by introspecting an existing database. You can view the output by running this command:

```bash
$ python manage.py inspectdb
```

Save this as a file by using standard Unix output redirection:

```bash
$ python manage.py inspectdb > models.py
```

This feature is meant as a shortcut, not as definitive model generation. See the documentation of `inspectdb` for more information.

Once you’ve cleaned up your models, name the file `models.py` and put it in the Python package that holds your app. Then add the app to your `INSTALLED_APPS` setting.

By default, `inspectdb` creates unmanaged models. That is, `managed = False` in the model’s `Meta` class tells Django not to manage each table’s creation, modification, and deletion:

```python
class Person(models.Model):
    id = models.IntegerField(primary_key=True)
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=70)
    class Meta:
        managed = False
        db_table = 'CENSUS_PERSONS'
```

If you do want to allow Django to manage the table’s lifecycle, you’ll need to change the `managed` option above to `True` (or remove it because `True` is its default value).

4.12.3 Install the core Django tables

Next, run the `migrate` command to install any extra needed database records such as admin permissions and content types:

```bash
$ python manage.py migrate
```
Django Documentation, Release 3.1.5.dev

4.12.4 Test and tweak
Those are the basic steps – from here you’ll want to tweak the models Django generated until they work the way you’d
like. Try accessing your data via the Django database API, and try editing objects via Django’s admin site, and edit
the models file accordingly.

4.13 Outputting CSV with Django
This document explains how to output CSV (Comma Separated Values) dynamically using Django views. To do this,
you can either use the Python CSV library or the Django template system.

4.13.1 Using the Python CSV library
Python comes with a CSV library, csv. The key to using it with Django is that the csv module’s CSV-creation
capability acts on file-like objects, and Django’s HttpResponse objects are file-like objects.
Here’s an example:
import csv
from django.http import HttpResponse
def some_view(request):
# Create the HttpResponse object with the appropriate CSV header.
response = HttpResponse(content_type='text/csv')
response['Content-Disposition'] = 'attachment; filename="somefilename.csv"'
writer = csv.writer(response)
writer.writerow(['First row', 'Foo', 'Bar', 'Baz'])
writer.writerow(['Second row', 'A', 'B', 'C', '"Testing"', "Here's a quote"])
return response

The code and comments should be self-explanatory, but a few things deserve a mention:
• The response gets a special MIME type, text/csv. This tells browsers that the document is a CSV file, rather
than an HTML file. If you leave this off, browsers will probably interpret the output as HTML, which will result
in ugly, scary gobbledygook in the browser window.
• The response gets an additional Content-Disposition header, which contains the name of the CSV file.
This filename is arbitrary; call it whatever you want. It’ll be used by browsers in the “Save as. . . ” dialog, etc.
• You can hook into the CSV-generation API by passing response as the first argument to csv.writer. The
csv.writer function expects a file-like object, and HttpResponse objects fit the bill.
• For each row in your CSV file, call writer.writerow, passing it an iterable.
• The CSV module takes care of quoting for you, so you don’t have to worry about escaping strings with quotes
or commas in them. Pass writerow() your raw strings, and it’ll do the right thing.
Streaming large CSV files
When dealing with views that generate very large responses, you might want to consider using Django’s
StreamingHttpResponse instead. For example, by streaming a file that takes a long time to generate you can
avoid a load balancer dropping a connection that might have otherwise timed out while the server was generating the
response.
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In this example, we make full use of Python generators to efficiently handle the assembly and transmission of a large CSV file:

```python
import csv

from django.http import StreamingHttpResponse

class Echo:
    """An object that implements just the write method of the file-like interface."""

    def write(self, value):
        """Write the value by returning it, instead of storing in a buffer."""
        return value

def some_streaming_csv_view(request):
    """A view that streams a large CSV file."""
    # Generate a sequence of rows. The range is based on the maximum number of
    # rows that can be handled by a single sheet in most spreadsheet
    # applications.
    rows = ["Row {}".format(idx), str(idx)] for idx in range(65536)
    pseudo_buffer = Echo()
    writer = csv.writer(pseudo_buffer)
    response = StreamingHttpResponse((writer.writerow(row) for row in rows),
                                      content_type="text/csv")
    response['Content-Disposition'] = 'attachment; filename="somefilename.csv"'
    return response
```

### 4.13.2 Using the template system

Alternatively, you can use the *Django template system* to generate CSV. This is lower-level than using the convenient Python `csv` module, but the solution is presented here for completeness.

The idea here is to pass a list of items to your template, and have the template output the commas in a `for` loop.

Here’s an example, which generates the same CSV file as above:

```python
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.template import loader

def some_view(request):
    # Create the HttpResponse object with the appropriate CSV header.
    response = HttpResponse(content_type='text/csv')
    response['Content-Disposition'] = 'attachment; filename="somefilename.csv"'

    # The data is hard-coded here, but you could load it from a database or
    # some other source.
    csv_data = (['First row', 'Foo', 'Bar', 'Baz'],
                ['Second row', 'A', 'B', 'C', "Testing", "Here's a quote"],
    )
    t = loader.get_template('my_template_name.txt')
    c = {'data': csv_data}
    response.write(t.render(c))
    return response
```

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The only difference between this example and the previous example is that this one uses template loading instead of the CSV module. The rest of the code – such as the `content_type='text/csv'` – is the same.

Then, create the template `my_template_name.txt` with this template code:

```plaintext
{% for row in data %}
  "{{ row.0|addslashes }}", "{{ row.1|addslashes }}", "{{ row.2|addslashes }}", "{{ row.3|addslashes }}", "{{ row.4|addslashes }}"
{% endfor %}
```

This short template iterates over the given data and displays a line of CSV for each row. It uses the `addslashes` template filter to ensure there aren’t any problems with quotes.

### 4.13.3 Other text-based formats

Notice that there isn’t very much specific to CSV here – just the specific output format. You can use either of these techniques to output any text-based format you can dream of. You can also use a similar technique to generate arbitrary binary data; see *Outputting PDFs with Django* for an example.

### 4.14 Outputting PDFs with Django

This document explains how to output PDF files dynamically using Django views. This is made possible by the excellent, open-source ReportLab Python PDF library.

The advantage of generating PDF files dynamically is that you can create customized PDFs for different purposes – say, for different users or different pieces of content.

For example, Django was used at kusports.com to generate customized, printer-friendly NCAA tournament brackets, as PDF files, for people participating in a March Madness contest.

#### 4.14.1 Install ReportLab

The ReportLab library is available on PyPI. A user guide (not coincidentally, a PDF file) is also available for download. You can install ReportLab with `pip`:

```bash
$ python -m pip install reportlab
```

Test your installation by importing it in the Python interactive interpreter:

```python
>>> import reportlab
```

If that command doesn’t raise any errors, the installation worked.

#### 4.14.2 Write your view

The key to generating PDFs dynamically with Django is that the ReportLab API acts on file-like objects, and Django’s `FileResponse` objects accept file-like objects.

Here’s a “Hello World” example:

```python
import io
from django.http import FileResponse
from reportlab.pdfgen import canvas
```
def some_view(request):
    # Create a file-like buffer to receive PDF data.
    buffer = io.BytesIO()

    # Create the PDF object, using the buffer as its "file."
    p = canvas.Canvas(buffer)

    # Draw things on the PDF. Here's where the PDF generation happens.
    # See the ReportLab documentation for the full list of functionality.
    p.drawString(100, 100, "Hello world.")

    # Close the PDF object cleanly, and we're done.
    p.showPage()
    p.save()

    # FileResponse sets the Content-Disposition header so that browsers
    # present the option to save the file.
    buffer.seek(0)
    return FileResponse(buffer, as_attachment=True, filename='hello.pdf')

The code and comments should be self-explanatory, but a few things deserve a mention:

- The response will automatically set the MIME type application/pdf based on the filename extension. This tells browsers that the document is a PDF file, rather than an HTML file or a generic application/octet-stream binary content.

- When as_attachment=True is passed to FileResponse, it sets the appropriate Content-Disposition header and that tells Web browsers to pop-up a dialog box prompting/confirming how to handle the document even if a default is set on the machine. If the as_attachment parameter is omitted, browsers will handle the PDF using whatever program/plugin they’ve been configured to use for PDFs.

- You can provide an arbitrary filename parameter. It’ll be used by browsers in the “Save as…” dialog.

- You can hook into the ReportLab API: The same buffer passed as the first argument to canvas.Canvas can be fed to the FileResponse class.

- Note that all subsequent PDF-generation methods are called on the PDF object (in this case, p) – not on buffer.

- Finally, it’s important to call showPage() and save() on the PDF file.

Note: ReportLab is not thread-safe. Some of our users have reported odd issues with building PDF-generating Django views that are accessed by many people at the same time.

4.14.3 Other formats

Notice that there isn’t a lot in these examples that’s PDF-specific – just the bits using reportlab. You can use a similar technique to generate any arbitrary format that you can find a Python library for. Also see Outputting CSV with Django for another example and some techniques you can use when generated text-based formats.

See also:

Django Packages provides a comparison of packages that help generate PDF files from Django.
4.15 Overriding templates

In your project, you might want to override a template in another Django application, whether it be a third-party application or a contrib application such as django.contrib.admin. You can either put template overrides in your project’s templates directory or in an application’s templates directory.

If you have app and project templates directories that both contain overrides, the default Django template loader will try to load the template from the project-level directory first. In other words, $DIRS$ is searched before $APP_DIRS$.

See also:

Read Overriding built-in widget templates if you’re looking to do that.

4.15.1 Overriding from the project’s templates directory

First, we’ll explore overriding templates by creating replacement templates in your project’s templates directory.

Let’s say you’re trying to override the templates for a third-party application called blog, which provides the templates blog/post.html and blog/list.html. The relevant settings for your project would look like:

```python
from pathlib import Path

BASE_DIR = Path(__file__).resolve().parent.parent

INSTALLED_APPS = [
    ..., 
    'blog',
    ..., 
]

TEMPLATES = [
    {
        'BACKEND': 'django.template.backends.django.DjangoTemplates',
        'DIRS': [BASE_DIR / 'templates'],
        'APP_DIRS': True,
    },
]
```

The $TEMPLATES$ setting and $BASE_DIR$ will already exist if you created your project using the default project template. The setting that needs to be modified is $DIRS$.

These settings assume you have a templates directory in the root of your project. To override the templates for the blog app, create a folder in the templates directory, and add the template files to that folder:

```
templates/
    blog/
      list.html
      post.html
```

The template loader first looks for templates in the $DIRS$ directory. When the views in the blog app ask for the blog/post.html and blog/list.html templates, the loader will return the files you just created.
4.15.2 Overriding from an app’s template directory

Since you’re overriding templates located outside of one of your project’s apps, it’s more common to use the first method and put template overrides in a project’s templates folder. If you prefer, however, it’s also possible to put the overrides in an app’s template directory.

First, make sure your template settings are checking inside app directories:

```python
TEMPLATES = [
    {
        ..., 
        'APP_DIRS': True,
        ...
    },
]
```

If you want to put the template overrides in an app called `myapp` and the templates to override are named `blog/list.html` and `blog/post.html`, then your directory structure will look like:

```
myapp/
    templates/
        blog/
            list.html
            post.html
```

With `APP_DIRS` set to `True`, the template loader will look in the app’s templates directory and find the templates.

4.15.3 Extending an overridden template

With your template loaders configured, you can extend a template using the `{% extends %}` template tag whilst at the same time overriding it. This can allow you to make small customizations without needing to reimplement the entire template.

For example, you can use this technique to add a custom logo to the `admin/base_site.html` template:

```
Listing 1: templates/admin/base_site.html

{% extends "admin/base_site.html" %}

{% block branding %}
    <img src="link/to/logo.png" alt="logo">
    {{ block.super }}
{% endblock %}
```

Key points to note:

- The example creates a file at `templates/admin/base_site.html` that uses the configured project-level templates directory to override `admin/base_site.html`.
- The new template extends `admin/base_site.html`, which is the same template as is being overridden.
- The template replaces just the `branding` block, adding a custom logo, and using `block.super` to retain the prior content.
- The rest of the template is inherited unchanged from `admin/base_site.html`.

This technique works because the template loader does not consider the already loaded override template (at `templates/admin/base_site.html`) when resolving the `extends` tag. Combined with `block.super` it is a powerful technique to make small customizations.
4.16 Managing static files (e.g. images, JavaScript, CSS)

Websites generally need to serve additional files such as images, JavaScript, or CSS. In Django, we refer to these files as “static files”. Django provides `django.contrib.staticfiles` to help you manage them.

This page describes how you can serve these static files.

4.16.1 Configuring static files

1. Make sure that `django.contrib.staticfiles` is included in your `INSTALLED_APPS`.

2. In your settings file, define `STATIC_URL`, for example:

   ```
   STATIC_URL = '/static/'
   ```

3. In your templates, use the `static` template tag to build the URL for the given relative path using the configured `STATICFILES_STORAGE`.

   ```
   {% load static %}
   <img src="{% static 'my_app/example.jpg' %}" alt="My image">
   ```

4. Store your static files in a folder called `static` in your app. For example `my_app/static/my_app/example.jpg`.

Serving the files

In addition to these configuration steps, you’ll also need to actually serve the static files.

During development, if you use `django.contrib.staticfiles`, this will be done automatically by `runserver` when `DEBUG` is set to `True` (see `django.contrib.staticfiles.views.serve()`).

This method is **grossly inefficient** and probably **insecure**, so it is **unsuitable for production**.

See [Deploying static files](#) for proper strategies to serve static files in production environments.

Your project will probably also have static assets that aren’t tied to a particular app. In addition to using a `static/` directory inside your apps, you can define a list of directories (`STATICFILES_DIRS`) in your settings file where Django will also look for static files. For example:

```
STATICFILES_DIRS = [
    BASE_DIR / "static",
    '/var/www/static/',
]
```

See the documentation for the `STATICFILES_FINDERS` setting for details on how `staticfiles` finds your files.

Static file namespacing

Now we **might** be able to get away with putting our static files directly in `my_app/static/` (rather than creating another `my_app` subdirectory), but it would actually be a bad idea. Django will use the first static file it finds whose name matches, and if you had a static file with the same name in a **different** application, Django would be unable to distinguish between them. We need to be able to point Django at the right one, and the best way to ensure this is by **namespacing** them. That is, by putting those static files inside another directory named for the application itself.

You can namespace static assets in `STATICFILES_DIRS` by specifying prefixes.
4.16.2 Serving static files during development

If you use `django.contrib.staticfiles` as explained above, `runserver` will do this automatically when `DEBUG` is set to True. If you don’t have `django.contrib.staticfiles` in `INSTALLED_APPS`, you can still manually serve static files using the `django.views.static.serve()` view.

This is not suitable for production use! For some common deployment strategies, see `Deploying static files`.

For example, if your `STATIC_URL` is defined as `/static/`, you can do this by adding the following snippet to your urls.py:

```python
from django.conf import settings
from django.conf.urls.static import static

urlpatterns = [
    # ... the rest of your URLconf goes here ...
] + static(settings.STATIC_URL, document_root=settings.STATIC_ROOT)
```

**Note:** This helper function works only in debug mode and only if the given prefix is local (e.g. `/static/`) and not a URL (e.g. `http://static.example.com/`).

Also this helper function only serves the actual `STATIC_ROOT` folder; it doesn’t perform static files discovery like `django.contrib.staticfiles`.

4.16.3 Serving files uploaded by a user during development

During development, you can serve user-uploaded media files from `MEDIA_ROOT` using the `django.views.static.serve()` view.

This is not suitable for production use! For some common deployment strategies, see `Deploying static files`.

For example, if your `MEDIA_URL` is defined as `/media/`, you can do this by adding the following snippet to your urls.py:

```python
from django.conf import settings
from django.conf.urls.static import static

urlpatterns = [
    # ... the rest of your URLconf goes here ...
] + static(settings.MEDIA_URL, document_root=settings.MEDIA_ROOT)
```

**Note:** This helper function works only in debug mode and only if the given prefix is local (e.g. `/media/`) and not a URL (e.g. `http://media.example.com/`).

4.16.4 Testing

When running tests that use actual HTTP requests instead of the built-in testing client (i.e. when using the built-in `LiveServerTestCase`) the static assets need to be served along the rest of the content so the test environment reproduces the real one as faithfully as possible, but `LiveServerTestCase` has only very basic static file-serving functionality: It doesn’t know about the finders feature of the `staticfiles` application and assumes the static content has already been collected under `STATIC_ROOT`.

4.16. Managing static files (e.g. images, JavaScript, CSS)
Because of this, **staticfiles** ships its own `django.contrib.staticfiles.testing.StaticLiveServerTestCase`, a subclass of the built-in one that has the ability to transparently serve all the assets during execution of these tests in a way very similar to what we get at development time with `DEBUG = True`, i.e. without having to collect them using `collectstatic` first.

### 4.16.5 Deployment

`django.contrib.staticfiles` provides a convenience management command for gathering static files in a single directory so you can serve them easily.

1. Set the `STATIC_ROOT` setting to the directory from which you’d like to serve these files, for example:

   ```
   STATIC_ROOT = "/var/www/example.com/static/
   ```

2. Run the `collectstatic` management command:

   ```bash
   $ python manage.py collectstatic
   ```

   This will copy all files from your static folders into the `STATIC_ROOT` directory.

3. Use a web server of your choice to serve the files. *Deploying static files* covers some common deployment strategies for static files.

### 4.16.6 Learn more

This document has covered the basics and some common usage patterns. For complete details on all the settings, commands, template tags, and other pieces included in `django.contrib.staticfiles`, see the [staticfiles reference](#).

### 4.17 Deploying static files

See also:

For an introduction to the use of `django.contrib.staticfiles`, see *Managing static files (e.g. images, JavaScript, CSS)*.

#### 4.17.1 Serving static files in production

The basic outline of putting static files into production consists of two steps: run the `collectstatic` command when static files change, then arrange for the collected static files directory (`STATIC_ROOT`) to be moved to the static file server and served. Depending on `STATICFILES_STORAGE`, files may need to be moved to a new location manually or the `post_process` method of the `Storage` class might take care of that.

As with all deployment tasks, the devil’s in the details. Every production setup will be a bit different, so you’ll need to adapt the basic outline to fit your needs. Below are a few common patterns that might help.

**Serving the site and your static files from the same server**

If you want to serve your static files from the same server that’s already serving your site, the process may look something like:

- Push your code up to the deployment server.
On the server, run `collectstatic` to copy all the static files into `STATIC_ROOT`.

Configure your web server to serve the files in `STATIC_ROOT` under the URL `STATIC_URL`. For example, here’s how to do this with Apache and mod_wsgi.

You’ll probably want to automate this process, especially if you’ve got multiple web servers.

### Serving static files from a dedicated server

Most larger Django sites use a separate Web server – i.e., one that’s not also running Django – for serving static files. This server often runs a different type of web server – faster but less full-featured. Some common choices are:

- **Nginx**
- A stripped-down version of Apache

Configuring these servers is out of scope of this document; check each server’s respective documentation for instructions.

Since your static file server won’t be running Django, you’ll need to modify the deployment strategy to look something like:

- When your static files change, run `collectstatic` locally.
- Push your local `STATIC_ROOT` up to the static file server into the directory that’s being served. `rsync` is a common choice for this step since it only needs to transfer the bits of static files that have changed.

### Serving static files from a cloud service or CDN

Another common tactic is to serve static files from a cloud storage provider like Amazon’s S3 and/or a CDN (content delivery network). This lets you ignore the problems of serving static files and can often make for faster-loading Web pages (especially when using a CDN).

When using these services, the basic workflow would look a bit like the above, except that instead of using `rsync` to transfer your static files to the server you’d need to transfer the static files to the storage provider or CDN.

There’s any number of ways you might do this, but if the provider has an API, you can use a custom file storage backend to integrate the CDN with your Django project. If you’ve written or are using a 3rd party custom storage backend, you can tell `collectstatic` to use it by setting `STATICFILES_STORAGE` to the storage engine.

For example, if you’ve written an S3 storage backend in `myproject.storage.S3Storage` you could use it with:

```python
STATICFILES_STORAGE = 'myproject.storage.S3Storage'
```

Once that’s done, all you have to do is run `collectstatic` and your static files would be pushed through your storage package up to S3. If you later needed to switch to a different storage provider, you may only have to change your `STATICFILES_STORAGE` setting.

For details on how you’d write one of these backends, see Writing a custom storage system. There are 3rd party apps available that provide storage backends for many common file storage APIs. A good starting point is the overview at djangopackages.org.

### 4.17.2 Learn more

For complete details on all the settings, commands, template tags, and other pieces included in `django.contrib.staticfiles`, see the staticfiles reference.
4.18 How to install Django on Windows

This document will guide you through installing Python 3.8 and Django on Windows. It also provides instructions for setting up a virtual environment, which makes it easier to work on Python projects. This is meant as a beginner’s guide for users working on Django projects and does not reflect how Django should be installed when developing patches for Django itself.

The steps in this guide have been tested with Windows 10. In other versions, the steps would be similar. You will need to be familiar with using the Windows command prompt.

4.18.1 Install Python

Django is a Python web framework, thus requiring Python to be installed on your machine. At the time of writing, Python 3.8 is the latest version.

To install Python on your machine go to https://python.org/downloads/. The website should offer you a download button for the latest Python version. Download the executable installer and run it. Check the boxes next to “Install launcher for all users (recommended)” then click “Install Now”.

After installation, open the command prompt and check that the Python version matches the version you installed by executing:

```
...\> py --version
```

See also:
For more details, see Using Python on Windows documentation.

4.18.2 About pip

pip is a package manager for Python and is included by default with the Python installer. It helps to install and uninstall Python packages (such as Django!). For the rest of the installation, we’ll use pip to install Python packages from the command line.

4.18.3 Setting up a virtual environment

It is best practice to provide a dedicated environment for each Django project you create. There are many options to manage environments and packages within the Python ecosystem, some of which are recommended in the Python documentation. Python itself comes with venv for managing environments which we will use for this guide.

To create a virtual environment for your project, open a new command prompt, navigate to the folder where you want to create your project and then enter the following:

```
...\> py -m venv project-name
```

This will create a folder called ‘project-name’ if it does not already exist and setup the virtual environment. To activate the environment, run:

```
...\> project-name\Scripts\activate.bat
```

The virtual environment will be activated and you’ll see“(project-name)” next to the command prompt to designate that. Each time you start a new command prompt, you’ll need to activate the environment again.
4.18.4 Install Django

Django can be installed easily using pip within your virtual environment.

In the command prompt, ensure your virtual environment is active, and execute the following command:

```bash
...\> py -m pip install Django
```

This will download and install the latest Django release.

After the installation has completed, you can verify your Django installation by executing `django-admin --version` in the command prompt.

See *Get your database running* for information on database installation with Django.

4.18.5 Common pitfalls

- If `django-admin` only displays the help text no matter what arguments it is given, there is probably a problem with the file association in Windows. Check if there is more than one environment variable set for running Python scripts in `PATH`. This usually occurs when there is more than one Python version installed.

- If you are connecting to the internet behind a proxy, there might be problems in running the command `py -m pip install Django`. Set the environment variables for proxy configuration in the command prompt as follows:

  ```bash
  ...
  \set http_proxy=http://username:password@proxyserver:proxyport
  ...
  \set https_proxy=https://username:password@proxyserver:proxyport
  ```

4.19 Writing database migrations

This document explains how to structure and write database migrations for different scenarios you might encounter. For introductory material on migrations, see *the topic guide*.

4.19.1 Data migrations and multiple databases

When using multiple databases, you may need to figure out whether or not to run a migration against a particular database. For example, you may want to *only* run a migration on a particular database.

In order to do that you can check the database connection’s alias inside a `RunPython` operation by looking at the `schema_editor.connection.alias` attribute:

```python
from django.db import migrations

def forwards(apps, schema_editor):
    if schema_editor.connection.alias != 'default':
        return
    # Your migration code goes here

class Migration(migrations.Migration):

    dependencies = [
        # Dependencies to other migrations
    ]
```

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You can also provide hints that will be passed to the `allow_migrate()` method of database routers as **hints**:

```python
class MyRouter:

    def allow_migrate(self, db, app_label, model_name=None, **hints):
        if 'target_db' in hints:
            return db == hints['target_db']
        return True
```

Then, to leverage this in your migrations, do the following:

```python
from django.db import migrations

def forwards(apps, schema_editor):
    # Your migration code goes here
    ...

class Migration(migrations.Migration):

    dependencies = [
        # Dependencies to other migrations
    ]

    operations = [
        migrations.RunPython(forwards, hints={"target_db": "default"}),
    ]
```

If your `RunPython` or `RunSQL` operation only affects one model, it’s good practice to pass `model_name` as a hint to make it as transparent as possible to the router. This is especially important for reusable and third-party apps.

### 4.19.2 Migrations that add unique fields

Applying a “plain” migration that adds a unique non-nullable field to a table with existing rows will raise an error because the value used to populate existing rows is generated only once, thus breaking the unique constraint.

Therefore, the following steps should be taken. In this example, we’ll add a non-nullable `UUIDField` with a default value. Modify the respective field according to your needs.

- Add the field on your model with `default=uuid.uuid4` and `unique=True` arguments (choose an appropriate default for the type of the field you’re adding).
- Run the `makemigrations` command. This should generate a migration with an `AddField` operation.
- Generate two empty migration files for the same app by running `makemigrations myapp --empty` twice. We’ve renamed the migration files to give them meaningful names in the examples below.
- Copy the `AddField` operation from the auto-generated migration (the first of the three new files) to the last migration, change `AddField` to `AlterField`, and add imports of `uuid` and `models`. For example:
Listing 3: 0006_remove_uuid_null.py

```python
# Generated by Django A.B on YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM
from django.db import migrations, models
import uuid

class Migration(migrations.Migration):
    dependencies = [
        ('myapp', '0005_populate_uuid_values'),
    ]

    operations = [
        migrations.AlterField(
            model_name='mymodel',
            name='uuid',
            field=models.UUIDField(default=uuid.uuid4, unique=True),
        ),
    ]
```

• Edit the first migration file. The generated migration class should look similar to this:

Listing 4: 0004_add_uuid_field.py

```python
class Migration(migrations.Migration):
    dependencies = [
        ('myapp', '0003_auto_20150129_1705'),
    ]

    operations = [
        migrations.AddField(
            model_name='mymodel',
            name='uuid',
            field=models.UUIDField(default=uuid.uuid4, unique=True),
        ),
    ]
```

Change `unique=True` to `null=True` – this will create the intermediary null field and defer creating the unique constraint until we’ve populated unique values on all the rows.

• In the first empty migration file, add a `RunPython` or `RunSQL` operation to generate a unique value (UUID in the example) for each existing row. Also add an import of `uuid`. For example:

Listing 5: 0005_populate_uuid_values.py

```python
# Generated by Django A.B on YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM
from django.db import migrations
import uuid

def gen_uuid(apps, schema_editor):
    MyModel = apps.get_model('myapp', 'MyModel')
    for row in MyModel.objects.all():
        row.uuid = uuid.uuid4()
        row.save(update_fields=['uuid'])
```

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dependencies = [
    ('myapp', '0004_add_uuid_field'),
]
operations = [
    # omit reverse_code=... if you don't want the migration to be reversible.
    migrations.RunPython(gen_uuid, reverse_code=migrations.RunPython.noop),
]

• Now you can apply the migrations as usual with the `migrate` command.

Note there is a race condition if you allow objects to be created while this migration is running. Objects created after the `AddField` and before `RunPython` will have their original `uuid`'s overwritten.

Non-atomic migrations

On databases that support DDL transactions (SQLite and PostgreSQL), migrations will run inside a transaction by default. For use cases such as performing data migrations on large tables, you may want to prevent a migration from running in a transaction by setting the `atomic` attribute to `False`:

```python
from django.db import migrations

class Migration(migrations.Migration):
    atomic = False
```

Within such a migration, all operations are run without a transaction. It’s possible to execute parts of the migration inside a transaction using `atomic()` or by passing `atomic=True` to `RunPython`.

Here’s an example of a non-atomic data migration that updates a large table in smaller batches:

```python
import uuid
from django.db import migrations, transaction

def gen_uuid(apps, schema_editor):
    MyModel = apps.get_model('myapp', 'MyModel')
    while MyModel.objects.filter(uuid__isnull=True).exists():
        with transaction.atomic():
            for row in MyModel.objects.filter(uuid__isnull=True)[:1000]:
                row.uuid = uuid.uuid4()
                row.save()

class Migration(migrations.Migration):
    atomic = False
    operations = [
        migrations.RunPython(gen_uuid),
    ]
```

The `atomic` attribute doesn’t have an effect on databases that don’t support DDL transactions (e.g. MySQL, Oracle). (MySQL’s `atomic DDL statement support` refers to individual statements rather than multiple statements wrapped in a transaction that can be rolled back.)
4.19.3 Controlling the order of migrations

Django determines the order in which migrations should be applied not by the filename of each migration, but by building a graph using two properties on the Migration class: dependencies and run_before.

If you’ve used the makemigrations command you’ve probably already seen dependencies in action because auto-created migrations have this defined as part of their creation process.

The dependencies property is declared like this:

```python
from django.db import migrations

class Migration(migrations.Migration):

    dependencies = [
        ('myapp', '0123_the_previous_migration'),
    ]
```

Usually this will be enough, but from time to time you may need to ensure that your migration runs before other migrations. This is useful, for example, to make third-party apps’ migrations run after your AUTH_USER_MODEL replacement.

To achieve this, place all migrations that should depend on yours in the run_before attribute on your Migration class:

```python
class Migration(migrations.Migration):

    run_before = [
        ('third_party_app', '0001_do_awesome'),
    ]
```

Prefer using dependencies over run_before when possible. You should only use run_before if it is undesirable or impractical to specify dependencies in the migration which you want to run after the one you are writing.

4.19.4 Migrating data between third-party apps

You can use a data migration to move data from one third-party application to another.

If you plan to remove the old app later, you’ll need to set the dependencies property based on whether or not the old app is installed. Otherwise, you’ll have missing dependencies once you uninstall the old app. Similarly, you’ll need to catch LookupError in the apps.get_model() call that retrieves models from the old app. This approach allows you to deploy your project anywhere without first installing and then uninstalling the old app.

Here’s a sample migration:

```
Listing 6: myapp/migrations/0124_move_old_app_to_new_app.py

from django.apps import apps as global_apps
from django.db import migrations

def forwards(apps, schema_editor):
    try:
        OldModel = apps.get_model('old_app', 'OldModel')
    except LookupError:
        # The old app isn't installed.
```

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return

NewModel = apps.get_model('new_app', 'NewModel')
NewModel.objects.bulk_create(
    NewModel(new_attribute=old_object.old_attribute)
    for old_object in OldModel.objects.all()
)

class Migration(migrations.Migration):
    operations = [
        migrations.RunPython(forwards, migrations.RunPython.noop),
    ]
    dependencies = [
        ('myapp', '0123_the_previous_migration'),
        ('new_app', '0001_initial'),
    ]

    if global_apps.is_installed('old_app'):
        dependencies.append(('old_app', '0001_initial'))

Also consider what you want to happen when the migration is unapplied. You could either do nothing (as in the example above) or remove some or all of the data from the new application. Adjust the second argument of the RunPython operation accordingly.

### 4.19.5 Changing a ManyToManyField to use a through model

If you change a ManyToManyField to use a through model, the default migration will delete the existing table and create a new one, losing the existing relations. To avoid this, you can use SeparateDatabaseAndState to rename the existing table to the new table name whilst telling the migration autodetector that the new model has been created. You can check the existing table name through sqlmigrate or dbshell. You can check the new table name with the through model’s _meta.db_table property. Your new through model should use the same names for the ForeignKeys as Django did. Also if it needs any extra fields, they should be added in operations after SeparateDatabaseAndState.

For example, if we had a Book model with a ManyToManyField linking to Author, we could add a through model AuthorBook with a new field is_primary, like so:

```python
from django.db import migrations, models
import django.db.models.deletion

class Migration(migrations.Migration):
    dependencies = [
        ('core', '0001_initial'),
    ]

    operations = [
        migrations.SeparateDatabaseAndState(
            database_operations={
                '# Old table name from checking with sqlmigrate, new table
                # name from AuthorBook._meta.db_table.
                migrations.RunSQL(
                    sql='ALTER TABLE core_book_authors RENAME TO core_authorbook',
                    reverse_sql='ALTER TABLE core_authorbook RENAME TO core_book_authors',
            ),
        ),
    ]
```
4.19.6 Changing an unmanaged model to managed

If you want to change an unmanaged model (managed=False) to managed, you must remove managed=False and generate a migration before making other schema-related changes to the model, since schema changes that appear in the migration that contains the operation to change Meta.managed may not be applied.

See also:
The Django community aggregator, where we aggregate content from the global Django community. Many writers in the aggregator write this sort of how-to material.
5.1 FAQ: General

5.1.1 Why does this project exist?

Django grew from a very practical need: World Online, a newspaper Web operation, is responsible for building intensive Web applications on journalism deadlines. In the fast-paced newsroom, World Online often has only a matter of hours to take a complicated Web application from concept to public launch.

At the same time, the World Online Web developers have consistently been perfectionists when it comes to following best practices of Web development.

In fall 2003, the World Online developers (Adrian Holovaty and Simon Willison) ditched PHP and began using Python to develop its websites. As they built intensive, richly interactive sites such as Lawrence.com, they began to extract a generic Web development framework that let them build Web applications more and more quickly. They tweaked this framework constantly, adding improvements over two years.

In summer 2005, World Online decided to open-source the resulting software, Django. Django would not be possible without a whole host of open-source projects – Apache, Python, and PostgreSQL to name a few – and we’re thrilled to be able to give something back to the open-source community.

5.1.2 What does “Django” mean, and how do you pronounce it?

Django is named after Django Reinhardt, a jazz manouche guitarist from the 1930s to early 1950s. To this day, he’s considered one of the best guitarists of all time.

Listen to his music. You’ll like it.

Django is pronounced JANG-oh. Rhymes with FANG-oh. The “D” is silent.

We’ve also recorded an audio clip of the pronunciation.
5.1.3 Is Django stable?

Yes, it’s quite stable. Companies like Disqus, Instagram, Pinterest, and Mozilla have been using Django for many years. Sites built on Django have weathered traffic spikes of over 50 thousand hits per second.

5.1.4 Does Django scale?

Yes. Compared to development time, hardware is cheap, and so Django is designed to take advantage of as much hardware as you can throw at it.

Django uses a “shared-nothing” architecture, which means you can add hardware at any level – database servers, caching servers or Web/application servers.

The framework cleanly separates components such as its database layer and application layer. And it ships with a simple-yet-powerful cache framework.

5.1.5 Who’s behind this?

Django was originally developed at World Online, the Web department of a newspaper in Lawrence, Kansas, USA. Django’s now run by an international team of volunteers.

5.1.6 How is Django licensed?

Django is distributed under the 3-clause BSD license. This is an open source license granting broad permissions to modify and redistribute Django.

5.1.7 Why does Django include Python’s license file?

Django includes code from the Python standard library. Python is distributed under a permissive open source license. A copy of the Python license is included with Django for compliance with Python’s terms.

5.1.8 Which sites use Django?

DjangoSites.org features a constantly growing list of Django-powered sites.

5.1.9 Django appears to be a MVC framework, but you call the Controller the “view”, and the View the “template”. How come you don’t use the standard names?

Well, the standard names are debatable.

In our interpretation of MVC, the “view” describes the data that gets presented to the user. It’s not necessarily how the data looks, but which data is presented. The view describes which data you see, not how you see it. It’s a subtle distinction.

So, in our case, a “view” is the Python callback function for a particular URL, because that callback function describes which data is presented.

Furthermore, it’s sensible to separate content from presentation – which is where templates come in. In Django, a “view” describes which data is presented, but a view normally delegates to a template, which describes how the data is presented.
Where does the “controller” fit in, then? In Django’s case, it’s probably the framework itself: the machinery that sends a request to the appropriate view, according to the Django URL configuration.

If you’re hungry for acronyms, you might say that Django is a “MTV” framework – that is, “model”, “template”, and “view.” That breakdown makes much more sense.

At the end of the day, it comes down to getting stuff done. And, regardless of how things are named, Django gets stuff done in a way that’s most logical to us.

5.1.10 <Framework X> does <feature Y> – why doesn’t Django?

We’re well aware that there are other awesome Web frameworks out there, and we’re not averse to borrowing ideas where appropriate. However, Django was developed precisely because we were unhappy with the status quo, so please be aware that “because <Framework X> does it” is not going to be sufficient reason to add a given feature to Django.

5.1.11 Why did you write all of Django from scratch, instead of using other Python libraries?

When Django was originally written, Adrian and Simon spent quite a bit of time exploring the various Python Web frameworks available.

In our opinion, none of them were completely up to snuff.

We’re picky. You might even call us perfectionists. (With deadlines.)

Over time, we stumbled across open-source libraries that did things we’d already implemented. It was reassuring to see other people solving similar problems in similar ways, but it was too late to integrate outside code: We’d already written, tested and implemented our own framework bits in several production settings – and our own code met our needs delightfully.

In most cases, however, we found that existing frameworks/tools inevitably had some sort of fundamental, fatal flaw that made us squeamish. No tool fit our philosophies 100%.

Like we said: We’re picky.

We’ve documented our philosophies on the design philosophies page.

5.1.12 Is Django a content-management-system (CMS)?

No, Django is not a CMS, or any sort of “turnkey product” in and of itself. It’s a Web framework; it’s a programming tool that lets you build websites.

For example, it doesn’t make much sense to compare Django to something like Drupal, because Django is something you use to create things like Drupal.

Yes, Django’s automatic admin site is fantastic and timesaving – but the admin site is one module of Django the framework. Furthermore, although Django has special conveniences for building “CMS-y” apps, that doesn’t mean it’s not just as appropriate for building “non-CMS-y” apps (whatever that means!).

5.1.13 How can I download the Django documentation to read it offline?

The Django docs are available in the docs directory of each Django tarball release. These docs are in reST (reStructuredText) format, and each text file corresponds to a Web page on the official Django site.

Because the documentation is stored in revision control, you can browse documentation changes just like you can browse code changes.
Technically, the docs on Django’s site are generated from the latest development versions of those reST documents, so the docs on the Django site may offer more information than the docs that come with the latest Django release.

### 5.1.14 How do I cite Django?

It’s difficult to give an official citation format, for two reasons: citation formats can vary wildly between publications, and citation standards for software are still a matter of some debate.

For example, APA style, would dictate something like:


However, the only true guide is what your publisher will accept, so get a copy of those guidelines and fill in the gaps as best you can.

If your referencing style guide requires a publisher name, use “Django Software Foundation”.

If you need a publishing location, use “Lawrence, Kansas”.

If you need a web address, use https://djangoproject.com.

If you need a name, just use “Django”, without any tagline.

If you need a publication date, use the year of release of the version you’re referencing (e.g., 2013 for v1.5)

### 5.2 FAQ: Installation

#### 5.2.1 How do I get started?

1. Download the code.
2. Install Django (read the installation guide).
3. Walk through the tutorial.
4. Check out the rest of the documentation, and ask questions if you run into trouble.

#### 5.2.2 What are Django’s prerequisites?

Django requires Python. See the table in the next question for the versions of Python that work with each version of Django. Other Python libraries may be required for some use cases, but you’ll receive an error about them as they’re needed.

For a development environment – if you just want to experiment with Django – you don’t need to have a separate Web server installed or database server.

Django comes with its own lightweight development server. For a production environment, Django follows the WSGI spec, PEP 3333, which means it can run on a variety of web servers. See Deploying Django for more information.

Django runs SQLite by default, which is included in Python installations. For a production environment, we recommend PostgreSQL; but we also officially support MariaDB, MySQL, SQLite, and Oracle. See Supported Databases for more information.
5.2.3 What Python version can I use with Django?

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For each version of Python, only the latest micro release (A.B.C) is officially supported. You can find the latest micro version for each series on the Python download page.

Typically, we will support a Python version up to and including the first Django LTS release whose security support ends after security support for that version of Python ends. For example, Python 3.3 security support ended September 2017 and Django 1.8 LTS security support ended April 2018. Therefore Django 1.8 is the last version to support Python 3.3.

5.2.4 What Python version should I use with Django?

Python 3 is recommended. Django 1.11 is the last version to support Python 2.7. Support for Python 2.7 and Django 1.11 ends in 2020.

Since newer versions of Python are often faster, have more features, and are better supported, the latest version of Python 3 is recommended.

You don’t lose anything in Django by using an older release, but you don’t take advantage of the improvements and optimizations in newer Python releases. Third-party applications for use with Django are free to set their own version requirements.

5.2.5 Should I use the stable version or development version?

Generally, if you’re using code in production, you should be using a stable release. The Django project publishes a full stable release every nine months or so, with bugfix updates in between. These stable releases contain the API that is covered by our backwards compatibility guarantees; if you write code against stable releases, you shouldn’t have any problems upgrading when the next official version is released.

5.3 FAQ: Using Django

5.3.1 Why do I get an error about importing DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE?

Make sure that:

- The environment variable DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE is set to a fully-qualified Python module (i.e. “mysite.settings”).
- Said module is on sys.path (import mysite.settings should work).
- The module doesn’t contain syntax errors.
5.3.2 I can’t stand your template language. Do I have to use it?

We happen to think our template engine is the best thing since chunky bacon, but we recognize that choosing a template language runs close to religion. There’s nothing about Django that requires using the template language, so if you’re attached to Jinja2, Mako, or whatever, feel free to use those.

5.3.3 Do I have to use your model/database layer?

Nope. Just like the template system, the model/database layer is decoupled from the rest of the framework. The one exception is: If you use a different database library, you won’t get to use Django’s automatically-generated admin site. That app is coupled to the Django database layer.

5.3.4 How do I use image and file fields?

Using a FileField or an ImageField in a model takes a few steps:

1. In your settings file, you’ll need to define MEDIA_ROOT as the full path to a directory where you’d like Django to store uploaded files. (For performance, these files are not stored in the database.) Define MEDIA_URL as the base public URL of that directory. Make sure that this directory is writable by the Web server’s user account.

2. Add the FileField or ImageField to your model, defining the upload_to option to specify a subdirectory of MEDIA_ROOT to use for uploaded files.

3. All that will be stored in your database is a path to the file (relative to MEDIA_ROOT). You’ll most likely want to use the convenience url attribute provided by Django. For example, if your ImageField is called mug_shot, you can get the absolute path to your image in a template with {{ object.mug_shot.url }}.

5.3.5 How do I make a variable available to all my templates?

Sometimes your templates all need the same thing. A common example would be dynamically generated menus. At first glance, it seems logical to add a common dictionary to the template context. The best way to do this in Django is to use a RequestContext. Details on how to do this are here: Using RequestContext.

5.4 FAQ: Getting Help

5.4.1 How do I do X? Why doesn’t Y work? Where can I go to get help?

First, please check if your question is answered on the FAQ. Also, search for answers using your favorite search engine, and in the forum.

If you can’t find an answer, please take a few minutes to formulate your question well. Explaining the problems you are facing clearly will help others help you. See the StackOverflow guide on asking good questions.

Then, please post it in one of the following channels:

- The Django Forum section “Using Django”. This is for web-based discussions.
- The django-users mailing list. This is for email-based discussions.
• The #django IRC channel on the Freenode IRC network. This is for chat-based discussions. If you’re new to IRC, see the Freenode documentation for different ways to connect.

In all these channels please abide by the Django Code of Conduct. In summary, being friendly and patient, considerate, respectful, and careful in your choice of words.

5.4.2 Why hasn’t my message appeared on django-users?

django-users has a lot of subscribers. This is good for the community, as it means many people are available to contribute answers to questions. Unfortunately, it also means that django-users is an attractive target for spammers.

In order to combat the spam problem, when you join the django-users mailing list, we manually moderate the first message you send to the list. This means that spammers get caught, but it also means that your first question to the list might take a little longer to get answered. We apologize for any inconvenience that this policy may cause.

5.4.3 Nobody answered my question! What should I do?

Try making your question more specific, or provide a better example of your problem.

As with most open-source projects, the folks on these channels are volunteers. If nobody has answered your question, it may be because nobody knows the answer, it may be because nobody can understand the question, or it may be that everybody that can help is busy.

You can also try asking on a different channel. But please don’t post your question in all three channels in quick succession.

You might notice we have a second mailing list, called django-developers. This list is for discussion of the development of Django itself. Please don’t email support questions to this mailing list. Asking a tech support question there is considered impolite, and you will likely be directed to ask on django-users.

5.4.4 I think I’ve found a bug! What should I do?

Detailed instructions on how to handle a potential bug can be found in our Guide to contributing to Django.

5.4.5 I think I’ve found a security problem! What should I do?

If you think you’ve found a security problem with Django, please send a message to security@djangoproject.com. This is a private list only open to long-time, highly trusted Django developers, and its archives are not publicly readable.

Due to the sensitive nature of security issues, we ask that if you think you have found a security problem, please don’t post a message on the forum, IRC, or one of the public mailing lists. Django has a policy for handling security issues; while a defect is outstanding, we would like to minimize any damage that could be inflicted through public knowledge of that defect.

5.5 FAQ: Databases and models

5.5.1 How can I see the raw SQL queries Django is running?

Make sure your Django DEBUG setting is set to True. Then do this:
```python
>>> from django.db import connection
>>> connection.queries
[{'sql': 'SELECT polls_polls.id, polls_polls.question, polls_polls.pub_date FROM polls_polls',
 'time': '0.002'}]
```

connection.queries is only available if DEBUG is True. It’s a list of dictionaries in order of query execution. Each dictionary has the following:

- `sql` -- The raw SQL statement
- `time` -- How long the statement took to execute, in seconds.

connection.queries includes all SQL statements – INSERTs, UPDATES, SELECTs, etc. Each time your app hits the database, the query will be recorded.

If you are using multiple databases, you can use the same interface on each member of the connections dictionary:

```python
>>> from django.db import connections
>>> connections['my_db_alias'].queries
```

If you need to clear the query list manually at any point in your functions, call reset_queries(), like this:

```python
from django.db import reset_queries
reset_queries()
```

### 5.5.2 Can I use Django with a pre-existing database?

Yes. See Integrating with a legacy database.

### 5.5.3 If I make changes to a model, how do I update the database?

Take a look at Django’s support for schema migrations.

If you don’t mind clearing data, your project’s manage.py utility has a flush option to reset the database to the state it was in immediately after migrate was executed.

### 5.5.4 Do Django models support multiple-column primary keys?

No. Only single-column primary keys are supported.

But this isn’t an issue in practice, because there’s nothing stopping you from adding other constraints (using the unique_together model option or creating the constraint directly in your database), and enforcing the uniqueness at that level. Single-column primary keys are needed for things such as the admin interface to work; e.g., you need a single value to specify an object to edit or delete.

### 5.5.5 Does Django support NoSQL databases?

NoSQL databases are not officially supported by Django itself. There are, however, a number of side projects and forks which allow NoSQL functionality in Django.

You can take a look on the wiki page which discusses some projects.
5.5.6 How do I add database-specific options to my CREATE TABLE statements, such as specifying MyISAM as the table type?

We try to avoid adding special cases in the Django code to accommodate all the database-specific options such as table type, etc. If you’d like to use any of these options, create a migration with a RunSQL operation that contains ALTER TABLE statements that do what you want to do.

For example, if you’re using MySQL and want your tables to use the MyISAM table type, use the following SQL:

```
ALTER TABLE myapp_mytable ENGINE=MyISAM;
```

5.6 FAQ: The admin

5.6.1 I can’t log in. When I enter a valid username and password, it just brings up the login page again, with no error messages.

The login cookie isn’t being set correctly, because the domain of the cookie sent out by Django doesn’t match the domain in your browser. Try setting the SESSION_COOKIE_DOMAIN setting to match your domain. For example, if you’re going to “https://www.example.com/admin/” in your browser, set SESSION_COOKIE_DOMAIN = 'www.example.com'.

5.6.2 I can’t log in. When I enter a valid username and password, it brings up the login page again, with a “Please enter a correct username and password” error.

If you’re sure your username and password are correct, make sure your user account has is_active and is_staff set to True. The admin site only allows access to users with those two fields both set to True.

5.6.3 How do I automatically set a field’s value to the user who last edited the object in the admin?

The ModelAdmin class provides customization hooks that allow you to transform an object as it saved, using details from the request. By extracting the current user from the request, and customizing the save_model() hook, you can update an object to reflect the user that edited it. See the documentation on ModelAdmin methods for an example.

5.6.4 How do I limit admin access so that objects can only be edited by the users who created them?

The ModelAdmin class also provides customization hooks that allow you to control the visibility and editability of objects in the admin. Using the same trick of extracting the user from the request, the get_queryset() and has_change_permission() can be used to control the visibility and editability of objects in the admin.

5.6.5 My admin-site CSS and images showed up fine using the development server, but they’re not displaying when using mod_wsgi.

See serving the admin files in the “How to use Django with mod_wsgi” documentation.
5.6.6 My “list_filter” contains a ManyToManyField, but the filter doesn’t display.

Django won’t bother displaying the filter for a `ManyToManyField` if there are fewer than two related objects. For example, if your `list_filter` includes `sites`, and there’s only one site in your database, it won’t display a “Site” filter. In that case, filtering by site would be meaningless.

5.6.7 Some objects aren’t appearing in the admin.

Inconsistent row counts may be caused by missing foreign key values or a foreign key field incorrectly set to `null=False`. If you have a record with a `ForeignKey` pointing to a nonexistent object and that foreign key is included in `list_display`, the record will not be shown in the admin changelist because the Django model is declaring an integrity constraint that is not implemented at the database level.

5.6.8 How can I customize the functionality of the admin interface?

You’ve got several options. If you want to piggyback on top of an add/change form that Django automatically generates, you can attach arbitrary JavaScript modules to the page via the model’s class Admin `js` parameter. That parameter is a list of URLs, as strings, pointing to JavaScript modules that will be included within the admin form via a `<script>` tag.

If you want more flexibility than is feasible by tweaking the auto-generated forms, feel free to write custom views for the admin. The admin is powered by Django itself, and you can write custom views that hook into the authentication system, check permissions and do whatever else they need to do.

If you want to customize the look-and-feel of the admin interface, read the next question.

5.6.9 The dynamically-generated admin site is ugly! How can I change it?

We like it, but if you don’t agree, you can modify the admin site’s presentation by editing the CSS stylesheet and/or associated image files. The site is built using semantic HTML and plenty of CSS hooks, so any changes you’d like to make should be possible by editing the stylesheet.

5.6.10 What browsers are supported for using the admin?

The admin provides a fully-functional experience to the recent versions of modern, web standards compliant browsers. On desktop this means Chrome, Edge, Firefox, Opera, Safari, and others.

On mobile and tablet devices, the admin provides a responsive experience for web standards compliant browsers. This includes the major browsers on both Android and iOS.

Depending on feature support, there may be minor stylistic differences between browsers. These are considered acceptable variations in rendering.

5.7 FAQ: Contributing code

5.7.1 How can I get started contributing code to Django?

Thanks for asking! We’ve written an entire document devoted to this question. It’s titled *Contributing to Django*. 
5.7.2 I submitted a bug fix in the ticket system several weeks ago. Why are you ignoring my patch?

Don’t worry: We’re not ignoring you!

It’s important to understand there is a difference between “a ticket is being ignored” and “a ticket has not been attended to yet.” Django’s ticket system contains hundreds of open tickets, of various degrees of impact on end-user functionality, and Django’s developers have to review and prioritize.

On top of that: the people who work on Django are all volunteers. As a result, the amount of time that we have to work on the framework is limited and will vary from week to week depending on our spare time. If we’re busy, we may not be able to spend as much time on Django as we might want.

The best way to make sure tickets do not get hung up on the way to checkin is to make it dead easy, even for someone who may not be intimately familiar with that area of the code, to understand the problem and verify the fix:

- Are there clear instructions on how to reproduce the bug? If this touches a dependency (such as Pillow), a contrib module, or a specific database, are those instructions clear enough even for someone not familiar with it?
- If there are several patches attached to the ticket, is it clear what each one does, which ones can be ignored and which matter?
- Does the patch include a unit test? If not, is there a very clear explanation why not? A test expresses succinctly what the problem is, and shows that the patch actually fixes it.

If your patch stands no chance of inclusion in Django, we won’t ignore it – we’ll just close the ticket. So if your ticket is still open, it doesn’t mean we’re ignoring you; it just means we haven’t had time to look at it yet.

5.7.3 When and how might I remind the team of a patch I care about?

A polite, well-timed message to the mailing list is one way to get attention. To determine the right time, you need to keep an eye on the schedule. If you post your message right before a release deadline, you’re not likely to get the sort of attention you require.

Gentle IRC reminders can also work – again, strategically timed if possible. During a bug sprint would be a very good time, for example.

Another way to get traction is to pull several related tickets together. When the someone sits down to review a bug in an area they haven’t touched for a while, it can take a few minutes to remember all the fine details of how that area of code works. If you collect several minor bug fixes together into a similarly themed group, you make an attractive target, as the cost of coming up to speed on an area of code can be spread over multiple tickets.

Please refrain from emailing anyone personally or repeatedly raising the same issue over and over. This sort of behavior will not gain you any additional attention – certainly not the attention that you need in order to get your issue addressed.

5.7.4 But I’ve reminded you several times and you keep ignoring my patch!

Seriously - we’re not ignoring you. If your patch stands no chance of inclusion in Django, we’ll close the ticket. For all the other tickets, we need to prioritize our efforts, which means that some tickets will be addressed before others.

One of the criteria that is used to prioritize bug fixes is the number of people that will likely be affected by a given bug. Bugs that have the potential to affect many people will generally get priority over those that are edge cases.

Another reason that bugs might be ignored for while is if the bug is a symptom of a larger problem. While we can spend time writing, testing and applying lots of little patches, sometimes the right solution is to rebuild. If a rebuild or refactor of a particular component has been proposed or is underway, you may find that bugs affecting that component...
will not get as much attention. Again, this is a matter of prioritizing scarce resources. By concentrating on the rebuild, we can close all the little bugs at once, and hopefully prevent other little bugs from appearing in the future.

Whatever the reason, please keep in mind that while you may hit a particular bug regularly, it doesn’t necessarily follow that every single Django user will hit the same bug. Different users use Django in different ways, stressing different parts of the code under different conditions. When we evaluate the relative priorities, we are generally trying to consider the needs of the entire community, instead of prioritizing the impact on one particular user. This doesn’t mean that we think your problem is unimportant – just that in the limited time we have available, we will always err on the side of making 10 people happy rather than making a single person happy.

5.8 Troubleshooting

This page contains some advice about errors and problems commonly encountered during the development of Django applications.

5.8.1 Problems running django-admin

command not found: django-admin

django-admin should be on your system path if you installed Django via pip. If it’s not in your path, ensure you have your virtual environment activated and you can try running the equivalent command python -m django.

macOS permissions

If you’re using macOS, you may see the message “permission denied” when you try to run django-admin. This is because, on Unix-based systems like macOS, a file must be marked as “executable” before it can be run as a program. To do this, open Terminal.app and navigate (using the cd command) to the directory where django-admin is installed, then run the command sudo chmod +x django-admin.

5.8.2 Miscellaneous

I’m getting a UnicodeDecodeError. What am I doing wrong?

This class of errors happen when a bytestring containing non-ASCII sequences is transformed into a Unicode string and the specified encoding is incorrect. The output generally looks like this:

```
UnicodeDecodeError: 'ascii' codec can't decode byte 0x?? in position ?:
  ordinal not in range(128)
```

The resolution mostly depends on the context, however here are two common pitfalls producing this error:

- Your system locale may be a default ASCII locale, like the “C” locale on UNIX-like systems (can be checked by the locale command). If it’s the case, please refer to your system documentation to learn how you can change this to a UTF-8 locale.

Related resources:

- Unicode in Django
- https://wiki.python.org/moin/UnicodeDecodeError
6.1 Applications

Django contains a registry of installed applications that stores configuration and provides introspection. It also maintains a list of available models.

This registry is called apps and it’s available in django.apps:

```python
>>> from django.apps import apps
>>> apps.get_app_config('admin').verbose_name
'Administration'
```

6.1.1 Projects and applications

The term project describes a Django web application. The project Python package is defined primarily by a settings module, but it usually contains other things. For example, when you run `django-admin startproject mysite` you’ll get a mysite project directory that contains a mysite Python package with settings.py, urls.py, asgi.py and wsgi.py. The project package is often extended to include things like fixtures, CSS, and templates which aren’t tied to a particular application.

A project’s root directory (the one that contains manage.py) is usually the container for all of a project’s applications which aren’t installed separately.

The term application describes a Python package that provides some set of features. Applications may be reused in various projects.

Applications include some combination of models, views, templates, template tags, static files, URLs, middleware, etc. They’re generally wired into projects with the INSTALLED_APPS setting and optionally with other mechanisms such as URLconf, the MIDDLEWARE setting, or template inheritance.

It is important to understand that a Django application is a set of code that interacts with various parts of the framework. There’s no such thing as an Application object. However, there’s a few places where Django needs to interact with installed applications, mainly for configuration and also for introspection. That’s why the application registry maintains metadata in an AppConfig instance for each installed application.
There’s no restriction that a project package can’t also be considered an application and have models, etc. (which would require adding it to `INSTALLED_APPS`).

### 6.1.2 Configuring applications

To configure an application, subclass `AppConfig` and put the dotted path to that subclass in `INSTALLED_APPS`. When `INSTALLED_APPS` contains the dotted path to an application module, Django checks for a `default_app_config` variable in that module.

If it’s defined, it’s the dotted path to the `AppConfig` subclass for that application.

If there is no `default_app_config`, Django uses the base `AppConfig` class.

`default_app_config` allows applications that predate Django 1.7 such as `django.contrib.admin` to opt-in to `AppConfig` features without requiring users to update their `INSTALLED_APPS`.

New applications should avoid `default_app_config`. Instead they should require the dotted path to the appropriate `AppConfig` subclass to be configured explicitly in `INSTALLED_APPS`.

### For application authors

If you’re creating a pluggable app called “Rock ’n’ roll”, here’s how you would provide a proper name for the admin:

```python
# rock_n_roll/apps.py
from django.apps import AppConfig

class RockNRollConfig(AppConfig):
    name = 'rock_n_roll'
    verbose_name = "Rock ’n’ roll"
```

You can make your application load this `AppConfig` subclass by default as follows:

```python
# rock_n_roll/__init__.py
default_app_config = 'rock_n_roll.apps.RockNRollConfig'
```

That will cause `RockNRollConfig` to be used when `INSTALLED_APPS` contains `rock_n_roll`. This allows you to make use of `AppConfig` features without requiring your users to update their `INSTALLED_APPS` setting. Besides this use case, it’s best to avoid using `default_app_config` and instead specify the app config class in `INSTALLED_APPS` as described next.

You can also tell your users to put `rock_n_roll.apps.RockNRollConfig` in their `INSTALLED_APPS` setting. You can even provide several different `AppConfig` subclasses with different behaviors and allow your users to choose one via their `INSTALLED_APPS` setting.

The recommended convention is to put the configuration class in a submodule of the application called `apps`. However, this isn’t enforced by Django.

You must include the `name` attribute for Django to determine which application this configuration applies to. You can define any attributes documented in the `AppConfig` API reference.

**Note:** If your code imports the application registry in an application’s `__init__.py`, the name `apps` will clash with the `apps` submodule. The best practice is to move that code to a submodule and import it. A workaround is to import the registry under a different name:
from django.apps import apps as django_apps

For application users

If you’re using “Rock ’n’ roll” in a project called anthology, but you want it to show up as “Jazz Manouche” instead, you can provide your own configuration:

```python
# anthology/apps.py
from rock_n_roll.apps import RockNRollConfig
class JazzManoucheConfig(RockNRollConfig):
    verbose_name = "Jazz Manouche"

# anthology/settings.py
INSTALLED_APPS = [
    'anthology.apps.JazzManoucheConfig',
    # ...
]
```

Again, defining project-specific configuration classes in a submodule called apps is a convention, not a requirement.

6.1.3 Application configuration

```python
class AppConfig
    Application configuration objects store metadata for an application. Some attributes can be configured in AppConfig subclasses. Others are set by Django and read-only.

Configurable attributes

AppConfig.name
    Full Python path to the application, e.g. 'django.contrib.admin'.

    This attribute defines which application the configuration applies to. It must be set in all AppConfig subclasses.

    It must be unique across a Django project.

AppConfig.label
    Short name for the application, e.g. 'admin'

    This attribute allows relabeling an application when two applications have conflicting labels. It defaults to the last component of name. It should be a valid Python identifier.

    It must be unique across a Django project.

AppConfig.verbose_name
    Human-readable name for the application, e.g. “Administration”.

    This attribute defaults to label.title().

AppConfig.path
    Filesystem path to the application directory, e.g. '/usr/lib/pythonX.Y/dist-packages/django/ contrib/admin'.
```
In most cases, Django can automatically detect and set this, but you can also provide an explicit override as a class attribute on your `AppConfig` subclass. In a few situations this is required; for instance if the app package is a namespace package with multiple paths.

**Read-only attributes**

`AppConfig.module`
- Root module for the application, e.g. `<module 'django.contrib.admin' from 'django/contrib/admin/__init__.py'>`.

`AppConfig.models_module`
- Module containing the models, e.g. `<module 'django.contrib.admin.models' from 'django/contrib/admin/models.py'>`.
- It may be `None` if the application doesn’t contain a `models` module. Note that the database related signals such as `pre_migrate` and `post_migrate` are only emitted for applications that have a `models` module.

**Methods**

`AppConfig.get_models()`
- Returns an iterable of `Model` classes for this application.
- Requires the app registry to be fully populated.

`AppConfig.get_model(model_name, require_ready=True)`
- Returns the `Model` with the given `model_name`. `model_name` is case-insensitive.
- Raises `LookupError` if no such model exists in this application.
- Requires the app registry to be fully populated unless the `require_ready` argument is set to `False`. `require_ready` behaves exactly as in `apps.get_model()`.

`AppConfig.ready()`
- Subclasses can override this method to perform initialization tasks such as registering signals. It is called as soon as the registry is fully populated.
- Although you can’t import models at the module-level where `AppConfig` classes are defined, you can import them in `ready()`, using either an `import` statement or `get_model()`.

If you’re registering `model signals`, you can refer to the sender by its string label instead of using the model class itself.

Example:

```python
from django.apps import AppConfig
from django.db.models.signals import pre_save

class RockNRollConfig(AppConfig):
    # ...

    def ready(self):
        # importing model classes
        from .models import MyModel  # or...
        MyModel = self.get_model('MyModel')

        # registering signals with the model's string label
        pre_save.connect(receiver, sender='app_label.MyModel')
```
Warning: Although you can access model classes as described above, avoid interacting with the database in your `ready()` implementation. This includes model methods that execute queries (`save()`, `delete()`, manager methods etc.), and also raw SQL queries via `django.db.connection`. Your `ready()` method will run during startup of every management command. For example, even though the test database configuration is separate from the production settings, `manage.py test` would still execute some queries against your production database!

Note: In the usual initialization process, the `ready` method is only called once by Django. But in some corner cases, particularly in tests which are fiddling with installed applications, `ready` might be called more than once. In that case, either write idempotent methods, or put a flag on your AppConfig classes to prevent re-running code which should be executed exactly one time.

Namespace packages as apps

Python packages without an `__init__.py` file are known as “namespace packages” and may be spread across multiple directories at different locations on `sys.path` (see PEP 420).

Django applications require a single base filesystem path where Django (depending on configuration) will search for templates, static assets, etc. Thus, namespace packages may only be Django applications if one of the following is true:

1. The namespace package actually has only a single location (i.e. is not spread across more than one directory.)
2. The AppConfig class used to configure the application has a `path` class attribute, which is the absolute directory path Django will use as the single base path for the application.

If neither of these conditions is met, Django will raise `ImproperlyConfigured`.

6.1.4 Application registry

`apps`

The application registry provides the following public API. Methods that aren’t listed below are considered private and may change without notice.

`apps.ready`

Boolean attribute that is set to `True` after the registry is fully populated and all AppConfig.ready() methods are called.

`apps.get_app_configs()`

Returns an iterable of AppConfig instances.

`apps.get_app_config(app_label)`

Returns an AppConfig for the application with the given app_label. Raises LookupError if no such application exists.

`apps.is_installed(app_name)`

Checks whether an application with the given name exists in the registry. app_name is the full name of the app, e.g. 'django.contrib.admin'.

`apps.get_model(app_label, model_name, require_ready=True)`

Returns the Model with the given app_label and model_name. As a shortcut, this method also accepts a single argument in the form `app_label.model_name`. model_name is case-insensitive.
Raises `LookupError` if no such application or model exists. Raises `ValueError` when called with a single argument that doesn’t contain exactly one dot.

Requires the app registry to be fully populated unless the `require_ready` argument is set to `False`.

Setting `require_ready` to `False` allows looking up models while the app registry is being populated, specifically during the second phase where it imports models. Then `get_model()` has the same effect as importing the model. The main use case is to configure model classes with settings, such as `AUTH_USER_MODEL`.

When `require_ready` is `False`, `get_model()` returns a model class that may not be fully functional (reverse accessors may be missing, for example) until the app registry is fully populated. For this reason, it’s best to leave `require_ready` to the default value of `True` whenever possible.

### 6.1.5 Initialization process

#### How applications are loaded

When Django starts, `django.setup()` is responsible for populating the application registry.

**`setup(set_prefix=True)`**

Configures Django by:

- Loading the settings.
- Setting up logging.
- If `set_prefix` is True, setting the URL resolver script prefix to `FORCE_SCRIPT_NAME` if defined, or `/` otherwise.
- Initializing the application registry.

This function is called automatically:

- When running an HTTP server via Django’s WSGI support.
- When invoking a management command.

It must be called explicitly in other cases, for instance in plain Python scripts.

The application registry is initialized in three stages. At each stage, Django processes all applications in the order of `INSTALLED_APPS`.

1. First Django imports each item in `INSTALLED_APPS`.

   If it’s an application configuration class, Django imports the root package of the application, defined by its `name` attribute. If it’s a Python package, Django creates a default application configuration.

   **At this stage, your code shouldn’t import any models!**

   In other words, your applications’ root packages and the modules that define your application configuration classes shouldn’t import any models, even indirectly.

   Strictly speaking, Django allows importing models once their application configuration is loaded. However, in order to avoid needless constraints on the order of `INSTALLED_APPS`, it’s strongly recommended not import any models at this stage.

   Once this stage completes, APIs that operate on application configurations such as `get_app_config()` become usable.

2. Then Django attempts to import the `models` submodule of each application, if there is one.
You must define or import all models in your application's `models.py` or `models/__init__.py`. Otherwise, the application registry may not be fully populated at this point, which could cause the ORM to malfunction.

Once this stage completes, APIs that operate on models such as `get_model()` become usable.

3. Finally Django runs the `ready()` method of each application configuration.

Troubleshooting

Here are some common problems that you may encounter during initialization:

- **AppRegistryNotReady**: This happens when importing an application configuration or a models module triggers code that depends on the app registry.
  
  For example, `gettext()` uses the app registry to look up translation catalogs in applications. To translate at import time, you need `gettext_lazy()` instead. (Using `gettext()` would be a bug, because the translation would happen at import time, rather than at each request depending on the active language.)

  Executing database queries with the ORM at import time in models modules will also trigger this exception. The ORM cannot function properly until all models are available.

  This exception also happens if you forget to call `django.setup()` in a standalone Python script.

- **ImportError**: cannot import name ...

  This happens if the import sequence ends up in a loop.

  To eliminate such problems, you should minimize dependencies between your models modules and do as little work as possible at import time. To avoid executing code at import time, you can move it into a function and cache its results. The code will be executed when you first need its results. This concept is known as “lazy evaluation”.

- **django.contrib.admin** automatically performs autodiscovery of `admin` modules in installed applications. To prevent it, change your `INSTALLED_APPS` to contain `'django.contrib.admin.apps.SimpleAdminConfig'` instead of `'django.contrib.admin'`.

6.2 System check framework

The system check framework is a set of static checks for validating Django projects. It detects common problems and provides hints for how to fix them. The framework is extensible so you can easily add your own checks.

For details on how to add your own checks and integrate them with Django’s system checks, see the System check topic guide.

6.2.1 API reference

**CheckMessage**

```python
class CheckMessage (level, msg, hint=None, obj=None, id=None)
```

The warnings and errors raised by system checks must be instances of `CheckMessage`. An instance encapsulates a single reportable error or warning. It also provides context and hints applicable to the message, and a unique identifier that is used for filtering purposes.

Constructor arguments are:
The severity of the message. Use one of the predefined values: DEBUG, INFO, WARNING, ERROR, CRITICAL. If the level is greater or equal to ERROR, then Django will prevent management commands from executing. Messages with level lower than ERROR (i.e., warnings) are reported to the console, but can be silenced.

A short (less than 80 characters) string describing the problem. The string should not contain newlines.

A single-line string providing a hint for fixing the problem. If no hint can be provided, or the hint is self-evident from the error message, the hint can be omitted, or a value of None can be used.

Optional. An object providing context for the message (for example, the model where the problem was discovered). The object should be a model, field, or manager or any other object that defines a __str__() method. The method is used while reporting all messages and its result precedes the message.

Optional string. A unique identifier for the issue. Identifiers should follow the pattern applabel.X001, where X is one of the letters CEWID, indicating the message severity (C for criticals, E for errors and so). The number can be allocated by the application, but should be unique within that application.

There are subclasses to make creating messages with common levels easier. When using them you can omit the level argument because it is implied by the class name.

```python
class Debug(msg, hint=None, obj=None, id=None)
class Info(msg, hint=None, obj=None, id=None)
class Warning(msg, hint=None obj=None, id=None)
class Error(msg, hint=None, obj=None, id=None)
class Critical(msg, hint=None, obj=None, id=None)
```

### 6.2.2 Builtin tags

Django’s system checks are organized using the following tags:

- **admin**: Checks of any admin site declarations.
- **async_support**: Checks asynchronous-related configuration.
- **caches**: Checks cache related configuration.
- **compatibility**: Flags potential problems with version upgrades.
- **database**: Checks database-related configuration issues. Database checks are not run by default because they do more than static code analysis as regular checks do. They are only run by the migrate command or if you specify configured database aliases using the --database option when calling the check command.
- **models**: Checks of model, field, and manager definitions.
- **security**: Checks security related configuration.
- **signals**: Checks on signal declarations and handler registrations.
- **staticfiles**: Checks django.contrib.staticfiles configuration.
- **templates**: Checks template related configuration.
- **translation**: Checks translation related configuration.
- **urls**: Checks URL configuration.

Some checks may be registered with multiple tags.

The `async_support` tag was added.

The `database` checks are now run only for database aliases specified using the `check --database` option.
6.2.3 Core system checks

Asynchronous support

The following checks verify your setup for Asynchronous support:

- **async.E001**: You should not set the `DJANGO_ALLOW_ASYNC_UNSAFE` environment variable in deployment. This disables async safety protection.

Backwards compatibility

Compatibility checks warn of potential problems that might occur after upgrading Django.

- **2_0.W001**: Your URL pattern `<pattern>` has a route that contains `(?P<`, begins with a `^`, or ends with a `$`. This was likely an oversight when migrating from `url()` to `path()`.

Caches

The following checks verify that your `CACHES` setting is correctly configured:

- **caches.E001**: You must define a 'default' cache in your `CACHES` setting.

Database

MySQL and MariaDB

If you’re using MySQL or MariaDB, the following checks will be performed:

- **mysql.E001**: MySQL/MariaDB does not allow unique CharFields to have a `max_length > 255`. This check was changed to `mysql.W003` in Django 3.1 as the real maximum size depends on many factors.
- **mysql.W002**: MySQL/MariaDB Strict Mode is not set for database connection `<alias>`. See also `Setting sql_mode`.
- **mysql.W003**: MySQL/MariaDB may not allow unique CharFields to have a `max_length > 255`.

Model fields

- **fields.E001**: Field names must not end with an underscore.
- **fields.E002**: Field names must not contain "__".
- **fields.E003**: pk is a reserved word that cannot be used as a field name.
- **fields.E004**: choices must be an iterable (e.g., a list or tuple).
- **fields.E005**: choices must be an iterable returning (actual value, human readable name) tuples.
- **fields.E006**: `db_index` must be None, True or False.
- **fields.E007**: Primary keys must not have `null=True`.
- **fields.E008**: All validators must be callable.
- **fields.E009**: `max_length` is too small to fit the longest value in choices (<count> characters).
• **fields.E010**: `<field>` default should be a callable instead of an instance so that it's not shared between all field instances.

• **fields.E100**: `AutoField` must set `primary_key=True`.

• **fields.E110**: `BooleanField` do not accept null values. *This check appeared before support for null values was added in Django 2.1.*

• **fields.E120**: `CharField` must define a `max_length` attribute.

• **fields.E121**: `max_length` must be a positive integer.

• **fields.W122**: `max_length` is ignored when used with `<integer field type>`.

• **fields.E130**: `DecimalField` must define a `decimal_places` attribute.

• **fields.E131**: `decimal_places` must be a non-negative integer.

• **fields.E132**: `DecimalField` must define a `max_digits` attribute.

• **fields.E133**: `max_digits` must be a non-negative integer.

• **fields.E134**: `max_digits` must be greater or equal to `decimal_places`.

• **fields.E140**: `FilePathField` must have either `allow_files` or `allow_folders` set to True.

• **fields.E150**: `GenericIPAddressField` cannot accept blank values if null values are not allowed, as blank values are stored as nulls.

• **fields.E160**: The options `auto_now`, `auto_now_add`, and `default` are mutually exclusive. Only one of these options may be present.

• **fields.W161**: Fixed default value provided.

• **fields.W162**: `<database>` does not support a database index on `<field data type>` columns.

• **fields.E170**: `BinaryField`'s `default` cannot be a string. Use bytes content instead.

• **fields.E180**: `<database>` does not support `JSONField`.

• **fields.E900**: `IPAddressField` has been removed except for support in historical migrations.

• **fields.W900**: `IPAddressField` has been deprecated. Support for it (except in historical migrations) will be removed in Django 1.9. *This check appeared in Django 1.7 and 1.8.*

• **fields.W901**: `CommaSeparatedIntegerField` has been deprecated. Support for it (except in historical migrations) will be removed in Django 2.0. *This check appeared in Django 1.10 and 1.11.*

• **fields.W902**: `FloatRangeField` is deprecated and will be removed in Django 3.1. *This check appeared in Django 2.2 and 3.0.*

• **fields.W903**: `NullBooleanField` is deprecated. Support for it (except in historical migrations) will be removed in Django 4.0.

• **fields.W904**: `django.contrib.postgres.fields.JSONField` is deprecated. Support for it (except in historical migrations) will be removed in Django 4.0.

**File fields**

• **fields.E200**: `unique` is not a valid argument for a `FileField`. *This check is removed in Django 1.11.*

• **fields.E201**: `primary_key` is not a valid argument for a `FileField`.

• **fields.E202**: `FileField`'s `upload_to` argument must be a relative path, not an absolute path.
• **fields.E210**: Cannot use ImageField because Pillow is not installed.

**Related fields**

• **fields.E300**: Field defines a relation with model `<model>`, which is either not installed, or is abstract.

• **fields.E301**: Field defines a relation with the model `<model>` which has been swapped out.

• **fields.E302**: Accessor for field `<field name>` clashes with field `<field name>`.

• **fields.E303**: Reverse query name for field `<field name>` clashes with field `<field name>`.

• **fields.E304**: Field name `<field name>` clashes with accessor for `<field name>`.

• **fields.E305**: Field name `<field name>` clashes with reverse query name for `<field name>`.

• **fields.E306**: Related name must be a valid Python identifier or end with a '+'.

• **fields.E307**: The field `<app label>.<model>.<field name>` was declared with a lazy reference to `<app label>.<model>`, but app `<app label>` isn’t installed or doesn’t provide model `<model>`.

• **fields.E308**: Reverse query name `<related query name>` must not end with an underscore.

• **fields.E309**: Reverse query name `<related query name>` must not contain '__'.

• **fields.E310**: No subset of the fields `<field1>, <field2>,...` on model `<model>` is unique.

• **fields.E311**: `<model>.<field name>` must be unique because it is referenced by a ForeignKey.

• **fields.E312**: The to_field `<field name>` doesn’t exist on the related model `<app label>.<model>`.

• **fields.E320**: Field specifies on_delete=SET_NULL, but cannot be null.

• **fields.E321**: The field specifies on_delete=SET_DEFAULT, but has no default value.

• **fields.E330**: ManyToManyFields cannot be unique.

• **fields.E331**: Field specifies a many-to-many relation through model `<model>`, which has not been installed.

• **fields.E332**: Many-to-many fields with intermediate tables must not be symmetrical. *This check appeared before Django 3.0.*

• **fields.E333**: The model is used as an intermediate model by `<model>`, but it has more than two foreign keys to `<model>`, which is ambiguous. You must specify which two foreign keys Django should use via the through_fields keyword argument.

• **fields.E334**: The model is used as an intermediate model by `<model>`, but it has more than one foreign key from `<model>`, which is ambiguous. You must specify which foreign key Django should use via the through_fields keyword argument.

• **fields.E335**: The model is used as an intermediate model by `<model>`, but it has more than one foreign key to `<model>`, which is ambiguous. You must specify which foreign key Django should use via the through_fields keyword argument.

• **fields.E336**: The model is used as an intermediary model by `<model>`, but it does not have foreign key to `<model>` or `<model>`.

• **fields.E337**: Field specifies through_fields but does not provide the names of the two link fields that should be used for the relation through `<model>`.

• **fields.E338**: The intermediary model `<through model>` has no field `<field name>`.

• **fields.E339**: `<model>.<field name>` is not a foreign key to `<model>`.
• fields.E340: The field’s intermediary table `<table name>` clashes with the table name of `<model>/<model>.<field name>`.

• fields.W340: null has no effect on ManyToManyField.

• fields.W341: ManyToManyField does not support validators.

• fields.W342: Setting unique=True on a ForeignKey has the same effect as using a OneToOneField.

• fields.W343: limit_choices_to has no effect on ManyToManyField with a through model.

• fields.W344: The field’s intermediary table `<table name>` clashes with the table name of `<model>/<model>.<field name>`.

Models

• models.E001: `<swappable>` is not of the form app_label.app_name.

• models.E002: `<SETTING>` references `<model>`, which has not been installed, or is abstract.

• models.E003: The model has two identical many-to-many relations through the intermediate model `<app_label>.<model>`.

• models.E004: id can only be used as a field name if the field also sets primary_key=True.

• models.E005: The field `<field name>` from parent model `<model>` clashes with the field `<field name>` from parent model `<model>`.

• models.E006: The field clashes with the field `<field name>` from model `<model>`.

• models.E007: Field `<field name>` has column name `<column name>` that is used by another field.

• models.E008: index_together must be a list or tuple.

• models.E009: All index_together elements must be lists or tuples.

• models.E010: unique_together must be a list or tuple.

• models.E011: All unique_together elements must be lists or tuples.

• models.E012: indexes/index_together/unique_together refers to the nonexistent field `<field name>`.

• models.E013: indexes/index_together/unique_together refers to a ManyToManyField `<field name>`, but ManyToManyFields are not supported for that option.

• models.E014: ordering must be a tuple or list (even if you want to order by only one field).

• models.E015: ordering refers to the nonexistent field, related field, or lookup `<field name>`.

• models.E016: indexes/index_together/unique_together refers to field `<field name>` which is not local to model `<model>`.

• models.E017: Proxy model `<model>` contains model fields.

• models.E018: Autogenerated column name too long for field `<field>`. Maximum length is `<maximum length>` for database `<alias>`.

• models.E019: Autogenerated column name too long for M2M field `<M2M field>`. Maximum length is `<maximum length>` for database `<alias>`.

• models.E020: The `<model>`.check() class method is currently overridden.

• models.E021: ordering and order_with_respect_to cannot be used together.
• models.E022: <function> contains a lazy reference to <app label>.<model>, but app <app label> isn’t installed or doesn’t provide model <model>.

• models.E023: The model name <model> cannot start or end with an underscore as it collides with the query lookup syntax.

• models.E024: The model name <model> cannot contain double underscores as it collides with the query lookup syntax.

• models.E025: The property <property name> clashes with a related field accessor.

• models.E026: The model cannot have more than one field with primary_key=True.

• models.W027: <database> does not support check constraints.

• models.E028: db_table <db_table> is used by multiple models: <model list>.

• models.E029: index name <index> is not unique for model <model>.

• models.E030: index name <index> is not unique amongst models: <model list>.

• models.E031: constraint name <constraint> is not unique for model <model>.

• models.E032: constraint name <constraint> is not unique amongst models: <model list>.

• models.E033: The index name <index> cannot start with an underscore or a number.

• models.E034: The index name <index> cannot be longer than <max_length> characters.

• models.W035: db_table <db_table> is used by multiple models: <model list>.

• models.W036: <database> does not support unique constraints with conditions.

• models.W037: <database> does not support indexes with conditions.

• models.W038: <database> does not support deferrable unique constraints.

Security

The security checks do not make your site secure. They do not audit code, do intrusion detection, or do anything particularly complex. Rather, they help perform an automated, low-hanging-fruit checklist, that can help you to improve your site’s security.

Some of these checks may not be appropriate for your particular deployment configuration. For instance, if you do your HTTP to HTTPS redirection in a load balancer, it’d be irritating to be constantly warned about not having enabled SECURE_SSL_REDIRECT. Use SILENCED_SYSTEM_CHECKS to silence unneeded checks.

The following checks are run if you use the check --deploy option:

• security.W001: You do not have django.middleware.security.SecurityMiddleware in your MIDDLEWARE so the SECURE_HSTS_SECONDS, SECURE_CONTENT_TYPE_NOSNIFF, SECURE_BROWSER_XSS_FILTER, SECURE_REFERRER_POLICY, and SECURE_SSL_REDIRECT settings will have no effect.

• security.W002: You do not have django.middleware.clickjacking.XFrameOptionsMiddleware in your MIDDLEWARE, so your pages will not be served with an 'x-frame-options' header. Unless there is a good reason for your site to be served in a frame, you should consider enabling this header to help prevent clickjacking attacks.

• security.W003: You don’t appear to be using Django’s built-in cross-site request forgery protection via the middleware (django.middleware.csrf.CsrfViewMiddleware is not in your MIDDLEWARE). Enabling the middleware is the safest approach to ensure you don’t leave any holes.
• **security.W004:** You have not set a value for the `SECURE_HSTS_SECONDS` setting. If your entire site is served only over SSL, you may want to consider setting a value and enabling HTTP Strict Transport Security. Be sure to read the documentation first; enabling HSTS carelessly can cause serious, irreversible problems.

• **security.W005:** You have not set the `SECURE_HSTS_INCLUDE_SUBDOMAINS` setting to True. Without this, your site is potentially vulnerable to attack via an insecure connection to a subdomain. Only set this to True if you are certain that all subdomains of your domain should be served exclusively via SSL.

• **security.W006:** Your `SECURE_CONTENT_TYPE_NOSNIFF` setting is not set to True, so your pages will not be served with an 'X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff' header. You should consider enabling this header to prevent the browser from identifying content types incorrectly.

• **security.W007:** Your `SECURE_BROWSER_XSS_FILTER` setting is not set to True, so your pages will not be served with an 'X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block' header. You should consider enabling this header to activate the browser’s XSS filtering and help prevent XSS attacks. This check is removed in Django 3.0 as the X-XSS-Protection header is no longer honored by modern browsers.

• **security.W008:** Your `SECURE_SSL_REDIRECT` setting is not set to True. Unless your site should be available over both SSL and non-SSL connections, you may want to either set this setting to True or configure a load balancer or reverse-proxy server to redirect all connections to HTTPS.

• **security.W009:** Your `SECRET_KEY` has less than 50 characters or less than 5 unique characters. Please generate a long and random `SECRET_KEY`, otherwise many of Django’s security-critical features will be vulnerable to attack.

• **security.W010:** You have `django.contrib.sessions` in your `INSTALLED_APPS` but you have not set `SESSION_COOKIE_SECURE` to True. Using a secure-only session cookie makes it more difficult for network traffic sniffers to hijack user sessions.

• **security.W011:** You have `django.contrib.sessions.middleware.SessionMiddleware` in your `MIDDLEWARE`, but you have not set `SESSION_COOKIE_SECURE` to True. Using a secure-only session cookie makes it more difficult for network traffic sniffers to hijack user sessions.

• **security.W012:** `SESSION_COOKIE_SECURE` is not set to True. Using a secure-only session cookie makes it more difficult for network traffic sniffers to hijack user sessions.

• **security.W013:** You have `django.contrib.sessions` in your `INSTALLED_APPS`, but you have not set `SESSION_COOKIE_HTTPONLY` to True. Using an HttpOnly session cookie makes it more difficult for cross-site scripting attacks to hijack user sessions.

• **security.W014:** You have `django.contrib.sessions.middleware.SessionMiddleware` in your `MIDDLEWARE`, but you have not set `SESSION_COOKIE_HTTPONLY` to True. Using an HttpOnly session cookie makes it more difficult for cross-site scripting attacks to hijack user sessions.

• **security.W015:** `SESSION_COOKIE_HTTPONLY` is not set to True. Using an HttpOnly session cookie makes it more difficult for cross-site scripting attacks to hijack user sessions.

• **security.W016:** `CSRF_COOKIE_SECURE` is not set to True. Using a secure-only CSRF cookie makes it more difficult for network traffic sniffers to steal the CSRF token.

• **security.W017:** `CSRF_COOKIE_HTTPONLY` is not set to True. Using an HttpOnly CSRF cookie makes it more difficult for cross-site scripting attacks to steal the CSRF token. This check is removed in Django 1.11 as the `CSRF_COOKIE_HTTPONLY` setting offers no practical benefit.

• **security.W018:** You should not have `DEBUG` set to True in deployment.

• **security.W019:** You have `django.middleware.clickjacking.XFrameOptionsMiddleware` in your `MIDDLEWARE`, but `X_FRAME_OPTIONS` is not set to 'DENY'. Unless there is a good reason for your site to serve other parts of itself in a frame, you should change it to 'DENY'.

• **security.W020:** `ALLOWED_HOSTS` must not be empty in deployment.
• **security.W021**: You have not set the `SECURE_HSTS_PRELOAD` setting to `True`. Without this, your site cannot be submitted to the browser preload list.

• **security.W022**: You have not set the `SECURE_REFERRER_POLICY` setting. Without this, your site will not send a Referrer-Policy header. You should consider enabling this header to protect user privacy.

• **security.E023**: You have set the `SECURE_REFERRER_POLICY` setting to an invalid value.

The following checks verify that your security-related settings are correctly configured:

• **security.E100**: `DEFAULT_HASHING_ALGORITHM` must be 'sha1' or 'sha256'.

**Signals**

• **signals.E001**: `<handler>` was connected to the `<signal>` signal with a lazy reference to the sender `<app label>.<model>`, but `<app label>` isn’t installed or doesn’t provide model `<model>`.

**Templates**

The following checks verify that your `TEMPLATES` setting is correctly configured:

• **templates.E001**: You have 'APP_DIRS': True in your `TEMPLATES` but also specify 'loaders' in `OPTIONS`. Either remove `APP_DIRS` or remove the 'loaders' option.

• **templates.E002**: `string_if_invalid` in `TEMPLATES OPTIONS` must be a string but got: `{value}` (type).

**Translation**

The following checks are performed on your translation configuration:

• **translation.E001**: You have provided an invalid value for the `LANGUAGE_CODE` setting: `<value>`.

• **translation.E002**: You have provided an invalid language code in the `LANGUAGES` setting: `<value>`.

• **translation.E003**: You have provided an invalid language code in the `LANGUAGES_BIDI` setting: `<value>`.

• **translation.E004**: You have provided a value for the `LANGUAGE_CODE` setting that is not in the `LANGUAGES` setting.

**URLs**

The following checks are performed on your URL configuration:

• **urls.W001**: Your URL pattern `<pattern>` uses `include()` with a route ending with a $. Remove the dollar from the route to avoid problems including URLs.

• **urls.W002**: Your URL pattern `<pattern>` has a route beginning with a /. Remove this slash as it is unnecessary. If this pattern is targeted in an `include()`, ensure the `include()` pattern has a trailing /.

• **urls.W003**: Your URL pattern `<pattern>` has a name including a :. Remove the colon, to avoid ambiguous namespace references.

• **urls.E004**: Your URL pattern `<pattern>` is invalid. Ensure that `urlpatterns` is a list of `path()` and/or `re_path()` instances.

• **urls.W005**: URL namespace `<namespace>` isn’t unique. You may not be able to reverse all URLs in this namespace.
• urls.E006: The `MEDIA_URL STATIC_URL` setting must end with a slash.

• urls.E007: The custom `handlerXXX` view 'path.to.view' does not take the correct number of arguments (...).

• urls.E008: The custom `handlerXXX` view 'path.to.view' could not be imported.

### 6.2.4 contrib app checks

**admin**

Admin checks are all performed as part of the `admin` tag.

The following checks are performed on any `ModelAdmin` (or subclass) that is registered with the admin site:

- **admin.E001**: The value of `raw_id_fields` must be a list or tuple.
- **admin.E002**: The value of `raw_id_fields[n]` refers to `<field name>`, which is not an attribute of `<model>`.
- **admin.E003**: The value of `raw_id_fields[n]` must be a foreign key or a many-to-many field.
- **admin.E004**: The value of `fields` must be a list or tuple.
- **admin.E005**: Both `fieldsets` and `fields` are specified.
- **admin.E006**: The value of `fields` contains duplicate field(s).
- **admin.E007**: The value of `fieldsets` must be a list or tuple.
- **admin.E008**: The value of `fieldsets[n]` must be a list or tuple.
- **admin.E009**: The value of `fieldsets[n]` must be of length 2.
- **admin.E010**: The value of `fieldsets[n][1]` must be a dictionary.
- **admin.E011**: The value of `fieldsets[n][1]` must contain the key `fields`.
- **admin.E012**: There are duplicate field(s) in `fieldsets[n][1]`.
- **admin.E013**: `fields[n]/fieldsets[n][m]` cannot include the ManyToManyField `<field name>`, because that field manually specifies a relationship model.
- **admin.E014**: The value of `exclude` must be a list or tuple.
- **admin.E015**: The value of `exclude` contains duplicate field(s).
- **admin.E016**: The value of `form` must inherit from `BaseModelForm`.
- **admin.E017**: The value of `filter_vertical` must be a list or tuple.
- **admin.E018**: The value of `filter_horizontal` must be a list or tuple.
- **admin.E019**: The value of `filter_vertical[n]/filter_horizontal[n]` refers to `<field name>`, which is not an attribute of `<model>`.
- **admin.E020**: The value of `filter_vertical[n]/filter_horizontal[n]` must be a many-to-many field.
- **admin.E021**: The value of `radio_fields` must be a dictionary.
- **admin.E022**: The value of `radio_fields` refers to `<field name>`, which is not an attribute of `<model>`.
- **admin.E023**: The value of `radio_fields` refers to `<field name>`, which is not a ForeignKey, and does not have a choices definition.
• admin.E024: The value of radio_fields[<field name>] must be either admin.HORIZONTAL or admin.VERTICAL.
• admin.E025: The value of view_on_site must be either a callable or a boolean value.
• admin.E026: The value of prepopulated_fields must be a dictionary.
• admin.E027: The value of prepopulated_fields refers to <field name>, which is not an attribute of <model>.
• admin.E028: The value of prepopulated_fields refers to <field name>, which must not be a DateTimeField, a ForeignKey, a OneToOneField, or a ManyToManyField field.
• admin.E029: The value of prepopulated_fields[<field name>] must be a list or tuple.
• admin.E030: The value of prepopulated_fields refers to <field name>, which is not an attribute of <model>.
• admin.E031: The value of ordering must be a list or tuple.
• admin.E032: The value of ordering has the random ordering marker ?, but contains other fields as well.
• admin.E033: The value of ordering refers to <field name>, which is not an attribute of <model>.
• admin.E034: The value of readonly_fields must be a list or tuple.
• admin.E035: The value of readonly_fields[<field name>] is not a callable, an attribute of <ModelAdmin class>, or an attribute of <model>.
• admin.E036: The value of autocomplete_fields must be a list or tuple.
• admin.E037: The value of autocomplete_fields[<field name>] refers to <field name>, which is not an attribute of <model>.
• admin.E038: The value of autocomplete_fields[<field name>] must be a foreign key or a many-to-many field.
• admin.E039: An admin for model <model> has to be registered to be referenced by <modeladmin>.autocomplete_fields.
• admin.E040: <modeladmin> must define search_fields, because it’s referenced by <other_modeladmin>.autocomplete_fields.

ModelAdmin

The following checks are performed on any ModelAdmin that is registered with the admin site:
• admin.E101: The value of save_as must be a boolean.
• admin.E102: The value of save_on_top must be a boolean.
• admin.E103: The value of inlines must be a list or tuple.
• admin.E104: <InlineModelAdmin class> must inherit from InlineModelAdmin.
• admin.E105: <InlineModelAdmin class> must have a model attribute.
• admin.E106: The value of <InlineModelAdmin class>.model must be a Model.
• admin.E107: The value of list_display must be a list or tuple.
• admin.E108: The value of list_display[<field name>] refers to <label>, which is not a callable, an attribute of <ModelAdmin class>, or an attribute or method on <model>.
• admin.E109: The value of list_display[<field name>] must not be a ManyToManyField field.
• admin.E110: The value of list_display_links must be a list, a tuple, or None.
• **admin.E111**: The value of `list_display_links[n]` refers to `<label>`, which is not defined in `list_display`.

• **admin.E112**: The value of `list_filter` must be a list or tuple.

• **admin.E113**: The value of `list_filter[n]` must inherit from `ListFilter`.

• **admin.E114**: The value of `list_filter[n]` must not inherit from `FieldListFilter`.

• **admin.E115**: The value of `list_filter[n][1]` must inherit from `FieldListFilter`.

• **admin.E116**: The value of `list_filter[n]` refers to `<label>`, which does not refer to a Field.

• **admin.E117**: The value of `list_select_related` must be a boolean, tuple or list.

• **admin.E118**: The value of `list_per_page` must be an integer.

• **admin.E119**: The value of `list_max_show_all` must be an integer.

• **admin.E120**: The value of `list_editable` must be a list or tuple.

• **admin.E121**: The value of `list_editable[n]` refers to `<label>`, which is not an attribute of `<model>`.

• **admin.E122**: The value of `list_editable[n]` refers to `<label>`, which is not contained in `list_display`.

• **admin.E123**: The value of `list_editable[n]` cannot be in both `list_editable` and `list_display_links`.

• **admin.E124**: The value of `list_editable[n]` refers to the first field in `list_display (<label>)`, which cannot be used unless `list_display_links` is set.

• **admin.E125**: The value of `list_editable[n]` refers to `<field name>`, which is not editable through the admin.

• **admin.E126**: The value of `search_fields` must be a list or tuple.

• **admin.E127**: The value of `date_hierarchy` refers to `<field name>`, which does not refer to a Field.

• **admin.E128**: The value of `date_hierarchy` must be a `DateField` or `DateTimeField`.

• **admin.E129**: `<modeladmin>` must define a `has_<foo>_permission()` method for the `<action>` action.

• **admin.E130**: __name__ attributes of actions defined in `<modeladmin>` must be unique. Name `<name>` is not unique.

**InlineModelAdmin**

The following checks are performed on any `InlineModelAdmin` that is registered as an inline on a `ModelAdmin`.

• **admin.E201**: Cannot exclude the field `<field name>`, because it is the foreign key to the parent model `<app_label>.<model>`.

• **admin.E202**: `<model>` has no `ForeignKey` to `<parent model>/`. `<model>` has more than one `ForeignKey` to `<parent model>`. You must specify a `fk_name` attribute.

• **admin.E203**: The value of `extra` must be an integer.

• **admin.E204**: The value of `max_num` must be an integer.

• **admin.E205**: The value of `min_num` must be an integer.

• **admin.E206**: The value of `formset` must inherit from `BaseModelFormSet`. 
GenericInlineModelAdmin

The following checks are performed on any `GenericInlineModelAdmin` that is registered as an inline on a `ModelAdmin`.

- **admin.E301**: 'ct_field' references <label>, which is not a field on <model>.
- **admin.E302**: 'ct_fk_field' references <label>, which is not a field on <model>.
- **admin.E303**: <model> has no `GenericForeignKey`.
- **admin.E304**: <model> has no `GenericForeignKey` using content type field <field name> and object ID field <field name>.

AdminSite

The following checks are performed on the default `AdminSite`:

- **admin.E401**: `django.contrib.contenttypes` must be in `INSTALLED_APPS` in order to use the admin application.
- **admin.E402**: `django.contrib.auth.context_processors.auth` must be enabled in `DjangoTemplates (TEMPLATES)` if using the default auth backend in order to use the admin application.
- **admin.E403**: A `django.template.backends.django.DjangoTemplates` instance must be configured in `TEMPLATES` in order to use the admin application.
- **admin.E404**: `django.contrib.messages.context_processors.messages` must be enabled in `DjangoTemplates (TEMPLATES)` in order to use the admin application.
- **admin.E405**: `django.contrib.auth` must be in `INSTALLED_APPS` in order to use the admin application.
- **admin.E406**: `django.contrib.messages` must be in `INSTALLED_APPS` in order to use the admin application.
- **admin.E408**: `django.contrib.auth.middleware.AuthenticationMiddleware` must be in `MIDDLEWARE` in order to use the admin application.
- **admin.E409**: `django.contrib.messages.middleware.MessageMiddleware` must be in `MIDDLEWARE` in order to use the admin application.
- **admin.E410**: `django.contrib.sessions.middleware.SessionMiddleware` must be in `MIDDLEWARE` in order to use the admin application.
- **admin.W411**: `django.template.context_processors.request` must be enabled in `DjangoTemplates (TEMPLATES)` in order to use the admin navigation sidebar.

auth

- **auth.E001**: REQUIRED_FIELDS must be a list or tuple.
- **auth.E002**: The field named as the `USERNAME_FIELD` for a custom user model must not be included in REQUIRED_FIELDS.
- **auth.E003**: <field> must be unique because it is named as the `USERNAME_FIELD`.
- **auth.W004**: <field> is named as the `USERNAME_FIELD`, but it is not unique.
- **auth.E005**: The permission codenamed <codename> clashes with a builtin permission for model <model>.
• **auth.E006**: The permission codenamed `<codename>` is duplicated for model `<model>`.
• **auth.E007**: The `verbose_name` of model `<model>` must be at most 244 characters for its builtin permission names to be at most 255 characters.
• **auth.E008**: The permission named `<name>` of model `<model>` is longer than 255 characters.
• **auth.C009**: `<User model>.is_anonymous` must be an attribute or property rather than a method. Ignoring this is a security issue as anonymous users will be treated as authenticated!
• **auth.C010**: `<User model>.is_authenticated` must be an attribute or property rather than a method. Ignoring this is a security issue as anonymous users will be treated as authenticated!
• **auth.E011**: The name of model `<model> must be at most 93 characters for its builtin permission names to be at most 100 characters.
• **auth.E012**: The permission codenamed `<codename>` of model `<model>` is longer than 100 characters.

**contenttypes**

The following checks are performed when a model contains a `GenericForeignKey` or `GenericRelation`:
• **contenttypes.E001**: The `GenericForeignKey` object ID references the nonexistent field `<field>`.
• **contenttypes.E002**: The `GenericForeignKey` content type references the nonexistent field `<field>`.
• **contenttypes.E003**: `<field>` is not a `ForeignKey`.
• **contenttypes.E004**: `<field>` is not a `ForeignKey` to `contenttypes.ContentType`.
• **contenttypes.E005**: Model names must be at most 100 characters.

**postgres**

The following checks are performed on `django.contrib.postgres` model fields:
• **postgres.E001**: Base field for array has errors: ...
• **postgres.E002**: Base field for array cannot be a related field.
• **postgres.E003**: `<field>` default should be a callable instead of an instance so that it’s not shared between all field instances. This check was changed to fields.E010 in Django 3.1.

**sites**

The following checks are performed on any model using a `CurrentSiteManager`:
• **sites.E001**: `CurrentSiteManager` could not find a field named `<field name>`.
• **sites.E002**: `CurrentSiteManager` cannot use `<field>` as it is not a foreign key or a many-to-many field.

**staticfiles**

The following checks verify that `django.contrib.staticfiles` is correctly configured:
• **staticfiles.E001**: The `STATICFILES_DIRS` setting is not a tuple or list.
• **staticfiles.E002**: The `STATICFILES_DIRS` setting should not contain the `STATIC_ROOT` setting.
• **staticfiles.E003**: The prefix `<prefix>` in the `STATICFILES_DIRS` setting must not end with a slash.
6.3 Built-in class-based views API

Class-based views API reference. For introductory material, see the Class-based views topic guide.

6.3.1 Base views

The following three classes provide much of the functionality needed to create Django views. You may think of them as parent views, which can be used by themselves or inherited from. They may not provide all the capabilities required for projects, in which case there are Mixins and Generic class-based views.

Many of Django’s built-in class-based views inherit from other class-based views or various mixins. Because this inheritance chain is very important, the ancestor classes are documented under the section title of Ancestors (MRO). MRO is an acronym for Method Resolution Order.

View

class django.views.generic.base.View
The master class-based base view. All other class-based views inherit from this base class. It isn’t strictly a generic view and thus can also be imported from django.views.

Method Flowchart
1. setup()
2. dispatch()
3. http_method_not_allowed()
4. options()

Example views.py:

```python
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.views import View

class MyView(View):
    def get(self, request, *args, **kwargs):
        return HttpResponse('Hello, World!')
```

Example urls.py:

```python
from django.urls import path
from myapp.views import MyView

urlpatterns = [
    path('mine/', MyView.as_view(), name='my-view'),
]
```

Attributes

http_method_names
The list of HTTP method names that this view will accept.

Default:
Methods

classmethod as_view(**initkwargs)
    Returns a callable view that takes a request and returns a response:

    ```python
    response = MyView.as_view()(request)
    ```

    The returned view has `view_class` and `view_initkwargs` attributes.

    When the view is called during the request/response cycle, the `setup()` method assigns the `HttpRequest` to the view’s `request` attribute, and any positional and/or keyword arguments `captured from the URL pattern` to the `args` and `kwargs` attributes, respectively. Then `dispatch()` is called.

    `setup(request, *args, **kwargs)`
    Performs key view initialization prior to `dispatch()`.

    If overriding this method, you must call `super()`.

    `dispatch(request, *args, **kwargs)`
    The view part of the view – the method that accepts a `request` argument plus arguments, and returns a HTTP response.

    The default implementation will inspect the HTTP method and attempt to delegate to a method that matches the HTTP method; a `GET` will be delegated to `get()`, a `POST` to `post()`, and so on.

    By default, a `HEAD` request will be delegated to `get()`. If you need to handle `HEAD` requests in a different way than `GET`, you can override the `head()` method. See Supporting other HTTP methods for an example.

    `http_method_not_allowed(request, *args, **kwargs)`
    If the view was called with a HTTP method it doesn’t support, this method is called instead.

    The default implementation returns `HttpResponseNotAllowed` with a list of allowed methods in plain text.

    `options(request, *args, **kwargs)`
    Handles responding to requests for the OPTIONS HTTP verb. Returns a response with the `Allow` header containing a list of the view’s allowed HTTP method names.

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TemplateView

class django.views.generic.base.TemplateView
    Renders a given template, with the context containing parameters captured in the URL.

Ancestors (MRO)

This view inherits methods and attributes from the following views:

- `django.views.generic.base.TemplateResponseMixin`
- `django.views.generic.base.ContextMixin`
- `django.views.generic.base.View`

Method Flowchart

1. `setup()`
2. `dispatch()`
3. `http_method_not_allowed()`
4. `get_context_data()`

Example views.py:

```python
from django.views.generic.base import TemplateView
from articles.models import Article

class HomePageView(TemplateView):
    template_name = "home.html"

    def get_context_data(self, **kwargs):
        context = super().get_context_data(**kwargs)
        context["latest_articles"] = Article.objects.all()[:5]
        return context
```

Example urls.py:

```python
from django.urls import path
from myapp.views import HomePageView

urlpatterns = [
    path('', HomePageView.as_view(), name='home'),
]
```

**Context**

- Populated (through `ContextMixin`) with the keyword arguments captured from the URL pattern that served the view.
- You can also add context using the `extra_context` keyword argument for `as_view()`.

**RedirectView**

```python
class django.views.generic.base.RedirectView
```

Redirects to a given URL.

The given URL may contain dictionary-style string formatting, which will be interpolated against the parameters captured in the URL. Because keyword interpolation is always done (even if no arguments are passed in), any "%" characters in the URL must be written as "%%" so that Python will convert them to a single percent sign on output.

If the given URL is `None`, Django will return an `HttpResponseGone` (410).

**Ancestors (MRO)**

This view inherits methods and attributes from the following view:

- `django.views.generic.base.View`

**Method Flowchart**

1. `setup()
2. `dispatch()
3. `http_method_not_allowed()`
get_redirect_url()

Example views.py:

```python
from django.shortcuts import get_object_or_404
from django.views.generic.base import RedirectView
from articles.models import Article

class ArticleCounterRedirectView(RedirectView):
    permanent = False
    query_string = True
    pattern_name = 'article-detail'

    def get_redirect_url(self, *args, **kwargs):
        article = get_object_or_404(Article, pk=kwargs['pk'])
        article.update_counter()
        return super().get_redirect_url(*args, **kwargs)
```

Example urls.py:

```python
from django.urls import path
from django.views.generic.base import RedirectView
from article.views import ArticleCounterRedirectView, ArticleDetail

urlpatterns = [
    path('counter/<int:pk>/', ArticleCounterRedirectView.as_view(), name='article-counter'),
    path('details/<int:pk>/', ArticleDetail.as_view(), name='article-detail'),
    path('go-to-django/', RedirectView.as_view(url='https://djangoproject.com'), name='go-to-django'),
]
```

Attributes

**url**
The URL to redirect to, as a string. Or None to raise a 410 (Gone) HTTP error.

**pattern_name**
The name of the URL pattern to redirect to. Reversing will be done using the same args and kwargs as are passed in for this view.

**permanent**
Whether the redirect should be permanent. The only difference here is the HTTP status code returned. If True, then the redirect will use status code 301. If False, then the redirect will use status code 302. By default, permanent is False.

**query_string**
Whether to pass along the GET query string to the new location. If True, then the query string is appended to the URL. If False, then the query string is discarded. By default, query_string is False.

Methods

**get_redirect_url(**args**, **kwargs)**
Constructs the target URL for redirection.

The args and kwargs arguments are positional and/or keyword arguments captured from the URL pattern, respectively.
The default implementation uses `url` as a starting string and performs expansion of % named parameters in that string using the named groups captured in the URL.

If `url` is not set, `get_redirect_url()` tries to reverse the `pattern_name` using what was captured in the URL (both named and unnamed groups are used).

If requested by `query_string`, it will also append the query string to the generated URL. Subclasses may implement any behavior they wish, as long as the method returns a redirect-ready URL string.

### 6.3.2 Generic display views

The two following generic class-based views are designed to display data. On many projects they are typically the most commonly used views.

#### DetailView

```python
class django.views.generic.detail.DetailView
    While this view is executing, `self.object` will contain the object that the view is operating upon.
```

**Ancestors (MRO)**

This view inherits methods and attributes from the following views:

- `django.views.generic.detail.SingleObjectTemplateResponseMixin`
- `django.views.generic.base.TemplateResponseMixin`
- `django.views.generic.detail.BaseDetailView`
- `django.views.generic.detail.SingleObjectMixin`
- `django.views.generic.base.View`

**Method Flowchart**

1. `setup()`
2. `dispatch()`
3. `http_method_not_allowed()`
4. `get_template_names()`
5. `get_slug_field()`
6. `get_queryset()`
7. `get_object()`
8. `get_context_object_name()`
9. `get_context_data()`
10. `get()`
11. `render_to_response()`

**Example myapp/views.py:**

```python
from django.utils import timezone
from django.views.generic.detail import DetailView
from articles.models import Article
```

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class ArticleDetailView(DetailView):
    model = Article

    def get_context_data(self, **kwargs):
        context = super().get_context_data(**kwargs)
        context['now'] = timezone.now()
        return context

Example myapp/urls.py:

```python
from django.urls import path
from article.views import ArticleDetailView

urlpatterns = [
    path('<slug:slug>/', ArticleDetailView.as_view(), name='article-detail'),
]
```

Example myapp/article_detail.html:

```html
<h1>{{ object.headline }}</h1>
<p>{{ object.content }}</p>
<p>Reporter: {{ object.reporter }}</p>
<p>Published: {{ object.pub_date|date }}</p>
<p>Date: {{ now|date }}</p>
```

**ListView**

class django.views.generic.list.ListView

A page representing a list of objects.

While this view is executing, `self.object_list` will contain the list of objects (usually, but not necessarily a queryset) that the view is operating upon.

**Ancestors (MRO)**

This view inherits methods and attributes from the following views:

- `django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectTemplateResponseMixin`
- `django.views.generic.base.TemplateResponseMixin`
- `django.views.generic.list.BaseListView`
- `django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectMixin`
- `django.views.generic.base.View`

**Method Flowchart**

1. `setup()`
2. `dispatch()`
3. `http_method_not_allowed()`
4. `get_template_names()`
5. `get_queryset()`
6. `get_context_object_name()`
7. `get_context_data()`
8. `get()`
9. `render_to_response()`

Example views.py:
```
from django.utils import timezone
from django.views.generic.list import ListView
from articles.models import Article

class ArticleListView(ListView):
    model = Article
    paginate_by = 100  # if pagination is desired

    def get_context_data(self, **kwargs):
        context = super().get_context_data(**kwargs)
        context['now'] = timezone.now()
        return context
```

Example myapp/urls.py:
```
from django.urls import path
from article.views import ArticleListView

urlpatterns = [
    path('', ArticleListView.as_view(), name='article-list'),
]
```

Example myapp/article_list.html:
```
<h1>Articles</h1>
<ul>
{% for article in object_list %}
    <li>{{ article.pub_date|date }} - {{ article.headline }}</li>
{% empty %}
    <li>No articles yet.</li>
{% endfor %}
</ul>
```

If you’re using pagination, you can adapt the example template from the pagination docs. Change instances of `contacts` in that example template to `page_obj`.

**class django.views.generic.list.BaseListView**
A base view for displaying a list of objects. It is not intended to be used directly, but rather as a parent class of the `django.views.generic.list.ListView` or other views representing lists of objects.

**Ancestors (MRO)**
This view inherits methods and attributes from the following views:
- `django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectMixin`
- `django.views.generic.base.View`

**Methods**
get(request, *args, **kwargs)
  Adds object_list to the context. If allow_empty is True then display an empty list. If
  allow_empty is False then raise a 404 error.

6.3.3 Generic editing views

The following views are described on this page and provide a foundation for editing content:

- django.views.generic.edit.FormView
- django.views.generic.edit.CreateView
- django.views.generic.edit.UpdateView
- django.views.generic.edit.DeleteView

See also:

The messages framework contains SuccessMessageMixin, which facilitates presenting messages about successful form submissions.

Note: Some of the examples on this page assume that an Author model has been defined as follows in myapp/models.py:

```python
from django.db import models
from django.urls import reverse

class Author(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=200)

    def get_absolute_url(self):
        return reverse('author-detail', kwargs={'pk': self.pk})
```

FormView

class django.views.generic.edit.FormView
  A view that displays a form. On error, redisplay the form with validation errors; on success, redirects to a new URL.

Ancestors (MRO)

This view inherits methods and attributes from the following views:

- django.views.generic.base.TemplateResponseMixin
- django.views.generic.edit.BaseFormView
- django.views.generic.edit.FormMixin
- django.views.generic.edit.ProcessFormView
- django.views.generic.edit.base.View

Example myapp/forms.py:
from django import forms

class ContactForm(forms.Form):
    name = forms.CharField()
    message = forms.CharField(widget=forms.Textarea)

    def send_email(self):
        # send email using the self.cleaned_data dictionary
        pass

Example myapp/views.py:

from myapp.forms import ContactForm
from django.views.generic.edit import FormView

class ContactView(FormView):
    template_name = 'contact.html'
    form_class = ContactForm
    success_url = '/thanks/'

    def form_valid(self, form):
        # This method is called when valid form data has been POSTed.
        # It should return an HttpResponse.
        form.send_email()
        return super().form_valid(form)

Example myapp/contact.html:

<form method="post">{% csrf_token %}
    {{ form.as_p }}
    <input type="submit" value="Send message">
</form>

CreateView

class django.views.generic.edit.CreateView
A view that displays a form for creating an object, redisplaying the form with validation errors (if there are any) and saving the object.

Ancestors (MRO)

This view inherits methods and attributes from the following views:

- django.views.generic.detail.SingleObjectTemplateResponseMixin
- django.views.generic.base.TemplateResponseMixin
- django.views.generic.edit.BaseCreateView
- django.views.generic.edit.ModelFormMixin
- django.views.generic.edit.FormMixin
- django.views.generic.detail.SingleObjectMixin
- django.views.generic.edit.ProcessFormView

Attributes
**template_name_suffix**

The `CreateView` page displayed to a GET request uses a `template_name_suffix` of '_form'. For example, changing this attribute to '_create_form' for a view creating objects for the example Author model would cause the default `template_name` to be 'myapp/author_create_form.html'.

**object**

When using `CreateView` you have access to `self.object`, which is the object being created. If the object hasn’t been created yet, the value will be None.

**Example myapp/views.py:**

```python
from django.views.generic.edit import CreateView
from myapp.models import Author

class AuthorCreate(CreateView):
    model = Author
    fields = ['name']
```

**Example myapp/author_form.html:**

```html
<form method="post">{% csrf_token %}
    {{ form.as_p }}
    <input type="submit" value="Save">
</form>
```

**UpdateView**

**class** `django.views.generic.edit.**UpdateView**`

A view that displays a form for editing an existing object, redisplaying the form with validation errors (if there are any) and saving changes to the object. This uses a form automatically generated from the object’s model class (unless a form class is manually specified).

**Ancestors (MRO)**

This view inherits methods and attributes from the following views:

- `django.views.generic.detail.SingleObjectTemplateResponseMixin`
- `django.views.generic.base.TemplateResponseMixin`
- `django.views.generic.edit.BaseUpdateView`
- `django.views.generic.edit.ModelFormMixin`
- `django.views.generic.edit.FormMixin`
- `django.views.generic.detail.SingleObjectMixin`
- `django.views.generic.edit.ProcessFormView`
- `django.views.generic.base.View`

**Attributes**

**template_name_suffix**

The `UpdateView` page displayed to a GET request uses a `template_name_suffix` of '_form'. For example, changing this attribute to '_update_form' for a view updating objects for the example Author model would cause the default `template_name` to be 'myapp/author_update_form.html'.
When using `UpdateView` you have access to `self.object`, which is the object being updated.

Example `myapp/views.py`:

```python
from django.views.generic.edit import UpdateView
from myapp.models import Author

class AuthorUpdate(UpdateView):
    model = Author
    fields = ['name']
    template_name_suffix = '_update_form'
```

Example `myapp/author_update_form.html`:

```html
<form method="post">{% csrf_token %}
    {{ form.as_p }}
    <input type="submit" value="Update">
</form>
```

**DeleteView**

`class django.views.generic.edit.DeleteView`

A view that displays a confirmation page and deletes an existing object. The given object will only be deleted if the request method is `POST`. If this view is fetched via `GET`, it will display a confirmation page that should contain a form that POSTs to the same URL.

**Ancestors (MRO)**

This view inherits methods and attributes from the following views:

- `django.views.generic.detail.SingleObjectTemplateResponseMixin`
- `django.views.generic.base.TemplateResponseMixin`
- `django.views.generic.edit.BaseDeleteView`
- `django.views.generic.edit.DeletionMixin`
- `django.views.generic.detail.BaseDetailView`
- `django.views.generic.detail.SingleObjectMixin`
- `django.views.generic.base.View`

**Attributes**

`template_name_suffix`

The `DeleteView` page displayed to a `GET` request uses a `template_name_suffix` of `'_confirm_delete'`. For example, changing this attribute to `'_check_delete'` for a view deleting objects for the example `Author` model would cause the default `template_name` to be `myapp/author_check_delete.html`.

Example `myapp/views.py`:

```python
from django.urls import reverse_lazy
from django.views.generic.edit import DeleteView
from myapp.models import Author

class AuthorDelete(DeleteView):
    (continues on next page)```
model = Author
success_url = reverse_lazy('author-list')

Example myapp/author_confirm_delete.html:

```html
<form method="post">{% csrf_token %}
  <p>Are you sure you want to delete "{{ object }}"?</p>
  <input type="submit" value="Confirm">
</form>
```

6.3.4 Generic date views

Date-based generic views, provided in `django.views.generic.dates`, are views for displaying drilldown pages for date-based data.

**Note:** Some of the examples on this page assume that an `Article` model has been defined as follows in `myapp/models.py`:

```python
from django.db import models
from django.urls import reverse

class Article(models.Model):
    title = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    pub_date = models.DateField()

    def get_absolute_url(self):
        return reverse('article-detail', kwargs={'pk': self.pk})
```

**ArchiveIndexView**

A top-level index page showing the “latest” objects, by date. Objects with a date in the `future` are not included unless you set `allow_future` to `True`.

**Ancestors (MRO)**

- `django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectTemplateResponseMixin`
- `django.views.generic.base.TemplateResponseMixin`
- `django.views.generic.dates.BaseArchiveIndexView`
- `django.views.generic.dates.BaseDateListView`
- `django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectMixin`
- `django.views.generic.dates.DateMixin`
- `django.views.generic.base.View`

**Context**

In addition to the context provided by `django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectMixin` (via `django.views.generic.dates.BaseDateListView`), the template’s context will be:
- **date_list**: A `QuerySet` object containing all years that have objects available according to `queryset`, represented as `datetime.datetime` objects, in descending order.

**Notes**

- Uses a default `context_object_name` of `latest`.
- Uses a default `template_name_suffix` of `_archive`.
- Defaults to providing `date_list` by year, but this can be altered to month or day using the attribute `date_list_period`. This also applies to all subclass views.

**Example myapp/urls.py:**

```python
from django.urls import path
from django.views.generic.dates import ArchiveIndexView
from myapp.models import Article

urlpatterns = [
    path('archive/',
         ArchiveIndexView.as_view(model=Article, date_field="pub_date"),
         name="article_archive"),
]
```

**Example myapp/article_archive.html:**

```html
<ul>
    {% for article in latest %}
        <li>
            {{ article.pub_date }}: {{ article.title }}</li>
    {% endfor %}
</ul>
```

This will output all articles.

**YearArchiveView**

**class YearArchiveView**

A yearly archive page showing all available months in a given year. Objects with a date in the `future` are not displayed unless you set `allow_future` to `True`.

**Ancestors (MRO)**

- `django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectTemplateResponseMixin`
- `django.views.generic.base.TemplateResponseMixin`
- `django.views.generic.dates.BaseYearArchiveView`
- `django.views.generic.dates.YearMixin`
- `django.views.generic.dates.BaseDateListView`
- `django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectMixin`
- `django.views.generic.dates>DateMixin`
- `django.views.generic.base.View`

**make_object_list**

A boolean specifying whether to retrieve the full list of objects for this year and pass those to the template.
If True, the list of objects will be made available to the context. If False, the None queryset will be used as the object list. By default, this is False.

**get_make_object_list()**

Determine if an object list will be returned as part of the context. Returns `make_object_list` by default.

**Context**

In addition to the context provided by `django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectMixin` (via `django.views.generic.dates.BaseDateListView`), the template’s context will be:

- **date_list**: A `QuerySet` object containing all months that have objects available according to `queryset`, represented as `datetime.datetime` objects, in ascending order.
- **year**: A `date` object representing the given year.
- **next_year**: A `date` object representing the first day of the next year, according to `allow_empty` and `allow_future`.
- **previous_year**: A `date` object representing the first day of the previous year, according to `allow_empty` and `allow_future`.

**Notes**

- Uses a default `template_name_suffix` of `archive_year`.

**Example myapp/views.py:**

```python
from django.views.generic.dates import YearArchiveView
from myapp.models import Article

class ArticleYearArchiveView(YearArchiveView):
    queryset = Article.objects.all()
    date_field = "pub_date"
    make_object_list = True
    allow_future = True
```

**Example myapp/urls.py:**

```python
from django.urls import path
from myapp.views import ArticleYearArchiveView

class ArticleYearArchiveView(YearArchiveView):
    queryset = Article.objects.all()
    date_field = "pub_date"
    make_object_list = True
    allow_future = True

urlpatterns = [
    path('<int:year>/', ArticleYearArchiveView.as_view(),
        name="article_year_archive"),
]
```

**Example myapp/article_archive_year.html:**

```html
<ul>
    {% for date in date_list %}
        <li>{{ date|date:"Y" }}</li>
    {% endfor %}
</ul>
<div>
    <h1>All Articles for {{ year|date:"Y" }}</h1>
</div>
```

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MonthArchiveView

class MonthArchiveView
A monthly archive page showing all objects in a given month. Objects with a date in the future are not displayed unless you set allow_future to True.

Ancestors (MRO)

- django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectTemplateResponseMixin
- django.views.generic.base.TemplateResponseMixin
- django.views.generic.dates.BaseMonthArchiveView
- django.views.generic.dates.YearMixin
- django.views.generic.dates.MonthMixin
- django.views.generic.dates.BaseDateListView
- django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectMixin
- django.views.generic.dates.DateMixin
- django.views.generic.base.View

Context
In addition to the context provided by MultipleObjectMixin (via BaseDateListView), the template’s context will be:

- date_list: A QuerySet object containing all days that have objects available in the given month, according to queryset, represented as datetime.datetime objects, in ascending order.
- month: A date object representing the given month.
- next_month: A date object representing the first day of the next month, according to allow_empty and allow_future.
- previous_month: A date object representing the first day of the previous month, according to allow_empty and allow_future.

Notes
- Uses a default template_name_suffix of _archive_month.

Example myapp/views.py:

```python
from django.views.generic.dates import MonthArchiveView
from myapp.models import Article

class ArticleMonthArchiveView(MonthArchiveView):
    queryset = Article.objects.all()
```

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WeekArchiveView

**class WeekArchiveView**

A weekly archive page showing all objects in a given week. Objects with a date in the *future* are not displayed unless you set `allow_future` to `True`.

**Ancestors (MRO)**

- `django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectTemplateResponseMixin`
- `django.views.generic.base.TemplateResponseMixin`
- `django.views.generic.dates.BaseWeekArchiveView`
- `django.views.generic.dates.YearMixin`
- `django.views.generic.dates.WeekMixin`
- `django.views.generic.dates.BaseDateListView`
- `django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectMixin`
• `django.views.generic.dates.DateMixin`

• `django.views.generic.base.View`

Context

In addition to the context provided by `MultipleObjectMixin` (via `BaseDateListView`), the template’s context will be:

• **week**: A `date` object representing the first day of the given week.

• **next_week**: A `date` object representing the first day of the next week, according to `allow_empty` and `allow_future`.

• **previous_week**: A `date` object representing the first day of the previous week, according to `allow_empty` and `allow_future`.

Notes

• Uses a default `template_name_suffix` of `_archive_week`.

• The `week_format` attribute is a `strptime()` format string used to parse the week number. The following values are supported:
  
  – `'%U'`: Based on the United States week system where the week begins on Sunday. This is the default value.
  
  – `'%W'`: Similar to `'%U'`, except it assumes that the week begins on Monday. This is not the same as the ISO 8601 week number.

Example myapp/views.py:

```python
from django.views.generic.dates import WeekArchiveView
from myapp.models import Article

class ArticleWeekArchiveView(WeekArchiveView):
    queryset = Article.objects.all()
    date_field = "pub_date"
    week_format = "%W"
    allow_future = True
```

Example myapp/urls.py:

```python
from django.urls import path
from myapp.views import ArticleWeekArchiveView

urlpatterns = [
    # Example: /2012/week/23/
    path('<int:year>/week/<int:week>/', ArticleWeekArchiveView.as_view(),
         name='archive_week'),
]
```

Example myapp/article_archive_week.html:

```html
<h1>Week {{ week|date:'W' }}</h1>

<ul>
   {% for article in object_list %}
   <li>{{ article.pub_date|date:"F j, Y" }}: {{ article.title }}</li>
   {% endfor %}
</ul>
```

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In this example, you are outputting the week number. Keep in mind that week numbers computed by the \texttt{date} template filter with the \texttt{'W'} format character are not always the same as those computed by \texttt{strptime()} and \texttt{strftime()} with the \texttt{'%W'} format string. For year 2015, for example, week numbers output by \texttt{date} are higher by one compared to those output by \texttt{strptime()}. There isn’t an equivalent for the \texttt{'%U'} \texttt{strftime()} format string in \texttt{date}. Therefore, you should avoid using \texttt{date} to generate URLs for \texttt{WeekArchiveView}.

**DayArchiveView**

**class DayArchiveView**

A day archive page showing all objects in a given day. Days in the future throw a 404 error, regardless of whether any objects exist for future days, unless you set \texttt{allow_future} to \texttt{True}.

**Ancestors (MRO)**

- \texttt{django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectTemplateResponseMixin}
- \texttt{django.views.generic.base.TemplateResponseMixin}
- \texttt{django.views.generic.dates.BaseDayArchiveView}
- \texttt{django.views.generic.dates.YearMixin}
- \texttt{django.views.generic.dates.MonthMixin}
- \texttt{django.views.generic.dates.DayMixin}
- \texttt{django.views.generic.dates.BaseDateListView}
- \texttt{django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectMixin}
- \texttt{django.views.generic.dates.DateMixin}
- \texttt{django.views.generic.base.View}

**Context**

In addition to the context provided by \texttt{MultipleObjectMixin} (via \texttt{BaseDateListView}), the template’s context will be:

- **day**: A \texttt{date} object representing the given day.
- **next\_day**: A \texttt{date} object representing the next day, according to \texttt{allow\_empty} and \texttt{allow\_future}.
- **previous\_day**: A \texttt{date} object representing the previous day, according to \texttt{allow\_empty} and \texttt{allow\_future}.
• `next_month`: A date object representing the first day of the next month, according to `allow_empty` and `allow_future`.

• `previous_month`: A date object representing the first day of the previous month, according to `allow_empty` and `allow_future`.

Notes

• Uses a default template_name_suffix of `archive_day`.

Example myapp/views.py:

```python
from django.views.generic.dates import DayArchiveView
from myapp.models import Article

class ArticleDayArchiveView(DayArchiveView):
    queryset = Article.objects.all()
    date_field = "pub_date"
    allow_future = True
```

Example myapp/urls.py:

```python
from django.urls import path
from myapp.views import ArticleDayArchiveView

urlpatterns = [
    # Example: /2012/nov/10/
    path('<int:year>/<str:month>/<int:day>/',
         ArticleDayArchiveView.as_view(),
         name="archive_day"),
]
```

Example myapp/article_archive_day.html:

```html
<h1>{{ day }}</h1>
<ul>
    {% for article in object_list %}
    <li>{{ article.pub_date|date:"F j, Y" }}: {{ article.title }}</li>
    {% endfor %}
</ul>
<p>
    {% if previous_day %}
    Previous Day: {{ previous_day }}
    {% endif %}
    {% if previous_day and next_day %}--{% endif %}
    {% if next_day %}
    Next Day: {{ next_day }}
    {% endif %}
</p>
```

TodayArchiveView

class TodayArchiveView

A day archive page showing all objects for today. This is exactly the same as `django.views.generic`.

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dates.DayArchiveView, except today’s date is used instead of the year/month/day arguments.

Ancestors (MRO)

- django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectTemplateResponseMixin
- django.views.generic.base.TemplateResponseMixin
- django.views.generic.dates.BaseTodayArchiveView
- django.views.generic.dates.BaseDayArchiveView
- django.views.generic.dates.YearMixin
- django.views.generic.dates.MonthMixin
- django.views.generic.dates.DayMixin
- django.views.generic.dates.BaseDateListView
- django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectMixin
- django.views.generic.dates.DateMixin
- django.views.generic.base.View

Notes

- Uses a default template_name_suffix of _archive_today.

Example myapp/views.py:

```python
from django.views.generic.dates import TodayArchiveView
from myapp.models import Article

class ArticleTodayArchiveView(TodayArchiveView):
    queryset = Article.objects.all()
    date_field = "pub_date"
    allow_future = True
```

Example myapp/urls.py:

```python
from django.urls import path
from myapp.views import ArticleTodayArchiveView

urlpatterns = [
    path('today/', ArticleTodayArchiveView.as_view(),
         name="archive_today"),
]
```

Where is the example template for TodayArchiveView?

This view uses by default the same template as the DayArchiveView, which is in the previous example. If you need a different template, set the template_name attribute to be the name of the new template.
**DateDetailView**

**class DateDetailView**

A page representing an individual object. If the object has a date value in the future, the view will throw a 404 error by default, unless you set `allow_future` to True.

**Ancestors (MRO)**

- `django.views.generic.detail.SingleObjectTemplateResponseMixin`
- `django.views.generic.base.TemplateResponseMixin`
- `django.views.generic.dates.BaseDateDetailView`
- `django.views.generic.dates.YearMixin`
- `django.views.generic.dates.MonthMixin`
- `django.views.generic.dates.DayMixin`
- `django.views.generic.dates.DateMixin`
- `django.views.generic.detail.BaseDetailView`
- `django.views.generic.detail.SingleObjectMixin`
- `django.views.generic.base.View`

**Context**

- Includes the single object associated with the model specified in the `DateDetailView`.

**Notes**

- Uses a default `template_name_suffix` of `_detail`.

**Example myapp/urls.py:**

```python
from django.urls import path
from django.views.generic.dates import DateDetailView

urlpatterns = [
    path('<int:year>/<str:month>/<int:day>/<int:pk>/',
    DateDetailView.as_view(model=Article, date_field="pub_date"),
    name="archive_date_detail"),
]
```

**Example myapp/article_detail.html:**

```html
<h1>{{ object.title }}</h1>
```

**Note:** All of the generic views listed above have matching `Base` views that only differ in that they do not include the `MultipleObjectTemplateResponseMixin` (for the archive views) or `SingleObjectTemplateResponseMixin` (for the `DateDetailView`):

- `class BaseArchiveIndexView`
- `class BaseYearArchiveView`
- `class BaseMonthArchiveView`
- `class BaseWeekArchiveView`
- `class BaseDayArchiveView`

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class BaseTodayArchiveView
class BaseDateDetailView

6.3.5 Class-based views mixins

Class-based views API reference. For introductory material, see Using mixins with class-based views.

Simple mixins

ContextMixin
class django.views.generic.base.ContextMixin

Attributes

eextra_context
A dictionary to include in the context. This is a convenient way of specifying some context in
as_view(). Example usage:

```python
from django.views.generic import TemplateView
TemplateView.as_view(extra_context={'title': 'Custom Title'})
```

Methods

get_context_data(**kwargs)
Returns a dictionary representing the template context. The keyword arguments provided will make up the
returned context. Example usage:

```python
def get_context_data(self, **kwargs):
    context = super().get_context_data(**kwargs)
    context['number'] = random.randrange(1, 100)
    return context
```

The template context of all class-based generic views include a view variable that points to the View
instance.

Use alters_data where appropriate

Note that having the view instance in the template context may expose potentially hazardous meth-
ods to template authors. To prevent methods like this from being called in the template, set
alters_data=True on those methods. For more information, read the documentation on rendering a
template context.

TemplateResponseMixin
class django.views.generic.base.TemplateResponseMixin

Provides a mechanism to construct a TemplateResponse, given suitable context. The template to use is
configurable and can be further customized by subclasses.

Attributes
**template_name**

The full name of a template to use as defined by a string. Not defining a template_name will raise a django.core.exceptions.ImproperlyConfigured exception.

**template_engine**

The NAME of a template engine to use for loading the template. template_engine is passed as the using keyword argument to response_class. Default is None, which tells Django to search for the template in all configured engines.

**response_class**

The response class to be returned by render_to_response method. Default is TemplateResponse. The template and context of TemplateResponse instances can be altered later (e.g. in template response middleware).

If you need custom template loading or custom context object instantiation, create a TemplateResponse subclass and assign it to response_class.

**content_type**

The content type to use for the response. content_type is passed as a keyword argument to response_class. Default is None – meaning that Django uses 'text/html'.

**Methods**

**render_to_response**(context, **response_kwargs)

Returns a self.response_class instance.

If any keyword arguments are provided, they will be passed to the constructor of the response class.

Calls get_template_names() to obtain the list of template names that will be searched looking for an existent template.

**get_template_names()**

Returns a list of template names to search for when rendering the template. The first template that is found will be used.

The default implementation will return a list containing template_name (if it is specified).

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**SingleObjectMixin**

class django.views.generic.detail.SingleObjectMixin

Provides a mechanism for looking up an object associated with the current HTTP request.

**Methods and Attributes**

**model**

The model that this view will display data for. Specifying model = Foo is effectively the same as specifying queryset = Foo.objects.all(), where objects stands for Foo’s default manager.

**queryset**

A QuerySet that represents the objects. If provided, the value of queryset supersedes the value provided for model.

**Warning:** queryset is a class attribute with a mutable value so care must be taken when using it directly. Before using it, either call its all() method or retrieve it with get_queryset() which takes care of the cloning behind the scenes.
**slug_field**

The name of the field on the model that contains the slug. By default, `slug_field` is 'slug'.

**slug_url_kwarg**

The name of the URLConf keyword argument that contains the slug. By default, `slug_url_kwarg` is 'slug'.

**pk_url_kwarg**

The name of the URLConf keyword argument that contains the primary key. By default, `pk_url_kwarg` is 'pk'.

**context_object_name**

Designates the name of the variable to use in the context.

**query_pk_and_slug**

If True, causes `get_object()` to perform its lookup using both the primary key and the slug. Defaults to False.

This attribute can help mitigate insecure direct object reference attacks. When applications allow access to individual objects by a sequential primary key, an attacker could brute-force guess all URLs; thereby obtaining a list of all objects in the application. If users with access to individual objects should be prevented from obtaining this list, setting `query_pk_and_slug` to True will help prevent the guessing of URLs as each URL will require two correct, non-sequential arguments. Using a unique slug may serve the same purpose, but this scheme allows you to have non-unique slugs.

**get_object**(queryset=None)

Returns the single object that this view will display. If `queryset` is provided, that queryset will be used as the source of objects; otherwise, `get_queryset()` will be used. `get_object()` looks for a `pk_url_kwarg` argument in the arguments to the view; if this argument is found, this method performs a primary-key based lookup using that value. If this argument is not found, it looks for a `slug_url_kwarg` argument, and performs a slug lookup using the `slug_field`.

When `query_pk_and_slug` is True, `get_object()` will perform its lookup using both the primary key and the slug.

**get_queryset()**

Returns the queryset that will be used to retrieve the object that this view will display. By default, `get_queryset()` returns the value of the `queryset` attribute if it is set, otherwise it constructs a `QuerySet` by calling the `all()` method on the `model` attribute’s default manager.

**get_context_object_name**(obj)

Return the context variable name that will be used to contain the data that this view is manipulating. If `context_object_name` is not set, the context name will be constructed from the `model_name` of the model that the queryset is composed from. For example, the model `Article` would have context object named 'article'.

**get_context_data**(**kwargs)

Returns context data for displaying the object.

The base implementation of this method requires that the `self.object` attribute be set by the view (even if `None`). Be sure to do this if you are using this mixin without one of the built-in views that does so.

It returns a dictionary with these contents:

- object: The object that this view is displaying (`self.object`).
- context_object_name: `self.object` will also be stored under the name returned by `get_context_object_name()`, which defaults to the lowercased version of the model name.
Context variables override values from template context processors

Any variables from get_context_data() take precedence over context variables from context processors. For example, if your view sets the model attribute to User, the default context object name of user would override the user variable from the django.contrib.auth.context_processors.auth() context processor. Use get_context_object_name() to avoid a clash.

get_slug_field()
Returns the name of a slug field to be used to look up by slug. By default this returns the value of slug_field.

SingleObjectTemplateResponseMixin

class django.views.generic.detail.SingleObjectTemplateResponseMixin
A mixin class that performs template-based response rendering for views that operate upon a single object instance. Requires that the view it is mixed with provides self.object, the object instance that the view is operating on. self.object will usually be, but is not required to be, an instance of a Django model. It may be None if the view is in the process of constructing a new instance.

Extends
• TemplateResponseMixin

Methods and Attributes

template_name_field
The field on the current object instance that can be used to determine the name of a candidate template. If either template_name_field itself or the value of the template_name_field on the current object instance is None, the object will not be used for a candidate template name.

template_name_suffix
The suffix to append to the auto-generated candidate template name. Default suffix is _detail.

get_template_names()
Returns a list of candidate template names. Returns the following list:
• the value of template_name on the view (if provided)
• the contents of the template_name_field field on the object instance that the view is operating upon (if available)
• <app_label>/<model_name><template_name_suffix>.html

Multiple object mixins

MultipleObjectMixin

class django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectMixin
A mixin that can be used to display a list of objects.

If paginate_by is specified, Django will paginate the results returned by this. You can specify the page number in the URL in one of two ways:
• Use the page parameter in the URLconf. For example, this is what your URLconf might look like:
Path (`objects/page<int:page>/`, `PaginatedView.as_view()`),

- Pass the page number via the `page` query-string parameter. For example, a URL would look like this:

  `/objects/?page=3`

These values and lists are 1-based, not 0-based, so the first page would be represented as page 1.

For more on pagination, read the pagination documentation.

As a special case, you are also permitted to use `last` as a value for `page`:

`/objects/?page=last`

This allows you to access the final page of results without first having to determine how many pages there are.

Note that `page` must be either a valid page number or the value `last`; any other value for `page` will result in a 404 error.

**Extends**

- `django.views.generic.base.ContextMixin`

**Methods and Attributes**

**allow_empty**

A boolean specifying whether to display the page if no objects are available. If this is `False` and no objects are available, the view will raise a 404 instead of displaying an empty page. By default, this is `True`.

**model**

The model that this view will display data for. Specifying `model = Foo` is effectively the same as specifying `queryset = Foo.objects.all()`, where objects stands for Foo's default manager.

**queryset**

A `QuerySet` that represents the objects. If provided, the value of `queryset` supersedes the value provided for `model`.

**Warning:** `queryset` is a class attribute with a mutable value so care must be taken when using it directly. Before using it, either call its `all()` method or retrieve it with `get_queryset()` which takes care of the cloning behind the scenes.

**ordering**

A string or list of strings specifying the ordering to apply to the `queryset`. Valid values are the same as those for `order_by()`.

**paginate_by**

An integer specifying how many objects should be displayed per page. If this is given, the view will paginate objects with `paginate_by` objects per page. The view will expect either a `page` query string parameter (via `request.GET`) or a `page` variable specified in the URLconf.

**paginate_orphans**

An integer specifying the number of “overflow” objects the last page can contain. This extends the `paginate_by` limit on the last page by up to `paginate_orphans`, in order to keep the last page from having a very small number of objects.

**page_kwarg**

A string specifying the name to use for the page parameter. The view will expect this parameter to be
available either as a query string parameter (via `request.GET`) or as a kwarg variable specified in the URLconf. Defaults to `page`.

**paginator_class**

The paginator class to be used for pagination. By default, `django.core.paginator.Paginator` is used. If the custom paginator class doesn’t have the same constructor interface as `django.core.paginator.Paginator`, you will also need to provide an implementation for `get_paginator()`.

**context_object_name**

Designates the name of the variable to use in the context.

**get_queryset()**

Get the list of items for this view. This must be an iterable and may be a queryset (in which queryset-specific behavior will be enabled).

**get_ordering()**

Returns a string (or iterable of strings) that defines the ordering that will be applied to the queryset.

Returns `ordering` by default.

**paginate_queryset(queryset, page_size)**

Returns a 4-tuple containing (`paginator`, `page`, `object_list`, `is_paginated`).

Constructed by paginating `queryset` into pages of size `page_size`. If the request contains a `page` argument, either as a captured URL argument or as a GET argument, `object_list` will correspond to the objects from that page.

**get_paginate_by(queryset)**

Returns the number of items to paginate by, or `None` for no pagination. By default this returns the value of `paginate_by`.

**get Paginator(queryset, per_page, orphans=0, allow_empty_first_page=True)**

Returns an instance of the paginator to use for this view. By default, instantiates an instance of `paginator_class`.

**get_paginate_orphans()**

An integer specifying the number of “overflow” objects the last page can contain. By default this returns the value of `paginate_orphans`.

**get_allow_empty()**

Return a boolean specifying whether to display the page if no objects are available. If this method returns `False` and no objects are available, the view will raise a 404 instead of displaying an empty page. By default, this is `True`.

**get_context_object_name(object_list)**

Return the context variable name that will be used to contain the list of data that this view is manipulating. If `object_list` is a queryset of Django objects and `context_object_name` is not set, the context name will be the `model_name` of the model that the queryset is composed from, with postfix ‘_list’ appended. For example, the model `Article` would have a context object named `article_list`.

**get_context_data(**kwargs)**

Returns context data for displaying the list of objects.

Context

- **object_list**: The list of objects that this view is displaying. If `context_object_name` is specified, that variable will also be set in the context, with the same value as `object_list`.

- **is_paginated**: A boolean representing whether the results are paginated. Specifically, this is set to `False` if no page size has been specified, or if the available objects do not span multiple pages.
• **paginator**: An instance of `django.core.paginator.Paginator`. If the page is not paginated, this context variable will be `None`.

• **page_obj**: An instance of `django.core.paginator.Page`. If the page is not paginated, this context variable will be `None`.

### `MultipleObjectTemplateResponseMixin`

**class** `django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectTemplateResponseMixin`

A mixin class that performs template-based response rendering for views that operate upon a list of object instances. Requires that the view it is mixed with provides `self.object_list`, the list of object instances that the view is operating on. `self.object_list` may be, but is not required to be, a `QuerySet`.

**Extends**

• `TemplateResponseMixin`

**Methods and Attributes**

**template_name_suffix**

The suffix to append to the auto-generated candidate template name. Default suffix is `_list`.

**get_template_names()**

Returns a list of candidate template names. Returns the following list:

• the value of `template_name` on the view (if provided)

• `<app_label>/<model_name><template_name_suffix>.html`

### Editing mixins

The following mixins are used to construct Django’s editing views:

• `django.views.generic.edit.FormMixin`

• `django.views.generic.edit.ModelFormMixin`

• `django.views.generic.edit.ProcessFormView`

• `django.views.generic.edit.DeletionMixin`

**Note:** Examples of how these are combined into editing views can be found at the documentation on *Generic editing views*.

### FormMixin

**class** `django.views.generic.edit.FormMixin`

A mixin class that provides facilities for creating and displaying forms.

**Mixins**

• `django.views.generic.base.ContextMixin`

**Methods and Attributes**

**initial**

A dictionary containing initial data for the form.
form_class
   The form class to instantiate.

success_url
   The URL to redirect to when the form is successfully processed.

prefix
   The prefix for the generated form.

get_initial()
   Retrieve initial data for the form. By default, returns a copy of initial.

get_form_class()
   Retrieve the form class to instantiate. By default form_class.

get_form(form_class=None)
   Instantiate an instance of form_class using get_form_kwargs(). If form_class isn’t provided get_form_class() will be used.

get_form_kwargs()
   Build the keyword arguments required to instantiate the form.

   The initial argument is set to get_initial(). If the request is a POST or PUT, the request data (request.POST and request.FILES) will also be provided.

get_prefix()
   Determine the prefix for the generated form. Returns prefix by default.

get_success_url()
   Determine the URL to redirect to when the form is successfully validated. Returns success_url by default.

form_valid(form)
   Redirects to get_success_url().

form_invalid(form)
   Renders a response, providing the invalid form as context.

get_context_data(**kwargs)
   Calls get_form() and adds the result to the context data with the name ‘form’.

ModelFormMixin

class django.views.generic.edit.ModelFormMixin
   A form mixin that works on ModelForms, rather than a standalone form.

   Since this is a subclass of SingleObjectMixin, instances of this mixin have access to the model and queryset attributes, describing the type of object that the ModelForm is manipulating.

   If you specify both the fields and form_class attributes, an ImproperlyConfigured exception will be raised.

Mixins
   • django.views.generic.edit.FormMixin
   • django.views.generic.detail.SingleObjectMixin

Methods and Attributes
**model**
A model class. Can be explicitly provided, otherwise will be determined by examining `self.object` or `queryset`.

**fields**
A list of names of fields. This is interpreted the same way as the `Meta.fields` attribute of `ModelForm`. This is a required attribute if you are generating the form class automatically (e.g. using `model`). Omitting this attribute will result in an `ImproperlyConfigured` exception.

**success_url**
The URL to redirect to when the form is successfully processed.
`success_url` may contain dictionary string formatting, which will be interpolated against the object’s field attributes. For example, you could use `success_url="/polls/{slug}/"` to redirect to a URL composed out of the `slug` field on a model.

**get_form_class()**
Retrieve the form class to instantiate. If `form_class` is provided, that class will be used. Otherwise, a `ModelForm` will be instantiated using the model associated with the `queryset`, or with the `model`, depending on which attribute is provided.

**get_form_kwargs()**
Add the current instance (`self.object`) to the standard `get_form_kwargs()`.

**get_success_url()**
Determine the URL to redirect to when the form is successfully validated. Returns `django.views.generic.edit.ModelFormMixin.success_url` if it is provided; otherwise, attempts to use the `get_absolute_url()` of the object.

**form_valid(form)**
Saves the form instance, sets the current object for the view, and redirects to `get_success_url()`.

**form_invalid(form)**
Renders a response, providing the invalid form as context.

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**ProcessFormView**

```python
class django.views.generic.edit.ProcessFormView
A mixin that provides basic HTTP GET and POST workflow.
```

**Note:** This is named ‘ProcessFormView’ and inherits directly from `django.views.generic.base.View`, but breaks if used independently, so it is more of a mixin.

**Extends**

- `django.views.generic.base.View`

**Methods and Attributes**

**get(request, *args, **kwargs)**
Renders a response using a context created with `get_context_data()`.

**post(request, *args, **kwargs)**
Constructs a form, checks the form for validity, and handles it accordingly.

**put(*args, **kwargs)**
The PUT action is also handled and passes all parameters through to `post()`.
DeletionMixin

class django.views.generic.edit.DeletionMixin
    Enables handling of the DELETE http action.

Methods and Attributes

success_url
    The url to redirect to when the nominated object has been successfully deleted.
    success_url may contain dictionary string formatting, which will be interpolated against the object’s
    field attributes. For example, you could use success_url="/parent/{parent_id}" to redirect
to a URL composed out of the parent_id field on a model.

def delete(request, *args, **kwargs)
    Retrieves the target object and calls its delete() method, then redirects to the success URL.

def get_success_url()
    Returns the url to redirect to when the nominated object has been successfully deleted. Returns
    success_url by default.

Date-based mixins

Note: All the date formatting attributes in these mixins use strftime() format characters. Do not try to use the
format characters from the now template tag as they are not compatible.

YearMixin

class YearMixin
    A mixin that can be used to retrieve and provide parsing information for a year component of a date.

Methods and Attributes

year_format
    The strftime() format to use when parsing the year. By default, this is '%Y'.

year
    Optional. The value for the year, as a string. By default, set to None, which means the year will be
determined using other means.

def get_year_format()
    Returns the strftime() format to use when parsing the year. Returns year_format by default.

def get_year()
    Returns the year for which this view will display data, as a string. Tries the following sources, in order:
    • The value of the YearMixin.year attribute.
    • The value of the year argument captured in the URL pattern.
    • The value of the year GET query argument.
    Raises a 404 if no valid year specification can be found.

def get_next_year(date)
    Returns a date object containing the first day of the year after the date provided. This function can
also return None or raise an Http404 exception, depending on the values of allow_empty and allow_future.

get_previous_year(date)
Returns a date object containing the first day of the year before the date provided. This function can also return None or raise an Http404 exception, depending on the values of allow_empty and allow_future.

MonthMixin

class MonthMixin
A mixin that can be used to retrieve and provide parsing information for a month component of a date.

Methods and Attributes

month_format
The strftime() format to use when parsing the month. By default, this is '%b'.

month
Optional The value for the month, as a string. By default, set to None, which means the month will be determined using other means.

get_month_format()
Returns the strftime() format to use when parsing the month. Returns month_format by default.

get_month()
Returns the month for which this view will display data, as a string. Tries the following sources, in order:

• The value of the MonthMixin.month attribute.
• The value of the month argument captured in the URL pattern.
• The value of the month GET query argument.

Raises a 404 if no valid month specification can be found.

get_next_month(date)
Returns a date object containing the first day of the month after the date provided. This function can also return None or raise an Http404 exception, depending on the values of allow_empty and allow_future.

get_previous_month(date)
Returns a date object containing the first day of the month before the date provided. This function can also return None or raise an Http404 exception, depending on the values of allow_empty and allow_future.

DayMixin

class DayMixin
A mixin that can be used to retrieve and provide parsing information for a day component of a date.

Methods and Attributes

day_format
The strftime() format to use when parsing the day. By default, this is '%d'.

day
Optional The value for the day, as a string. By default, set to None, which means the day will be determined using other means.
get_day_format()  
Returns the strftime() format to use when parsing the day. Returns day_format by default.

get_day()  
Returns the day for which this view will display data, as a string. Tries the following sources, in order:
  • The value of the DayMixin.day attribute.
  • The value of the day argument captured in the URL pattern.
  • The value of the day GET query argument.
 Raises a 404 if no valid day specification can be found.

get_next_day(date)  
Returns a date object containing the next valid day after the date provided. This function can also return None or raise an Http404 exception, depending on the values of allow_empty and allow_future.

get_previous_day(date)  
Returns a date object containing the previous valid day. This function can also return None or raise an Http404 exception, depending on the values of allow_empty and allow_future.

WeekMixin

class WeekMixin  
A mixin that can be used to retrieve and provide parsing information for a week component of a date.

Methods and Attributes

week_format  
The strftime() format to use when parsing the week. By default, this is '%U', which means the week starts on Sunday. Set it to '%W' if your week starts on Monday.

week  
Optional. The value for the week, as a string. By default, set to None, which means the week will be determined using other means.

get_week_format()  
Returns the strftime() format to use when parsing the week. Returns week_format by default.

get_week()  
Returns the week for which this view will display data, as a string. Tries the following sources, in order:
  • The value of the WeekMixin.week attribute.
  • The value of the week argument captured in the URL pattern
  • The value of the week GET query argument.
 Raises a 404 if no valid week specification can be found.

get_next_week(date)  
Returns a date object containing the first day of the week after the date provided. This function can also return None or raise an Http404 exception, depending on the values of allow_empty and allow_future.

get_prev_week(date)  
Returns a date object containing the first day of the week before the date provided. This function can also return None or raise an Http404 exception, depending on the values of allow_empty and allow_future.
DateMixin

class DateMixin
A mixin class providing common behavior for all date-based views.

Methods and Attributes

date_field
The name of the DateField or DateTimeField in the QuerySet’s model that the date-based archive should use to determine the list of objects to display on the page.

When time zone support is enabled and date_field is a DateTimeField, dates are assumed to be in the current time zone. Otherwise, the queryset could include objects from the previous or the next day in the end user’s time zone.

Warning: In this situation, if you have implemented per-user time zone selection, the same URL may show a different set of objects, depending on the end user’s time zone. To avoid this, you should use a DateField as the date_field attribute.

allow_future
A boolean specifying whether to include “future” objects on this page, where “future” means objects in which the field specified in date_field is greater than the current date/time. By default, this is False.

get_date_field()
Returns the name of the field that contains the date data that this view will operate on. Returns date_field by default.

get_allow_future()
Determine whether to include “future” objects on this page, where “future” means objects in which the field specified in date_field is greater than the current date/time. Returns allow_future by default.

BaseDateListView

class BaseDateListView
A base class that provides common behavior for all date-based views. There won’t normally be a reason to instantiate BaseDateListView; instantiate one of the subclasses instead.

While this view (and its subclasses) are executing, self.object_list will contain the list of objects that the view is operating upon, and self.date_list will contain the list of dates for which data is available.

Mixins

• DateMixin

• MultipleObjectMixin

Methods and Attributes

allow_empty
A boolean specifying whether to display the page if no objects are available. If this is True and no objects are available, the view will display an empty page instead of raising a 404.

This is identical to django.views.generic.list.MultipleObjectMixin.allow_empty, except for the default value, which is False.

date_list_period
Optional A string defining the aggregation period for date_list. It must be one of 'year' (default), 'month', or 'day'.
get_dated_items()
Returns a 3-tuple containing (date_list, object_list, extra_context).
  date_list is the list of dates for which data is available. object_list is the list of objects.
  extra_context is a dictionary of context data that will be added to any context data provided by
  the MultipleObjectMixin.

get_dated_queryset(**lookup)
Returns a queryset, filtered using the query arguments defined by lookup. Enforces any restrictions on
the queryset, such as allow_empty and allow_future.

get_date_list_period()
Returns the aggregation period for date_list. Returns date_list_period by default.

get_date_list(queryset, date_type=None, ordering='ASC')
Returns the list of dates of type date_type for which queryset contains entries. For example,
get_date_list(qs, 'year') will return the list of years for which qs has entries. If date_type
isn’t provided, the result of get_date_list_period() is used. date_type and ordering are
passed to QuerySet.dates().

6.3.6 Class-based generic views - flattened index

This index provides an alternate organization of the reference documentation for class-based views. For each view, the
effective attributes and methods from the class tree are represented under that view. For the reference documentation
organized by the class which defines the behavior, see Class-based views.

See also:
Classy Class-Based Views provides a nice interface to navigate the class hierarchy of the built-in class-based views.

Simple generic views

View

class View

Attributes (with optional accessor):
  • http_method_names

Methods
  • as_view()
  • dispatch()
  • head()
  • http_method_not_allowed()
  • setup()

TemplateView

class TemplateView

Attributes (with optional accessor):
  • content_type
• extra_context
• http_method_names
• response_class[render_to_response()]
• template_engine
• template_name[get_template_names()]

Methods
• as_view()
• dispatch()
• get()
• get_context_data()
• head()
• http_method_not_allowed()
• render_to_response()
• setup()

RedirectView

class RedirectView

Attributes (with optional accessor):
• http_method_names
• pattern_name
• permanent
• query_string
• url[get_redirect_url()]

Methods
• as_view()
• delete()
• dispatch()
• get()
• head()
• http_method_not_allowed()
• options()
• post()
• put()
• setup()
Detail Views

DetailView

class DetailView

Attributes (with optional accessor):

- content_type
- context_object_name [get_context_object_name()]
- extra_context
- http_method_names
- model
- pk_url_kwarg
- query_pk_and_slug
- queryset [get_queryset()]
- response_class [render_to_response()]
- slug_field [get_slug_field()]
- slug_url_kwarg
- template_engine
- template_name [get_template_names()]
- template_name_field
- template_name_suffix

Methods

- as_view()
- dispatch()
- get()
- get_context_data()
- get_object()
- head()
- http_method_not_allowed()
- render_to_response()
- setup()

List Views

ListView

class ListView

Attributes (with optional accessor):
• allow_empty [get_allow_empty()]
• content_type
• context_object_name [get_context_object_name()]
• extra_context
• http_method_names
• model
• ordering [get_ordering()]
• paginate_by [get_paginate_by()]
• paginate_orphans [get_paginate_orphans()]
• paginator_class
• queryset [get_queryset()]
• response_class [render_to_response()]
• template_engine
• template_name [get_template_names()]
• template_name_suffix

Methods
• as_view()
• dispatch()
• get()
• get_context_data()
• get_paginator()
• head()
• http_method_not_allowed()
• paginate_queryset()
• render_to_response()
• setup()

Editing views

FormView

class FormView

Attributes (with optional accessor):
• content_type
• extra_context
• form_class [get_form_class()]
• http_method_names
• initial[get_initial()]
• prefix[get_prefix()]
• response_class[render_to_response()]
• success_url[get_success_url()]
• template_engine
• template_name[get_template_names()]

Methods
• as_view()
• dispatch()
• form_invalid()
• form_valid()
• get()
• get_context_data()
• get_form()
• get_form_kwargs()
• http_method_not_allowed()
• post()
• put()
• setup()

CreateView

class CreateView

Attributes (with optional accessor):
• content_type
• context_object_name[get_context_object_name()]
• extra_context
• fields
• form_class[get_form_class()]
• http_method_names
• initial[get_initial()]
• model
• pk_url_kwarg
• prefix[get_prefix()]
• query_pk_and_slug
• queryset[get_queryset()]
• response_class[render_to_response()]
• `slug_field` [get_slug_field()]
• `slug_url_kwarg`
• `success_url` [get_success_url()]
• `template_engine`
• `template_name` [get_template_names()]
• `template_name_field`
• `template_name_suffix`

Methods
• `as_view()`
• `dispatch()`
• `form_invalid()`
• `form_valid()`
• `get()`
• `get_context_data()`
• `get_form()`
• `get_form_kwargs()`
• `get_object()`
• `head()`
• `http_method_not_allowed()`
• `post()`
• `put()`
• `render_to_response()`
• `setup()`

UpdateView

class UpdateView

Attributes (with optional accessor):
• `content_type`
• `context_object_name` [get_context_object_name()]
• `extra_context`
• `fields`
• `form_class` [get_form_class()]
• `http_method_names`
• `initial` [get_initial()]
• `model`
• `pk_url_kwarg`
• `prefix [get_prefix()]`
• `query_pk_and_slug`
• `queryset [get_queryset()]`
• `response_class [render_to_response()]`
• `slug_field [get_slug_field()]`
• `slug_url_kwarg`
• `success_url [get_success_url()]`
• `template_engine`
• `template_name [get_template_names()]`
• `template_name_field`
• `template_name_suffix`

Methods
• `as_view()`
• `dispatch()`
• `form_invalid()`
• `form_valid()`
• `get()`
• `get_context_data()`
• `get_form()`
• `get_form_kwargs()`
• `get_object()`
• `head()`
• `http_method_not_allowed()`
• `post()`
• `put()`
• `render_to_response()`
• `setup()`

DeleteView

**class DeleteView**

**Attributes** (with optional accessor):
• `content_type`
• `context_object_name [get_context_object_name()]`
• `extra_context`
• `http_method_names`
• `model`
• pk_url_kwargs
• query_pk_and_slug
• queryset [get_queryset ()]
• response_class [render_to_response ()]
• slug_field [get_slug_field ()]
• slug_url_kwarg
• success_url [get_success_url ()]
• template_engine
• template_name [get_template_names ()]
• template_name_field
• template_name_suffix

Methods
• as_view ()
• delete ()
• dispatch ()
• get ()
• get_context_data ()
• get_object ()
• head ()
• http_method_not_allowed ()
• post ()
• render_to_response ()
• setup ()

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ArchiveIndexView

class ArchiveIndexView

Attributes (with optional accessor):
• allow_empty [get_allow_empty ()]
• allow_future [get_allow_future ()]
• content_type
• context_object_name [get_context_object_name ()]
• date_field [get_date_field ()]
• extra_context
• http_method_names
• model
• ordering [get_ordering()]
• paginate_by [get_paginate_by()]
• paginate_orphans [get_paginate_orphans()]
• paginator_class
• queryset [get_queryset()]
• response_class [render_to_response()]
• template_engine
• template_name [get_template_names()]
• template_name_suffix

Methods
• as_view()
• dispatch()
• get()
• get_context_data()
• get_date_list()
• get_dated_items()
• get_dated_queryset()
• get_paginator()
• head()
• http_method_not_allowed()
• paginate_queryset()
• render_to_response()
• setup()

YearArchiveView
class YearArchiveView
Attributes (with optional accessor):
• allow_empty [get_allow_empty()]
• allow_future [get_allow_future()]
• content_type
• context_object_name [get_context_object_name()]
• date_field [get_date_field()]
• extra_context
• http_method_names
• make_object_list [get_make_object_list()]

6.3. Built-in class-based views API
- model
- ordering [get_ordering()]
- paginate_by [get_paginate_by()]
- paginate_orphans [get_paginate_orphans()]
- paginator_class
- queryset [get_queryset()]
- response_class [render_to_response()]
- template_engine
- template_name [get_template_names()]
- template_name_suffix
- year [get_year()]
- year_format [get_year_format()]

Methods
- as_view()
- dispatch()
- get()
- get_context_data()
- get_date_list()
- get_dated_items()
- get_dated_queryset()
- getPaginator()
- head()
- http_method_not_allowed()
- paginate_queryset()
- render_to_response()
- setup()

MonthArchiveView

class MonthArchiveView

Attributes (with optional accessor):
- allow_empty [get_allow_empty()]
- allow_future [get_allow_future()]
- content_type
- context_object_name [get_context_object_name()]
- date_field [get_date_field()]
- extra_context
• `http_method_names`  
• `model`  
• `month[get_month()]`  
• `month_format[get_month_format()]`  
• `ordering[get_ordering()]`  
• `paginate_by[get_paginate_by()]`  
• `paginate_orphans[get_paginate_orphans()]`  
• `paginator_class`  
• `queryset[get_queryset()]`  
• `response_class[render_to_response()]`  
• `template_engine`  
• `template_name[get_template_names()]`  
• `template_name_suffix`  
• `year[get_year()]`  
• `year_format[get_year_format()]`  

Methods  
• `as_view()`  
• `dispatch()`  
• `get()`  
• `get_context_data()`  
• `get_date_list()`  
• `get_dated_items()`  
• `get_dated_queryset()`  
• `get_next_month()`  
• `get Paginator()`  
• `get_previous_month()`  
• `head()`  
• `http_method_not_allowed()`  
• `paginate_queryset()`  
• `render_to_response()`  
• `setup()`  

**WeekArchiveView**  

```python  
class WeekArchiveView  

Attributes (with optional accessor):  
• `allow_empty[get_allow_empty()]`  
```
• allow_future [get_allow_future()]
• content_type
• context_object_name [get_context_object_name()]
• date_field [get_date_field()]
• extra_context
• http_method_names
• model
• ordering [get_ordering()]
• paginate_by [get_paginate_by()]
• paginate_orphans [get_paginate_orphans()]
• paginator_class
• queryset [get_queryset()]
• response_class [render_to_response()]
• template_engine
• template_name [get_template_names()]
• template_name_suffix
• week [get_week()]
• week_format [get_week_format()]
• year [get_year()]
• year_format [get_year_format()]

Methods
• as_view()
• dispatch()
• get()
• get_context_data()
• get_date_list()
• get_dated_items()
• get_dated_queryset()
• get_paginator()
• head()
• http_method_not_allowed()
• paginate_queryset()
• render_to_response()
• setup()
DayArchiveView

class DayArchiveView

Attributes (with optional accessor):

- `allow_empty` [get_allow_empty()]
- `allow_future` [get_allow_future()]
- `content_type`
- `context_object_name` [get_context_object_name()]
- `date_field` [get_date_field()]
- `day` [get_day()]
- `day_format` [get_day_format()]
- `extra_context`
- `http_method_names`
- `model`
- `month` [get_month()]
- `month_format` [get_month_format()]
- `ordering` [get_ordering()]
- `paginate_by` [get_paginate_by()]
- `paginate_orphans` [get_paginate_orphans()]
- `paginator_class`
- `queryset` [get_queryset()]
- `response_class` [render_to_response()]
- `template_engine`
- `template_name` [get_template_names()]
- `template_name_suffix`
- `year` [get_year()]
- `year_format` [get_year_format()]

Methods

- `as_view()`
- `dispatch()`
- `get()`
- `get_context_data()`
- `get_date_list()`
- `get_dated_items()`
- `get_dated_queryset()`
- `get_next_day()`
- `get_next_month()`
• get_paginator()
• get_previous_day()
• get_previous_month()
• head()
• http_method_not_allowed()
• paginate_queryset()
• render_to_response()
• setup()

**TodayArchiveView**

class TodayArchiveView

**Attributes** (with optional accessor):

- allow_empty [get_allow_empty()]
- allow_future [get_allow_future()]
- content_type
- context_object_name [get_context_object_name()]
- date_field [get_date_field()]
- day [get_day()]
- day_format [get_day_format()]
- extra_context
- http_method_names
- model
- month [get_month()]
- month_format [get_month_format()]
- ordering [get_ordering()]
- paginate_by [get_paginate_by()]
- paginate_orphans [get_paginate_orphans()]
- paginator_class
- queryset [get_queryset()]
- response_class [render_to_response()]
- template_engine
- template_name [get_template_names()]
- template_name_suffix
- year [get_year()]
- year_format [get_year_format()]

**Methods**
• as_view()
• dispatch()
• get()
• get_context_data()
• get_date_list()
• get_dated_items()
• get_dated_queryset()
• get_next_day()
• get_next_month()
• get Paginator()
• get_previous_day()
• get_previous_month()
• head()
• http_method_not_allowed()
• paginate_queryset()
• render_to_response()
• setup()

DateDetailView

class DateDetailView

Attributes (with optional accessor):
• allow_future [get_allow_future()]
• content_type
• context_object_name [get_context_object_name()]
• date_field [get_date_field()]
• day [get_day()]
• day_format [get_day_format()]
• extra_context
• http_method_names
• model
• month [get_month()]
• month_format [get_month_format()]
• pk_url_kwarg
• query_pk_and_slug
• queryset [get_queryset()]
• response_class [render_to_response()]
• `slug_field[get_slug_field()]`
• `slug_url_kwarg`
• `template_engine`
• `template_name[get_template_names()]`
• `template_name_field`
• `template_name_suffix`
• `year[get_year()]`
• `year_format[get_year_format()]`

Methods
• `as_view()`
• `dispatch()`
• `get()`
• `get_context_data()`
• `get_next_day()`
• `get_next_month()`
• `get_object()`
• `get_previous_day()`
• `get_previous_month()`
• `head()`
• `http_method_not_allowed()`
• `render_to_response()`
• `setup()`

6.3.7 Specification

Each request served by a class-based view has an independent state; therefore, it is safe to store state variables on the instance (i.e., `self.foo = 3` is a thread-safe operation).

A class-based view is deployed into a URL pattern using the `as_view()` classmethod:

```python
urlpatterns = [
    path('view/', MyView.as_view(size=42)),
]
```

Thread safety with view arguments

Arguments passed to a view are shared between every instance of a view. This means that you shouldn’t use a list, dictionary, or any other mutable object as an argument to a view. If you do and the shared object is modified, the actions of one user visiting your view could have an effect on subsequent users visiting the same view.

Arguments passed into `as_view()` will be assigned onto the instance that is used to service a request. Using the previous example, this means that every request on `MyView` is able to use `self.size`. Arguments must correspond to attributes that already exist on the class (return `True` on a `hasattr` check).
6.3.8 Base vs Generic views

Base class-based views can be thought of as parent views, which can be used by themselves or inherited from. They may not provide all the capabilities required for projects, in which case there are Mixins which extend what base views can do.

Django’s generic views are built off of those base views, and were developed as a shortcut for common usage patterns such as displaying the details of an object. They take certain common idioms and patterns found in view development and abstract them so that you can quickly write common views of data without having to repeat yourself.

Most generic views require the queryset key, which is a QuerySet instance; see Making queries for more information about QuerySet objects.

6.4 Clickjacking Protection

The clickjacking middleware and decorators provide easy-to-use protection against clickjacking. This type of attack occurs when a malicious site tricks a user into clicking on a concealed element of another site which they have loaded in a hidden frame or iframe.

6.4.1 An example of clickjacking

Suppose an online store has a page where a logged in user can click “Buy Now” to purchase an item. A user has chosen to stay logged into the store all the time for convenience. An attacker site might create an “I Like Ponies” button on one of their own pages, and load the store’s page in a transparent iframe such that the “Buy Now” button is invisibly overlaid on the “I Like Ponies” button. If the user visits the attacker’s site, clicking “I Like Ponies” will cause an inadvertent click on the “Buy Now” button and an unknowing purchase of the item.

6.4.2 Preventing clickjacking

Modern browsers honor the X-Frame-Options HTTP header that indicates whether or not a resource is allowed to load within a frame or iframe. If the response contains the header with a value of SAMEORIGIN then the browser will only load the resource in a frame if the request originated from the same site. If the header is set to DENY then the browser will block the resource from loading in a frame no matter which site made the request.

Django provides a few ways to include this header in responses from your site:

1. A middleware that sets the header in all responses.
2. A set of view decorators that can be used to override the middleware or to only set the header for certain views.

The X-Frame-Options HTTP header will only be set by the middleware or view decorators if it is not already present in the response.

6.4.3 How to use it

Setting X-Frame-Options for all responses

To set the same X-Frame-Options value for all responses in your site, put 'django.middleware.clickjacking.XFrameOptionsMiddleware' to MIDDLEWARE:
MIDDLEWARE = [
    ...
    'django.middleware.clickjacking.XFrameOptionsMiddleware',
    ...
]

This middleware is enabled in the settings file generated by `startproject`.

By default, the middleware will set the X-Frame-Options header to DENY for every outgoing HttpResponse. If you want any other value for this header instead, set the `X_FRAME_OPTIONS` setting:

```
X_FRAME_OPTIONS = 'SAMEORIGIN'
```

The default value of the `X_FRAME_OPTIONS` setting was changed from `SAMEORIGIN` to `DENY`.

When using the middleware there may be some views where you do not want the X-Frame-Options header set. For those cases, you can use a view decorator that tells the middleware not to set the header:

```
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.views.decorators.clickjacking import xframe_options_exempt

@xframe_options_exempt
def ok_to_load_in_a_frame(request):
    return HttpResponse("This page is safe to load in a frame on any site.")
```

Note: If you want to submit a form or access a session cookie within a frame or iframe, you may need to modify the `CSRF_COOKIE_SAMESITE` or `SESSION_COOKIE_SAMESITE` settings.

### Setting X-Frame-Options per view

To set the X-Frame-Options header on a per view basis, Django provides these decorators:

```
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.views.decorators.clickjacking import xframe_options_deny
from django.views.decorators.clickjacking import xframe_options_sameorigin

@xframe_options_deny
def view_one(request):
    return HttpResponse("I won't display in any frame!")

@xframe_options_sameorigin
def view_two(request):
    return HttpResponse("Display in a frame if it's from the same origin as me.")
```

Note that you can use the decorators in conjunction with the middleware. Use of a decorator overrides the middleware.

### 6.4.4 Limitations

The X-Frame-Options header will only protect against clickjacking in a modern browser. Older browsers will quietly ignore the header and need other clickjacking prevention techniques.
Browsers that support X-Frame-Options

- Internet Explorer 8+
- Edge
- Firefox 3.6.9+
- Opera 10.5+
- Safari 4+
- Chrome 4.1+

See also

A complete list of browsers supporting X-Frame-Options.

6.5 contrib packages

Django aims to follow Python’s “batteries included” philosophy. It ships with a variety of extra, optional tools that solve common Web-development problems.

This code lives in django/contrib in the Django distribution. This document gives a rundown of the packages in contrib, along with any dependencies those packages have.

Note

For most of these add-ons – specifically, the add-ons that include either models or template tags – you’ll need to add the package name (e.g., 'django.contrib.redirects') to your INSTALLED_APPS setting and re-run manage.py migrate.

6.5.1 The Django admin site

One of the most powerful parts of Django is the automatic admin interface. It reads metadata from your models to provide a quick, model-centric interface where trusted users can manage content on your site. The admin’s recommended use is limited to an organization’s internal management tool. It’s not intended for building your entire front end around.

The admin has many hooks for customization, but beware of trying to use those hooks exclusively. If you need to provide a more process-centric interface that abstracts away the implementation details of database tables and fields, then it’s probably time to write your own views.

In this document we discuss how to activate, use, and customize Django’s admin interface.

Overview

The admin is enabled in the default project template used by startproject.

If you’re not using the default project template, here are the requirements:

1. Add 'django.contrib.admin' and its dependencies - django.contrib.auth, django.contrib.contenttypes, django.contrib.messages, and django.contrib.sessions - to your INSTALLED_APPS setting.
2. Configure a DjangoTemplates backend in your TEMPLATES setting with django.template.context_processors.request, django.contrib.auth.context_processors.auth, and django.contrib.messages.context_processors.messages in the 'context_processors' option of OPTIONS.

django.template.context_processors.request was added as a requirement in the 'context_processors' option to support the new AdminSite.enable_nav_sidebar.

3. If you've customized the MIDDLEWARE setting, django.contrib.auth.middleware.AuthenticationMiddleware and django.contrib.messages.middleware.MessageMiddleware must be included.

4. Hook the admin’s URLs into your URLconf.

After you’ve taken these steps, you’ll be able to use the admin site by visiting the URL you hooked it into (/admin/, by default).

If you need to create a user to login with, use the createsuperuser command. By default, logging in to the admin requires that the user has the is_staff attribute set to True.

Finally, determine which of your application’s models should be editable in the admin interface. For each of those models, register them with the admin as described in ModelAdmin.

Other topics

Admin actions

The basic workflow of Django’s admin is, in a nutshell, “select an object, then change it.” This works well for a majority of use cases. However, if you need to make the same change to many objects at once, this workflow can be quite tedious.

In these cases, Django’s admin lets you write and register “actions” – functions that get called with a list of objects selected on the change list page.

If you look at any change list in the admin, you’ll see this feature in action; Django ships with a “delete selected objects” action available to all models. For example, here’s the user module from Django’s built-in django.contrib.auth app:

Select user to change
Warning: The “delete selected objects” action uses `QuerySet.delete()` for efficiency reasons, which has an important caveat: your model’s `delete()` method will not be called.

If you wish to override this behavior, you can override `ModelAdmin.delete_queryset()` or write a custom action which does deletion in your preferred manner – for example, by calling `Model.delete()` for each of the selected items.

For more background on bulk deletion, see the documentation on *object deletion*.

Read on to find out how to add your own actions to this list.

**Writing actions**

The easiest way to explain actions is by example, so let’s dive in.

A common use case for admin actions is the bulk updating of a model. Imagine a news application with an *Article* model:

```python
from django.db import models

STATUS_CHOICES = [
    ('d', 'Draft'),
    ('p', 'Published'),
    ('w', 'Withdrawn'),
]

class Article(models.Model):
    title = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    body = models.TextField()
    status = models.CharField(max_length=1, choices=STATUS_CHOICES)

    def __str__(self):
        return self.title
```

A common task we might perform with a model like this is to update an article’s status from “draft” to “published”. We could easily do this in the admin one article at a time, but if we wanted to bulk-publish a group of articles, it’d be tedious. So, let’s write an action that lets us change an article’s status to “published.”

**Writing action functions**

First, we’ll need to write a function that gets called when the action is triggered from the admin. Action functions are regular functions that take three arguments:

- The current `ModelAdmin`
- An `HttpRequest` representing the current request,
- A `QuerySet` containing the set of objects selected by the user.

Our publish-these-articles function won’t need the `ModelAdmin` or the request object, but we will use the queryset:

```python
def make_published(modeladmin, request, queryset):
    queryset.update(status='p')
```
Note: For the best performance, we’re using the queryset’s update method. Other types of actions might need to deal with each object individually; in these cases we’d iterate over the queryset:

```
for obj in queryset:
    do_something_with(obj)
```

That’s actually all there is to writing an action! However, we’ll take one more optional-but-useful step and give the action a “nice” title in the admin. By default, this action would appear in the action list as “Make published” – the function name, with underscores replaced by spaces. That’s fine, but we can provide a better, more human-friendly name by giving the make_published function a short_description attribute:

```
def make_published(modeladmin, request, queryset):
    queryset.update(status='p')
make_published.short_description = "Mark selected stories as published"
```

Note: This might look familiar; the admin’s list_display option uses the same technique to provide human-readable descriptions for callback functions registered there, too.

Adding actions to the ModelAdmin

Next, we’ll need to inform our ModelAdmin of the action. This works just like any other configuration option. So, the complete admin.py with the action and its registration would look like:

```
from django.contrib import admin
from myapp.models import Article

def make_published(modeladmin, request, queryset):
    queryset.update(status='p')
make_published.short_description = "Mark selected stories as published"

class ArticleAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ['title', 'status']
    ordering = ['title']
    actions = [make_published]

admin.site.register(Article, ArticleAdmin)
```

That code will give us an admin change list that looks something like this:
That’s really all there is to it! If you’re itching to write your own actions, you now know enough to get started. The rest of this document covers more advanced techniques.

**Handling errors in actions**

If there are foreseeable error conditions that may occur while running your action, you should gracefully inform the user of the problem. This means handling exceptions and using `django.contrib.admin.ModelAdmin.message_user()` to display a user friendly description of the problem in the response.

**Advanced action techniques**

There’s a couple of extra options and possibilities you can exploit for more advanced options.

**Actions as ModelAdmin methods**

The example above shows the `make_published` action defined as a function. That’s perfectly fine, but it’s not perfect from a code design point of view: since the action is tightly coupled to the `Article` object, it makes sense to hook the action to the `ArticleAdmin` object itself.

You can do it like this:

```python
class ArticleAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    ...

    actions = ['make_published']

    def make_published(self, request, queryset):
        queryset.update(status='p')
        make_published.short_description = "Mark selected stories as published"
```

Notice first that we’ve moved `make_published` into a method and renamed the `modeladmin` parameter to `self`, and second that we’ve now put the string 'make_published' in `actions` instead of a direct function reference. This tells the `ModelAdmin` to look up the action as a method.

Defining actions as methods gives the action more idiomatic access to the `ModelAdmin` itself, allowing the action to call any of the methods provided by the admin.
For example, we can use `self` to flash a message to the user informing them that the action was successful:

```python
from django.contrib import messages
from django.utils.translation import ngettext

class ArticleAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    ...

    def make_published(self, request, queryset):
        updated = queryset.update(status='p')
        self.message_user(request, ngettext(
            '%d story was successfully marked as published.',
            '%d stories were successfully marked as published.',
            updated,
        ) % updated, messages.SUCCESS)
```

This makes the action match what the admin itself does after successfully performing an action:

Actions that provide intermediate pages

By default, after an action is performed the user is redirected back to the original change list page. However, some actions, especially more complex ones, will need to return intermediate pages. For example, the built-in delete action asks for confirmation before deleting the selected objects.

To provide an intermediary page, return an `HttpResponse` (or subclass) from your action. For example, you might write an export function that uses Django’s serialization functions to dump some selected objects as JSON:

```python
from django.core import serializers
from django.http import HttpResponse

def export_as_json(modeladmin, request, queryset):
    response = HttpResponse(content_type="application/json")
    serializers.serialize("json", queryset, stream=response)
    return response
```

Generally, something like the above isn’t considered a great idea. Most of the time, the best practice will be to return an `HttpResponseRedirect` and redirect the user to a view you’ve written, passing the list of selected objects in
the GET query string. This allows you to provide complex interaction logic on the intermediary pages. For example, if you wanted to provide a more complete export function, you’d want to let the user choose a format, and possibly a list of fields to include in the export. The best thing to do would be to write a small action that redirects to your custom export view:

```python
from django.contrib.contenttypes.models import ContentType
from django.http import HttpResponseRedirect

def export_selected_objects(modeladmin, request, queryset):
    selected = queryset.values_list('pk', flat=True)
    ct = ContentType.objects.get_for_model(queryset.model)
    return HttpResponseRedirect('/export/?ct=%s&ids=%s' % (ct.pk, ',').join(str(pk) for pk in selected),
)
```

As you can see, the action is rather short; all the complex logic would belong in your export view. This would need to deal with objects of any type, hence the business with the `ContentType`.

Writing this view is left as an exercise to the reader.

**Making actions available site-wide**

`AdminSite.add_action(action, name=None)`

Some actions are best if they’re made available to any object in the admin site – the export action defined above would be a good candidate. You can make an action globally available using `AdminSite.add_action()`. For example:

```python
from django.contrib import admin

admin.site.add_action(export_selected_objects)
```

This makes the `export_selected_objects` action globally available as an action named “export_selected_objects”. You can explicitly give the action a name – good if you later want to programmatically remove the action – by passing a second argument to `AdminSite.add_action()`:

```python
admin.site.add_action(export_selected_objects, 'export_selected')
```

**Disabling actions**

Sometimes you need to disable certain actions – especially those registered site-wide – for particular objects. There’s a few ways you can disable actions:

**Disabling a site-wide action**

`AdminSite.disable_action(name)`

If you need to disable a site-wide action you can call `AdminSite.disable_action()`.

For example, you can use this method to remove the built-in “delete selected objects” action:

```python
admin.site.disable_action('delete_selected')
```
Once you’ve done the above, that action will no longer be available site-wide.

If, however, you need to re-enable a globally-disabled action for one particular model, list it explicitly in your ModelAdmin.actions list:

```python
# Globally disable delete selected
admin.site.disable_action('delete_selected')

# This ModelAdmin will not have delete_selected available
class SomeModelAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    actions = ['some_other_action']
...

# This one will
class AnotherModelAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    actions = ['delete_selected', 'a_third_action']
...
```

**Disabling all actions for a particular ModelAdmin**

If you want no bulk actions available for a given ModelAdmin, set ModelAdmin.actions to None:

```python
class MyModelAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    actions = None
```

This tells the ModelAdmin to not display or allow any actions, including any site-wide actions.

**Conditionally enabling or disabling actions**

ModelAdmin.get_actions(request)

Finally, you can conditionally enable or disable actions on a per-request (and hence per-user basis) by overriding ModelAdmin.get_actions().

This returns a dictionary of actions allowed. The keys are action names, and the values are (function, name, short_description) tuples.

For example, if you only want users whose names begin with ‘J’ to be able to delete objects in bulk:

```python
class MyModelAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    ...

def get_actions(self, request):
    actions = super().get_actions(request)
    if request.user.username[0].upper() != 'J':
        if 'delete_selected' in actions:
            del actions['delete_selected']
    return actions
```

**Setting permissions for actions**

Actions may limit their availability to users with specific permissions by setting an allowed_permissions attribute on the action function:
```

def make_published(modeladmin, request, queryset):
    queryset.update(status='p')
make_published.allowed_permissions = ('change',)
```

The `make_published()` action will only be available to users that pass the `ModelAdmin.has_change_permission()` check.

If `allowed_permissions` has more than one permission, the action will be available as long as the user passes at least one of the checks.

Available values for `allowed_permissions` and the corresponding method checks are:

- 'add': `ModelAdmin.has_add_permission()`
- 'change': `ModelAdmin.has_change_permission()`
- 'delete': `ModelAdmin.has_delete_permission()`
- 'view': `ModelAdmin.has_view_permission()`

You can specify any other value as long as you implement a corresponding `has_<value>_permission(self, request)` method on the `ModelAdmin`.

For example:

```
from django.contrib import admin
from django.contrib.auth import get_permission_codename

class ArticleAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    actions = ['make_published']

    def make_published(self, request, queryset):
        queryset.update(status='p')
make_published.allowed_permissions = ('publish',)  

    def has_publish_permission(self, request):
        """Does the user have the publish permission?"""
        opts = self.opts
        codename = get_permission_codename('publish', opts)
        return request.user.has_perm('%s.%s' % (opts.app_label, codename))
```

The Django admin documentation generator

Django’s `admin_docs` app pulls documentation from the docstrings of models, views, template tags, and template filters for any app in `INSTALLED_APPS` and makes that documentation available from the `Django admin`.

Overview

To activate the `admin_docs`, you will need to do the following:

- Add `django.contrib.admindocs` to your `INSTALLED_APPS`.
- Add `path('admin/doc/', include('django.contrib.admindocs.urls'))` to your `urlpatterns`. Make sure it’s included before the 'admin/' entry, so that requests to /admin/doc/ don’t get handled by the latter entry.
- Install the docutils Python module (https://docutils.sourceforge.io/).
Optional: Using the admindocs bookmarklets requires django.contrib.admindocs.middleware.XViewMiddleware to be installed.

Once those steps are complete, you can start browsing the documentation by going to your admin interface and clicking the “Documentation” link in the upper right of the page.

Documentation helpers

The following special markup can be used in your docstrings to easily create hyperlinks to other components:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Django Component</th>
<th>reStructuredText roles</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Models</td>
<td>:model:<code>app_label.ModelName</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Views</td>
<td>:view:<code>app_label.view_name</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Template tags</td>
<td>:tag:<code>tagname</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Template filters</td>
<td>:filter:<code>filtername</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Templates</td>
<td>:template:<code>path/to/template.html</code></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Model reference

The models section of the admindocs page describes each model in the system along with all the fields, properties, and methods available on it. Relationships to other models appear as hyperlinks. Descriptions are pulled from help_text attributes on fields or from docstrings on model methods.

A model with useful documentation might look like this:

```python
class BlogEntry(models.Model):
    """
    """
    slug = models.SlugField(help_text="A short label, generally used in URLs.")
    author = models.ForeignKey(
        User,
        models.SET_NULL,
        blank=True, null=True,
    )
    blog = models.ForeignKey(Blog, models.CASCADE)
    ...

    def publish(self):
        """
        Makes the blog entry live on the site.
        """
    ...
```

View reference

Each URL in your site has a separate entry in the admindocs page, and clicking on a given URL will show you the corresponding view. Helpful things you can document in your view function docstrings include:

- A short description of what the view does.
- The context, or a list of variables available in the view’s template.
- The name of the template or templates that are used for that view.
For example:

```python
from django.shortcuts import render
from myapp.models import MyModel
def my_view(request, slug):
    """
    Display an individual :model:`myapp.MyModel`.
    """
    mymodel = MyModel.objects.get(slug=slug)
    context = {'mymodel': mymodel}
    return render(request, 'myapp/my_template.html', context)
```

Template tags and filters reference

The tags and filters admindocs sections describe all the tags and filters that come with Django (in fact, the built-in tag reference and built-in filter reference documentation come directly from those pages). Any tags or filters that you create or are added by a third-party app will show up in these sections as well.

Template reference

While admindocs does not include a place to document templates by themselves, if you use the :template:`path/to/template.html` syntax in a docstring the resulting page will verify the path of that template with Django's template loaders. This can be a handy way to check if the specified template exists and to show where on the filesystem that template is stored.

Included Bookmarklets

One bookmarklet is available from the admindocs page:

**Documentation for this page** Jumps you from any page to the documentation for the view that generates that page.

Using this bookmarklet requires that XViewMiddleware is installed and that you are logged into the Django admin as a User with is_staff set to True.

JavaScript customizations in the admin

Inline form events

You may want to execute some JavaScript when an inline form is added or removed in the admin change form. The formset:added and formset:removed jQuery events allow this. The event handler is passed three arguments:

- event is the jQuery event.
• $row is the newly added (or removed) row.
• formsetName is the formset the row belongs to.

The event is fired using the **django.jQuery namespace**.

In your custom **change_form.html** template, extend the **admin_change_form_document_ready** block and add the event listener code:

```python
{% extends 'admin/change_form.html' %}
{% load static %}

{% block admin_change_form_document_ready %}
{{ block.super }}

<script src="{% static 'app/formset_handlers.js' %}" type="text/javascript"></script>
{% endblock %}
```

**Listing 1: app/static/app/formset_handlers.js**

```javascript
(function($) {
    $(document).on('formset:added', function(event, $row, formsetName) {
        if (formsetName == 'author_set') {
            // Do something
        }
    });

    $(document).on('formset:removed', function(event, $row, formsetName) {
        // Row removed
    });
})(django.jQuery);
```

Two points to keep in mind:

• The JavaScript code must go in a template block if you are inheriting **admin/change_form.html** or it won’t be rendered in the final HTML.
• {{ block.super }} is added because Django’s **admin_change_form_document_ready** block contains JavaScript code to handle various operations in the change form and we need that to be rendered too.

Sometimes you’ll need to work with **jQuery** plugins that are not registered in the *django.jQuery* namespace. To do that, change how the code listens for events. Instead of wrapping the listener in the *django.jQuery* namespace, listen to the event triggered from there. For example:

```python
{% extends 'admin/change_form.html' %}
{% load static %}

{% block admin_change_form_document_ready %}
{{ block.super }}

<script src="{% static 'app/unregistered_handlers.js' %}" type="text/javascript"></script>
{% endblock %}
```

**Listing 2: app/static/app/unregistered_handlers.js**

```javascript
django.jQuery(document).on('formset:added', function(event, $row, formsetName) {
    // Row added
});

django.jQuery(document).on('formset:removed', function(event, $row, formsetName) {
```

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See also:

For information about serving the static files (images, JavaScript, and CSS) associated with the admin in production, see Serving files.

Having problems? Try FAQ: The admin.

**ModelAdmin objects**

**class ModelAdmin**

The ModelAdmin class is the representation of a model in the admin interface. Usually, these are stored in a file named admin.py in your application. Let’s take a look at an example of the ModelAdmin:

```python
from django.contrib import admin
from myproject.myapp.models import Author

class AuthorAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    pass
admin.site.register(Author, AuthorAdmin)
```

Do you need a ModelAdmin object at all?

In the preceding example, the ModelAdmin class doesn’t define any custom values (yet). As a result, the default admin interface will be provided. If you are happy with the default admin interface, you don’t need to define a ModelAdmin object at all – you can register the model class without providing a ModelAdmin description. The preceding example could be simplified to:

```python
from django.contrib import admin
from myproject.myapp.models import Author

admin.site.register(Author)
```

**The register decorator**

`register(*models, site=django.contrib.admin.sites.site)`

There is also a decorator for registering your ModelAdmin classes:

```python
from django.contrib import admin
from .models import Author

@admin.register(Author)
class AuthorAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    pass
```

It’s given one or more model classes to register with the ModelAdmin. If you’re using a custom AdminSite, pass it using the site keyword argument:
from django.contrib import admin
from .models import Author, Editor, Reader
from myproject.admin_site import custom_admin_site

@admin.register(Author, Reader, Editor, site=custom_admin_site)
class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    pass

You can’t use this decorator if you have to reference your model admin class in its __init__() method, e.g. super(PersonAdmin, self).__init__(*args, **kwargs). You can use super().__init__(*args, **kwargs).

**Discovery of admin files**

When you put 'django.contrib.admin' in your `INSTALLED_APPS` setting, Django automatically looks for an admin module in each application and imports it.

- **class apps.AdminConfig**
  This is the default AppConfig class for the admin. It calls autodiscover() when Django starts.

- **class apps.SimpleAdminConfig**
  This class works like AdminConfig, except it doesn’t call autodiscover().

  - `default_site`
    A dotted import path to the default admin site’s class or to a callable that returns a site instance. Defaults to 'django.contrib.admin.sites.AdminSite'. See Overriding the default admin site for usage.

- **autodiscover()**
  This function attempts to import an admin module in each installed application. Such modules are expected to register models with the admin.

  Typically you won’t need to call this function directly as AdminConfig calls it when Django starts.

If you are using a custom AdminSite, it is common to import all of the ModelAdmin subclasses into your code and register them to the custom AdminSite. In that case, in order to disable auto-discovery, you should put 'django.contrib.admin.apps.SimpleAdminConfig' instead of 'django.contrib.admin' in your `INSTALLED_APPS` setting.

**ModelAdmin options**

The ModelAdmin is very flexible. It has several options for dealing with customizing the interface. All options are defined on the ModelAdmin subclass:

- **from django.contrib import admin**
- **class AuthorAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):**
  - `date_hierarchy = 'pub_date'`

- **ModelAdmin.actions**
  A list of actions to make available on the change list page. See Admin actions for details.

- **ModelAdmin.actions_on_top**
- **ModelAdmin.actions_on_bottom**
  Controls where on the page the actions bar appears. By default, the admin changelist displays actions at the top of the page (actions_on_top = True; actions_on_bottom = False).
ModelAdmin.**actions_selection_counter**

Controls whether a selection counter is displayed next to the action dropdown. By default, the admin changelist will display it (``actions_selection_counter = True``).

ModelAdmin.**date_hierarchy**

Set **date_hierarchy** to the name of a DateField or DateTimeField in your model, and the changelist page will include a date-based drilldown navigation by that field.

Example:

```
date_hierarchy = 'pub_date'
```

You can also specify a field on a related model using the **__lookup**, for example:

```
date_hierarchy = 'author__pub_date'
```

This will intelligently populate itself based on available data, e.g. if all the dates are in one month, it’ll show the day-level drill-down only.

**Note:** **date_hierarchy** uses QuerySet.datetimes() internally. Please refer to its documentation for some caveats when time zone support is enabled (**USE_TZ = True**).

ModelAdmin.**empty_value_display**

This attribute overrides the default display value for record’s fields that are empty (**None**, empty string, etc.). The default value is – (a dash). For example:

```python
from django.contrib import admin

class AuthorAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    empty_value_display = '-empty-'
```

You can also override **empty_value_display** for all admin pages with **AdminSite.empty_value_display**, or for specific fields like this:

```python
from django.contrib import admin

class AuthorAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    fields = ('name', 'title', 'view_birth_date')

    def view_birth_date(self, obj):
        return obj.birth_date

    view_birth_date.empty_value_display = '???'
```

ModelAdmin.**exclude**

This attribute, if given, should be a list of field names to exclude from the form.

For example, let’s consider the following model:

```python
from django.db import models

class Author(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    title = models.CharField(max_length=3)
    birth_date = models.DateField(blank=True, null=True)
```
If you want a form for the `Author` model that includes only the `name` and `title` fields, you would specify `fields` or `exclude` like this:

```python
from django.contrib import admin
class AuthorAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    fields = ('name', 'title')
class AuthorAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    exclude = ('birth_date',)
```

Since the `Author` model only has three fields, `name`, `title`, and `birth_date`, the forms resulting from the above declarations will contain exactly the same fields.

**ModelAdmin.fields**

Use the `fields` option to make simple layout changes in the forms on the “add” and “change” pages such as showing only a subset of available fields, modifying their order, or grouping them into rows. For example, you could define a simpler version of the admin form for the `django.contrib.flatpages.models.FlatPage` model as follows:

```python
class FlatPageAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    fields = ('url', 'title', 'content')
```

In the above example, only the fields `url`, `title`, and `content` will be displayed, sequentially, in the form. `fields` can contain values defined in `ModelAdmin.readonly_fields` to be displayed as read-only.

For more complex layout needs, see the `fieldsets` option.

The `fields` option accepts the same types of values as `list_display`, except that callables aren’t accepted. Names of model and model admin methods will only be used if they’re listed in `readonly_fields`.

To display multiple fields on the same line, wrap those fields in their own tuple. In this example, the `url` and `title` fields will display on the same line and the `content` field will be displayed below them on its own line:

```python
class FlatPageAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    fields = (('url', 'title'), 'content')
```

**Note**

This `fields` option should not be confused with the `fields` dictionary key that is within the `fieldsets` option, as described in the next section.

If neither `fields` nor `fieldsets` options are present, Django will default to displaying each field that isn’t an `AutoField` and has `editable=True`, in a single fieldset, in the same order as the fields are defined in the model.

**ModelAdmin.fieldsets**

Set `fieldsets` to control the layout of admin “add” and “change” pages.

`fieldsets` is a list of two-tuples, in which each two-tuple represents a `<fieldset>` on the admin form page. (A `<fieldset>` is a “section” of the form.)

The two-tuples are in the format `(name, field_options)`, where `name` is a string representing the title of the fieldset and `field_options` is a dictionary of information about the fieldset, including a list of fields to be displayed in it.

A full example, taken from the `django.contrib.flatpages.models.FlatPage` model:
```python
from django.contrib import admin

class FlatPageAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    fieldsets = (
        (None, {
            'fields': ('url', 'title', 'content', 'sites')
        }),
        ('Advanced options', {
            'classes': ('collapse',),
            'fields': ('registration_required', 'template_name'),
        }),
    )
```

This results in an admin page that looks like:

```
Add flat page

URL:

Example: '/about/contact/'. Make sure to have leading and trailing slashes.

Title:

Content:

Sites:

example.com

Hold down "Control", or "Command" on a Mac, to select more than one.

Advanced options (Show)

Save and add another  Save and continue editing  SAVE
```

If neither fieldsets nor fields options are present, Django will default to displaying each field that isn’t an AutoField and has editable=True, in a single fieldset, in the same order as the fields are defined in the model.

The field_options dictionary can have the following keys:

- **fields** A tuple of field names to display in this fieldset. This key is required.

Example:
As with the `fields` option, to display multiple fields on the same line, wrap those fields in their own tuple. In this example, the `first_name` and `last_name` fields will display on the same line:

```python
{'fields': ('first_name', 'last_name', 'address', 'city', 'state'),}
```

`fields` can contain values defined in `readonly_fields` to be displayed as read-only.

If you add the name of a callable to `fields`, the same rule applies as with the `fields` option: the callable must be listed in `readonly_fields`.

- **classes** A list or tuple containing extra CSS classes to apply to the fieldset.

  Example:

  ```python
  {'classes': ('wide', 'extrapretty'),}
  ```

  Two useful classes defined by the default admin site stylesheet are `collapse` and `wide`. Fieldsets with the `collapse` style will be initially collapsed in the admin and replaced with a small “click to expand” link. Fieldsets with the `wide` style will be given extra horizontal space.

- **description** A string of optional extra text to be displayed at the top of each fieldset, under the heading of the fieldset. This string is not rendered for `TabularInline` due to its layout.

  Note that this value is *not* HTML-escaped when it’s displayed in the admin interface. This lets you include HTML if you so desire. Alternatively you can use plain text and `django.utils.html.escape()` to escape any HTML special characters.

### ModelAdmin.filter_horizontal

By default, a `ManyToManyField` is displayed in the admin site with a `<select multiple>`. However, multiple-select boxes can be difficult to use when selecting many items. Adding a `ManyToManyField` to this list will instead use a nifty unobtrusive JavaScript “filter” interface that allows searching within the options. The unselected and selected options appear in two boxes side by side. See `filter_vertical` to use a vertical interface.

### ModelAdmin.filter_vertical

Same as `filter_horizontal`, but uses a vertical display of the filter interface with the box of unselected options appearing above the box of selected options.

### ModelAdmin.form

By default a `ModelForm` is dynamically created for your model. It is used to create the form presented on both the add/change pages. You can easily provide your own `ModelForm` to override any default form behavior on the add/change pages. Alternatively, you can customize the default form rather than specifying an entirely new one by using the `ModelAdmin.get_form()` method.

For an example see the section *Adding custom validation to the admin*.

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**Note**

If you define the `Meta.model` attribute on a `ModelForm`, you must also define the `Meta.fields` attribute (or the `Meta.exclude` attribute). However, since the admin has its own way of defining fields, the `Meta.fields` attribute will be ignored.
If the ModelForm is only going to be used for the admin, the easiest solution is to omit the Meta.model attribute, since ModelAdmin will provide the correct model to use. Alternatively, you can set fields = [] in the Meta class to satisfy the validation on the ModelForm.

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**Note**

If your ModelForm and ModelAdmin both define an exclude option then ModelAdmin takes precedence:

```python
from django import forms
from django.contrib import admin
from myapp.models import Person

class PersonForm(forms.ModelForm):
    class Meta:
        model = Person
        exclude = ['name']

class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    exclude = ['age']
    form = PersonForm
```

In the above example, the “age” field will be excluded but the “name” field will be included in the generated form.

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**ModelAdmin.formfieldOverrides**

This provides a quick-and-dirty way to override some of the Field options for use in the admin. formfield_overrides is a dictionary mapping a field class to a dict of arguments to pass to the field at construction time.

Since that’s a bit abstract, let’s look at a concrete example. The most common use of formfield_overrides is to add a custom widget for a certain type of field. So, imagine we’ve written a RichTextEditorWidget that we’d like to use for large text fields instead of the default `<textarea>`. Here’s how we’d do that:

```python
from django.contrib import admin
from django.db import models

# Import our custom widget and our model from where they're defined
from myapp.models import MyModel
from myapp.widgets import RichTextEditorWidget

class MyModelAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    formfield_overrides = {
        models.TextField: {'widget': RichTextEditorWidget},
    }
```

Note that the key in the dictionary is the actual field class, not a string. The value is another dictionary; these arguments will be passed to the form field’s __init__() method. See The Forms API for details.

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**Warning:** If you want to use a custom widget with a relation field (i.e. ForeignKey or ManyToManyField), make sure you haven’t included that field’s name in raw_id_fields, radio_fields, or autocomplete_fields.
formfield_overrides won’t let you change the widget on relation fields that have raw_id_fields, radio_fields, or autocomplete_fields set. That’s because raw_id_fields, radio_fields, and autocomplete_fields imply custom widgets of their own.

ModelAdmin.
inlines
See InlineModelAdmin objects below as well as ModelAdmin.get_formsets_with_inlines().

ModelAdmin.
list_display
Set list_display to control which fields are displayed on the change list page of the admin.

Example:

```python
list_display = ('first_name', 'last_name')
```

If you don’t set list_display, the admin site will display a single column that displays the __str__() representation of each object.

There are four types of values that can be used in list_display:

- The name of a model field. For example:

```python
class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ('first_name', 'last_name')
```

- A callable that accepts one argument, the model instance. For example:

```python
def upper_case_name(obj):
    return f"{obj.first_name} {obj.last_name}".upper()
upper_case_name.short_description = 'Name'

class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = (upper_case_name,)
```

- A string representing a ModelAdmin method that accepts one argument, the model instance. For example:

```python
class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ('upper_case_name',)

def upper_case_name(self, obj):
    return f"{obj.first_name} {obj.last_name}".upper()
upper_case_name.short_description = 'Name'
```

- A string representing a model attribute or method (without any required arguments). For example:

```python
from django.contrib import admin
from django.db import models

class Person(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    birthday = models.DateField()

def decade_born_in(self):
    return f"{self.birthday.year // 10}0's".upper()
decade_born_in.short_description = 'Birth decade'

class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ('name', 'decade_born_in')
```
A few special cases to note about `list_display`:

- If the field is a `ForeignKey`, Django will display the `__str__()` of the related object.
- `ManyToManyField` fields aren’t supported, because that would entail executing a separate SQL statement for each row in the table. If you want to do this nonetheless, give your model a custom method, and add that method’s name to `list_display`. (See below for more on custom methods in `list_display`.)
- If the field is a `BooleanField`, Django will display a pretty “yes”, “no”, or “unknown” icon instead of `True`, `False`, or `None`.
- If the string given is a method of the model, `ModelAdmin` or a callable, Django will HTML-escape the output by default. To escape user input and allow your own unescaped tags, use `format_html()`.

Here’s a full example model:

```python
from django.contrib import admin
from django.db import models
from django.utils.html import format_html

class Person(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    color_code = models.CharField(max_length=6)

    def colored_name(self):
        return format_html(
            '<span style="color: #{};">{} {}</span>',
            self.color_code,
            self.first_name,
            self.last_name,
        )

class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ('first_name', 'last_name', 'colored_name')
```

- As some examples have already demonstrated, when using a callable, a model method, or a `ModelAdmin` method, you can customize the column’s title by adding a `short_description` attribute to the callable.
- If the value of a field is `None`, an empty string, or an iterable without elements, Django will display – (a dash). You can override this with `AdminSite.empty_value_display`:

```python
from django.contrib import admin
admin.site.empty_value_display = '(None)'
```

You can also use `ModelAdmin.empty_value_display`:

```python
class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    empty_value_display = 'unknown'
```

Or on a field level:

```python
class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ('name', 'birth_date_view')

    def birth_date_view(self, obj):
        # (continues on next page)
```
• If the string given is a method of the model, ModelAdmin or a callable that returns True, False, or None, Django will display a pretty “yes”, “no”, or “unknown” icon if you give the method a boolean attribute whose value is True.

Here’s a full example model:

```python
from django.contrib import admin
from django.db import models

class Person(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    birthday = models.DateField()

    def born_in_fifties(self):
        return 1950 <= self.birthday.year < 1960
    born_in_fifties.boolean = True

class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ('name', 'born_in_fifties')
```

• The `__str__()` method is just as valid in `list_display` as any other model method, so it’s perfectly OK to do this:

```python
list_display = ('__str__', 'some_other_field')
```

• Usually, elements of `list_display` that aren’t actual database fields can’t be used in sorting (because Django does all the sorting at the database level).

However, if an element of `list_display` represents a certain database field, you can indicate this fact by setting the `admin_order_field` attribute of the item.

For example:

```python
from django.contrib import admin
from django.db import models
from django.utils.html import format_html

class Person(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    color_code = models.CharField(max_length=6)

    def colored_first_name(self):
        return format_html('<span style="color: #{};">{}</span>',
                           self.color_code, self.first_name)
    colored_first_name.admin_order_field = 'first_name'

class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ('first_name', 'colored_first_name')
```
The above will tell Django to order by the first_name field when trying to sort by colored_first_name in the admin.

To indicate descending order with admin_order_field you can use a hyphen prefix on the field name. Using the above example, this would look like:

```python
colored_first_name.admin_order_field = '-first_name'
```

admin_order_field supports query lookups to sort by values on related models. This example includes an “author first name” column in the list display and allows sorting it by first name:

```python
class Blog(models.Model):
    title = models.CharField(max_length=255)
    author = models.ForeignKey(Person, on_delete=models.CASCADE)

class BlogAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ('title', 'author', 'author_first_name')

    def author_first_name(self, obj):
        return obj.author.first_name

    author_first_name.admin_order_field = 'author__first_name'
```

*Query expressions* may be used in admin_order_field. For example:

```python
from django.db.models import Value
from django.db.models.functions import Concat

class Person(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)

    def full_name(self):
        return self.first_name + ' ' + self.last_name

    full_name.admin_order_field = Concat('first_name', Value(' '), 'last_name')
```

- Elements of list_display can also be properties. Please note however, that due to the way properties work in Python, setting short_description or admin_order_field on a property is only possible when using the `property()` function and not with the `@property` decorator.

For example:

```python
class Person(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)

    def my_property(self):
        return self.first_name + ' ' + self.last_name
    my_property.short_description = "Full name of the person"

    my_property.admin_order_field = 'last_name'

    full_name = property(my_property)

class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ('full_name',)
```

- The field names in list_display will also appear as CSS classes in the HTML output, in the form of column-<field_name> on each <th> element. This can be used to set column widths in a CSS file.
for example.

- Django will try to interpret every element of `list_display` in this order:
  - A field of the model.
  - A callable.
  - A string representing a ModelAdmin attribute.
  - A string representing a model attribute.

For example if you have `first_name` as a model field and as a ModelAdmin attribute, the model field will be used.

**ModelAdmin.list_display_links**

Use `list_display_links` to control if and which fields in `list_display` should be linked to the “change” page for an object.

By default, the change list page will link the first column – the first field specified in `list_display` – to the change page for each item. But `list_display_links` lets you change this:

- Set it to `None` to get no links at all.
- Set it to a list or tuple of fields (in the same format as `list_display`) whose columns you want converted to links.

You can specify one or many fields. As long as the fields appear in `list_display`, Django doesn’t care how many (or how few) fields are linked. The only requirement is that if you want to use `list_display_links` in this fashion, you must define `list_display`.

In this example, the `first_name` and `last_name` fields will be linked on the change list page:

```python
class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ('first_name', 'last_name', 'birthday')
    list_display_links = ('first_name', 'last_name')
```

In this example, the change list page grid will have no links:

```python
class AuditEntryAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ('timestamp', 'message')
    list_display_links = None
```

**ModelAdmin.list_editable**

Set `list_editable` to a list of field names on the model which will allow editing on the change list page. That is, fields listed in `list_editable` will be displayed as form widgets on the change list page, allowing users to edit and save multiple rows at once.

**Note:** `list_editable` interacts with a couple of other options in particular ways; you should note the following rules:

- Any field in `list_editable` must also be in `list_display`. You can’t edit a field that’s not displayed!
- The same field can’t be listed in both `list_editable` and `list_display_links` – a field can’t be both a form and a link.

You’ll get a validation error if either of these rules are broken.
ModelAdmin.list_filter

Set list_filter to activate filters in the right sidebar of the change list page of the admin, as illustrated in the following screenshot:

![Filter Example](image)

list_filter should be a list or tuple of elements, where each element should be one of the following types:

- a field name, where the specified field should be either a BooleanField, CharField, DateField, DateTimeField, IntegerField, ForeignKey or ManyToManyField, for example:

  ```python
  class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
      list_filter = ('is_staff', 'company')
  ```

Field names in list_filter can also span relations using the __lookup, for example:

```python
class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_filter = ('company__name',)
```

- a class inheriting from django.contrib.admin.SimpleListFilter, which you need to provide the title and parameter_name attributes to and override the lookups and queryset methods, e.g.:

  ```python
  from datetime import date
  from django.contrib import admin
  from django.utils.translation import gettext_lazy as _
  
  class DecadeBornListFilter(admin.SimpleListFilter):
      # Human-readable title which will be displayed in the
      # right admin sidebar just above the filter options.
      title = _('decade born')

      # Parameter for the filter that will be used in the URL query.
      parameter_name = 'decade'

      def lookups(self, request, model_admin):
          """
          Returns a list of tuples. The first element in each
tuple is the coded value for the option that will
          """
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appear in the URL query. The second element is the human-readable name for the option that will appear in the right sidebar.

```
return (
    ('80s', _('in the eighties')),
    ('90s', _('in the nineties')),
)
```

def queryset(self, request, queryset):
    """
    Returns the filtered queryset based on the value provided in the query string and retrievable via `self.value()`.
    """
    # Compare the requested value (either '80s' or '90s') to decide how to filter the queryset.
    if self.value() == '80s':
        return queryset.filter(birth__gte=date(1980, 1, 1), birth__lte=date(1989, 12, 31))
    if self.value() == '90s':
        return queryset.filter(birth__gte=date(1990, 1, 1), birth__lte=date(1999, 12, 31))

class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_filter = (DecadeBornListFilter,)

Note: As a convenience, the HttpRequest object is passed to the lookups and queryset methods, for example:

class AuthDecadeBornListFilter(DecadeBornListFilter):
    def lookups(self, request, model_admin):
        if request.user.is_superuser:
            return super().lookups(request, model_admin)
    def queryset(self, request, queryset):
        if request.user.is_superuser:
            return super().queryset(request, queryset)

Also as a convenience, the ModelAdmin object is passed to the lookups method, for example if you want to base the lookups on the available data:

class AdvancedDecadeBornListFilter(DecadeBornListFilter):
    def lookups(self, request, model_admin):
        """
        Only show the lookups if there actually is anyone born in the corresponding decades.
        """
        qs = model_admin.get_queryset(request)
        if qs.filter(birth__gte=date(1980, 1, 1), birth__lte=date(1989, 12, 31)).exists():
            yield ('80s', _('in the eighties'))
        if qs.filter(birth__gte=date(1990, 1, 1),

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• A tuple, where the first element is a field name and the second element is a class inheriting from `django.contrib.admin.FieldListFilter`, for example:

```python
class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_filter = {
        'is_staff', admin.BooleanFieldListFilter,
    }
```

You can limit the choices of a related model to the objects involved in that relation using `RelatedOnlyFieldListFilter`:

```python
class BookAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_filter = {
        'author', admin.RelatedOnlyFieldListFilter,
    }
```

Assuming `author` is a `ForeignKey` to a `User` model, this will limit the `list_filter` choices to the users who have written a book instead of listing all users.

You can filter empty values using `EmptyFieldListFilter`, which can filter on both empty strings and nulls, depending on what the field allows to store:

```python
class BookAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_filter = {
        'title', admin.EmptyFieldListFilter,
    }
```

**Note:** The `FieldListFilter` API is considered internal and might be changed.

**Note:** The `GenericForeignKey` field is not supported.

The `EmptyFieldListFilter` class was added.

List filter’s typically appear only if the filter has more than one choice. A filter’s `has_output()` method controls whether or not it appears.

It is possible to specify a custom template for rendering a list filter:

```python
class FilterWithCustomTemplate(admin.SimpleListFilter):
    template = "custom_template.html"
```

See the default template provided by Django (`admin/filter.html`) for a concrete example.

**ModelAdmin.list_max_show_all**

Set `list_max_show_all` to control how many items can appear on a “Show all” admin change list page. The admin will display a “Show all” link on the change list only if the total result count is less than or equal to this setting. By default, this is set to 200.

**ModelAdmin.list_per_page**

Set `list_per_page` to control how many items appear on each paginated admin change list page. By default, this is set to 100.
ModelAdmin.list_select_related

Set list_select_related to tell Django to use select_related() in retrieving the list of objects on the admin change list page. This can save you a bunch of database queries.

The value should be either a boolean, a list or a tuple. Default is False.

When value is True, select_related() will always be called. When value is set to False, Django will look at list_display and call select_related() if any ForeignKey is present.

If you need more fine-grained control, use a tuple (or list) as value for list_select_related. Empty tuple will prevent Django from calling select_related at all. Any other tuple will be passed directly to select_related as parameters. For example:

```python
from django.db.models import fields

class ArticleAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_select_related = ('author', 'category')
```

will call select_related('author', 'category').

If you need to specify a dynamic value based on the request, you can implement a get_list_select_related() method.

Note: ModelAdmin ignores this attribute when select_related() was already called on the changelist’s QuerySet.

ModelAdmin.ordering

Set ordering to specify how lists of objects should be ordered in the Django admin views. This should be a list or tuple in the same format as a model’s ordering parameter.

If this isn’t provided, the Django admin will use the model’s default ordering.

If you need to specify a dynamic order (for example depending on user or language) you can implement a get_ordering() method.

Performance considerations with ordering and sorting

To ensure a deterministic ordering of results, the changelist adds pk to the ordering if it can’t find a single or unique together set of fields that provide total ordering.

For example, if the default ordering is by a non-unique name field, then the changelist is sorted by name and pk. This could perform poorly if you have a lot of rows and don’t have an index on name and pk.

ModelAdmin.paginator

The paginator class to be used for pagination. By default, `django.core.paginator.Paginator` is used.

If the custom paginator class doesn’t have the same constructor interface as `django.core.paginator.Paginator`, you will also need to provide an implementation for `ModelAdmin.get_paginator()`.

ModelAdmin.prepopulated_fields

Set prepopulated_fields to a dictionary mapping field names to the fields it should prepopulate from:

```python
from django.db.models import fields

class ArticleAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    prepopulated_fields = {"slug": "title"},
```

When set, the given fields will use a bit of JavaScript to populate from the fields assigned. The main use for this functionality is to automatically generate the value for SlugField fields from one or more other fields. The generated value is produced by concatenating the values of the source fields, and then by transforming that result into a valid slug (e.g. substituting dashes for spaces; lowercasing ASCII letters; and removing various English stop words such as ‘a’, ‘an’, ‘as’, and similar).
Prepopulated fields aren’t modified by JavaScript after a value has been saved. It’s usually undesired that slugs change (which would cause an object’s URL to change if the slug is used in it).

`prepopulated_fields` doesn’t accept `DateTimeField`, `ForeignKey`, `OneToOneField`, and `ManyToManyField` fields.

**ModelAdmin**.`preserve_filters`

By default, applied filters are preserved on the list view after creating, editing, or deleting an object. You can have filters cleared by setting this attribute to `False`.

**ModelAdmin**.`radio_fields`

By default, Django’s admin uses a select-box interface (<select>) for fields that are `ForeignKey` or have choices set. If a field is present in `radio_fields`, Django will use a radio-button interface instead. Assuming `group` is a `ForeignKey` on the `Person` model:

```python
class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    radio_fields = {"group": admin.VERTICAL}
```

You have the choice of using `HORIZONTAL` or `VERTICAL` from the `django.contrib.admin` module.

Don’t include a field in `radio_fields` unless it’s a `ForeignKey` or has choices set.

**ModelAdmin**.`autocomplete_fields`

`autocomplete_fields` is a list of `ForeignKey` and/or `ManyToManyField` fields you would like to change to Select2 autocomplete inputs.

By default, the admin uses a select-box interface (<select>) for those fields. Sometimes you don’t want to incur the overhead of selecting all the related instances to display in the dropdown.

The Select2 input looks similar to the default input but comes with a search feature that loads the options asynchronously. This is faster and more user-friendly if the related model has many instances.

You must define `search_fields` on the related object’s `ModelAdmin` because the autocomplete search uses it.

To avoid unauthorized data disclosure, users must have the `view` or `change` permission to the related object in order to use autocomplete.

Ordering and pagination of the results are controlled by the related `ModelAdmin`’s `get_ordering()` and `get_paginator()` methods.

In the following example, `ChoiceAdmin` has an autocomplete field for the `ForeignKey` to the `Question`. The results are filtered by the `question_text` field and ordered by the `date_created` field:

```python
class QuestionAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    ordering = ["date_created"]
    search_fields = ["question_text"]

class ChoiceAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    autocomplete_fields = ["question"]
```

**Performance considerations for large datasets**

Ordering using `ModelAdmin.ordering` may cause performance problems as sorting on a large queryset will be slow.

Also, if your search fields include fields that aren’t indexed by the database, you might encounter poor performance on extremely large tables.

For those cases, it’s a good idea to write your own `ModelAdmin.get_search_results()` implementation using a full-text indexed search.
You may also want to change the Paginator on very large tables as the default paginator always performs a `count()` query. For example, you could override the default implementation of the Paginator.count property.

### ModelAdmin. `raw_id_fields`  
By default, Django’s admin uses a select-box interface (<select>) for fields that are ForeignKey. Sometimes you don’t want to incur the overhead of having to select all the related instances to display in the drop-down.  

`raw_id_fields` is a list of fields you would like to change into an Input widget for either a ForeignKey or ManyToManyField:

```python
class ArticleAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    raw_id_fields = ("newspaper",)
```

The `raw_id_fields` Input widget should contain a primary key if the field is a ForeignKey or a comma separated list of values if the field is a ManyToManyField. The `raw_id_fields` widget shows a magnifying glass button next to the field which allows users to search for and select a value:

![Newspaper: Input fields](image)

### ModelAdmin. `readonly_fields`  
By default the admin shows all fields as editable. Any fields in this option (which should be a list or tuple) will display its data as-is and non-editable; they are also excluded from the ModelForm used for creating and editing. Note that when specifying ModelAdmin.fields or ModelAdmin.fieldsets the read-only fields must be present to be shown (they are ignored otherwise).

If `readonly_fields` is used without defining explicit ordering through ModelAdmin.fields or ModelAdmin.fieldsets they will be added last after all editable fields.

A read-only field can not only display data from a model’s field, it can also display the output of a model’s method or a method of the ModelAdmin class itself. This is very similar to the way ModelAdmin.list_display behaves. This provides a way to use the admin interface to provide feedback on the status of the objects being edited, for example:

```python
from django.contrib import admin
from django.contrib import admin
from django.utils.html import format_html_join
from django.utils.safestring import mark_safe

class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    readonly_fields = ('address_report',)

    def address_report(self, instance):
        # assuming get_full_address() returns a list of strings
        # for each line of the address and you want to separate each
        # line by a linebreak
        return format_html_join(mark_safe('<br>'),
                                '{}',
                                ((line,) for line in instance.get_full_address()),
                                ) or mark_safe("<span class='errors'>I can't determine this address.</span>"
```

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ModelAdmin.save_as

Set save_as to enable a “save as new” feature on admin change forms.

Normally, objects have three save options: “Save”, “Save and continue editing”, and “Save and add another”. If save_as is True, “Save and add another” will be replaced by a “Save as new” button that creates a new object (with a new ID) rather than updating the existing object.

By default, save_as is set to False.

ModelAdmin.save_as_continue

When save_as=True, the default redirect after saving the new object is to the change view for that object. If you set save_as_continue=False, the redirect will be to the changelist view.

By default, save_as_continue is set to True.

ModelAdmin.save_on_top

Set save_on_top to add save buttons across the top of your admin change forms.

Normally, the save buttons appear only at the bottom of the forms. If you set save_on_top, the buttons will appear both on the top and the bottom.

By default, save_on_top is set to False.

ModelAdmin.search_fields

Set search_fields to enable a search box on the admin change list page. This should be set to a list of field names that will be searched whenever somebody submits a search query in that text box.

These fields should be some kind of text field, such as CharField or TextField. You can also perform a related lookup on a ForeignKey or ManyToManyField with the lookup API “follow” notation:

```
search_fields = ['foreign_key__related_fieldname']
```

For example, if you have a blog entry with an author, the following definition would enable searching blog entries by the email address of the author:

```
search_fields = ['user__email']
```

When somebody does a search in the admin search box, Django splits the search query into words and returns all objects that contain each of the words, case-insensitive (using the icontains lookup), where each word must be in at least one of search_fields. For example, if search_fields is set to ['first_name', 'last_name'] and a user searches for john lennon, Django will do the equivalent of this SQL WHERE clause:

```
WHERE (first_name ILIKE '%john%' OR last_name ILIKE '%john%')
AND (first_name ILIKE '%lennon%' OR last_name ILIKE '%lennon%')
```

If you don’t want to use icontains as the lookup, you can use any lookup by appending it the field. For example, you could use exact by setting search_fields to ['first_name__exact'].

Beware that because query terms are split and ANDed as described earlier, searching with exact only works with a single search word since two or more words can’t all be an exact match unless all words are the same.

Some (older) shortcuts for specifying a field lookup are also available. You can prefix a field in search_fields with the following characters and it’s equivalent to adding __<lookup> to the field:

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If you need to customize search you can use `ModelAdmin.get_search_results()` to provide additional or alternate search behavior.

**ModelAdmin.show_full_result_count**

Set `show_full_result_count` to control whether the full count of objects should be displayed on a filtered admin page (e.g. 99 results (103 total)). If this option is set to `False`, a text like 99 results (Show all) is displayed instead.

The default of `show_full_result_count=True` generates a query to perform a full count on the table which can be expensive if the table contains a large number of rows.

**ModelAdmin.sortable_by**

By default, the change list page allows sorting by all model fields (and callables that have the `admin_order_field` property) specified in `list_display`.

If you want to disable sorting for some columns, set `sortable_by` to a collection (e.g. list, tuple, or set) of the subset of `list_display` that you want to be sortable. An empty collection disables sorting for all columns.

If you need to specify this list dynamically, implement a `get_sortable_by()` method instead.

**ModelAdmin.view_on_site**

Set `view_on_site` to control whether or not to display the “View on site” link. This link should bring you to a URL where you can display the saved object.

This value can be either a boolean flag or a callable. If `True` (the default), the object’s `get_absolute_url()` method will be used to generate the url.

If your model has a `get_absolute_url()` method but you don’t want the “View on site” button to appear, you only need to set `view_on_site` to `False`:

```python
from django.contrib import admin
class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    view_on_site = False
```

In case it is a callable, it accepts the model instance as a parameter. For example:

```python
from django.contrib import admin
from django.urls import reverse
class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    def view_on_site(self, obj):
        url = reverse('person-detail', kwargs={'slug': obj.slug})
        return 'https://example.com' + url
```

### Custom template options

The *Overriding admin templates* section describes how to override or extend the default admin templates. Use the following options to override the default templates used by the `ModelAdmin` views:
ModelAdmin.add_form_template
Path to a custom template, used by add_view().

ModelAdmin.change_form_template
Path to a custom template, used by change_view().

ModelAdmin.change_list_template
Path to a custom template, used by changelist_view().

ModelAdmin.delete_confirmation_template
Path to a custom template, used by delete_view() for displaying a confirmation page when deleting one or more objects.

ModelAdmin.delete_selected_confirmation_template
Path to a custom template, used by the delete_selected action method for displaying a confirmation page when deleting one or more objects. See the actions documentation.

ModelAdmin.object_history_template
Path to a custom template, used by history_view().

ModelAdmin.popup_response_template
Path to a custom template, used by response_add(), response_change(), and response_delete().

ModelAdmin methods

**Warning:** When overriding ModelAdmin.save_model() and ModelAdmin.delete_model(), your code must save/delete the object. They aren’t meant for veto purposes, rather they allow you to perform extra operations.

ModelAdmin.save_model(request, obj, form, change)
The save_model method is given the HttpRequest, a model instance, a ModelForm instance, and a boolean value based on whether it is adding or changing the object. Overriding this method allows doing pre- or post-save operations. Call super().save_model() to save the object using Model.save().

For example to attach request.user to the object prior to saving:

```python
from django.contrib import admin

class ArticleAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    def save_model(self, request, obj, form, change):
        obj.user = request.user
        super().save_model(request, obj, form, change)
```

ModelAdmin.delete_model(request, obj)
The delete_model method is given the HttpRequest and a model instance. Overriding this method allows doing pre- or post-delete operations. Call super().delete_model() to delete the object using Model.delete().

ModelAdmin.delete_queryset(request, queryset)
The delete_queryset() method is given the HttpRequest and a QuerySet of objects to be deleted. Override this method to customize the deletion process for the “delete selected objects” action.

ModelAdmin.save_formset(request, form, formset, change)
The save_formset method is given the HttpRequest, the parent ModelForm instance and a boolean value based on whether it is adding or changing the parent object.
For example, to attach `request.user` to each changed formset model instance:

```python
class ArticleAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    def save_formset(self, request, form, formset, change):
        instances = formset.save(commit=False)
        for obj in formset.deleted_objects:
            obj.delete()
        for instance in instances:
            instance.user = request.user
            instance.save()
        formset.save_m2m()
```

See also *Saving objects in the formset.*

**ModelAdmin.get_ordering(request)**

The `get_ordering` method takes a `request` as parameter and is expected to return a list or tuple for ordering similar to the `ordering` attribute. For example:

```python
class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    def get_ordering(self, request):
        if request.user.is_superuser:
            return ['name', 'rank']
        else:
            return ['name']
```

**ModelAdmin.get_search_results(request, queryset, search_term)**

The `get_search_results` method modifies the list of objects displayed into those that match the provided search term. It accepts the request, a queryset that applies the current filters, and the user-provided search term. It returns a tuple containing a queryset modified to implement the search, and a boolean indicating if the results may contain duplicates.

The default implementation searches the fields named in `ModelAdmin.search_fields`.

This method may be overridden with your own custom search method. For example, you might wish to search by an integer field, or use an external tool such as Solr or Haystack. You must establish if the queryset changes implemented by your search method may introduce duplicates into the results, and return `True` in the second element of the return value.

For example, to search by `name` and `age`, you could use:

```python
class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ('name', 'age')
    search_fields = ('name',)

    def get_search_results(self, request, queryset, search_term):
        queryset, use_distinct = super().get_search_results(request, queryset, search_term)
        try:
            search_term_as_int = int(search_term)
        except ValueError:
            pass
        else:
            queryset |= self.model.objects.filter(age=search_term_as_int)
        return queryset, use_distinct
```

This implementation is more efficient than `search_fields = ('name', '=age')` which results in a string comparison for the numeric field, for example `... OR UPPER("polls_choice"."votes"::text) = UPPER('4')` on PostgreSQL.
ModelAdmin.save_related(request, form, formsets, change)
The save_related method is given the HttpRequest, the parent ModelForm instance, the list of inline formsets and a boolean value based on whether the parent is being added or changed. Here you can do any pre- or post-save operations for objects related to the parent. Note that at this point the parent object and its form have already been saved.

ModelAdmin.get_autocomplete_fields(request)
The get_autocomplete_fields() method is given the HttpRequest and is expected to return a list or tuple of field names that will be displayed with an autocomplete widget as described above in the ModelAdmin.autocomplete_fields section.

ModelAdmin.get_readonly_fields(request, obj=None)
The get_readonly_fields method is given the HttpRequest and the obj being edited (or None on an add form) and is expected to return a list or tuple of field names that will be displayed as read-only, as described above in the ModelAdmin.readonly_fields section.

ModelAdmin.get_prepopulated_fields(request, obj=None)
The get_prepopulated_fields method is given the HttpRequest and the obj being edited (or None on an add form) and is expected to return a dictionary, as described above in the ModelAdmin.prepopulated_fields section.

ModelAdmin.get_list_display(request)
The get_list_display method is given the HttpRequest and is expected to return a list or tuple of field names that will be displayed on the changelist view as described above in the ModelAdmin.list_display section.

ModelAdmin.get_list_display_links(request, list_display)
The get_list_display_links method is given the HttpRequest and the list or tuple returned by ModelAdmin.get_list_display(). It is expected to return either None or a list or tuple of field names on the changelist that will be linked to the change view, as described in the ModelAdmin.list_display_links section.

ModelAdmin.get_exclude(request, obj=None)
The get_exclude method is given the HttpRequest and the obj being edited (or None on an add form) and is expected to return a list of fields, as described in ModelAdmin.exclude.

ModelAdmin.get_fields(request, obj=None)
The get_fields method is given the HttpRequest and the obj being edited (or None on an add form) and is expected to return a list of fields, as described above in the ModelAdmin.fields section.

ModelAdmin.get_fieldsets(request, obj=None)
The get_fieldsets method is given the HttpRequest and the obj being edited (or None on an add form) and is expected to return a list of two-tuples, in which each two-tuple represents a <fieldset> on the admin form page, as described above in the ModelAdmin.fieldsets section.

ModelAdmin.get_list_filter(request)
The get_list_filter method is given the HttpRequest and is expected to return the same kind of sequence type as for the list_filter attribute.

ModelAdmin.get_list_select_related(request)
The get_list_select_related method is given the HttpRequest and should return a boolean or list as ModelAdmin.list_select_related does.

ModelAdmin.get_search_fields(request)
The get_search_fields method is given the HttpRequest and is expected to return the same kind of sequence type as for the search_fields attribute.

ModelAdmin.get_sortable_by(request)
The get_sortable_by() method is passed the HttpRequest and is expected to return a collection (e.g. list, tuple, or set) of field names that will be sortable in the change list page.
Its default implementation returns `sortable_by` if it's set, otherwise it defers to `get_list_display()`.

For example, to prevent one or more columns from being sortable:

```python
class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    def get_sortable_by(self, request):
        return {'self.get_list_display(request)'} - {'rank'}
```

**ModelAdmin.get_inline_instances**(request, obj=None)

The `get_inline_instances` method is given the HttpRequest and the obj being edited (or None on an add form) and is expected to return a list or tuple of `InlineModelAdmin` objects, as described below in the `InlineModelAdmin` section. For example, the following would return inlines without the default filtering based on add, change, delete, and view permissions:

```python
class MyModelAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    inlines = (MyInline,)

    def get_inline_instances(self, request, obj=None):
        return [inline(self.model, self.admin_site) for inline in self.inlines]
```

If you override this method, make sure that the returned inlines are instances of the classes defined in `inlines` or you might encounter a “Bad Request” error when adding related objects.

**ModelAdmin.get_inlines**(request, obj)

The `get_inlines` method is given the HttpRequest and the obj being edited (or None on an add form) and is expected to return an iterable of inlines. You can override this method to dynamically add inlines based on the request or model instance instead of specifying them in `ModelAdmin.inlines`.

**ModelAdmin.get_urls**

The `get_urls` method on a `ModelAdmin` returns the URLs to be used for that ModelAdmin in the same way as a URLconf. Therefore you can extend them as documented in `URL dispatcher`:

```python
from django.contrib import admin
from django.template.response import TemplateResponse
from django.urls import path

class MyModelAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    def get_urls(self):
        urls = super().get_urls()
        my_urls = [
            path('my_view/', self.my_view),
        ]
        return my_urls + urls

def my_view(self, request):
    # ...
    context = dict(
        # Include common variables for rendering the admin template.
        self.admin_site.each_context(request),
        # Anything else you want in the context...
        key=value,
    )
    return TemplateResponse(request, "sometemplate.html", context)
```

If you want to use the admin layout, extend from `admin/base_site.html`:
Note: Notice that the custom patterns are included before the regular admin URLs: the admin URL patterns are very permissive and will match nearly anything, so you'll usually want to prepend your custom URLs to the built-in ones.

In this example, my_view will be accessed at /admin/myapp/mymodel/my_view/ (assuming the admin URLs are included at /admin/.)

However, the self.my_view function registered above suffers from two problems:

• It will not perform any permission checks, so it will be accessible to the general public.
• It will not provide any header details to prevent caching. This means if the page retrieves data from the database, and caching middleware is active, the page could show outdated information.

Since this is usually not what you want, Django provides a convenience wrapper to check permissions and mark the view as non-cachable. This wrapper is AdminSite.admin_view() (i.e. self.admin_site.admin_view inside a ModelAdmin instance); use it like so:

class MyModelAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    def get_urls(self):
        urls = super().get_urls()
        my_urls = [
            path('my_view/', self.admin_site.admin_view(self.my_view))
        ]
        return my_urls + urls

Notice the wrapped view in the fifth line above:

path('my_view/', self.admin_site.admin_view(self.my_view))

This wrapping will protect self.my_view from unauthorized access and will apply the django.views.decorators.cache.never_cache() decorator to make sure it is not cached if the cache middleware is active.

If the page is cacheable, but you still want the permission check to be performed, you can pass a cacheable=True argument to AdminSite.admin_view():

path('my_view/', self.admin_site.admin_view(self.my_view, cacheable=True))

ModelAdmin views have model_admin attributes. Other AdminSite views have admin_site attributes.

ModelAdmin.get_form(request, obj=None, **kwargs)
Returns a ModelForm class for use in the admin add and change views, see add_view() and change_view().

The base implementation uses modelform_factory() to subclass form, modified by attributes such as fields and exclude. So, for example, if you wanted to offer additional fields to superusers, you could swap in a different base form like so:
class MyModelAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
def get_form(self, request, obj=None, **kwargs):
    if request.user.is_superuser:
        kwargs['form'] = MySuperuserForm
    return super().get_form(request, obj, **kwargs)

You may also return a custom ModelForm class directly.

ModelAdmin.get_formsets_with_inlines(request, obj=None)
Yields (FormSet, InlineModelAdmin) pairs for use in admin add and change views.

For example if you wanted to display a particular inline only in the change view, you could override get_formsets_with_inlines as follows:

class MyModelAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
inlines = [MyInline, SomeOtherInline]
def get_formsets_with_inlines(self, request, obj=None):
    for inline in self.get_inline_instances(request, obj):
        # hide MyInline in the add view
        if not isinstance(inline, MyInline) or obj is not None:
            yield inline.get_formset(request, obj), inline

ModelAdmin.formfield_for_foreignkey(db_field, request, **kwargs)
The formfield_for_foreignkey method on a ModelAdmin allows you to override the default form-
field for a foreign keys field. For example, to return a subset of objects for this foreign key field based on the
user:

class MyModelAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
def formfield_for_foreignkey(self, db_field, request, **kwargs):
    if db_field.name == "car":
        kwargs['queryset'] = Car.objects.filter(owner=request.user)
    return super().formfield_for_foreignkey(db_field, request, **kwargs)

This uses the HttpRequest instance to filter the Car foreign key field to only display the cars owned by the
User instance.

For more complex filters, you can use ModelForm.__init__() method to filter based on an instance
of your model (see Fields which handle relationships). For example:

class CountryAdminForm(forms.ModelForm):
def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
    super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)
    self.fields['capital'].queryset = self.instance.cities.all()

class CountryAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    form = CountryAdminForm

ModelAdmin.formfield_for_manytomany(db_field, request, **kwargs)
Like the formfield_for_foreignkey method, the formfield_for_manytomany method can be
overridden to change the default formfield for a many to many field. For example, if an owner can own multiple
cars and cars can belong to multiple owners – a many to many relationship – you could filter the Car foreign
key field to only display the cars owned by the User:

class MyModelAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
def formfield_for_manytomany(self, db_field, request, **kwargs):
    if db_field.name == "cars":

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ModelAdmin.formfield_for_choice_field(db_field, request, **kwargs)

Like the formfield_for_foreignkey and formfield_for_manytomany methods, the formfield_for_choice_field method can be overridden to change the default formfield for a field that has declared choices. For example, if the choices available to a superuser should be different than those available to regular staff, you could proceed as follows:

```python
class MyModelAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    def formfield_for_choice_field(self, db_field, request, **kwargs):
        if db_field.name == "status":
            kwargs["choices"] = (
                ('accepted', 'Accepted'),
                ('denied', 'Denied'),
            )
        if request.user.is_superuser:
            kwargs["choices"] += (('ready', 'Ready for deployment'),)
        return super().formfield_for_choice_field(db_field, request, **kwargs)
```

Note

Any choices attribute set on the formfield will be limited to the form field only. If the corresponding field on the model has choices set, the choices provided to the form must be a valid subset of those choices, otherwise the form submission will fail with a ValidationError when the model itself is validated before saving.

ModelAdmin.get_changelist(request, **kwargs)

Returns the Changelist class to be used for listing. By default, django.contrib.admin.views.main.ChangeList is used. By inheriting this class you can change the behavior of the listing.

ModelAdmin.get_changelist_form(request, **kwargs)

Returns a ModelForm class for use in the Formset on the changelist page. To use a custom form, for example:

```python
from django import forms

class MyForm(forms.ModelForm):
    pass

class MyModelAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    def get_changelist_form(self, request, **kwargs):
        return MyForm
```

Note

If you define the Meta.model attribute on a ModelForm, you must also define the Meta.fields attribute (or the Meta.exclude attribute). However, ModelAdmin ignores this value, overriding it with the ModelAdmin.list_editable attribute. The easiest solution is to omit the Meta.model attribute, since ModelAdmin will provide the correct model to use.

ModelAdmin.get_changelist_formset(request, **kwargs)

Returns a ModelFormSet class for use on the changelist page if list_editable is used. To use a custom formset, for example:
from django.forms import BaseModelFormSet

class MyAdminFormSet(BaseModelFormSet):
    pass

class MyModelAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    def get_changelist_formset(self, request, **kwargs):
        kwargs['formset'] = MyAdminFormSet
        return super().get_changelist_formset(request, **kwargs)

ModelAdmin.lookup_allowed(lookup, value)
The objects in the changelist page can be filtered with lookups from the URL’s query string. This is how `list_filter` works, for example. The lookups are similar to what’s used in `QuerySet.filter()` (e.g. `user__email=user@example.com`). Since the lookups in the query string can be manipulated by the user, they must be sanitized to prevent unauthorized data exposure.

The `lookup_allowed()` method is given a lookup path from the query string (e.g. 'user__email') and the corresponding value (e.g. 'user@example.com'), and returns a boolean indicating whether filtering the changelist’s `QuerySet` using the parameters is permitted. If `lookup_allowed()` returns `False`, `DisallowedModelAdminLookup` (subclass of `SuspiciousOperation`) is raised.

By default, `lookup_allowed()` allows access to a model’s local fields, field paths used in `list_filter` (but not paths from `get_list_filter()`), and lookups required for `limit_choices_to` to function correctly in `raw_id_fields`.

Override this method to customize the lookups permitted for your `ModelAdmin` subclass.

ModelAdmin.has_view_permission(request, obj=None)
Should return `True` if viewing `obj` is permitted, `False` otherwise. If `obj` is `None`, should return `True` or `False` to indicate whether viewing of objects of this type is permitted in general (e.g., `False` will be interpreted as meaning that the current user is not permitted to view any object of this type).

The default implementation returns `True` if the user has either the “change” or “view” permission.

ModelAdmin.has_add_permission(request)
Should return `True` if adding an object is permitted, `False` otherwise.

ModelAdmin.has_change_permission(request, obj=None)
Should return `True` if editing `obj` is permitted, `False` otherwise. If `obj` is `None`, should return `True` or `False` to indicate whether editing of objects of this type is permitted in general (e.g., `False` will be interpreted as meaning that the current user is not permitted to edit any object of this type).

ModelAdmin.has_delete_permission(request, obj=None)
Should return `True` if deleting `obj` is permitted, `False` otherwise. If `obj` is `None`, should return `True` or `False` to indicate whether deleting objects of this type is permitted in general (e.g., `False` will be interpreted as meaning that the current user is not permitted to delete any object of this type).

ModelAdmin.has_module_permission(request)
Should return `True` if displaying the module on the admin index page and accessing the module’s index page is permitted, `False` otherwise. Uses `User.has_module_perms()` by default. Overriding it does not restrict access to the view, add, change, or delete views, `has_view_permission()`, `has_add_permission()`, `has_change_permission()`, and `has_delete_permission()` should be used for that.

ModelAdmin.get_queryset(request)
The `get_queryset` method on a `ModelAdmin` returns a `QuerySet` of all model instances that can be edited by the admin site. One use case for overriding this method is to show objects owned by the logged-in user:
```python
class MyModelAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    def get_queryset(self, request):
        qs = super().get_queryset(request)
        if request.user.is_superuser:
            return qs
        return qs.filter(author=request.user)
```

ModelAdmin.message_user(request, message, level=messages.INFO, extra_tags='', fail_silently=False)

Sends a message to the user using the django.contrib.messages backend. See the custom ModelAdmin example.

Keyword arguments allow you to change the message level, add extra CSS tags, or fail silently if the contrib.messages framework is not installed. These keyword arguments match those for django.contrib.messages.add_message(), see that function’s documentation for more details. One difference is that the level may be passed as a string label in addition to integer/constant.

ModelAdmin.getaginator(request, queryset, per_page, orphans=0, allow_empty_first_page=True)

Returns an instance of the paginator to use for this view. By default, instantiates an instance of paginator.

ModelAdmin.response_add(request, obj, post_url_continue=None)

Determines the HttpResponse for the add_view() stage.

response_add is called after the admin form is submitted and just after the object and all the related instances have been created and saved. You can override it to change the default behavior after the object has been created.

ModelAdmin.response_change(request, obj)

Determines the HttpResponse for the change_view() stage.

response_change is called after the admin form is submitted and just after the object and all the related instances have been saved. You can override it to change the default behavior after the object has been changed.

ModelAdmin.response_delete(request, obj_display, obj_id)

Determines the HttpResponse for the delete_view() stage.

response_delete is called after the object has been deleted. You can override it to change the default behavior after the object has been deleted.

obj_display is a string with the name of the deleted object.

obj_id is the serialized identifier used to retrieve the object to be deleted.

ModelAdmin.get_changeform_initial_data(request)

A hook for the initial data on admin change forms. By default, fields are given initial values from GET parameters. For instance, ?name=initial_value will set the name field’s initial value to be initial_value.

This method should return a dictionary in the form {'fieldname': 'fieldval'}:

def get_changeform_initial_data(self, request):
    return {'name': 'custom_initial_value'}
```

ModelAdmin.get_deleted_objects(objs, request)

A hook for customizing the deletion process of the delete_view() and the “delete selected” action.

The objs argument is a homogeneous iterable of objects (a QuerySet or a list of model instances) to be deleted, and request is the HttpRequest.

This method must return a 4-tuple of (deleted_objects, model_count, perms_needed, protected).
deleted_objects is a list of strings representing all the objects that will be deleted. If there are any related objects to be deleted, the list is nested and includes those related objects. The list is formatted in the template using the unordered_list filter.

model_count is a dictionary mapping each model’s verbose_name_plural to the number of objects that will be deleted.

perms_needed is a set of verbose_names of the models that the user doesn’t have permission to delete.

protected is a list of strings representing of all the protected related objects that can’t be deleted. The list is displayed in the template.

Other methods

ModelAdmin.add_view(request, form_url='', extra_context=None)
Django view for the model instance addition page. See note below.

ModelAdmin.change_view(request, object_id, form_url='', extra_context=None)
Django view for the model instance editing page. See note below.

ModelAdmin.changelist_view(request, extra_context=None)
Django view for the model instances change list/actions page. See note below.

ModelAdmin.delete_view(request, object_id, extra_context=None)
Django view for the model instance(s) deletion confirmation page. See note below.

ModelAdmin.history_view(request, object_id, extra_context=None)
Django view for the page that shows the modification history for a given model instance.

Unlike the hook-type ModelAdmin methods detailed in the previous section, these five methods are in reality designed to be invoked as Django views from the admin application URL dispatching handler to render the pages that deal with model instances CRUD operations. As a result, completely overriding these methods will significantly change the behavior of the admin application.

One common reason for overriding these methods is to augment the context data that is provided to the template that renders the view. In the following example, the change view is overridden so that the rendered template is provided some extra mapping data that would not otherwise be available:

class MyModelAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):

    # A template for a very customized change view:
    change_form_template = 'admin/myapp/extras/openstreetmap_change_form.html'

    def get_osm_info(self):
        # ...
        pass

    def change_view(self, request, object_id, form_url='', extra_context=None):
        extra_context = extra_context or {}
        extra_context['osm_data'] = self.get_osm_info()
        return super().change_view(
            request, object_id, form_url, extra_context=extra_context,
        )

These views return TemplateResponse instances which allow you to easily customize the response data before rendering. For more details, see the TemplateResponse documentation.
**ModelAdmin asset definitions**

There are times where you would like add a bit of CSS and/or JavaScript to the add/change views. This can be accomplished by using a Media inner class on your ModelAdmin:

```python
class ArticleAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    class Media:
        css = {
            "all": ("my_styles.css",)
        }
        js = ("my_code.js",)
```

The *staticfiles* app prepends *STATIC_URL* (or *MEDIA_URL* if *STATIC_URL* is None) to any asset paths. The same rules apply as *regular asset definitions on forms*.

**jQuery**

Django admin JavaScript makes use of the *jQuery* library.

To avoid conflicts with user-supplied scripts or libraries, Django’s jQuery (version 3.5.1) is namespaced as *django.jquery*. If you want to use jQuery in your own admin JavaScript without including a second copy, you can use the *django.jquery* object on changelist and add/edit views.

jQuery was upgraded from 3.3.1 to 3.4.1.

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The *ModelAdmin* class requires jQuery by default, so there is no need to add jQuery to your ModelAdmin’s list of media resources unless you have a specific need. For example, if you require the jQuery library to be in the global namespace (for example when using third-party jQuery plugins) or if you need a newer version of jQuery, you will have to include your own copy.

Django provides both uncompressed and ‘minified’ versions of jQuery, as *jquery.js* and *jquery.min.js* respectively.

*ModelAdmin* and *InlineModelAdmin* have a *media* property that returns a list of *Media* objects which store paths to the JavaScript files for the forms and/or formsets. If *DEBUG* is True it will return the uncompressed versions of the various JavaScript files, including *jquery.js*; if not, it will return the ‘minified’ versions.

**Adding custom validation to the admin**

You can also add custom validation of data in the admin. The automatic admin interface reuses *django.forms*, and the ModelAdmin class gives you the ability define your own form:

```python
class ArticleAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    form = MyArticleAdminForm
```

*MyArticleAdminForm* can be defined anywhere as long as you import where needed. Now within your form you can add your own custom validation for any field:

```python
class MyArticleAdminForm(forms.ModelForm):
    def clean_name(self):
        # do something that validates your data
        return self.cleaned_data["name"]
```

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It is important you use a ModelForm here otherwise things can break. See the forms documentation on custom validation and, more specifically, the model form validation notes for more information.

**InlineModelAdmin objects**

```python
from django.db import models

class Author(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)

class Book(models.Model):
    author = models.ForeignKey(Author, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    title = models.CharField(max_length=100)
```

You can edit the books authored by an author on the author page. You add inlines to a model by specifying them in a ModelAdmin.inlines:

```python
from django.contrib import admin

class BookInline(admin.TabularInline):
    model = Book

class AuthorAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    inlines = [BookInline,]
```

Django provides two subclasses of InlineModelAdmin and they are:

- TabularInline
- StackedInline

The difference between these two is merely the template used to render them.

**InlineModelAdmin options**

InlineModelAdmin shares many of the same features as ModelAdmin, and adds some of its own (the shared features are actually defined in the BaseModelAdmin superclass). The shared features are:

- form
- fieldsets
- fields
- formfield_overrides
- exclude
- filter_horizontal
• `filter_vertical`
• `ordering`
• `prepopulated_fields`
• `get_fieldsets()`
• `get_queryset()`
• `radio_fields`
• `readonly_fields`
• `raw_id_fields`
• `formfield_for_choice_field()`
• `formfield_for_foreignkey()`
• `formfield_for_manytomany()`
• `has_module_permission()`

The `InlineModelAdmin` class adds or customizes:

**`InlineModelAdmin.model`**
The model which the inline is using. This is required.

**`InlineModelAdmin.fk_name`**
The name of the foreign key on the model. In most cases this will be dealt with automatically, but `fk_name` must be specified explicitly if there are more than one foreign key to the same parent model.

**`InlineModelAdmin.formset`**
This defaults to `BaseInlineFormSet`. Using your own formset can give you many possibilities of customization. Inlines are built around `model formsets`.

**`InlineModelAdmin.form`**
The value for `form` defaults to `ModelForm`. This is what is passed through to `inlineformset_factory()` when creating the formset for this inline.

**Warning:** When writing custom validation for `InlineModelAdmin` forms, be cautious of writing validation that relies on features of the parent model. If the parent model fails to validate, it may be left in an inconsistent state as described in the warning in Validation on a ModelForm.

**`InlineModelAdmin.classes`**
A list or tuple containing extra CSS classes to apply to the fieldset that is rendered for the inlines. Defaults to None. As with classes configured in `fieldsets`, inlines with a `collapse` class will be initially collapsed and their header will have a small “show” link.

**`InlineModelAdmin.extra`**
This controls the number of extra forms the formset will display in addition to the initial forms. Defaults to 3. See the `formsets documentation` for more information.

For users with JavaScript-enabled browsers, an “Add another” link is provided to enable any number of additional inlines to be added in addition to those provided as a result of the `extra` argument.

The dynamic link will not appear if the number of currently displayed forms exceeds `max_num`, or if the user does not have JavaScript enabled.

`InlineModelAdmin.get_extra()` also allows you to customize the number of extra forms.

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InlineModelAdmin.max_num
This controls the maximum number of forms to show in the inline. This doesn’t directly correlate to the number of objects, but can if the value is small enough. See Limiting the number of editable objects for more information.

InlineModelAdmin.get_max_num() also allows you to customize the maximum number of extra forms.

InlineModelAdmin.min_num
This controls the minimum number of forms to show in the inline. See modelformset_factory() for more information.

InlineModelAdmin.get_min_num() also allows you to customize the minimum number of displayed forms.

InlineModelAdmin.raw_id_fields
By default, Django’s admin uses a select-box interface (<select>) for fields that are ForeignKey. Sometimes you don’t want to incur the overhead of having to select all the related instances to display in the drop-down.

raw_id_fields is a list of fields you would like to change into an Input widget for either a ForeignKey or ManyToManyField:

```python
class BookInline(admin.TabularInline):
    model = Book
    raw_id_fields = ("pages",)
```

InlineModelAdmin.template
The template used to render the inline on the page.

InlineModelAdmin.verbose_name
An override to the verbose_name found in the model’s inner Meta class.

InlineModelAdmin.verbose_name_plural
An override to the verbose_name_plural found in the model’s inner Meta class.

InlineModelAdmin.can_delete
Specifies whether or not inline objects can be deleted in the inline. Defaults to True.

InlineModelAdmin.show_change_link
Specifies whether or not inline objects that can be changed in the admin have a link to the change form. Defaults to False.

InlineModelAdmin.get_formset(request, obj=None, **kwargs)
Returns a BaseInlineFormSet class for use in admin add/change views. obj is the parent object being edited or None when adding a new parent. See the example for ModelAdmin.get_formsets_with_inlines.

InlineModelAdmin.get_extra(request, obj=None, **kwargs)
Returns the number of extra inline forms to use. By default, returns the InlineModelAdmin.extra attribute.

Override this method to programmatically determine the number of extra inline forms. For example, this may be based on the model instance (passed as the keyword argument obj):

```python
class BinaryTreeAdmin(admin.TabularInline):
    model = BinaryTree

    def get_extra(self, request, obj=None, **kwargs):
        extra = 2
        if obj:
            return extra - obj.binarytree_set.count()
        return extra
```
InlineModelAdmin.get_max_num(request, obj=None, **kwargs)

Returns the maximum number of extra inline forms to use. By default, returns the InlineModelAdmin.max_num attribute.

Override this method to programmatically determine the maximum number of inline forms. For example, this may be based on the model instance (passed as the keyword argument obj):

```python
class BinaryTreeAdmin(admin.TabularInline):
    model = BinaryTree

    def get_max_num(self, request, obj=None, **kwargs):
        max_num = 10
        if obj and obj.parent:
            return max_num - 5
        return max_num
```

InlineModelAdmin.get_min_num(request, obj=None, **kwargs)

Returns the minimum number of inline forms to use. By default, returns the InlineModelAdmin.min_num attribute.

Override this method to programmatically determine the minimum number of inline forms. For example, this may be based on the model instance (passed as the keyword argument obj).

InlineModelAdmin.has_add_permission(request, obj)

Should return True if adding an inline object is permitted, False otherwise. obj is the parent object being edited or None when adding a new parent.

InlineModelAdmin.has_change_permission(request, obj=None)

Should return True if editing an inline object is permitted, False otherwise. obj is the parent object being edited.

InlineModelAdmin.has_delete_permission(request, obj=None)

Should return True if deleting an inline object is permitted, False otherwise. obj is the parent object being edited.

Note: The obj argument passed to InlineModelAdmin methods is the parent object being edited or None when adding a new parent.

Working with a model with two or more foreign keys to the same parent model

It is sometimes possible to have more than one foreign key to the same model. Take this model for instance:

```python
from django.db import models

class Friendship(models.Model):
    to_person = models.ForeignKey(Person, on_delete=models.CASCADE, related_name="friends")
    from_person = models.ForeignKey(Person, on_delete=models.CASCADE, related_name="from_friends")
```

If you wanted to display an inline on the Person admin add/change pages you need to explicitly define the foreign key since it is unable to do so automatically:

```python
from django.contrib import admin
from myapp.models import Friendship
```

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**Working with many-to-many models**

By default, admin widgets for many-to-many relations will be displayed on whichever model contains the actual reference to the `ManyToManyField`. Depending on your `ModelAdmin` definition, each many-to-many field in your model will be represented by a standard HTML `<select multiple>`, a horizontal or vertical filter, or a `raw_id_admin` widget. However, it is also possible to replace these widgets with inlines.

Suppose we have the following models:

```python
from django.db import models

class Person(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=128)

class Group(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=128)
    members = models.ManyToManyField(Person, related_name='groups')
```

If you want to display many-to-many relations using an inline, you can do so by defining an `InlineModelAdmin` object for the relationship:

```python
from django.contrib import admin

class MembershipInline(admin.TabularInline):
    model = Group.members.through

class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    inlines = [
        MembershipInline,
    ]

class GroupAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    inlines = [
        MembershipInline,
    ]
    exclude = ('members',)
```

There are two features worth noting in this example.

Firstly - the `MembershipInline` class references `Group.members.through`. The `through` attribute is a reference to the model that manages the many-to-many relation. This model is automatically created by Django when you define a many-to-many field.

Secondly, the `GroupAdmin` must manually exclude the `members` field. Django displays an admin widget for a many-to-many field on the model that defines the relation (in this case, `Group`). If you want to use an inline model to
represent the many-to-many relationship, you must tell Django’s admin to not display this widget - otherwise you will end up with two widgets on your admin page for managing the relation.

Note that when using this technique the `m2m_changed` signals aren’t triggered. This is because as far as the admin is concerned, `through` is just a model with two foreign key fields rather than a many-to-many relation.

In all other respects, the `InlineModelAdmin` is exactly the same as any other. You can customize the appearance using any of the normal `ModelAdmin` properties.

### Working with many-to-many intermediary models

When you specify an intermediary model using the `through` argument to a `ManyToManyField`, the admin will not display a widget by default. This is because each instance of that intermediary model requires more information than could be displayed in a single widget, and the layout required for multiple widgets will vary depending on the intermediate model.

However, we still want to be able to edit that information inline. Fortunately, we can do this with inline admin models. Suppose we have the following models:

```python
from django.db import models

class Person(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=128)

class Group(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=128)
    members = models.ManyToManyField(Person, through='Membership')

class Membership(models.Model):
    person = models.ForeignKey(Person, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    group = models.ForeignKey(Group, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    date_joined = models.DateField()
    invite_reason = models.CharField(max_length=64)
```

The first step in displaying this intermediate model in the admin is to define an inline class for the `Membership` model:

```python
class MembershipInline(admin.TabularInline):
    model = Membership
    extra = 1
```

This example uses the default `InlineModelAdmin` values for the `Membership` model, and limits the extra add forms to one. This could be customized using any of the options available to `InlineModelAdmin` classes.

Now create admin views for the `Person` and `Group` models:

```python
class PersonAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    inlines = (MembershipInline,)

class GroupAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    inlines = (MembershipInline,)
```

Finally, register your `Person` and `Group` models with the admin site:

```python
admin.site.register(Person, PersonAdmin)
admin.site.register(Group, GroupAdmin)
```

Now your admin site is set up to edit `Membership` objects inline from either the `Person` or the `Group` detail pages.
Using generic relations as an inline

It is possible to use an inline with generically related objects. Let’s say you have the following models:

```python
from django.contrib.contenttypes.fields import GenericForeignKey
from django.db import models

class Image(models.Model):
    image = models.ImageField(upload_to="images")
    content_type = models.ForeignKey(ContentType, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    object_id = models.PositiveIntegerField()
    content_object = GenericForeignKey("content_type", "object_id")

class Product(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
```

If you want to allow editing and creating an Image instance on the Product, add/change views you can use `GenericTabularInline` or `GenericStackedInline` (both subclasses of `GenericInlineModelAdmin`) provided by `admin`. They implement tabular and stacked visual layouts for the forms representing the inline objects, respectively, just like their non-generic counterparts. They behave just like any other inline. In your `admin.py` for this example app:

```python
from django.contrib import admin
from django.contrib.contenttypes.admin import GenericTabularInline
from myproject.myapp.models import Image, Product

class ImageInline(GenericTabularInline):
    model = Image

class ProductAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    inlines = [
        ImageInline,
    ]
admin.site.register(Product, ProductAdmin)
```

See the `contenttypes documentation` for more specific information.

Overriding admin templates

You can override many of the templates which the admin module uses to generate the various pages of an admin site. You can even override a few of these templates for a specific app, or a specific model.

Set up your projects admin template directories

The admin template files are located in the `contrib/admin/templates/admin` directory.

In order to override one or more of them, first create an `admin` directory in your project’s `templates` directory. This can be any of the directories you specified in the `DIRS` option of the `DjangoTemplates` backend in the `TEMPLATES` setting. If you have customized the 'loaders' option, be sure 'django.template.loaders.filesystem.Loader' appears before 'django.template.loaders.app_directories.Loader' so that your custom templates will be found by the template loading system before those that are included with `django.contrib.admin`. 

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Within this `admin` directory, create sub-directories named after your app. Within these app subdirectories create sub-directories named after your models. Note, that the admin app will lowercase the model name when looking for the directory, so make sure you name the directory in all lowercase if you are going to run your app on a case-sensitive filesystem.

To override an admin template for a specific app, copy and edit the template from the `django/contrib/admin/templates/admin` directory, and save it to one of the directories you just created.

For example, if we wanted to add a tool to the change list view for all the models in an app named `my_app`, we would copy `contrib/admin/templates/admin/change_list.html` to the `templates/admin/my_app` directory of our project, and make any necessary changes.

If we wanted to add a tool to the change list view for only a specific model named ‘Page’, we would copy that same file to the `templates/admin/my_app/page` directory of our project.

**Overriding vs. replacing an admin template**

Because of the modular design of the admin templates, it is usually neither necessary nor advisable to replace an entire template. It is almost always better to override only the section of the template which you need to change.

To continue the example above, we want to add a new link next to the History tool for the Page model. After looking at `change_form.html` we determine that we only need to override the `object-tools-items` block.

Therefore here is our new `change_form.html`:

```html
{% extends "admin/change_form.html" %}
{% load i18n admin_urls %}
{% block object-tools-items %}
   <li>
      <a href="{% url opts|admin_urlname:'history' original.pk|admin_urlquote %}" class="historylink">{% translate "History" %}</a>
   </li>
   <li>
      <a href="mylink/" class="historylink">My Link</a>
   </li>
   {% if has_absolute_url %}
      <li>
         <a href="{% url 'admin:view_on_site' content_type_id original.pk %}" class="viewsitelink">{% translate "View on site" %}</a>
      </li>
   {% endif %}
{% endblock %}
```

And that’s it! If we placed this file in the `templates/admin/my_app` directory, our link would appear on the change form for all models within my_app.

**Templates which may be overridden per app or model**

Not every template in `contrib/admin/templates/admin` may be overridden per app or per model. The following can:

- actions.html
- app_index.html
- change_form.html
- change_form_object_tools.html
For those templates that cannot be overridden in this way, you may still override them for your entire project by placing the new version in your `templates/admin` directory. This is particularly useful to create custom 404 and 500 pages.

Note: Some of the admin templates, such as `change_list_results.html` are used to render custom inclusion tags. These may be overridden, but in such cases you are probably better off creating your own version of the tag in question and giving it a different name. That way you can use it selectively.

### Root and login templates

If you wish to change the index, login or logout templates, you are better off creating your own `AdminSite` instance (see below), and changing the `AdminSite.index_template`, `AdminSite.login_template` or `AdminSite.logout_template` properties.

### AdminSite objects

**class AdminSite**(name='admin')

A Django administrative site is represented by an instance of `django.contrib.admin.sites.AdminSite`; by default, an instance of this class is created as `django.contrib.admin.site` and you can register your models and `ModelAdmin` instances with it.

If you want to customize the default admin site, you can **override it**.

When constructing an instance of an `AdminSite`, you can provide a unique instance name using the `name` argument to the constructor. This instance name is used to identify the instance, especially when reversing admin URLs. If no instance name is provided, a default instance name of `admin` will be used. See [Customizing the AdminSite class](#) for an example of customizing the `AdminSite` class.

### AdminSite attributes

Templates can override or extend base admin templates as described in [Overriding admin templates](#).

**AdminSite.site_header**

The text to put at the top of each admin page, as an `<h1>` (a string). By default, this is “Django administration”.

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AdminSite.<strong>site_title</strong>
The text to put at the end of each admin page’s <title> (a string). By default, this is “Django site admin”.

AdminSite.<strong>site_url</strong>
The URL for the “View site” link at the top of each admin page. By default, site_url is /. Set it to None to remove the link.

For sites running on a subpath, the each_context() method checks if the current request has request.META['SCRIPT_NAME'] set and uses that value if site_url isn’t set to something other than /.

AdminSite.<strong>index_title</strong>
The text to put at the top of the admin index page (a string). By default, this is “Site administration”.

AdminSite.<strong>index_template</strong>
Path to a custom template that will be used by the admin site main index view.

AdminSite.<strong>app_index_template</strong>
Path to a custom template that will be used by the admin site app index view.

AdminSite.<strong>empty_value_display</strong>
The string to use for displaying empty values in the admin site’s change list. Defaults to a dash. The value can also be overridden on a per ModelAdmin basis and on a custom field within a ModelAdmin by setting an empty_value_display attribute on the field. See ModelAdmin.empty_value_display for examples.

AdminSite.<strong>enable_nav_sidebar</strong>
A boolean value that determines whether to show the navigation sidebar on larger screens. By default, it is set to True.

AdminSite.<strong>login_template</strong>
Path to a custom template that will be used by the admin site login view.

AdminSite.<strong>login_form</strong>
Subclass of AuthenticationForm that will be used by the admin site login view.

AdminSite.<strong>logout_template</strong>
Path to a custom template that will be used by the admin site logout view.

AdminSite.<strong>password_change_template</strong>
Path to a custom template that will be used by the admin site password change view.

AdminSite.<strong>password_change_done_template</strong>
Path to a custom template that will be used by the admin site password change done view.

**AdminSite methods**

AdminSite.<strong>each_context</strong>(request)
Returns a dictionary of variables to put in the template context for every page in the admin site.

Includes the following variables and values by default:

- site_header: AdminSite.site_header
- site_title: AdminSite.site_title
- site_url: AdminSite.site_url
- has_permission: AdminSite.has_permission()
- available_apps: a list of applications from the application registry available for the current user. Each entry in the list is a dict representing an application with the following keys:
- **app_label**: the application label
- **app_url**: the URL of the application index in the admin
- **has_module_perms**: a boolean indicating if displaying and accessing of the module’s index page is permitted for the current user
- **models**: a list of the models available in the application

Each model is a dict with the following keys:
- **object_name**: class name of the model
- **name**: plural name of the model
- **perms**: a dict tracking add, change, delete, and view permissions
- **admin_url**: admin changelist URL for the model
- **add_url**: admin URL to add a new model instance

**AdminSite**. **has_permission** *(request)*

Returns True if the user for the given HttpRequest has permission to view at least one page in the admin site. Defaults to requiring both `User.is_active` and `User.is_staff` to be True.

**AdminSite**. **register** *(model_or_iterable, admin_class=None, **options)*

Registers the given model class (or iterable of classes) with the given `admin_class`. `admin_class` defaults to `ModelAdmin` (the default admin options). If keyword arguments are given – e.g. `list_display` – they’ll be applied as options to the admin class.

Raises `ImproperlyConfigured` if a model is abstract. and `django.contrib.admin.sites.AlreadyRegistered` if a model is already registered.

**AdminSite**. **unregister** *(model_or_iterable)*

Unregisters the given model class (or iterable of classes).

Raises `django.contrib.admin.sites.NotRegistered` if a model isn’t already registered.

**Hooking AdminSite instances into your URLconf**

The last step in setting up the Django admin is to hook your `AdminSite` instance into your URLconf. Do this by pointing a given URL at the `AdminSite.urls` method. It is not necessary to use `include()`.

In this example, we register the default `AdminSite` instance `django.contrib.admin.site` at the URL `/admin/`

```python
# urls.py
from django.contrib import admin
from django.urls import path

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

**Customizing the AdminSite class**

If you’d like to set up your own admin site with custom behavior, you’re free to subclass `AdminSite` and override or add anything you like. Then, create an instance of your `AdminSite` subclass (the same way you’d instantiate any other Python class) and register your models and `ModelAdmin` subclasses with it instead of with the default site. Finally, update `myproject/urls.py` to reference your `AdminSite` subclass.
Override the default admin site

You can override the default django.contrib.admin.site by setting the default_site attribute of a custom AppConfig to the dotted import path of either a AdminSite subclass or a callable that returns a site instance.

Listing 5: myproject/admin.py

```python
from django.contrib import admin

class MyAdminSite(admin.AdminSite):
    ...
```

Listing 6: myproject/apps.py

```python
from django.contrib.admin.apps import AdminConfig

class MyAdminConfig(AdminConfig):
    default_site = 'myproject.admin.MyAdminSite'
```

Listing 7: myproject/settings.py

```python
INSTALLED_APPS = [
    ...
    'myproject.apps.MyAdminConfig',  # replaces 'django.contrib.admin'
    ...
]
```
Multiple admin sites in the same URLconf

You can create multiple instances of the admin site on the same Django-powered website. Create multiple instances of AdminSite and place each one at a different URL.

In this example, the URLs /basic-admin/ and /advanced-admin/ feature separate versions of the admin site – using the AdminSite instances myproject.admin.basic_site and myproject.admin.advanced_site, respectively:

```python
# urls.py
from django.urls import path
from myproject.admin import advanced_site, basic_site

urlpatterns = [
    path('basic-admin/', basic_site.urls),
    path('advanced-admin/', advanced_site.urls),
]
```

AdminSite instances take a single argument to their constructor, their name, which can be anything you like. This argument becomes the prefix to the URL names for the purposes of reversing them. This is only necessary if you are using more than one AdminSite.

Adding views to admin sites

Just like ModelAdmin, AdminSite provides a get_urls() method that can be overridden to define additional views for the site. To add a new view to your admin site, extend the base get_urls() method to include a pattern for your new view.

**Note:** Any view you render that uses the admin templates, or extends the base admin template, should set request.current_app before rendering the template. It should be set to either self.name if your view is on an AdminSite or self.admin_site.name if your view is on a ModelAdmin.

Adding a password reset feature

You can add a password reset feature to the admin site by adding a few lines to your URLconf. Specifically, add these four patterns:

```python
from django.contrib.auth import views as auth_views

path('admin/password_reset/',
    auth_views.PasswordResetView.as_view(),
    name='admin_password_reset'),
),
path('admin/password_reset/done/',
    auth_views.PasswordResetDoneView.as_view(),
    name='password_reset_done'),
),
path('reset/<uidb64>/<token>/',
    auth_views.PasswordResetConfirmView.as_view(),
),
```

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name='password_reset_confirm',
),
path(
    'reset/done/',
    auth_views.PasswordResetCompleteView.as_view(),
    name='password_reset_complete',
),

(This assumes you’ve added the admin at admin/ and requires that you put the URLs starting with ^admin/ before the line that includes the admin app itself).

The presence of the admin_password_reset named URL will cause a “forgotten your password?” link to appear on the default admin log-in page under the password box.

**LogEntry objects**

```python
class models.LogEntry
    The LogEntry class tracks additions, changes, and deletions of objects done through the admin interface.
```

**LogEntry attributes**

LogEntry. **action_time**
The date and time of the action.

LogEntry. **user**
The user (an AUTH_USER_MODEL instance) who performed the action.

LogEntry. **content_type**
The ContentType of the modified object.

LogEntry. **object_id**
The textual representation of the modified object’s primary key.

LogEntry. **object_repr**
The object’s repr() after the modification.

LogEntry. **action_flag**
The type of action logged: ADDITION, CHANGE, DELETION.

For example, to get a list of all additions done through the admin:

```python
from django.contrib.admin.models import ADDITION, LogEntry
LogEntry.objects.filter(action_flag=ADDITION)
```

LogEntry. **change_message**
The detailed description of the modification. In the case of an edit, for example, the message contains a list of the edited fields. The Django admin site formats this content as a JSON structure, so that get_change_message() can recompose a message translated in the current user language. Custom code might set this as a plain string though. You are advised to use the get_change_message() method to retrieve this value instead of accessing it directly.

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LogEntry.get_edited_object()  
A shortcut that returns the referenced object.

LogEntry.get_change_message()  
Formats and translates change_message into the current user language. Messages created before Django 1.10 will always be displayed in the language in which they were logged.

Reversing admin URLs

When an AdminSite is deployed, the views provided by that site are accessible using Django’s URL reversing system.

The AdminSite provides the following named URL patterns:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Page</th>
<th>URL name</th>
<th>Parameters</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Index</td>
<td>index</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Login</td>
<td>login</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Logout</td>
<td>logout</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Password change</td>
<td>password_change</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Password change done</td>
<td>password_change_done</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>i18n JavaScript</td>
<td>jsi18n</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Application index page</td>
<td>app_list</td>
<td>app_label</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Redirect to object’s page</td>
<td>view_on_site</td>
<td>content_type_id, object_id</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Each ModelAdmin instance provides an additional set of named URLs:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Page</th>
<th>URL name</th>
<th>Parameters</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Changelist</td>
<td>{{ app_label }}_{{ model_name }}_changelist</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Add</td>
<td>{{ app_label }}_{{ model_name }}_add</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>History</td>
<td>{{ app_label }}_{{ model_name }}_history</td>
<td>object_id</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delete</td>
<td>{{ app_label }}_{{ model_name }}_delete</td>
<td>object_id</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Change</td>
<td>{{ app_label }}_{{ model_name }}_change</td>
<td>object_id</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The UserAdmin provides a named URL:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Page</th>
<th>URL name</th>
<th>Parameters</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Password change</td>
<td>auth_user_password_change</td>
<td>user_id</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

These named URLs are registered with the application namespace admin, and with an instance namespace corresponding to the name of the Site instance.

So - if you wanted to get a reference to the Change view for a particular Choice object (from the polls application) in the default admin, you would call:

```python
>>> from django.urls import reverse
>>> c = Choice.objects.get(...)
>>> change_url = reverse('admin:polls_choice_change', args=(c.id,))
```

This will find the first registered instance of the admin application (whatever the instance name), and resolve to the view for changing poll.Choice instances in that instance.
If you want to find a URL in a specific admin instance, provide the name of that instance as a `current_app` hint to the reverse call. For example, if you specifically wanted the admin view from the admin instance named `custom`, you would need to call:

```python
>>> change_url = reverse('admin:polls_choice_change', args=(c.id,), current_app='custom')
```

For more details, see the documentation on reversing namespaced URLs.

To allow easier reversing of the admin urls in templates, Django provides an `admin_urlname` filter which takes an action as argument:

```python
{% load admin_urls %}
<a href="{% url opts|admin_urlname:'add' %}">Add user</a>
<a href="{% url opts|admin_urlname:'delete' user.pk %}">Delete this user</a>
```

The action in the examples above match the last part of the URL names for `ModelAdmin` instances described above. The `opts` variable can be any object which has an `app_label` and `model_name` attributes and is usually supplied by the admin views for the current model.

**The staff_member_required decorator**

`staff_member_required (redirect_field_name='next', login_url='admin:login')`

This decorator is used on the admin views that require authorization. A view decorated with this function will having the following behavior:

- If the user is logged in, is a staff member (`User.is_staff=True`), and is active (`User.is_active=True`), execute the view normally.
- Otherwise, the request will be redirected to the URL specified by the `login_url` parameter, with the originally requested path in a query string variable specified by `redirect_field_name`. For example: `/admin/login/?next=/admin/polls/question/3/`.

Example usage:

```python
from django.contrib.admin.views.decorators import staff_member_required

@staff_member_required
def my_view(request):
...
```

### 6.5.2 django.contrib.auth

This document provides API reference material for the components of Django’s authentication system. For more details on the usage of these components or how to customize authentication and authorization see the authentication topic guide.

**User model**

```python
class models.User
```
Fields

class models.User

User objects have the following fields:

username

- Required. 150 characters or fewer. Usernames may contain alphanumeric, __, @, +, . and - characters.

The max_length should be sufficient for many use cases. If you need a longer length, please use a custom user model. If you use MySQL with the utf8mb4 encoding (recommended for proper Unicode support), specify at most max_length=191 because MySQL can only create unique indexes with 191 characters in that case by default.

first_name

- Optional (blank=True). 150 characters or fewer.

The max_length increased from 30 to 150 characters.

last_name

- Optional (blank=True). 150 characters or fewer.

email

- Optional (blank=True). Email address.

password

- Required. A hash of, and metadata about, the password. (Django doesn’t store the raw password.) Raw passwords can be arbitrarily long and can contain any character. See the password documentation.

groups

- Many-to-many relationship to Group

user_permissions

- Many-to-many relationship to Permission

is_staff

- Boolean. Designates whether this user can access the admin site.

is_active

- Boolean. Designates whether this user account should be considered active. We recommend that you set this flag to False instead of deleting accounts; that way, if your applications have any foreign keys to users, the foreign keys won’t break.

This doesn’t necessarily control whether or not the user can log in. Authentication backends aren’t required to check for the is_active flag but the default backend (ModelBackend) and the RemoteUserBackend do. You can use AllowAllUsersModelBackend or AllowAllUsersRemoteUserBackend if you want to allow inactive users to login. In this case, you’ll also want to customize the AuthenticationForm used by the LoginView as it rejects inactive users. Be aware that the permission-checking methods such as has_perm() and the authentication in the Django admin all return False for inactive users.

is_superuser

- Boolean. Designates that this user has all permissions without explicitly assigning them.

last_login

- A datetime of the user’s last login.

date_joined

- A datetime designating when the account was created. Is set to the current date/time by default when the account is created.
Attributes

```python
class models.User

is_authenticated
   Read-only attribute which is always True (as opposed to AnonymousUser.is_authenticated which is always False). This is a way to tell if the user has been authenticated. This does not imply any permissions and doesn’t check if the user is active or has a valid session. Even though normally you will check this attribute on request.user to find out whether it has been populated by the AuthenticationMiddleware (representing the currently logged-in user), you should know this attribute is True for any User instance.

is_anonymous
   Read-only attribute which is always False. This is a way of differentiating User and AnonymousUser objects. Generally, you should prefer using is_authenticated to this attribute.
```

Methods

```python
class models.User

get_username()
   Returns the username for the user. Since the User model can be swapped out, you should use this method instead of referencing the username attribute directly.

get_full_name()
   Returns the first_name plus the last_name, with a space in between.

get_short_name()
   Returns the first_name.

set_password(raw_password)
   Sets the user’s password to the given raw string, taking care of the password hashing. Doesn’t save the User object.

   When the raw_password is None, the password will be set to an unusable password, as if set_unusable_password() were used.

check_password(raw_password)
   Returns True if the given raw string is the correct password for the user. (This takes care of the password hashing in making the comparison.)

set_unusable_password()
   Marks the user as having no password set. This isn’t the same as having a blank string for a password. check_password() for this user will never return True. Doesn’t save the User object.

   You may need this if authentication for your application takes place against an existing external source such as an LDAP directory.

has_usable_password()
   Returns False if set_unusable_password() has been called for this user.

get_user_permissions(obj=None)
   Returns a set of permission strings that the user has directly.

   If obj is passed in, only returns the user permissions for this specific object.
get_group_permissions (obj=None)
Returns a set of permission strings that the user has, through their groups.
If obj is passed in, only returns the group permissions for this specific object.

get_all_permissions (obj=None)
Returns a set of permission strings that the user has, both through group and user permissions.
If obj is passed in, only returns the permissions for this specific object.

has_perm (perm, obj=None)
Returns True if the user has the specified permission, where perm is in the format "<app label>.<permission codename>". (see documentation on permissions). If the user is inactive, this method will always return False. For an active superuser, this method will always return True.
If obj is passed in, this method won’t check for a permission for the model, but for this specific object.

has_perms (perm_list, obj=None)
Returns True if the user has each of the specified permissions, where each perm is in the format "<app label>.<permission codename>". If the user is inactive, this method will always return False. For an active superuser, this method will always return True.
If obj is passed in, this method won’t check for permissions for the model, but for the specific object.

has_module_perms (package_name)
Returns True if the user has any permissions in the given package (the Django app label). If the user is inactive, this method will always return False. For an active superuser, this method will always return True.

email_user (subject, message, from_email=None, **kwargs)
Sends an email to the user. If from_email is None, Django uses the DEFAULT_FROM_EMAIL. Any **kwargs are passed to the underlying send_mail() call.

Manager methods

class models.UserManager
The User model has a custom manager that has the following helper methods (in addition to the methods provided by BaseUserManager):

create_user (username, email=None, password=None, **extra_fields)
Creates, saves and returns a User.
The username and password are set as given. The domain portion of email is automatically converted to lowercase, and the returned User object will have is_active set to True.
If no password is provided, set_unusable_password() will be called.
The extra_fields keyword arguments are passed through to the User’s __init__ method to allow setting arbitrary fields on a custom user model.
See Creating users for example usage.

create_superuser (username, email=None, password=None, **extra_fields)
Same as create_user(), but sets is_staff and is_superuser to True.
The email and password parameters were made optional.

with_perm (perm, is_active=True, include_superusers=True, backend=None, obj=None)
Returns users that have the given permission perm either in the "<app label>.<permission codename>" format or as a Permission instance. Returns an empty queryset if no users who have the perm found.
If `is_active` is `True` (default), returns only active users, or if `False`, returns only inactive users. Use `None` to return all users irrespective of active state.

If `include_superuser` is `True` (default), the result will include superusers.

If `backend` is passed in and it’s defined in `AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS`, then this method will use it. Otherwise, it will use the `backend` in `AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS`, if there is only one, or raise an exception.

**AnonymousUser object**

```python
class models.AnonymousUser
django.contrib.auth.models.AnonymousUser is a class that implements the `django.contrib.auth.models.User` interface, with these differences:
```

- `id` is always `None`.
- `username` is always the empty string.
- `get_username()` always returns the empty string.
- `is_anonymous` is `True` instead of `False`.
- `is_authenticated` is `False` instead of `True`.
- `is_staff` and `is_superuser` are always `False`.
- `is_active` is always `False`.
- `groups` and `user_permissions` are always empty.
- `set_password()`, `check_password()`, `save()` and `delete()` raise `NotImplementedError`.

In practice, you probably won’t need to use `AnonymousUser` objects on your own, but they’re used by Web requests, as explained in the next section.

**Permission model**

```python
class models.Permission
```

**Fields**

`Permission` objects have the following fields:

```python
class models.Permission
```

- `name`  
  Required. 255 characters or fewer. Example: 'Can vote'.

- `content_type`  
  Required. A reference to the `django_content_type` database table, which contains a record for each installed model.

- `codename`  
  Required. 100 characters or fewer. Example: 'can_vote'.
Methods

_Permission_ objects have the standard data-access methods like any other _Django model._

Group model
class models.Group

Fields

_Group_ objects have the following fields:
class models.Group

- **name**
  Required. 150 characters or fewer. Any characters are permitted. Example: 'Awesome Users'.

- **permissions**
  Many-to-many field to _Permission_:  
  
  ```python
  group.permissions.set([permission_list])
  group.permissions.add(permission, permission, ...)
  group.permissions.remove(permission, permission, ...)
  group.permissions.clear()
  ```

Validators
class validators.ASCIIUsernameValidator
  A field validator allowing only ASCII letters and numbers, in addition to @, .., +, -, and _.

class validators.UnicodeUsernameValidator
  A field validator allowing Unicode characters, in addition to @, .., +, -, and _. The default validator for _User_.

username

Login and logout signals

The auth framework uses the following _signals_ that can be used for notification when a user logs in or out.

user_logged_in()
  Sent when a user logs in successfully.

Arguments sent with this signal:

- **sender** The class of the user that just logged in.
- **request** The current _HttpRequest_ instance.
- **user** The user instance that just logged in.

user_logged_out()
  Sent when the logout method is called.

Arguments sent with this signal:

- **sender** As above: the class of the user that just logged out or _None_ if the user was not authenticated.
- **request** The current _HttpRequest_ instance.
user The user instance that just logged out or None if the user was not authenticated.

user_login_failed() Sent when the user failed to login successfully

sender The name of the module used for authentication.

credentials A dictionary of keyword arguments containing the user credentials that were passed to authenticate() or your own custom authentication backend. Credentials matching a set of ‘sensitive’ patterns, (including password) will not be sent in the clear as part of the signal.

request The HttpRequest object, if one was provided to authenticate().

Authentication backends

This section details the authentication backends that come with Django. For information on how to use them and how to write your own authentication backends, see the Other authentication sources section of the User authentication guide.

Available authentication backends

The following backends are available in django.contrib.auth.backends:

class BaseBackend
A base class that provides default implementations for all required methods. By default, it will reject any user and provide no permissions.

get_user_permissions(user_obj, obj=None)
Returns an empty set.

get_group_permissions(user_obj, obj=None)
Returns an empty set.

get_all_permissions(user_obj, obj=None)
Uses get_user_permissions() and get_group_permissions() to get the set of permission strings the user_obj has.

has_perm(user_obj, perm, obj=None)
Uses get_all_permissions() to check if user_obj has the permission string perm.

class ModelBackend
This is the default authentication backend used by Django. It authenticates using credentials consisting of a user identifier and password. For Django’s default user model, the user identifier is the username, for custom user models it is the field specified by USERNAME_FIELD (see Customizing Users and authentication).

It also handles the default permissions model as defined for User and PermissionsMixin.

has_perm(), get_all_permissions(), get_user_permissions(), and get_group_permissions() allow an object to be passed as a parameter for object-specific permissions, but this backend does not implement them other than returning an empty set of permissions if obj is not None.

with_perm() also allows an object to be passed as a parameter, but unlike others methods it returns an empty queryset if obj is not None.

authenticate(request, username=None, password=None, **kwargs)
Tries to authenticate username with password by calling User.check_password. If no username is provided, it tries to fetch a username from kwargs using the key CustomUser.USERNAME_FIELD. Returns an authenticated user or None.
request is an HttpRequest and may be None if it wasn’t provided to authenticate() (which passes it on to the backend).

get_user_permissions (user_obj, obj=None)
Returns the set of permission strings the user_obj has from their own user permissions. Returns an empty set if is_anonymous or is_active is False.

group_permissions (user_obj, obj=None)
Returns the set of permission strings the user_obj has from the permissions of the groups they belong. Returns an empty set if is_anonymous or is_active is False.

get_all_permissions (user_obj, obj=None)
Returns the set of permission strings the user_obj has, including both user permissions and group permissions. Returns an empty set if is_anonymous or is_active is False.

has_perm (user_obj, perm, obj=None)
Uses get_all_permissions() to check if user_obj has the permission string perm. Returns False if the user is not is_active.

has_module_perms (user_obj, app_label)
Returns whether the user_obj has any permissions on the app app_label.

user_can_authenticate()
Returns whether the user is allowed to authenticate. To match the behavior of AuthenticationForm which prohibits inactive users from logging in, this method returns False for users with is_active=False. Custom user models that don’t have an is_active field are allowed.

with_perm (perm, is_active=True, include_superusers=True, obj=None)
Returns all active users who have the permission perm either in the form of "<app_label>.<permission codename>" or a Permission instance. Returns an empty queryset if no users who have the perm found.

If is_active is True (default), returns only active users, or if False, returns only inactive users. Use None to return all users irrespective of active state.

If include_superusers is True (default), the result will include superusers.

class AllowAllUsersModelBackend
Same as ModelBackend except that it doesn’t reject inactive users because user_can_authenticate() always returns True.

When using this backend, you’ll likely want to customize the AuthenticationForm used by the LoginView by overriding the confirm_login_allowed() method as it rejects inactive users.

class RemoteUserBackend
Use this backend to take advantage of external-to-Django-handled authentication. It authenticates using usernames passed in request.META['REMOTE_USER']. See the Authenticating against REMOTE_USER documentation.

If you need more control, you can create your own authentication backend that inherits from this class and override these attributes or methods:

create Unknown_user
True or False. Determines whether or not a user object is created if not already in the database Defaults to True.

authenticate (request, remote_user)
The username passed as remote_user is considered trusted. This method returns the user object with the given username, creating a new user object if create Unknown_user is True.

Returns None if create Unknown_user is False and a User object with the given username is not found in the database.
request is an HttpRequest and may be None if it wasn’t provided to authenticate() (which passes it on to the backend).

**clean_username(username)**
Performs any cleaning on the username (e.g. stripping LDAP DN information) prior to using it to get or create a user object. Returns the cleaned username.

**configure_user(request, user)**
Configures a newly created user. This method is called immediately after a new user is created, and can be used to perform custom setup actions, such as setting the user’s groups based on attributes in an LDAP directory. Returns the user object.

request is an HttpRequest and may be None if it wasn’t provided to authenticate() (which passes it on to the backend).

**user_can_authenticate()**
Returns whether the user is allowed to authenticate. This method returns False for users with is_active=False. Custom user models that don’t have an is_active field are allowed.

```python
class AllowAllUsersRemoteUserBackend
Same as RemoteUserBackend except that it doesn’t reject inactive users because user_can_authenticate always returns True.
```

**Utility functions**

**get_user(request)**
Returns the user model instance associated with the given request’s session.

It checks if the authentication backend stored in the session is present in AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS. If so, it uses the backend’s get_user() method to retrieve the user model instance and then verifies the session by calling the user model’s get_session_auth_hash() method.

Returns an instance of AnonymousUser if the authentication backend stored in the session is no longer in AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS, if a user isn’t returned by the backend’s get_user() method, or if the session auth hash doesn’t validate.

### 6.5.3 The contenttypes framework

Django includes a contenttypes application that can track all of the models installed in your Django-powered project, providing a high-level, generic interface for working with your models.

**Overview**

At the heart of the contenttypes application is the ContentType model, which lives at django.contrib.contenttypes.models.ContentType. Instances of ContentType represent and store information about the models installed in your project, and new instances of ContentType are automatically created whenever new models are installed.

Instances of ContentType have methods for returning the model classes they represent and for querying objects from those models. ContentType also has a custom manager that adds methods for working with ContentType and for obtaining instances of ContentType for a particular model.

Relations between your models and ContentType can also be used to enable “generic” relationships between an instance of one of your models and instances of any model you have installed.
Installing the contenttypes framework

The contenttypes framework is included in the default INSTALLED_APPS list created by django-admin startproject, but if you’ve removed it or if you manually set up your INSTALLED_APPS list, you can enable it by adding 'django.contrib.contenttypes' to your INSTALLED_APPS setting.

It’s generally a good idea to have the contenttypes framework installed; several of Django’s other bundled applications require it:

- The admin application uses it to log the history of each object added or changed through the admin interface.
- Django’s authentication framework uses it to tie user permissions to specific models.

The ContentType model

class ContentType
    Each instance of ContentType has two fields which, taken together, uniquely describe an installed model:

    app_label
        The name of the application the model is part of. This is taken from the app_label attribute of the model, and includes only the last part of the application’s Python import path; django.contrib.contenttypes, for example, becomes an app_label of contenttypes.

    model
        The name of the model class.

    name
        The human-readable name of the content type. This is taken from the verbose_name attribute of the model.

Let’s look at an example to see how this works. If you already have the contenttypes application installed, and then add the sites application to your INSTALLED_APPS setting and run manage.py migrate to install it, the model django.contrib.sites.models.Site will be installed into your database. Along with it a new instance of ContentType will be created with the following values:

- app_label will be set to 'sites' (the last part of the Python path django.contrib.sites).
- model will be set to 'site'.

Methods on ContentType instances

Each ContentType instance has methods that allow you to get from a ContentType instance to the model it represents, or to retrieve objects from that model:

ContentType.get_object_for_this_type(**kwargs)
    Takes a set of valid lookup arguments for the model the ContentType represents, and does a get() lookup on that model, returning the corresponding object.

ContentType.model_class()
    Returns the model class represented by this ContentType instance.

For example, we could look up the ContentType for the User model:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.contenttypes.models import ContentType
>>> user_type = ContentType.objects.get(app_label='auth', model='user')
>>> user_type
<ContentType: user>
```
And then use it to query for a particular `User`, or to get access to the `User` model class:

```python
>>> user_type.model_class()
<class 'django.contrib.auth.models.User'>
>>> user_type.get_object_for_this_type(username='Guido')
<User: Guido>
```

Together, `get_object_for_this_type()` and `model_class()` enable two extremely important use cases:

1. Using these methods, you can write high-level generic code that performs queries on any installed model – instead of importing and using a single specific model class, you can pass an `app_label` and `model` into a `ContentType` lookup at runtime, and then work with the model class or retrieve objects from it.

2. You can relate another model to `ContentType` as a way of tying instances of it to particular model classes, and use these methods to get access to those model classes.

Several of Django’s bundled applications make use of the latter technique. For example, the permissions system in Django’s authentication framework uses a `Permission` model with a foreign key to `ContentType`; this lets `Permission` represent concepts like “can add blog entry” or “can delete news story”.

**The `ContentTypeManager`**

```python
class ContentTypeManager

    ContentType also has a custom manager, `ContentTypeManager`, which adds the following methods:

    clear_cache()
    Clears an internal cache used by `ContentType` to keep track of models for which it has created `ContentType` instances. You probably won’t ever need to call this method yourself; Django will call it automatically when it’s needed.

    get_for_id(id)
    Lookup a `ContentType` by ID. Since this method uses the same shared cache as `get_for_model()`, it’s preferred to use this method over the usual `ContentType.objects.get(pk=id)`.

    get_for_model(model, for_concrete_model=True)
    Takes either a model class or an instance of a model, and returns the `ContentType` instance representing that model. `for_concrete_model=False` allows fetching the `ContentType` of a proxy model.

    get_for_models(*models, for_concrete_models=True)
    Takes a variadic number of model classes, and returns a dictionary mapping the model classes to the `ContentType` instances representing them. `for_concrete_models=False` allows fetching the `ContentType` of proxy models.

    get_by_natural_key(app_label, model)
    Returns the `ContentType` instance uniquely identified by the given application label and model name. The primary purpose of this method is to allow `ContentType` objects to be referenced via a natural key during deserialization.

    The `get_for_model()` method is especially useful when you know you need to work with a `ContentType` but don’t want to go to the trouble of obtaining the model’s metadata to perform a manual lookup:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.auth.models import User
>>> ContentType.objects.get_for_model(User)
<ContentType: user>
```
Generic relations

Adding a foreign key from one of your own models to `ContentType` allows your model to effectively tie itself to another model class, as in the example of the `Permission` model above. But it’s possible to go one step further and use `ContentType` to enable truly generic (sometimes called “polymorphic”) relationships between models.

For example, it could be used for a tagging system like so:

```python
from django.contrib.contenttypes.fields import GenericForeignKey
from django.contrib.contenttypes.models import ContentType
from django.db import models

class TaggedItem(models.Model):
    tag = models.SlugField()
    content_type = models.ForeignKey(ContentType, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    object_id = models.PositiveIntegerField()
    content_object = GenericForeignKey('content_type', 'object_id')

    def __str__(self):
        return self.tag
```

A normal `ForeignKey` can only “point to” one other model, which means that if the `TaggedItem` model used a `ForeignKey` it would have to choose one and only one model to store tags for. The contenttypes application provides a special field type (`GenericForeignKey`) which works around this and allows the relationship to be with any model:

```python
class GenericForeignKey
    There are three parts to setting up a `GenericForeignKey`:
    1. Give your model a `ForeignKey` to `ContentType`. The usual name for this field is “content_type”.
    2. Give your model a field that can store primary key values from the models you’ll be relating to. For most models, this means a `PositiveIntegerField`. The usual name for this field is “object_id”.
    3. Give your model a `GenericForeignKey`, and pass it the names of the two fields described above. If these fields are named “content_type” and “object_id”, you can omit this – those are the default field names `GenericForeignKey` will look for.

    `for_concrete_model`
        If False, the field will be able to reference proxy models. Default is True. This mirrors the `for_concrete_model` argument to `get_for_model()`.
```

Primary key type compatibility

The “object_id” field doesn’t have to be the same type as the primary key fields on the related models, but their primary key values must be coercible to the same type as the “object_id” field by its `get_db_prep_value()` method.

For example, if you want to allow generic relations to models with either `IntegerField` or `CharField` primary key fields, you can use `CharField` for the “object_id” field on your model since integers can be coerced to strings by `get_db_prep_value()`.

For maximum flexibility you can use a `TextField` which doesn’t have a maximum length defined, however this may incur significant performance penalties depending on your database backend.

There is no one-size-fits-all solution for which field type is best. You should evaluate the models you expect to be pointing to and determine which solution will be most effective for your use case.

Serializing references to `ContentType` objects
If you’re serializing data (for example, when generating fixtures) from a model that implements generic relations, you should probably be using a natural key to uniquely identify related ContentType objects. See natural keys and dumpdata --natural-foreign for more information.

This will enable an API similar to the one used for a normal ForeignKey; each TaggedItem will have a content_object field that returns the object it’s related to, and you can also assign to that field or use it when creating a TaggedItem:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.auth.models import User
>>> guido = User.objects.get(username='Guido')
>>> t = TaggedItem(content_object=guido, tag='bdfl')
>>> t.save()
>>> t.content_object
<User: Guido>
```

If the related object is deleted, the content_type and object_id fields remain set to their original values and the GenericForeignKey returns None:

```python
>>> guido.delete()
>>> t.content_object  # returns None
```

Due to the way GenericForeignKey is implemented, you cannot use such fields directly with filters (filter() and exclude(), for example) via the database API. Because a GenericForeignKey isn’t a normal field object, these examples will not work:

```python
# This will fail
>>> TaggedItem.objects.filter(content_object=guido)
# This will also fail
>>> TaggedItem.objects.get(content_object=guido)
```

Likewise, GenericForeignKeys does not appear in ModelForms.

Reverse generic relations

class GenericRelation

related_query_name

The relation on the related object back to this object doesn’t exist by default. Setting related_query_name creates a relation from the related object back to this one. This allows querying and filtering from the related object.

If you know which models you’ll be using most often, you can also add a “reverse” generic relationship to enable an additional API. For example:

```python
from django.contrib.contenttypes.fields import GenericRelation
from django.db import models

class Bookmark(models.Model):
    url = models.URLField()
    tags = GenericRelation(TaggedItem)
```

Bookmark instances will each have a tags attribute, which can be used to retrieve their associated TaggedItems:
>>> b = Bookmark(url='https://www.djangoproject.com/')
>>> b.save()
>>> t1 = TaggedItem(content_object=b, tag='django')
>>> t1.save()
>>> t2 = TaggedItem(content_object=b, tag='python')
>>> t2.save()
>>> b.tags.all()
<QuerySet [<TaggedItem: django>, <TaggedItem: python>]>  

You can also use add(), create(), or set() to create relationships:

>>> t3 = TaggedItem(tag='Web development')
>>> b.tags.add(t3, bulk=False)
>>> b.tags.all()
<QuerySet [<TaggedItem: django>, <TaggedItem: python>, <TaggedItem: Web development>]>  

The remove() call will bulk delete the specified model objects:

>>> b.tags.remove(t3)
>>> b.tags.all()
<QuerySet [<TaggedItem: django>]>  

The clear() method can be used to bulk delete all related objects for an instance:

>>> b.tags.clear()
>>> b.tags.all()
<QuerySet []>

Defining **GenericRelation** with related_query_name set allows querying from the related object:

```python
tags = GenericRelation(TaggedItem, related_query_name='bookmark')
```

This enables filtering, ordering, and other query operations on Bookmark from TaggedItem:

```python
>>> # Get all tags belonging to bookmarks containing 'django' in the url
>>> TaggedItem.objects.filter(bookmark__url__contains='django')
<QuerySet [<TaggedItem: django>, <TaggedItem: python>]>  
```

If you don’t add the related_query_name, you can do the same types of lookups manually:

```python
>>> bookmarks = Bookmark.objects.filter(url__contains='django')
>>> bookmark_type = ContentType.objects.get_for_model(Bookmark)
>>> TaggedItem.objects.filter(content_type__pk=bookmark_type.id, object_id__in=bookmarks)
<QuerySet [<TaggedItem: django>, <TaggedItem: python>]>  
```

Just as **GenericForeignKey** accepts the names of the content-type and object-ID fields as arguments, so too does **GenericRelation**: if the model which has the generic foreign key is using non-default names for those fields, you
must pass the names of the fields when setting up a `GenericRelation` to it. For example, if the TaggedItem model referred to above used fields named `content_type_fk` and `object_primary_key` to create its generic foreign key, then a `GenericRelation` back to it would need to be defined like so:

```python
tags = GenericRelation(
    TaggedItem,
    content_type_field='content_type_fk',
    object_id_field='object_primary_key',
)
```

Note also, that if you delete an object that has a `GenericRelation`, any objects which have a `GenericForeignKey` pointing at it will be deleted as well. In the example above, this means that if a `Bookmark` object were deleted, any `TaggedItem` objects pointing at it would be deleted at the same time.

Unlike `ForeignKey`, `GenericForeignKey` does not accept an `on_delete` argument to customize this behavior; if desired, you can avoid the cascade-deletion by not using `GenericRelation`, and alternate behavior can be provided via the `pre_delete` signal.

### Generic relations and aggregation

*Django's database aggregation API* works with a `GenericRelation`. For example, you can find out how many tags all the bookmarks have:

```python
>>> Bookmark.objects.aggregate(Count('tags'))
{'tags__count': 3}
```

### Generic relation in forms

The `django.contrib.contenttypes.forms` module provides:

- `BaseGenericInlineFormSet`
- A formset factory, `generic_inlineformset_factory()`, for use with `GenericForeignKey`.

```python
class BaseGenericInlineFormSet
generic_inlineformset_factory(
    model, form=ModelForm, formset=BaseGenericInlineFormSet, ct_field="content_type", fk_field="object_id", fields=None, exclude=None, extra=3, can_order=False, can_delete=True, max_num=None, formfield_callback=None, validate_max=False, for_concrete_model=True, min_num=None, validate_min=False
)
```

Returns a `GenericInlineFormSet` using `modelformset_factory()`.

You must provide `ct_field` and `fk_field` if they are different from the defaults, `content_type` and `object_id` respectively. Other parameters are similar to those documented in `modelformset_factory()` and `inlineformset_factory()`.

The `for_concrete_model` argument corresponds to the `for_concrete_model` argument on `GenericForeignKey`.

### Generic relations in admin

The `django.contrib.contenttypes.admin` module provides `GenericTabularInline` and `GenericStackedInline` (subclasses of `GenericInlineModelAdmin`).

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These classes and functions enable the use of generic relations in forms and the admin. See the model formset and admin documentation for more information.

**class GenericInlineModelAdmin**

The `GenericInlineModelAdmin` class inherits all properties from an `InlineModelAdmin` class. However, it adds a couple of its own for working with the generic relation:

- **ct_field**
  The name of the `ContentType` foreign key field on the model. Defaults to `content_type`.

- **ct_fk_field**
  The name of the integer field that represents the ID of the related object. Defaults to `object_id`.

**class GenericTabularInline**

**class GenericStackedInline**

Subclasses of `GenericInlineModelAdmin` with stacked and tabular layouts, respectively.

### 6.5.4 The flatpages app

Django comes with an optional “flatpages” application. It lets you store “flat” HTML content in a database and handles the management for you via Django’s admin interface and a Python API.

A flatpage is an object with a URL, title and content. Use it for one-off, special-case pages, such as “About” or “Privacy Policy” pages, that you want to store in a database but for which you don’t want to develop a custom Django application.

A flatpage can use a custom template or a default, systemwide flatpage template. It can be associated with one, or multiple, sites.

The content field may optionally be left blank if you prefer to put your content in a custom template.

**Installation**

To install the flatpages app, follow these steps:

1. Install the sites framework by adding `'django.contrib.sites'` to your `INSTALLED_APPS` setting, if it’s not already in there.
   
   Also make sure you’ve correctly set `SITE_ID` to the ID of the site the settings file represents. This will usually be 1 (i.e. `SITE_ID = 1`), but if you’re using the sites framework to manage multiple sites, it could be the ID of a different site.

2. Add `'django.contrib.flatpages'` to your `INSTALLED_APPS` setting.

Then either:

3. Add an entry in your URLconf. For example:

   ```python
   urlpatterns = [
       path('pages/', include('django.contrib.flatpages.urls')),
   ]
   ```

   or:

   3. Add `'django.contrib.flatpages.middleware.FlatpageFallbackMiddleware'` to your `MIDDLEWARE` setting.

4. Run the command `manage.py migrate`. 

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manage.py migrate creates two tables in your database: django_flatpage and django_flatpage_sites. django_flatpage is a lookup table that maps a URL to a title and bunch of text content. django_flatpage_sites associates a flatpage with a site.

Using the URLconf

There are several ways to include the flat pages in your URLconf. You can dedicate a particular path to flat pages:

```python
urlpatterns = [
    path('pages/', include('django.contrib.flatpages.urls')),
]
```

You can also set it up as a “catchall” pattern. In this case, it is important to place the pattern at the end of the other urlpatterns:

```python
from django.contrib.flatpages import views

# Your other patterns here
urlpatterns += [
    re_path(r'^(?P<url>.*/)$', views.flatpage),
]
```

**Warning:** If you set APPEND_SLASH to False, you must remove the slash in the catchall pattern or flatpages without a trailing slash will not be matched.

Another common setup is to use flat pages for a limited set of known pages and to hard code the urls, so you can reference them with the url template tag:

```python
from django.contrib.flatpages import views

urlpatterns += [
    path('about-us/', views.flatpage, {'url': '/about-us/'}, name='about'),
    path('license/', views.flatpage, {'url': '/license/'}, name='license'),
]
```

Using the middleware

The FlatpageFallbackMiddleware can do all of the work.

```python
class FlatpageFallbackMiddleware
```

Each time any Django application raises a 404 error, this middleware checks the flatpages database for the requested URL as a last resort. Specifically, it checks for a flatpage with the given URL with a site ID that corresponds to the SITE_ID setting.

If it finds a match, it follows this algorithm:

- If the flatpage has a custom template, it loads that template. Otherwise, it loads the template flatpages/default.html.

- It passes that template a single context variable, flatpage, which is the flatpage object. It uses RequestContext in rendering the template.
The middleware will only add a trailing slash and redirect (by looking at the \texttt{APPEND_SLASH} setting) if the resulting URL refers to a valid flatpage. Redirects are permanent (301 status code).

If it doesn’t find a match, the request continues to be processed as usual.

The middleware only gets activated for 404s – not for 500s or responses of any other status code.

**Flatpages will not apply view middleware**

Because the \texttt{FlatpageFallbackMiddleware} is applied only after URL resolution has failed and produced a 404, the response it returns will not apply any \texttt{view middleware} methods. Only requests which are successfully routed to a view via normal URL resolution apply view middleware.

Note that the order of \texttt{MIDDLEWARE} matters. Generally, you can put \texttt{FlatpageFallbackMiddleware} at the end of the list. This means it will run first when processing the response, and ensures that any other response-processing middleware see the real flatpage response rather than the 404.

For more on middleware, read the \texttt{middleware docs}.

**Ensure that your 404 template works**

Note that the \texttt{FlatpageFallbackMiddleware} only steps in once another view has successfully produced a 404 response. If another view or middleware class attempts to produce a 404 but ends up raising an exception instead, the response will become an HTTP 500 (“Internal Server Error”) and the \texttt{FlatpageFallbackMiddleware} will not attempt to serve a flat page.

**How to add, change and delete flatpages**

**Via the admin interface**

If you’ve activated the automatic Django admin interface, you should see a “Flatpages” section on the admin index page. Edit flatpages as you edit any other object in the system.

The \texttt{FlatPage} model has an \texttt{enable_comments} field that isn’t used by \texttt{contrib.flatpages}, but that could be useful for your project or third-party apps. It doesn’t appear in the admin interface, but you can add it by registering a custom \texttt{ModelAdmin} for \texttt{FlatPage}:

```python
from django.contrib import admin
from django.contrib.flatpages.admin import FlatPageAdmin
from django.contrib.flatpages.models import FlatPage
from django.utils.translation import gettext_lazy as _

# Define a new FlatPageAdmin
class FlatPageAdmin(FlatPageAdmin):
    fieldsets = (
        (None, {'fields': ('url', 'title', 'content', 'sites')}),
        (_('Advanced options'), {'
            'classes': 'collapse',
            'fields': ('enable_comments',
                        'registration_required',
                        'template_name',
                        ),
        )
    ),
```

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Via the Python API

class FlatPage

Flatpages are represented by a standard Django model, which lives in django/contrib/flatpages/models.py. You can access flatpage objects via the Django database API.

Check for duplicate flatpage URLs.

If you add or modify flatpages via your own code, you will likely want to check for duplicate flatpage URLs within the same site. The flatpage form used in the admin performs this validation check, and can be imported from django.contrib.flatpages.forms.FlatpageForm and used in your own views.

Flatpage templates

By default, flatpages are rendered via the template flatpages/default.html, but you can override that for a particular flatpage: in the admin, a collapsed fieldset titled “Advanced options” (clicking will expand it) contains a field for specifying a template name. If you’re creating a flat page via the Python API you can set the template name as the field template_name on the FlatPage object.

Creating the flatpages/default.html template is your responsibility; in your template directory, create a flatpages directory containing a file default.html.

Flatpage templates are passed a single context variable, flatpage, which is the flatpage object.

Here’s a sample flatpages/default.html template:

```html
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
<title>{{ flatpage.title }}</title>
</head>
<body>
{{ flatpage.content }}
</body>
</html>
```

Since you’re already entering raw HTML into the admin page for a flatpage, both flatpage.title and flatpage.content are marked as not requiring automatic HTML escaping in the template.

Getting a list of FlatPage objects in your templates

The flatpages app provides a template tag that allows you to iterate over all of the available flatpages on the current site.

Like all custom template tags, you’ll need to load its custom tag library before you can use it. After loading the library, you can retrieve all current flatpages via the get_flatpages tag:

```python
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```
Displaying registration_required flatpages

By default, the `get_flatpages` template tag will only show flatpages that are marked `registration_required = False`. If you want to display registration-protected flatpages, you need to specify an authenticated user using a `for` clause.

For example:

```template
get_flatpages for someuser as about_pages
```

If you provide an anonymous user, `get_flatpages` will behave the same as if you hadn’t provided a user – i.e., it will only show you public flatpages.

Limiting flatpages by base URL

An optional argument, `starts_with`, can be applied to limit the returned pages to those beginning with a particular base URL. This argument may be passed as a string, or as a variable to be resolved from the context.

For example:

```template
get_flatpages '/about/' as about_pages
get_flatpages about_prefix as about_pages
get_flatpages '/about/' for someuser as about_pages
```

Integrating with `django.contrib.sitemaps`

**class FlatPageSitemap**

The `sitemaps.FlatPageSitemap` class looks at all publicly visible `flatpages` defined for the current `SITE_ID` (see the `sites documentation`) and creates an entry in the sitemap. These entries include only the `location` attribute – not `lastmod`, `changefreq` or `priority`.

Example

Here’s an example of a URLconf using `FlatPageSitemap`:

```python
from django.contrib.flatpages.sitemaps import FlatPageSitemap
from django.contrib.sitemaps.views import sitemap
from django.urls import path

urlpatterns = [
    path('', ...),
    # the sitemap
]
```
6.5.5 GeoDjango

GeoDjango intends to be a world-class geographic Web framework. Its goal is to make it as easy as possible to build GIS Web applications and harness the power of spatially enabled data.

**GeoDjango Tutorial**

**Introduction**

GeoDjango is an included contrib module for Django that turns it into a world-class geographic Web framework. GeoDjango strives to make it as simple as possible to create geographic Web applications, like location-based services. Its features include:

- Django model fields for OGC geometries and raster data.
- Extensions to Django’s ORM for querying and manipulating spatial data.
- Loosely-coupled, high-level Python interfaces for GIS geometry and raster operations and data manipulation in different formats.
- Editing geometry fields from the admin.

This tutorial assumes familiarity with Django; thus, if you’re brand new to Django, please read through the regular tutorial to familiarize yourself with Django first.

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**Note:** GeoDjango has additional requirements beyond what Django requires – please consult the installation documentation for more details.

This tutorial will guide you through the creation of a geographic web application for viewing the world borders.¹ Some of the code used in this tutorial is taken from and/or inspired by the GeoDjango basic apps project.²

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**Setting Up**

**Create a Spatial Database**

Typically no special setup is required, so you can create a database as you would for any other project. We provide some tips for selected databases:

- *Installing PostGIS*
- *Installing SpatiaLite*

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¹ Special thanks to Bjørn Sandvik of thematicmapping.org for providing and maintaining this dataset.
² GeoDjango basic apps was written by Dane Springmeyer, Josh Livni, and Christopher Schmidt.
Create a New Project

Use the standard django-admin script to create a project called geodjango:

```bash
$ django-admin startproject geodjango
```

This will initialize a new project. Now, create a world Django application within the geodjango project:

```bash
$ cd geodjango
$ python manage.py startapp world
```

Configure settings.py

The geodjango project settings are stored in the geodjango/settings.py file. Edit the database connection settings to match your setup:

```python
DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        'ENGINE': 'django.contrib.gis.db.backends.postgis',
        'NAME': 'geodjango',
        'USER': 'geo',
    },
}
```

In addition, modify the INSTALLED_APPS setting to include django.contrib.admin, django.contrib.gis, and world (your newly created application):

```python
INSTALLED_APPS = [
    'django.contrib.admin',
    'django.contrib.auth',
    'django.contrib.contenttypes',
    'django.contrib.sessions',
    'django.contrib.messages',
    'django.contrib.staticfiles',
    'django.contrib.gis',
    'world',
]
```

Geographic Data

World Borders

The world borders data is available in this zip file. Create a data directory in the world application, download the world borders data, and unzip. On GNU/Linux platforms, use the following commands:

```bash
$ mkdir world/data
$ cd world/data
$ wget https://thematicmapping.org/downloads/TM_WORLD_BORDERS-0.3.zip
$ unzip TM_WORLD_BORDERS-0.3.zip
$ cd ../..
```

The world borders ZIP file contains a set of data files collectively known as an ESRI Shapefile, one of the most popular geospatial data formats. When unzipped, the world borders dataset includes files with the following extensions:
- **.shp**: Holds the vector data for the world borders geometries.
- **.shx**: Spatial index file for geometries stored in the .shp.
- **.dbf**: Database file for holding non-geometric attribute data (e.g., integer and character fields).
- **.prj**: Contains the spatial reference information for the geographic data stored in the shapefile.

**Use ogrinfo to examine spatial data**

The GDAL `ogrinfo` utility allows examining the metadata of shapefiles or other vector data sources:

```
$ ogrinfo world/data/TM_WORLD_BORDERS-0.3.shp
INFO: Open of `world/data/TM_WORLD_BORDERS-0.3.shp'
   using driver 'ESRI Shapefile' successful.
1: TM_WORLD_BORDERS-0.3 (Polygon)
```

`ogrinfo` tells us that the shapefile has one layer, and that this layer contains polygon data. To find out more, we'll specify the layer name and use the `-so` option to get only the important summary information:

```
$ ogrinfo -so world/data/TM_WORLD_BORDERS-0.3.shp TM_WORLD_BORDERS-0.3
INFO: Open of `world/data/TM_WORLD_BORDERS-0.3.shp'
   using driver 'ESRI Shapefile' successful.
Layer name: TM_WORLD_BORDERS-0.3
Geometry: Polygon
Feature Count: 246
Extent: (-180.000000, -90.000000) - (180.000000, 83.623596)
Layer SRS WKT:
GEOGCS["GCS_WGS_1984",
   DATUM["WGS_1984",
      SPHEROID["WGS_1984",6378137.0,298.257223563],
      PRIMEM["Greenwich",0.0],
      UNIT["Degree",0.0174532925199433]]
FIPS: String (2.0)
ISO2: String (2.0)
ISO3: String (3.0)
UN: Integer (3.0)
NAME: String (50.0)
AREA: Integer (7.0)
POP2005: Integer (10.0)
REGION: Integer (3.0)
SUBREGION: Integer (3.0)
LON: Real (8.3)
LAT: Real (7.3)
```

This detailed summary information tells us the number of features in the layer (246), the geographic bounds of the data, the spatial reference system (“SRS WKT”), as well as type information for each attribute field. For example, **FIPS: String (2.0)** indicates that the FIPS character field has a maximum length of 2. Similarly, **LON: Real (8.3)** is a floating-point field that holds a maximum of 8 digits up to three decimal places.

**Geographic Models**

**Defining a Geographic Model**

Now that you’ve examined your dataset using `ogrinfo`, create a GeoDjango model to represent this data:
from django.contrib.gis.db import models

class WorldBorder(models.Model):
    # Regular Django fields corresponding to the attributes in the
    # world borders shapefile.
    name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    area = models.IntegerField()
    pop2005 = models.IntegerField('Population 2005')
    fips = models.CharField('FIPS Code', max_length=2, null=True)
    iso2 = models.CharField('2 Digit ISO', max_length=2)
    iso3 = models.CharField('3 Digit ISO', max_length=3)
    un = models.IntegerField('United Nations Code')
    region = models.IntegerField('Region Code')
    subregion = models.IntegerField('Sub-Region Code')
    lon = models.FloatField()
    lat = models.FloatField()

    # GeoDjango-specific: a geometry field (MultiPolygonField)
    mpoly = models.MultiPolygonField()

    # Returns the string representation of the model.
    def __str__(self):
        return self.name

Note that the models module is imported from django.contrib.gis.db.
The default spatial reference system for geometry fields is WGS84 (meaning the SRID is 4326) – in other words, the field coordinates are in longitude, latitude pairs in units of degrees. To use a different coordinate system, set the SRID of the geometry field with the srid argument. Use an integer representing the coordinate system’s EPSG code.

Run `migrate`

After defining your model, you need to sync it with the database. First, create a database migration:

```bash
$ python manage.py makemigrations
Migrations for 'world':
    world/migrations/0001_initial.py:
        - Create model WorldBorder
```

Let’s look at the SQL that will generate the table for the WorldBorder model:

```bash
$ python manage.py sqlmigrate world 0001
```

This command should produce the following output:

```sql
BEGIN;
--
-- Create model WorldBorder
--
CREATE TABLE "world_worldborder" (  
    "id" serial NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY,
    "name" varchar(50) NOT NULL,
    "area" integer NOT NULL,
    "pop2005" integer NOT NULL,
    "fips" varchar(2) NOT NULL,
    "iso2" varchar(2) NOT NULL,
```
If this looks correct, run `migrate` to create this table in the database:

```
$ python manage.py migrate
Operations to perform:
   Apply all migrations: admin, auth, contenttypes, sessions, world
Running migrations:
   ...  
   Applying world.0001_initial... OK
```

**Importing Spatial Data**

This section will show you how to import the world borders shapefile into the database via GeoDjango models using the `LayerMapping` data import utility.

There are many different ways to import data into a spatial database – besides the tools included within GeoDjango, you may also use the following:

- **ogr2ogr**: A command-line utility included with GDAL that can import many vector data formats into PostGIS, MySQL, and Oracle databases.
- **shp2pgsql**: This utility included with PostGIS imports ESRI shapefiles into PostGIS.

**GDAL Interface**

Earlier, you used `ogrinfo` to examine the contents of the world borders shapefile. GeoDjango also includes a Pythonic interface to GDAL's powerful OGR library that can work with all the vector data sources that OGR supports.

First, invoke the Django shell:

```
$ python manage.py shell
```

If you downloaded the *World Borders* data earlier in the tutorial, then you can determine its path using Python’s `pathlib.Path`:

```
>>> from pathlib import Path
>>> import world
>>> world_shp = Path(world.__file__).resolve().parent / 'data' / 'TM_WORLD_BORDERS-0.3.shp'
```

Now, open the world borders shapefile using GeoDjango’s `DataSource` interface:
```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.gdal import DataSource
>>> ds = DataSource(str(world_shp))
>>> print(ds)
... /geodjango/world/data/TM_WORLD_BORDERS-0.3.shp (ESRI Shapefile)
```

Data source objects can have different layers of geospatial features; however, shapefiles are only allowed to have one layer:

```python
>>> print(len(ds))
1
>>> lyr = ds[0]
>>> print(lyr)
TM_WORLD_BORDERS-0.3
```

You can see the layer's geometry type and how many features it contains:

```python
>>> print(lyr.geom_type)
Polygon
>>> print(len(lyr))
246
```

**Note:** Unfortunately, the shapefile data format does not allow for greater specificity with regards to geometry types. This shapefile, like many others, actually includes MultiPolygon geometries, not Polygons. It's important to use a more general field type in models: a GeoDjango MultiPolygonField will accept a Polygon geometry, but a PolygonField will not accept a MultiPolygon type geometry. This is why the WorldBorder model defined above uses a MultiPolygonField.

The **Layer** may also have a spatial reference system associated with it. If it does, the `srs` attribute will return a `SpatialReference` object:

```python
>>> srs = lyr.srs
>>> print(srs)
GEOGCS["GCS_WGS_1984", DATUM["WGS_1984", SPHEROID["WGS_1984", 6378137.0, 298.257223563]], PRIMEM["Greenwich", 0.0], UNIT["Degree", 0.0174532925199433]]
>>> srs.proj4 # PROJ.4 representation
'+proj=longlat +ellps=WGS84 +datum=WGS84 +no_defs '
```

This shapefile is in the popular WGS84 spatial reference system – in other words, the data uses longitude, latitude pairs in units of degrees.

In addition, shapefiles also support attribute fields that may contain additional data. Here are the fields on the World Borders layer:

```python
>>> print(lyr.fields)
['FIPS', 'ISO2', 'ISO3', 'UN', 'NAME', 'AREA', 'POP2005', 'REGION', 'SUBREGION', 'LON', 'LAT']
```

The following code will let you examine the OGR types (e.g. integer or string) associated with each of the fields:

```python
>>> [fld.__name__ for fld in lyr.field_types]
['OFTString', 'OFTString', 'OFTString', 'OFTInteger', 'OFTString', 'OFTInteger',
 'OFTInteger', 'OFTInteger', 'OFTReal', 'OFTReal']
```
You can iterate over each feature in the layer and extract information from both the feature’s geometry (accessed via the `geom` attribute) as well as the feature’s attribute fields (whose `values` are accessed via `get()` method):

```python
>>> for feat in lyr:
...   print(feat.get('NAME'), feat.geom.num_points)
...   Guernsey 18
   Jersey 26
   South Georgia South Sandwich Islands 338
   Taiwan 363
```

`Layer` objects may be sliced:

```python
>>> lyr[0:2]
[<django.contrib.gis.gdal.feature.Feature object at 0x2f47690>, <django.contrib.gis.gdal.feature.Feature object at 0x2f47650>]
```

And individual features may be retrieved by their feature ID:

```python
>>> feat = lyr[234]
>>> print(feat.get('NAME'))
San Marino
```

Boundary geometries may be exported as WKT and GeoJSON:

```python
>>> geom = feat.geom
>>> print(geom.wkt)
POLYGON ((12.415798 43.957954, 12.450554 ...)
>>> print(geom.json)
{ "type": "Polygon", "coordinates": [ [ [ 12.415798, 43.957954 ], [ 12.450554, 43.979721 ], ... ]
```

**LayerMapping**

To import the data, use a `LayerMapping` in a Python script. Create a file called `load.py` inside the `world` application, with the following code:

```python
from pathlib import Path
from django.contrib.gis.utils import LayerMapping
from .models import WorldBorder

world_mapping = {
    'fips': 'FIPS',
    'iso2': 'ISO2',
    'iso3': 'ISO3',
    'un': 'UN',
    'name': 'NAME',
    'area': 'AREA',
    'pop2005': 'POP2005',
    'region': 'REGION',
    'subregion': 'SUBREGION',
    'lon': 'LON',
    'lat': 'LAT',
    'mpoly': 'MULTIPOLYGON',
}
```

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world_shp = Path(__file__).resolve().parent / 'data' / 'TM_WORLD_BORDERS-0.3.shp'

```python
def run(verbosetrue):
    lm = LayerMapping(WorldBorder, str(world_shp), world_mapping, transform=False)
    lm.save(strict=True, verbose=verbosetrue)
```

A few notes about what’s going on:

- Each key in the world_mapping dictionary corresponds to a field in the WorldBorder model. The value is the name of the shapefile field that data will be loaded from.
- The key mpo ly for the geometry field is MULTI POLYGON, the geometry type GeoDjango will import the field as. Even simple polygons in the shapefile will automatically be converted into collections prior to insertion into the database.
- The path to the shapefile is not absolute – in other words, if you move the world application (with data subdirectory) to a different location, the script will still work.
- The transform keyword is set to False because the data in the shapefile does not need to be converted – it’s already in WGS84 (SRID=4326).

Afterwards, invoke the Django shell from the geodjango project directory:

```
$ python manage.py shell
```

Next, import the load module, call the run routine, and watch LayerMapping do the work:

```python
>>> from world import load
>>> load.run()
```

**Try ogrinspect**

Now that you’ve seen how to define geographic models and import data with the LayerMapping data import utility, it’s possible to further automate this process with use of the ogrinspect management command. The ogrinspect command introspects a GDAL-supported vector data source (e.g., a shapefile) and generates a model definition and LayerMapping dictionary automatically.

The general usage of the command goes as follows:

```
$ python manage.py ogrinspect [options] <data_source> <model_name> [options]
```

data_source is the path to the GDAL-supported data source and model_name is the name to use for the model. Command-line options may be used to further define how the model is generated.

For example, the following command nearly reproduces the WorldBorder model and mapping dictionary created above, automatically:

```
$ python manage.py ogrinspect world/data/TM_WORLD_BORDERS-0.3.shp WorldBorder \ 
   --srid=4326 --mapping --multi
```

A few notes about the command-line options given above:

- The --srid=4326 option sets the SRID for the geographic field.
- The --mapping option tells ogrinspect to also generate a mapping dictionary for use with LayerMapping.
• The \texttt{--multi} option is specified so that the geographic field is a \texttt{MultiPolygonField} instead of just a \texttt{PolygonField}.

The command produces the following output, which may be copied directly into the \texttt{models.py} of a GeoDjango application:

```python
# This is an auto-generated Django model module created by ogrinspect.
from django.contrib.gis.db import models

class WorldBorder(models.Model):
    fips = models.CharField(max_length=2)
    iso2 = models.CharField(max_length=2)
    iso3 = models.CharField(max_length=3)
    un = models.IntegerField()
    name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    area = models.IntegerField()
    pop2005 = models.IntegerField()
    region = models.IntegerField()
    subregion = models.IntegerField()
    lon = models.FloatField()
    lat = models.FloatField()
    geom = models.MultiPolygonField(srid=4326)

# Auto-generated `LayerMapping` dictionary for WorldBorder model
worldborders_mapping = {
    'fips' : 'FIPS',
    'iso2' : 'ISO2',
    'iso3' : 'ISO3',
    'un' : 'UN',
    'name' : 'NAME',
    'area' : 'AREA',
    'pop2005' : 'POP2005',
    'region' : 'REGION',
    'subregion' : 'SUBREGION',
    'lon' : 'LON',
    'lat' : 'LAT',
    'geom' : 'MULTIPOLYGON',
}
```

### Spatial Queries

#### Spatial Lookups

GeoDjango adds spatial lookups to the Django ORM. For example, you can find the country in the \texttt{WorldBorder} table that contains a particular point. First, fire up the management shell:

```bash
$ python manage.py shell
```

Now, define a point of interest\textsuperscript{3}:

```python
>>> pnt_wkt = 'POINT(-95.3385 29.7245)'
```

The \texttt{pnt_wkt} string represents the point at -95.3385 degrees longitude, 29.7245 degrees latitude. The geometry is in a format known as Well Known Text (WKT), a standard issued by the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC).\textsuperscript{4}

\textsuperscript{3} This point is the University of Houston Law Center.

\textsuperscript{4} Open Geospatial Consortium, Inc., OpenGIS Simple Feature Specification For SQL.
the WorldBorder model, and perform a contains lookup using the pnt_wkt as the parameter:

```python
>>> from world.models import WorldBorder
>>> WorldBorder.objects.filter(mpoly__contains=pnt_wkt)
<QuerySet [<WorldBorder: United States>]>  # QuerySet with only one model: the border of the United States.
```

Here, you retrieved a QuerySet with only one model: the border of the United States (exactly what you would expect).

Similarly, you may also use a GEOS geometry object. Here, you can combine the intersects spatial lookup with the get method to retrieve only the WorldBorder instance for San Marino instead of a queryset:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import Point
>>> pnt = Point(12.4604, 43.9420)
>>> WorldBorder.objects.get(mpoly__intersects=pnt)
<WorldBorder: San Marino>  # WorldBorder instance for specific location.
```

The contains and intersects lookups are just a subset of the available queries – the GeoDjango Database API documentation has more.

### Automatic Spatial Transformations

When doing spatial queries, GeoDjango automatically transforms geometries if they’re in a different coordinate system. In the following example, coordinates will be expressed in EPSG SRID 32140, a coordinate system specific to south Texas only and in units of meters, not degrees:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import GEOSGeometry, Point
>>> pnt = Point(954158.1, 4215137.1, srid=32140)
```

Note that `pnt` may also be constructed with EWKT, an “extended” form of WKT that includes the SRID:

```python
>>> pnt = GEOSGeometry('SRID=32140;POINT(954158.1 4215137.1)')
```

GeoDjango’s ORM will automatically wrap geometry values in transformation SQL, allowing the developer to work at a higher level of abstraction:

```python
>>> qs = WorldBorder.objects.filter(mpoly__intersects=pnt)
>>> print(qs.query)  # Generating the SQL
SELECT "world_worldborder"."id", "world_worldborder"."name", "world_worldborder"."area", "world_worldborder"."pop2005", "world_worldborder"."fips", "world_worldborder"."iso2", "world_worldborder"."iso3", "world_worldborder"."un", "world_worldborder"."region", "world_worldborder"."subregion", "world_worldborder"."lon", "world_worldborder"."lat", "world_worldborder"."mpoly" FROM "world_worldborder" WHERE ST_Intersects("world_worldborder"."mpoly", ST_Transform(%s, 4326))
```

```
>>> qs  # printing evaluates the queryset
<QuerySet [<WorldBorder: United States>]>  # QuerySet with only one model: the border of the United States.
```

### Raw queries

When using raw queries, you must wrap your geometry fields so that the field value can be recognized by GEOS:

```python
from django.db import connection
# or if you're querying a non-default database:
from django.db import connections
```
connection = connections['your_gis_db_alias']

City.objects.raw('SELECT id, name, %s as point from myapp_city' % (connection.ops.
˓→select % 'point'))

You should only use raw queries when you know exactly what you’re doing.

Lazy Geometries

GeoDjango loads geometries in a standardized textual representation. When the geometry field is first accessed, GeoDjango creates a GEOSGeometry object, exposing powerful functionality, such as serialization properties for popular geospatial formats:

```python
>>> sm = WorldBorder.objects.get(name='San Marino')
>>> sm.mpoly
<MultiPolygon object at 0x24c6798>
>>> sm.mpoly.wkt  # WKT
MULTIPOLYGON (((12.4157980000000006 43.9579540000000009, 12.4505540000000003 43.9797210000000008, ...
>>> sm.mpoly.wkb  # WKB (as Python binary buffer)
<read-only buffer for 0x1fe2c70, size -1, offset 0 at 0x2564c40>
>>> sm.mpoly.geojson  # GeoJSON
'{ "type": "MultiPolygon", "coordinates": [ [ [ 12.415798, 43.957954 ], [ 12.450554, 43.979721 ], ...
```

This includes access to all of the advanced geometric operations provided by the GEOS library:

```python
>>> pnt = Point(12.4604, 43.9420)
>>> sm.mpoly.contains(pnt)
True
>>> pnt.contains(sm.mpoly)
False
```

Geographic annotations

GeoDjango also offers a set of geographic annotations to compute distances and several other operations (intersection, difference, etc.). See the Geographic Database Functions documentation.

Putting your data on the map

Geographic Admin

GeoDjango extends Django’s admin application with support for editing geometry fields.

Basics

GeoDjango also supplements the Django admin by allowing users to create and modify geometries on a JavaScript slippy map (powered by OpenLayers).

Let’s dive right in. Create a file called admin.py inside the world application with the following code:
from django.contrib.gis import admin
from .models import WorldBorder

admin.site.register(WorldBorder, admin.GeoModelAdmin)

Next, edit your urls.py in the geodjango application folder as follows:

define your urlpatterns as:

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

Create an admin user:

$ python manage.py createsuperuser

Next, start up the Django development server:

$ python manage.py runserver

Finally, browse to http://localhost:8000/admin/, and log in with the user you just created. Browse to any of the WorldBorder entries — the borders may be edited by clicking on a polygon and dragging the vertices to the desired position.

**OSMGeoAdmin**

With the OSMGeoAdmin, GeoDjango uses a Open Street Map layer in the admin. This provides more context (including street and thoroughfare details) than available with the GeoModelAdmin (which uses the Vector Map Level 0 WMS dataset hosted at OSGeo).

The PROJ.4 datum shifting files must be installed (see the PROJ.4 installation instructions for more details).

If you meet this requirement, then substitute the OSMGeoAdmin option class in your admin.py file:

admin.site.register(WorldBorder, admin.OSMGeoAdmin)

**GeoDjango Installation**

**Overview**

In general, GeoDjango installation requires:

1. Python and Django
2. Spatial database
3. Installing Geospatial libraries

Details for each of the requirements and installation instructions are provided in the sections below. In addition, platform-specific instructions are available for:

- macOS
- Windows
Use the Source

Because GeoDjango takes advantage of the latest in the open source geospatial software technology, recent versions of the libraries are necessary. If binary packages aren’t available for your platform, installation from source may be required. When compiling the libraries from source, please follow the directions closely, especially if you’re a beginner.

Requirements

Python and Django

Because GeoDjango is included with Django, please refer to Django’s installation instructions for details on how to install.

Spatial database

PostgreSQL (with PostGIS), MySQL (mostly with MyISAM engine), Oracle, and SQLite (with SpatiaLite) are the spatial databases currently supported.

Note: PostGIS is recommended, because it is the most mature and feature-rich open source spatial database.

The geospatial libraries required for a GeoDjango installation depends on the spatial database used. The following lists the library requirements, supported versions, and any notes for each of the supported database backends:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Database</th>
<th>Library Requirements</th>
<th>Supported Versions</th>
<th>Notes</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PostgreSQL</td>
<td>GEOS, GDAL, PROJ.4, PostGIS</td>
<td>9.5+</td>
<td>Requires PostGIS.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MySQL</td>
<td>GEOS, GDAL</td>
<td>5.6.1+</td>
<td>Limited functionality.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oracle</td>
<td>GEOS, GDAL</td>
<td>12.2+</td>
<td>XE not supported.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SQLite</td>
<td>GEOS, GDAL, PROJ.4, SpatiaLite</td>
<td>3.8.3+</td>
<td>Requires SpatiaLite 4.3+</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See also this comparison matrix on the OSGeo Wiki for PostgreSQL/PostGIS/GEOS/GDAL possible combinations.

Installation

Geospatial libraries

Installing Geospatial libraries

GeoDjango uses and/or provides interfaces for the following open source geospatial libraries:
<table>
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<th>Program</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Required</th>
<th>Supported Versions</th>
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<tr>
<td>GEOS</td>
<td>Geometry Engine Open Source</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>3.8, 3.7, 3.6, 3.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PROJ.4</td>
<td>Cartographic Projections library</td>
<td>Yes (PostgreSQL and SQLite only)</td>
<td>6.3, 6.2, 6.1, 6.0, 5.x, 4.x</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GDAL</td>
<td>Geospatial Data Abstraction Library</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>3.1, 3.0, 2.4, 2.3, 2.2, 2.1, 2.0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GeoIP</td>
<td>IP-based geolocation library</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PostGIS</td>
<td>Spatial extensions for PostgreSQL</td>
<td>Yes (PostgreSQL only)</td>
<td>3.0, 2.5, 2.4, 2.3, 2.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spatialite</td>
<td>Spatial extensions for SQLite</td>
<td>Yes (SQLite only)</td>
<td>4.3</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note that older or more recent versions of these libraries may also work totally fine with GeoDjango. Your mileage may vary.

**Note:** The GeoDjango interfaces to GEOS, GDAL, and GeoIP may be used independently of Django. In other words, no database or settings file required – import them as normal from `django.contrib.gis`.

On Debian/Ubuntu, you are advised to install the following packages which will install, directly or by dependency, the required geospatial libraries:

```
$ sudo apt-get install binutils libproj-dev gdal-bin
```

Please also consult platform-specific instructions if you are on macOS or Windows.

**Building from source**

When installing from source on UNIX and GNU/Linux systems, please follow the installation instructions carefully, and install the libraries in the given order. If using MySQL or Oracle as the spatial database, only GEOS is required.

**Note:** On Linux platforms, it may be necessary to run the `ldconfig` command after installing each library. For example:

```
$ sudo make install
$ sudo ldconfig
```

**Note:** macOS users must install Xcode in order to compile software from source.

**GEOS**

GEOS is a C++ library for performing geometric operations, and is the default internal geometry representation used by GeoDjango (it’s behind the “lazy” geometries). Specifically, the C API library is called (e.g., `libgeos_c.so`) directly from Python using ctypes.

First, download GEOS from the GEOS website and untar the source archive:

```
$ wget https://download.osgeo.org/geos/geos-X.Y.Z.tar.bz2
$ tar xjf geos-X.Y.Z.tar.bz2
```
Next, change into the directory where GEOS was unpacked, run the configure script, compile, and install:

```
$ cd geos-X.Y.Z
$ ./configure
$ make
$ sudo make install
$ cd ..
```

### Troubleshooting

#### Can't find GEOS library

When GeoDjango can’t find GEOS, this error is raised:

```
ImportError: Could not find the GEOS library (tried "geos_c"). Try setting GEOS_LIBRARY_PATH in your settings.
```

The most common solution is to properly configure your `Library environment settings` or set `GEOS_LIBRARY_PATH` in your settings.

If using a binary package of GEOS (e.g., on Ubuntu), you may need to `Install binutils`.

**GEOS_LIBRARY_PATH**

If your GEOS library is in a non-standard location, or you don’t want to modify the system’s library path then the `GEOS_LIBRARY_PATH` setting may be added to your Django settings file with the full path to the GEOS C library. For example:

```
GEOS_LIBRARY_PATH = '/home/bob/local/lib/libgeos_c.so'
```

**Note:** The setting must be the full path to the C shared library; in other words you want to use `libgeos_c.so`, not `libgeos.so`.

See also `My logs are filled with GEOS-related errors`.

### PROJ.4

**PROJ.4** is a library for converting geospatial data to different coordinate reference systems.

First, download the PROJ.4 source code and datum shifting files\(^1\):

```
$ wget https://download.osgeo.org/proj/proj-X.Y.Z.tar.gz
$ wget https://download.osgeo.org/proj/proj-datumgrid-X.Y.tar.gz
```

Next, untar the source code archive, and extract the datum shifting files in the `nad` subdirectory. This must be done `prior` to configuration:

\(^1\) The datum shifting files are needed for converting data to and from certain projections. For example, the PROJ.4 string for the Google projection (900913 or 3857) requires the `null` grid file only included in the extra datum shifting files. It is easier to install the shifting files now, then to have debug a problem caused by their absence later.
Finally, configure, make and install PROJ.4:

```
$ ./configure
$ make
$ sudo make install
$ cd ..
```

GDAL

GDAL is an excellent open source geospatial library that has support for reading most vector and raster spatial data formats. Currently, GeoDjango only supports GDAL’s vector data capabilities. GEOS and PROJ.4 should be installed prior to building GDAL.

First download the latest GDAL release version and untar the archive:

```
$ wget https://download.osgeo.org/gdal/X.Y.Z/gdal-X.Y.Z.tar.gz
$ tar xzf gdal-X.Y.Z.tar.gz
$ cd gdal-X.Y.Z
```

Configure, make and install:

```
$ ./configure
$ make # Go get some coffee, this takes a while.
$ sudo make install
$ cd ..
```

**Note:** Because GeoDjango has its own Python interface, the preceding instructions do not build GDAL’s own Python bindings. The bindings may be built by adding the `--with-python` flag when running `configure`. See GDAL/OGR In Python for more information on GDAL’s bindings.

If you have any problems, please see the troubleshooting section below for suggestions and solutions.

Troubleshooting

Can’t find GDAL library

When GeoDjango can’t find the GDAL library, configure your *Library environment settings* or set `GDAL_LIBRARY_PATH` in your settings.

**GDAL_LIBRARY_PATH**

If your GDAL library is in a non-standard location, or you don’t want to modify the system’s library path then the `GDAL_LIBRARY_PATH` setting may be added to your Django settings file with the full path to the GDAL library. For example:

---

2 Specifically, GeoDjango provides support for the OGR library, a component of GDAL.
Database installation

Installing PostGIS

PostGIS adds geographic object support to PostgreSQL, turning it into a spatial database. *GEOS, PROJ.4* and *GDAL* should be installed prior to building PostGIS. You might also need additional libraries, see PostGIS requirements.

The *psycopg2* module is required for use as the database adapter when using GeoDjango with PostGIS.

On Debian/Ubuntu, you are advised to install the following packages: *postgresql-x.x*, *postgresql-x.x-postgis*, *postgresql-server-dev-x.x*, *python-psycopg2* (x.x matching the PostgreSQL version you want to install). Alternately, you can build from source. Consult the platform-specific instructions if you are on *macOS* or *Windows*.

Post-installation

Creating a spatial database

PostGIS 2 includes an extension for PostgreSQL that’s used to enable spatial functionality:

```bash
$ createdb <db name>
$ psql <db name>
> CREATE EXTENSION postgis;
```

The database user must be a superuser in order to run `CREATE EXTENSION postgis;`. The command is run during the *migrate* process. An alternative is to use a migration operation in your project:

```python
from django.contrib.postgres.operations import CreateExtension
from django.db import migrations

class Migration(migrations.Migration):

    operations = [
        CreateExtension('postgis'),
        ...
    ]
```

If you plan to use PostGIS raster functionality on PostGIS 3+, you should also activate the *postgis_raster* extension. You can install the extension using the `CreateExtension` migration operation, or directly by running `CREATE EXTENSION postgis_raster;`.

GeoDjango does not currently leverage any PostGIS topology functionality. If you plan to use those features at some point, you can also install the *postgis_topology* extension by issuing `CREATE EXTENSION postgis_topology;`.

Managing the database

To administer the database, you can either use the pgAdmin III program (*Start → PostgreSQL 9.x → pgAdmin III*) or the SQL Shell (*Start → PostgreSQL 9.x → SQL Shell*). For example, to create a geodjango spatial database and user, the following may be executed from the SQL Shell as the *postgres* user:
Installing SpatiaLite

SpatiaLite adds spatial support to SQLite, turning it into a full-featured spatial database.

First, check if you can install SpatiaLite from system packages or binaries.

For example, on Debian-based distributions that package SpatiaLite 4.2+, try to install the `libsqlite3-mod-spatialite` package. For older releases install `spatialite-bin`.

For macOS, follow the instructions below.

For Windows, you may find binaries on the Gaia-SINS home page.

In any case, you should always be able to install from source.

Installing from source

**GEOS and PROJ.4** should be installed prior to building SpatiaLite.

**SQLite**

Check first if SQLite is compiled with the R*Tree module. Run the sqlite3 command line interface and enter the following query:

```
sqlite> CREATE VIRTUAL TABLE testrtree USING rtree(id,minX,maxX,minY,maxY);
```

If you obtain an error, you will have to recompile SQLite from source. Otherwise, skip this section.

To install from sources, download the latest amalgamation source archive from the SQLite download page, and extract:

```
$ wget https://www.sqlite.org/YYYY/sqlite-amalgamation-XXX0000.zip
$ unzip sqlite-amalgamation-XXX0000.zip
$ cd sqlite-amalgamation-XXX0000
```

Next, run the `configure` script – however the `CFLAGS` environment variable needs to be customized so that SQLite knows to build the R*Tree module:

```
$ CFLAGS="-DSQLITE_ENABLE_RTREE=1" ./configure
$ make
$ sudo make install
$ cd ..
```

**SpatiaLite library (libspatialite)**

Get the latest SpatiaLite library source bundle from the download page:

```
$ wget https://www.gaia-gis.it/gaia-sins/libspatialite-sources/libspatialite-X.Y.Z.tar.gz
$ tar xaf libspatialite-X.Y.Z.tar.gz
$ cd libspatialite-X.Y.Z
```

(continues on next page)
$ ./configure
$ make
$ sudo make install

Note: For macOS users building from source, the SpatiaLite library and tools need to have their target configured:

$ ./configure --target=macosx

macOS-specific instructions

To install the SpatiaLite library and tools, macOS users can choose between KyngChaos packages and Homebrew.

KyngChaos

First, follow the instructions in the KyngChaos packages section.

When creating a SpatiaLite database, the spatialite program is required. However, instead of attempting to compile the SpatiaLite tools from source, download the SpatiaLite Tools package for macOS, and install spatialite in a location available in your PATH. For example:

$ curl -O https://www.kyngchaos.com/files/software/frameworks/Spatialite_Tools-4.3.zip
$ unzip Spatialite_Tools-4.3.zip
$ cd Spatialite\ Tools/tools
$ sudo cp spatialite /Library/Frameworks/SQLite3.framework/Programs

Finally, for GeoDjango to be able to find the KyngChaos SpatiaLite library, add the following to your settings.py:

```
SPATIALITE_LIBRARY_PATH='/Library/Frameworks/SQLite3.framework/SQLite3'
```

Homebrew

Homebrew handles all the SpatiaLite related packages on your behalf, including SQLite, SpatiaLite, PROJ, and GEOS. Install them like this:

```
$ brew update
$ brew install spatialite-tools
$ brew install gdal
```

Finally, for GeoDjango to be able to find the SpatiaLite library, add the following to your settings.py:

```
SPATIALITE_LIBRARY_PATH='/usr/local/lib/mod_spatialite.dylib'
```

DATABASES configuration

Set the ENGINE setting to one of the spatial backends.

6.5. contrib packages
Add `django.contrib.gis` to `INSTALLED_APPS`

Like other Django contrib applications, you will only need to add `django.contrib.gis` to `INSTALLED_APPS` in your settings. This is so that the gis templates can be located – if not done, then features such as the geographic admin or KML sitemaps will not function properly.

**Troubleshooting**

If you can’t find the solution to your problem here then participate in the community! You can:

- Join the #geodjango IRC channel on Freenode. Please be patient and polite – while you may not get an immediate response, someone will attempt to answer your question as soon as they see it.
- Ask your question on the GeoDjango mailing list.
- File a ticket on the Django trac if you think there’s a bug. Make sure to provide a complete description of the problem, versions used, and specify the component as “GIS”.

**Library environment settings**

By far, the most common problem when installing GeoDjango is that the external shared libraries (e.g., for GEOS and GDAL) cannot be located.\(^1\) Typically, the cause of this problem is that the operating system isn’t aware of the directory where the libraries built from source were installed.

In general, the library path may be set on a per-user basis by setting an environment variable, or by configuring the library path for the entire system.

**LD_LIBRARY_PATH environment variable**

A user may set this environment variable to customize the library paths they want to use. The typical library directory for software built from source is `/usr/local/lib`. Thus, `/usr/local/lib` needs to be included in the `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` variable. For example, the user could place the following in their bash profile:

```bash
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/usr/local/lib
```

**Setting system library path**

On GNU/Linux systems, there is typically a file in `/etc/ld.so.conf`, which may include additional paths from files in another directory, such as `/etc/ld.so.conf.d`. As the root user, add the custom library path (like `/usr/local/lib`) on a new line in `ld.so.conf`. This is one example of how to do so:

```bash
$ sudo echo /usr/local/lib >> /etc/ld.so.conf
$ sudo ldconfig
```

For OpenSolaris users, the system library path may be modified using the `crle` utility. Run `crle` with no options to see the current configuration and use `crle -l` to set with the new library path. Be very careful when modifying the system library path:

```bash
# crle -l $OLD_PATH:/usr/local/lib
```

\(^1\) GeoDjango uses the `find_library()` routine from `ctypes.util` to locate shared libraries.
Install `binutils`

GeoDjango uses the `find_library` function (from the `ctypes.util` Python module) to discover libraries. The `find_library` routine uses a program called `objdump` (part of the `binutils` package) to verify a shared library on GNU/Linux systems. Thus, if `binutils` is not installed on your Linux system then Python’s `ctypes` may not be able to find your library even if your library path is set correctly and geospatial libraries were built perfectly.

The `binutils` package may be installed on Debian and Ubuntu systems using the following command:

```
$ sudo apt-get install binutils
```

Similarly, on Red Hat and CentOS systems:

```
$ sudo yum install binutils
```

Platform-specific instructions

macOS

Because of the variety of packaging systems available for macOS, users have several different options for installing GeoDjango. These options are:

- `Postgres.app` (easiest and recommended)
- `Homebrew`
- `KyngChaos packages`
- `Fink`
- `MacPorts`
- `Building from source`

This section also includes instructions for installing an upgraded version of `Python` from packages provided by the Python Software Foundation, however, this is not required.

Python

Although macOS comes with Python installed, users can use `framework installers` provided by the Python Software Foundation. An advantage to using the installer is that macOS’s Python will remain “pristine” for internal operating system use.

Note: You will need to modify the `PATH` environment variable in your `.profile` file so that the new version of Python is used when `python` is entered at the command-line:

```
export PATH=/Library/Frameworks/Python.framework/Versions/Current/bin:$PATH
```

Postgres.app

`Postgres.app` is a standalone PostgreSQL server that includes the PostGIS extension. You will also need to install `gdal` and `libgeoip` with `Homebrew`.  

6.5. `contrib` packages
After installing Postgres.app, add the following to your `.bash_profile` so you can run the package’s programs from the command-line. Replace `X.Y` with the version of PostgreSQL in the Postgres.app you installed:

```
export PATH=$PATH:/Applications/Postgres.app/Contents/Versions/X.Y/bin
```

You can check if the path is set up correctly by typing `which psql` at a terminal prompt.

### Homebrew

Homebrew provides “recipes” for building binaries and packages from source. It provides recipes for the GeoDjango prerequisites on Macintosh computers running macOS. Because Homebrew still builds the software from source, `Xcode` is required.

**Summary:**

```bash
$ brew install postgresql
$ brew install postgis
$ brew install gdal
$ brew install libgeoip
```

### KyngChaos packages

William Kyngesburye provides a number of geospatial library binary packages that help to get GeoDjango installed on macOS without compiling them from source. However, `Xcode` is still necessary for compiling the Python database adapters `psycopg2` (for PostGIS).

**Note:** SpatiaLite users should consult the *macOS-specific instructions* section after installing the packages for additional instructions.

Download the framework packages for:

- UnixImageIO
- PROJ
- GEOS
- SQLite3 (includes the SpatiaLite library)
- GDAL

Install the packages in the order they are listed above, as the GDAL and SQLite packages require the packages listed before them.

Afterwards, you can also install the KyngChaos binary packages for PostgresSQL and PostGIS.

After installing the binary packages, you’ll want to add the following to your `.profile` to be able to run the package programs from the command-line:

```
export PATH=/Library/Frameworks/UnixImageIO.framework/Programs:$PATH
export PATH=/Library/Frameworks/PROJ.framework/Programs:$PATH
export PATH=/Library/Frameworks/GEOS.framework/Programs:$PATH
export PATH=/Library/Frameworks.SQLite3.framework/Programs:$PATH
export PATH=/Library/Frameworks/GDAL.framework/Programs:$PATH
export PATH=/usr/local/pgsql/bin:$PATH
```
psycopg2

After you’ve installed the KyngChaos binaries and modified your PATH, as described above, psycopg2 may be installed using the following command:

```
$ python -m pip install psycopg2
```

**Note:** If you don’t have pip, follow the *installation instructions* to install it.

Fink

*Kurt Schwehr* has been gracious enough to create GeoDjango packages for users of the Fink package system. Different packages are available (starting with *django-gis*), depending on which version of Python you want to use.

MacPorts

*MacPorts* may be used to install GeoDjango prerequisites on computers running macOS. Because MacPorts still builds the software from source, *Xcode* is required.

**Summary:**

```
$ sudo port install postgresql93-server
$ sudo port install geos
$ sudo port install proj
$ sudo port install postgis
$ sudo port install gdal +geos
$ sudo port install libgeoip
```

**Note:** You will also have to modify the PATH in your .profile so that the MacPorts programs are accessible from the command-line:

```
export PATH=/opt/local/bin:/opt/local/lib/postgresql93/bin
```

In addition, add the DYLD_FALLBACK_LIBRARY_PATH setting so that the libraries can be found by Python:

```
export DYLD_FALLBACK_LIBRARY_PATH=/opt/local/lib:/opt/local/lib/postgresql93
```

Windows

Proceed through the following sections sequentially in order to install GeoDjango on Windows. In this tutorial we will install 64 bit versions of each application.

Python

Install a 64 bit version of Python. See *Install Python* for further information.
PostgreSQL

Download the latest PostgreSQL 12.x installer from the EnterpriseDB website. After downloading, run the installer, follow the on-screen directions, and keep the default options unless you know the consequences of changing them.

Note: The PostgreSQL installer creates a new postgres database superuser. You will be prompted once to set the password – make sure to remember it!

When the installer completes, it will ask to “Launch Stack Builder at exit?” – keep this checked, as it is necessary to install PostGIS.

PostGIS

From within the Stack Builder (to run outside of the installer, Start → PostgreSQL 12 → Application Stack Builder), select PostgreSQL 12 (x64) on port 5432 from the drop down menu and click next. Expand the Categories → Spatial Extensions menu tree and select PostGIS X.Y for PostgreSQL 12.

After clicking next, you will be prompted to confirm the selected package and “Download directory”. Click next again, this will download PostGIS and you will be asked to click next to begin the PostGIS installer. Select the default options during install. The install process includes three Yes/No dialog boxes, the default option for all three is “No”.

OSGeo4W

The OSGeo4W installer helps to install the PROJ, GDAL, and GEOS libraries required by GeoDjango. First, download the OSGeo4W installer (64bit), and run it. Select Express Web-GIS Install and click next. In the ‘Select Packages’ list, ensure that GDAL is selected; MapServer is also enabled by default, but is not required by GeoDjango and may be unchecked safely. After clicking next and accepting the license agreements, the packages will be automatically downloaded and installed, after which you may exit the installer.

Modify Windows environment

In order to use GeoDjango, you will need to add your OSGeo4W directories to your Windows system Path, as well as create GDAL_DATA and PROJ_LIB environment variables. The following set of commands, executable with cmd.exe, will set this up. Restart your device once this is complete for new environment variables to be recognized:

```
set OSGEO4W_ROOT=C:\OSGeo4W64
set GDAL_DATA=%OSGEO4W_ROOT%\share\gdal
set PROJ_LIB=%OSGEO4W_ROOT%\share\proj
set PATH=%PATH%;%OSGEO4W_ROOT%\bin
reg ADD "HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Session Manager\Environment" /v Path /t REG_EXPAND_SZ /f /d "%PATH%"
reg ADD "HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Session Manager\Environment" /v GDAL_DATA /t REG_EXPAND_SZ /f /d "%GDAL_DATA%"
reg ADD "HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\Session Manager\Environment" /v PROJ_LIB /t REG_EXPAND_SZ /f /d "%PROJ_LIB%"
```
Note: This assumes 64bit version of OSGeo4W is installed. If you have installed the 32bit version you will need to change the first command to `set OSGEO4W_ROOT=C:\OSGeo4W`.

Note: Administrator privileges are required to execute these commands. To do this, run command prompt as administrator and enter the commands above. You need to log out and log back in again for the settings to take effect.

Note: If you customized the OSGeo4W installation directories, then you will need to modify the `OSGEO4W_ROOT` variables accordingly.

Install Django and set up database

*install Django* on your system. It is recommended that you create a *virtual environment* for each project you create.

**psycopg2**

The *psycopg2* Python module provides the interface between Python and the PostgreSQL database. *psycopg2* can be installed via pip within your Python virtual environment:

```
pip install psycopg2
```

GeoDjango Model API

This document explores the details of the GeoDjango Model API. Throughout this section, we’ll be using the following geographic model of a *ZIP code* and of a *Digital Elevation Model* as our examples:

```python
from django.contrib.gis.db import models

class Zipcode(models.Model):
    code = models.CharField(max_length=5)
    poly = models.PolygonField()

class Elevation(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    rast = models.RasterField()
```

Spatial Field Types

Spatial fields consist of a series of geometry field types and one raster field type. Each of the geometry field types correspond to the OpenGIS Simple Features specification\(^1\). There is no such standard for raster data.

**GeometryField**

```python
class GeometryField
```

\(^1\) OpenGIS Consortium, Inc., *Simple Feature Specification For SQL*.
The base class for geometry fields.

**PointField**

class PointField
Stores a *Point*.

**LineStringField**

class LineStringField
Stores a *LineString*.

**PolygonField**

class PolygonField
Stores a *Polygon*.

**MultiPointField**

class MultiPointField
Stores a *MultiPoint*.

**MultiLineStringField**

class MultiLineStringField
Stores a *MultiLineString*.

**MultiPolygonField**

class MultiPolygonField
Stores a *MultiPolygon*.

**GeometryCollectionField**

class GeometryCollectionField
Stores a *GeometryCollection*.

**RasterField**

class RasterField
Stores a *GDALRaster*.

RasterField is currently only implemented for the PostGIS backend.
Spatial Field Options

In addition to the regular Field options available for Django model fields, spatial fields have the following additional options. All are optional.

srid

BaseSpatialField.srid

Sets the SRID\(^2\) (Spatial Reference System Identity) of the geometry field to the given value. Defaults to 4326 (also known as WGS84, units are in degrees of longitude and latitude).

Selecting an SRID

Choosing an appropriate SRID for your model is an important decision that the developer should consider carefully. The SRID is an integer specifier that corresponds to the projection system that will be used to interpret the data in the spatial database.\(^3\) Projection systems give the context to the coordinates that specify a location. Although the details of geodesy are beyond the scope of this documentation, the general problem is that the earth is spherical and representations of the earth (e.g., paper maps, Web maps) are not.

Most people are familiar with using latitude and longitude to reference a location on the earth’s surface. However, latitude and longitude are angles, not distances. In other words, while the shortest path between two points on a flat surface is a straight line, the shortest path between two points on a curved surface (such as the earth) is an arc of a great circle.\(^4\) Thus, additional computation is required to obtain distances in planar units (e.g., kilometers and miles). Using a geographic coordinate system may introduce complications for the developer later on. For example, SpatiaLite does not have the capability to perform distance calculations between geometries using geographic coordinate systems, e.g. constructing a query to find all points within 5 miles of a county boundary stored as WGS84.\(^5\)

Portions of the earth’s surface may projected onto a two-dimensional, or Cartesian, plane. Projected coordinate systems are especially convenient for region-specific applications, e.g., if you know that your database will only cover geometries in North Kansas, then you may consider using projection system specific to that region. Moreover, projected coordinate systems are defined in Cartesian units (such as meters or feet), easing distance calculations.

Note: If you wish to perform arbitrary distance queries using non-point geometries in WGS84 in PostGIS and you want decent performance, enable the GeometryField.geography keyword so that geography database type is used instead.

Additional Resources:

- spatialreference.org: A Django-powered database of spatial reference systems.
- The State Plane Coordinate System: A website covering the various projection systems used in the United States. Much of the U.S. spatial data encountered will be in one of these coordinate systems rather than in a geographic coordinate system such as WGS84.

\(^2\) See id. at Ch. 2.3.8, p. 39 (Geometry Values and Spatial Reference Systems).
\(^3\) Typically, SRID integer corresponds to an EPSG (European Petroleum Survey Group) identifier. However, it may also be associated with custom projections defined in spatial database’s spatial reference systems table.
\(^4\) Terry A. Slocum, Robert B. McMaster, Fritz C. Kessler, & Hugh H. Howard, *Thematic Cartography and Geographic Visualization* (Prentice Hall, 2nd edition), at Ch. 7.1.3.
\(^5\) This limitation does not apply to PostGIS.
**spatial_index**

```python
BaseSpatialField.spatial_index
```

Defaults to `True`. Creates a spatial index for the given geometry field.

**Note:** This is different from the `db_index` field option because spatial indexes are created in a different manner than regular database indexes. Specifically, spatial indexes are typically created using a variant of the R-Tree, while regular database indexes typically use B-Trees.

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**Geometry Field Options**

There are additional options available for Geometry fields. All the following options are optional.

**dim**

```python
GeometryField.dim
```

This option may be used for customizing the coordinate dimension of the geometry field. By default, it is set to 2, for representing two-dimensional geometries. For spatial backends that support it, it may be set to 3 for three-dimensional support.

**Note:** At this time 3D support is limited to the PostGIS and SpatiaLite backends.

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**geography**

```python
GeometryField.geography
```

If set to `True`, this option will create a database column of type geography, rather than geometry. Please refer to the `geography type` section below for more details.

**Note:** Geography support is limited to PostGIS and will force the SRID to be 4326.

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**Geography Type**

The geography type provides native support for spatial features represented with geographic coordinates (e.g., WGS84 longitude/latitude). Unlike the plane used by a geometry type, the geography type uses a spherical representation of its data. Distance and measurement operations performed on a geography column automatically employ great circle arc calculations and return linear units. In other words, when `ST_Distance` is called on two geographies, a value in meters is returned (as opposed to degrees if called on a geometry column in WGS84).

Because geography calculations involve more mathematics, only a subset of the PostGIS spatial lookups are available for the geography type. Practically, this means that in addition to the `distance lookups` only the following additional `spatial lookups` are available for geography columns:

- `bboxoverlaps`

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6 Please refer to the PostGIS Geography Type documentation for more details.
If you need to use a spatial lookup or aggregate that doesn’t support the geography type as input, you can use the `Cast` database function to convert the geography column to a geometry type in the query:

```python
from django.contrib.gis.db.models import PointField
from django.db.models.functions import Cast

data.objects.annotate(
    geom=Cast('geography_field', PointField())
).filter(geom__within=polygon)
```

For more information, the PostGIS documentation contains a helpful section on determining when to use geography data type over geometry data type.

**GeoDjango Database API**

**Spatial Backends**

GeoDjango currently provides the following spatial database backends:

- django.contrib.gis.db.backends.postgis
- django.contrib.gis.db.backends.mysql
- django.contrib.gis.db.backends.oracle
- django.contrib.gis.db.backends.spatialite

**MySQL Spatial Limitations**

Before MySQL 5.6.1, spatial extensions only support bounding box operations (what MySQL calls minimum bounding rectangles, or MBR). Specifically, MySQL did not conform to the OGC standard. Django supports spatial functions operating on real geometries available in modern MySQL versions. However, the spatial functions are not as rich as other backends like PostGIS.

Support for spatial functions operating on real geometries was added.

**Warning:** True spatial indexes (R-trees) are only supported with MyISAM tables on MySQL. In other words, when using MySQL spatial extensions you have to choose between fast spatial lookups and the integrity of your data – MyISAM tables do not support transactions or foreign key constraints.

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4 See Creating Spatial Indexes in the MySQL Reference Manual:

For MyISAM tables, **SPATIAL INDEX** creates an R-tree index. For storage engines that support nonspatial indexing of spatial columns, the engine creates a B-tree index. A B-tree index on spatial values will be useful for exact-value lookups, but not for range scans.
Raster Support

RasterField is currently only implemented for the PostGIS backend. Spatial lookups are available for raster fields, but spatial database functions and aggregates aren’t implemented for raster fields.

Creating and Saving Models with Geometry Fields

Here is an example of how to create a geometry object (assuming the Zipcode model):

```
>>> from zipcode.models import Zipcode
>>> z = Zipcode(code=77096, poly='POLYGON(( 10 10, 10 20, 20 20, 20 15, 10 10))')
>>> z.save()
```

`GEOSGeometry` objects may also be used to save geometric models:

```
>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import GEOSGeometry
>>> poly = GEOSGeometry('POLYGON(( 10 10, 10 20, 20 20, 20 15, 10 10))')
>>> z = Zipcode(code=77096, poly=poly)
>>> z.save()
```

Moreover, if the `GEOSGeometry` is in a different coordinate system (has a different SRID value) than that of the field, then it will be implicitly transformed into the SRID of the model’s field, using the spatial database’s transform procedure:

```
>>> poly_3084 = GEOSGeometry('POLYGON(( 10 10, 10 20, 20 20, 20 15, 10 10))', srid=3084) # SRID 3084 is 'NAD83(HARN) / Texas Centric Lambert Conformal'
>>> z = Zipcode(code=78212, poly=poly_3084)
>>> z.save()
```

Thus, geometry parameters may be passed in using the `GEOSGeometry` object, WKT (Well Known Text\(^1\)), HEX-EWKB (PostGIS specific – a WKB geometry in hexadecimal\(^2\)), and GeoJSON (see RFC 7946). Essentially, if the input is not a `GEOSGeometry` object, the geometry field will attempt to create a `GEOSGeometry` instance from the input.

For more information creating `GEOSGeometry` objects, refer to the GEOS tutorial.

Creating and Saving Models with Raster Fields

When creating raster models, the raster field will implicitly convert the input into a GDALRaster using lazy-evaluation. The raster field will therefore accept any input that is accepted by the GDALRaster constructor.

Here is an example of how to create a raster object from a raster file `volcano.tif` (assuming the Elevation model):

```
>>> from elevation.models import Elevation
>>> dem = Elevation(name='Volcano', rast='/path/to/raster/volcano.tif')
>>> dem.save()
```

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\(^1\) See Open Geospatial Consortium, Inc., OpenGIS Simple Feature Specification For SQL, Document 99-049 (May 5, 1999), at Ch. 3.2.5, p. 3-11 (SQL Textual Representation of Geometry).

\(^2\) See PostGIS EWKB, EWKT and Canonical Forms, PostGIS documentation at Ch. 4.1.2.
GDALRaster objects may also be used to save raster models:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.gdal import GDALRaster
>>> rast = GDALRaster({'width': 10, 'height': 10, 'name': 'Canyon', 'srid': 4326,
...   'scale': [0.1, -0.1], 'bands': [{'data': range(100)}]})
>>> dem = Elevation(name='Canyon', rast=rast)
>>> dem.save()
```

Note that this equivalent to:

```python
>>> dem = Elevation.objects.create(
...   name='Canyon',
...   rast={'width': 10, 'height': 10, 'name': 'Canyon', 'srid': 4326,
...     'scale': [0.1, -0.1], 'bands': [{'data': range(100)}]},
... )
```

Spatial Lookups

GeoDjango’s lookup types may be used with any manager method like `filter()`, `exclude()`, etc. However, the lookup types unique to GeoDjango are only available on spatial fields.

Filters on ‘normal’ fields (e.g. `CharField`) may be chained with those on geographic fields. Geographic lookups accept geometry and raster input on both sides and input types can be mixed freely.

The general structure of geographic lookups is described below. A complete reference can be found in the [spatial lookup reference](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/ref/models/querysets/).

### Geometry Lookups

Geographic queries with geometries take the following general form (assuming the `Zipcode` model used in the GeoDjango Model API):

```python
>>> qs = Zipcode.objects.filter(<field>__<lookup_type>=<parameter>)
```  

For example:

```python
>>> qs = Zipcode.objects.filter(poly__contains=pnt)
>>> qs = Elevation.objects.filter(poly__contains=rst)
```

In this case, `poly` is the geographic field, `contains` is the spatial lookup type, `pnt` is the parameter (which may be a `GEOSGeometry` object or a string of GeoJSON , WKT, or HEXEWKB), and `rst` is a GDALRaster object.

### Raster Lookups

The raster lookup syntax is similar to the syntax for geometries. The only difference is that a band index can be specified as additional input. If no band index is specified, the first band is used by default (index 0). In that case the syntax is identical to the syntax for geometry lookups.

To specify the band index, an additional parameter can be specified on both sides of the lookup. On the left hand side, the double underscore syntax is used to pass a band index. On the right hand side, a tuple of the raster and band index can be specified.

This results in the following general form for lookups involving rasters (assuming the `Elevation` model used in the GeoDjango Model API):
>>> qs = Elevation.objects.filter(<field>__<lookup_type>=<parameter>)
>>> qs = Elevation.objects.filter(<field>__<band_index>__<lookup_type>=<parameter>)
>>> qs = Elevation.objects.filter(<field>__<lookup_type>=(<raster_input>, <band_index>))

For example:

>>> qs = Elevation.objects.filter(rast__contains=geom)
>>> qs = Elevation.objects.filter(rast__contains=rst)
>>> qs = Elevation.objects.filter(rast__l__contains=geom)
>>> qs = Elevation.objects.filter(rast__l__contains=(rst, 1))
>>> qs = Elevation.objects.filter(rast__l__contains=(rst, 1))

On the left hand side of the example, rast is the geographic raster field and contains is the spatial lookup type. On the right hand side, geom is a geometry input and rst is a GDALRaster object. The band index defaults to 0 in the first two queries and is set to 1 on the others.

While all spatial lookups can be used with raster objects on both sides, not all underlying operators natively accept raster input. For cases where the operator expects geometry input, the raster is automatically converted to a geometry. It’s important to keep this in mind when interpreting the lookup results.

The type of raster support is listed for all lookups in the compatibility table. Lookups involving rasters are currently only available for the PostGIS backend.

**Distance Queries**

**Introduction**

Distance calculations with spatial data is tricky because, unfortunately, the Earth is not flat. Some distance queries with fields in a geographic coordinate system may have to be expressed differently because of limitations in PostGIS. Please see the Selecting an SRID section in the GeoDjango Model API documentation for more details.

**Distance Lookups**

*Availability:* PostGIS, MariaDB, MySQL, Oracle, SpatiaLite, PGRaster (Native)

The following distance lookups are available:

- `distance_lt`
- `distance_lte`
- `distance_gt`
- `distance_gte`
- `dwithin` (except MariaDB and MySQL)

**Note:** For measuring, rather than querying on distances, use the `Distance` function.

Distance lookups take a tuple parameter comprising:

1. A geometry or raster to base calculations from; and
2. A number or `Distance` object containing the distance.
If a `Distance` object is used, it may be expressed in any units (the SQL generated will use units converted to those of the field); otherwise, numeric parameters are assumed to be in the units of the field.

**Note:** In PostGIS, `ST_Distance_Sphere` does *not* limit the geometry types geographic distance queries are performed with. However, these queries may take a long time, as great-circle distances must be calculated on the fly for *every* row in the query. This is because the spatial index on traditional geometry fields cannot be used.

For much better performance on WGS84 distance queries, consider using *geography columns* in your database instead because they are able to use their spatial index in distance queries. You can tell GeoDjango to use a geography column by setting `geography=True` in your field definition.

For example, let’s say we have a `SouthTexasCity` model (from the GeoDjango distance tests) on a projected coordinate system valid for cities in southern Texas:

```python
from django.contrib.gis.db import models
class SouthTexasCity(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=30)
    # A projected coordinate system (only valid for South Texas!)
    # is used, units are in meters.
    point = models.PointField(srid=32140)
```

Then distance queries may be performed as follows:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import GEOSGeometry
>>> from django.contrib.gis.measure import D  # ''D'' is a shortcut for ''Distance''
>>> from geopapp.models import SouthTexasCity
# Distances will be calculated from this point, which does not have to be projected.
>>> pnt = GEOSGeometry('POINT(-96.876369 29.905320)', srid=4326)
# If numeric parameter, units of field (meters in this case) are assumed.
>>> qs = SouthTexasCity.objects.filter(point__distance_lte=(pnt, 7000))
# Find all Cities within 7 km, > 20 miles away, and > 100 chains away (an obscure unit)
>>> qs = SouthTexasCity.objects.filter(point__distance_lte=(pnt, D(km=7)))
>>> qs = SouthTexasCity.objects.filter(point__distance_gte=(pnt, D(mi=20)))
>>> qs = SouthTexasCity.objects.filter(point__distance_gte=(pnt, D(chain=100)))
```

Raster queries work the same way by replacing the geometry field `point` with a raster field, or the `pnt` object with a raster object, or both. To specify the band index of a raster input on the right hand side, a 3-tuple can be passed to the lookup as follows:

```python
>>> qs = SouthTexasCity.objects.filter(point__distance_gte=(rst, 2, D(km=7)))
```

Where the band with index 2 (the third band) of the raster `rst` would be used for the lookup.

**Compatibility Tables**

**Spatial Lookups**

The following table provides a summary of what spatial lookups are available for each spatial database backend. The PostGIS Raster (PGRaster) lookups are divided into the three categories described in the raster lookup details: native support `N`, bilateral native support `B`, and geometry conversion support `C`.

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1. See PostGIS documentation on `ST_DistanceSphere`. 

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### Database functions

The following table provides a summary of what geography-specific database functions are available on each spatial backend.

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5 Refer [MySQL Spatial Limitations](#) section for more details.
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Aggregate Functions

The following table provides a summary of what GIS-specific aggregate functions are available on each spatial backend. Please note that MySQL does not support any of these aggregates, and is thus excluded from the table.

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GeoDjango Forms API

GeoDjango provides some specialized form fields and widgets in order to visually display and edit geolocalized data on a map. By default, they use OpenLayers-powered maps, with a base WMS layer provided by NASA.

Field arguments

In addition to the regular form field arguments, GeoDjango form fields take the following optional arguments.
srid

Field `srid`
This is the SRID code that the field value should be transformed to. For example, if the map widget SRID is different from the SRID more generally used by your application or database, the field will automatically convert input values into that SRID.

geom_type

Field `geom_type`
You generally shouldn’t have to set or change that attribute which should be setup depending on the field class. It matches the OpenGIS standard geometry name.

Form field classes

GeometryField

class GeometryField

PointField

class PointField

LineStringField

class LineStringField

PolygonField

class PolygonField

MultiPointField

class MultiPointField

MultiLineStringField

class MultiLineStringField

MultiPolygonField

class MultiPolygonField
**GeometryCollectionField**

**class GeometryCollectionField**

**Form widgets**

GeoDjango form widgets allow you to display and edit geographic data on a visual map. Note that none of the currently available widgets supports 3D geometries, hence geometry fields will fallback using a `Textarea` widget for such data.

**Widget attributes**

GeoDjango widgets are template-based, so their attributes are mostly different from other Django widget attributes.

- **BaseGeometryWidget.geom_type**
  The OpenGIS geometry type, generally set by the form field.

- **BaseGeometryWidget.map_height**
- **BaseGeometryWidget.map_width**
  Height and width of the widget map (default is 400x600).

- **BaseGeometryWidget.map_srid**
  SRID code used by the map (default is 4326).

- **BaseGeometryWidget.display_raw**
  Boolean value specifying if a textarea input showing the serialized representation of the current geometry is visible, mainly for debugging purposes (default is `False`).

- **BaseGeometryWidget.supports_3d**
  Indicates if the widget supports edition of 3D data (default is `False`).

- **BaseGeometryWidget.template_name**
  The template used to render the map widget.

You can pass widget attributes in the same manner that for any other Django widget. For example:

```python
from django.contrib.gis import forms

class MyGeoForm(forms.Form):
    point = forms.PointField(widget=forms.OSMWidget(attrs={'map_width': 800, 'map_height': 500}))
```

**Widget classes**

**BaseGeometryWidget**

**class BaseGeometryWidget**

This is an abstract base widget containing the logic needed by subclasses. You cannot directly use this widget for a geometry field. Note that the rendering of GeoDjango widgets is based on a template, identified by the `template_name` class attribute.

**OpenLayersWidget**

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6.5. **contrib packages**
**class OpenLayersWidget**

This is the default widget used by all GeoDjango form fields. `template_name` is `gis/openlayers.html`.

OpenLayersWidget and OSMWidget use the openlayers.js file hosted on the cdnjs.cloudflare.com content-delivery network. You can subclass these widgets in order to specify your own version of the OpenLayers.js file in the js property of the inner Media class (see Assets as a static definition).

**class OSMWidget**

This widget uses an OpenStreetMap base layer to display geographic objects on. Attributes are:

- `template_name` = `gis/openlayers-osm.html`
- `default_lat`
- `default_lon`
  The default center latitude and longitude are 47 and 5, respectively, which is a location in eastern France.
- `default_zoom`
  The default map zoom is 12.

The OpenLayersWidget note about JavaScript file hosting above also applies here. See also this FAQ answer about https access to map tiles.

**GIS QuerySet API Reference**

**Spatial Lookups**

The spatial lookups in this section are available for GeometryField and RasterField.

For an introduction, see the spatial lookups introduction. For an overview of what lookups are compatible with a particular spatial backend, refer to the spatial lookup compatibility table.

**Lookups with rasters**

All examples in the reference below are given for geometry fields and inputs, but the lookups can be used the same way with rasters on both sides. Whenever a lookup doesn’t support raster input, the input is automatically converted to a geometry where necessary using the ST_Polygon function. See also the introduction to raster lookups.

The database operators used by the lookups can be divided into three categories:

- Native raster support \( N \): the operator accepts rasters natively on both sides of the lookup, and raster input can be mixed with geometry inputs.
- Bilateral raster support \( B \): the operator supports rasters only if both sides of the lookup receive raster inputs. Raster data is automatically converted to geometries for mixed lookups.
- Geometry conversion support \( C \). The lookup does not have native raster support, all raster data is automatically converted to geometries.

The examples below show the SQL equivalent for the lookups in the different types of raster support. The same pattern applies to all spatial lookups.
### Spatial Lookups with Rasters

Spatial lookups with rasters are only supported for PostGIS backends (denominated as PGRaster in this section).

#### bbcontains

*Availability:* PostGIS, MariaDB, MySQL, SpatiaLite, PGRaster (Native)

Tests if the geometry or raster field’s bounding box completely contains the lookup geometry’s bounding box.

**Example:**

```python
zipcode.objects.filter(poly__bbcontains=geom)
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#### bboverlaps

*Availability:* PostGIS, MariaDB, MySQL, SpatiaLite, PGRaster (Native)

Tests if the geometry field’s bounding box overlaps the lookup geometry’s bounding box.

**Example:**

```python
zipcode.objects.filter(poly__bboverlaps=geom)
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contained

Availability: PostGIS, MariaDB, MySQL, SpatiaLite, PGRaster (Native)
Tests if the geometry field’s bounding box is completely contained by the lookup geometry’s bounding box.
Example:
```
zipcode.objects.filter(poly__contained=geom)
```

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contains

Availability: PostGIS, Oracle, MariaDB, MySQL, SpatiaLite, PGRaster (Bilateral)
Tests if the geometry field spatially contains the lookup geometry.
Example:
```
zipcode.objects.filter(poly__contains=geom)
```

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In older versions, MySQL uses MBRContains and operates only on bounding boxes.

contains_properly

Availability: PostGIS, PGRaster (Bilateral)
Returns true if the lookup geometry intersects the interior of the geometry field, but not the boundary (or exterior).
Example:
```
zipcode.objects.filter(poly__contains_properly=geom)
```

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coveredby

Availability: PostGIS, Oracle, PGRaster (Bilateral), SpatiaLite
Tests if no point in the geometry field is outside the lookup geometry.\(^3\)
Example:

```python
zipcode.objects.filter(poly__coveredby=geom)
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covers

Availability: PostGIS, Oracle, PGRaster (Bilateral), SpatiaLite
Tests if no point in the lookup geometry is outside the geometry field.\(^3\)
Example:

```python
zipcode.objects.filter(poly__covers=geom)
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crosses

Availability: PostGIS, MariaDB, MySQL, SpatiaLite, PGRaster (Conversion)
Tests if the geometry field spatially crosses the lookup geometry.
Example:

```python
zipcode.objects.filter(poly__crosses=geom)
```

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MySQL support was added.

\(^3\) For an explanation of this routine, read Quirks of the “Contains” Spatial Predicate by Martin Davis (a PostGIS developer).
**disjoint**

*Availability:* PostGIS, Oracle, MariaDB, MySQL, SpatiaLite, PGRaster (Bilateral)

Tests if the geometry field is spatially disjoint from the lookup geometry.

Example:

```python
zipcode.objects.filter(poly__disjoint=geom)
```

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In older versions, MySQL uses MBRDisjoint and operates only on bounding boxes.

**equals**

*Availability:* PostGIS, Oracle, MariaDB, MySQL, SpatiaLite, PGRaster (Conversion)

Tests if the geometry field is spatially equal to the lookup geometry.

Example:

```python
zipcode.objects.filter(poly__equals=geom)
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In older versions, MySQL uses MBREquals and operates only on bounding boxes.

**exact, same_as**

*Availability:* PostGIS, Oracle, MariaDB, MySQL, SpatiaLite, PGRaster (Bilateral)

Tests if the geometry field is “equal” to the lookup geometry. On Oracle, MySQL, and SpatiaLite, it tests spatial equality, while on PostGIS it tests equality of bounding boxes.

Example:

```python
zipcode.objects.filter(poly=geom)
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In older versions, MySQL uses `MBREquals` and operates only on bounding boxes.

**intersects**

**Availability:** PostGIS, Oracle, MariaDB, MySQL, SpatiaLite, PGRaster (Bilateral)

Tests if the geometry field spatially intersects the lookup geometry.

Example:

```python
Zipcode.objects.filter(poly__intersects=geom)
```

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In older versions, MySQL uses `MBRIntersects` and operates only on bounding boxes.

**isValid**

**Availability:** MySQL (≥ 5.7.5), PostGIS, Oracle, SpatiaLite

Tests if the geometry is valid.

Example:

```python
Zipcode.objects.filter(poly__isvalid=True)
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**overlaps**

**Availability:** PostGIS, Oracle, MariaDB, MySQL, SpatiaLite, PGRaster (Bilateral)

Tests if the geometry field spatially overlaps the lookup geometry.
In older versions, MySQL uses `MBROverlaps` and operates only on bounding boxes.

### relate

**Availability:** PostGIS, MariaDB, Oracle, SpatiaLite, PGRaster (Conversion)

Tests if the geometry field is spatially related to the lookup geometry by the values given in the given pattern. This lookup requires a tuple parameter, `(geom, pattern);` the form of `pattern` will depend on the spatial backend:

**MariaDB, PostGIS, and SpatiaLite**

On these spatial backends the intersection pattern is a string comprising nine characters, which define intersections between the interior, boundary, and exterior of the geometry field and the lookup geometry. The intersection pattern matrix may only use the following characters: 1, 2, T, F, or *. This lookup type allows users to “fine tune” a specific geometric relationship consistent with the DE-9IM model.¹

Geometry example:

```python
# A tuple lookup parameter is used to specify the geometry and
# the intersection pattern (the pattern here is for 'contains').
zipcode.objects.filter(poly__relate=(geom, 'T*T***FF*'))
```

PostGIS and MariaDB SQL equivalent:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE ST_Relate(poly, geom, 'T*T***FF*')
```

SpatiaLite SQL equivalent:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE Relate(poly, geom, 'T*T***FF*')
```

Raster example:

```python
zipcode.objects.filter(poly__relate=(rast, 1, 'T*T***FF*'))
zipcode.objects.filter(rast__2__relate=(rast, 1, 'T*T***FF*'))
```

PostGIS SQL equivalent:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE ST_Relate(poly, ST_Polygon(rast, 1), 'T*T***FF*')
SELECT ... WHERE ST_Relate(ST_Polygon(rast, 2), ST_Polygon(rast, 1), 'T*T***FF*')
```

MariaDB support was added.

¹ See OpenGIS Simple Feature Specification For SQL, at Ch. 2.1.13.2, p. 2-13 (The Dimensionally Extended Nine-Intersection Model).
Oracle

Here the relation pattern is comprised of at least one of the nine relation strings: TOUCH, OVERLAPBDYDISJOINT, OVERLAPBDYINTERSECT, EQUAL, INSIDE, COVEREDBDY, CONTAINS, COVERS, ON, and ANYINTERACT. Multiple strings may be combined with the logical Boolean operator OR, for example, 'inside+touch'. The relation strings are case-insensitive.

Example:

```python
zipcode.objects.filter(poly__relate=(geom, 'anyinteract'))
```

Oracle SQL equivalent:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE SDO_RELATE(poly, geom, 'anyinteract')
```

**touches**

*Availability:* PostGIS, Oracle, MariaDB, MySQL, SpatiaLite

Tests if the geometry field spatially touches the lookup geometry.

Example:

```python
zipcode.objects.filter(poly__touches=geom)
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In older versions, MySQL uses MBRTouches and operates only on bounding boxes.

**within**

*Availability:* PostGIS, Oracle, MariaDB, MySQL, SpatiaLite, PGRaster (Bilateral)

Tests if the geometry field is spatially within the lookup geometry.

Example:

```python
zipcode.objects.filter(poly__within=geom)
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2 See SDO_RELATE documentation, from the Oracle Spatial and Graph Developer’s Guide.
**left**

*Availability: PostGIS, PGRaster (Conversion)*
Tests if the geometry field’s bounding box is strictly to the left of the lookup geometry’s bounding box.
Example:

```python
Zipcode.objects.filter(poly__left=geom)
```

PostGIS equivalent:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE poly << geom
```

**right**

*Availability: PostGIS, PGRaster (Conversion)*
Tests if the geometry field’s bounding box is strictly to the right of the lookup geometry’s bounding box.
Example:

```python
Zipcode.objects.filter(poly__right=geom)
```

PostGIS equivalent:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE poly >> geom
```

**overlaps_left**

*Availability: PostGIS, PGRaster (Bilateral)*
Tests if the geometry field’s bounding box overlaps or is to the left of the lookup geometry’s bounding box.
Example:

```python
Zipcode.objects.filter(poly__overlaps_left=geom)
```

PostGIS equivalent:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE poly &< geom
```

**overlaps_right**

*Availability: PostGIS, PGRaster (Bilateral)*
Tests if the geometry field’s bounding box overlaps or is to the right of the lookup geometry’s bounding box.
Example:

```python
Zipcode.objects.filter(poly__overlaps_right=geom)
```

PostGIS equivalent:
SELECT ... WHERE poly &> geom

overlaps_above

*Availability: PostGIS, PGRaster (Conversion)*
Tests if the geometry field’s bounding box overlaps or is above the lookup geometry’s bounding box.
Example:
```
zipcode.objects.filter(poly__overlaps_above=geom)
```
PostGIS equivalent:
```
SELECT ... WHERE poly |&> geom
```

overlaps_below

*Availability: PostGIS, PGRaster (Conversion)*
Tests if the geometry field’s bounding box overlaps or is below the lookup geometry’s bounding box.
Example:
```
zipcode.objects.filter(poly__overlaps_below=geom)
```
PostGIS equivalent:
```
SELECT ... WHERE poly &<| geom
```

strictly_above

*Availability: PostGIS, PGRaster (Conversion)*
Tests if the geometry field’s bounding box is strictly above the lookup geometry’s bounding box.
Example:
```
zipcode.objects.filter(poly__strictly_above=geom)
```
PostGIS equivalent:
```
SELECT ... WHERE poly |>> geom
```

strictly_below

*Availability: PostGIS, PGRaster (Conversion)*
Tests if the geometry field’s bounding box is strictly below the lookup geometry’s bounding box.
Example:
Distance Lookups

**Availability:** PostGIS, Oracle, MariaDB, MySQL, SpatiaLite, PGRaster (Native)

For an overview on performing distance queries, please refer to the *distance queries introduction.*

Distance lookups take the following form:

- `<field>`__<distance lookup>=(<geometry/raster>, <distance value>[, 'spheroid'])
- `<field>`__<distance lookup>=(<raster>, <band_index>, <distance value>[, 'spheroid'])
- `<field>`__<band_index>__<distance lookup>=(<raster>, <band_index>, <distance value>[, 'spheroid'])

The value passed into a distance lookup is a tuple; the first two values are mandatory, and are the geometry to calculate distances to, and a distance value (either a number in units of the field, a `Distance` object, or a query expression).

To pass a band index to the lookup, use a 3-tuple where the second entry is the band index.

On every distance lookup except `dwithin`, an optional element, 'spheroid', may be included to use the more accurate spheroid distance calculation functions on fields with a geodetic coordinate system.

On PostgreSQL, the 'spheroid' option uses `ST_DistanceSpheroid` instead of `ST_DistanceSphere`. The simpler `ST_Distance` function is used with projected coordinate systems. Rasters are converted to geometries for spheroid based lookups.

**distance_gt**

Returns models where the distance to the geometry field from the lookup geometry is greater than the given distance value.

Example:

```python
zipcode.objects.filter(poly__distance_gt=(geom, D(m=5)))
```

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**distance_gte**

Returns models where the distance to the geometry field from the lookup geometry is greater than or equal to the given distance value.

Example:
Zipcode.objects.filter(poly__distance_gte=(geom, D(m=5)))

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**distance_lt**

Returns models where the distance to the geometry field from the lookup geometry is less than the given distance value.

Example:

Zipcode.objects.filter(poly__distance_lt=(geom, D(m=5)))

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**distance_lte**

Returns models where the distance to the geometry field from the lookup geometry is less than or equal to the given distance value.

Example:

Zipcode.objects.filter(poly__distance_lte=(geom, D(m=5)))

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**dwithin**

Returns models where the distance to the geometry field from the lookup geometry are within the given distance from one another. Note that you can only provide **Distance** objects if the targeted geometries are in a projected system. For geographic geometries, you should use units of the geometry field (e.g. degrees for WGS84).

Example:
Zipcode.objects.filter(poly__dwithin=(geom, D(m=5)))

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### Aggregate Functions

Django provides some GIS-specific aggregate functions. For details on how to use these aggregate functions, see the topic guide on aggregation.

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Example:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.db.models import Extent, Union
>>> WorldBorder.objects.aggregate(Extent('mpoly'), Union('mpoly'))
```

### Collect

class **Collect**(geo_field)

**Availability**: PostGIS, SpatiaLite

Returns a GEOMETRYCOLLECTION or a MULTI geometry object from the geometry column. This is analogous to a simplified version of the `Union` aggregate, except it can be several orders of magnitude faster than performing a union because it rolls up geometries into a collection or multi object, not caring about dissolving boundaries.

### Extent

class **Extent**(geo_field)

**Availability**: PostGIS, Oracle, SpatiaLite

Returns the extent of all `geo_field` in the QuerySet as a four-tuple, comprising the lower left coordinate and the upper right coordinate.

Example:

```python
>>> qs = City.objects.filter(name__in=('Houston', 'Dallas')).aggregate(Extent('poly'))
>>> print(qs['poly__extent'])
(-96.8016128540039, 29.7633724212646, -95.3631439208984, 32.782058715820)
```

### Extent3D

class **Extent3D**(geo_field)
Availability: PostGIS

Returns the 3D extent of all geo_field in the QuerySet as a six-tuple, comprising the lower left coordinate and upper right coordinate (each with x, y, and z coordinates).

Example:

```python
>>> qs = City.objects.filter(name__in=('Houston', 'Dallas')).aggregate(Extent3D('poly'))
>>> print(qs['poly__extent3d'])
(-96.8016128540039, 29.7633724212646, 0, -95.3631439208984, 32.782058715820, 0)
```

**MakeLine**

class MakeLine (geo_field)

Availability: PostGIS, SpatiaLite

Returns a LineString constructed from the point field geometries in the QuerySet. Currently, ordering the queryset has no effect.

Example:

```python
>>> qs = City.objects.filter(name__in=('Houston', 'Dallas')).aggregate(MakeLine('poly'))
>>> print(qs['poly__makeline'])
LINESTRING (-95.3631510000000020 29.7633739999999989, -96.8016109999999941 32.78205700000018)
```

**Union**

class Union (geo_field)

Availability: PostGIS, Oracle, SpatiaLite

This method returns a GEOSGeometry object comprising the union of every geometry in the queryset. Please note that use of Union is processor intensive and may take a significant amount of time on large querysets.

Note: If the computation time for using this method is too expensive, consider using Collect instead.

Example:

```python
>>> u = Zipcode.objects.aggregate(Union(poly))  # This may take a long time.
>>> u = Zipcode.objects.filter(poly__within=bbox).aggregate(Union(poly))  # A more sensible approach.
```

**Geographic Database Functions**

The functions documented on this page allow users to access geographic database functions to be used in annotations, aggregations, or filters in Django.

Example:
Not all backends support all functions, so refer to the documentation of each function to see if your database backend supports the function you want to use. If you call a geographic function on a backend that doesn’t support it, you’ll get a `NotImplementedError` exception.

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### Area

**class Area** *(expression, **extra)***

*Availability: MariaDB, MySQL, Oracle, PostGIS, SpatiaLite*

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns the area of the field as an *Area* measure. MySQL and SpatiaLite without LWGEOM don’t support area calculations on geographic SRSes.

### AsGeoJSON

**class AsGeoJSON** *(expression, bbox=False, crs=False, precision=8, **extra)***

*Availability: MariaDB (*≥* 10.2.4), MySQL (*≥* 5.7.5), Oracle, PostGIS, SpatiaLite*

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns a GeoJSON representation of the geometry. Note that the result is not a complete GeoJSON structure but only the *geometry* key content of a GeoJSON structure. See also *GeoJSON Serializer*.

**Example:**

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.db.models.functions import Length
>>> Track.objects.annotate(length=Length('line')).filter(length__gt=100)
```

```python
Area

class Area(expression, **extra)

Availability: MariaDB, MySQL, Oracle, PostGIS, SpatiaLite

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns the area of the field as an Area measure. MySQL and SpatiaLite without LWGEOM don’t support area calculations on geographic SRSes.

AsGeoJSON

class AsGeoJSON(expression, bbox=False, crs=False, precision=8, **extra)

Availability: MariaDB (*≥* 10.2.4), MySQL (*≥* 5.7.5), Oracle, PostGIS, SpatiaLite

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns a GeoJSON representation of the geometry. Note that the result is not a complete GeoJSON structure but only the geometry key content of a GeoJSON structure. See also GeoJSON Serializer.

Example:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.db.models.functions import AsGeoJSON
>>> City.objects.annotate(json=AsGeoJSON('point')).get(name='Chicago').json
"{"type":"Point","coordinates":[-87.65018,41.85039]}"
```
AsGML

class AsGML (expression, version=2, precision=8, **extra)

Availability: Oracle, PostGIS, SpatiaLite

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns a Geographic Markup Language (GML) representation of the geometry.

Example:

```python
>>> qs = Zipcode.objects.annotate(gml=AsGML('poly'))
>>> print(qs[0].gml)
<gml:Polygon srsName="EPSG:4326"><gml:OuterBoundaryIs>-147.78711,70.245363 ...
-147.78711,70.245363</gml:OuterBoundaryIs></gml:Polygon>
```

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AsKML

class AsKML (expression, precision=8, **extra)

Availability: PostGIS, SpatiaLite

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns a Keyhole Markup Language (KML) representation of the geometry.

Example:

```python
>>> qs = Zipcode.objects.annotate(kml=AsKML('poly'))
>>> print(qs[0].kml)
<Polygon><outerBoundaryIs><LinearRing><coordinates>-103.04135,36.217596,0 ...
-103.04135,36.217596,0</coordinates></LinearRing></outerBoundaryIs></Polygon>
```

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The undocumented version parameter was removed.

AsSVG

class AsSVG (expression, relative=False, precision=8, **extra)

Availability: PostGIS, SpatiaLite

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns a Scalable Vector Graphics (SVG) representation of the geometry.
Keyword Argument | Description
--- | ---
relative | If set to True, the path data will be implemented in terms of relative moves. Defaults to False, meaning that absolute moves are used instead.
precision | This keyword may be used to specify the number of significant digits for the coordinates in the SVG representation – the default value is 8.

**AsWKB**

```python
class AsWKB(expression, **extra)
```

*Availability*: MariaDB, MySQL, Oracle, PostGIS, SpatiaLite

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns a Well-known binary (WKB) representation of the geometry.

Example:

```python
>>> bytes(City.objects.annotate(wkb=AsWKB('point')).get(name='Chelyabinsk').wkb)
'b\x01\x01\x00\x00\x00\x00j3xf9f\x9b\x91K@\x00X\x1d9\xd2\xb9NQ''
```

**AsWKT**

```python
class AsWKT(expression, **extra)
```

*Availability*: MariaDB, MySQL, Oracle, PostGIS, SpatiaLite

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns a Well-known text (WKT) representation of the geometry.

Example:

```python
>>> City.objects.annotate(wkt=AsWKT('point')).get(name='Chelyabinsk').wkt
'POINT (55.137555 61.451728)''
```

**Azimuth**

```python
class Azimuth(point_a, point_b, **extra)
```

*Availability*: PostGIS, SpatiaLite (LWGEOM)

Returns the azimuth in radians of the segment defined by the given point geometries, or None if the two points are coincident. The azimuth is angle referenced from north and is positive clockwise: north = 0; east = π/2; south = π; west = 3π/2.

**BoundingCircle**

```python
class BoundingCircle(expression, num_seg=48, **extra)
```

*Availability*: PostGIS, Oracle

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns the smallest circle polygon that can fully contain the geometry.

The `num_seg` parameter is used only on PostGIS.
Centroid

class Centroid(expression, **extra)

Availability: MariaDB, MySQL, PostGIS, Oracle, SpatiaLite

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns the centroid value of the geometry.

Difference

class Difference(expr1, expr2, **extra)

Availability: MariaDB, MySQL, PostGIS, Oracle, SpatiaLite

Accepts two geographic fields or expressions and returns the geometric difference, that is the part of geometry A that does not intersect with geometry B.

Distance

class Distance(expr1, expr2, spheroid=None, **extra)

Availability: MariaDB, MySQL, PostGIS, Oracle, SpatiaLite

Accepts two geographic fields or expressions and returns the distance between them, as a Distance object. On MySQL, a raw float value is returned when the coordinates are geodetic.

On backends that support distance calculation on geodetic coordinates, the proper backend function is automatically chosen depending on the SRID value of the geometries (e.g. ST_DistanceSphere on PostGIS).

When distances are calculated with geodetic (angular) coordinates, as is the case with the default WGS84 (4326) SRID, you can set the spheroid keyword argument to decide if the calculation should be based on a simple sphere (less accurate, less resource-intensive) or on a spheroid (more accurate, more resource-intensive).

In the following example, the distance from the city of Hobart to every other PointField in the AustraliaCity queryset is calculated:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.db.models.functions import Distance
>>> pnt = AustraliaCity.objects.get(name='Hobart').point
>>> for city in AustraliaCity.objects.annotate(distance=Distance('point', pnt)):
... print(city.name, city.distance)
Wollongong 990071.220408 m
Shellharbour 972804.613941 m
Thirroul 1002334.36351 m
...
```

Note: Because the distance attribute is a Distance object, you can easily express the value in the units of your choice. For example, city.distance.mi is the distance value in miles and city.distance.km is the distance value in kilometers. See Measurement Objects for usage details and the list of Supported units.

Envelope

class Envelope(expression, **extra)
Availability: MariaDB, MySQL, Oracle, PostGIS, SpatiaLite

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns the geometry representing the bounding box of the geometry.

**ForcePolygonCW**

class ForcePolygonCW(expression, **extra)

Availability: PostGIS, SpatiaLite

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns a modified version of the polygon/multipolygon in which all exterior rings are oriented clockwise and all interior rings are oriented counterclockwise. Non-polygonal geometries are returned unchanged.

**GeoHash**

class GeoHash(expression, precision=None, **extra)

Availability: MySQL (≥ 5.7.5), PostGIS, SpatiaLite (LWGEOM)

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns a GeoHash representation of the geometry. The precision keyword argument controls the number of characters in the result.

**GeometryDistance**

class GeometryDistance(expr1, expr2, **extra)

Availability: PostGIS

Accepts two geographic fields or expressions and returns the distance between them. When used in an order_by() clause, it provides index-assisted nearest-neighbor result sets.

**Intersection**

class Intersection(expr1, expr2, **extra)

Availability: MariaDB, MySQL, PostGIS, Oracle, SpatiaLite

Accepts two geographic fields or expressions and returns the geometric intersection between them.

**IsValid**

class IsValid(expr)

Availability: MySQL (≥ 5.7.5), PostGIS, Oracle, SpatiaLite (LWGEOM)

Accepts a geographic field or expression and tests if the value is well formed. Returns True if its value is a valid geometry and False otherwise.
**Length**

```python
class Length(expression, spheroid=True, **extra)
```

*Availability:* MariaDB, MySQL, Oracle, PostGIS, SpatiaLite

Accepts a single geographic linestring or multilinestring field or expression and returns its length as a `Distance` measure.

On PostGIS and SpatiaLite, when the coordinates are geodetic (angular), you can specify if the calculation should be based on a simple sphere (less accurate, less resource-intensive) or on a spheroid (more accurate, more resource-intensive) with the `spheroid` keyword argument.

MySQL doesn’t support length calculations on geographic SRSes.

**LineLocatePoint**

```python
class LineLocatePoint (linestring, point, **extra)
```

*Availability:* PostGIS, SpatiaLite

Returns a float between 0 and 1 representing the location of the closest point on `linestring` to the given `point`, as a fraction of the 2D line length.

**MakeValid**

```python
class MakeValid(expr)
```

*Availability:* PostGIS, SpatiaLite (LWGEOM)

Accepts a geographic field or expression and attempts to convert the value into a valid geometry without losing any of the input vertices. Geometries that are already valid are returned without changes. Simple polygons might become a multipolygon and the result might be of lower dimension than the input.

**MemSize**

```python
class MemSize(expression, **extra)
```

*Availability:* PostGIS

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns the memory size (number of bytes) that the geometry field takes.

**NumGeometries**

```python
class NumGeometries(expression, **extra)
```

*Availability:* MariaDB, MySQL, PostGIS, Oracle, SpatiaLite

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns the number of geometries if the geometry field is a collection (e.g., a `GEOMETRYCOLLECTION` or `MULTI*` field). Returns 1 for single geometries.

On MySQL, returns `None` for single geometries.
NumPoints

```python
class NumPoints(expression, **extra)
```

**Availability:** MariaDB, MySQL, PostGIS, Oracle, SpatiaLite

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns the number of points in a geometry.

On MySQL, returns `None` for any non-LINESTRING geometry.

Perimeter

```python
class Perimeter(expression, **extra)
```

**Availability:** PostGIS, Oracle, SpatiaLite

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns the perimeter of the geometry field as a `Distance` object.

PointOnSurface

```python
class PointOnSurface(expression, **extra)
```

**Availability:** PostGIS, MariaDB, Oracle, SpatiaLite

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns a `Point` geometry guaranteed to lie on the surface of the field; otherwise returns `None`.

Reverse

```python
class Reverse(expression, **extra)
```

**Availability:** PostGIS, Oracle, SpatiaLite

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns a geometry with reversed coordinates.

Scale

```python
class Scale(expression, x, y, z=0.0, **extra)
```

**Availability:** PostGIS, SpatiaLite

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns a geometry with scaled coordinates by multiplying them with the `x`, `y`, and optionally `z` parameters.

SnapToGrid

```python
class SnapToGrid(expression, *args, **extra)
```

**Availability:** PostGIS, SpatiaLite

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns a geometry with all points snapped to the given grid. How the geometry is snapped to the grid depends on how many numeric (either float, integer, or long) arguments are given.
SymDifference

```python
class SymDifference(expr1, expr2, **extra)
```

**Availability:** MariaDB, MySQL, PostGIS, Oracle, SpatiaLite

Accepts two geographic fields or expressions and returns the geometric symmetric difference (union without the intersection) between the given parameters.

Transform

```python
class Transform(expression, srid, **extra)
```

**Availability:** PostGIS, Oracle, SpatiaLite

Accepts a geographic field or expression and a SRID integer code, and returns the transformed geometry to the spatial reference system specified by the `srid` parameter.

**Note:** What spatial reference system an integer SRID corresponds to may depend on the spatial database used. In other words, the SRID numbers used for Oracle are not necessarily the same as those used by PostGIS.

Translate

```python
class Translate(expression, x, y, z=0.0, **extra)
```

**Availability:** PostGIS, SpatiaLite

Accepts a single geographic field or expression and returns a geometry with its coordinates offset by the `x`, `y`, and optionally `z` numeric parameters.

Union

```python
class Union(expr1, expr2, **extra)
```

**Availability:** MariaDB, MySQL, PostGIS, Oracle, SpatiaLite

Accepts two geographic fields or expressions and returns the union of both geometries.

Measurement Objects

The `django.contrib.gis.measure` module contains objects that allow for convenient representation of distance and area units of measure. Specifically, it implements two objects, `Distance` and `Area`—both of which may be accessed via the `D` and `A` convenience aliases, respectively.

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1 Robert Coup is the initial author of the measure objects, and was inspired by Brian Beck’s work in geopy and Geoff Biggs’ PhD work on dimensioned units for robotics.
Example

`Distance` objects may be instantiated using a keyword argument indicating the context of the units. In the example below, two different distance objects are instantiated in units of kilometers (`km`) and miles (`mi`):

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.measure import D, Distance
>>> d1 = Distance(km=5)
5.0 km
>>> d2 = D(mi=5)  # `D` is an alias for `Distance`
5.0 mi
```

For conversions, access the preferred unit attribute to get a converted distance quantity:

```python
>>> print(d1.mi)  # Converting 5 kilometers to miles
3.10685596119
>>> print(d2.km)  # Converting 5 miles to kilometers
8.04672
```

Moreover, arithmetic operations may be performed between the distance objects:

```python
>>> print(d1 + d2)  # Adding 5 miles to 5 kilometers
13.04672 km
>>> print(d2 - d1)  # Subtracting 5 kilometers from 5 miles
1.89314403881 mi
```

Two `Distance` objects multiplied together will yield an `Area` object, which uses squared units of measure:

```python
>>> a = d1 * d2  # Returns an Area object.
>>> print(a)
40.2336 sq_km
```

To determine what the attribute abbreviation of a unit is, the `unit_attname` class method may be used:

```python
>>> print(Distance.unit_attname('US Survey Foot'))
survey_ft
>>> print(Distance.unit_attname('centimeter'))
cm
```

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**Note:** *Area* attributes are the same as *Distance* attributes, except they are prefixed with `sq_` (area units are square in nature). For example, `Area(sq_m=2)` creates an *Area* object representing two square meters.

### Measurement API

**Distance**

class **Distance**(**kwargs**)

To initialize a distance object, pass in a keyword corresponding to the desired *unit attribute name* set with desired value. For example, the following creates a distance object representing 5 miles:

```python
>>> dist = Distance(mi=5)
```

__getattr__(**unit_att**)  

Returns the distance value in units corresponding to the given unit attribute. For example:

```python
>>> print(dist.km)  
8.04672
```

classmethod **unit_attname**(**unit_name**)  

Returns the distance unit attribute name for the given full unit name. For example:

```python
>>> Distance.unit_attname('Mile')  
'mi'
```
class `D`

Alias for `Distance` class.

**Area**

class `Area(**kwargs)`

To initialize an area object, pass in a keyword corresponding to the desired *unit attribute name* set with desired value. For example, the following creates an area object representing 5 square miles:

```python
>>> a = Area(sq_mi=5)
```

**`__getattr__(unit_att)`**

Returns the area value in units corresponding to the given unit attribute. For example:

```python
>>> print(a sq_km)
12.949940551680001
```

**classmethod `unit_attname(unit_name)`**

Returns the area unit attribute name for the given full unit name. For example:

```python
>>> Area.unit_attname('Kilometer')
sq_km
```

class `A`

Alias for `Area` class.

**GEOS API**

**Background**

**What is GEOS?**

`GEOS` stands for **Geometry Engine - Open Source**, and is a C++ library, ported from the Java Topology Suite. GEOS implements the OpenGIS Simple Features for SQL spatial predicate functions and spatial operators. GEOS, now an OSGeo project, was initially developed and maintained by Refractions Research of Victoria, Canada.

**Features**

GeoDjango implements a high-level Python wrapper for the GEOS library, its features include:

- A BSD-licensed interface to the GEOS geometry routines, implemented purely in Python using `ctypes`.
- Loosely-coupled to GeoDjango. For example, `GEOSGeometry` objects may be used outside of a Django project/application. In other words, no need to have `DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE` set or use a database, etc.
- Mutability: `GEOSGeometry` objects may be modified.
- Cross-platform and tested; compatible with Windows, Linux, Solaris, and macOS platforms.

**Tutorial**

This section contains a brief introduction and tutorial to using `GEOSGeometry` objects.
Creating a Geometry

**GEOSGeometry** objects may be created in a few ways. The first is to simply instantiate the object on some spatial input – the following are examples of creating the same geometry from WKT, HEX, WKB, and GeoJSON:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import GEOSGeometry
>>> pnt = GEOSGeometry('POINT(5 23)') # WKT
>>> pnt = GEOSGeometry('010100000000000000000000001440000000000003740') # HEX
>>> pnt = GEOSGeometry(buffer('\x01\x01\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x14@\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x00\x007@'))
>>> pnt = GEOSGeometry('{ "type": "Point", "coordinates": [ 5.000000, 23.000000 ] }') # GeoJSON
```

Another option is to use the constructor for the specific geometry type that you wish to create. For example, a `Point` object may be created by passing in the X and Y coordinates into its constructor:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import Point
>>> pnt = Point(5, 23)
```

All these constructors take the keyword argument `srid`. For example:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import GEOSGeometry, LineString, Point
>>> print(GEOSGeometry('POINT (0 0)', srid=4326))
SRID=4326;POINT (0 0)
>>> print(LineString((0, 0), (1, 1), srid=4326))
SRID=4326;LINESTRING (0 0, 1 1)
>>> print(Point(0, 0, srid=32140))
SRID=32140;POINT (0 0)
```

Finally, there is the `fromfile()` factory method which returns a `GEOSGeometry` object from a file:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import fromfile
>>> pnt = fromfile('/path/to/pnt.wkt')
>>> pnt = fromfile(open('/path/to/pnt.wkt'))
```

My logs are filled with GEOS-related errors

You find many `TypeError` or `AttributeError` exceptions filling your Web server’s log files. This generally means that you are creating GEOS objects at the top level of some of your Python modules. Then, due to a race condition in the garbage collector, your module is garbage collected before the GEOS object. To prevent this, create `GEOSGeometry` objects inside the local scope of your functions/methods.

Geometries are Pythonic

`GEOSGeometry` objects are ‘Pythonic’, in other words components may be accessed, modified, and iterated over using standard Python conventions. For example, you can iterate over the coordinates in a `Point`:

```python
>>> pnt = Point(5, 23)
>>> [coord for coord in pnt]
[5.0, 23.0]
```

With any geometry object, the `GEOSGeometry.coords` property may be used to get the geometry coordinates as a Python tuple:
You can get/set geometry components using standard Python indexing techniques. However, what is returned depends on the geometry type of the object. For example, indexing on a `LineString` returns a coordinate tuple:

```python
from django.contrib.gis.geos import LineString
>>> line = LineString((0, 0), (0, 50), (50, 50), (50, 0), (0, 0))
>>> line[0]
(0.0, 0.0)
>>> line[-2]
(50.0, 0.0)
```

Whereas indexing on a `Polygon` will return the ring (a `LinearRing` object) corresponding to the index:

```python
from django.contrib.gis.geos import Polygon
>>> poly = Polygon(((0.0, 0.0), (0.0, 50.0), (50.0, 50.0), (50.0, 0.0), (0.0, 0.0)))
>>> poly[0]
<LinearRing object at 0x1044395b0>
>>> poly[0][-2]  # second-to-last coordinate of external ring
(50.0, 0.0)
```

In addition, coordinates/components of the geometry may added or modified, just like a Python list:

```python
>>> line[0] = (1.0, 1.0)
>>> line.pop()
(0.0, 0.0)
>>> line.append((1.0, 1.0))
>>> line.coords
((1.0, 1.0), (0.0, 50.0), (50.0, 50.0), (50.0, 0.0), (1.0, 1.0))
```

Geometries support set-like operators:

```python
from django.contrib.gis.geos import LineString
>>> ls1 = LineString((0, 0), (1, 1))
>>> ls2 = LineString((1, 1), (2, 2))
>>> print(ls1 | ls2)  # equivalent to 'ls1.union(ls2)'
MULTILINESTRING ((0 0, 2 2), (1 1, 2 2))
>>> print(ls1 & ls2)  # equivalent to 'ls1.intersection(ls2)'
LINESTRING (1 1, 2 2)
>>> print(ls1 - ls2)  # equivalent to 'ls1.difference(ls2)'
LINESTRING(0 0, 1 1)
>>> print(ls1 ^ ls2)  # equivalent to 'ls1.sym_difference(ls2)'
MULTILINESTRING ((0 0, 1 1), (2 2, 3 3))
```

Equality operator doesn’t check spatial equality

The `GEOSGeometry` equality operator uses `equals_exact()`, not `equals()`, i.e. it requires the compared geometries to have the same coordinates in the same positions with the same SRIDs:

```python
from django.contrib.gis.geos import LineString
>>> ls1 = LineString((0, 0), (1, 1))
>>> ls2 = LineString((1, 1), (0, 0))
>>> ls3 = LineString((1, 1), (0, 0), srid=4326)
>>> ls1.equals(ls2)
True
```
Geometry Objects

**GEOSGeometry**

class GEOSGeometry(geo_input, srid=None)

Parameters

- **geo_input** – Geometry input value (string or buffer)
- **srid** (int) – spatial reference identifier

This is the base class for all GEOS geometry objects. It initializes on the given geo_input argument, and then assumes the proper geometry subclass (e.g., GEOSGeometry('POINT(1 1)') will create a Point object). The srid parameter, if given, is set as the SRID of the created geometry if geo_input doesn’t have an SRID. If different SRIDs are provided through the geo_input and srid parameters, ValueError is raised:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import GEOSGeometry
>>> GEOSGeometry('POINT EMPTY', srid=4326).ewkt
'SRID=4326;POINT EMPTY'
>>> GEOSGeometry('SRID=4326;POINT EMPTY', srid=4326).ewkt
'SRID=4326;POINT EMPTY'
>>> GEOSGeometry('SRID=1;POINT EMPTY', srid=4326)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...
ValueError: Input geometry already has SRID: 1.
```

The following input formats, along with their corresponding Python types, are accepted:

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<td>buffer</td>
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<td>GeoJSON</td>
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For the GeoJSON format, the SRID is set based on the crs member. If crs isn’t provided, the SRID defaults to 4326.

```
classmethod GEOSGeometry.from_gml(gml_string)
```

Constructs a GEOSGeometry from the given GML string.

Properties

**GEOSGeometry.coords**

Returns the coordinates of the geometry as a tuple.
GEOSGeometry.dims
Returns the dimension of the geometry:
• 0 for Points and MultiPoints
• 1 for LineStrings and MultiLineStrings
• 2 for Polygons and MultiPolygons
• –1 for empty GeometryCollections
• the maximum dimension of its elements for non-empty GeometryCollections

GEOSGeometry.empty
Returns whether or not the set of points in the geometry is empty.

GEOSGeometry.geom_type
Returns a string corresponding to the type of geometry. For example:

```python
>>> pnt = GEOSGeometry('POINT(5 23)')
>>> pnt.geom_type
'Point'
```

GEOSGeometry.geom_typeid
Returns the GEOS geometry type identification number. The following table shows the value for each geometry type:

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GEOSGeometry.num_coords
Returns the number of coordinates in the geometry.

GEOSGeometry.num_geom
Returns the number of geometries in this geometry. In other words, will return 1 on anything but geometry collections.

GEOSGeometry.hasz
Returns a boolean indicating whether the geometry is three-dimensional.

GEOSGeometry.ring
Returns a boolean indicating whether the geometry is a LinearRing.

GEOSGeometry.simple
Returns a boolean indicating whether the geometry is ‘simple’. A geometry is simple if and only if it does not intersect itself (except at boundary points). For example, a LineString object is not simple if it intersects itself. Thus, LinearRing and Polygon objects are always simple because they do not intersect themselves, by definition.

GEOSGeometry.valid
Returns a boolean indicating whether the geometry is valid.
GEOSGeometry.valid_reason
Returns a string describing the reason why a geometry is invalid.

GEOSGeometry.srid
Property that may be used to retrieve or set the SRID associated with the geometry. For example:

```python
>>> pnt = Point(5, 23)
>>> print(pnt.srid)
None
>>> pnt.srid = 4326
>>> pnt.srid
4326
```

Output Properties

The properties in this section export the GEOSGeometry object into a different. This output may be in the form of a string, buffer, or even another object.

GEOSGeometry.ewkt
Returns the “extended” Well-Known Text of the geometry. This representation is specific to PostGIS and is a superset of the OGC WKT standard. Essentially the SRID is prepended to the WKT representation, for example `SRID=4326;POINT(5 23)`.

**Note:** The output from this property does not include the 3dm, 3dz, and 4d information that PostGIS supports in its EWKT representations.

GEOSGeometry.hex
Returns the WKB of this Geometry in hexadecimal form. Please note that the SRID value is not included in this representation because it is not a part of the OGC specification (use the GEOSGeometry.hexewkb property instead).

GEOSGeometry.hexewkb
Returns the EWKB of this Geometry in hexadecimal form. This is an extension of the WKB specification that includes the SRID value that are a part of this geometry.

GEOSGeometry.json
Returns the GeoJSON representation of the geometry. Note that the result is not a complete GeoJSON structure but only the geometry key content of a GeoJSON structure. See also GeoJSON Serializer.

GEOSGeometry.geojson
Alias for GEOSGeometry.json.

GEOSGeometry.kml
Returns a KML (Keyhole Markup Language) representation of the geometry. This should only be used for geometries with an SRID of 4326 (WGS84), but this restriction is not enforced.

GEOSGeometry.ogr
Returns an OGRGeometry object corresponding to the GEOS geometry.

GEOSGeometry.wkb
Returns the WKB (Well-Known Binary) representation of this Geometry as a Python buffer. SRID value is not included, use the GEOSGeometry.ewkb property instead.

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1 See PostGIS EWKB, EWKT and Canonical Forms, PostGIS documentation at Ch. 4.1.2.
GEOSGeometry.ewkb
Return the EWKB representation of this Geometry as a Python buffer. This is an extension of the WKB specification that includes any SRID value that are a part of this geometry.

GEOSGeometry.wkt
Returns the Well-Known Text of the geometry (an OGC standard).

Spatial Predicate Methods

All of the following spatial predicate methods take another GEOSGeometry instance (other) as a parameter, and return a boolean.

GEOSGeometry.contains(other)
Returns True if other.within(this) returns True.

GEOSGeometry.covers(other)
Returns True if this geometry covers the specified geometry.

The covers predicate has the following equivalent definitions:

• Every point of the other geometry is a point of this geometry.

• The DE-9IM Intersection Matrix for the two geometries is T*****FF*, *T*****FF*, ***T*FF*, or ****T*FF*.

If either geometry is empty, returns False.

This predicate is similar to GEOSGeometry.contains(), but is more inclusive (i.e. returns True for more cases). In particular, unlike contains() it does not distinguish between points in the boundary and in the interior of geometries. For most situations, covers() should be preferred to contains(). As an added benefit, covers() is more amenable to optimization and hence should outperform contains().

GEOSGeometry.crosses(other)
Returns True if the DE-9IM intersection matrix for the two Geometries is T*T****** (for a point and a curve,a point and an area or a line and an area) 0******** (for two curves).

GEOSGeometry.disjoint(other)
Returns True if the DE-9IM intersection matrix for the two geometries is FF*FF****.

GEOSGeometry.equals(other)
Returns True if the DE-9IM intersection matrix for the two geometries is T*F**FFF*.

GEOSGeometry.equals_exact(other, tolerance=0)
Returns true if the two geometries are exactly equal, up to a specified tolerance. The tolerance value should be a floating point number representing the error tolerance in the comparison, e.g., poly1.equals_exact(poly2, 0.001) will compare equality to within one thousandth of a unit.

GEOSGeometry.intersects(other)
Returns True if GEOSGeometry.disjoint() is False.

GEOSGeometry.overlaps(other)
Returns true if the DE-9IM intersection matrix for the two geometries is T*T***T** (for two points or two surfaces) 1*T***T** (for two curves).

GEOSGeometry.relate_pattern(other, pattern)
Returns True if the elements in the DE-9IM intersection matrix for this geometry and the other matches the given pattern—a string of nine characters from the alphabet: {T,F,*,0}.

GEOSGeometry.touches(other)
Returns True if the DE-9IM intersection matrix for the two geometries is FT********, F**T***** or F***T****.
GEOSGeometry.within(\texttt{other})

Returns True if the DE-9IM intersection matrix for the two geometries is T*F**F**.

**Topological Methods**

GEOSGeometry.buffer(\texttt{width, quadsegs=8})

Returns a GEOSGeometry that represents all points whose distance from this geometry is less than or equal to the given width. The optional quadsegs keyword sets the number of segments used to approximate a quarter circle (defaults is 8).

GEOSGeometry.buffer_with_style(\texttt{width, quadsegs=8, end_cap_style=1, join_style=1, mitre_limit=5.0})

Same as buffer(), but allows customizing the style of the buffer.

- end_cap_style can be round (1), flat (2), or square (3).
- join_style can be round (1), mitre (2), or bevel (3).
- Mitre ratio limit (mitre_limit) only affects mitered join style.

GEOSGeometry.difference(\texttt{other})

Returns a GEOSGeometry representing the points making up this geometry that do not make up other.

GEOSGeometry.interpolate(\texttt{distance})

GEOSGeometry.interpolate_normalized(\texttt{distance})

Given a distance (float), returns the point (or closest point) within the geometry (LineString or MultiLineString) at that distance. The normalized version takes the distance as a float between 0 (origin) and 1 (endpoint).

Reverse of GEOSGeometry.project().

GEOSGeometry.intersection(\texttt{other})

Returns a GEOSGeometry representing the points shared by this geometry and other.

GEOSGeometry.project(\texttt{point})

GEOSGeometry.project_normalized(\texttt{point})

Returns the distance (float) from the origin of the geometry (LineString or MultiLineString) to the point projected on the geometry (that is to a point of the line the closest to the given point). The normalized version returns the distance as a float between 0 (origin) and 1 (endpoint).

Reverse of GEOSGeometry.interpolate().

GEOSGeometry.relate(\texttt{other})

Returns the DE-9IM intersection matrix (a string) representing the topological relationship between this geometry and the other.

GEOSGeometry.simplify(\texttt{tolerance=0.0, preserve_topology=False})

Returns a new GEOSGeometry, simplified to the specified tolerance using the Douglas-Peucker algorithm. A higher tolerance value implies fewer points in the output. If no tolerance is provided, it defaults to 0.

By default, this function does not preserve topology. For example, Polygon objects can be split, be collapsed into lines, or disappear. Polygon holes can be created or disappear, and lines may cross. By specifying preserve_topology=True, the result will have the same dimension and number of components as the input; this is significantly slower, however.

GEOSGeometry.sym_difference(\texttt{other})

Returns a GEOSGeometry combining the points in this geometry not in other, and the points in other not in this geometry.
GEOSGeometry.union 

Returns a GEOSGeometry representing all the points in this geometry and the other.

### Topological Properties

GEOSGeometry.boundary

Returns the boundary as a newly allocated Geometry object.

GEOSGeometry.centroid

Returns a Point object representing the geometric center of the geometry. The point is not guaranteed to be on the interior of the geometry.

GEOSGeometry.convex_hull

Returns the smallest Polygon that contains all the points in the geometry.

GEOSGeometry.envelope

Returns a Polygon that represents the bounding envelope of this geometry. Note that it can also return a Point if the input geometry is a point.

GEOSGeometry.point_on_surface

Computes and returns a Point guaranteed to be on the interior of this geometry.

GEOSGeometry.unary_union

Computes the union of all the elements of this geometry.

The result obeys the following contract:

- Unioning a set of LineStrings has the effect of fully noding and dissolving the linework.
- Unioning a set of Polygons will always return a Polygon or MultiPolygon geometry (unlike GEOSGeometry.union(), which may return geometries of lower dimension if a topology collapse occurs).

### Other Properties & Methods

GEOSGeometry.area

This property returns the area of the Geometry.

GEOSGeometry.extent

This property returns the extent of this geometry as a 4-tuple, consisting of (xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax).

GEOSGeometry.clone()

This method returns a GEOSGeometry that is a clone of the original.

GEOSGeometry.distance (geom)

Returns the distance between the closest points on this geometry and the given geom (another GEOSGeometry object).

**Note:** GEOS distance calculations are linear – in other words, GEOS does not perform a spherical calculation even if the SRID specifies a geographic coordinate system.

GEOSGeometry.length

Returns the length of this geometry (e.g., 0 for a Point, the length of a LineString, or the circumference of a Polygon).
GEOSGeometry.prepared
Returns a GEOS PreparedGeometry for the contents of this geometry. PreparedGeometry objects are optimized for the contains, intersects, covers, crosses, disjoint, overlaps, touches and within operations. Refer to the Prepared Geometries documentation for more information.

GEOSGeometry.srs
Returns a SpatialReference object corresponding to the SRID of the geometry or None.

GEOSGeometry.transform(ct, clone=False)
Transforms the geometry according to the given coordinate transformation parameter (ct), which may be an integer SRID, spatial reference WKT string, a PROJ.4 string, a SpatialReference object, or a CoordTransform object. By default, the geometry is transformed in-place and nothing is returned. However if the clone keyword is set, then the geometry is not modified and a transformed clone of the geometry is returned instead.

Note: Raises GEOSException if GDAL is not available or if the geometry’s SRID is None or less than 0. It doesn’t impose any constraints on the geometry’s SRID if called with a CoordTransform object.

GEOSGeometry.normalize()
Converts this geometry to canonical form:

```python
>>> g = MultiPoint(Point(0, 0), Point(2, 2), Point(1, 1))
>>> print(g)
MULTIPOINT (0 0, 2 2, 1 1)
>>> g.normalize()
>>> print(g)
MULTIPOINT (2 2, 1 1, 0 0)
```

Point
class Point (x=None, y=None, z=None, srid=None)
Point objects are instantiated using arguments that represent the component coordinates of the point or with a single sequence coordinates. For example, the following are equivalent:

```python
>>> pnt = Point(5, 23)
>>> pnt = Point([5, 23])
```

Empty Point objects may be instantiated by passing no arguments or an empty sequence. The following are equivalent:

```python
>>> pnt = Point()
>>> pnt = Point([])
```

LineString
class LineString(*args, **kwargs)
LineString objects are instantiated using arguments that are either a sequence of coordinates or Point objects. For example, the following are equivalent:

```python
>>> ls = LineString((0, 0), (1, 1))
>>> ls = LineString(Point(0, 0), Point(1, 1))
```
In addition, `LineString` objects may also be created by passing in a single sequence of coordinate or `Point` objects:

```python
>>> ls = LineString((0, 0), (1, 1))
>>> ls = LineString([Point(0, 0), Point(1, 1)])
```

Empty `LineString` objects may be instantiated by passing no arguments or an empty sequence. The following are equivalent:

```python
>>> ls = LineString()
>>> ls = LineString([])
```

closed

Returns whether or not this `LineString` is closed.

**LinearRing**

class `LinearRing`(*args, **kwargs)

`LinearRing` objects are constructed in the exact same way as `LineString` objects, however the coordinates must be closed, in other words, the first coordinates must be the same as the last coordinates. For example:

```python
>>> ls = LinearRing((0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1), (0, 0))
```

Notice that (0, 0) is the first and last coordinate – if they were not equal, an error would be raised.

`is_counterclockwise`

Returns whether this `LinearRing` is counterclockwise.

**Polygon**

class `Polygon`(*args, **kwargs)

`Polygon` objects may be instantiated by passing in parameters that represent the rings of the polygon. The parameters must either be `LinearRing` instances, or a sequence that may be used to construct a `LinearRing`:

```python
>>> ext_coords = ((0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1), (1, 0), (0, 0))
>>> int_coords = ((0.4, 0.4), (0.4, 0.6), (0.6, 0.6), (0.6, 0.4), (0.4, 0.4))
>>> poly = Polygon(ext_coords, int_coords)
>>> poly = Polygon(LinearRing(ext_coords), LinearRing(int_coords))
```

classmethod `from_bbox` (*bbox*)

Returns a polygon object from the given bounding-box, a 4-tuple comprising (xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax).

`num_interior_rings`

Returns the number of interior rings in this geometry.

### Comparing Polygons

Note that it is possible to compare `Polygon` objects directly with `<` or `>`, but as the comparison is made through `Polygon`’s `LineString`, it does not mean much (but is consistent and quick). You can always force the comparison with the `area` property:

```python
>>> if poly_1.area > poly_2.area:
...   pass
```
Geometry Collections

MultiPoint

class MultiPoint (*args, **kwargs)

MultiPoint objects may be instantiated by passing in Point objects as arguments, or a single sequence of Point objects:

```python
>>> mp = MultiPoint(Point(0, 0), Point(1, 1))
>>> mp = MultiPoint(Point(0, 0), Point(1, 1))
```

MultiLineString

class MultiLineString (*args, **kwargs)

MultiLineString objects may be instantiated by passing in LineString objects as arguments, or a single sequence of LineString objects:

```python
>>> ls1 = LineString((0, 0), (1, 1))
>>> ls2 = LineString((1, 1), (2, 2))
>>> mls = MultiLineString(ls1, ls2)
>>> mls = MultiLineString([ls1, ls2])
```

merged

Returns a LineString representing the line merge of all the components in this MultiLineString.

closed

Returns True if and only if all elements are closed. Requires GEOS 3.5.

MultiPolygon

class MultiPolygon (*args, **kwargs)

MultiPolygon objects may be instantiated by passing Polygon objects as arguments, or a single sequence of Polygon objects:

```python
>>> p1 = Polygon(((0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1), (0, 0)))
>>> p2 = Polygon(((1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 2), (1, 1)))
>>> mp = MultiPolygon(p1, p2)
>>> mp = MultiPolygon([p1, p2])
```

GeometryCollection

class GeometryCollection (*args, **kwargs)

GeometryCollection objects may be instantiated by passing other GEOSGeometry as arguments, or a single sequence of GEOSGeometry objects:

```python
>>> poly = Polygon(((0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 1), (0, 0)))
>>> gc = GeometryCollection(Point(0, 0), MultiPoint(Point(0, 0), Point(1, 1)).\n  ->poly)
>>> gc = GeometryCollection((Point(0, 0), MultiPoint(Point(0, 0), Point(1, 1)).\n  ->poly))
```
Prepared Geometries

In order to obtain a prepared geometry, access the `GEOSGeometry.prepared` property. Once you have a `PreparedGeometry` instance its spatial predicate methods, listed below, may be used with other `GEOSGeometry` objects. An operation with a prepared geometry can be orders of magnitude faster – the more complex the geometry that is prepared, the larger the speedup in the operation. For more information, please consult the GEOS wiki page on prepared geometries.

For example:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import Point, Polygon
>>> poly = Polygon.from_bbox((0, 0, 5, 5))
>>> prep_poly = poly.prepared
>>> prep_poly.contains(Point(2.5, 2.5))
True
```

**PreparedGeometry**

class PreparedGeometry

All methods on `PreparedGeometry` take an `other` argument, which must be a `GEOSGeometry` instance.

- `contains(other)`
- `contains_properly(other)`
- `covers(other)`
- `crosses(other)`
- `disjoint(other)`
- `intersects(other)`
- `overlaps(other)`
- `touches(other)`
- `within(other)`

**Geometry Factories**

`fromfile(file_h)`

Parameters

- `file_h` (a Python file object or a string path to the file) – input file that contains spatial data

Return type

a `GEOSGeometry` corresponding to the spatial data in the file

Example:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import fromfile
>>> g = fromfile('/home/bob/geom.wkt')
```

`fromstr(string, srid=None)`

Parameters

- `string` (str) – string that contains spatial data
• **srid** *(int)* – spatial reference identifier

**Return type** a `GEOSGeometry` corresponding to the spatial data in the string

`fromstr(string, srid)` is equivalent to `GEOSGeometry(string, srid)`.

Example:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import fromstr
>>> pnt = fromstr('POINT(-90.5 29.5)')
```

### I/O Objects

#### Reader Objects

The reader I/O classes return a `GEOSGeometry` instance from the WKB and/or WKT input given to their `read(geom)` method.

**class WKBReader**

Example:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import WKBReader
>>> wkb_r = WKBReader()
>>> wkb_r.read('0101000000000000000000F03F000000000000F03F')
<Point object at 0x103a88910>
```

**class WKTReader**

Example:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import WKTReader
>>> wkt_r = WKTReader()
>>> wkt_r.read('POINT(1 1)')
<Point object at 0x103a88b50>
```

#### Writer Objects

All writer objects have a `write(geom)` method that returns either the WKB or WKT of the given geometry. In addition, `WKBWriter` objects also have properties that may be used to change the byte order, and or include the SRID value (in other words, EWKB).

**class WKBWriter**(dim=2)

`WKBWriter` provides the most control over its output. By default it returns OGC-compliant WKB when its `write` method is called. However, it has properties that allow for the creation of EWKB, a superset of the WKB standard that includes additional information. See the `WKBWriter.outdim` documentation for more details about the `dim` argument.

```python
write(geom)
```

Returns the WKB of the given geometry as a Python `buffer` object. Example:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import Point, WKBWriter
>>> pnt = Point(1, 1)
>>> wkb_w = WKBWriter()
>>> wkb_w.write(pnt)
<read-only buffer for 0x103a898f0, size -1, offset 0 at 0x103a89930>
```
write_hex(geom)

Returns WKB of the geometry in hexadecimal. Example:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import Point, WKBWriter
>>> pnt = Point(1, 1)
>>> wkb_w = WKBWriter()
>>> wkb_w.write_hex(pnt)
'0101000000000000000000F03F000000000000F03F'
```

byteorder

This property may be set to change the byte-order of the geometry representation.

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<th>Byteorder Value</th>
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<td>0</td>
<td>Big Endian (e.g., compatible with RISC systems)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Little Endian (e.g., compatible with x86 systems)</td>
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</table>

Example:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import Point, WKBWriter
>>> wkb_w = WKBWriter()
>>> pnt = Point(1, 1)
>>> wkb_w.write_hex(pnt)
'0101000000000000000000F03F000000000000F03F'
>>> wkb_w.byteorder = 0
'0000000013FF000000000003FF0000000000000'
```

outdim

This property may be set to change the output dimension of the geometry representation. In other words, if you have a 3D geometry then set to 3 so that the Z value is included in the WKB.

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<td>2</td>
<td>The default, output 2D WKB.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Output 3D WKB.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Example:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import Point, WKBWriter
>>> wkb_w = WKBWriter()
>>> wkb_w.outdim = 2
>>> pnt = Point(1, 1, 1)
>>> wkb_w.write_hex(pnt) # By default, no Z value included:
'0101000000000000000000F03F000000000000F03F'
>>> wkb_w.outdim = 3 # Tell writer to include Z values
>>> wkb_w.write_hex(pnt)
'01010000800000000000000000000000000F03F0000000000000F03F'
```

srid

Set this property with a boolean to indicate whether the SRID of the geometry should be included with the WKB representation. Example:
>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import Point, WKBWriter
>>> wkb_w = WKBWriter()
>>> pnt = Point(1, 1, srid=4326)
>>> wkb_w.write_hex(pnt)  # By default, no SRID included:
'01010000000000000000F03F0000000000000F03F'
>>> wkb_w.srid = True  # Tell writer to include SRID
>>> wkb_w.write_hex(pnt)
'0101000020E610000000000000000000F03F0000000000000F03F'

class WKTWriter (dim=2, trim=False, precision=None)
This class allows outputting the WKT representation of a geometry. See the WKBWriter.outdim, trim, and precision attributes for details about the constructor arguments.

write(geom)
Returns the WKT of the given geometry. Example:

>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import Point, WKTWriter
>>> pnt = Point(1, 1)
>>> wkt_w = WKTWriter()
>>> wkt_w.write(pnt)
'POINT (1.0000000000000000 1.0000000000000000)'

outdim
See WKBWriter.outdim.

trim
This property is used to enable or disable trimming of unnecessary decimals.

>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import Point, WKTWriter
>>> pnt = Point(1, 1)
>>> wkt_w = WKTWriter()
>>> wkt_w.trim = False
>>> wkt_w.write(pnt)
'POINT (1.0000000000000000 1.0000000000000000)'
>>> wkt_w.trim = True
>>> wkt_w.write(pnt)
'POINT (1 1)'

precision
This property controls the rounding precision of coordinates; if set to None rounding is disabled.

>>> from django.contrib.gis.geos import Point, WKTWriter
>>> pnt = Point(1.44, 1.66)
>>> wkt_w = WKTWriter()
>>> print(wkt_w.precision)
None
>>> wkt_w.write(pnt)
'POINT (1.43999999999999 1.65999999999999)'
>>> wkt_w.precision = 0
>>> wkt_w.write(pnt)
'POINT (1 2)'
>>> wkt_w.precision = 1
>>> wkt_w.write(pnt)
'POINT (1.4 1.7)'

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**Settings**

**GEOS_LIBRARY_PATH**

A string specifying the location of the GEOS C library. Typically, this setting is only used if the GEOS C library is in a non-standard location (e.g., `/home/bob/lib/libgeos_c.so`).

**Note:** The setting must be the full path to the C shared library; in other words you want to use `libgeos_c.so`, not `libgeos.so`.

**Exceptions**

**exception GEOSException**

The base GEOS exception, indicates a GEOS-related error.

**GDAL API**

**GDAL** stands for Geospatial Data Abstraction Library, and is a veritable “Swiss army knife” of GIS data functionality. A subset of GDAL is the **OGR** Simple Features Library, which specializes in reading and writing vector geographic data in a variety of standard formats.

GeoDjango provides a high-level Python interface for some of the capabilities of OGR, including the reading and coordinate transformation of vector spatial data and minimal support for GDAL’s features with respect to raster (image) data.

**Note:** Although the module is named `gdal`, GeoDjango only supports some of the capabilities of OGR and GDAL’s raster features at this time.

**Overview**

**Sample Data**

The GDAL/OGR tools described here are designed to help you read in your geospatial data, in order for most of them to be useful you have to have some data to work with. If you’re starting out and don’t yet have any data of your own to use, GeoDjango tests contain a number of data sets that you can use for testing. You can download them here:

```
$ wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/django/django/master/tests/gis_tests/data/cities/cities.{shp,prj,shx,dbf}
$ wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/django/django/master/tests/gis_tests/data/rasters/raster.tif
```

**Vector Data Source Objects**

**DataSource**

**DataSource** is a wrapper for the OGR data source object that supports reading data from a variety of OGR-supported geospatial file formats and data sources using a consistent interface. Each data source is represented by
a `DataSource` object which contains one or more layers of data. Each layer, represented by a `Layer` object, contains some number of geographic features (`Feature`), information about the type of features contained in that layer (e.g. points, polygons, etc.), as well as the names and types of any additional fields (`Field`) of data that may be associated with each feature in that layer.

```python
class DataSource(ds_input, encoding='utf-8')
```

The constructor for `DataSource` only requires one parameter: the path of the file you want to read. However, OGR also supports a variety of more complex data sources, including databases, that may be accessed by passing a special name string instead of a path. For more information, see the OGR Vector Formats documentation. The `name` property of a `DataSource` instance gives the OGR name of the underlying data source that it is using.

The optional `encoding` parameter allows you to specify a non-standard encoding of the strings in the source. This is typically useful when you obtain `DjangoUnicodeDecodeError` exceptions while reading field values.

Once you’ve created your `DataSource`, you can find out how many layers of data it contains by accessing the `layer_count` property, or (equivalently) by using the `len()` function. For information on accessing the layers of data themselves, see the next section:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.gdal import DataSource
>>> ds = DataSource('/path/to/your/cities.shp')
>>> ds.name
'/path/to/your/cities.shp'
>>> ds.layer_count  # This file only contains one layer
1
```

**layer_count**

Returns the number of layers in the data source.

**name**

Returns the name of the data source.

**Layer**

```python
class Layer
```

`Layer` is a wrapper for a layer of data in a `DataSource` object. You never create a `Layer` object directly. Instead, you retrieve them from a `DataSource` object, which is essentially a standard Python container of `Layer` objects. For example, you can access a specific layer by its index (e.g. `ds[0]` to access the first layer), or you can iterate over all the layers in the container in a `for` loop. The `Layer` itself acts as a container for geometric features.

Typically, all the features in a given layer have the same geometry type. The `geom_type` property of a layer is an `OGRGeomType` that identifies the feature type. We can use it to print out some basic information about each layer in a `DataSource`:

```python
>>> for layer in ds:
...    print('Layer "{}": {} {}'.format(layer.name, len(layer), layer.geom_type.geom_type.name))
...
Layer "cities": 3 Points
```

The example output is from the cities data source, loaded above, which evidently contains one layer, called "cities", which contains three point features. For simplicity, the examples below assume that you’ve stored that layer in the variable `layer`.
>>> layer = ds[0]

**name**

Returns the name of this layer in the data source.

```python
>>> layer.name
'cities'
```

**num_feat**

Returns the number of features in the layer. Same as `len(layer)`:

```python
>>> layer.num_feat
3
```

**geom_type**

Returns the geometry type of the layer, as an `OGRGeomType` object:

```python
>>> layer.geom_type.name
'Point'
```

**num_fields**

Returns the number of fields in the layer, i.e the number of fields of data associated with each feature in the layer:

```python
>>> layer.num_fields
4
```

**fields**

Returns a list of the names of each of the fields in this layer:

```python
>>> layer.fields
['Name', 'Population', 'Density', 'Created']
```

Returns a list of the data types of each of the fields in this layer. These are subclasses of `Field`, discussed below:

```python
>>> [ft.__name__ for ft in layer.field_types]
['OFTString', 'OFTReal', 'OFTReal', 'OFTDate']
```

**field_widths**

Returns a list of the maximum field widths for each of the fields in this layer:

```python
>>> layer.field_widths
[80, 11, 24, 10]
```

**field_precisions**

Returns a list of the numeric precisions for each of the fields in this layer. This is meaningless (and set to zero) for non-numeric fields:

```python
>>> layer.field_precisions
[0, 0, 15, 0]
```
Returns the spatial extent of this layer, as an \texttt{Envelope} object:

```
>>> layer.extent.tuple
(-104.609252, 29.763374, -95.23506, 38.971823)
```

\texttt{srs}

Property that returns the \texttt{SpatialReference} associated with this layer:

```
>>> print(layer.srs)
GEOGCS["GCS_WGS_1984", DATUM["WGS_1984", 
    SPHEROID["WGS_1984", 6378137, 298.257223563]], 
    PRIMEM["Greenwich", 0], 
    UNIT["Degree", 0.017453292519943295]]
```

If the \texttt{Layer} has no spatial reference information associated with it, \texttt{None} is returned.

\texttt{spatial\_filter}

Property that may be used to retrieve or set a spatial filter for this layer. A spatial filter can only be set with an \texttt{OGRGeometry} instance, a 4-tuple extent, or \texttt{None}. When set with something other than \texttt{None}, only features that intersect the filter will be returned when iterating over the layer:

```
>>> print(layer.spatial_filter)
None
>>> print(len(layer))
3
>>> [feat.get('Name') for feat in layer]
['Pueblo', 'Lawrence', 'Houston']
>>> ks_extent = (-102.051, 36.99, -94.59, 40.00) # Extent for state of Kansas
>>> layer.spatial_filter = ks_extent
>>> len(layer)
1
>>> [feat.get('Name') for feat in layer]
['Lawrence']
>>> layer.spatial_filter = None
>>> len(layer)
3
```

\texttt{get\_fields()}

A method that returns a list of the values of a given field for each feature in the layer:

```
>>> layer.get_fields('Name')
['Pueblo', 'Lawrence', 'Houston']
```

\texttt{get\_geoms(geos=False)}

A method that returns a list containing the geometry of each feature in the layer. If the optional argument \texttt{geos} is set to \texttt{True} then the geometries are converted to \texttt{GEOSGeometry} objects. Otherwise, they are returned as \texttt{OGRGeometry} objects:

```
>>> [pt.tuple for pt in layer.get_geoms()]
[(-104.609252, 38.255001), (-95.23506, 38.971823), (-95.363151, 29.763374)]
```

\texttt{test\_capability(capability)}

Returns a boolean indicating whether this layer supports the given capability (a string). Examples of valid capability strings include: 'RandomRead', 'SequentialWrite', 'RandomWrite',

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'FastSpatialFilter', 'FastFeatureCount', 'FastGetExtent', 'CreateField', 'Transactions', 'DeleteFeature', and 'FastSetNextByIndex'.

**Feature**

*class Feature*
Feature wraps an OGR feature. You never create a Feature object directly. Instead, you retrieve them from a Layer object. Each feature consists of a geometry and a set of fields containing additional properties. The geometry of a field is accessible via its geom property, which returns an OGRGeometry object. A Feature behaves like a standard Python container for its fields, which it returns as Field objects: you can access a field directly by its index or name, or you can iterate over a feature’s fields, e.g. in a `for` loop.

**geom**
Returns the geometry for this feature, as an OGRGeometry object:

```python
>>> city.geom.tuple
(-104.609252, 38.255001)
```

**get**
A method that returns the value of the given field (specified by name) for this feature, not a Field wrapper object:

```python
>>> city.get('Population')
102121
```

**geom_type**
Returns the type of geometry for this feature, as an OGRGeomType object. This will be the same for all features in a given layer and is equivalent to the Layer.geom_type property of the Layer object the feature came from.

**num_fields**
Returns the number of fields of data associated with the feature. This will be the same for all features in a given layer and is equivalent to the Layer.num_fields property of the Layer object the feature came from.

**fields**
Returns a list of the names of the fields of data associated with the feature. This will be the same for all features in a given layer and is equivalent to the Layer.fields property of the Layer object the feature came from.

**fid**
Returns the feature identifier within the layer:

```python
>>> city.fid
0
```

**layer_name**
Returns the name of the Layer that the feature came from. This will be the same for all features in a given layer:

```python
>>> city.layer_name
'cities'
```
A method that returns the index of the given field name. This will be the same for all features in a given layer:

```python
>>> city.index('Population')
1
```

Field

class Field

name

Returns the name of this field:

```python
>>> city['Name'].name
'Name'
```

type

Returns the OGR type of this field, as an integer. The FIELD_CLASSES dictionary maps these values onto subclasses of Field:

```python
>>> city['Density'].type
2
```

type_name

Returns a string with the name of the data type of this field:

```python
>>> city['Name'].type_name
'String'
```

value

Returns the value of this field. The Field class itself returns the value as a string, but each subclass returns the value in the most appropriate form:

```python
>>> city['Population'].value
102121
```

width

Returns the width of this field:

```python
>>> city['Name'].width
80
```

precision

Returns the numeric precision of this field. This is meaningless (and set to zero) for non-numeric fields:

```python
>>> city['Density'].precision
15
```

as_double()

Returns the value of the field as a double (float):
>>> city['Density'].as_double()
874.7

`as_int()`
Returns the value of the field as an integer:

```python
>>> city['Population'].as_int()
102121
```

`as_string()`
Returns the value of the field as a string:

```python
>>> city['Name'].as_string()
'Pueblo'
```

`as_datetime()`
Returns the value of the field as a tuple of date and time components:

```python
>>> city['Created'].as_datetime()
(c_long(1999), c_long(5), c_long(23), c_long(0), c_long(0), c_long(0), c_long(0))
```

**Driver**

 class Driver (dr_input)
The `Driver` class is used internally to wrap an OGR `DataSource` driver.

 * driver_count
  Returns the number of OGR vector drivers currently registered.

**OGR Geometries**

**OGRGeometry**

`OGRGeometry` objects share similar functionality with `GEOSGeometry` objects and are thin wrappers around OGR’s internal geometry representation. Thus, they allow for more efficient access to data when using `DataSource`. Unlike its GEOS counterpart, `OGRGeometry` supports spatial reference systems and coordinate transformation:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.gdal import OGRGeometry
>>> polygon = OGRGeometry('POLYGON((0 0, 5 0, 5 5, 0 5))')
```

 class OGRGeometry (geom_input, srs=None)
This object is a wrapper for the OGR `Geometry` class. These objects are instantiated directly from the given `geom_input` parameter, which may be a string containing WKT, HEX, GeoJSON, a buffer containing WKB data, or an `OGRGeomType` object. These objects are also returned from the `Feature.geom` attribute, when reading vector data from `Layer` (which is in turn a part of a `DataSource`).

 * classmethod from_gml (gml_string)
  Constructs an `OGRGeometry` from the given GML string.

 * classmethod from_bbox (bbox)
  Constructs a `Polygon` from the given bounding-box (a 4-tuple).
__len__()  
Returns the number of points in a LineString, the number of rings in a Polygon, or the number of geometries in a GeometryCollection. Not applicable to other geometry types.

__iter__()  
Iterates over the points in a LineString, the rings in a Polygon, or the geometries in a GeometryCollection. Not applicable to other geometry types.

__getitem__()  
Returns the point at the specified index for a LineString, the interior ring at the specified index for a Polygon, or the geometry at the specified index in a GeometryCollection. Not applicable to other geometry types.

dimension  
Returns the number of coordinated dimensions of the geometry, i.e. 0 for points, 1 for lines, and so forth:

```
>>> polygon.dimension
2
```

coord_dim  
Returns or sets the coordinate dimension of this geometry. For example, the value would be 2 for two-dimensional geometries.

geom_count  
Returns the number of elements in this geometry:

```
>>> polygon.geom_count
1
```

point_count  
Returns the number of points used to describe this geometry:

```
>>> polygon.point_count
4
```

num_points  
Alias for point_count.

num_coords  
Alias for point_count.

geom_type  
Returns the type of this geometry, as an OGRGeomType object.

geom_name  
Returns the name of the type of this geometry:

```
>>> polygon.geom_name
'POLYGON'
```

area  
Returns the area of this geometry, or 0 for geometries that do not contain an area:
envelope

Returns the envelope of this geometry, as an *Envelope* object.

extent

Returns the envelope of this geometry as a 4-tuple, instead of as an *Envelope* object:

```python
>>> point.extent
(0.0, 0.0, 5.0, 5.0)
```

srs

This property controls the spatial reference for this geometry, or `None` if no spatial reference system has been assigned to it. If assigned, accessing this property returns a *SpatialReference* object. It may be set with another *SpatialReference* object, or any input that *SpatialReference* accepts. Example:

```python
>>> city.geom.srs.name
'GCS_WGS_1984'
```

srid

Returns or sets the spatial reference identifier corresponding to *SpatialReference* of this geometry. Returns `None` if there is no spatial reference information associated with this geometry, or if an SRID cannot be determined.

geos

Returns a *GEOSGeometry* object corresponding to this geometry.

gml

Returns a string representation of this geometry in GML format:

```python
>>> OGRGeometry('POINT(1 2)').gml
'<gml:Point><gml:coordinates>1,2</gml:coordinates></gml:Point>'
```

hex

Returns a string representation of this geometry in HEX WKB format:

```python
>>> OGRGeometry('POINT(1 2)').hex
'0101000000000000000000F03F000000000000040'
```

json

Returns a string representation of this geometry in JSON format:

```python
>>> OGRGeometry('POINT(1 2)').json
'{ "type": "Point", "coordinates": [ 1.000000, 2.000000 ] }'
```

kml

Returns a string representation of this geometry in KML format.

wkb_size

Returns the size of the WKB buffer needed to hold a WKB representation of this geometry.
wkb
Returns a buffer containing a WKB representation of this geometry.

wkt
Returns a string representation of this geometry in WKT format.

ewkt
Returns the EWKT representation of this geometry.

close_rings()
If there are any rings within this geometry that have not been closed, this routine will do so by adding the starting point to the end:

```python
>>> triangle = OGRGeometry('LINEARRING (0 0,0 1,1 0)')
>>> triangle.close_rings()
>>> triangle.wkt
'LINEARRING (0 0,0 1,1 0,0 0)'
```

transform(coord_trans, clone=False)
Transforms this geometry to a different spatial reference system. May take a CoordTransform object, a SpatialReference object, or any other input accepted by SpatialReference (including spatial reference WKT and PROJ.4 strings, or an integer SRID).

By default nothing is returned and the geometry is transformed in-place. However, if the clone keyword is set to True then a transformed clone of this geometry is returned instead.

intersects(other)
Returns True if this geometry intersects the other, otherwise returns False.

equals(other)
Returns True if this geometry is equivalent to the other, otherwise returns False.

disjoint(other)
Returns True if this geometry is spatially disjoint to (i.e. does not intersect) the other, otherwise returns False.

touches(other)
Returns True if this geometry touches the other, otherwise returns False.

crosses(other)
Returns True if this geometry crosses the other, otherwise returns False.

within(other)
Returns True if this geometry is contained within the other, otherwise returns False.

contains(other)
Returns True if this geometry contains the other, otherwise returns False.
overlaps

Returns True if this geometry overlaps the other, otherwise returns False.

boundary()

The boundary of this geometry, as a new OGRGeometry object.

convex_hull

The smallest convex polygon that contains this geometry, as a new OGRGeometry object.

difference()

Returns the region consisting of the difference of this geometry and the other, as a new OGRGeometry object.

intersection()

Returns the region consisting of the intersection of this geometry and the other, as a new OGRGeometry object.

sym_difference()

Returns the region consisting of the symmetric difference of this geometry and the other, as a new OGRGeometry object.

union()

Returns the region consisting of the union of this geometry and the other, as a new OGRGeometry object.

tuple

Returns the coordinates of a point geometry as a tuple, the coordinates of a line geometry as a tuple of tuples, and so forth:

```python
>>> OGRGeometry('POINT (1 2)').tuple
(1.0, 2.0)
>>> OGRGeometry('LINESTRING (1 2,3 4)').tuple
((1.0, 2.0), (3.0, 4.0))
```

cords

An alias for tuple.

class Point

x

Returns the X coordinate of this point:

```python
>>> OGRGeometry('POINT (1 2)').x
1.0
```

y

Returns the Y coordinate of this point:

```python
>>> OGRGeometry('POINT (1 2)').y
2.0
```

z

Returns the Z coordinate of this point, or None if the point does not have a Z coordinate:
class LineString

x

Returns a list of X coordinates in this line:

```python
>>> OGRGeometry('LINESTRING (1 2 3)').x
[1.0, 2.0, 3.0]
```

y

Returns a list of Y coordinates in this line:

```python
>>> OGRGeometry('LINESTRING (1 2 3)').y
[2.0, 2.0, 2.0]
```

z

Returns a list of Z coordinates in this line, or None if the line does not have Z coordinates:

```python
>>> OGRGeometry('LINESTRING (1 2 3)').z
None
```

class Polygon

shell

Returns the shell or exterior ring of this polygon, as a LinearRing geometry.

exterior_ring

An alias for shell.

centroid

Returns a Point representing the centroid of this polygon.

class GeometryCollection

add(geom)

Adds a geometry to this geometry collection. Not applicable to other geometry types.

OGRGeomType

class OGRGeomType(type_input)

This class allows for the representation of an OGR geometry type in any of several ways:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.gdal import OGRGeomType

>>> gt1 = OGRGeomType(3) # Using an integer for the type
>>> gt2 = OGRGeomType('Polygon') # Using a string
>>> gt3 = OGRGeomType('POLYGON') # It's case-insensitive
>>> print(gt1 == 3, gt1 == 'Polygon') # Equivalence works w/non-OGRGeomType
True True
```
name

Returns a short-hand string form of the OGR Geometry type:

```python
>>> gt1.name
'Polygon'
```

num

Returns the number corresponding to the OGR geometry type:

```python
>>> gt1.num
3
```

django

Returns the Django field type (a subclass of GeometryField) to use for storing this OGR type, or None if there is no appropriate Django type:

```python
>>> gt1.django
'PolygonField'
```

Envelope

class Envelope(*args)

Represents an OGR Envelope structure that contains the minimum and maximum X, Y coordinates for a rectangle bounding box. The naming of the variables is compatible with the OGR Envelope C structure.

min_x

The value of the minimum X coordinate.

min_y

The value of the maximum X coordinate.

max_x

The value of the minimum Y coordinate.

max_y

The value of the maximum Y coordinate.

ur

The upper-right coordinate, as a tuple.

ll

The lower-left coordinate, as a tuple.

tuple

A tuple representing the envelope.

wkt

A string representing this envelope as a polygon in WKT format.

expand_to_include(*args)
Coordinate System Objects

SpatialReference

class SpatialReference(srs_input)
Spatial reference objects are initialized on the given srs_input, which may be one of the following:

- OGC Well Known Text (WKT) (a string)
- EPSG code (integer or string)
- PROJ.4 string
- A shorthand string for well-known standards ('WGS84', 'WGS72', 'NAD27', 'NAD83')

Example:

```python
>>> wgs84 = SpatialReference('WGS84')  # shorthand string
>>> wgs84 = SpatialReference(4326)  # EPSG code
>>> wgs84 = SpatialReference('EPSG:4326')  # EPSG string
>>> proj4 = '+proj=longlat +ellps=WGS84 +datum=WGS84 +no_defs'
>>> wgs84 = SpatialReference(proj4)  # PROJ.4 string
>>> wgs84 = SpatialReference("GEOGCS["WGS 84", DATUM["WGS_1984", Spheroid["WGS 84", 6378137.298.257223563, AUTHORITY["EPSG","7030"], AUTHORITY["EPSG","6326"], PRIMEM["Greenwich", 0, AUTHORITY["EPSG","8901"], UNIT["degree", 0.01745329251994328, AUTHORITY["EPSG","9122"], AUTHORITY["EPSG","4326"]]]])"]")  # OGC WKT
```

__getitem__(target)
Returns the value of the given string attribute node, None if the node doesn’t exist. Can also take a tuple as a parameter, (target, child), where child is the index of the attribute in the WKT. For example:

```python
>>> wkt = 'GEOGCS["WGS 84", DATUM["WGS_1984", ..., AUTHORITY["EPSG","4326"]]]"
>>> srs = SpatialReference(wkt)  # could also use 'WGS84', or 4326
>>> print(srs["GEOGCS"])  
WGS 84
>>> print(srs["DATUM"])  
WGS_1984
>>> print(srs["AUTHORITY"])  
EPSG
>>> print(srs["AUTHORITY", 1])  # The authority value
4326
>>> print(srs["TOWGS84", 4])  # the fourth value in this wkt
0
>>> print(srs["UNIT|AUTHORITY"]')  # For the units authority, have to use the pipe symbol
EPSG
>>> print(srs["UNIT|AUTHORITY", 1])  # The authority value for the units
9122
```

attr_value(target, index=0)
The attribute value for the given target node (e.g. 'PROJCS'). The index keyword specifies an index of the child node to return.
auth_name(target)
Returns the authority name for the given string target node.

auth_code(target)
Returns the authority code for the given string target node.

clon()
Returns a clone of this spatial reference object.

identify_epsg()
This method inspects the WKT of this SpatialReference and will add EPSG authority nodes where an EPSG identifier is applicable.

from_esri()
Morphs this SpatialReference from ESRI’s format to EPSG

to_esri()
Morphs this SpatialReference to ESRI’s format.

validate()
Checks to see if the given spatial reference is valid, if not an exception will be raised.

import_epsg(epsg)
Import spatial reference from EPSG code.

import_proj(proj)
Import spatial reference from PROJ.4 string.

import_user_input(user_input)

import_wkt(wkt)
Import spatial reference from WKT.

import_xml(xml)
Import spatial reference from XML.

name
Returns the name of this Spatial Reference.

srid
Returns the SRID of top-level authority, or None if undefined.

linear_name
Returns the name of the linear units.

linear_units
Returns the value of the linear units.

angular_name
Returns the name of the angular units.

angular_units
Returns the value of the angular units.
units
Returns a 2-tuple of the units value and the units name and will automatically determines whether to return the linear or angular units.

ellipsoid
Returns a tuple of the ellipsoid parameters for this spatial reference: (semimajor axis, semiminor axis, and inverse flattening).

semi_major
Returns the semi major axis of the ellipsoid for this spatial reference.

semi_minor
Returns the semi minor axis of the ellipsoid for this spatial reference.

inverse_flattening
Returns the inverse flattening of the ellipsoid for this spatial reference.

gеographic
Returns True if this spatial reference is geographic (root node is GEOGCS).

local
Returns True if this spatial reference is local (root node is LOCAL_CS).

projected
Returns True if this spatial reference is a projected coordinate system (root node is PROJCS).

wkt
Returns the WKT representation of this spatial reference.

pretty_wkt
Returns the ‘pretty’ representation of the WKT.

proj
Returns the PROJ.4 representation for this spatial reference.

proj4
Alias for SpatialReference.proj.

xml
Returns the XML representation of this spatial reference.

CoordTransform
class CoordTransform(source, target)
Represents a coordinate system transform. It is initialized with two SpatialReference, representing the source and target coordinate systems, respectively. These objects should be used when performing the same coordinate transformation repeatedly on different geometries:

```python
>>> ct = CoordTransform(SpatialReference('WGS84'), SpatialReference('NAD83'))
>>> for feat in layer:
...     geom = feat.geom # getting clone of feature geometry
...     geom.transform(ct) # transforming
```
Raster Data Objects

GDALRaster

GDALRaster is a wrapper for the GDAL raster source object that supports reading data from a variety of GDAL-supported geospatial file formats and data sources using a consistent interface. Each data source is represented by a GDALRaster object which contains one or more layers of data named bands. Each band, represented by a GDALBand object, contains georeferenced image data. For example, an RGB image is represented as three bands: one for red, one for green, and one for blue.

Note: For raster data there is no difference between a raster instance and its data source. Unlike for the Geometry objects, GDALRaster objects are always a data source. Temporary rasters can be instantiated in memory using the corresponding driver, but they will be of the same class as file-based raster sources.

class GDALRaster (ds_input, write=False)

The constructor for GDALRaster accepts two parameters. The first parameter defines the raster source, and the second parameter defines if a raster should be opened in write mode. For newly-created rasters, the second parameter is ignored and the new raster is always created in write mode.

The first parameter can take three forms: a string representing a file path, a dictionary with values defining a new raster, or a bytes object representing a raster file.

If the input is a file path, the raster is opened from there. If the input is raw data in a dictionary, the parameters width, height, and srid are required. If the input is a bytes object, it will be opened using a GDAL virtual filesystem.

For a detailed description of how to create rasters using dictionary input, see Creating rasters from data. For a detailed description of how to create rasters in the virtual filesystem, see Using GDAL's Virtual Filesystem.

The following example shows how rasters can be created from different input sources (using the sample data from the GeoDjango tests; see also the Sample Data section).

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.gdal import GDALRaster
>>> rst = GDALRaster('/path/to/your/raster.tif', write=False)
>>> rst.name
'/path/to/your/raster.tif'
>>> rst.width, rst.height  # This file has 163 x 174 pixels
(163, 174)
>>> rst = GDALRaster({  # Creates an in-memory raster
...     'srid': 4326,
...     'width': 4,
...     'height': 4,
...     'datatype': 1,
...     'bands': [{
...         'data': [2, 3],
...         'offset': [1, 1],
...         'size': [2, 2],
...         'shape': [2, 1],
...         'nodata_value': 5,
...     }]
... })
>>> rst.srs.srid
4326
>>> rst.width, rst.height
(4, 4)
>>> rst.bands[0].data()
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array([[5, 5, 5, 5],
       [5, 2, 3, 5],
       [5, 2, 3, 5],
       [5, 5, 5, 5]], dtype=uint8)

>>> rst_file = open('/path/to/your/raster.tif', 'rb')
>>> rst_bytes = rst_file.read()
>>> rst = GDALRaster(rst_bytes)
>>> rst.is_vsi_based
True
>>> rst.name  # Stored in a random path in the vsimem filesystem.
'/vsimem/da300bdb-129d-49a8-b336-e410a9428dad'

**name**

The name of the source which is equivalent to the input file path or the name provided upon instantiation.

```python
>>> GDALRaster({'width': 10, 'height': 10, 'name': 'myraster', 'srid': 4326}).name
'myraster'
```

**driver**

The name of the GDAL driver used to handle the input file. For GDALRasters created from a file, the driver type is detected automatically. The creation of rasters from scratch is an in-memory raster by default ('MEM'), but can be altered as needed. For instance, use GTiff for a GeoTiff file. For a list of file types, see also the GDAL Raster Formats list.

An in-memory raster is created through the following example:

```python
>>> GDALRaster({'width': 10, 'height': 10, 'srid': 4326}).driver.name
'MEM'
```

A file based GeoTiff raster is created through the following example:

```python
>>> import tempfile
>>> rstfile = tempfile.NamedTemporaryFile(suffix='.tif')
>>> rst = GDALRaster({'driver': 'GTiff', 'name': rstfile.name, 'srid': 4326,
... 'width': 255, 'height': 255, 'nr_of_bands': 1})
>>> rst.name
'/tmp/tmp7x9H4J.tif'  # The exact filename will be different on your computer
>>> rst.driver.name
'GTiff'
```

**width**

The width of the source in pixels (X-axis).

```python
>>> GDALRaster({'width': 10, 'height': 20, 'srid': 4326}).width
10
```

**height**

The height of the source in pixels (Y-axis).

```python
>>> GDALRaster({'width': 10, 'height': 20, 'srid': 4326}).height
20
```

**srs**

The spatial reference system of the raster, as a `SpatialReference` instance. The SRS can be
changed by setting it to an other `SpatialReference` or providing any input that is accepted by the `SpatialReference` constructor.

```python
>>> rst = GDALRaster({'width': 10, 'height': 20, 'srid': 4326})
>>> rst.srs.srid
4326
>>> rst.srs.srid = 3086
>>> rst.srs.srid
3086
>>> rst.srs.srid # This is equivalent
3086
```

### `srid`

The Spatial Reference System Identifier (SRID) of the raster. This property is a shortcut to getting or setting the SRID through the `srs` attribute.

```python
>>> rst = GDALRaster({'width': 10, 'height': 20, 'srid': 4326})
>>> rst.srid
4326
>>> rst.srid = 3086
>>> rst.srid
3086
>>> rst.srs.srid # This is equivalent
3086
```

### `geotransform`

The affine transformation matrix used to georeference the source, as a tuple of six coefficients which map pixel/line coordinates into georeferenced space using the following relationship:

\[
\begin{align*}
X_{geo} &= GT(0) + X_{pixel} \times GT(1) + Y_{line} \times GT(2) \\
Y_{geo} &= GT(3) + X_{pixel} \times GT(4) + Y_{line} \times GT(5)
\end{align*}
\]

The same values can be retrieved by accessing the `origin` (indices 0 and 3), `scale` (indices 1 and 5) and `skew` (indices 2 and 4) properties.

The default is `[0.0, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, -1.0].`

```python
>>> rst = GDALRaster({'width': 10, 'height': 20, 'srid': 4326})
>>> rst.geotransform
[0.0, 1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, -1.0]
```

### `origin`

Coordinates of the top left origin of the raster in the spatial reference system of the source, as a point object with `x` and `y` members.

```python
>>> rst = GDALRaster({'width': 10, 'height': 20, 'srid': 4326})
>>> rst.origin
[0.0, 0.0]
>>> rst.origin.x = 1
>>> rst.origin
[1.0, 0.0]
```

### `scale`

Pixel width and height used for georeferencing the raster, as a point object with `x` and `y` members. See `geotransform` for more information.

```python
>>> rst = GDALRaster({'width': 10, 'height': 20, 'srid': 4326})
>>> rst.scale
[1.0, -1.0]
```

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scale

>>> rst.scale.x = 2
>>> rst.scale
[2.0, -1.0]

skew

Skew coefficients used to georeference the raster, as a point object with x and y members. In case of north up images, these coefficients are both 0.

>>> rst = GDALRaster({'width': 10, 'height': 20, 'srid': 4326})
>>> rst.skew
[0.0, 0.0]
>>> rst.skew.x = 3
>>> rst.skew
[3.0, 0.0]

text

Extent (boundary values) of the raster source, as a 4-tuple (xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax) in the spatial reference system of the source.

>>> rst = GDALRaster({'width': 10, 'height': 20, 'srid': 4326})
>>> rst.extent
(0.0, -20.0, 10.0, 0.0)
>>> rst.origin.x = 100
>>> rst.extent
(100.0, -20.0, 110.0, 0.0)

bands

List of all bands of the source, as GDALBand instances.

>>> rst = GDALRaster({"width": 1, "height": 2, 'srid': 4326,
... "bands": [{"data": [0, 1]}, {"data": [2, 3]})
...})
>>> len(rst.bands)
2
>>> rst.bands[1].data()
array([[ 2.,  3.]], dtype=float32)

warp (ds_input, resampling='NearestNeighbour', max_error=0.0)

Returns a warped version of this raster.

The warping parameters can be specified through the ds_input argument. The use of ds_input is analogous to the corresponding argument of the class constructor. It is a dictionary with the characteristics of the target raster. Allowed dictionary key values are width, height, SRID, origin, scale, skew, datatype, driver, and name (filename).

By default, the warp functions keeps most parameters equal to the values of the original source raster, so only parameters that should be changed need to be specified. Note that this includes the driver, so for file-based rasters the warp function will create a new raster on disk.

The only parameter that is set differently from the source raster is the name. The default value of the raster name is the name of the source raster appended with '_copy' + source_driver_name. For file-based rasters it is recommended to provide the file path of the target raster.

The resampling algorithm used for warping can be specified with the resampling argument. The default is NearestNeighbor, and the other allowed values are Bilinear, Cubic, CubicSpline, Lanczos, Average, and Mode.

The max_error argument can be used to specify the maximum error measured in input pixels that is allowed in approximating the transformation. The default is 0.0 for exact calculations.
For users familiar with GDAL, this function has a similar functionality to the gdalwarp command-line utility.

For example, the warp function can be used for aggregating a raster to the double of its original pixel scale:

```python
>>> rst = GDALRaster({
...    "width": 6, "height": 6, "srid": 3086,
...    "origin": [500000, 400000],
...    "scale": [100, -100],
...    "bands": [{"data": range(36), "nodata_value": 99}]
... })
>>> target = rst.warp({"scale": [200, -200], "width": 3, "height": 3})
```

```
>>> target.bands[0].data()
array([[ 7.,  9., 11.],
       [19., 21., 23.],
       [31., 33., 35.]], dtype=float32)
```

**transform**

```
transform(srid, driver=None, name=None, resampling='NearestNeighbour', max_error=0.0)
```

Returns a transformed version of this raster with the specified SRID.

This function transforms the current raster into a new spatial reference system that can be specified with an `srid`. It calculates the bounds and scale of the current raster in the new spatial reference system and warps the raster using the `warp` function.

By default, the driver of the source raster is used and the name of the raster is the original name appended with '_copy' + source_driver_name. A different driver or name can be specified with the `driver` and `name` arguments.

The default resampling algorithm is `NearestNeighbour` but can be changed using the `resampling` argument. The default maximum allowed error for resampling is 0.0 and can be changed using the `max_error` argument. Consult the `warp` documentation for detail on those arguments.

```python
>>> rst = GDALRaster({
...    "width": 6, "height": 6, "srid": 3086,
...    "origin": [500000, 400000],
...    "scale": [100, -100],
...    "bands": [{"data": range(36), "nodata_value": 99}]
... })
>>> target = rst.transform(4326)
>>> target.origin
[-82.98492744885776, 27.601924753080144]
```

**info**

Returns a string with a summary of the raster. This is equivalent to the `gdalinfo` command line utility.

**metadata**

The metadata of this raster, represented as a nested dictionary. The first-level key is the metadata domain. The second-level contains the metadata item names and values from each domain.

To set or update a metadata item, pass the corresponding metadata item to the method using the nested structure described above. Only keys that are in the specified dictionary are updated; the rest of the metadata remains unchanged.

To remove a metadata item, use `None` as the metadata value.

```python
>>> rst = GDALRaster({'width': 10, 'height': 20, 'srid': 4326})
>>> rst.metadata = {}
>>> rst.metadata = {'DEFAULT': {'OWNER': 'Django', 'VERSION': '1.0'}}
```
>>> rst.metadata
{'DEFAULT': {'OWNER': 'Django', 'VERSION': '1.0'}}

>>> rst.metadata = {'DEFAULT': {'OWNER': None, 'VERSION': '2.0'}}

>>> rst.metadata
{'DEFAULT': {'VERSION': '2.0'}}

vsi_buffer
A bytes representation of this raster. Returns None for rasters that are not stored in GDAL’s virtual filesystem.

is_vsi_based
A boolean indicating if this raster is stored in GDAL’s virtual filesystem.

GDALBand

class GDALBand
GDALBand instances are not created explicitly, but rather obtained from a GDALRaster object, through its bands attribute. The GDALBands contain the actual pixel values of the raster.

description
The name or description of the band, if any.

width
The width of the band in pixels (X-axis).

height
The height of the band in pixels (Y-axis).

pixel_count
The total number of pixels in this band. Is equal to width * height.

statistics(refresh=False, approximate=False)
Compute statistics on the pixel values of this band. The return value is a tuple with the following structure: (minimum, maximum, mean, standard deviation).

If the approximate argument is set to True, the statistics may be computed based on overviews or a subset of image tiles.

If the refresh argument is set to True, the statistics will be computed from the data directly, and the cache will be updated with the result.

If a persistent cache value is found, that value is returned. For raster formats using Persistent Auxiliary Metadata (PAM) services, the statistics might be cached in an auxiliary file. In some cases this metadata might be out of sync with the pixel values or cause values from a previous call to be returned which don’t reflect the value of the approximate argument. In such cases, use the refresh argument to get updated values and store them in the cache.

For empty bands (where all pixel values are “no data”), all statistics are returned as None.

The statistics can also be retrieved directly by accessing the min, max, mean, and std properties.

min
The minimum pixel value of the band (excluding the “no data” value).

max
The maximum pixel value of the band (excluding the “no data” value).

mean
The mean of all pixel values of the band (excluding the “no data” value).
std
The standard deviation of all pixel values of the band (excluding the “no data” value).

nodata_value
The “no data” value for a band is generally a special marker value used to mark pixels that are not valid data. Such pixels should generally not be displayed, nor contribute to analysis operations.

To delete an existing “no data” value, set this property to None (requires GDAL ≥ 2.1).

datatype (as_string=False)
The data type contained in the band, as an integer constant between 0 (Unknown) and 11. If as_string is True, the data type is returned as a string with the following possible values: GDT_Unknown, GDT_Byte, GDT_UINT16, GDT_INT16, GDT_UINT32, GDT_INT32, GDT_Float32, GDT_Float64, GDT_CInt16, GDT_CInt32, GDT_CFloat32, and GDT_CFloat64.

color_interp (as_string=False)
The color interpretation for the band, as an integer between 0 and 16. If as_string is True, the data type is returned as a string with the following possible values: GCI_Undefined, GCI_GrayIndex, GCI_PaletteIndex, GCI_RedBand, GCI_GreenBand, GCI_BlueBand, GCI_AlphaBand, GCI_HueBand, GCI_SaturationBand, GCI_LightnessBand, GCI_CyanBand, GCI_MagentaBand, GCI_YellowBand, GCI_BlackBand, GCI_YCbCr_YBand, GCI_YCbCr_CBand, and GCI_YCbCr_CRBand. GCI_YCbCr_CRBand also represents GCI_Max because both correspond to the integer 16, but only GCI_YCbCr_CRBand is returned as a string.

data (data=None, offset=None, size=None, shape=None)
The accessor to the pixel values of the GDALBand. Returns the complete data array if no parameters are provided. A subset of the pixel array can be requested by specifying an offset and block size as tuples.

If NumPy is available, the data is returned as NumPy array. For performance reasons, it is highly recommended to use NumPy.

Data is written to the GDALBand if the data parameter is provided. The input can be one of the following types - packed string, buffer, list, array, and NumPy array. The number of items in the input should normally correspond to the total number of pixels in the band, or to the number of pixels for a specific block of pixel values if the offset and size parameters are provided.

If the number of items in the input is different from the target pixel block, the shape parameter must be specified. The shape is a tuple that specifies the width and height of the input data in pixels. The data is then replicated to update the pixel values of the selected block. This is useful to fill an entire band with a single value, for instance.

For example:

```python
>>> rst = GDALRaster({'width': 4, 'height': 4, 'srid': 4326, 'datatype': 1,
                   'nr_of_bands': 1})
>>> bnd = rst.bands[0]
>>> bnd.data(range(16))
>>> bnd.data()
array([[0, 1, 2, 3],
       [4, 5, 6, 7],
       [8, 9, 10, 11],
       [12, 13, 14, 15]], dtype=int8)
>>> bnd.data(offset=(1, 1), size=(2, 2))
array([[5, 6],
       [9, 10]], dtype=int8)
>>> bnd.data(data=[-1, -2, -3, -4], offset=(1, 1), size=(2, 2))
>>> bnd.data()
array([[0, 1, 2, 3],
       [4, 5, 6, 7],
       [8, 9, 10, 11],
       [12, 13, 14, 15]], dtype=int8)
```
The metadata of this band. The functionality is identical to `GDALRaster.metadata`.

Creating rasters from data

This section describes how to create rasters from scratch using the `ds_input` parameter.

A new raster is created when a dict is passed to the `GDALRaster` constructor. The dictionary contains defining parameters of the new raster, such as the origin, size, or spatial reference system. The dictionary can also contain pixel data and information about the format of the new raster. The resulting raster can therefore be file-based or memory-based, depending on the driver specified.

There’s no standard for describing raster data in a dictionary or JSON flavor. The definition of the dictionary input to the `GDALRaster` class is therefore specific to Django. It’s inspired by the `geojson` format, but the `geojson` standard is currently limited to vector formats.

Examples of using the different keys when creating rasters can be found in the documentation of the corresponding attributes and methods of the `GDALRaster` and `GDALBand` classes.

The `ds_input` dictionary

Only a few keys are required in the `ds_input` dictionary to create a raster: `width`, `height`, and `srid`. All other parameters have default values (see the table below). The list of keys that can be passed in the `ds_input` dictionary is closely related but not identical to the `GDALRaster` properties. Many of the parameters are mapped directly to those properties; the others are described below.

The following table describes all keys that can be set in the `ds_input` dictionary.
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<th>Key</th>
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<th>Usage</th>
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<td>srid</td>
<td>required</td>
<td>Mapped to the <code>srid</code> attribute</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>width</td>
<td>required</td>
<td>Mapped to the <code>width</code> attribute</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>height</td>
<td>required</td>
<td>Mapped to the <code>height</code> attribute</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>driver</td>
<td>MEM</td>
<td>Mapped to the <code>driver</code> attribute</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>name</td>
<td>''</td>
<td>See below</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>origin</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Mapped to the <code>origin</code> attribute</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>scale</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Mapped to the <code>scale</code> attribute</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>skew</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>Mapped to the <code>width</code> attribute</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bands</td>
<td>[]</td>
<td>See below</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>nr_of_bands</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>See below</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>datatype</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>See below</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>papsz_options</td>
<td>{}</td>
<td>See below</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

name

String representing the name of the raster. When creating a file-based raster, this parameter must be the file path for the new raster. If the name starts with `/vsimem/`, the raster is created in GDAL’s virtual filesystem.

datatype

Integer representing the data type for all the bands. Defaults to 6 (Float32). All bands of a new raster are required to have the same datatype. The value mapping is:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Value</th>
<th>GDAL Pixel Type</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>GDT_Byte</td>
<td>Eight bit unsigned integer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>GDT_UInt16</td>
<td>Sixteen bit unsigned integer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>GDT_Int16</td>
<td>Sixteen bit signed integer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>GDT_UInt32</td>
<td>Thirty-two bit unsigned integer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>GDT_Int32</td>
<td>Thirty-two bit signed integer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>GDT_Float32</td>
<td>Thirty-two bit floating point</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>GDT_Float64</td>
<td>Sixty-four bit floating point</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

nr_of_bands

Integer representing the number of bands of the raster. A raster can be created without passing band data upon creation. If the number of bands isn’t specified, it’s automatically calculated from the length of the `bands` input. The number of bands can’t be changed after creation.

bands

A list of `band_input` dictionaries with band input data. The resulting band indices are the same as in the list provided. The definition of the band input dictionary is given below. If band data isn’t provided, the raster bands values are instantiated as an array of zeros and the “no data” value is set to None.

papsz_options

A dictionary with raster creation options. The key-value pairs of the input dictionary are passed to the driver on creation of the raster.

The available options are driver-specific and are described in the documentation of each driver.

The values in the dictionary are not case-sensitive and are automatically converted to the correct string format upon creation.

The following example uses some of the options available for the GTiff driver. The result is a compressed signed byte raster with an internal tiling scheme. The internal tiles have a block size of 23 by 23:

```python
>>> GDALRaster({
...     'driver': 'GTiff',
...})
```
The `band_input` dictionary

The `bands` key in the `ds_input` dictionary is a list of `band_input` dictionaries. Each `band_input` dictionary can contain pixel values and the “no data” value to be set on the bands of the new raster. The data array can have the full size of the new raster or be smaller. For arrays that are smaller than the full raster, the `size`, `shape`, and `offset` keys control the pixel values. The corresponding keys are passed to the `data()` method. Their functionality is the same as setting the band data with that method. The following table describes the keys that can be used.

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<td><code>nodata_value</code></td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Mapped to the <code>nodata_value</code> attribute</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>data</code></td>
<td>Same as <code>nodata_value</code> or 0</td>
<td>Passed to the <code>data()</code> method</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>size</code></td>
<td>(with, height) of raster</td>
<td>Passed to the <code>data()</code> method</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>shape</code></td>
<td>Same as size</td>
<td>Passed to the <code>data()</code> method</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>offset</code></td>
<td>(0, 0)</td>
<td>Passed to the <code>data()</code> method</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Using GDAL's Virtual Filesystem

GDAL has an internal memory-based filesystem, which allows treating blocks of memory as files. It can be used to read and write `GDALRaster` objects to and from binary file buffers.

This is useful in web contexts where rasters might be obtained as a buffer from a remote storage or returned from a view without being written to disk.

`GDALRaster` objects are created in the virtual filesystem when a `bytes` object is provided as input, or when the file path starts with `/vsimem/`.

Input provided as `bytes` has to be a full binary representation of a file. For instance:

```python
# Read a raster as a file object from a remote source.
>>> from urllib.request import urlopen
>>> dat = urlopen('http://example.com/raster.tif').read()
# Instantiate a raster from the bytes object.
>>> rst = GDALRaster(dat)
# The name starts with /vsimem/, indicating that the raster lives in the
# virtual filesystem.
>>> rst.name
'/vsimem/da300bdb-129d-49a8-b336-e410a9428dad'
```
To create a new virtual file-based raster from scratch, use the `ds_input` dictionary representation and provide a `name` argument that starts with `/vsimem/` (for detail of the dictionary representation, see Creating rasters from data). For virtual file-based rasters, the `vsi_buffer` attribute returns the `bytes` representation of the raster.

Here’s how to create a raster and return it as a file in an `HttpResponse`:

```python
>>> from django.http import HttpResponse
>>> rst = GDALRaster({
...     'name': '/vsimem/temporarymemfile',
...     'driver': 'tif',
...     'width': 6, 'height': 6, 'srid': 3086,
...     'origin': [500000, 400000],
...     'scale': [100, -100],
...     'bands': [{'data': range(36), 'nodata_value': 99}]
... })
>>> HttpResponse(rst.vsi_buffer, 'image/tiff')
```

**Settings**

**GDAL_LIBRARY_PATH**

A string specifying the location of the GDAL library. Typically, this setting is only used if the GDAL library is in a non-standard location (e.g., `/home/john/lib/libgdal.so`).

**Exceptions**

exception GDALException

The base GDAL exception, indicating a GDAL-related error.

exception SRSException

An exception raised when an error occurs when constructing or using a spatial reference system object.

**Geolocation with GeoIP2**

The GeoIP2 object is a wrapper for the MaxMind geoip2 Python library.¹

In order to perform IP-based geolocation, the GeoIP2 object requires the `geoip2` Python library and the GeoIP Country and/or City datasets in binary format (the CSV files will not work!). Grab the `GeoLite2-Country.mmdb.gz` and `GeoLite2-City.mmdb.gz` files and unzip them in a directory corresponding to the `GEOIP_PATH` setting.

Additionally, it is recommended to install the `libmaxminddb` C library, so that `geoip2` can leverage the C library’s faster speed.

**Example**

Here is an example of its usage:

---

¹ GeoIP(R) is a registered trademark of MaxMind, Inc.
>>> from django.contrib.gis.geoip2 import GeoIP2
>>> g = GeoIP2()
>>> g.country('google.com')
{'country_code': 'US', 'country_name': 'United States'}
>>> g.city('72.14.207.99')
{'city': 'Mountain View',
 'continent_code': 'NA',
 'continent_name': 'North America',
 'country_code': 'US',
 'country_name': 'United States',
 'dma_code': 807,
 'is_in_european_union': False,
 'latitude': 37.419200897216797,
 'longitude': -122.05740356445312,
 'postal_code': '94043',
 'region': 'CA',
 'time_zone': 'America/Los_Angeles'}
>>> g.lat_lon('salon.com')
(39.0437, -77.4875)
>>> g.lon_lat('uh.edu')
(-95.4342, 29.834)
>>> g.geos('24.124.1.80').wkt
'POINT (-97 38)'

**API Reference**

**class GeoIP2 (path=None, cache=0, country=None, city=None)**

The GeoIP object does not require any parameters to use the default settings. However, at the very least the GEOIP_PATH setting should be set with the path of the location of your GeoIP datasets. The following initialization keywords may be used to customize any of the defaults.

<table>
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<th>Keyword Arguments</th>
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<tr>
<td>path</td>
<td>Base directory to where GeoIP data is located or the full path to where the city or country data files (.mmdb) are located. Assumes that both the city and country datasets are located in this directory; overrides the GEOIP_PATH setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>cache</td>
<td>The cache settings when opening up the GeoIP datasets. May be an integer in (0, 1, 2, 4, 8) corresponding to the MODE_AUTO, MODE_MMAP_EXT, MODE_MMAP, and GEOIP_INDEX_CACHE C API settings, respectively. Defaults to 0 (MODE_AUTO).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>country</td>
<td>The name of the GeoIP country data file. Defaults to GeoLite2-Country.mmdb. Setting this keyword overrides the GEOIP_COUNTRY setting.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>city</td>
<td>The name of the GeoIP city data file. Defaults to GeoLite2-City.mmdb. Setting this keyword overrides the GEOIP_CITY setting.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Support for `pathlib.Path` path was added.

**Methods**
Instantiating

classmethod GeoIP2.open(path, cache)

This classmethod instantiates the GeoIP object from the given database path and given cache setting.

Querying

All the following querying routines may take either a string IP address or a fully qualified domain name (FQDN). For example, both '205.186.163.125' and 'djangoproject.com' would be valid query parameters.

GeoIP2.city(query)

Returns a dictionary of city information for the given query. Some of the values in the dictionary may be undefined (None).

GeoIP2.country(query)

Returns a dictionary with the country code and country for the given query.

GeoIP2.country_code(query)

Returns the country code corresponding to the query.

GeoIP2.country_name(query)

Returns the country name corresponding to the query.

Coordinate Retrieval

GeoIP2.coords(query)

Returns a coordinate tuple of (longitude, latitude).

GeoIP2.lon_lat(query)

Returns a coordinate tuple of (longitude, latitude).

GeoIP2.lat_lon(query)

Returns a coordinate tuple of (latitude, longitude).

GeoIP2.geos(query)

Returns a *Point* object corresponding to the query.

Settings

GEOIP_PATH

A string or *pathlib.Path* specifying the directory where the GeoIP data files are located. This setting is *required* unless manually specified with *path* keyword when initializing the *GeoIP2* object.

Support for *pathlib.Path* was added.

GEOIP_COUNTRY

The basename to use for the GeoIP country data file. Defaults to 'GeoLite2-Country.mmdb'.
**GEOIP_CITY**

The basename to use for the GeoIP city data file. Defaults to 'GeoLite2-City.mmdb'.

**Exceptions**

```python
definition GeoIP2Exception
    The exception raised when an error occurs in a call to the underlying geoip2 library.
```

**GeoDjango Utilities**

The `django.contrib.gis.utils` module contains various utilities that are useful in creating geospatial Web applications.

**LayerMapping data import utility**

The `LayerMapping` class provides a way to map the contents of vector spatial data files (e.g. shapefiles) into GeoDjango models.

This utility grew out of the author’s personal needs to eliminate the code repetition that went into pulling geometries and fields out of a vector layer, converting to another coordinate system (e.g. WGS84), and then inserting into a GeoDjango model.

**Note:** Use of `LayerMapping` requires GDAL.

**Warning:** GIS data sources, like shapefiles, may be very large. If you find that `LayerMapping` is using too much memory, set `DEBUG` to `False` in your settings. When `DEBUG` is set to `True`, Django automatically logs every SQL query – and when SQL statements contain geometries, this may consume more memory than is typical.

**Example**

1. You need a GDAL-supported data source, like a shapefile (here we’re using a simple polygon shapefile, `test_poly.shp`, with three features):

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.gdal import DataSource
>>> ds = DataSource('test_poly.shp')
>>> layer = ds[0]
>>> print(layer.fields)  # Exploring the fields in the layer, we only want the 'str' -> 'field.'
['float', 'int', 'str']
>>> print(len(layer))  # getting the number of features in the layer (should be 3)
3
>>> print(layer.geom_type)  # Should be 'Polygon'
Polygon
>>> print(layer.srs)  # WGS84 in WKT
GEOGCS["GCS_WGS_1984",
    DATUM["WGS_1984",
        SPHEROID["WGS_1984",6378137,298.257223563]],
```

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2. Now we define our corresponding Django model (make sure to use `migrate`):

```python
from django.contrib.gis.db import models

class TestGeo(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=25)  # corresponds to the 'str' field
    poly = models.PolygonField(srid=4269)  # we want our model in a different SRID

    def __str__(self):
        return 'Name: %s' % self.name
```

3. Use `LayerMapping` to extract all the features and place them in the database:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.gis.utils import LayerMapping
>>> from geoapp.models import TestGeo

>>> mapping = {'name': 'str',  # The 'name' model field maps to the 'str' layer
             'poly': 'POLYGON',  # For geometry fields use OGC name.
             }  # The mapping is a dictionary

>>> lm = LayerMapping(TestGeo, 'test_poly.shp', mapping)

>>> lm.save(verbos=True)  # Save the layernap, imports the data.
Saved: Name: 1
Saved: Name: 2
Saved: Name: 3
```

Here, `LayerMapping` transformed the three geometries from the shapefile in their original spatial reference system (WGS84) to the spatial reference system of the GeoDjango model (NAD83). If no spatial reference system is defined for the layer, use the `source_srs` keyword with a `SpatialReference` object to specify one.

**LayerMapping API**

```python
class LayerMapping(model, data_source, mapping, layer=0, source_srs=None, encoding=None, transaction_mode='commit_on_success', transform=True, unique=True, using='default')
```

The following are the arguments and keywords that may be used during instantiation of `LayerMapping` objects.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Argument</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>model</td>
<td>The geographic model, <em>not</em> an instance.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>data_source</td>
<td>The path to the OGR-supported data source file (e.g., a shapefile). Also accepts <code>django.contrib.gis.gdal.DataSource</code> instances.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mapping</td>
<td>A dictionary: keys are strings corresponding to the model field, and values correspond to string field names for the OGR feature, or if the model field is a geographic then it should correspond to the OGR geometry type, e.g., 'POINT', 'LINESTRING', 'POLYGON'.</td>
</tr>
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<td>Description</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>layer</td>
<td>The index of the layer to use from the Data Source (defaults to 0)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>source_srs</td>
<td>Use this to specify the source SRS manually (for example, some shapefiles don’t come with a ‘.prj’ file). An integer SRID, WKT or PROJ.4 strings, and <code>django.contrib.gis.gdal.SpatialReference</code> objects are accepted.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>encoding</td>
<td>Specifies the character set encoding of the strings in the OGR data source. For example, 'latin-1', 'utf-8', and 'cp437' are all valid encoding parameters.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>transaction_mode</td>
<td>May be 'commit_on_success' (default) or 'autocommit'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>transform</td>
<td>Setting this to False will disable coordinate transformations. In other words, geometries will be inserted into the database unmodified from their original state in the data source.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>unique</td>
<td>Setting this to the name, or a tuple of names, from the given model will create models unique only to the given name(s). Geometries from each feature will be added into the collection associated with the unique model. Forces the transaction mode to be 'autocommit'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>using</td>
<td>Sets the database to use when importing spatial data. Default is 'default'.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**save()** Keyword Arguments

LayerMapping.save(`verbose=False, _fd_range=False, _step=False, _progress=False, _silent=False, stream=sys.stdout, strict=False`)  

The **save()** method also accepts keywords. These keywords are used for controlling output logging, error handling, and for importing specific feature ranges.

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<td><em>fd_range</em></td>
<td>May be set with a slice or tuple of (begin, end) feature ID’s to map from the data source. In other words, this keyword enables the user to selectively import a subset range of features in the geographic data source.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>progress</em></td>
<td>When this keyword is set, status information will be printed giving the number of features processed and successfully saved. By default, progress information will be printed every 1000 features processed, however, this default may be overridden by setting this keyword with an integer for the desired interval.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>silent</em></td>
<td>By default, non-fatal error notifications are printed to <code>sys.stdout</code>, but this keyword may be set to disable these notifications.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>step</em></td>
<td>If set with an integer, transactions will occur at every step interval. For example, if <em>step=1000</em>, a commit would occur after the 1,000th feature, the 2,000th feature etc.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>stream</td>
<td>Status information will be written to this file handle. Defaults to using <code>sys.stdout</code>, but any object with a <code>write</code> method is supported.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>strict</td>
<td>Execution of the model mapping will cease upon the first error encountered. The default value (False) behavior is to attempt to continue.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>verbose</td>
<td>If set, information will be printed subsequent to each model save executed on the database.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Troubleshooting**

6.5. contrib packages
Running out of memory

As noted in the warning at the top of this section, Django stores all SQL queries when DEBUG=True. Set DEBUG=False in your settings, and this should stop excessive memory use when running LayerMapping scripts.

MySQL: max_allowed_packet error

If you encounter the following error when using LayerMapping and MySQL:

```
OperationalError: (1153, "Got a packet bigger than 'max_allowed_packet' bytes")
```

Then the solution is to increase the value of the max_allowed_packet setting in your MySQL configuration. For example, the default value may be something low like one megabyte – the setting may be modified in MySQL’s configuration file (my.cnf) in the [mysqld] section:

```
max_allowed_packet = 10M
```

OGR Inspection

```
ogrinspect
goinspect (data_source, model_name, **kwargs)
```

```
mapping
goinspect (data_source, geom_name='geom', layer_key=0, multi_geom=False)
```

GeoJSON Serializer

GeoDjango provides a specific serializer for the GeoJSON format. See Serializing Django objects for more information on serialization.

The geojson serializer is not meant for round-tripping data, as it has no deserializer equivalent. For example, you cannot use loaddata to reload the output produced by this serializer. If you plan to reload the outputted data, use the plain json serializer instead.

In addition to the options of the json serializer, the geojson serializer accepts the following additional option when it is called by serializers.serialize():

- geometry_field: A string containing the name of a geometry field to use for the geometry key of the GeoJSON feature. This is only needed when you have a model with more than one geometry field and you don’t want to use the first defined geometry field (by default, the first geometry field is picked).
- srid: The SRID to use for the geometry content. Defaults to 4326 (WGS 84).

The fields option can be used to limit fields that will be present in the properties key, as it works with all other serializers.

Example:
```
from django.core.serializers import serialize
from my_app.models import City

serialize('geojson', City.objects.all(),
    geometry_field='point',
    fields=('name',))
```

Would output:

```json
{
    'type': 'FeatureCollection',
    'crs': {
        'type': 'name',
        'properties': {'name': 'EPSG:4326'}
    },
    'features': [
        {
            'type': 'Feature',
            'geometry': {
                'type': 'Point',
                'coordinates': [-87.650175, 41.850385]
            },
            'properties': {
                'name': 'Chicago'
            }
        }
    ]
}
```

When the `fields` parameter is not specified, the `geojson` serializer adds a `pk` key to the `properties` dictionary with the primary key of the object as the value.

**GeoDjango Management Commands**

**inspectdb**

```
django-admin inspectdb
```

When `django.contrib.gis` is in your `INSTALLED_APPS`, the `inspectdb` management command is overridden with one from GeoDjango. The overridden command is spatially-aware, and places geometry fields in the auto-generated model definition, where appropriate.

**ogrinspect**

```
django-admin ogrinspect data_source model_name
```

The `ogrinspect` management command will inspect the given OGR-compatible `DataSource` (e.g., a shapefile) and will output a GeoDjango model with the given model name. There’s a detailed example of using `ogrinspect` in the tutorial.

```
--blank BLANK
```

Use a comma separated list of OGR field names to add the `blank=True` keyword option to the field definition. Set with `true` to apply to all applicable fields.
--decimal DECIMAL
Use a comma separated list of OGR float fields to generate `DecimalField` instead of the default `FloatField`. Set to `true` to apply to all OGR float fields.

--geom-name GEOM_NAME
Specifies the model attribute name to use for the geometry field. Defaults to `geom`.

--layer LAYER_KEY
The key for specifying which layer in the OGR `DataSource` source to use. Defaults to 0 (the first layer). May be an integer or a string identifier for the `Layer`. When inspecting databases, `layer` is generally the table name you want to inspect.

--mapping
Automatically generate a mapping dictionary for use with `LayerMapping`.

--multi-geom
When generating the geometry field, treat it as a geometry collection. For example, if this setting is enabled then a `MultiPolygonField` will be placed in the generated model rather than `PolygonField`.

--name-field NAME_FIELD
Generates a `__str__()` method on the model that returns the given field name.

--no-imports
Suppresses the `from django.contrib.gis.db import models import statement`.

--null NULL
Use a comma separated list of OGR field names to add the `null=True` keyword option to the field definition. Set with `true` to apply to all applicable fields.

--srid SRID
The SRID to use for the geometry field. If not set, `ogrinspect` attempts to automatically determine of the SRID of the data source.

**GeoDjango’s admin site**

**GeoModelAdmin**

```python

class GeoModelAdmin

    default_lon
    The default center longitude.

    default_lat
    The default center latitude.

    default_zoom
    The default zoom level to use. Defaults to 4.

    extra_js
    Sequence of URLs to any extra JavaScript to include.

    map_template
    Override the template used to generate the JavaScript slippy map. Default is `gis/admin/openlayers.html`.

    map_width
```

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Width of the map, in pixels. Defaults to 600.

**map_height**

Height of the map, in pixels. Defaults to 400.

**openlayers_url**


**modifiable**

Defaults to True. When set to False, disables editing of existing geometry fields in the admin.

---

**Note:** This is different from adding the geometry field to **readonly_fields**, which will only display the WKT of the geometry. Setting **modifiable=False**, actually displays the geometry in a map, but disables the ability to edit its vertices.

---

**OSMGeoAdmin**

class OSMGeoAdmin

A subclass of GeoModelAdmin that uses a Spherical Mercator projection with OpenStreetMap street data tiles. See the **OSMGeoAdmin introduction** in the tutorial for a usage example.

**Geographic Feeds**

GeoDjango has its own **Feed** subclass that may embed location information in RSS/Atom feeds formatted according to either the Simple GeoRSS or W3C Geo standards. Because GeoDjango’s syndication API is a superset of Django’s, please consult **Django’s syndication documentation** for details on general usage.

**Example**

**API Reference**

**Feed Subclass**

class Feed

In addition to methods provided by the django.contrib.syndication.views.Feed base class, GeoDjango’s Feed class provides the following overrides. Note that these overrides may be done in multiple ways:

```python
from django.contrib.gis.feeds import Feed
class MyFeed(Feed):
    # First, as a class attribute.
    geometry = ...
    item_geometry = ...

    # Also a function with no arguments
    def geometry(self):
```

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...  

```python

def item_geometry(self):
...

# And as a function with a single argument

def geometry(self, obj):
...

def item_geometry(self, item):
...
```

takes the object returned by `get_object()` and returns the feed's geometry. Typically this is a `GEOSGeometry` instance, or can be a tuple to represent a point or a box. For example:

```python

class ZipcodeFeed(Feed):

def geometry(self, obj):
    # Can also return: `obj.poly`, and `obj.poly.centroid`.
    return obj.poly.extent # tuple like: (X0, Y0, X1, Y1).
```

**item_geometry(item)**

Set this to return the geometry for each `item` in the feed. This can be a `GEOSGeometry` instance, or a tuple that represents a point coordinate or bounding box. For example:

```python

class ZipcodeFeed(Feed):
    
def item_geometry(self, obj):
        # Returns the polygon.
        return obj.poly
```

### SyndicationFeed Subclasses

The following `django.utils.feedgenerator.SyndicationFeed` subclasses are available:

- `class GeoRSSFeed`
- `class GeoAtom1Feed`
- `class W3CGeoFeed`

**Note:** W3C Geo formatted feeds only support `PointField` geometries.

### Geographic Sitemaps

KML is an XML language focused on geographic visualization\(^1\). `KMLSitemap` and its compressed counterpart `KMZSitemap` allow you to present geolocated data in a machine-readable format.

\(^1\) https://www.opengeospatial.org/standards/kml
Example

Reference

KMLSitemap

KMZSitemap

Testing GeoDjango apps

Included in this documentation are some additional notes and settings for PostGIS users.

PostGIS

Settings

**Note:** The settings below have sensible defaults, and shouldn’t require manual setting.

**POSTGIS_VERSION**

When GeoDjango’s spatial backend initializes on PostGIS, it has to perform an SQL query to determine the version in order to figure out what features are available. Advanced users wishing to prevent this additional query may set the version manually using a 3-tuple of integers specifying the major, minor, and micro version numbers for PostGIS. For example, to configure for PostGIS X.Y.Z you would use:

```
POSTGIS_VERSION = (X, Y, Z)
```

**Obtaining sufficient privileges**

Depending on your configuration, this section describes several methods to configure a database user with sufficient privileges to run tests for GeoDjango applications on PostgreSQL. If your spatial database template was created like in the instructions, then your testing database user only needs to have the ability to create databases. In other configurations, you may be required to use a database superuser.

**Create database user**

To make a database user with the ability to create databases, use the following command:

```bash
$ createuser --createdb -R -S <user_name>
```

The `-R` `-S` flags indicate that we do not want the user to have the ability to create additional users (roles) or to be a superuser, respectively.

Alternatively, you may alter an existing user’s role from the SQL shell (assuming this is done from an existing superuser account):
postgres# ALTER ROLE <user_name> CREATEDB NOSUPERUSER NOCREATEROLE;

Create database superuser

This may be done at the time the user is created, for example:

$ createuser --superuser <user_name>

Or you may alter the user’s role from the SQL shell (assuming this is done from an existing superuser account):

postgres# ALTER ROLE <user_name> SUPERUSER;

Windows

On Windows platforms you can use the pgAdmin III utility to add superuser privileges to your database user.

By default, the PostGIS installer on Windows includes a template spatial database entitled template_postgis.

GeoDjango tests

To have the GeoDjango tests executed when running the Django test suite with runtests.py all of the databases in the settings file must be using one of the spatial database backends.

Example

The following is an example bare-bones settings file with spatial backends that can be used to run the entire Django test suite, including those in django.contrib.gis:

```
DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        'ENGINE': 'django.contrib.gis.db.backends.postgis',
        'NAME': 'geodjango',
        'USER': 'geodjango',
    },
    'other': {
        'ENGINE': 'django.contrib.gis.db.backends.postgis',
        'NAME': 'other',
        'USER': 'geodjango',
    },
}
SECRET_KEY = 'django_tests_secret_key'
```

Assuming the settings above were in a postgis.py file in the same directory as runtests.py, then all Django and GeoDjango tests would be performed when executing the command:

```
$ ./runtests.py --settings=postgis
```

To run only the GeoDjango test suite, specify gis_tests:
Deploying GeoDjango

Basically, the deployment of a GeoDjango application is not different from the deployment of a normal Django application. Please consult Django’s deployment documentation.

**Warning:** GeoDjango uses the GDAL geospatial library which is not thread safe at this time. Thus, it is highly recommended to not use threading when deploying – in other words, use an appropriate configuration of Apache. For example, when configuring your application with mod_wsgi, set the WSGIDaemonProcess attribute threads to 1, unless Apache may crash when running your GeoDjango application. Increase the number of processes instead.

6.5.6 django.contrib.humanize

A set of Django template filters useful for adding a “human touch” to data.

To activate these filters, add 'django.contrib.humanize' to your INSTALLED_APPS setting. Once you’ve done that, use {% load humanize %} in a template, and you’ll have access to the following filters.

**apnumber**

For numbers 1-9, returns the number spelled out. Otherwise, returns the number. This follows Associated Press style.

Examples:

- 1 becomes one.
- 2 becomes two.
- 10 becomes 10.

You can pass in either an integer or a string representation of an integer.

**intcomma**

Converts an integer or float (or a string representation of either) to a string containing commas every three digits.

Examples:

- 4500 becomes 4,500.
- 4500.2 becomes 4,500.2.
- 45000 becomes 45,000.
- 450000 becomes 450,000.
- 4500000 becomes 4,500,000.

*Format localization* will be respected if enabled, e.g. with the 'de' language:

- 45000 becomes '45.000'.
- 4500000 becomes '450.000'.
intword

Converts a large integer (or a string representation of an integer) to a friendly text representation. Translates 1.0 as a singular phrase and all other numeric values as plural, this may be incorrect for some languages. Works best for numbers over 1 million.

Examples:

- 1000000 becomes 1.0 million.
- 1200000 becomes 1.2 million.
- 1200000000 becomes 1.2 billion.
- -1200000000 becomes -1.2 billion.

Values up to 10^100 (Googol) are supported.

Format localization will be respected if enabled, e.g. with the 'de' language:

- 1000000 becomes '1,0 Million'.
- 1200000 becomes '1,2 Millionen'.
- 1200000000 becomes '1,2 Milliarden'.
- -1200000000 becomes '-1,2 Milliarden'.

All numeric values are now translated as plural, except 1.0 which is translated as a singular phrase. This may be incorrect for some languages.

Support for negative integers was added.

naturalday

For dates that are the current day or within one day, return “today”, “tomorrow” or “yesterday”, as appropriate. Otherwise, format the date using the passed in format string.

Argument: Date formatting string as described in the date tag.

Examples (when ‘today’ is 17 Feb 2007):

- 16 Feb 2007 becomes yesterday.
- 17 Feb 2007 becomes today.
- 18 Feb 2007 becomes tomorrow.
- Any other day is formatted according to given argument or the DATE_FORMAT setting if no argument is given.

naturaltime

For datetime values, returns a string representing how many seconds, minutes or hours ago it was – falling back to the timesince format if the value is more than a day old. In case the datetime value is in the future the return value will automatically use an appropriate phrase.

Examples (when ‘now’ is 17 Feb 2007 16:30:00):

- 17 Feb 2007 16:30:00 becomes now.
- 17 Feb 2007 16:29:31 becomes 29 seconds ago.
- 17 Feb 2007 16:29:00 becomes a minute ago.
ordinal

Converts an integer to its ordinal as a string.

Examples:

- 1 becomes 1st.
- 2 becomes 2nd.
- 3 becomes 3rd.

You can pass in either an integer or a string representation of an integer.

6.5.7 The messages framework

Quite commonly in web applications, you need to display a one-time notification message (also known as “flash message”) to the user after processing a form or some other types of user input.

For this, Django provides full support for cookie- and session-based messaging, for both anonymous and authenticated users. The messages framework allows you to temporarily store messages in one request and retrieve them for display in a subsequent request (usually the next one). Every message is tagged with a specific level that determines its priority (e.g., info, warning, or error).

Enabling messages

Messages are implemented through a middleware class and corresponding context processor.

The default settings.py created by django-admin startproject already contains all the settings required to enable message functionality.
• 'django.contrib.messages' is in `INSTALLED_APPS`.

• `MIDDLEWARE` contains 'django.contrib.sessions.middleware.SessionMiddleware' and 'django.contrib.messages.middleware.MessageMiddleware'.

  The default `storage backend` relies on `sessions`. That's why `SessionMiddleware` must be enabled and appear before `MessageMiddleware` in `MIDDLEWARE`.

• The 'context_processors' option of the DjangoTemplates backend defined in your `TEMPLATES` setting contains 'django.contrib.messages.context_processors.messages'.

If you don’t want to use messages, you can remove 'django.contrib.messages' from your `INSTALLED_APPS`, the `MessageMiddleware` line from `MIDDLEWARE`, and the messages context processor from `TEMPLATES`.

Configuring the message engine

Storage backends

The messages framework can use different backends to store temporary messages.

Django provides three built-in storage classes in `django.contrib.messages`:

```python
class storage.session.SessionStorage
    This class stores all messages inside of the request's session. Therefore it requires Django's contrib.sessions application.

class storage.cookie.CookieStorage
    This class stores the message data in a cookie (signed with a secret hash to prevent manipulation) to persist notifications across requests. Old messages are dropped if the cookie data size would exceed 2048 bytes.

class storage.fallback.FallbackStorage
    This class first uses `CookieStorage`, and falls back to using `SessionStorage` for the messages that could not fit in a single cookie. It also requires Django's contrib.sessions application.

    This behavior avoids writing to the session whenever possible. It should provide the best performance in the general case.
```

`FallbackStorage` is the default storage class. If it isn’t suitable to your needs, you can select another storage class by setting `MESSAGE_STORAGE` to its full import path, for example:

```python
MESSAGE_STORAGE = 'django.contrib.messages.storage.cookie.CookieStorage'
```

```python
class storage.base.BaseStorage
To write your own storage class, subclass the BaseStorage class in `django.contrib.messages.storage.base` and implement the _get and _store methods.
```

Message levels

The messages framework is based on a configurable level architecture similar to that of the Python logging module. Message levels allow you to group messages by type so they can be filtered or displayed differently in views and templates.

The built-in levels, which can be imported from `django.contrib.messages` directly, are:
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Constant</th>
<th>Purpose</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DEBUG</td>
<td>Development-related messages that will be ignored (or removed) in a production deployment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INFO</td>
<td>Informational messages for the user</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SUCCESS</td>
<td>An action was successful, e.g. “Your profile was updated successfully”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WARNING</td>
<td>A failure did not occur but may be imminent</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ERROR</td>
<td>An action was not successful or some other failure occurred</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The `MESSAGE_LEVEL` setting can be used to change the minimum recorded level (or it can be `changed per request`). Attempts to add messages of a level less than this will be ignored.

**Message tags**

Message tags are a string representation of the message level plus any extra tags that were added directly in the view (see Adding extra message tags below for more details). Tags are stored in a string and are separated by spaces. Typically, message tags are used as CSS classes to customize message style based on message type. By default, each level has a single tag that’s a lowercase version of its own constant:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Level Constant</th>
<th>Tag</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DEBUG</td>
<td>debug</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INFO</td>
<td>info</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SUCCESS</td>
<td>success</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WARNING</td>
<td>warning</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ERROR</td>
<td>error</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To change the default tags for a message level (either built-in or custom), set the `MESSAGE_TAGS` setting to a dictionary containing the levels you wish to change. As this extends the default tags, you only need to provide tags for the levels you wish to override:

```python
from django.contrib.messages import constants as messages
MESSAGE_TAGS = {
    messages.INFO: '',
    50: 'critical',
}
```

**Using messages in views and templates**

`add_message(request, level, message, extra_tags='', fail_silently=False)`

**Adding a message**

To add a message, call:

```python
from django.contrib import messages
messages.add_message(request, messages.INFO, 'Hello world.')
```

Some shortcut methods provide a standard way to add messages with commonly used tags (which are usually represented as HTML classes for the message):
Displaying messages

**get_messages** *(request)*

In your template, use something like:

```html
{% if messages %}
<ul class="messages">
    {% for message in messages %}
    <li{% if message.tags %} class="{{ message.tags }}"{% endif %}>{% endfor %}{% message %}</li>
{% endfor %}
</ul>{% endif %}
```

If you’re using the context processor, your template should be rendered with a `RequestContext`. Otherwise, ensure `messages` is available to the template context.

Even if you know there is only one message, you should still iterate over the `messages` sequence, because otherwise the message storage will not be cleared for the next request.

The context processor also provides a `DEFAULT_MESSAGE_LEVELS` variable which is a mapping of the message level names to their numeric value:

```html
{% if messages %}
<ul class="messages">
    {% for message in messages %}
    <li{% if message.tags %} class="{{ message.tags }}"{% endif %}
        {% if message.level == DEFAULT_MESSAGE_LEVELS.ERROR %}Important: {% endif %}{% message %}</li>
    {% endfor %}
</ul>{% endif %}
```

Outside of templates, you can use `get_messages()`:

```python
from django.contrib.messages import get_messages

storage = get_messages(request)
for message in storage:
    do_something_with_the_message(message)
```

For instance, you can fetch all the messages to return them in a `JSONResponseMixin` instead of a `TemplateResponseMixin`.

`get_messages()` will return an instance of the configured storage backend.
The `Message` class

```python
class storage.base.Message
```

When you loop over the list of messages in a template, what you get are instances of the `Message` class. They have only a few attributes:

- **message**: The actual text of the message.
- **level**: An integer describing the type of the message (see the `message levels` section above).
- **tags**: A string combining all the message’s tags (`extra_tags` and `level_tag`) separated by spaces.
- **extra_tags**: A string containing custom tags for this message, separated by spaces. It’s empty by default.
- **level_tag**: The string representation of the level. By default, it’s the lowercase version of the name of the associated constant, but this can be changed if you need by using the `MESSAGE_TAGS` setting.

Creating custom message levels

Messages levels are nothing more than integers, so you can define your own level constants and use them to create more customized user feedback, e.g.:

```python
CRITICAL = 50

def my_view(request):
    messages.add_message(request, CRITICAL, 'A serious error occurred.')
```

When creating custom message levels you should be careful to avoid overloading existing levels. The values for the built-in levels are:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Level Constant</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DEBUG</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>INFO</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SUCCESS</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WARNING</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ERROR</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If you need to identify the custom levels in your HTML or CSS, you need to provide a mapping via the `MESSAGE_TAGS` setting.

**Note**: If you are creating a reusable application, it is recommended to use only the built-in `message levels` and not rely on any custom levels.

Changing the minimum recorded level per-request

The minimum recorded level can be set per request via the `set_level` method:

```python
from django.contrib import messages

# Change the messages level to ensure the debug message is added.
messages.set_level(request, messages.DEBUG)
```

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messages.debug(request, 'Test message...')

# In another request, record only messages with a level of WARNING and higher
messages.set_level(request, messages.WARNING)
messages.success(request, 'Your profile was updated.') # ignored
messages.warning(request, 'Your account is about to expire.') # recorded

# Set the messages level back to default.
messages.set_level(request, None)

Similarly, the current effective level can be retrieved with get_level:

```python
from django.contrib import messages
current_level = messages.get_level(request)
```

For more information on how the minimum recorded level functions, see *Message levels* above.

### Adding extra message tags

For more direct control over message tags, you can optionally provide a string containing extra tags to any of the add methods:

```python
messages.add_message(request, messages.INFO, 'Over 9000!', extra_tags='dragonball')
messages.error(request, 'Email box full!', extra_tags='email')
```

Extra tags are added before the default tag for that level and are space separated.

### Failing silently when the message framework is disabled

If you’re writing a reusable app (or other piece of code) and want to include messaging functionality, but don’t want to require your users to enable it if they don’t want to, you may pass an additional keyword argument `fail_silently=True` to any of the add_message family of methods. For example:

```python
messages.add_message(
    request, messages.SUCCESS, 'Profile details updated.',
    fail_silently=True,
)
messages.info(request, 'Hello world.', fail_silently=True)
```

**Note:** Setting `fail_silently=True` only hides the `MessageFailure` that would otherwise occur when the messages framework disabled and one attempts to use one of the add_message family of methods. It does not hide failures that may occur for other reasons.

### Adding messages in class-based views

```python
class views.SuccessMessageMixin
    Adds a success message attribute to FormView based classes
    get_success_message(cleaned_data)
    cleaned_data is the cleaned data from the form which is used for string formatting
```
Example views.py:

```python
from django.contrib.messages.views import SuccessMessageMixin
from django.views.generic.edit import CreateView
from myapp.models import Author

class AuthorCreate(SuccessMessageMixin, CreateView):
    model = Author
    success_url = '/success/'
    success_message = "%(name)s was created successfully"
```

The cleaned data from the form is available for string interpolation using the `%(field_name)s` syntax. For ModelForms, if you need access to fields from the saved object override the `get_success_message()` method.

Example views.py for ModelForms:

```python
from django.contrib.messages.views import SuccessMessageMixin
from django.views.generic.edit import CreateView
from myapp.models import ComplicatedModel

class ComplicatedCreate(SuccessMessageMixin, CreateView):
    model = ComplicatedModel
    success_url = '/success/'
    success_message = "%(calculated_field)s was created successfully"

    def get_success_message(self, cleaned_data):
        return self.success_message % dict(
            cleaned_data,
            calculated_field=self.object.calculated_field,
        )
```

Expiration of messages

The messages are marked to be cleared when the storage instance is iterated (and cleared when the response is processed).

To avoid the messages being cleared, you can set the messages storage to `False` after iterating:

```python
storage = messages.get_messages(request)
for message in storage:
    do_something_with(message)
storage.used = False
```

Behavior of parallel requests

Due to the way cookies (and hence sessions) work, the behavior of any backends that make use of cookies or sessions is undefined when the same client makes multiple requests that set or get messages in parallel. For example, if a client initiates a request that creates a message in one window (or tab) and then another that fetches any uniterated messages in another window, before the first window redirects, the message may appear in the second window instead of the first window where it may be expected.

In short, when multiple simultaneous requests from the same client are involved, messages are not guaranteed to be delivered to the same window that created them nor, in some cases, at all. Note that this is typically not a problem in most applications and will become a non-issue in HTML5, where each window/tab will have its own browsing context.
Settings

A few settings give you control over message behavior:

- `MESSAGE_LEVEL`
- `MESSAGE_STORAGE`
- `MESSAGE_TAGS`

For backends that use cookies, the settings for the cookie are taken from the session cookie settings:

- `SESSION_COOKIE_DOMAIN`
- `SESSION_COOKIE_SECURE`
- `SESSION_COOKIE_HTTPONLY`

6.5.8 `django.contrib.postgres`

PostgreSQL has a number of features which are not shared by the other databases Django supports. This optional module contains model fields and form fields for a number of PostgreSQL specific data types.

**Note:** Django is, and will continue to be, a database-agnostic web framework. We would encourage those writing reusable applications for the Django community to write database-agnostic code where practical. However, we recognize that real world projects written using Django need not be database-agnostic. In fact, once a project reaches a given size changing the underlying data store is already a significant challenge and is likely to require changing the code base in some ways to handle differences between the data stores.

Django provides support for a number of data types which will only work with PostgreSQL. There is no fundamental reason why (for example) a `contrib.mysql` module does not exist, except that PostgreSQL has the richest feature set of the supported databases so its users have the most to gain.

**PostgreSQL specific aggregation functions**

These functions are available from the `django.contrib.postgres.aggregates` module. They are described in more detail in the PostgreSQL docs.

**Note:** All functions come without default aliases, so you must explicitly provide one. For example:

```python
>>> SomeModel.objects.aggregate(arr=ArrayAgg('somefield'))
{'arr': [0, 1, 2]}
```

**Common aggregate options**

All aggregates have the `filter` keyword argument.

**General-purpose aggregation functions**
### ArrayAgg

**class ArrayAgg** *(expression, distinct=False, filter=None, ordering=(), **extra)*

Returns a list of values, including nulls, concatenated into an array.

**distinct**

An optional boolean argument that determines if array values will be distinct. Defaults to `False`.

**ordering**

An optional string of a field name (with an optional "-" prefix which indicates descending order) or an expression (or a tuple or list of strings and/or expressions) that specifies the ordering of the elements in the result list.

Examples:

```python
'some_field'
'-some_field'
from django.db.models import F
F('some_field').desc()
```

### BitAnd

**class BitAnd** *(expression, filter=None, **extra)*

Returns an `int` of the bitwise AND of all non-null input values, or `None` if all values are null.

### BitOr

**class BitOr** *(expression, filter=None, **extra)*

Returns an `int` of the bitwise OR of all non-null input values, or `None` if all values are null.

### BoolAnd

**class BoolAnd** *(expression, filter=None, **extra)*

Returns `True`, if all input values are true, `None` if all values are null or if there are no values, otherwise `False`.

Usage example:

```python
class Comment(models.Model):
    body = models.TextField()
    published = models.BooleanField()
    rank = models.IntegerField()

>>> from django.db.models import BooleanField, Q
>>> from django.contrib.postgres.aggregates import BoolAnd
>>> Comment.objects.aggregate(booland=BoolAnd('published'))
{'booland': False}
>>> Comment.objects.aggregate(booland=BoolAnd(Q(rank__lt=100), output_˓→field=BooleanField()))
{'booland': True}
```
BoolOr

class BoolOr(expression, filter=None, **extra)
Returns True if at least one input value is true, None if all values are null or if there are no values, otherwise False.

Usage example:

class Comment(models.Model):
    body = models.TextField()
    published = models.BooleanField()
    rank = models.IntegerField()

>>> from django.db.models import BooleanField, Q
>>> from django.contrib.postgres.aggregates import BoolOr
>>> Comment.objects.aggregate(boolor=BoolOr('published'))
{'boolor': True}
>>> Comment.objects.aggregate(boolor=BoolOr(Q(rank__gt=2), output_field=BooleanField()))
{'boolor': False}

JSONBAgg

class JSONBAgg(expressions, filter=None, **extra)
Returns the input values as a JSON array.

StringAgg

class StringAgg(expression, delimiter, distinct=False, filter=None, ordering=())
Returns the input values concatenated into a string, separated by the delimiter string.

delimiter
    Required argument. Needs to be a string.

distinct
    An optional boolean argument that determines if concatenated values will be distinct. Defaults to False.

ordering
    An optional string of a field name (with an optional "-" prefix which indicates descending order) or an expression (or a tuple or list of strings and/or expressions) that specifies the ordering of the elements in the result string.

Examples are the same as for ArrayAgg.ordering.

Aggregate functions for statistics

y and x

The arguments y and x for all these functions can be the name of a field or an expression returning a numeric data. Both are required.
Corr

class Corr (y, x, filter=None)
    Returns the correlation coefficient as a float, or None if there aren’t any matching rows.

CovarPop

class CovarPop (y, x, sample=False, filter=None)
    Returns the population covariance as a float, or None if there aren’t any matching rows.
    Has one optional argument:
    sample
        By default CovarPop returns the general population covariance. However, if sample=True, the return value will be the sample population covariance.

RegrAvgX

class RegrAvgX (y, x, filter=None)
    Returns the average of the independent variable (sum(x)/N) as a float, or None if there aren’t any matching rows.

RegrAvgY

class RegrAvgY (y, x, filter=None)
    Returns the average of the dependent variable (sum(y)/N) as a float, or None if there aren’t any matching rows.

RegrCount

class RegrCount (y, x, filter=None)
    Returns an int of the number of input rows in which both expressions are not null.

RegrIntercept

class RegrIntercept (y, x, filter=None)
    Returns the y-intercept of the least-squares-fit linear equation determined by the (x, y) pairs as a float, or None if there aren’t any matching rows.

RegrR2

class RegrR2 (y, x, filter=None)
    Returns the square of the correlation coefficient as a float, or None if there aren’t any matching rows.
RegrSlope

**class RegrSlope (y, x, filter=None)**

Returns the slope of the least-squares-fit linear equation determined by the \((x, y)\) pairs as a float, or None if there aren’t any matching rows.

RegrSXX

**class RegrSXX (y, x, filter=None)**

Returns \(\text{sum}(x^2) - \text{sum}(x)^2/N\) (“sum of squares” of the independent variable) as a float, or None if there aren’t any matching rows.

RegrSXY

**class RegrSXY (y, x, filter=None)**

Returns \(\text{sum}(x\times y) - \text{sum}(x) \times \text{sum}(y)/N\) (“sum of products” of independent times dependent variable) as a float, or None if there aren’t any matching rows.

RegrSYY

**class RegrSYY (y, x, filter=None)**

Returns \(\text{sum}(y^2) - \text{sum}(y)^2/N\) (“sum of squares” of the dependent variable) as a float, or None if there aren’t any matching rows.

Usage examples

We will use this example table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>FIELD1</th>
<th>FIELD2</th>
<th>FIELD3</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>foo</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bar</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>(null)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>test</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Here’s some examples of some of the general-purpose aggregation functions:

```python
>>> TestModel.objects.aggregate(result=StringAgg('field1', delimiter=';'))
{'result': 'foo;bar;test'}
>>> TestModel.objects.aggregate(result=ArrayAgg('field2'))
{'result': [1, 2, 3]}
>>> TestModel.objects.aggregate(result=ArrayAgg('field1'))
{'result': ['foo', 'bar', 'test']}
```

The next example shows the usage of statistical aggregate functions. The underlying math will not be described (you can read about this, for example, at wikipedia):

```python
>>> TestModel.objects.aggregate(count=RegrCount(y='field3', x='field2'))
{'count': 2}
>>> TestModel.objects.aggregate(avgx=RegrAvgX(y='field3', x='field2'),
... avgy=RegrAvgY(y='field3', x='field2'))
{'avgx': 2, 'avgy': 13}
```
PostgreSQL specific database constraints

PostgreSQL supports additional data integrity constraints available from the `django.contrib.postgres.constraints` module. They are added in the model `Meta.constraints` option.

**ExclusionConstraint**

```python
class ExclusionConstraint(*, name, expressions, index_type=None, condition=None, deferrable=None)
```

Creates an exclusion constraint in the database. Internally, PostgreSQL implements exclusion constraints using indexes. The default index type is GiST. To use them, you need to activate the `btree_gist` extension on PostgreSQL. You can install it using the `BtreeGistExtension` migration operation.

If you attempt to insert a new row that conflicts with an existing row, an `IntegrityError` is raised. Similarly, when update conflicts with an existing row.

**name**

`ExclusionConstraint.name`

The name of the constraint.

**expressions**

`ExclusionConstraint.expressions`

An iterable of 2-tuples. The first element is an expression or string. The second element is an SQL operator represented as a string. To avoid typos, you may use `RangeOperators` which maps the operators with strings. For example:

```python
expressions={[  
    ('timespan', RangeOperators.ADJACENT_TO),  
    (F('room'), RangeOperators.EQUAL),
]
```

Restrictions on operators.

Only commutative operators can be used in exclusion constraints.

**index_type**

`ExclusionConstraint.index_type`

The index type of the constraint. Accepted values are `GIST` or `SPGIST`. Matching is case insensitive. If not provided, the default index type is `GIST`.

**condition**

`ExclusionConstraint.condition`
A `Q` object that specifies the condition to restrict a constraint to a subset of rows. For example, `condition=Q(cancelled=False)`.

These conditions have the same database restrictions as `django.db.models.Index.condition`.

### deferrable

`ExclusionConstraint.deferrable`

Set this parameter to create a deferrable exclusion constraint. Accepted values are `Deferrable.DEFERRED` or `Deferrable.IMMEDIATE`. For example:

```python
from django.contrib.postgres.constraints import ExclusionConstraint
from django.contrib.postgres.fields import RangeOperators
from django.db.models import Deferrable

ExclusionConstraint(
    name='exclude_overlapping_deferred',
    expressions=[
        ('timespan', RangeOperators.OVERLAPS),
    ],
    deferrable=Deferrable.DEFERRED,
)
```

By default constraints are not deferred. A deferred constraint will not be enforced until the end of the transaction. An immediate constraint will be enforced immediately after every command.

**Warning:** Deferred exclusion constraints may lead to a performance penalty.

### Examples

The following example restricts overlapping reservations in the same room, not taking canceled reservations into account:

```python
from django.contrib.postgres.constraints import ExclusionConstraint
from django.contrib.postgres.fields import DateTimeRangeField, RangeOperators
from django.db import models
from django.db.models import Q

class Room(models.Model):
    number = models.IntegerField()

class Reservation(models.Model):
    room = models.ForeignKey('Room', on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    timespan = DateTimeRangeField()
    cancelled = models.BooleanField(default=False)

    class Meta:
        constraints = [
            ExclusionConstraint(
                name='exclude_overlapping_reservations',
                expressions=[
            ]
```
In case your model defines a range using two fields, instead of the native PostgreSQL range types, you should write an expression that uses the equivalent function (e.g. TsTzRange()), and use the delimiters for the field. Most often, the delimiters will be '[]', meaning that the lower bound is inclusive and the upper bound is exclusive. You may use the RangeBoundary that provides an expression mapping for the range boundaries. For example:

```python
from django.contrib.postgres.constraints import ExclusionConstraint
from django.contrib.postgres.fields import (DateTimeRangeField, RangeBoundary, RangeOperators,
)
from django.db import models
from django.db.models import Func, Q

class TsTzRange(Func):
    function = 'TSTZRANGE'
    output_field = DateTimeRangeField()

class Reservation(models.Model):
    room = models.ForeignKey('Room', on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    start = models.DateTimeField()
    end = models.DateTimeField()
    cancelled = models.BooleanField(default=False)

    class Meta:
        constraints = [
            ExclusionConstraint(
                name='exclude_overlapping_reservations',
                expressions=(
                    TsTzRange('start', 'end', RangeBoundary()), RangeOperators.˓→OVERLAPS),
                    ('room', RangeOperators.EQUAL),
                ),
                condition=Q(cancelled=False),
            ),
        ]
```

**PostgreSQL specific model fields**

All of these fields are available from the `django.contrib.postgres.fields` module.

**Indexing these fields**

`Index` and `Field.db_index` both create a B-tree index, which isn’t particularly helpful when querying complex data types. Indexes such as `GinIndex` and `GistIndex` are better suited, though the index choice is dependent on
the queries that you’re using. Generally, GiST may be a good choice for the range fields and HStoreField, and GIN may be helpful for ArrayField.

**ArrayField**

class ArrayField(*base_field, size=None, **options*)

A field for storing lists of data. Most field types can be used, and you pass another field instance as the base_field. You may also specify a size. ArrayField can be nested to store multi-dimensional arrays.

If you give the field a default, ensure it’s a callable such as list (for an empty default) or a callable that returns a list (such as a function). Incorrectly using default=[] creates a mutable default that is shared between all instances of ArrayField.

**base_field**

This is a required argument.

Specifies the underlying data type and behavior for the array. It should be an instance of a subclass of Field. For example, it could be an IntegerField or a CharField. Most field types are permitted, with the exception of those handling relational data (ForeignKey, OneToOneField and ManyToManyField).

It is possible to nest array fields - you can specify an instance of ArrayField as the base_field. For example:

```python
from django.contrib.postgres.fields import ArrayField
from django.db import models
class ChessBoard(models.Model):
    board = ArrayField(
        ArrayField(
            models.CharField(max_length=10, blank=True),
            size=8,
        ),
        size=8,
    )
```

Transformation of values between the database and the model, validation of data and configuration, and serialization are all delegated to the underlying base field.

**size**

This is an optional argument.

If passed, the array will have a maximum size as specified. This will be passed to the database, although PostgreSQL at present does not enforce the restriction.

**Note:** When nesting ArrayField, whether you use the size parameter or not, PostgreSQL requires that the arrays are rectangular:

```python
from django.contrib.postgres.fields import ArrayField
from django.db import models
class Board(models.Model):
    pieces = ArrayField(ArrayField(models.IntegerField()))
```

# Valid
Board(pieces=[])
If irregular shapes are required, then the underlying field should be made nullable and the values padded with `None`.

**Querying `ArrayField`**

There are a number of custom lookups and transforms for `ArrayField`. We will use the following example model:

```python
from django.contrib.postgres.fields import ArrayField
from django.db import models

class Post(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    tags = ArrayField(models.CharField(max_length=200), blank=True)

    def __str__(self):
        return self.name
```

**contains**

The `contains` lookup is overridden on `ArrayField`. The returned objects will be those where the values passed are a subset of the data. It uses the SQL operator `@>`. For example:

```python
>>> Post.objects.create(name='First post', tags=['thoughts', 'django'])
>>> Post.objects.create(name='Second post', tags=['thoughts'])
>>> Post.objects.create(name='Third post', tags=['tutorial', 'django'])

>>> Post.objects.filter(tags__contains=['thoughts'])
<QuerySet [<Post: First post>, <Post: Second post>]>  
>>> Post.objects.filter(tags__contains=['django'])
<QuerySet [<Post: First post>, <Post: Third post>]>  
>>> Post.objects.filter(tags__contains=['django', 'thoughts'])
<QuerySet [<Post: First post>]>  
```

**contained_by**

This is the inverse of the `contains` lookup - the objects returned will be those where the data is a subset of the values passed. It uses the SQL operator `<@`. For example:

```python
```
>>> Post.objects.create(name='First post', tags=['thoughts', 'django'])
>>> Post.objects.create(name='Second post', tags=['thoughts'])
>>> Post.objects.create(name='Third post', tags=['tutorial', 'django'])

>>> Post.objects.filter(tags__contained_by=['thoughts', 'django'])
<QuerySet [<Post: First post>, <Post: Second post>]>  

>>> Post.objects.filter(tags__contained_by=['thoughts', 'django', 'tutorial'])
<QuerySet [<Post: First post>, <Post: Second post>, <Post: Third post>]>  

**overlap**

Returns objects where the data shares any results with the values passed. Uses the SQL operator & &. For example:

>>> Post.objects.create(name='First post', tags=['thoughts', 'django'])
>>> Post.objects.create(name='Second post', tags=['thoughts'])
>>> Post.objects.create(name='Third post', tags=['tutorial', 'django'])

>>> Post.objects.filter(tags__overlap=['thoughts'])
<QuerySet [<Post: First post>, <Post: Second post>]>  

>>> Post.objects.filter(tags__overlap=['thoughts', 'tutorial'])
<QuerySet [<Post: First post>, <Post: Second post>, <Post: Third post>]>  

**len**

Returns the length of the array. The lookups available afterwards are those available for `IntegerField`. For example:

>>> Post.objects.create(name='First post', tags=['thoughts', 'django'])
>>> Post.objects.create(name='Second post', tags=['thoughts'])

>>> Post.objects.filter(tags__len=1)
<QuerySet [<Post: Second post>]>  

**Index transforms**

Index transforms index into the array. Any non-negative integer can be used. There are no errors if it exceeds the size of the array. The lookups available after the transform are those from the `base_field`. For example:

>>> Post.objects.create(name='First post', tags=['thoughts', 'django'])
>>> Post.objects.create(name='Second post', tags=['thoughts'])

>>> Post.objects.filter(tags__0='thoughts')
<QuerySet [<Post: First post>, <Post: Second post>]>  

>>> Post.objects.filter(tags__1__iexact='Django')
<QuerySet [<Post: First post>]>  

>>> Post.objects.filter(tags__276='javascript')
<QuerySet []>
Note: PostgreSQL uses 1-based indexing for array fields when writing raw SQL. However these indexes and those used in `slices` use 0-based indexing to be consistent with Python.

### Slice transforms

Slice transforms take a slice of the array. Any two non-negative integers can be used, separated by a single underscore. The lookups available after the transform do not change. For example:

```python
>>> Post.objects.create(name='First post', tags=['thoughts', 'django'])
>>> Post.objects.create(name='Second post', tags=['thoughts'])
>>> Post.objects.create(name='Third post', tags=['django', 'python', 'thoughts'])
```

```python
>>> Post.objects.filter(tags__0_1=['thoughts'])
<QuerySet [<Post: First post>, <Post: Second post>]>  
>>> Post.objects.filter(tags__0_2__contains=['thoughts'])
<QuerySet [<Post: First post>, <Post: Second post>]>  
```

Note: PostgreSQL uses 1-based indexing for array fields when writing raw SQL. However these slices and those used in `indexes` use 0-based indexing to be consistent with Python.

### Multidimensional arrays with indexes and slices

PostgreSQL has some rather esoteric behavior when using indexes and slices on multidimensional arrays. It will always work to use indexes to reach down to the final underlying data, but most other slices behave strangely at the database level and cannot be supported in a logical, consistent fashion by Django.

### CIText fields

class CIText(**options)
A mixin to create case-insensitive text fields backed by the citext type. Read about the performance considerations prior to using it.

To use citext, use the CITextExtension operation to setup the citext extension in PostgreSQL before the first CreateModel migration operation.

If you’re using an ArrayField of CIText fields, you must add 'django.contrib.postgres' in your INSTALLED_APPS, otherwise field values will appear as strings like '{thoughts,django}'.

Several fields that use the mixin are provided:

class CICHarField(**options)
class CIEEmailField(**options)
class CITextField(**options)
These fields subclass CharField, EmailField, and TextField, respectively.

max_length won’t be enforced in the database since citext behaves similar to PostgreSQL’s text type.
HStoreField

**HStoreField(**\*\*options\*)

A field for storing key-value pairs. The Python data type used is a dict. Keys must be strings, and values may be either strings or nulls (None in Python).

To use this field, you'll need to:

1. Add 'django.contrib.postgres' in your **INSTALLED_APPS**.
2. Setup the hstore extension in PostgreSQL.

You'll see an error like *can't adapt type 'dict' if you skip the first step, or type "hstore" does not exist* if you skip the second.

**Note:** On occasions it may be useful to require or restrict the keys which are valid for a given field. This can be done using the `KeysValidator`.

**Querying HStoreField**

In addition to the ability to query by key, there are a number of custom lookups available for HStoreField.

We will use the following example model:

```python
from django.contrib.postgres.fields import HStoreField
from django.db import models

class Dog(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    data = HStoreField()

    def __str__(self):
        return self.name
```

**Key lookups**

To query based on a given key, you can use that key as the lookup name:

```python
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Rufus', data={'breed': 'labrador'})
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Meg', data={'breed': 'collie'})

>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__breed='collie')
<QuerySet [<Dog: Meg]>>
```

You can chain other lookups after key lookups:

```python
>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__breed__contains='l')
<QuerySet [<Dog: Rufus>, <Dog: Meg>]>
```

If the key you wish to query by clashes with the name of another lookup, you need to use the `hstorefield.contains` lookup instead.
Warning: Since any string could be a key in a hstore value, any lookup other than those listed below will be interpreted as a key lookup. No errors are raised. Be extra careful for typing mistakes, and always check your queries work as you intend.

contains

The contains lookup is overridden on HStoreField. The returned objects are those where the given dict of key-value pairs are all contained in the field. It uses the SQL operator @>. For example:

```python
g>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Rufus', data={'breed': 'labrador', 'owner': 'Bob'})
g>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Meg', data={'breed': 'collie', 'owner': 'Bob'})
g>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Fred', data={})

g>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__contains={'owner': 'Bob'})
<QuerySet [<Dog: Rufus>, <Dog: Meg]>>

g>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__contains={'breed': 'collie'})
<QuerySet [<Dog: Meg>]>  
```

contained_by

This is the inverse of the contains lookup - the objects returned will be those where the key-value pairs on the object are a subset of those in the value passed. It uses the SQL operator <@. For example:

```python
g>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Rufus', data={'breed': 'labrador', 'owner': 'Bob'})
g>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Meg', data={'breed': 'collie', 'owner': 'Bob'})
g>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Fred', data={})

g>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__contained_by={'breed': 'collie', 'owner': 'Bob'})
<QuerySet [<Dog: Meg>, <Dog: Fred]>>

g>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__contained_by={'breed': 'collie'})
<QuerySet [<Dog: Fred]>>
```

has_key

Returns objects where the given key is in the data. Uses the SQL operator ? . For example:

```python
g>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Rufus', data={'breed': 'labrador'})
g>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Meg', data={'breed': 'collie', 'owner': 'Bob'})

g>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__has_key='owner')
<QuerySet [<Dog: Meg]>>
```

has_any_keys

Returns objects where any of the given keys are in the data. Uses the SQL operator ?|. For example:
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Rufus', data={'breed': 'labrador'})
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Meg', data={'owner': 'Bob'})
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Fred', data={})

>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__has_any_keys=['owner', 'breed'])
<QuerySet [<Dog: Rufus>, <Dog: Meg]>

**has_keys**

Returns objects where all of the given keys are in the data. Uses the SQL operator `?&`. For example:

>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Rufus', data={})
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Meg', data={'breed': 'collie', 'owner': 'Bob'})

>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__has_keys=['breed', 'owner'])
<QuerySet [<Dog: Meg]>

**keys**

Returns objects where the array of keys is the given value. Note that the order is not guaranteed to be reliable, so this transform is mainly useful for using in conjunction with lookups on `ArrayField`. Uses the SQL function `akeys()`.

For example:

>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Rufus', data={'toy': 'bone'})
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Meg', data={'breed': 'collie', 'owner': 'Bob'})

>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__keys__overlap=['breed', 'toy'])
<QuerySet [<Dog: Rufus>, <Dog: Meg]>

**values**

Returns objects where the array of values is the given value. Note that the order is not guaranteed to be reliable, so this transform is mainly useful for using in conjunction with lookups on `ArrayField`. Uses the SQL function `avalues()`.

For example:

>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Rufus', data={'breed': 'labrador'})
>>> Dog.objects.create(name='Meg', data={'breed': 'collie', 'owner': 'Bob'})

>>> Dog.objects.filter(data__values__contains=['collie'])
<QuerySet [<Dog: Meg]>}

**JSONField**

```python
class JSONField (encoder=None, **options)
```

A field for storing JSON encoded data. In Python the data is represented in its Python native format: dictionaries, lists, strings, numbers, booleans and `None`.

**encoder**

An optional JSON-encoding class to serialize data types not supported by the standard JSON serializer.
(datetime, uuid, etc.). For example, you can use the DjangoJSONEncoder class or any other json.JSONEncoder subclass.

When the value is retrieved from the database, it will be in the format chosen by the custom encoder (most often a string), so you’ll need to take extra steps to convert the value back to the initial data type (Model.from_db() and Field.from_db_value() are two possible hooks for that purpose). Your deserialization may need to account for the fact that you can’t be certain of the input type. For example, you run the risk of returning a datetime that was actually a string that just happened to be in the same format chosen for datetimes.

If you give the field a default, ensure it’s a callable such as dict (for an empty default) or a callable that returns a dict (such as a function). Incorrectly using default={} creates a mutable default that is shared between all instances of JSONField.

**Note:** PostgreSQL has two native JSON based data types: json and jsonb. The main difference between them is how they are stored and how they can be queried. PostgreSQL’s json field is stored as the original string representation of the JSON and must be decoded on the fly when queried based on keys. The jsonb field is stored based on the actual structure of the JSON which allows indexing. The trade-off is a small additional cost on writing to the jsonb field. JSONField uses jsonb.

Deprecated since version 3.1: Use django.db.models.JSONField instead.

**Querying JSONField**

See Querying JSONField for details.

**Range Fields**

There are five range field types, corresponding to the built-in range types in PostgreSQL. These fields are used to store a range of values; for example the start and end timestamps of an event, or the range of ages an activity is suitable for.

All of the range fields translate to psycopg2 Range objects in Python, but also accept tuples as input if no bounds information is necessary. The default is lower bound included, upper bound excluded, that is () (see the PostgreSQL documentation for details about different bounds).

**IntegerRangeField**

class IntegerRangeField(**options)**

Stores a range of integers. Based on an IntegerField. Represented by an int4range in the database and a NumericRange in Python.

Regardless of the bounds specified when saving the data, PostgreSQL always returns a range in a canonical form that includes the lower bound and excludes the upper bound, that is ()

**BigIntegerRangeField**

class BigIntegerRangeField(**options)**

Stores a range of large integers. Based on a BigIntegerField. Represented by an int8range in the database and a NumericRange in Python.

Regardless of the bounds specified when saving the data, PostgreSQL always returns a range in a canonical form that includes the lower bound and excludes the upper bound, that is ()
DecimalRangeField

class DecimalRangeField(**options)
    Stores a range of floating point values. Based on a DecimalField. Represented by a numrange in the
database and a NumericRange in Python.

DateTimeRangeField

class DateTimeRangeField(**options)
    Stores a range of timestamps. Based on a DateTimeField. Represented by a tstzrange in the database
and a DateTimeTZRange in Python.

DateRangeField

class DateRangeField(**options)
    Stores a range of dates. Based on a DateField. Represented by a daterange in the database and a
DateRange in Python.

Regardless of the bounds specified when saving the data, PostgreSQL always returns a range in a canonical form
that includes the lower bound and excludes the upper bound, that is (].

Querying Range Fields

There are a number of custom lookups and transforms for range fields. They are available on all the above fields, but
we will use the following example model:

```python
from django.contrib.postgres.fields import IntegerRangeField
from django.db import models

class Event(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    ages = IntegerRangeField()
    start = models.DateTimeField()

    def __str__(self):
        return self.name
```

We will also use the following example objects:

```python
>>> import datetime
>>> from django.utils import timezone
>>> now = timezone.now()
>>> Event.objects.create(name='Soft play', ages=(0, 10), start=now)
>>> Event.objects.create(name='Pub trip', ages=(21, None), start=now - timedelta(days=1))
```

and NumericRange:

```python
>>> from psycopg2.extras import NumericRange
```
Containment functions

As with other PostgreSQL fields, there are three standard containment operators: `contains`, `contained_by` and `overlap`, using the SQL operators `@>`, `<@`, and `&&` respectively.

contains

```python
>>> Event.objects.filter(ages__contains=NumericRange(4, 5))
<QuerySet [<Event: Soft play>]>  
```

contained_by

```python
>>> Event.objects.filter(ages__contained_by=NumericRange(0, 15))
<QuerySet [<Event: Soft play>]>  
```

The `contained_by` lookup is also available on the non-range field types: `SmallAutoField`, `AutoField`, `BigAutoField`, `SmallIntegerField`, `IntegerField`, `BigIntegerField`, `DecimalField`, `FloatField`, `DateField`, and `DateTimeField`. For example:

```python
>>> from psycopg2.extras import DateTimeTZRange
>>> Event.objects.filter(... start__contained_by=DateTimeTZRange(... timezone.now() - datetime.timedelta(hours=1), ... timezone.now() + datetime.timedelta(hours=1), ... ))
<QuerySet [<Event: Soft play>]>  
```

Support for `SmallAutoField`, `AutoField`, `BigAutoField`, `SmallIntegerField`, and `DecimalField` was added.

overlap

```python
>>> Event.objects.filter(ages__overlap=NumericRange(8, 12))
<QuerySet [<Event: Soft play>]>  
```

Comparison functions

Range fields support the standard lookups: `lt`, `gt`, `lte` and `gte`. These are not particularly helpful - they compare the lower bounds first and then the upper bounds only if necessary. This is also the strategy used to order by a range field. It is better to use the specific range comparison operators.

fully_lt

The returned ranges are strictly less than the passed range. In other words, all the points in the returned range are less than all those in the passed range.
```python
>>> Event.objects.filter(ages__fully_lt=NumericRange(11, 15))
<QuerySet [<Event: Soft play)>>
```

**fully_gt**

The returned ranges are strictly greater than the passed range. In other words, all the points in the returned range are greater than all those in the passed range.

```python
>>> Event.objects.filter(ages__fully_gt=NumericRange(11, 15))
<QuerySet [<Event: Pub trip]>>
```

**not_lt**

The returned ranges do not contain any points less than the passed range, that is the lower bound of the returned range is at least the lower bound of the passed range.

```python
>>> Event.objects.filter(ages__not_lt=NumericRange(0, 15))
<QuerySet [<Event: Soft play>, <Event: Pub trip)>>
```

**not_gt**

The returned ranges do not contain any points greater than the passed range, that is the upper bound of the returned range is at most the upper bound of the passed range.

```python
>>> Event.objects.filter(ages__not_gt=NumericRange(3, 10))
<QuerySet [<Event: Soft play)>>
```

**adjacent_to**

The returned ranges share a bound with the passed range.

```python
>>> Event.objects.filter(ages__adjacent_to=NumericRange(10, 21))
<QuerySet [<Event: Soft play>, <Event: Pub trip)>>
```

**Querying using the bounds**

There are three transforms available for use in queries. You can extract the lower or upper bound, or query based on emptiness.

**startswith**

Returned objects have the given lower bound. Can be chained to valid lookups for the base field.

```python
>>> Event.objects.filter(ages__startswith=21)
<QuerySet [<Event: Pub trip)>>
```
**endswith**

Returned objects have the given upper bound. Can be chained to valid lookups for the base field.

```python
>>> Event.objects.filter(ages__endswith=10)
<QuerySet [<Event: Soft play)>>
```

**isempty**

Returned objects are empty ranges. Can be chained to valid lookups for a `BooleanField`.

```python
>>> Event.objects.filter(ages__isempty=True)
<QuerySet []>
```

**lower_inc**

Returns objects that have inclusive or exclusive lower bounds, depending on the boolean value passed. Can be chained to valid lookups for a `BooleanField`.

```python
>>> Event.objects.filter(ages__lower_inc=True)
<QuerySet [<Event: Soft play>, <Event: Pub trip>]>}
```

**lower_inf**

Returns objects that have unbounded (infinite) or bounded lower bound, depending on the boolean value passed. Can be chained to valid lookups for a `BooleanField`.

```python
>>> Event.objects.filter(ages__lower_inf=True)
<QuerySet []>
```

**upper_inc**

Returns objects that have inclusive or exclusive upper bounds, depending on the boolean value passed. Can be chained to valid lookups for a `BooleanField`.

```python
>>> Event.objects.filter(ages__upper_inc=True)
<QuerySet []>
```

**upper_inf**

Returns objects that have unbounded (infinite) or bounded upper bound, depending on the boolean value passed. Can be chained to valid lookups for a `BooleanField`.

```python
>>> Event.objects.filter(ages__upper_inf=True)
<QuerySet [<Event: Pub trip>]>}
```
Defining your own range types

PostgreSQL allows the definition of custom range types. Django’s model and form field implementations use base classes below, and psycopg2 provides a `register_range()` to allow use of custom range types.

```python
class RangeField(**options):
    Base class for model range fields.
    
    base_field
    The model field class to use.
    
    range_type
    The psycopg2 range type to use.
    
    form_field
    The form field class to use. Should be a subclass of `django.contrib.postgres.forms.BaseRangeField`.

class django.contrib.postgres.forms.BaseRangeField
    Base class for form range fields.
    
    base_field
    The form field to use.
    
    range_type
    The psycopg2 range type to use.
```

Range operators

```python
class RangeOperators:
    EQUAL = '='
    NOT_EQUAL = '<>'
    CONTAINS = '@>'
    CONTAINED_BY = '<@'
    OVERLAPS = '&&'
    FULLY_LT = '<<'
    FULLY_GT = '>>'
    NOT_LT = '&>'
    NOT_GT = '&<'
    ADJACENT_TO = '-|-'
```

RangeBoundary() expressions

```python
class RangeBoundary (inclusive_lower=True, inclusive_upper=False):
    
    inclusive_lower
    If True (default), the lower bound is inclusive '[', otherwise it’s exclusive '('.
    
    inclusive_upper
    If False (default), the upper bound is exclusive '}', otherwise it’s inclusive ']' .
```
A `RangeBoundary()` expression represents the range boundaries. It can be used with a custom range functions that expected boundaries, for example to define `ExclusionConstraint`. See the PostgreSQL documentation for the full details.

**PostgreSQL specific form fields and widgets**

All of these fields and widgets are available from the `django.contrib.postgres.forms` module.

**Fields**

**SimpleArrayField**

```python
class SimpleArrayField(base_field, delimiter=',', max_length=None, min_length=None)
```

A field which maps to an array. It is represented by an HTML `<input>`.

- **base_field**
  This is a required argument.
  It specifies the underlying form field for the array. This is not used to render any HTML, but it is used to process the submitted data and validate it. For example:

```python
>>> from django import forms
>>> from django.contrib.postgres.forms import SimpleArrayField

>>> class NumberListForm(forms.Form):
...     numbers = SimpleArrayField(forms.IntegerField())

>>> form = NumberListForm({'numbers': '1,2,3'})
>>> form.is_valid()
True
>>> form.cleaned_data
{'numbers': [1, 2, 3]}

>>> form = NumberListForm({'numbers': '1,2,a'})
>>> form.is_valid()
False
```

- **delimiter**
  This is an optional argument which defaults to a comma: `,`. This value is used to split the submitted data. It allows you to chain `SimpleArrayField` for multidimensional data:

```python
>>> from django import forms
>>> from django.contrib.postgres.forms import SimpleArrayField

>>> class GridForm(forms.Form):
...     places = SimpleArrayField(SimpleArrayField(IntegerField()), delimiter='|')

>>> form = GridForm({'places': '1,2|2,1|4,3'})
>>> form.is_valid()
True
>>> form.cleaned_data
{'places': [[1, 2], [2, 1], [4, 3]]}
```
Note: The field does not support escaping of the delimiter, so be careful in cases where the delimiter is a valid character in the underlying field. The delimiter does not need to be only one character.

**max_length**

This is an optional argument which validates that the array does not exceed the stated length.

**min_length**

This is an optional argument which validates that the array reaches at least the stated length.

**User friendly forms**

`SimpleArrayField` is not particularly user friendly in most cases, however it is a useful way to format data from a client-side widget for submission to the server.

**SplitArrayField**

```python
class SplitArrayField(base_field, size, remove_trailing_nulls=False)
```

This field handles arrays by reproducing the underlying field a fixed number of times.

**base_field**

This is a required argument. It specifies the form field to be repeated.

**size**

This is the fixed number of times the underlying field will be used.

**remove_trailing_nulls**

By default, this is set to `False`. When `False`, each value from the repeated fields is stored. When set to `True`, any trailing values which are blank will be stripped from the result. If the underlying field has `required=True`, but `remove_trailing_nulls` is `True`, then null values are only allowed at the end, and will be stripped.

Some examples:

```python
SplitArrayField(IntegerField(required=True), size=3, remove_trailing_nulls=False)

['1', '2', '3']  # -> [1, 2, 3]
['1', '2', '']   # -> ValidationError - third entry required.
['1', '', '3']   # -> ValidationError - second entry required.
['', '2', '']   # -> ValidationError - first and third entries required.

SplitArrayField(IntegerField(required=False), size=3, remove_trailing_nulls=False)

['1', '2', '3']  # -> [1, 2, 3]
['1', '2', '']   # -> [1, 2, None]
['1', '', '3']   # -> [1, None, 3]
['', '2', '']   # -> [None, 2, None]

SplitArrayField(IntegerField(required=True), size=3, remove_trailing_nulls=True)

['1', '2', '3']  # -> [1, 2, 3]
['1', '2', '']   # -> [1, 2]
```

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SplitArrayField(IntegerField(required=False), size=3, remove_trailing_=nulls=True)

- `['1', '2', '3']` # -> `[1, 2, 3]`
- `['1', '2', '']` # -> `[1, 2]`
- `['1', '', '3']` # -> `[1, None, 3]`
- `['', '2', '']` # -> `[None, 2]`

### HStoreField

**class HStoreField**

A field which accepts JSON encoded data for an `HStoreField`. It casts all values (except nulls) to strings. It is represented by an HTML `<textarea>`.

**User friendly forms**

`HStoreField` is not particularly user friendly in most cases, however it is a useful way to format data from a client-side widget for submission to the server.

**Note:** On occasions it may be useful to require or restrict the keys which are valid for a given field. This can be done using the `KeysValidator`.

### JSONField

**class JSONField**

A field which accepts JSON encoded data for a `JSONField`. It is represented by an HTML `<textarea>`.

**User friendly forms**

`JSONField` is not particularly user friendly in most cases, however it is a useful way to format data from a client-side widget for submission to the server.

Deprecated since version 3.1: Use `django.forms.JSONField` instead.

### Range Fields

This group of fields all share similar functionality for accepting range data. They are based on `MultiValueField`. They treat one omitted value as an unbounded range. They also validate that the lower bound is not greater than the upper bound. All of these fields use `RangeWidget`.

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IntegerRangeField

class IntegerRangeField

    Based on IntegerField and translates its input into NumericRange. Default for IntegerRangeField and BigIntegerRangeField.

DecimalRangeField

class DecimalRangeField

    Based on DecimalField and translates its input into NumericRange. Default for DecimalRangeField.

DateTimeRangeField

class DateTimeRangeField

    Based on DateTimeField and translates its input into DateTimeTZRange. Default for DateTimeRangeField.

DateRangeField

class DateRangeField

    Based on DateField and translates its input into DateRange. Default for DateRangeField.

Widgets

RangeWidget

class RangeWidget(base_widget, attrs=None)

    Widget used by all of the range fields. Based on MultiWidget. RangeWidget has one required argument:

    base_widget

        A RangeWidget comprises a 2-tuple of base_widget.

    decompress(value)

        Takes a single “compressed” value of a field, for example a DateRangeField, and returns a tuple representing a lower and upper bound.

PostgreSQL specific database functions

All of these functions are available from the django.contrib.postgres.functions module.

RandomUUID

class RandomUUID
Returns a version 4 UUID.

The `pgcrypto` extension must be installed. You can use the `CryptoExtension` migration operation to install it.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.postgres.functions import RandomUUID
>>> Article.objects.update(uuid=RandomUUID())
```

### TransactionNow

**class TransactionNow**

Returns the date and time on the database server that the current transaction started. If you are not in a transaction it will return the date and time of the current statement. This is a complement to `django.db.models.functions.Now`, which returns the date and time of the current statement.

Note that only the outermost call to `atomic()` sets up a transaction and thus sets the time that `TransactionNow()` will return; nested calls create savepoints which do not affect the transaction time.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.postgres.functions import TransactionNow
>>> Article.objects.filter(published__lte=TransactionNow())
<QuerySet [<Article: How to Django>>>
```

### PostgreSQL specific model indexes

The following are PostgreSQL specific `indexes` available from the `django.contrib.postgres.indexes` module.

#### BloomIndex

**class BloomIndex**(length=None, columns=(), **options)**

Creates a bloom index.

To use this index access you need to activate the `bloom` extension on PostgreSQL. You can install it using the `BloomExtension` migration operation.

Provide an integer number of bits from 1 to 4096 to the `length` parameter to specify the length of each index entry. PostgreSQL's default is 80.

The `columns` argument takes a tuple or list of up to 32 values that are integer number of bits from 1 to 4095.

#### BrinIndex

**class BrinIndex**(autosummarize=None, pages_per_range=None, **options)**

Creates a BRIN index.

Set the `autosummarize` parameter to `True` to enable automatic summarization to be performed by autovacuum.

The `pages_per_range` argument takes a positive integer.
BTreeIndex

```python
class BTreeIndex(fillfactor=None, **options)
```
Creates a B-Tree index.

Provide an integer value from 10 to 100 to the `fillfactor` parameter to tune how packed the index pages will be. PostgreSQL's default is 90.

GinIndex

```python
class GinIndex(fastupdate=None, gin_pending_list_limit=None, **options)
```
Creates a gin index.

To use this index on data types not in the built-in operator classes, you need to activate the btree_gin extension on PostgreSQL. You can install it using the `BtreeGinExtension` migration operation.

Set the `fastupdate` parameter to `False` to disable the GIN Fast Update Technique that’s enabled by default in PostgreSQL.

Provide an integer number of bytes to the `gin_pending_list_limit` parameter to tune the maximum size of the GIN pending list which is used when `fastupdate` is enabled.

GistIndex

```python
class GistIndex(buffering=None, fillfactor=None, **options)
```
Creates a GiST index. These indexes are automatically created on spatial fields with `spatial_index=True`. They’re also useful on other types, such as `HStoreField` or the `range fields`.

To use this index on data types not in the built-in gist operator classes, you need to activate the btree_gist extension on PostgreSQL. You can install it using the `BtreeGistExtension` migration operation.

Set the `buffering` parameter to `True` or `False` to manually enable or disable `buffering build` of the index.

Provide an integer value from 10 to 100 to the `fillfactor` parameter to tune how packed the index pages will be. PostgreSQL’s default is 90.

HashIndex

```python
class HashIndex(fillfactor=None, **options)
```
Creates a hash index.

Provide an integer value from 10 to 100 to the `fillfactor` parameter to tune how packed the index pages will be. PostgreSQL’s default is 90.

Use this index only on PostgreSQL 10 and later

Hash indexes have been available in PostgreSQL for a long time, but they suffer from a number of data integrity issues in older versions.

SpGistIndex

```python
class SpGistIndex(fillfactor=None, **options)
```
Creates an SP-GiST index.
Provide an integer value from 10 to 100 to the `fillfactor` parameter to tune how packed the index pages will be. PostgreSQL's default is 90.

**PostgreSQL specific lookups**

**Trigram similarity**

The `trigram_similar` lookup allows you to perform trigram lookups, measuring the number of trigrams (three consecutive characters) shared, using a dedicated PostgreSQL extension. A trigram lookup is given an expression and returns results that have a similarity measurement greater than the current similarity threshold.

To use it, add `'django.contrib.postgres'` in your `INSTALLED_APPS` and activate the `pg_trgm` extension on PostgreSQL. You can install the extension using the `TrigramExtension` migration operation.

The `trigram_similar` lookup can be used on `CharField` and `TextField`:

```python
>>> City.objects.filter(name__trigram_similar="Middlesborough")
['<City: Middlesbrough>']
```

**Unaccent**

The `unaccent` lookup allows you to perform accent-insensitive lookups using a dedicated PostgreSQL extension.

This lookup is implemented using `Transform`, so it can be chained with other lookup functions. To use it, you need to add `'django.contrib.postgres'` in your `INSTALLED_APPS` and activate the `unaccent` extension on PostgreSQL. The `UnaccentExtension` migration operation is available if you want to perform this activation using migrations.

The `unaccent` lookup can be used on `CharField` and `TextField`:

```python
>>> City.objects.filter(name__unaccent="México")
['<City: Mexico>']

>>> User.objects.filter(first_name__unaccent__startswith="Jerem")
['<User: Jeremy>', '<User: Jérémy>', '<User: Jérémie>', '<User: Jeremie>']
```

**Warning:** `unaccent` lookups should perform fine in most use cases. However, queries using this filter will generally perform full table scans, which can be slow on large tables. In those cases, using dedicated full text indexing tools might be appropriate.

**Database migration operations**

All of these `operations` are available from the `django.contrib.postgres.operations` module.

**Creating extension using migrations**

You can create a PostgreSQL extension in your database using a migration file. This example creates an hstore extension, but the same principles apply for other extensions.

Set up the hstore extension in PostgreSQL before the first `CreateModel` or `AddField` operation that involves `HStoreField` by adding a migration with the `HStoreExtension` operation. For example:
from django.contrib.postgres.operations import HStoreExtension

class Migration(migrations.Migration):
    ...
    operations = [
        HStoreExtension(),
        ...
    ]

For most extensions, this requires a database user with superuser privileges. If the Django database user doesn’t have the appropriate privileges, you’ll have to create the extension outside of Django migrations with a user that has them. In that case, connect to your Django database and run the query CREATE EXTENSION IF NOT EXISTS hstore;

CreateExtension

class CreateExtension(name)
    An Operation subclass which installs a PostgreSQL extension. For common extensions, use one of the more specific subclasses below.
    
    name:
        This is a required argument. The name of the extension to be installed.

BloomExtension

class BloomExtension
    Installs the bloom extension.

BtreeGinExtension

class BtreeGinExtension
    Installs the btree_gin extension.

BtreeGistExtension

class BtreeGistExtension
    Installs the btree_gist extension.

CITextExtension

class CITextExtension
    Installs the citext extension.

CryptoExtension

class CryptoExtension
    Installs the pgcrypto extension.
The database functions in the `django.contrib.postgres.search` module ease the use of PostgreSQL’s full text search engine.

For the examples in this document, we’ll use the models defined in `Making queries`.

See also:

For a high-level overview of searching, see the `topic documentation`.

### The search lookup

A common way to use full text search is to search a single term against a single column in the database. For example:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.filter(body_text__search='Cheese')
[<Entry: Cheese on Toast recipes>, <Entry: Pizza Recipes>]
```
This creates a `to_tsvector` in the database from the `body_text` field and a `plainto_tsquery` from the search term 'Cheese', both using the default database search configuration. The results are obtained by matching the query and the vector.

To use the search lookup, 'django.contrib.postgres' must be in your `INSTALLED_APPS`.

Support for query expressions was added.

**SearchVector**

```python
>>> from django.contrib.postgres.search import SearchVector
>>> Entry.objects.annotate(...  search=SearchVector('body_text', 'blog__tagline'),
...                      ).filter(search='Cheese')
[<Entry: Cheese on Toast recipes>, <Entry: Pizza Recipes>]
```

The arguments to `SearchVector` can be any `Expression` or the name of a field. Multiple arguments will be concatenated together using a space so that the search document includes them all.

`SearchVector` objects can be combined together, allowing you to reuse them. For example:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.annotate(...  search=SearchVector('body_text') + SearchVector('blog__tagline'),
...                      ).filter(search='Cheese')
[<Entry: Cheese on Toast recipes>, <Entry: Pizza Recipes>]
```

See Changing the search configuration and Weighting queries for an explanation of the `config` and `weight` parameters.

**SearchQuery**

```python
>>> from django.contrib.postgres.search import SearchQuery
>>> SearchQuery('red tomato')  # two keywords
>>> SearchQuery('tomato red')  # same results as above
>>> SearchQuery('tomato red', search_type='phrase')  # a phrase
>>> SearchQuery('tomato red', search_type='phrase')  # a different phrase
>>> SearchQuery('tomato' & ('red' | 'green'), search_type='raw')  # boolean operators
>>> SearchQuery('tomato' ('red' OR 'green'), search_type='websearch')  # websearch operators
```

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SearchQuery terms can be combined logically to provide more flexibility:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.postgres.search import SearchQuery
>>> SearchQuery('meat') & SearchQuery('cheese')  # AND
>>> SearchQuery('meat') | SearchQuery('cheese')  # OR
>>> ~SearchQuery('meat')  # NOT
```

See `Changing the search configuration` for an explanation of the `config` parameter.

Support for 'websearch' search type and query expressions in `SearchQuery.value` were added.

**SearchRank**

class SearchRank(vector, query, weights=None, normalization=None, cover_density=False)

So far, we’ve returned the results for which any match between the vector and the query are possible. It’s likely you may wish to order the results by some sort of relevancy. PostgreSQL provides a ranking function which takes into account how often the query terms appear in the document, how close together the terms are in the document, and how important the part of the document is where they occur. The better the match, the higher the value of the rank. To order by relevancy:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.postgres.search import SearchQuery, SearchRank, SearchVector
>>> vector = SearchVector('body_text')
>>> query = SearchQuery('cheese')
>>> Entry.objects.annotate(rank=SearchRank(vector, query)).order_by('-rank')
[<Entry: Cheese on Toast recipes>, <Entry: Pizza recipes>]
```

See `Weighting queries` for an explanation of the `weights` parameter.

Set the `cover_density` parameter to True to enable the cover density ranking, which means that the proximity of matching query terms is taken into account.

Provide an integer to the `normalization` parameter to control rank normalization. This integer is a bit mask, so you can combine multiple behaviors:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import Value
>>> Entry.objects.annotate(
...    rank=SearchRank(vector, query,
...    normalization=Value(2).bitor(Value(4)),
...  )
...)
```

The PostgreSQL documentation has more details about different rank normalization options.

The `normalization` and `cover_density` parameters were added.

**SearchHeadline**

class SearchHeadline(expression, query, config=None, start_sel=None, stop_sel=None, max_words=None, min_words=None, short_word=None, highlight_all=None, max_fragments=None, fragment_delimiter=None)

Accepts a single text field or an expression, a query, a config, and a set of options. Returns highlighted search results.

Set the `start_sel` and `stop_sel` parameters to the string values to be used to wrap highlighted query terms in the document. PostgreSQL’s defaults are `<b>` and `</b>`.
Provide integer values to the `max_words` and `min_words` parameters to determine the longest and shortest headlines. PostgreSQL’s defaults are 35 and 15.

Provide an integer value to the `short_word` parameter to discard words of this length or less in each headline. PostgreSQL’s default is 3.

Set the `highlight_all` parameter to `True` to use the whole document in place of a fragment and ignore `max_words`, `min_words`, and `short_word` parameters. That’s disabled by default in PostgreSQL.

Provide a non-zero integer value to the `max_fragments` to set the maximum number of fragments to display. That’s disabled by default in PostgreSQL.

Set the `fragment_delimiter` string parameter to configure the delimiter between fragments. PostgreSQL’s default is " ... ".

The PostgreSQL documentation has more details on highlighting search results.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.postgres.search import SearchHeadline, SearchQuery
>>> query = SearchQuery('red tomato')
>>> entry = Entry.objects.annotate(
...     headline=SearchHeadline(
...         'body_text',
...         query,
...         start_sel='<span>',
...         stop_sel='</span>',
...     ),
... ).get()
>>> print(entry.headline)
Sandwich with <span>tomato</span> and <span>red</span> cheese.
```

See Changing the search configuration for an explanation of the `config` parameter.

Changing the search configuration

You can specify the `config` attribute to a `SearchVector` and `SearchQuery` to use a different search configuration. This allows using different language parsers and dictionaries as defined by the database:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.postgres.search import SearchQuery, SearchVector
>>> Entry.objects.annotate(
...     search=SearchVector('body_text', config='french'),
... ).filter(search=SearchQuery('œuf', config='french'))
[<Entry: Pain perdu>]
```

The value of `config` could also be stored in another column:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import F
>>> Entry.objects.annotate(
...     search=SearchVector('body_text', config=F('blog__language')),
... ).filter(search=SearchQuery('œuf', config=F('blog__language')))
[<Entry: Pain perdu>]
```

Weighting queries

Every field may not have the same relevance in a query, so you can set weights of various vectors before you combine them:
>>> from django.contrib.postgres.search import SearchQuery, SearchRank, SearchVector
>>> vector = SearchVector('body_text', weight='A') + SearchVector('blog__tagline', weight='B')
>>> query = SearchQuery('cheese')
>>> Entry.objects.annotate(rank=SearchRank(vector, query)).filter(rank__gte=0.3).order_by('rank')

The weight should be one of the following letters: D, C, B, A. By default, these weights refer to the numbers 0.1, 0.2, 0.4, and 1.0, respectively. If you wish to weight them differently, pass a list of four floats to `SearchRank` as `weights` in the same order above:

```python
>>> rank = SearchRank(vector, query, weights=[0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8])
>>> Entry.objects.annotate(rank=rank).filter(rank__gte=0.3).order_by('-rank')
```

**Performance**

Special database configuration isn’t necessary to use any of these functions, however, if you’re searching more than a few hundred records, you’re likely to run into performance problems. Full text search is a more intensive process than comparing the size of an integer, for example.

In the event that all the fields you’re querying on are contained within one particular model, you can create a functional index which matches the search vector you wish to use. The PostgreSQL documentation has details on creating indexes for full text search.

**SearchVectorField**

```python
class SearchVectorField
```

If this approach becomes too slow, you can add a `SearchVectorField` to your model. You’ll need to keep it populated with triggers, for example, as described in the PostgreSQL documentation. You can then query the field as if it were an annotated `SearchVector`:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.update(search_vector=SearchVector('body_text'))
>>> Entry.objects.filter(search_vector='cheese')
[<Entry: Cheese on Toast recipes>, <Entry: Pizza recipes>]
```

**Trigram similarity**

Another approach to searching is trigram similarity. A trigram is a group of three consecutive characters. In addition to the `trigram_similar` lookup, you can use a couple of other expressions.

To use them, you need to activate the `pg_trgm` extension on PostgreSQL. You can install it using the `TrigramExtension` migration operation.

**TrigramSimilarity**

```python
class TrigramSimilarity(expression, string, **extra)
```

Accepts a field name or expression, and a string or expression. Returns the trigram similarity between the two arguments.

Usage example:
TrigramSimilarity

class TrigramSimilarity(expression, string, **extra)

Accepts a field name or expression, and a string or expression. Returns the trigram distance between the two arguments.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.postgres.search import TrigramSimilarity
>>> Author.objects.create(name='Katy Stevens')
>>> Author.objects.create(name='Stephen Keats')
>>> test = 'Katie Stephens'
>>> Author.objects.annotate(... similarity=TrigramSimilarity('name', test),
... ).filter(similarity__gt=0.3).order_by('-similarity')
[<Author: Katy Stevens>, <Author: Stephen Keats>]
```

TrigramDistance

class TrigramDistance(expression, string, **extra)

Accepts a field name or expression, and a string or expression. Returns the trigram distance between the two arguments.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.postgres.search import TrigramDistance
>>> Author.objects.create(name='Katy Stevens')
>>> Author.objects.create(name='Stephen Keats')
>>> test = 'Katie Stephens'
>>> Author.objects.annotate(... distance=TrigramDistance('name', test),
... ).filter(distance__lte=0.7).order_by('distance')
[<Author: Katy Stevens>, <Author: Stephen Keats>]
```

Validators

These validators are available from the `django.contrib.postgres.validators` module.

KeysValidator

class KeysValidator(keys, strict=False, messages=None)

Validates that the given keys are contained in the value. If `strict` is `True`, then it also checks that there are no other keys present.

The `messages` passed should be a dict containing the keys `missing_keys` and/or `extra_keys`.

Note: Note that this checks only for the existence of a given key, not that the value of a key is non-empty.

Range validators

RangeMaxValueValidator

class RangeMaxValueValidator(limit_value, message=None)

Validates that the upper bound of the range is not greater than `limit_value`. 

RangeMinValueValidator

```python
class RangeMinValueValidator(limit_value, message=None)
```
Validates that the lower bound of the range is not less than the `limit_value`.

6.5.9 The redirects app

Django comes with an optional redirects application. It lets you store redirects in a database and handles the redirecting for you. It uses the HTTP response status code 301 Moved Permanently by default.

Installation

To install the redirects app, follow these steps:

1. Ensure that the `django.contrib.sites` framework is installed.
2. Add `'django.contrib.redirects'` to your `INSTALLED_APPS` setting.
3. Add `'django.contrib.redirects.middleware.RedirectFallbackMiddleware'` to your `MIDDLEWARE` setting.
4. Run the command `manage.py migrate`.

How it works

`manage.py migrate` creates a `django_redirect` table in your database. This is a lookup table with `site_id`, `old_path` and `new_path` fields.

The `RedirectFallbackMiddleware` does all of the work. Each time any Django application raises a 404 error, this middleware checks the redirects database for the requested URL as a last resort. Specifically, it checks for a redirect with the given `old_path` with a site ID that corresponds to the `SITE_ID` setting.

- If it finds a match, and `new_path` is not empty, it redirects to `new_path` using a 301 (“Moved Permanently”) redirect. You can subclass `RedirectFallbackMiddleware` and set `response_redirect_class` to `django.http.HttpResponseRedirect` to use a 302 Moved Temporarily redirect instead.
- If it finds a match, and `new_path` is empty, it sends a 410 (“Gone”) HTTP header and empty (content-less) response.
- If it doesn’t find a match, the request continues to be processed as usual.

The middleware only gets activated for 404s – not for 500s or responses of any other status code.

Note that the order of `MIDDLEWARE` matters. Generally, you can put `RedirectFallbackMiddleware` at the end of the list, because it’s a last resort.

For more on middleware, read the `middleware docs`.

How to add, change and delete redirects

Via the admin interface

If you’ve activated the automatic Django admin interface, you should see a “Redirects” section on the admin index page. Edit redirects as you edit any other object in the system.
Via the Python API

```python
>>> from django.conf import settings
>>> from django.contrib.redirects.models import Redirect
>>> # Add a new redirect.
... redirect = Redirect.objects.create(...    site_id=1,
...    old_path='/contact-us/',
...    new_path='/contact/',
...)
>>> # Change a redirect.
... redirect.new_path = '/contact-details/'
... redirect.save()
>>> redirect
<Redirect: /contact-us/ ---> /contact-details/>
>>> # Delete a redirect.
... Redirect.objects.filter(site_id=1, old_path='/contact-us/').delete()
(1, {'redirects.Redirect': 1})
```

Middleware

```python
class middleware.RedirectFallbackMiddleware
    You can change the HttpResponse classes used by the middleware by creating a sub-class of RedirectFallbackMiddleware and overriding response_gone_class and/or response_redirect_class.

    response_gone_class
        The HttpResponse class used when a Redirect is not found for the requested path or has a blank new_path value.

        Defaults to HttpResponseGone.

    response_redirect_class
        The HttpResponse class that handles the redirect.

        Defaults to HttpResponsePermanentRedirect.
```

6.5.10 The sitemap framework

Django comes with a high-level sitemap-generating framework to create sitemap XML files.

Overview

A sitemap is an XML file on your website that tells search-engine indexers how frequently your pages change and how “important” certain pages are in relation to other pages on your site. This information helps search engines index your site.

The Django sitemap framework automates the creation of this XML file by letting you express this information in Python code.

It works much like Django’s syndication framework. To create a sitemap, write a Sitemap class and point to it in your URLconf.
Installation

To install the sitemap app, follow these steps:

1. Add 'django.contrib.sitemaps' to your INSTALLED_APPS setting.
2. Make sure your TEMPLATES setting contains a DjangoTemplates backend whose APP_DIRS options is set to True. It’s in there by default, so you’ll only need to change this if you’ve changed that setting.
3. Make sure you’ve installed the sites framework.

(Note: The sitemap application doesn’t install any database tables. The only reason it needs to go into INSTALLED_APPS is so that the Loader() template loader can find the default templates.)

Initialization

views.sitemap(request, sitemaps, section=None, template_name='sitemap.xml', content_type='application/xml')

To activate sitemap generation on your Django site, add this line to your URLconf:

```python
from django.contrib.sitemaps.views import sitemap
path('sitemap.xml', sitemap, {'sitemaps': sitemaps},
     name='django.contrib.sitemaps.views.sitemap')
```

This tells Django to build a sitemap when a client accesses /sitemap.xml.

The name of the sitemap file is not important, but the location is. Search engines will only index links in your sitemap for the current URL level and below. For instance, if sitemap.xml lives in your root directory, it may reference any URL in your site. However, if your sitemap lives at /content/sitemap.xml, it may only reference URLs that begin with /content/.

The sitemap view takes an extra, required argument: {'sitemaps': sitemaps}. sitemaps should be a dictionary that maps a short section label (e.g., blog or news) to its Sitemap class (e.g., BlogSitemap or NewsSitemap). It may also map to an instance of a Sitemap class (e.g., BlogSitemap(some_var)).

Sitemap classes

A Sitemap class is a Python class that represents a “section” of entries in your sitemap. For example, one Sitemap class could represent all the entries of your Weblog, while another could represent all of the events in your events calendar.

In the simplest case, all these sections get lumped together into one sitemap.xml, but it’s also possible to use the framework to generate a sitemap index that references individual sitemap files, one per section. (See Creating a sitemap index below.)

Sitemap classes must subclass django.contrib.sitemaps.Sitemap. They can live anywhere in your code-base.

An example

Let’s assume you have a blog system, with an Entry model, and you want your sitemap to include all the links to your individual blog entries. Here’s how your sitemap class might look:
from django.contrib.sitemaps import Sitemap
from blog.models import Entry

class BlogSitemap(Sitemap):
    changefreq = "never"
    priority = 0.5

    def items(self):
        return Entry.objects.filter(is_draft=False)

    def lastmod(self, obj):
        return obj.pub_date

Note:

•changefreq and priority are class attributes corresponding to <changefreq> and <priority> elements, respectively. They can be made callable as functions, as lastmod was in the example.

•items() is a method that returns a sequence or QuerySet of objects. The objects returned will get passed to any callable methods corresponding to a sitemap property (location, lastmod, changefreq, and priority).

•lastmod should return a datetime.

•There is no location method in this example, but you can provide it in order to specify the URL for your object. By default, location() calls get_absolute_url() on each object and returns the result.

Sitemap class reference

class Sitemap
    A Sitemap class can define the following methods/attributes:

    items
        Required. A method that returns a sequence or QuerySet of objects. The framework doesn’t care what type of objects they are; all that matters is that these objects get passed to the location(), lastmod(), changefreq() and priority() methods.

    location
        Optional. Either a method or attribute.
        If it’s a method, it should return the absolute path for a given object as returned by items().
        If it’s an attribute, its value should be a string representing an absolute path to use for every object returned by items().
        In both cases, “absolute path” means a URL that doesn’t include the protocol or domain. Examples:

        •Good: '/foo/bar/'
        •Bad: 'example.com/foo/bar/'
        •Bad: 'https://example.com/foo/bar/'

        If location isn’t provided, the framework will call the get_absolute_url() method on each object as returned by items().
        To specify a protocol other than 'http', use protocol.

    lastmod
        Optional. Either a method or attribute.
If it’s a method, it should take one argument – an object as returned by `items()` – and return that object’s last-modified date/time as a `datetime`.

If it’s an attribute, its value should be a `datetime` representing the last-modified date/time for *every* object returned by `items()`.

If all items in a sitemap have a `lastmod`, the sitemap generated by `views.sitemap()` will have a `Last-Modified` header equal to the latest `lastmod`. You can activate the `ConditionalGetMiddleware` to make Django respond appropriately to requests with an `If-Modified-Since` header which will prevent sending the sitemap if it hasn’t changed.

**changefreq**

*Optional.* Either a method or attribute.

If it’s a method, it should take one argument – an object as returned by `items()` – and return that object’s change frequency as a string.

If it’s an attribute, its value should be a string representing the change frequency of *every* object returned by `items()`.

Possible values for `changefreq`, whether you use a method or attribute, are:

- `'always'`
- `'hourly'`
- `'daily'`
- `'weekly'`
- `'monthly'`
- `'yearly'`
- `'never'`

**priority**

*Optional.* Either a method or attribute.

If it’s a method, it should take one argument – an object as returned by `items()` – and return that object’s priority as either a string or float.

If it’s an attribute, its value should be either a string or float representing the priority of *every* object returned by `items()`.

Example values for `priority`: `0.4`, `1.0`. The default priority of a page is `0.5`. See the `sitemaps.org` documentation for more.

**protocol**

*Optional.*

This attribute defines the protocol (`'http'` or `'https'`) of the URLs in the sitemap. If it isn’t set, the protocol with which the sitemap was requested is used. If the sitemap is built outside the context of a request, the default is `'http'`.

**limit**

*Optional.*

This attribute defines the maximum number of URLs included on each page of the sitemap. Its value should not exceed the default value of `50000`, which is the upper limit allowed in the Sitemaps protocol.
A boolean attribute that defines if the URLs of this sitemap should be generated using all of your `LANGUAGES`. The default is `False`.

**Shortcuts**

The sitemap framework provides a convenience class for a common case:

```python
class GenericSitemap:
    def __init__(self, info_dict, priority=None, changefreq=None, protocol=None):
        pass
```

The `django.contrib.sitemaps.GenericSitemap` class allows you to create a sitemap by passing it a dictionary which has to contain at least a `queryset` entry. This queryset will be used to generate the items of the sitemap. It may also have a `date_field` entry that specifies a date field for objects retrieved from the queryset. This will be used for the `lastmod` attribute in the generated sitemap.

The `priority`, `changefreq`, and `protocol` keyword arguments allow specifying these attributes for all URLs.

**Example**

Here’s an example of a `URLconf` using `GenericSitemap`:

```python
from django.contrib.sitemaps import GenericSitemap
from django.contrib.sitemaps.views import sitemap
from django.urls import path
from blog.models import Entry

info_dict = {
    'queryset': Entry.objects.all(),
    'date_field': 'pub_date',
}

urlpatterns = [
    # some generic view using info_dict
    # ...
    path('sitemap.xml', sitemap,
         {'sitemaps': {'blog': GenericSitemap(info_dict, priority=0.6)}},
         name='django.contrib.sitemaps.views.sitemap'),
]
```

**Sitemap for static views**

Often you want the search engine crawlers to index views which are neither object detail pages nor flatpages. The solution is to explicitly list URL names for these views in `items` and call `reverse()` in the `location` method of the sitemap. For example:

```python
# sitemaps.py
from django.contrib import sitemaps
from django.urls import reverse

class StaticViewSitemap(sitemaps.Sitemap):
    priority = 0.5
    changefreq = 'daily'
```

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def items(self):
    return ['main', 'about', 'license']

def location(self, item):
    return reverse(item)

# urls.py
from django.contrib.sitemaps.views import sitemap
from django.urls import path

from .sitemaps import StaticViewSitemap
from . import views

sitemaps = {
    'static': StaticViewSitemap,
}

urlpatterns = [
    path('', views.main, name='main'),
    path('about/', views.about, name='about'),
    path('license/', views.license, name='license'),
    # ...
    path('sitemap.xml', sitemap, {'sitemaps': sitemaps},
         name='django.contrib.sitemaps.views.sitemap')
]

Creating a sitemap index

views.index(request, sitemaps, template_name='sitemap_index.xml', content_type='application/xml',
             sitemap_url_name='django.contrib.sitemaps.views.sitemap')

The sitemap framework also has the ability to create a sitemap index that references individual sitemap files, one per each section defined in your sitemaps dictionary. The only differences in usage are:

- You use two views in your URLconf: django.contrib.sitemaps.views.index() and django.contrib.sitemaps.views.sitemap().
- The django.contrib.sitemaps.views.sitemap() view should take a section keyword argument.

Here’s what the relevant URLconf lines would look like for the example above:

from django.contrib.sitemaps import views

urlpatterns = [
    path('sitemap.xml', views.index, {'sitemaps': sitemaps}),
    path('sitemap-<section>.xml', views.sitemap, {'sitemaps': sitemaps},
         name='django.contrib.sitemaps.views.sitemap'),
]

This will automatically generate a sitemap.xml file that references both sitemap-flatpages.xml and sitemap-blog.xml. The Sitemap classes and the sitemaps dict don’t change at all.

You should create an index file if one of your sitemaps has more than 50,000 URLs. In this case, Django will automatically paginate the sitemap, and the index will reflect that.

If you’re not using the vanilla sitemap view – for example, if it’s wrapped with a caching decorator – you must name your sitemap view and pass sitemap_url_name to the index view:
from django.contrib.sitemaps import views as sitemaps_views
from django.views.decorators.cache import cache_page

urlpatterns = [
    path('sitemap.xml',
         cache_page(86400)(sitemaps_views.index),
         {'sitemaps': sitemaps, 'sitemap_url_name': 'sitemaps'}),
    path('sitemap-<section>.xml',
         cache_page(86400)(sitemaps_views.sitemap),
         {'sitemaps': sitemaps, name='sitemaps'},
    ]

Template customization

If you wish to use a different template for each sitemap or sitemap index available on your site, you may specify it by passing a `template_name` parameter to the `sitemap` and `index` views via the URLconf:

from django.contrib.sitemaps import views

urlpatterns = [
    path('custom-sitemap.xml', views.index, {
        'sitemaps': sitemaps,
        'template_name': 'custom_sitemap.html'
    }),
    path('custom-sitemap-<section>.xml', views.sitemap, {
        'sitemaps': sitemaps,
        'template_name': 'custom_sitemap.html'
    }, name='django.contrib.sitemaps.views.sitemap'),
]

These views return `TemplateResponse` instances which allow you to easily customize the response data before rendering. For more details, see the `TemplateResponse documentation`.

Context variables

When customizing the templates for the `index()` and `sitemap()` views, you can rely on the following context variables.

Index

The variable `sitemaps` is a list of absolute URLs to each of the sitemaps.

Sitemap

The variable `urlset` is a list of URLs that should appear in the sitemap. Each URL exposes attributes as defined in the `Sitemap` class:

- changefreq
- item
- lastmod
• location
• priority

The `item` attribute has been added for each URL to allow more flexible customization of the templates, such as Google news sitemaps. Assuming Sitemap’s `items()` would return a list of items with `publication_data` and a `tags` field something like this would generate a Google News compatible sitemap:

```xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?><urlset
    xmlns="https://www.sitemaps.org/schemas/sitemap/0.9"
    xmlns:news="http://www.google.com/schemas/sitemap-news/0.9">
{% spaceless %}{% for url in urlset %}<url>
    <loc>{{ url.location }}</loc>
    {% if url.lastmod %}<lastmod>{{ url.lastmod|date:"Y-m-d" }}</lastmod>{% endif %}
    {% if url.changefreq %}<changefreq>{{ url.changefreq }}</changefreq>{% endif %}
    {% if url.priority %}<priority>{{ url.priority }}</priority>{% endif %}
    <news:news>
        {% if url.item.publication_date %}<news:publication_date>{{ url.item.publication_date|date:"Y-m-d" }}</news:publication_date>{% endif %}
        {% if url.item.tags %}<news:keywords>{{ url.item.tags }}</news:keywords>{% endif %}
    </news:news>
</url>{% endfor %}{% endspaceless %}</urlset>
```

Pinging Google

You may want to “ping” Google when your sitemap changes, to let it know to reindex your site. The sitemaps framework provides a function to do just that: `django.contrib.sitemaps.ping_google()`. 

`ping_google(sitemap_url=None, ping_url=PING_URL, sitemap_uses_https=True)`

`ping_google()` takes these optional arguments:

• `sitemap_url` - The absolute path to your site’s sitemap (e.g., '/sitemap.xml'). If this argument isn’t provided, `ping_google` will attempt to figure out your sitemap by performing a reverse lookup in your URLConf.

• `ping_url` - Defaults to Google’s Ping Tool: https://www.google.com/webmasters/tools/ping.

• `sitemap_uses_https` - Set to False if your site uses http rather than https.

`ping_google()` raises the exception `django.contrib.sitemaps.SitemapNotFoundException` if it cannot determine your sitemap URL.

Register with Google first!

The `ping_google()` command only works if you have registered your site with Google Webmaster Tools.

One useful way to call `ping_google()` is from a model’s `save()` method:

```python
from django.contrib.sitemaps import ping_google
```

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class Entry(models.Model):
    # ...
    def save(self, force_insert=False, force_update=False):
        super().save(force_insert, force_update)
        try:
            ping_google()
        except Exception:
            # Bare 'except' because we could get a variety
            # of HTTP-related exceptions.
            pass

A more efficient solution, however, would be to call `ping_google()` from a cron script, or some other scheduled task. The function makes an HTTP request to Google’s servers, so you may not want to introduce that network overhead each time you call `save()`.

Pinging Google via `manage.py`

django-admin ping_google [sitemap_url]

Once the sitemaps application is added to your project, you may also ping Google using the `ping_google` management command:

```
python manage.py ping_google [/sitemap.xml]
```

```
--sitemap-uses-http
```

Use this option if your sitemap uses http rather than https.

### 6.5.11 The “sites” framework

Django comes with an optional “sites” framework. It’s a hook for associating objects and functionality to particular websites, and it’s a holding place for the domain names and “verbose” names of your Django-powered sites.

Use it if your single Django installation powers more than one site and you need to differentiate between those sites in some way.

The sites framework is mainly based on this model:

```python
class models.Site
    A model for storing the domain and name attributes of a website.

    domain
        The fully qualified domain name associated with the website. For example, www.example.com.

    name
        A human-readable “verbose” name for the website.
```

The `SITE_ID` setting specifies the database ID of the `Site` object associated with that particular settings file. If the setting is omitted, the `get_current_site()` function will try to get the current site by comparing the `domain` with the host name from the `request.get_host()` method.

How you use this is up to you, but Django uses it in a couple of ways automatically via a couple of conventions.

#### Example usage

Why would you use sites? It’s best explained through examples.
Associating content with multiple sites

The LJWorld.com and Lawrence.com sites are operated by the same news organization – the Lawrence Journal-World newspaper in Lawrence, Kansas. LJWorld.com focused on news, while Lawrence.com focused on local entertainment. But sometimes editors wanted to publish an article on both sites.

The naive way of solving the problem would be to require site producers to publish the same story twice: once for LJWorld.com and again for Lawrence.com. But that’s inefficient for site producers, and it’s redundant to store multiple copies of the same story in the database.

A better solution removes the content duplication: Both sites use the same article database, and an article is associated with one or more sites. In Django model terminology, that’s represented by a `ManyToManyField` in the `Article` model:

```python
from django.contrib.sites.models import Site
from django.db import models

class Article(models.Model):
    headline = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    # ...
    sites = models.ManyToManyField(Site)
```

This accomplishes several things quite nicely:

- It lets the site producers edit all content – on both sites – in a single interface (the Django admin).
- It means the same story doesn’t have to be published twice in the database; it only has a single record in the database.
- It lets the site developers use the same Django view code for both sites. The view code that displays a given story checks to make sure the requested story is on the current site. It looks something like this:

```python
from django.contrib.sites.shortcuts import get_current_site

def article_detail(request, article_id):
    try:
        a = Article.objects.get(id=article_id, sites__id=get_current_site(request).id)
    except Article.DoesNotExist:
        raise Http404("Article does not exist on this site")
    # ...
```

Associating content with a single site

Similarly, you can associate a model to the `Site` model in a many-to-one relationship, using `ForeignKey`.

For example, if an article is only allowed on a single site, you’d use a model like this:

```python
from django.contrib.sites.models import Site
from django.db import models

class Article(models.Model):
    headline = models.CharField(max_length=200)
    # ...
    site = models.ForeignKey(Site, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
```

This has the same benefits as described in the last section.
Hooking into the current site from views

You can use the sites framework in your Django views to do particular things based on the site in which the view is being called. For example:

```python
from django.conf import settings

def my_view(request):
    if settings.SITE_ID == 3:
        # Do something.
        pass
    else:
        # Do something else.
        pass
```

It’s fragile to hard-code the site IDs like that, in case they change. The cleaner way of accomplishing the same thing is to check the current site’s domain:

```python
from django.contrib.sites.shortcuts import get_current_site

def my_view(request):
    current_site = get_current_site(request)
    if current_site.domain == 'foo.com':
        # Do something
        pass
    else:
        # Do something else.
        pass
```

This has also the advantage of checking if the sites framework is installed, and return a `RequestSite` instance if it is not.

If you don’t have access to the request object, you can use the `get_current()` method of the `Site` model’s manager. You should then ensure that your settings file does contain the `SITE_ID` setting. This example is equivalent to the previous one:

```python
from django.contrib.sites.models import Site

def my_function_without_request():
    current_site = Site.objects.get_current()
    if current_site.domain == 'foo.com':
        # Do something
        pass
    else:
        # Do something else.
        pass
```

Getting the current domain for display

LJWorld.com and Lawrence.com both have email alert functionality, which lets readers sign up to get notifications when news happens. It’s pretty basic: A reader signs up on a Web form and immediately gets an email saying, “Thanks for your subscription.”

It’d be inefficient and redundant to implement this sign up processing code twice, so the sites use the same code behind the scenes. But the “thank you for signing up” notice needs to be different for each site. By using `Site` objects, we can abstract the “thank you” notice to use the values of the current site’s `name` and `domain`. 
Here’s an example of what the form-handling view looks like:

```python
from django.contrib.sites.shortcuts import get_current_site
from django.core.mail import send_mail

def register_for_newsletter(request):
    # Check form values, etc., and subscribe the user.
    # ...

    current_site = get_current_site(request)
    send_mail('Thanks for subscribing to %s alerts' % current_site.name,
              'Thanks for your subscription. We appreciate it.'
              '
              -The %s team.' % (current_site.name,
                                'editor@%s' % current_site.domain,
                                [user.email],
                )
    # ...
```

On Lawrence.com, this email has the subject line “Thanks for subscribing to lawrence.com alerts.” On LJWorld.com, the email has the subject “Thanks for subscribing to LJWorld.com alerts.” Same goes for the email’s message body.

Note that an even more flexible (but more heavyweight) way of doing this would be to use Django’s template system. Assuming Lawrence.com and LJWorld.com have different template directories (`DIRS`), you could farm out to the template system like so:

```python
from django.core.mail import send_mail
from django.template import loader

def register_for_newsletter(request):
    # Check form values, etc., and subscribe the user.
    # ...

    subject = loader.get_template('alerts/subject.txt').render({})
    message = loader.get_template('alerts/message.txt').render({})
    send_mail(subject, message, 'editor@ljworld.com', [user.email])
    # ...
```

In this case, you’d have to create `subject.txt` and `message.txt` template files for both the LJWorld.com and Lawrence.com template directories. That gives you more flexibility, but it’s also more complex.

It’s a good idea to exploit the `Site` objects as much as possible, to remove unneeded complexity and redundancy.

### Getting the current domain for full URLs

Django’s `get_absolute_url()` convention is nice for getting your objects’ URL without the domain name, but in some cases you might want to display the full URL – with `http://` and the domain and everything – for an object. To do this, you can use the sites framework. An example:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.sites.models import Site
>>> obj = MyModel.objects.get(id=3)
>>> obj.get_absolute_url()
'/mymodel/objects/3/
' >>> Site.objects.get_current().domain
```

Enabling the sites framework

To enable the sites framework, follow these steps:

1. Add 'django.contrib.sites' to your INSTALLED_APPS setting.

2. Define a SITE_ID setting:
   
   ```python
   SITE_ID = 1
   ```

3. Run migrate.

django.contrib.sites registers a post_migrate signal handler which creates a default site named example.com with the domain example.com. This site will also be created after Django creates the test database. To set the correct name and domain for your project, you can use a data migration.

In order to serve different sites in production, you’d create a separate settings file with each SITE_ID (perhaps importing from a common settings file to avoid duplicating shared settings) and then specify the appropriate DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE for each site.

Caching the current Site object

As the current site is stored in the database, each call to Site.objects.get_current() could result in a database query. But Django is a little cleverer than that: on the first request, the current site is cached, and any subsequent call returns the cached data instead of hitting the database.

If for any reason you want to force a database query, you can tell Django to clear the cache using Site.objects.clear_cache():

```python
# First call; current site fetched from database.
current_site = Site.objects.get_current()
# ...

# Second call; current site fetched from cache.
current_site = Site.objects.get_current()
# ...

# Force a database query for the third call.
Site.objects.clear_cache()
current_site = Site.objects.get_current()
```

The CurrentSiteManager

class managers.CurrentSiteManager

If Site plays a key role in your application, consider using the helpful CurrentSiteManager in your model(s). It’s a model manager that automatically filters its queries to include only objects associated with the current Site.
The `CurrentSiteManager` is only usable when the `SITE_ID` setting is defined in your settings.

Use `CurrentSiteManager` by adding it to your model explicitly. For example:

```python
from django.contrib.sites.models import Site
from django.contrib.sites.managers import CurrentSiteManager
from django.db import models

class Photo(models.Model):
    photo = models.FileField(upload_to='photos')
    photographer_name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    pub_date = models.DateField()
    site = models.ForeignKey(Site, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    objects = models.Manager()
    on_site = CurrentSiteManager()
```

With this model, `Photo.objects.all()` will return all `Photo` objects in the database, but `Photo.on_site.all()` will return only the `Photo` objects associated with the current site, according to the `SITE_ID` setting.

Put another way, these two statements are equivalent:

```python
Photo.objects.filter(site=settings.SITE_ID)
Photo.on_site.all()
```

How did `CurrentSiteManager` know which field of `Photo` was the `Site`? By default, `CurrentSiteManager` looks for either a `ForeignKey` called `site` or a `ManyToManyField` called `sites` to filter on. If you use a field named something other than `site` or `sites` to identify which `Site` objects your object is related to, then you need to explicitly pass the custom field name as a parameter to `CurrentSiteManager` on your model. The following model, which has a field called `publish_on`, demonstrates this:

```python
from django.contrib.sites.models import Site
from django.contrib.sites.managers import CurrentSiteManager
from django.db import models

class Photo(models.Model):
    photo = models.FileField(upload_to='photos')
    photographer_name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    pub_date = models.DateField()
    publish_on = models.ForeignKey(Site, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    objects = models.Manager()
    on_site = CurrentSiteManager('publish_on')
```

If you attempt to use `CurrentSiteManager` and pass a field name that doesn’t exist, Django will raise a `ValueError`.

Finally, note that you’ll probably want to keep a normal (non-site-specific) `Manager` on your model, even if you use `CurrentSiteManager`. As explained in the `manager documentation`, if you define a manager manually, then Django won’t create the automatic `objects = models.Manager()` manager for you. Also note that certain parts of Django – namely, the Django admin site and generic views – use whichever manager is defined `first` in the model, so if you want your admin site to have access to all objects (not just site-specific ones), put `objects = models.Manager()` in your model, before you define `CurrentSiteManager`.

**Site middleware**

If you often use this pattern:
To avoid repetitions, add `django.contrib.sites.middleware.CurrentSiteMiddleware` to `MIDDLEWARE`. The middleware sets the `site` attribute on every request object, so you can use `request.site` to get the current site.

**How Django uses the sites framework**

Although it’s not required that you use the sites framework, it’s strongly encouraged, because Django takes advantage of it in a few places. Even if your Django installation is powering only a single site, you should take the two seconds to create the site object with your domain and name, and point to its ID in your `SITE_ID` setting.

Here’s how Django uses the sites framework:

- In the redirects framework, each redirect object is associated with a particular site. When Django searches for a redirect, it takes into account the current site.

- In the flatpages framework, each flatpage is associated with a particular site. When a flatpage is created, you specify its `Site`, and the `FlatpageFallbackMiddleware` checks the current site in retrieving flatpages to display.

- In the syndication framework, the templates for `title` and `description` automatically have access to a variable `{{ site }}`, which is the `Site` object representing the current site. Also, the hook for providing item URLs will use the domain from the current `Site` object if you don’t specify a fully-qualified domain.

- In the authentication framework, `django.contrib.auth.views.LoginView` passes the current `Site` name to the template as `{{ site_name }}`.

- The shortcut view (``django.contrib.contenttypes.views.shortcut``) uses the domain of the current `Site` object when calculating an object’s URL.

- In the admin framework, the “view on site” link uses the current `Site` to work out the domain for the site that it will redirect to.

**RequestSite objects**

Some `django.contrib` applications take advantage of the sites framework but are architected in a way that doesn’t require the sites framework to be installed in your database. (Some people don’t want to, or just aren’t able to install the extra database table that the sites framework requires.) For those cases, the framework provides a `django.contrib.sites.requests.RequestSite` class, which can be used as a fallback when the database-backed sites framework is not available.

```python
class requests.RequestSite
    A class that shares the primary interface of Site (i.e., it has domain and name attributes) but gets its data from a Django HttpRequest object rather than from a database.
    ""__init__""(request)
        Sets the name and domain attributes to the value of get_host().
```

A `RequestSite` object has a similar interface to a normal `Site` object, except its `__init__()` method takes an `HttpRequest` object. It’s able to deduce the domain and name by looking at the request’s domain. It has `save()` and `delete()` methods to match the interface of `Site`, but the methods raise `NotImplementedError`.  

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**get_current_site shortcut**

Finally, to avoid repetitive fallback code, the framework provides a `django.contrib.sites.shortcuts.get_current_site()` function.

`django.contrib.sites.shortcuts.get_current_site(request)`

A function that checks if `django.contrib.sites` is installed and returns either the current `Site` object or a `RequestSite` object based on the request. It looks up the current site based on `request.get_host()` if the `SITE_ID` setting is not defined.

Both a domain and a port may be returned by `request.get_host()` when the Host header has a port explicitly specified, e.g. example.com:80. In such cases, if the lookup fails because the host does not match a record in the database, the port is stripped and the lookup is retried with the domain part only. This does not apply to `RequestSite` which will always use the unmodified host.

### 6.5.12 The staticfiles app

django.contrib.staticfiles collects static files from each of your applications (and any other places you specify) into a single location that can easily be served in production.

**See also:**

For an introduction to the static files app and some usage examples, see Managing static files *(e.g. images, JavaScript, CSS)*. For guidelines on deploying static files, see Deploying static files.

#### Settings

See staticfiles settings for details on the following settings:

- `STATIC_ROOT`
- `STATIC_URL`
- `STATICFILES_DIRS`
- `STATICFILES_STORAGE`
- `STATICFILES_FINDERS`

#### Management Commands

django.contrib.staticfiles exposes three management commands.

**collectstatic**

django-admin collectstatic

Collects the static files into `STATIC_ROOT`.

Duplicate file names are by default resolved in a similar way to how template resolution works: the file that is first found in one of the specified locations will be used. If you’re confused, the `findstatic` command can help show you which files are found.

On subsequent `collectstatic` runs (if `STATIC_ROOT` isn’t empty), files are copied only if they have a modified timestamp greater than the timestamp of the file in `STATIC_ROOT`. Therefore if you remove an application from `INSTALLED_APPS`, it’s a good idea to use the `collectstatic --clear` option in order to remove stale static files.
Files are searched by using the enabled finders. The default is to look in all locations defined in `STATICFILES_DIRS` and in the 'static' directory of apps specified by the `INSTALLED_APPS` setting.

The `collectstatic` management command calls the `post_process()` method of the `STATICFILES_STORAGE` after each run and passes a list of paths that have been found by the management command. It also receives all command line options of `collectstatic`. This is used by the `ManifestStaticFilesStorage` by default.

By default, collected files receive permissions from `FILE_UPLOAD_PERMISSIONS` and collected directories receive permissions from `FILE_UPLOAD_DIRECTORY_PERMISSIONS`. If you would like different permissions for these files and/or directories, you can subclass either of the static files storage classes and specify the `file_permissions_mode` and/or `directory_permissions_mode` parameters, respectively. For example:

```python
from django.contrib.staticfiles import storage

class MyStaticFilesStorage(storage.StaticFilesStorage):
    def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
        kwargs['file_permissions_mode'] = 0o640
        kwargs['directory_permissions_mode'] = 0o760
        super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)
```

Then set the `STATICFILES_STORAGE` setting to 'path.to.MyStaticFilesStorage'.

Some commonly used options are:

- **--noinput, --no-input**
  Do NOT prompt the user for input of any kind.

- **--ignore** PATTERN, -i PATTERN
  Ignore files, directories, or paths matching this glob-style pattern. Use multiple times to ignore more. When specifying a path, always use forward slashes, even on Windows.

- **--dry-run, -n**
  Do everything except modify the filesystem.

- **--clear, -c**
  Clear the existing files before trying to copy or link the original file.

- **--link, -l**
  Create a symbolic link to each file instead of copying.

- **--no-post-process**
  Don’t call the `post_process()` method of the configured `STATICFILES_STORAGE` storage backend.

- **--no-default-ignore**
  Don’t ignore the common private glob-style patterns 'CVS', '.*', and '*.~'.

For a full list of options, refer to the commands own help by running:

```
$ python manage.py collectstatic --help
```

**Customizing the ignored pattern list**

The default ignored pattern list, ['CVS', '.*', '*.~'], can be customized in a more persistent way than providing the `--ignore` command option at each `collectstatic` invocation. Provide a custom ` AppConfig` class, override the `ignore_patterns` attribute of this class and replace 'django.contrib.staticfiles' with that class path in your `INSTALLED_APPS` setting:
```python
from django.contrib.staticfiles.apps import StaticFilesConfig

class MyStaticFilesConfig(StaticFilesConfig):
    ignore_patterns = [...]  # your custom ignore list
```

**findstatic**

**django-admin findstatic staticfile [staticfile ...]**

Searches for one or more relative paths with the enabled finders.

For example:

```bash
$ python manage.py findstatic css/base.css admin/js/core.js
Found 'css/base.css' here:
  /home/special.polls.com/core/static/css/base.css
  /home/polls.com/core/static/css/base.css
Found 'admin/js/core.js' here:
  /home/polls.com/src/django/contrib/admin/media/js/core.js
```

**findstatic --first**

By default, all matching locations are found. To only return the first match for each relative path, use the --first option:

```bash
$ python manage.py findstatic css/base.css --first
Found 'css/base.css' here:
  /home/special.polls.com/core/static/css/base.css
```

This is a debugging aid; it’ll show you exactly which static file will be collected for a given path.

By setting the --verbosity flag to 0, you can suppress the extra output and just get the path names:

```bash
$ python manage.py findstatic css/base.css --verbosity 0
/home/special.polls.com/core/static/css/base.css
/home/polls.com/core/static/css/base.css
```

On the other hand, by setting the --verbosity flag to 2, you can get all the directories which were searched:

```bash
$ python manage.py findstatic css/base.css --verbosity 2
Found 'css/base.css' here:
  /home/special.polls.com/core/static/css/base.css
  /home/polls.com/core/static/css/base.css
Looking in the following locations:
  /home/special.polls.com/core/static
  /home/polls.com/core/static
  /some/other/path/static
```

**runserver**

**django-admin runserver [addrport]**

Overrides the core runserver command if the staticfiles app is installed and adds automatic serving of static files. File serving doesn’t run through MIDDLEWARE.

The command adds these options:
Use the `--nostatic` option to disable serving of static files with the `staticfiles` app entirely. This option is only available if the `staticfiles` app is in your project's `INSTALLED_APPS` setting.

Example usage:

```bash
$ django-admin runserver --nostatic
```

Use the `--insecure` option to force serving of static files with the `staticfiles` app even if the `DEBUG` setting is `False`. By using this you acknowledge the fact that it's grossly inefficient and probably insecure. This is only intended for local development, should **never be used in production** and is only available if the `staticfiles` app is in your project's `INSTALLED_APPS` setting.

`--insecure` doesn't work with `ManifestStaticFilesStorage`.

Example usage:

```bash
$ django-admin runserver --insecure
```

### Storages

#### StaticFilesStorage

A subclass of the `FileSystemStorage` storage backend that uses the `STATIC_ROOT` setting as the base file system location and the `STATIC_URL` setting respectively as the base URL.

```python
storage_StaticFilesStorage.post_process(paths, **options)
```

If this method is defined on a storage, it's called by the `collectstatic` management command after each run and gets passed the local storages and paths of found files as a dictionary, as well as the command line options. It yields tuples of three values: `original_path`, `processed_path`, `processed`. The path values are strings and `processed` is a boolean indicating whether or not the value was post-processed, or an exception if post-processing failed.

The `ManifestStaticFilesStorage` uses this behind the scenes to replace the paths with their hashed counterparts and update the cache appropriately.

#### ManifestStaticFilesStorage

A subclass of the `StaticFilesStorage` storage backend which stores the file names it handles by appending the MD5 hash of the file’s content to the filename. For example, the file `css/styles.css` would also be saved as `css/styles.55e7cbb9ba48.css`.

The purpose of this storage is to keep serving the old files in case some pages still refer to those files, e.g. because they are cached by you or a 3rd party proxy server. Additionally, it’s very helpful if you want to apply far future Expires headers to the deployed files to speed up the load time for subsequent page visits.

The storage backend automatically replaces the paths found in the saved files matching other saved files with the path of the cached copy (using the `post_process()` method). The regular expressions used to find those paths (from `django.contrib.staticfiles.storage.HashedFilesMixin.patterns`) by default covers the `@import` rule and `url()` statement of Cascading Style Sheets. For example, the `'css/styles.css'` file with the content
would be replaced by calling the `url()` method of the `ManifestStaticFilesStorage` storage backend, ultimately saving a 'css/styles.55e7cbb9a48.css' file with the following content:

```
@import url("../admin/css/base.27e20196a850.css");
```

`storage.ManifestStaticFilesStorage.max_post_process_passes`

Since static files might reference other static files that need to have their paths replaced, multiple passes of replacing paths may be needed until the file hashes converge. To prevent an infinite loop due to hashes not converging (for example, if 'foo.css' references 'bar.css' which references 'foo.css') there is a maximum number of passes before post-processing is abandoned. In cases with a large number of references, a higher number of passes might be needed. Increase the maximum number of passes by subclassing `ManifestStaticFilesStorage` and setting the `max_post_process_passes` attribute. It defaults to 5.

To enable the `ManifestStaticFilesStorage` you have to make sure the following requirements are met:

- the `STATICFILES_STORAGE` setting is set to 'django.contrib.staticfiles.storage.ManifestStaticFilesStorage'
- the `DEBUG` setting is set to False
- you’ve collected all your static files by using the `collectstatic` management command

Since creating the MD5 hash can be a performance burden to your website during runtime, `staticfiles` will automatically store the mapping with hashed names for all processed files in a file called `staticfiles.json`. This happens once when you run the `collectstatic` management command.

`storage.ManifestStaticFilesStorage.manifest_strict`

If a file isn’t found in the `staticfiles.json` manifest at runtime, a `ValueError` is raised. This behavior can be disabled by subclassing `ManifestStaticFilesStorage` and setting the `manifest_strict` attribute to `False` – nonexistent paths will remain unchanged.

Due to the requirement of running `collectstatic`, this storage typically shouldn’t be used when running tests as `collectstatic` isn’t run as part of the normal test setup. During testing, ensure that the `STATICFILES_STORAGE` setting is set to something else like 'django.contrib.staticfiles.storage.StaticFilesStorage' (the default).

`storage.ManifestStaticFilesStorage.file_hash(name, content=None)`

The method that is used when creating the hashed name of a file. Needs to return a hash for the given file name and content. By default it calculates a MD5 hash from the content’s chunks as mentioned above. Feel free to override this method to use your own hashing algorithm.

`ManifestFilesMixin`

```python
class storage.ManifestFilesMixin
```

Use this mixin with a custom storage to append the MD5 hash of the file’s content to the filename as `ManifestStaticFilesStorage` does.

`Finders Module`

`staticfiles.finders` has a `searched_locations` attribute which is a list of directory paths in which the finders searched. Example usage:
from django.contrib.staticfiles import finders

result = finders.find('css/base.css')
searched_locations = finders.searched_locations

Other Helpers

There are a few other helpers outside of the staticfiles app to work with static files:

- The django.template.context_processors.static() context processor which adds STATIC_URL to every template context rendered with RequestContext contexts.
- The built-in template tag static which takes a path and urljoins it with the static prefix STATIC_URL. If django.contrib.staticfiles is installed, the tag uses the url() method of the STATICFILES_STORAGE instead.
- The built-in template tag get_static_prefix which populates a template variable with the static prefix STATIC_URL to be used as a variable or directly.
- The similar template tag get_media_prefix which works like get_static_prefix but uses MEDIA_URL.

Static file development view

The static files tools are mostly designed to help with getting static files successfully deployed into production. This usually means a separate, dedicated static file server, which is a lot of overhead to mess with when developing locally. Thus, the staticfiles app ships with a quick and dirty helper view that you can use to serve files locally in development.

views.serve(request, path)

This view function serves static files in development.

Warning: This view will only work if DEBUG is True.

That’s because this view is grossly inefficient and probably insecure. This is only intended for local development, and should never be used in production.

Note: To guess the served files’ content types, this view relies on the mimetypes module from the Python standard library, which itself relies on the underlying platform’s map files. If you find that this view doesn’t return proper content types for certain files, it is most likely that the platform’s map files are incorrect or need to be updated. This can be achieved, for example, by installing or updating the mailcap package on a Red Hat distribution, mime-support on a Debian distribution, or by editing the keys under HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT in the Windows registry.

This view is automatically enabled by runserver (with a DEBUG setting set to True). To use the view with a different local development server, add the following snippet to the end of your primary URL configuration:

from django.conf import settings
from django.contrib.staticfiles import views
from django.urls import re_path

if settings.DEBUG:
urlpatterns += [
    re_path(r'^static/(?P<path>.*)$', views.serve),
]

Note, the beginning of the pattern (r'^static/') should be your STATIC_URL setting.
Since this is a bit finicky, there’s also a helper function that’ll do this for you:

urls.staticfiles_urlpatterns()

This will return the proper URL pattern for serving static files to your already defined pattern list. Use it like this:

```python
from django.contrib.staticfiles.urls import staticfiles_urlpatterns

# ... the rest of your URLconf here ...
urlpatterns += staticfiles_urlpatterns()
```

This will inspect your STATIC_URL setting and wire up the view to serve static files accordingly. Don’t forget to set the STATICFILES_DIRS setting appropriately to let django.contrib.staticfiles know where to look for files in addition to files in app directories.

**Warning:** This helper function will only work if DEBUG is True and your STATIC_URL setting is neither empty nor a full URL such as http://static.example.com/.

That’s because this view is *grossly inefficient* and probably *insecure*. This is only intended for local development, and should *never be used in production*.

**Specialized test case to support ‘live testing’**

class testing.StaticLiveServerTestCase

This unittest TestCase subclass extends django.test.LiveServerTestCase.

Just like its parent, you can use it to write tests that involve running the code under test and consuming it with testing tools through HTTP (e.g. Selenium, PhantomJS, etc.), because of which it’s needed that the static assets are also published.

But given the fact that it makes use of the django.contrib.staticfiles.views.serve() view described above, it can transparently overlay at test execution-time the assets provided by the staticfiles finders. This means you don’t need to run collectstatic before or as a part of your tests setup.

**6.5.13 The syndication feed framework**

Django comes with a high-level syndication-feed-generating framework for creating RSS and Atom feeds.

To create any syndication feed, all you have to do is write a short Python class. You can create as many feeds as you want.

Django also comes with a lower-level feed-generating API. Use this if you want to generate feeds outside of a Web context, or in some other lower-level way.
The high-level framework

Overview

The high-level feed-generating framework is supplied by the `Feed` class. To create a feed, write a `Feed` class and point to an instance of it in your `URLconf`.

Feed classes

A `Feed` class is a Python class that represents a syndication feed. A feed can be simple (e.g., a “site news” feed, or a basic feed displaying the latest entries of a blog) or more complex (e.g., a feed displaying all the blog entries in a particular category, where the category is variable).

Feed classes subclass `django.contrib.syndication.views.Feed`. They can live anywhere in your code-base.

Instances of `Feed` classes are views which can be used in your `URLconf`.

A simple example

This simple example, taken from a hypothetical police beat news site describes a feed of the latest five news items:

```python
from django.contrib.syndication.views import Feed
from django.urls import reverse
from policebeat.models import NewsItem

class LatestEntriesFeed(Feed):
    title = "Police beat site news"
    link = "/sitenews/
    description = "Updates on changes and additions to police beat central."

    def items(self):
        return NewsItem.objects.order_by('-pub_date')[:5]

    def item_title(self, item):
        return item.title

    def item_description(self, item):
        return item.description

    # item_link is only needed if NewsItem has no get_absolute_url method.
    def item_link(self, self, item):
        return reverse('news-item', args=[item.pk])
```

To connect a URL to this feed, put an instance of the Feed object in your `URLconf`. For example:

```python
from django.urls import path
from myproject.feeds import LatestEntriesFeed

urlpatterns = [  
    # ...
    path('latest/feed/', LatestEntriesFeed()),  
    # ...
]
Note:

- The Feed class subclasses `django.contrib.syndication.views.Feed`.
- `title`, `link` and `description` correspond to the standard RSS `<title>`, `<link>` and `<description>` elements, respectively.
- `items()` is a method that returns a list of objects that should be included in the feed as `<item>` elements. Although this example returns `NewsItem` objects using Django's `object-relational mapper`, `items()` doesn’t have to return model instances. Although you get a few bits of functionality “for free” by using Django models, `items()` can return any type of object you want.
- If you’re creating an Atom feed, rather than an RSS feed, set the `subtitle` attribute instead of the `description` attribute. See `Publishing Atom and RSS feeds in tandem`, later, for an example.

One thing is left to do. In an RSS feed, each `<item>` has a `<title>`, `<link>` and `<description>`. We need to tell the framework what data to put into those elements.

- For the contents of `<title>` and `<description>`, Django tries calling the methods `item_title()` and `item_description()` on the `Feed` class. They are passed a single parameter, `item`, which is the object itself. These are optional; by default, the string representation of the object is used for both.

If you want to do any special formatting for either the title or description, `Django templates` can be used instead. Their paths can be specified with the `title_template` and `description_template` attributes on the `Feed` class. The templates are rendered for each item and are passed two template context variables:

- `{{ obj }}` – The current object (one of whichever objects you returned in `items()`).
- `{{ site }}` – A `django.contrib.sites.models.Site` object representing the current site. This is useful for `{{ site.domain }}` or `{{ site.name }}`. If you do not have the Django sites framework installed, this will be set to a `RequestSite` object. See the `RequestSite section of the sites framework documentation` for more.

See a complex example below that uses a description template.

`Feed.get_context_data(**kwargs)`

There is also a way to pass additional information to title and description templates, if you need to supply more than the two variables mentioned before. You can provide your implementation of `get_context_data` method in your `Feed` subclass. For example:

```python
from mysite.models import Article
from django.contrib.syndication.views import Feed

class ArticlesFeed(Feed):
    title = "My articles"
    description_template = "feeds/articles.html"

    def items(self):
        return Article.objects.order_by('-pub_date')[:5]

    def get_context_data(self, **kwargs):
        context = super().get_context_data(**kwargs)
        context['foo'] = 'bar'
        return context
```

And the template:

```html
Something about {{ foo }}: {{ obj.description }}
```

This method will be called once per each item in the list returned by `items()` with the following keyword arguments:
- **item**: the current item. For backward compatibility reasons, the name of this context variable is `{{ obj }}`.
- **obj**: the object returned by `get_object()`. By default this is not exposed to the templates to avoid confusion with `{{ obj }}` (see above), but you can use it in your implementation of `get_context_data()`.
- **site**: current site as described above.
- **request**: current request.

The behavior of `get_context_data()` mimics that of [generic views](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/ref/class-based-views/generic-display/) - you’re supposed to call `super()` to retrieve context data from parent class, add your data and return the modified dictionary.

- To specify the contents of `<link>`, you have two options. For each item in `items()`, Django first tries calling the `item_link()` method on the `Feed` class. In a similar way to the title and description, it is passed it a single parameter, `item`. If that method doesn’t exist, Django tries executing a `get_absolute_url()` method on that object. Both `get_absolute_url()` and `item_link()` should return the item’s URL as a normal Python string. As with `get_absolute_url()`, the result of `item_link()` will be included directly in the URL, so you are responsible for doing all necessary URL quoting and conversion to ASCII inside the method itself.

### A complex example

The framework also supports more complex feeds, via arguments.

For example, a website could offer an RSS feed of recent crimes for every police beat in a city. It’d be silly to create a separate `Feed` class for each police beat; that would violate the [DRY principle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Don%27t_repeat_yourself) and would couple data to programming logic. Instead, the syndication framework lets you access the arguments passed from your `URLconf` so feeds can output items based on information in the feed’s URL.

The police beat feeds could be accessible via URLs like this:

- `/beats/613/rss/` – Returns recent crimes for beat 613.
- `/beats/1424/rss/` – Returns recent crimes for beat 1424.

These can be matched with a `URLconf` line such as:

```python
path('beats/<int:beat_id>/rss/', BeatFeed()),
```

Like a view, the arguments in the URL are passed to the `get_object()` method along with the request object.

Here’s the code for these beat-specific feeds:

```python
from django.contrib.syndication.views import Feed

class BeatFeed(Feed):
    description_template = 'feeds/beat_description.html'

    def get_object(self, request, beat_id):
        return Beat.objects.get(pk=beat_id)

    def title(self, obj):
        return "Police beat central: Crimes for beat %s" % obj.beat

    def link(self, self, obj):
        return obj.get_absolute_url()
```

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To generate the feed’s `<title>`, `<link>` and `<description>`, Django uses the `title()`, `link()` and `description()` methods. In the previous example, they were string class attributes, but this example illustrates that they can be either strings or methods. For each of `title`, `link` and `description`, Django follows this algorithm:

- First, it tries to call a method, passing the `obj` argument, where `obj` is the object returned by `get_object()`.
- Failing that, it tries to call a method with no arguments.
- Failing that, it uses the class attribute.

Also note that `items()` also follows the same algorithm – first, it tries `items(obj)`, then `items()`, then finally an `items` class attribute (which should be a list).

We are using a template for the item descriptions. It can be as minimal as this:

```python
{{ obj.description }}
```

However, you are free to add formatting as desired.

The `ExampleFeed` class below gives full documentation on methods and attributes of `Feed` classes.

### Specifying the type of feed

By default, feeds produced in this framework use RSS 2.0.

To change that, add a `feed_type` attribute to your `Feed` class, like so:

```python
from django.utils.feedgenerator import Atom1Feed
class MyFeed(Feed):
    feed_type = Atom1Feed
```

Note that you set `feed_type` to a class object, not an instance.

Currently available feed types are:

- `django.utils.feedgenerator.Rss201rev2Feed` (RSS 2.01. Default.)
- `django.utils.feedgenerator.RssUserland091Feed` (RSS 0.91.)
- `django.utils.feedgenerator.Atom1Feed` (Atom 1.0.)

### Enclosures

To specify enclosures, such as those used in creating podcast feeds, use the `item_enclosures` hook or, alternatively and if you only have a single enclosure per item, the `item_enclosure_url`, `item_enclosure_length`, and `item_enclosure_mime_type` hooks. See the `ExampleFeed` class below for usage examples.
Language

Feeds created by the syndication framework automatically include the appropriate <language> tag (RSS 2.0) or xml:lang attribute (Atom). By default, this is `django.utils.translation.get_language()`. You can change it by setting the language class attribute.

The language class attribute was added. In older versions, the behavior is the same as `language = settings.LANGUAGE_CODE`.

URLs

The link method/attribute can return either an absolute path (e.g. "/blog/") or a URL with the fully-qualified domain and protocol (e.g. "https://www.example.com/blog/"). If link doesn’t return the domain, the syndication framework will insert the domain of the current site, according to your `SITE_ID` setting.

Atom feeds require a <link rel="self"> that defines the feed’s current location. The syndication framework populates this automatically, using the domain of the current site according to the `SITE_ID` setting.

Publishing Atom and RSS feeds in tandem

Some developers like to make available both Atom and RSS versions of their feeds. To do that, you can create a subclass of your `Feed` class and set the `feed_type` to something different. Then update your URLconf to add the extra versions.

Here’s a full example:

```python
from django.contrib.syndication.views import Feed
from policebeat.models import NewsItem
from django.utils.feedgenerator import Atom1Feed

class RssSiteNewsFeed(Feed):
    title = "Police beat site news"
    link = "/sitenews/"
    description = "Updates on changes and additions to police beat central."

    def items(self):
        return NewsItem.objects.order_by('-pub_date')[:5]

class AtomSiteNewsFeed(RssSiteNewsFeed):
    feed_type = Atom1Feed
    subtitle = RssSiteNewsFeed.description

Note: In this example, the RSS feed uses a description while the Atom feed uses a subtitle. That’s because Atom feeds don’t provide for a feed-level “description,” but they do provide for a “subtitle.”

If you provide a description in your `Feed` class, Django will not automatically put that into the subtitle element, because a subtitle and description are not necessarily the same thing. Instead, you should define a subtitle attribute.

In the above example, we set the Atom feed’s subtitle to the RSS feed’s description, because it’s quite short already.

And the accompanying URLconf:
from django.urls import path
from myproject.feeds import AtomSiteNewsFeed, RssSiteNewsFeed

urlpatterns = [
    # ...
    path('sitenews/rss/', RssSiteNewsFeed()),
    path('sitenews/atom/', AtomSiteNewsFeed()),
    # ...
]

Feed class reference

class views.Feed

This example illustrates all possible attributes and methods for a Feed class:

from django.contrib.syndication.views import Feed
from django.utils import feedgenerator

class ExampleFeed(Feed):
    # FEED TYPE -- Optional. This should be a class that subclasses
    # django.utils.feedgenerator.SyndicationFeed. This designates
    # which type of feed this should be: RSS 2.0, Atom 1.0, etc. If
    # you don't specify feed_type, your feed will be RSS 2.0. This
    # should be a class, not an instance of the class.
    feed_type = feedgenerator.Rss201rev2Feed

    # TEMPLATE NAMES -- Optional. These should be strings
    # representing names of Django templates that the system should
    # use in rendering the title and description of your feed items.
    # Both are optional. If a template is not specified, the
    # item_title() or item_description() methods are used instead.
    title_template = None
    description_template = None

    # LANGUAGE -- Optional. This should be a string specifying a language
    # code. Defaults to django.utils.translation.get_language().
    language = 'de'

    # TITLE -- One of the following three is required. The framework
    # looks for them in this order.
    def title(self, obj):
        """""
        Takes the object returned by get_object() and returns the
        feed's title as a normal Python string.
        """

    def title(self):
        """""
        Returns the feed's title as a normal Python string.
        """

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# LINK -- One of the following three is required. The framework
# looks for them in this order.

```python
def link(self, obj):
    """
    # Takes the object returned by get_object() and returns the URL
    # of the HTML version of the feed as a normal Python string.
    """
```

```python
def link(self):
    """
    Returns the URL of the HTML version of the feed as a normal Python
    string.
    """
```

```python
link = '/blog/' # Hard-coded URL.
```

# FEED_URL -- One of the following three is optional. The framework
# looks for them in this order.

```python
def feed_url(self, obj):
    """
    # Takes the object returned by get_object() and returns the feed's
    # own URL as a normal Python string.
    """
```

```python
def feed_url(self):
    """
    Returns the feed's own URL as a normal Python string.
    """
```

```python
feed_url = '/blog/rss/' # Hard-coded URL.
```

# GUID -- One of the following three is optional. The framework looks
# for them in this order. This property is only used for Atom feeds
# (where it is the feed-level ID element). If not provided, the feed
# link is used as the ID.

```python
def feed_guid(self, obj):
    """
    Takes the object returned by get_object() and returns the globally
    unique ID for the feed as a normal Python string.
    """
```

```python
def feed_guid(self):
    """
    Returns the feed's globally unique ID as a normal Python string.
    """
```

```python
feed_guid = '/foo/bar/1234' # Hard-coded guid.
```

# DESCRIPTION -- One of the following three is required. The framework
# looks for them in this order.

```python
def description(self, obj):
    """
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def description(self):
    '''
    Takes the object returned by get_object() and returns the feed's
description as a normal Python string.
    '''

description = 'Foo bar baz.'  # Hard-coded description.

# AUTHOR NAME --One of the following three is optional. The framework
# looks for them in this order.
def author_name(self, obj):
    '''
    Takes the object returned by get_object() and returns the feed's
    author's name as a normal Python string.
    '''

def author_name(self):
    '''
    Returns the feed's author's name as a normal Python string.
    '''

author_name = 'Sally Smith'  # Hard-coded author name.

# AUTHOR EMAIL --One of the following three is optional. The framework
# looks for them in this order.
def author_email(self, obj):
    '''
    Takes the object returned by get_object() and returns the feed's
    author's email as a normal Python string.
    '''

def author_email(self):
    '''
    Returns the feed's author's email as a normal Python string.
    '''

author_email = 'test@example.com'  # Hard-coded author email.

# AUTHOR LINK --One of the following three is optional. The framework
# looks for them in this order. In each case, the URL should include
# the "http://" and domain name.
def author_link(self, obj):
    '''
    Takes the object returned by get_object() and returns the feed's
    author's URL as a normal Python string.
    '''

def author_link(self):
    '''
    Returns the feed's author's URL as a normal Python string.
    '''

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```python
author_link = 'https://www.example.com/'  # Hard-coded author URL.

# CATEGORIES -- One of the following three is optional. The framework
# looks for them in this order. In each case, the method/attribute
# should return an iterable object that returns strings.

def categories(self, obj):
    """
    Takes the object returned by get_object() and returns the feed's
categories as iterable over strings.
    """

def categories(self):
    """
    Returns the feed's categories as iterable over strings.
    """

categories = ('python', 'django')  # Hard-coded list of categories.

# COPYRIGHT NOTICE -- One of the following three is optional. The
# framework looks for them in this order.

def feed_copyright(self, obj):
    """
    Takes the object returned by get_object() and returns the feed's
copyright notice as a normal Python string.
    """

def feed_copyright(self):
    """
    Returns the feed's copyright notice as a normal Python string.
    """

feed_copyright = 'Copyright (c) 2007, Sally Smith'  # Hard-coded copyright notice.

# TTL -- One of the following three is optional. The framework looks
# for them in this order. Ignored for Atom feeds.

def ttl(self, obj):
    """
    Takes the object returned by get_object() and returns the feed's
    TTL (Time To Live) as a normal Python string.
    """

def ttl(self):
    """
    Returns the feed's TTL as a normal Python string.
    """

ttl = 600  # Hard-coded Time To Live.

# ITEMS -- One of the following three is required. The framework looks
# for them in this order.

def items(self, obj):
    """
```
```python
Takes the object returned by get_object() and returns a list of
items to publish in this feed.

```

def items(self):
    """Returns a list of items to publish in this feed."""
    items = ('Item 1', 'Item 2')  # Hard-coded items.

    # GET_OBJECT -- This is required for feeds that publish different data
    # for different URL parameters. (See "A complex example" above.)

def get_object(self, request, *args, **kwargs):
    """Takes the current request and the arguments from the URL, and
    returns an object represented by this feed. Raises
    django.core.exceptions.ObjectDoesNotExist on error."""

    # ITEM TITLE AND DESCRIPTION -- If title_template or
description_template are not defined, these are used instead. Both are
# optional, by default they will use the string representation of the
# item.

def item_title(self, item):
    """Takes an item, as returned by items(), and returns the item's
title as a normal Python string."""


def item_title(self):
    """Returns the title for every item in the feed."""


def item_description(self, item):
    """Takes an item, as returned by items(), and returns the item's
description as a normal Python string."""


def item_description(self):
    """Returns the description for every item in the feed."""

    item_description = 'A description of the item.'  # Hard-coded description.

def get_context_data(self, **kwargs):
    """Returns a dictionary to use as extra context if either
description_template or item_template are used."""
```

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Default implementation preserves the old behavior of using {'obj': item, 'site': current_site} as the context.

# ITEM LINK -- One of these three is required. The framework looks for them in this order.

# First, the framework tries the two methods below, in order. Failing that, it falls back to the get_absolute_url() method on each item returned by items().

def item_link(self, item):
    ""
    Takes an item, as returned by items(), and returns the item's URL.
    ""

def item_link(self):
    ""
    Returns the URL for every item in the feed.
    ""

# ITEM_GUID -- The following method is optional. If not provided, the item's link is used by default.

def item_guid(self, obj):
    ""
    Takes an item, as return by items(), and returns the item's ID.
    ""

# ITEM_GUID_IS_PERMALINK -- The following method is optional. If provided, it sets the 'isPermaLink' attribute of an item's GUID element. This method is used only when 'item_guid' is specified.

def item_guid_is_permalink(self, obj):
    ""
    Takes an item, as returned by items(), and returns a boolean.
    ""

item_guid_is_permalink = False  # Hard coded value

# ITEM AUTHOR NAME -- One of the following three is optional. The framework looks for them in this order.

def item_author_name(self, item):
    ""
    Takes an item, as returned by items(), and returns the item's author's name as a normal Python string.
    ""

def item_author_name(self):
    ""
    Returns the author name for every item in the feed.
    ""

item_author_name = 'Sally Smith'  # Hard-coded author name.
# ITEM AUTHOR EMAIL --One of the following three is optional. The
# framework looks for them in this order.
#
# If you specify this, you must specify item_author_name.

def item_author_email(self, obj):
    """
    Takes an item, as returned by items(), and returns the item's
    author's email as a normal Python string.
    """

def item_author_email(self):
    """
    Returns the author email for every item in the feed.
    """

item_author_email = 'test@example.com' # Hard-coded author email.

# ITEM AUTHORITY LINK -- One of the following three is optional. The
# framework looks for them in this order. In each case, the URL should
# include the "http://" and domain name.
#
# If you specify this, you must specify item_author_name.

def item_author_link(self, obj):
    """
    Takes an item, as returned by items(), and returns the item's
    author's URL as a normal Python string.
    """

def item_author_link(self):
    """
    Returns the author URL for every item in the feed.
    """

item_author_link = 'https://www.example.com/' # Hard-coded author URL.

# ITEM ENCLOSURES -- One of the following three is optional. The
# framework looks for them in this order. If one of them is defined,
# `item_enclosure_url`, `item_enclosure_length`, and
# `item_enclosure_mime_type` will have no effect.

def item_enclosures(self, item):
    """
    Takes an item, as returned by items(), and returns a list of
    `django.utils.feedgenerator.Enclosure` objects.
    """

def item_enclosures(self):
    """
    Returns the `django.utils.feedgenerator.Enclosure` list for every
    item in the feed.
    """

item_enclosures = [] # Hard-coded enclosure list

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# ITEM ENCLOSURE URL -- One of these three is required if you're publishing enclosures and you're not using `item_enclosures`. The framework looks for them in this order.

def item_enclosure_url(self, item):
    """
    Takes an item, as returned by items(), and returns the item's enclosure URL.
    """

def item_enclosure_url(self):
    """
    Returns the enclosure URL for every item in the feed.
    """

item_enclosure_url = "/foo/bar.mp3" # Hard-coded enclosure link.

# ITEM ENCLOSURE LENGTH -- One of these three is required if you're publishing enclosures and you're not using `item_enclosures`. The framework looks for them in this order. In each case, the returned value should be either an integer, or a string representation of the integer, in bytes.

def item_enclosure_length(self, item):
    """
    Takes an item, as returned by items(), and returns the item's enclosure length.
    """

def item_enclosure_length(self):
    """
    Returns the enclosure length for every item in the feed.
    """

item_enclosure_length = 32000 # Hard-coded enclosure length.

# ITEM ENCLOSURE MIME TYPE -- One of these three is required if you're publishing enclosures and you're not using `item_enclosures`. The framework looks for them in this order.

def item_enclosure_mime_type(self, item):
    """
    Takes an item, as returned by items(), and returns the item's enclosure MIME type.
    """

def item_enclosure_mime_type(self):
    """
    Returns the enclosure MIME type for every item in the feed.
    """

item_enclosure_mime_type = "audio/mpeg" # Hard-coded enclosure MIME type.

# ITEM PUBDATE -- It's optional to use one of these three. This is a hook that specifies how to get the pubdate for a given item. In each case, the method/attribute should return a Python datetime.datetime object.
def item_pubdate(self, item):
    """
    Takes an item, as returned by items(), and returns the item's
    pubdate.
    """

def item_pubdate(self):
    """
    Returns the pubdate for every item in the feed.
    """

item_pubdate = datetime.datetime(2005, 5, 3) # Hard-coded pubdate.

# ITEM UPDATED -- It's optional to use one of these three. This is a
# hook that specifies how to get the updateddate for a given item.
# In each case, the method/attribute should return a Python
datetime.datetime object.

def item_updateddate(self, item):
    """
    Takes an item, as returned by items(), and returns the item's
    updateddate.
    """

def item_updateddate(self):
    """
    Returns the updateddate for every item in the feed.
    """

item_updateddate = datetime.datetime(2005, 5, 3) # Hard-coded updateddate.

# ITEM CATEGORIES -- It's optional to use one of these three. This is
# a hook that specifies how to get the list of categories for a given
# item. In each case, the method/attribute should return an iterable
# object that returns strings.

def item_categories(self, item):
    """
    Takes an item, as returned by items(), and returns the item's
categories.
    """

def item_categories(self):
    """
    Returns the categories for every item in the feed.
    """

item_categories = ("python", "django") # Hard-coded categories.

# ITEM COPYRIGHT NOTICE (only applicable to Atom feeds) -- One of the
# following three is optional. The framework looks for them in this
# order.

def item_copyright(self, obj):
    """
    Takes an item, as returned by items(), and returns the item's
copyright notice as a normal Python string.
   
```python
def item_copyright(self):
    
    Returns the copyright notice for every item in the feed.
    
    item_copyright = 'Copyright (c) 2007, Sally Smith'  # Hard-coded copyright notice.
```

The low-level framework

Behind the scenes, the high-level RSS framework uses a lower-level framework for generating feeds’ XML. This framework lives in a single module: `django/utils/feedgenerator.py`.

You use this framework on your own, for lower-level feed generation. You can also create custom feed generator subclasses for use with the `feed_type Feed` option.

**SyndicationFeed classes**

The `feedgenerator` module contains a base class:

- `django.utils.feedgenerator.SyndicationFeed`

and several subclasses:

- `django.utils.feedgenerator.RssUserland091Feed`
- `django.utils.feedgenerator.Rss201rev2Feed`
- `django.utils.feedgenerator.Atom1Feed`

Each of these three classes knows how to render a certain type of feed as XML. They share this interface:

**SyndicationFeed.__init__()** Initialize the feed with the given dictionary of metadata, which applies to the entire feed. Required keyword arguments are:

- `title`
- `link`
- `description`

There’s also a bunch of other optional keywords:

- `language`
- `author_email`
- `author_name`
- `author_link`
- `subtitle`
- `categories`
- `feed_url`
- `feed_copyright`
- `feed_guid`
• `ttl`

Any extra keyword arguments you pass to `__init__` will be stored in `self.feed` for use with custom feed generators.

All parameters should be strings, except `categories`, which should be a sequence of strings. Beware that some control characters are not allowed in XML documents. If your content has some of them, you might encounter a `ValueError` when producing the feed.

**SyndicationFeed.add_item()** Add an item to the feed with the given parameters.

Required keyword arguments are:

- `title`
- `link`
- `description`

Optional keyword arguments are:

- `author_email`
- `author_name`
- `author_link`
- `pubdate`
- `comments`
- `unique_id`
- `enclosures`
- `categories`
- `item_copyright`
- `ttl`
- `updateddate`

Extra keyword arguments will be stored for custom feed generators.

All parameters, if given, should be strings, except:

- `pubdate` should be a Python `datetime` object.
- `updateddate` should be a Python `datetime` object.
- `enclosures` should be a list of `django.utils.feedgenerator.Enclosure` instances.
- `categories` should be a sequence of strings.

**SyndicationFeed.write()** Outputs the feed in the given encoding to outfile, which is a file-like object.

**SyndicationFeed.writeString()** Returns the feed as a string in the given encoding.

For example, to create an Atom 1.0 feed and print it to standard output:

```python
>>> from django.utils import feedgenerator
>>> from datetime import datetime
>>> f = feedgenerator.Atom1Feed(...  title="My Weblog",
...  link="https://www.example.com/",
...  description="In which I write about what I ate today.",
...  language="en",
```

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Custom feed generators

If you need to produce a custom feed format, you’ve got a couple of options.

If the feed format is totally custom, you’ll want to subclass `SyndicationFeed` and completely replace the `write()` and `writeString()` methods.

However, if the feed format is a spin-off of RSS or Atom (i.e. GeoRSS, Apple’s iTunes podcast format, etc.), you’ve got a better choice. These types of feeds typically add extra elements and/or attributes to the underlying format, and there are a set of methods that `SyndicationFeed` calls to get these extra attributes. Thus, you can subclass the appropriate feed generator class (`Atom1Feed` or `Rss201rev2Feed`) and extend these callbacks. They are:

- `SyndicationFeed.root_attributes(self)` Return a `dict` of attributes to add to the root feed element (`feed`/`channel`).

- `SyndicationFeed.add_root_elements(self, handler)` Callback to add elements inside the root feed element (`feed`/`channel`). `handler` is an `XMLGenerator` from Python’s built-in SAX library; you’ll call methods on it to add to the XML document in process.

- `SyndicationFeed.item_attributes(self, item)` Return a `dict` of attributes to add to each item (`item`/`entry`) element. The argument, `item`, is a dictionary of all the data passed to `SyndicationFeed.add_item()`.

- `SyndicationFeed.add_item_elements(self, handler, item)` Callback to add elements to each item (`item`/`entry`) element. `handler` and `item` are as above.

**Warning:** If you override any of these methods, be sure to call the superclass methods since they add the required elements for each feed format.

For example, you might start implementing an iTunes RSS feed generator like so:

```python
class iTunesFeed(Rss201rev2Feed):
    def root_attributes(self):
        attrs = super().root_attributes()
        attrs['xmlns:itunes'] = 'http://www.itunes.com/dtds/podcast-1.0.dtd'
        return attrs

    def add_root_elements(self, handler):
        super().add_root_elements(handler)
        handler.addQuickElement('itunes:explicit', 'clean')
```
There's a lot more work to be done for a complete custom feed class, but the above example should demonstrate the basic idea.

### 6.5.14 admin

The automatic Django administrative interface. For more information, see *Tutorial 2* and the [admin documentation](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/admin/).

Requires the `auth` and `contenttypes` contrib packages to be installed.

### 6.5.15 auth

Django’s authentication framework.

See *User authentication in Django*.

### 6.5.16 contenttypes

A light framework for hooking into “types” of content, where each installed Django model is a separate content type.

See the [contenttypes documentation](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/http/shortcuts/#content-types).

### 6.5.17 flatpages

A framework for managing “flat” HTML content in a database.

See the [flatpages documentation](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/http/shortcuts/#flatpages).

Requires the `sites` contrib package to be installed as well.

### 6.5.18 gis

A world-class geospatial framework built on top of Django, that enables storage, manipulation and display of spatial data.

See the *GeoDjango* documentation for more.

### 6.5.19 humanize

A set of Django template filters useful for adding a “human touch” to data.

See the [humanize documentation](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/i18n/).

### 6.5.20 messages

A framework for storing and retrieving temporary cookie- or session-based messages

See the [messages documentation](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/messages/).
6.5.21 **postgres**

A collection of PostgreSQL specific features.
See the *contrib.postgres documentation*.

6.5.22 **redirects**

A framework for managing redirects.
See the *redirects documentation*.

6.5.23 **sessions**

A framework for storing data in anonymous sessions.
See the *sessions documentation*.

6.5.24 **sites**

A light framework that lets you operate multiple websites off of the same database and Django installation. It gives you hooks for associating objects to one or more sites.
See the *sites documentation*.

6.5.25 **sitemaps**

A framework for generating Google sitemap XML files.
See the *sitemaps documentation*.

6.5.26 **syndication**

A framework for generating syndication feeds, in RSS and Atom, quite easily.
See the *syndication documentation*.

6.5.27 **Other add-ons**

If you have an idea for functionality to include in *contrib*, let us know! Code it up, and post it to the *django-users* mailing list.

6.6 **Cross Site Request Forgery protection**

The CSRF middleware and template tag provides easy-to-use protection against *Cross Site Request Forgeries*. This type of attack occurs when a malicious website contains a link, a form button or some JavaScript that is intended to perform some action on your website, using the credentials of a logged-in user who visits the malicious site in their browser. A related type of attack, ‘login CSRF’, where an attacking site tricks a user’s browser into logging into a site with someone else’s credentials, is also covered.
The first defense against CSRF attacks is to ensure that GET requests (and other ‘safe’ methods, as defined by RFC 7231#section-4.2.1) are side effect free. Requests via ‘unsafe’ methods, such as POST, PUT, and DELETE, can then be protected by following the steps below.

### 6.6.1 How to use it

To take advantage of CSRF protection in your views, follow these steps:

1. The CSRF middleware is activated by default in the `MIDDLEWARE` setting. If you override that setting, remember that 'django.middleware.csrf.CsrfViewMiddleware' should come before any view middleware that assume that CSRF attacks have been dealt with.

   If you disabled it, which is not recommended, you can use `csrf_protect()` on particular views you want to protect (see below).

2. In any template that uses a POST form, use the `csrf_token` tag inside the `<form>` element if the form is for an internal URL, e.g.:

   ```html
   <form method="post">{% csrf_token %}
   ```

   This should not be done for POST forms that target external URLs, since that would cause the CSRF token to be leaked, leading to a vulnerability.

3. In the corresponding view functions, ensure that `RequestContext` is used to render the response so that `{% csrf_token %}` will work properly. If you’re using the `render()` function, generic views, or contrib apps, you are covered already since these all use `RequestContext`.

### AJAX

While the above method can be used for AJAX POST requests, it has some inconveniences: you have to remember to pass the CSRF token in as POST data with every POST request. For this reason, there is an alternative method: on each XMLHttpRequest, set a custom `X-CSRFToken` header (as specified by the `CSRF_HEADER_NAME` setting) to the value of the CSRF token. This is often easier because many JavaScript frameworks provide hooks that allow headers to be set on every request.

First, you must get the CSRF token. How to do that depends on whether or not the `CSRF_USE_SESSIONS` and `CSRF_COOKIE_HTTPONLY` settings are enabled.

#### Acquiring the token if `CSRF_USE_SESSIONS` and `CSRF_COOKIE_HTTPONLY` are False

The recommended source for the token is the `csrftoken` cookie, which will be set if you’ve enabled CSRF protection for your views as outlined above.

The CSRF token cookie is named `csrftoken` by default, but you can control the cookie name via the `CSRF_COOKIE_NAME` setting.

You can acquire the token like this:

```javascript
function getCookie(name) {
    let cookieValue = null;
    if (document.cookie && document.cookie !== '') {
        const cookies = document.cookie.split(';');
        for (let i = 0; i < cookies.length; i++) {
            const cookie = cookies[i].trim();
            // Does this cookie string begin with the name we want?
            } else {
                cookieValue = null;
            }
        }
    return cookieValue;
}
```
if (cookie.substring(0, name.length + 1) === (name + '=')) {
    cookieValue = decodeURIComponent(cookie.substring(name.length + 1));
    break;
}

return cookieValue;
}
const csrftoken = getCookie('csrftoken');

The above code could be simplified by using the JavaScript Cookie library to replace getCookie:

```javascript
const csrftoken = Cookies.get('csrftoken');
```

**Note:** The CSRF token is also present in the DOM, but only if explicitly included using `csrf_token` in a template. The cookie contains the canonical token; the CsrfViewMiddleware will prefer the cookie to the token in the DOM. Regardless, you’re guaranteed to have the cookie if the token is present in the DOM, so you should use the cookie!

**Warning:** If your view is not rendering a template containing the `csrf_token` template tag, Django might not set the CSRF token cookie. This is common in cases where forms are dynamically added to the page. To address this case, Django provides a view decorator which forces setting of the cookie: `ensure_csrf_cookie()`.

### Acquiring the token if CSRF_USE_SESSIONS or CSRF_COOKIE_HTTPONLY is True

If you activate `CSRF_USE_SESSIONS` or `CSRF_COOKIE_HTTPONLY`, you must include the CSRF token in your HTML and read the token from the DOM with JavaScript:

```html
{% csrf_token %}
<script>
    const csrftoken = document.querySelector('[name=csrfmiddlewaretoken]').value;
</script>
```

### Setting the token on the AJAX request

Finally, you’ll need to set the header on your AJAX request. Using the `fetch()` API:

```javascript
const request = new Request(
    /* URL */,
    {
        headers: {'X-CSRFToken': csrftoken}
    }
);
fetch(request, {
    method: 'POST',
    mode: 'same-origin' // Do not send CSRF token to another domain.
}).then(function(response) {
    // ...
});
```
Using CSRF in Jinja2 templates

Django’s Jinja2 template backend adds `{{ csrf_input }}` to the context of all templates which is equivalent to `{% csrf_token %}` in the Django template language. For example:

```html
<form method="post">{{ csrf_input }}
```

The decorator method

Rather than adding CsrfViewMiddleware as a blanket protection, you can use the csrf_protect decorator, which has exactly the same functionality, on particular views that need the protection. It must be used both on views that insert the CSRF token in the output, and on those that accept the POST form data. (These are often the same view function, but not always).

Use of the decorator by itself is not recommended, since if you forget to use it, you will have a security hole. The ‘belt and braces’ strategy of using both is fine, and will incur minimal overhead.

```python
csrftoken = @csrf_protect

def my_view(request):
    c = {}
    # ...
    return render(request, "a_template.html", c)
```

If you are using class-based views, you can refer to Decorating class-based views.

6.6.2 Rejected requests

By default, a ‘403 Forbidden’ response is sent to the user if an incoming request fails the checks performed by CsrfViewMiddleware. This should usually only be seen when there is a genuine Cross Site Request Forgery, or when, due to a programming error, the CSRF token has not been included with a POST form.

The error page, however, is not very friendly, so you may want to provide your own view for handling this condition. To do this, set the CSRF_FAILURE_VIEW setting.

CSRF failures are logged as warnings to the django.security.csrf logger.

6.6.3 How it works

The CSRF protection is based on the following things:

1. A CSRF cookie that is based on a random secret value, which other sites will not have access to.

   This cookie is set by CsrfViewMiddleware. It is sent with every response that has called django.middleware.csrf.get_token() (the function used internally to retrieve the CSRF token), if it wasn’t already set on the request.

   In order to protect against BREACH attacks, the token is not simply the secret; a random mask is prepended to the secret and used to scramble it.
For security reasons, the value of the secret is changed each time a user logs in.

2. A hidden form field with the name `csrfmiddlewaretoken` present in all outgoing POST forms. The value of this field is, again, the value of the secret, with a mask which is both added to it and used to scramble it. The mask is regenerated on every call to `get_token()` so that the form field value is changed in every such response.

This part is done by the template tag.

3. For all incoming requests that are not using HTTP GET, HEAD, OPTIONS or TRACE, a CSRF cookie must be present, and the `csrfmiddlewaretoken` field must be present and correct. If it isn’t, the user will get a 403 error.

When validating the `csrfmiddlewaretoken` field value, only the secret, not the full token, is compared with the secret in the cookie value. This allows the use of ever-changing tokens. While each request may use its own token, the secret remains common to all.

This check is done by `CsrfViewMiddleware`.

4. In addition, for HTTPS requests, strict referer checking is done by `CsrfViewMiddleware`. This means that even if a subdomain can set or modify cookies on your domain, it can’t force a user to post to your application since that request won’t come from your own exact domain.

This also addresses a man-in-the-middle attack that’s possible under HTTPS when using a session independent secret, due to the fact that HTTP Set-Cookie headers are (unfortunately) accepted by clients even when they are talking to a site under HTTPS. (Referer checking is not done for HTTP requests because the presence of the Referer header isn’t reliable enough under HTTP.)

If the `CSRF_COOKIE_DOMAIN` setting is set, the referer is compared against it. You can allow cross-subdomain requests by including a leading dot. For example, `CSRF_COOKIE_DOMAIN = ‘.example.com’` will allow POST requests from `www.example.com` and `api.example.com`. If the setting is not set, then the referer must match the HTTP Host header.

Expanding the accepted referers beyond the current host or cookie domain can be done with the `CSRF_TRUSTED_ORIGINS` setting.

This ensures that only forms that have originated from trusted domains can be used to POST data back.

It deliberately ignores GET requests (and other requests that are defined as ‘safe’ by RFC 7231#section-4.2.1). These requests ought never to have any potentially dangerous side effects, and so a CSRF attack with a GET request ought to be harmless. RFC 7231#section-4.2.1 defines POST, PUT, and DELETE as ‘unsafe’, and all other methods are also assumed to be unsafe, for maximum protection.

The CSRF protection cannot protect against man-in-the-middle attacks, so use HTTPS with HTTP Strict Transport Security. It also assumes validation of the HOST header and that there aren’t any cross-site scripting vulnerabilities on your site (because XSS vulnerabilities already let an attacker do anything a CSRF vulnerability allows and much worse).

### Removing the Referer header

To avoid disclosing the referer URL to third-party sites, you might want to disable the referer on your site’s `<a>` tags. For example, you might use the `<meta name="referrer" content="no-referrer">` tag or include the Referrer-Policy: no-referrer header. Due to the CSRF protection’s strict referer checking on HTTPS requests, those techniques cause a CSRF failure on requests with ‘unsafe’ methods. Instead, use alternatives like `<a rel="noreferrer" ...>"` for links to third-party sites.

### 6.6.4 Caching

If the `csrf_token` template tag is used by a template (or the `get_token` function is called some other way), `CsrfViewMiddleware` will add a cookie and a `Vary: Cookie` header to the response. This means that the
middleware will play well with the cache middleware if it is used as instructed (UpdateCacheMiddleware goes before all other middleware).

However, if you use cache decorators on individual views, the CSRF middleware will not yet have been able to set the Vary header or the CSRF cookie, and the response will be cached without either one. In this case, on any views that will require a CSRF token to be inserted you should use the `django.views.decorators.csrf.csrf_protect()` decorator first:

```python
from django.views.decorators.cache import cache_page
from django.views.decorators.csrf import csrf_protect

@cache_page(60 * 15)
@csrf_protect
def my_view(request):
...```

If you are using class-based views, you can refer to `Decorating class-based views`.

### 6.6.5 Testing

The `CsrfViewMiddleware` will usually be a big hindrance to testing view functions, due to the need for the CSRF token which must be sent with every POST request. For this reason, Django’s HTTP client for tests has been modified to set a flag on requests which relaxes the middleware and the `csrf_protect` decorator so that they no longer rejects requests. In every other respect (e.g. sending cookies etc.), they behave the same.

If, for some reason, you want the test client to perform CSRF checks, you can create an instance of the test client that enforces CSRF checks:

```python
>>> from django.test import Client
>>> csrf_client = Client(enforce_csrf_checks=True)
```

### 6.6.6 Limitations

Subdomains within a site will be able to set cookies on the client for the whole domain. By setting the cookie and using a corresponding token, subdomains will be able to circumvent the CSRF protection. The only way to avoid this is to ensure that subdomains are controlled by trusted users (or, are at least unable to set cookies). Note that even without CSRF, there are other vulnerabilities, such as session fixation, that make giving subdomains to untrusted parties a bad idea, and these vulnerabilities cannot easily be fixed with current browsers.

### 6.6.7 Edge cases

Certain views can have unusual requirements that mean they don’t fit the normal pattern envisaged here. A number of utilities can be useful in these situations. The scenarios they might be needed in are described in the following section.

#### Utilities

The examples below assume you are using function-based views. If you are working with class-based views, you can refer to `Decorating class-based views`.

- **csrf_exempt(view)**
  
  This decorator marks a view as being exempt from the protection ensured by the middleware. Example:
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.views.decorators.csrf import csrf_exempt

@csrf_exempt
def my_view(request):
    return HttpResponse('Hello world')

requires_csrf_token(view)
Normally the csrf_token template tag will not work if CsrfViewMiddleware.process_view or an equivalent like csrf_protect has not run. The view decorator requires_csrf_token can be used to ensure the template tag does work. This decorator works similarly to csrf_protect, but never rejects an incoming request.

Example:

from django.shortcuts import render
from django.views.decorators.csrf import requires_csrf_token

@requires_csrf_token
def my_view(request):
    c = {}
    # ...
    return render(request, "a_template.html", c)

ensure_csrf_cookie(view)
This decorator forces a view to send the CSRF cookie.

Scenarios

CSRF protection should be disabled for just a few views

Most views requires CSRF protection, but a few do not.
Solution: rather than disabling the middleware and applying csrf_protect to all the views that need it, enable the middleware and use csrf_exempt().

CsrfViewMiddleware.process_view not used

There are cases when CsrfViewMiddleware.process_view may not have run before your view is run - 404 and 500 handlers, for example - but you still need the CSRF token in a form.
Solution: use requires_csrf_token()

Unprotected view needs the CSRF token

There may be some views that are unprotected and have been exempted by csrf_exempt, but still need to include the CSRF token.
Solution: use csrf_exempt() followed by requires_csrf_token(). (i.e. requires_csrf_token should be the innermost decorator).
View needs protection for one path

A view needs CSRF protection under one set of conditions only, and mustn’t have it for the rest of the time.

Solution: use `csrf_exempt()` for the whole view function, and `csrf_protect()` for the path within it that needs protection. Example:

```python
from django.views.decorators.csrf import csrf_exempt, csrf_protect

@csrf_exempt
def my_view(request):
    @csrf_protect
def protected_path(request):
        do_something()

    if some_condition():
        return protected_path(request)
    else:
        do_something_else()
```

Page uses AJAX without any HTML form

A page makes a POST request via AJAX, and the page does not have an HTML form with a `csrf_token` that would cause the required CSRF cookie to be sent.

Solution: use `ensure_csrf_cookie()` on the view that sends the page.

6.6.8 Contrib and reusable apps

Because it is possible for the developer to turn off the CsrfViewMiddleware, all relevant views in contrib apps use the `csrf_protect` decorator to ensure the security of these applications against CSRF. It is recommended that the developers of other reusable apps that want the same guarantees also use the `csrf_protect` decorator on their views.

6.6.9 Settings

A number of settings can be used to control Django’s CSRF behavior:

- `CSRF_COOKIE_AGE`
- `CSRF_COOKIE_DOMAIN`
- `CSRF_COOKIE_HTTPONLY`
- `CSRF_COOKIE_NAME`
- `CSRF_COOKIE_PATH`
- `CSRF_COOKIE_SAMESITE`
- `CSRF_COOKIE_SECURE`
- `CSRF_FAILURE_VIEW`
- `CSRF_HEADER_NAME`
- `CSRF_TRUSTED_ORIGINS`
6.6.10 Frequently Asked Questions

Is posting an arbitrary CSRF token pair (cookie and POST data) a vulnerability?

No, this is by design. Without a man-in-the-middle attack, there is no way for an attacker to send a CSRF token cookie to a victim’s browser, so a successful attack would need to obtain the victim’s browser’s cookie via XSS or similar, in which case an attacker usually doesn’t need CSRF attacks.

Some security audit tools flag this as a problem but as mentioned before, an attacker cannot steal a user’s browser’s CSRF cookie. “Stealing” or modifying your own token using Firebug, Chrome dev tools, etc. isn’t a vulnerability.

Is it a problem that Django’s CSRF protection isn’t linked to a session by default?

No, this is by design. Not linking CSRF protection to a session allows using the protection on sites such as a pastebin that allow submissions from anonymous users which don’t have a session.

If you wish to store the CSRF token in the user’s session, use the CSRF_USE_SESSIONS setting.

Why might a user encounter a CSRF validation failure after logging in?

For security reasons, CSRF tokens are rotated each time a user logs in. Any page with a form generated before a login will have an old, invalid CSRF token and need to be reloaded. This might happen if a user uses the back button after a login or if they log in a different browser tab.

6.7 Databases

Django officially supports the following databases:

- PostgreSQL
- MariaDB
- MySQL
- Oracle
- SQLite

There are also a number of database backends provided by third parties.

Django attempts to support as many features as possible on all database backends. However, not all database backends are alike, and we’ve had to make design decisions on which features to support and which assumptions we can make safely.

This file describes some of the features that might be relevant to Django usage. It is not intended as a replacement for server-specific documentation or reference manuals.
6.7.1 General notes

Persistent connections

Persistent connections avoid the overhead of re-establishing a connection to the database in each request. They're controlled by the `CONN_MAX_AGE` parameter which defines the maximum lifetime of a connection. It can be set independently for each database.

The default value is 0, preserving the historical behavior of closing the database connection at the end of each request. To enable persistent connections, set `CONN_MAX_AGE` to a positive integer of seconds. For unlimited persistent connections, set it to `None`.

Connection management

Django opens a connection to the database when it first makes a database query. It keeps this connection open and reuses it in subsequent requests. Django closes the connection once it exceeds the maximum age defined by `CONN_MAX_AGE` or when it isn’t usable any longer.

In detail, Django automatically opens a connection to the database whenever it needs one and doesn’t have one already — either because this is the first connection, or because the previous connection was closed.

At the beginning of each request, Django closes the connection if it has reached its maximum age. If your database terminates idle connections after some time, you should set `CONN_MAX_AGE` to a lower value, so that Django doesn’t attempt to use a connection that has been terminated by the database server. (This problem may only affect very low traffic sites.)

At the end of each request, Django closes the connection if it has reached its maximum age or if it is in an unrecoverable error state. If any database errors have occurred while processing the requests, Django checks whether the connection still works, and closes it if it doesn’t. Thus, database errors affect at most one request; if the connection becomes unusable, the next request gets a fresh connection.

Caveats

Since each thread maintains its own connection, your database must support at least as many simultaneous connections as you have worker threads.

Sometimes a database won’t be accessed by the majority of your views, for example because it’s the database of an external system, or thanks to caching. In such cases, you should set `CONN_MAX_AGE` to a low value or even 0, because it doesn’t make sense to maintain a connection that’s unlikely to be reused. This will help keep the number of simultaneous connections to this database small.

The development server creates a new thread for each request it handles, negating the effect of persistent connections. Don’t enable them during development.

When Django establishes a connection to the database, it sets up appropriate parameters, depending on the backend being used. If you enable persistent connections, this setup is no longer repeated every request. If you modify parameters such as the connection’s isolation level or time zone, you should either restore Django’s defaults at the end of each request, force an appropriate value at the beginning of each request, or disable persistent connections.

Encoding

Django assumes that all databases use UTF-8 encoding. Using other encodings may result in unexpected behavior such as “value too long” errors from your database for data that is valid in Django. See the database specific notes below for information on how to set up your database correctly.
6.7.2 PostgreSQL notes

Django supports PostgreSQL 9.5 and higher. psycopg2 2.5.4 or higher is required, though the latest release is recommended.

PostgreSQL connection settings

See HOST for details.

Optimizing PostgreSQL's configuration

Django needs the following parameters for its database connections:

• client_encoding: 'UTF8',

• default_transaction_isolation: 'read committed' by default, or the value set in the connection options (see below),

• timezone:
  - when USE_TZ is True, 'UTC' by default, or the TIME_ZONE value set for the connection,
  - when USE_TZ is False, the value of the global TIME_ZONE setting.

If these parameters already have the correct values, Django won’t set them for every new connection, which improves performance slightly. You can configure them directly in postgresql.conf or more conveniently per database user with ALTER ROLE.

Django will work just fine without this optimization, but each new connection will do some additional queries to set these parameters.

Isolation level

Like PostgreSQL itself, Django defaults to the READ COMMITTED isolation level. If you need a higher isolation level such as REPEATABLE READ or SERIALIZABLE, set it in the OPTIONS part of your database configuration in DATABASES:

```python
import psycopg2.extensions

DATABASES = {
    # ...
    'OPTIONS': {
        'isolation_level': psycopg2.extensions.ISOLATION_LEVEL_SERIALIZABLE,
    },
}
```

Note: Under higher isolation levels, your application should be prepared to handle exceptions raised on serialization failures. This option is designed for advanced uses.

Indexes for varchar and text columns

When specifying db_index=True on your model fields, Django typically outputs a single CREATE INDEX statement. However, if the database type for the field is either varchar or text (e.g., used by CharField,
Field, and TextField), then Django will create an additional index that uses an appropriate PostgreSQL operator class for the column. The extra index is necessary to correctly perform lookups that use the LIKE operator in their SQL, as is done with the contains and startswith lookup types.

Migration operation for adding extensions

If you need to add a PostgreSQL extension (like hstore, postgis, etc.) using a migration, use the CreateExtension operation.

Server-side cursors

When using QuerySet.iterator(), Django opens a server-side cursor. By default, PostgreSQL assumes that only the first 10% of the results of cursor queries will be fetched. The query planner spends less time planning the query and starts returning results faster, but this could diminish performance if more than 10% of the results are retrieved. PostgreSQL's assumptions on the number of rows retrieved for a cursor query is controlled with the cursor_tuple_fraction option.

Transaction pooling and server-side cursors

Using a connection pooler in transaction pooling mode (e.g. PgBouncer) requires disabling server-side cursors for that connection.

Server-side cursors are local to a connection and remain open at the end of a transaction when AUTOCOMMIT is True. A subsequent transaction may attempt to fetch more results from a server-side cursor. In transaction pooling mode, there's no guarantee that subsequent transactions will use the same connection. If a different connection is used, an error is raised when the transaction references the server-side cursor, because server-side cursors are only accessible in the connection in which they were created.

One solution is to disable server-side cursors for a connection in DATABASES by setting DISABLE_SERVER_SIDE_CURSORS to True.

To benefit from server-side cursors in transaction pooling mode, you could set up another connection to the database in order to perform queries that use server-side cursors. This connection needs to either be directly to the database or to a connection pooler in session pooling mode.

Another option is to wrap each QuerySet using server-side cursors in an atomic() block, because it disables autocommit for the duration of the transaction. This way, the server-side cursor will only live for the duration of the transaction.

Manually-specifying values of auto-incrementing primary keys

Django uses PostgreSQL's SERIAL data type to store auto-incrementing primary keys. A SERIAL column is populated with values from a sequence that keeps track of the next available value. Manually assigning a value to an auto-incrementing field doesn’t update the field’s sequence, which might later cause a conflict. For example:

```python
>>> from django.contrib.auth.models import User
>>> User.objects.create(username='alice', pk=1)
<User: alice>
>>> # The sequence hasn't been updated; its next value is 1.
>>> User.objects.create(username='bob')
... IntegrityError: duplicate key value violates unique constraint
"auth_user_pkey" DETAIL:  Key (id)=(1) already exists.
```
If you need to specify such values, reset the sequence afterwards to avoid reusing a value that’s already in the table. The `sqlsequencereset` management command generates the SQL statements to do that.

**Test database templates**

You can use the `TEST['TEMPLATE']` setting to specify a template (e.g. `template0`) from which to create a test database.

**Speeding up test execution with non-durable settings**

You can speed up test execution times by configuring PostgreSQL to be non-durable.

| Warning: | This is dangerous: it will make your database more susceptible to data loss or corruption in the case of a server crash or power loss. Only use this on a development machine where you can easily restore the entire contents of all databases in the cluster. |

### 6.7.3 MariaDB notes

Django supports MariaDB 10.2 and higher.

To use MariaDB, use the MySQL backend, which is shared between the two. See the [MySQL notes](#) for more details.

### 6.7.4 MySQL notes

#### Version support

Django supports MySQL 5.6 and higher.

Django’s `inspectdb` feature uses the `information_schema` database, which contains detailed data on all database schemas.

Django expects the database to support Unicode (UTF-8 encoding) and delegates to it the task of enforcing transactions and referential integrity. It is important to be aware of the fact that the two latter ones aren’t actually enforced by MySQL when using the MyISAM storage engine, see the next section.

**Storage engines**

MySQL has several storage engines. You can change the default storage engine in the server configuration.

MySQL’s default storage engine is InnoDB. This engine is fully transactional and supports foreign key references. It’s the recommended choice. However, the InnoDB autoincrement counter is lost on a MySQL restart because it does not remember the `AUTO_INCREMENT` value, instead recreating it as “max(id)+1”. This may result in an inadvertent reuse of `AutoField` values.

The main drawbacks of MyISAM are that it doesn’t support transactions or enforce foreign-key constraints.
MySQL DB API Drivers

MySQL has a couple drivers that implement the Python Database API described in PEP 249:

- **mysqlclient** is a native driver. It’s the recommended choice.
- **MySQL Connector/Python** is a pure Python driver from Oracle that does not require the MySQL client library or any Python modules outside the standard library.

These drivers are thread-safe and provide connection pooling.

In addition to a DB API driver, Django needs an adapter to access the database drivers from its ORM. Django provides an adapter for mysqlclient while MySQL Connector/Python includes its own.

**mysqlclient**

Django requires mysqlclient 1.4.0 or later.

**MySQL Connector/Python**

MySQL Connector/Python is available from the download page. The Django adapter is available in versions 1.1.X and later. It may not support the most recent releases of Django.

**Time zone definitions**

If you plan on using Django’s timezone support, use mysql_tzinfo_to_sql to load time zone tables into the MySQL database. This needs to be done just once for your MySQL server, not per database.

**Creating your database**

You can create your database using the command-line tools and this SQL:

```sql
CREATE DATABASE <dbname> CHARACTER SET utf8;
```

This ensures all tables and columns will use UTF-8 by default.

**Collation settings**

The collation setting for a column controls the order in which data is sorted as well as what strings compare as equal. It can be set on a database-wide level and also per-table and per-column. This is documented thoroughly in the MySQL documentation. In all cases, you set the collation by directly manipulating the database tables; Django doesn’t provide a way to set this on the model definition.

By default, with a UTF-8 database, MySQL will use the `utf8_general_ci` collation. This results in all string equality comparisons being done in a case-insensitive manner. That is, "Fred" and "freD" are considered equal at the database level. If you have a unique constraint on a field, it would be illegal to try to insert both "aa" and "AA" into the same column, since they compare as equal (and, hence, non-unique) with the default collation. If you want case-sensitive comparisons on a particular column or table, change the column or table to use the `utf8_bin` collation.

Please note that according to MySQL Unicode Character Sets, comparisons for the `utf8_general_ci` collation are faster, but slightly less correct, than comparisons for `utf8_unicode_ci`. If this is acceptable for your application,
you should use utf8_general_ci because it is faster. If this is not acceptable (for example, if you require German dictionary order), use utf8_unicode_ci because it is more accurate.

**Warning:** Model formsets validate unique fields in a case-sensitive manner. Thus when using a case-insensitive collation, a formset with unique field values that differ only by case will pass validation, but upon calling save(), an IntegrityError will be raised.

---

**Connecting to the database**

Refer to the settings documentation.

Connection settings are used in this order:

1. **OPTIONS**
2. **NAME, USER, PASSWORD, HOST, PORT**
3. MySQL option files.

In other words, if you set the name of the database in **OPTIONS**, this will take precedence over **NAME**, which would override anything in a MySQL option file.

Here’s a sample configuration which uses a MySQL option file:

```python
# settings.py
 DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.mysql',
        'OPTIONS': {
            'read_default_file': '/path/to/my.cnf',
        },
    }
}

# my.cnf
[client]
database = NAME
user = USER
password = PASSWORD
default-character-set = utf8
```

Several other MySQLdb connection options may be useful, such as ssl, init_command, and sql_mode.

**Setting sql_mode**

From MySQL 5.7 onwards and on fresh installs of MySQL 5.6, the default value of the sql_mode option contains STRICT_TRANS_TABLES. That option escalates warnings into errors when data are truncated upon insertion, so Django highly recommends activating a strict mode for MySQL to prevent data loss (either STRICT_TRANS_TABLES or STRICT_ALL_TABLES).

If you need to customize the SQL mode, you can set the sql_mode variable like other MySQL options: either in a config file or with the entry 'init_command': "SET sql_mode='STRICT_TRANS_TABLES'" in the OPTIONS part of your database configuration in DATABASES.
Isolation level

When running concurrent loads, database transactions from different sessions (say, separate threads handling different requests) may interact with each other. These interactions are affected by each session’s transaction isolation level. You can set a connection’s isolation level with an 'isolation_level' entry in the OPTIONS part of your database configuration in DATABASES. Valid values for this entry are the four standard isolation levels:

- 'read uncommitted'
- 'read committed'
- 'repeatable read'
- 'serializable'

or None to use the server’s configured isolation level. However, Django works best with and defaults to read committed rather than MySQL’s default, repeatable read. Data loss is possible with repeatable read. In particular, you may see cases where get_or_create() will raise an IntegrityError but the object won’t appear in a subsequent get() call.

Creating your tables

When Django generates the schema, it doesn’t specify a storage engine, so tables will be created with whatever default storage engine your database server is configured for. The easiest solution is to set your database server’s default storage engine to the desired engine.

If you’re using a hosting service and can’t change your server’s default storage engine, you have a couple of options.

- After the tables are created, execute an ALTER TABLE statement to convert a table to a new storage engine (such as InnoDB):

  ALTER TABLE <tablename> ENGINE=INNODB;

  This can be tedious if you have a lot of tables.

- Another option is to use the init_command option for MySQLdb prior to creating your tables:

  'OPTIONS': {
    'init_command': 'SET default_storage_engine=INNODB',
  }

  This sets the default storage engine upon connecting to the database. After your tables have been created, you should remove this option as it adds a query that is only needed during table creation to each database connection.

Table names

There are known issues in even the latest versions of MySQL that can cause the case of a table name to be altered when certain SQL statements are executed under certain conditions. It is recommended that you use lowercase table names, if possible, to avoid any problems that might arise from this behavior. Django uses lowercase table names when it auto-generates table names from models, so this is mainly a consideration if you are overriding the table name via the db_table parameter.

Savepoints

Both the Django ORM and MySQL (when using the InnoDB storage engine) support database savepoints.
If you use the MyISAM storage engine please be aware of the fact that you will receive database-generated errors if you try to use the savepoint-related methods of the transactions API. The reason for this is that detecting the storage engine of a MySQL database/table is an expensive operation so it was decided it isn’t worth to dynamically convert these methods in no-op’s based in the results of such detection.

Notes on specific fields

Character fields

Any fields that are stored with VARCHAR column types may have their max_length restricted to 255 characters if you are using unique=True for the field. This affects CharField, SlugField. See the MySQL documentation for more details.

TextField limitations

MySQL can index only the first N chars of a BLOB or TEXT column. Since TextField doesn’t have a defined length, you can’t mark it as unique=True. MySQL will report: “BLOB/TEXT column ‘<db_column>’ used in key specification without a key length”.

Fractional seconds support for Time and DateTime fields

MySQL 5.6.4 and later can store fractional seconds, provided that the column definition includes a fractional indication (e.g. DATETIME(6)). Earlier versions do not support them at all.

Django will not upgrade existing columns to include fractional seconds if the database server supports it. If you want to enable them on an existing database, it’s up to you to either manually update the column on the target database, by executing a command like:

```
ALTER TABLE `your_table` MODIFY `your_datetime_column` DATETIME(6)
```

or using a RunSQL operation in a data migration.

TIMESTAMP columns

If you are using a legacy database that contains TIMESTAMP columns, you must set USE_TZ = False to avoid data corruption. inspectdb maps these columns to DateTimeField and if you enable timezone support, both MySQL and Django will attempt to convert the values from UTC to local time.

Row locking with QuerySet .select_for_update()

MySQL and MariaDB do not support some options to the SELECT ... FOR UPDATE statement. If select_for_update() is used with an unsupported option, then a NotSupportedError is raised.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Option</th>
<th>MariaDB</th>
<th>MySQL</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>SKIP LOCKED</td>
<td>X (≥8.0.1)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NOWAIT</td>
<td>X (≥10.3)</td>
<td>X (≥8.0.1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>OF</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
When using `select_for_update()` on MySQL, make sure you filter a queryset against at least set of fields contained in unique constraints or only against fields covered by indexes. Otherwise, an exclusive write lock will be acquired over the full table for the duration of the transaction.

**Automatic typecasting can cause unexpected results**

When performing a query on a string type, but with an integer value, MySQL will coerce the types of all values in the table to an integer before performing the comparison. If your table contains the values 'abc', 'def' and you query for `WHERE mycolumn=0`, both rows will match. Similarly, `WHERE mycolumn=1` will match the value 'abc1'. Therefore, string type fields included in Django will always cast the value to a string before using it in a query.

If you implement custom model fields that inherit from `Field` directly, are overriding `get_prep_value()`, or use `RawSQL`, `extra()`, or `raw()`, you should ensure that you perform appropriate typecasting.

### 6.7.5 SQLite notes

Django supports SQLite 3.8.3 and later.

SQLite provides an excellent development alternative for applications that are predominantly read-only or require a smaller installation footprint. As with all database servers, though, there are some differences that are specific to SQLite that you should be aware of.

**Substring matching and case sensitivity**

For all SQLite versions, there is some slightly counter-intuitive behavior when attempting to match some types of strings. These are triggered when using the `iexact` or `contains` filters in Querysets. The behavior splits into two cases:

1. For substring matching, all matches are done case-insensitively. That is a filter such as `filter(name__contains="aa")` will match a name of "Aabb".
2. For strings containing characters outside the ASCII range, all exact string matches are performed case-sensitively, even when the case-insensitive options are passed into the query. So the `iexact` filter will behave exactly the same as the `exact` filter in these cases.

Some possible workarounds for this are documented at sqlite.org, but they aren’t utilized by the default SQLite backend in Django, as incorporating them would be fairly difficult to do robustly. Thus, Django exposes the default SQLite behavior and you should be aware of this when doing case-insensitive or substring filtering.

**Decimal handling**

SQLite has no real decimal internal type. Decimal values are internally converted to the `REAL` data type (8-byte IEEE floating point number), as explained in the SQLite datatypes documentation, so they don’t support correctly-rounded decimal floating point arithmetic.

**“Database is locked” errors**

SQLite is meant to be a lightweight database, and thus can’t support a high level of concurrency. `OperationalError: database is locked` errors indicate that your application is experiencing more concurrency than `sqlite` can handle in default configuration. This error means that one thread or process has an exclusive lock on the database connection and another thread timed out waiting for the lock to be released.
Python’s SQLite wrapper has a default timeout value that determines how long the second thread is allowed to wait on the lock before it times out and raises the `OperationalError: database is locked` error.

If you’re getting this error, you can solve it by:

- Switching to another database backend. At a certain point SQLite becomes too “lite” for real-world applications, and these sorts of concurrency errors indicate you’ve reached that point.
- Rewriting your code to reduce concurrency and ensure that database transactions are short-lived.
- Increase the default timeout value by setting the `timeout` database option:

```python
'OPTIONS': {
    # ...
    'timeout': 20,
    # ...
}
```

This will make SQLite wait a bit longer before throwing “database is locked” errors; it won’t really do anything to solve them.

**`QuerySet.select_for_update()` not supported**

SQLite does not support the `SELECT ... FOR UPDATE` syntax. Calling it will have no effect.

**“pyformat” parameter style in raw queries not supported**

For most backends, raw queries (`Manager.raw()` or `cursor.execute()`) can use the “pyformat” parameter style, where placeholders in the query are given as `'%(name)s'` and the parameters are passed as a dictionary rather than a list. SQLite does not support this.

**Isolation when using `QuerySet.iterator()`**

There are special considerations described in Isolation In SQLite when modifying a table while iterating over it using `QuerySet.iterator()`. If a row is added, changed, or deleted within the loop, then that row may or may not appear, or may appear twice, in subsequent results fetched from the iterator. Your code must handle this.

**Enabling JSON1 extension on SQLite**

To use `JSONField` on SQLite, you need to enable the JSON1 extension on Python’s `sqlite3` library. If the extension is not enabled on your installation, a system error (`fields.E180`) will be raised.

To enable the JSON1 extension you can follow the instruction on the wiki page.

**6.7.6 Oracle notes**

Django supports Oracle Database Server versions 12.2 and higher. Version 6.0 or higher of the `cx_Oracle` Python driver is required.

In order for the `python manage.py migrate` command to work, your Oracle database user must have privileges to run the following commands:

- `CREATE TABLE`
- `CREATE SEQUENCE`
To run a project’s test suite, the user usually needs these additional privileges:

- CREATE USER
- ALTER USER
- DROP USER
- CREATE TABLESPACE
- DROP TABLESPACE
- CREATE SESSION WITH ADMIN OPTION
- CREATE TABLE WITH ADMIN OPTION
- CREATE SEQUENCE WITH ADMIN OPTION
- CREATE PROCEDURE WITH ADMIN OPTION
- CREATE TRIGGER WITH ADMIN OPTION

While the RESOURCE role has the required CREATE TABLE, CREATE SEQUENCE, CREATE PROCEDURE, and CREATE TRIGGER privileges, and a user granted RESOURCE WITH ADMIN OPTION can grant RESOURCE, such a user cannot grant the individual privileges (e.g. CREATE TABLE), and thus RESOURCE WITH ADMIN OPTION is not usually sufficient for running tests.

Some test suites also create views or materialized views; to run these, the user also needs CREATE VIEW WITH ADMIN OPTION and CREATE MATERIALIZED VIEW WITH ADMIN OPTION privileges. In particular, this is needed for Django’s own test suite.

All of these privileges are included in the DBA role, which is appropriate for use on a private developer’s database.

The Oracle database backend uses the `SYS.DBMS_LOB` and `SYS.DBMS_RANDOM` packages, so your user will require execute permissions on it. It’s normally accessible to all users by default, but in case it is not, you’ll need to grant permissions like so:

```
GRANT EXECUTE ON SYS.DBMS_LOB TO user;
GRANT EXECUTE ON SYS.DBMS_RANDOM TO user;
```

### Connecting to the database

To connect using the service name of your Oracle database, your `settings.py` file should look something like this:

```python
DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.oracle',
        'NAME': 'xe',
        'USER': 'a_user',
        'PASSWORD': 'a_password',
        'HOST': '',
        'PORT': '',
    }
}
```

In this case, you should leave both `HOST` and `PORT` empty. However, if you don’t use a `tnsnames.ora` file or a similar naming method and want to connect using the SID (“xe” in this example), then fill in both `HOST` and `PORT` like so:
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DANTBES = {
    'default': {
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.oracle',
        'NAME': 'xe',
        'USER': 'a_user',
        'PASSWORD': 'a_password',
        'HOST': 'dbprod01ned.mycompany.com',
        'PORT': '1540',
    }
}

You should either supply both HOST and PORT, or leave both as empty strings. Django will use a different connect descriptor depending on that choice.

Full DSN and Easy Connect

A Full DSN or Easy Connect string can be used in NAME if both HOST and PORT are empty. This format is required when using RAC or pluggable databases without tnsnames.ora, for example.

Example of an Easy Connect string:

'NAME': 'localhost:1521/orclpdb1',

Example of a full DSN string:

'NAME': {
    '(DESCRIPTION=(ADDRESS=(PROTOCOL=TCP)(HOST=localhost)(PORT=1521)))
    (CONNECT_DATA=(SERVICE_NAME=orclpdb1)))',
}

Threaded option

If you plan to run Django in a multithreaded environment (e.g. Apache using the default MPM module on any modern operating system), then you must set the threaded option of your Oracle database configuration to True:

'OJPTIONS': {
    'threaded': True,
},

Failure to do this may result in crashes and other odd behavior.

INSERT ... RETURNING INTO

By default, the Oracle backend uses a RETURNING INTO clause to efficiently retrieve the value of an AutoField when inserting new rows. This behavior may result in a DatabaseError in certain unusual setups, such as when inserting into a remote table, or into a view with an INSTEAD OF trigger. The RETURNING INTO clause can be disabled by setting the use_returning_into option of the database configuration to False:

'OJPTIONS': {
    'use_returning_into': False,
},

In this case, the Oracle backend will use a separate SELECT query to retrieve AutoField values.
Naming issues

Oracle imposes a name length limit of 30 characters. To accommodate this, the backend truncates database identifiers to fit, replacing the final four characters of the truncated name with a repeatable MD5 hash value. Additionally, the backend turns database identifiers to all-uppercase.

To prevent these transformations (this is usually required only when dealing with legacy databases or accessing tables which belong to other users), use a quoted name as the value for `db_table`:

```python
class LegacyModel(models.Model):
    class Meta:
        db_table = "name_left_in_lowercase"

class ForeignModel(models.Model):
    class Meta:
        db_table = "OTHER_USER."NAME_ONLY_SEEMS_OVER_30"
```

Quoted names can also be used with Django’s other supported database backends; except for Oracle, however, the quotes have no effect.

When running `migrate`, an ORA-06552 error may be encountered if certain Oracle keywords are used as the name of a model field or the value of a `db_column` option. Django quotes all identifiers used in queries to prevent most such problems, but this error can still occur when an Oracle datatype is used as a column name. In particular, take care to avoid using the names `date`, `timestamp`, `number` or `float` as a field name.

NULL and empty strings

Django generally prefers to use the empty string (``) rather than NULL, but Oracle treats both identically. To get around this, the Oracle backend ignores an explicit `null` option on fields that have the empty string as a possible value and generates DDL as if `null=True`. When fetching from the database, it is assumed that a NULL value in one of these fields really means the empty string, and the data is silently converted to reflect this assumption.

TextField limitations

The Oracle backend stores `TextField` as NCLOB columns. Oracle imposes some limitations on the usage of such LOB columns in general:

- LOB columns may not be used as primary keys.
- LOB columns may not be used in indexes.
- LOB columns may not be used in a `SELECT DISTINCT` list. This means that attempting to use the `QuerySet.distinct` method on a model that includes `TextField` columns will result in an ORA-00932 error when run against Oracle. As a workaround, use the `QuerySet.defer` method in conjunction with `distinct()` to prevent `TextField` columns from being included in the `SELECT DISTINCT` list.

6.7.7 Subclassing the built-in database backends

Django comes with built-in database backends. You may subclass an existing database backends to modify its behavior, features, or configuration.

Consider, for example, that you need to change a single database feature. First, you have to create a new directory with a `base` module in it. For example:
The `base.py` module must contain a class named `DatabaseWrapper` that subclasses an existing engine from the `django.db.backends` module. Here’s an example of subclassing the PostgreSQL engine to change a feature class `allows_group_by_selected_pks_on_model`:

```python
from django.db.backends.postgresql import base, features

class DatabaseFeatures(features.DatabaseFeatures):
    def allows_group_by_selected_pks_on_model(self, model):
        return True

class DatabaseWrapper(base.DatabaseWrapper):
    features_class = DatabaseFeatures
```

Finally, you must specify a `DATABASE-ENGINE` in your `settings.py` file:

```python
DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        'ENGINE': 'mydbengine',
        ...
    },
}
```

You can see the current list of database engines by looking in `django/db/backends`.

### 6.7.8 Using a 3rd-party database backend

In addition to the officially supported databases, there are backends provided by 3rd parties that allow you to use other databases with Django:

- CockroachDB
- Firebird
- Microsoft SQL Server

The Django versions and ORM features supported by these unofficial backends vary considerably. Queries regarding the specific capabilities of these unofficial backends, along with any support queries, should be directed to the support channels provided by each 3rd party project.

### 6.8 django-admin and manage.py

`django-admin` is Django’s command-line utility for administrative tasks. This document outlines all it can do.

In addition, `manage.py` is automatically created in each Django project. It does the same thing as `django-admin` but also sets the `DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE` environment variable so that it points to your project’s `settings.py` file.
The `django-admin` script should be on your system path if you installed Django via `pip`. If it’s not in your path, ensure you have your virtual environment activated.

Generally, when working on a single Django project, it’s easier to use `manage.py` than `django-admin`. If you need to switch between multiple Django settings files, use `django-admin` with `DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE` or the `--settings` command line option.

The command-line examples throughout this document use `django-admin` to be consistent, but any example can use `manage.py` or `python -m django` just as well.

### 6.8.1 Usage

```bash
$ django-admin <command> [options]
$ manage.py <command> [options]
$ python -m django <command> [options]
```

The `command` should be one of the commands listed in this document. `options`, which is optional, should be zero or more of the options available for the given command.

**Getting runtime help**

`django-admin help`

Run `django-admin help` to display usage information and a list of the commands provided by each application.

Run `django-admin help --commands` to display a list of all available commands.

Run `django-admin help <command>` to display a description of the given command and a list of its available options.

**App names**

Many commands take a list of “app names.” An “app name” is the basename of the package containing your models. For example, if your `INSTALLED_APPS` contains the string `'mysite.blog'`, the app name is `blog`.

**Determining the version**

`django-admin version`

Run `django-admin version` to display the current Django version.

The output follows the schema described in PEP 440:

```
1.4.dev17026
1.4a1
1.4
```

**Displaying debug output**

Use `--verbosity` to specify the amount of notification and debug information that `django-admin` prints to the console.
6.8.2 Available commands

check

django-admin check [app_label [app_label ...]]
Uses the system check framework to inspect the entire Django project for common problems.
By default, all apps will be checked. You can check a subset of apps by providing a list of app labels as arguments:

django-admin check auth admin myapp

--tag TAGS, -t TAGS
The system check framework performs many different types of checks that are categorized with tags. You can use these tags to restrict the checks performed to just those in a particular category. For example, to perform only models and compatibility checks, run:

django-admin check --tag models --tag compatibility

--database DATABASE
Specifies the database to run checks requiring database access:

django-admin check --database default --database other

By default, these checks will not be run.

--list-tags
Lists all available tags.

--deploy
Activates some additional checks that are only relevant in a deployment setting.
You can use this option in your local development environment, but since your local development settings module may not have many of your production settings, you will probably want to point the check command at a different settings module, either by setting the DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE environment variable, or by passing the --settings option:

django-admin check --deploy --settings=production_settings

Or you could run it directly on a production or staging deployment to verify that the correct settings are in use (omitting --settings). You could even make it part of your integration test suite.

--fail-level {CRITICAL, ERROR, WARNING, INFO, DEBUG}
Specifies the message level that will cause the command to exit with a non-zero status. Default is ERROR.

compilemessages

django-admin compilemessages
Compiles .po files created by makemessages to .mo files for use with the built-in gettext support. See Internationalization and localization.

--locale LOCALE, -l LOCALE
Specifies the locale(s) to process. If not provided, all locales are processed.

--exclude EXCLUDE, -x EXCLUDE
Specifies the locale(s) to exclude from processing. If not provided, no locales are excluded.

```
--use-fuzzy, -f
```

Includes fuzzy translations into compiled files.

Example usage:

```
django-admin compilemessages --locale=pt_BR
```

```
django-admin compilemessages --locale=pt_BR --locale=fr -f
```

```
django-admin compilemessages -l pt_BR
```

```
django-admin compilemessages -l pt_BR -l fr --use-fuzzy
```

```
django-admin compilemessages --exclude=pt_BR
```

```
django-admin compilemessages --exclude=pt_BR --exclude=fr
```

```
django-admin compilemessages -x pt_BR
```

```
django-admin compilemessages -x pt_BR -x fr
```

```
--ignore PATTERN, -i PATTERN
```

Ignores directories matching the given glob-style pattern. Use multiple times to ignore more.

Example usage:

```
django-admin compilemessages --ignore=cache --ignore=outdated/*/locale
```

**createcachetable**

```
django-admin createcachetable
```

Creates the cache tables for use with the database cache backend using the information from your settings file. See Django’s cache framework for more information.

```
--database DATABASE
```

Specifies the database in which the cache table(s) will be created. Defaults to default.

```
--dry-run
```

Prints the SQL that would be run without actually running it, so you can customize it or use the migrations framework.

**dbshell**

```
django-admin dbshell
```

Runs the command-line client for the database engine specified in your ENGINE setting, with the connection parameters specified in your USER, PASSWORD, etc., settings.

- For PostgreSQL, this runs the psql command-line client.
- For MySQL, this runs the mysql command-line client.
- For SQLite, this runs the sqlite3 command-line client.
- For Oracle, this runs the sqlplus command-line client.

This command assumes the programs are on your PATH so that a call to the program name (psql, mysql, sqlite3, sqlplus) will find the program in the right place. There’s no way to specify the location of the program manually.

```
--database DATABASE
```

Specifies the database onto which to open a shell. Defaults to default.

```
-- ARGUMENTS
```

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Any arguments following a -- divider will be passed on to the underlying command-line client. For example, with PostgreSQL you can use the psql command’s -c flag to execute a raw SQL query directly:

```
$ django-admin dbshell -- -c 'select current_user'
  current_user
  --------------
  postgres
  (1 row)
```

On MySQL/MariaDB, you can do this with the mysql command’s -e flag:

```
$ django-admin dbshell -- -e "select user()"
+----------------------+
| user()               |
+----------------------+
| djangonaut@localhost |
+----------------------+
```

**Note:** Be aware that not all options set in the OPTIONS part of your database configuration in DATABASES are passed to the command-line client, e.g. 'isolation_level'.

### diffsettings

**django-admin diffsettings**

Displays differences between the current settings file and Django’s default settings (or another settings file specified by --default).

Settings that don’t appear in the defaults are followed by "###". For example, the default settings don’t define ROOT_URLCONF, so ROOT_URLCONF is followed by "###" in the output of diffsettings.

--all

Displays all settings, even if they have Django’s default value. Such settings are prefixed by "###".

--default MODULE

The settings module to compare the current settings against. Leave empty to compare against Django’s default settings.

--output {hash,unified}

Specifies the output format. Available values are hash and unified. hash is the default mode that displays the output that’s described above. unified displays the output similar to diff -u. Default settings are prefixed with a minus sign, followed by the changed setting prefixed with a plus sign.

### dumpdata

**django-admin dumpdata [app_label[.ModelName] [app_label[.ModelName] ...]]**

Outputs to standard output all data in the database associated with the named application(s).

If no application name is provided, all installed applications will be dumped.

The output of dumpdata can be used as input for loaddata.
Note that `dumpdata` uses the default manager on the model for selecting the records to dump. If you’re using a custom manager as the default manager and it filters some of the available records, not all of the objects will be dumped.

```
--all, -a
```

Uses Django’s base manager, dumping records which might otherwise be filtered or modified by a custom manager.

```
--format FORMAT
```

Specifies the serialization format of the output. Defaults to JSON. Supported formats are listed in *Serialization formats*.

```
--indent INDENT
```

Specifies the number of indentation spaces to use in the output. Defaults to `None` which displays all data on single line.

```
--exclude EXCLUDE, -e EXCLUDE
```

Prevents specific applications or models (specified in the form of `app_label.ModelName`) from being dumped. If you specify a model name, the output will be restricted to that model, rather than the entire application. You can also mix application names and model names.

If you want to exclude multiple applications, pass `--exclude` more than once:

```
django-admin dumpdata --exclude=auth --exclude=contenttypes
```

```
--database DATABASE
```

Specifies the database from which data will be dumped. Defaults to `default`.

```
--natural-foreign
```

Uses the `natural_key()` model method to serialize any foreign key and many-to-many relationship to objects of the type that defines the method. If you’re dumping `contrib.auth` `Permission` objects or `contrib.contenttypes.ContentType` objects, you should probably use this flag. See the *natural keys* documentation for more details on this and the next option.

```
--natural-primary
```

Omits the primary key in the serialized data of this object since it can be calculated during deserialization.

```
--pks PRIMARY_KEYS
```

Outputs only the objects specified by a comma separated list of primary keys. This is only available when dumping one model. By default, all the records of the model are output.

```
--output OUTPUT, -o OUTPUT
```

Specifies a file to write the serialized data to. By default, the data goes to standard output.

When this option is set and `--verbosity` is greater than 0 (the default), a progress bar is shown in the terminal.

```
flush
```

```
django-admin flush
```

Removes all data from the database and re-executes any post-synchronization handlers. The table of which migrations have been applied is not cleared.

If you would rather start from an empty database and re-run all migrations, you should drop and recreate the database and then run `migrate` instead.
--noinput, --no-input
Suppresses all user prompts.

--database DATABASE
Specifies the database to flush. Defaults to default.

inspectdb
django-admin inspectdb [table [table ...]]
Introspects the database tables in the database pointed-to by the NAME setting and outputs a Django model module (a models.py file) to standard output.

You may choose what tables or views to inspect by passing their names as arguments. If no arguments are provided, models are created for views only if the --include-views option is used. Models for partition tables are created on PostgreSQL if the --include-partitions option is used.

Use this if you have a legacy database with which you’d like to use Django. The script will inspect the database and create a model for each table within it.

As you might expect, the created models will have an attribute for every field in the table. Note that inspectdb has a few special cases in its field-name output:

- If inspectdb cannot map a column’s type to a model field type, it’ll use TextField and will insert the Python comment 'This field type is a guess.' next to the field in the generated model. The recognized fields may depend on apps listed in INSTALLED_APPS. For example, django.contrib.postgres adds recognition for several PostgreSQL-specific field types.

- If the database column name is a Python reserved word (such as 'pass', 'class' or 'for'), inspectdb will append '_field' to the attribute name. For example, if a table has a column 'for', the generated model will have a field 'for_field', with the db_column attribute set to 'for'. inspectdb will insert the Python comment 'Field renamed because it was a Python reserved word.' next to the field.

This feature is meant as a shortcut, not as definitive model generation. After you run it, you’ll want to look over the generated models yourself to make customizations. In particular, you’ll need to rearrange models’ order, so that models that refer to other models are ordered properly.

Django doesn’t create database defaults when a default is specified on a model field. Similarly, database defaults aren’t translated to model field defaults or detected in any fashion by inspectdb.

By default, inspectdb creates unmanaged models. That is, managed = False in the model’s Meta class tells Django not to manage each table’s creation, modification, and deletion. If you do want to allow Django to manage the table’s lifecycle, you’ll need to change the managed option to True (or remove it because True is its default value).

Database-specific notes

Oracle

- Models are created for materialized views if --include-views is used.

PostgreSQL

- Models are created for foreign tables.
• Models are created for materialized views if `--include-views` is used.
• Models are created for partition tables if `--include-partitions` is used.

```
--database DATABASE
```
Specifies the database to introspect. Defaults to `default`.

```
--include-partitions
```
If this option is provided, models are also created for partitions.
Only support for PostgreSQL is implemented.

```
--include-views
```
If this option is provided, models are also created for database views.

```
loaddata
```

```
django-admin loaddata fixture [fixture ...]
```
Searches for and loads the contents of the named fixture into the database.

```
--database DATABASE
```
Specifies the database into which the data will be loaded. Defaults to `default`.

```
--ignorenonexistent, -i
```
Ignores fields and models that may have been removed since the fixture was originally generated.

```
--app APP_LABEL
```
Specifies a single app to look for fixtures in rather than looking in all apps.

```
--format FORMAT
```
Specifies the serialization format (e.g., `json` or `xml`) for fixtures read from stdin.

```
--exclude EXCLUDE, -e EXCLUDE
```
Excludes loading the fixtures from the given applications and/or models (in the form of `app_label` or `app_label.ModelName`). Use the option multiple times to exclude more than one app or model.

**What’s a “fixture”?**

A fixture is a collection of files that contain the serialized contents of the database. Each fixture has a unique name, and the files that comprise the fixture can be distributed over multiple directories, in multiple applications.

Django will search in three locations for fixtures:

1. In the `fixtures` directory of every installed application
2. In any directory named in the `FIXTURE_DIRS` setting
3. In the literal path named by the fixture

Django will load any and all fixtures it finds in these locations that match the provided fixture names.

If the named fixture has a file extension, only fixtures of that type will be loaded. For example:

```
django-admin loaddata mydata.json
```
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would only load JSON fixtures called mydata. The fixture extension must correspond to the registered name of a 
serializer (e.g., json or xml).

If you omit the extensions, Django will search all available fixture types for a matching fixture. For example:

```
django-admin loaddata mydata
```

would look for any fixture of any fixture type called mydata. If a fixture directory contained mydata.json, that 
fixture would be loaded as a JSON fixture.

The fixtures that are named can include directory components. These directories will be included in the search path. 
For example:

```
django-admin loaddata foo/bar/mydata.json
```

would search <app_label>/fixtures/foo/bar/mydata.json for each installed application, <dirname>/foo/bar/mydata.json for each directory in FIXTURE_DIRS, and the literal path foo/bar/mydata.json.

When fixture files are processed, the data is saved to the database as is. Model defined save() methods are not 
called, and any pre_save or post_save signals will be called with raw=True since the instance only contains 
attributes that are local to the model. You may, for example, want to disable handlers that access related fields that 
aren’t present during fixture loading and would otherwise raise an exception:

```
from django.db.models.signals import post_save
from .models import MyModel

def my_handler(**kwargs):
    # disable the handler during fixture loading
    if kwargs['raw']:
        return
    ...

post_save.connect(my_handler, sender=MyModel)
```

You could also write a decorator to encapsulate this logic:

```
from functools import wraps

def disable_for_loaddata(signal_handler):
    ""
    Decorator that turns off signal handlers when loading fixture data.
    ""
    @wraps(signal_handler)
    def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
        if kwargs['raw']:
            return
        signal_handler(*args, **kwargs)
    return wrapper

@disable_for_loaddata
def my_handler(**kwargs):
    ...
```

Just be aware that this logic will disable the signals whenever fixtures are deserialized, not just during loaddata.

Note that the order in which fixture files are processed is undefined. However, all fixture data is installed as a single 
transaction, so data in one fixture can reference data in another fixture. If the database backend supports row-level 
constraints, these constraints will be checked at the end of the transaction.
The `dumpdata` command can be used to generate input for `loaddata`.

**Compressed fixtures**

Fixtures may be compressed in `zip`, `gz`, or `bz2` format. For example:

```
django-admin loaddata mydata.json
```

would look for any of `mydata.json`, `mydata.json.zip`, `mydata.json.gz`, or `mydata.json.bz2`. The first file contained within a zip-compressed archive is used.

Note that if two fixtures with the same name but different fixture type are discovered (for example, if `mydata.json` and `mydata.xml.gz` were found in the same fixture directory), fixture installation will be aborted, and any data installed in the call to `loaddata` will be removed from the database.

**MySQL with MyISAM and fixtures**

The MyISAM storage engine of MySQL doesn’t support transactions or constraints, so if you use MyISAM, you won’t get validation of fixture data, or a rollback if multiple transaction files are found.

**Database-specific fixtures**

If you're in a multi-database setup, you might have fixture data that you want to load onto one database, but not onto another. In this situation, you can add a database identifier into the names of your fixtures.

For example, if your `DATABASES` setting has a ‘master’ database defined, name the fixture `mydata.master.json` or `mydata.master.json.gz` and the fixture will only be loaded when you specify you want to load data into the `master` database.

**Loading fixtures from stdin**

You can use a dash as the fixture name to load input from `sys.stdin`. For example:

```
django-admin loaddata --format=json -
```

When reading from `stdin`, the `--format` option is required to specify the serialization format of the input (e.g., `json` or `xml`).

Loading from `stdin` is useful with standard input and output redirections. For example:

```
django-admin dumpdata --format=json --database=test app_label.ModelName | django-admin loaddata --format=json --database=prod -
```

**makemessages**

```
django-admin makemessages
```

Runs over the entire source tree of the current directory and pulls out all strings marked for translation. It creates (or updates) a message file in the conf/locale (in the Django tree) or locale (for project and application) directory. After making changes to the messages files you need to compile them with `compilemessages` for use with the builtin gettext support. See the `i18n documentation` for details.
This command doesn’t require configured settings. However, when settings aren’t configured, the command can’t ignore the `MEDIA_ROOT` and `STATIC_ROOT` directories or include `LOCALE_PATHS`.

`--all, -a`

Updates the message files for all available languages.

`--extension EXTENSIONS, -e EXTENSIONS`

Specifies a list of file extensions to examine (default: `html`, `txt`, `py` or `js` if `--domain` is `js`).

Example usage:

```bash
django-admin makemessages --locale=de --extension xhtml
```

Separate multiple extensions with commas or use `-e` or `--extension` multiple times:

```bash
django-admin makemessages --locale=de --extension=html,text --extension=xml
```

`--locale LOCALE, -l LOCALE`

Specifies the locale(s) to process.

`--exclude EXCLUDE, -x EXCLUDE`

Specifies the locale(s) to exclude from processing. If not provided, no locales are excluded.

Example usage:

```bash
django-admin makemessages --locale=pt_BR
django-admin makemessages --locale=pt_BR --locale=fr
django-admin makemessages -l pt_BR
django-admin makemessages -l pt_BR -l fr
django-admin makemessages --exclude=pt_BR
django-admin makemessages --exclude=pt_BR --exclude=fr
django-admin makemessages -x pt_BR
django-admin makemessages -x pt_BR -x fr
```

`--domain DOMAIN, -d DOMAIN`

Specifies the domain of the messages files. Supported options are:

- `django` for all `*.py`, `*.html` and `*.txt` files (default)
- `djangojs` for `*.js` files

`--symlinks, -s`

Follows symlinks to directories when looking for new translation strings.

Example usage:

```bash
django-admin makemessages --locale=de --symlinks
```

`--ignore PATTERN, -i PATTERN`

Ignores files or directories matching the given `glob`-style pattern. Use multiple times to ignore more.

These patterns are used by default: `CVS`, `.*`, `~`, `*.pyc`.

Example usage:

```bash
django-admin makemessages --locale=en_US --ignore=apps/* --ignore=secret/*html
```

`--no-default-ignore`
Disables the default values of --ignore.

--no-wrap
Disables breaking long message lines into several lines in language files.

--no-location
Suppresses writing ‘#: filename:line’ comment lines in language files. Using this option makes it harder for technically skilled translators to understand each message’s context.

--add-location [{full, file, never}]
Controls #: filename:line comment lines in language files. If the option is:

- full (the default if not given): the lines include both file name and line number.
- file: the line number is omitted.
- never: the lines are suppressed (same as --no-location).

Requires gettext 0.19 or newer.

--keep-pot
Prevents deleting the temporary .pot files generated before creating the .po file. This is useful for debugging errors which may prevent the final language files from being created.

See also:
See Customizing the makemessages command for instructions on how to customize the keywords that makemessages passes to xgettext.

makemigrations

django-admin makemigrations [app_label [app_label ...]]
Creates new migrations based on the changes detected to your models. Migrations, their relationship with apps and more are covered in depth in the migrations documentation.

Providing one or more app names as arguments will limit the migrations created to the app(s) specified and any dependencies needed (the table at the other end of a ForeignKey, for example).

To add migrations to an app that doesn’t have a migrations directory, run makemigrations with the app’s app_label.

--noinput, --no-input
Suppresses all user prompts. If a suppressed prompt cannot be resolved automatically, the command will exit with error code 3.

--empty
Outputs an empty migration for the specified apps, for manual editing. This is for advanced users and should not be used unless you are familiar with the migration format, migration operations, and the dependencies between your migrations.

--dry-run
Shows what migrations would be made without actually writing any migrations files to disk. Using this option along with --verbosity 3 will also show the complete migrations files that would be written.

--merge
Enables fixing of migration conflicts.

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--name NAME, -n NAME
Allows naming the generated migration(s) instead of using a generated name. The name must be a valid Python identifier.

--no-header
Generate migration files without Django version and timestamp header.

--check
Makes makemigrations exit with a non-zero status when model changes without migrations are detected.

migrate

django-admin migrate [app_label] [migration_name]
Synchronizes the database state with the current set of models and migrations. Migrations, their relationship with apps and more are covered in depth in the migrations documentation.

The behavior of this command changes depending on the arguments provided:

- No arguments: All apps have all of their migrations run.
- <app_label>: The specified app has its migrations run, up to the most recent migration. This may involve running other apps’ migrations too, due to dependencies.
- <app_label> <migrationname>: Brings the database schema to a state where the named migration is applied, but no later migrations in the same app are applied. This may involve unapplying migrations if you have previously migrated past the named migration. You can use a prefix of the migration name, e.g. 0001, as long as it’s unique for the given app name. Use the name zero to migrate all the way back i.e. to revert all applied migrations for an app.

| Warning: When unapplying migrations, all dependent migrations will also be unapplied, regardless of <app_label>. You can use --plan to check which migrations will be unapplied. |

--database DATABASE
Specifies the database to migrate. Defaults to default.

--fake
Marks the migrations up to the target one (following the rules above) as applied, but without actually running the SQL to change your database schema.

This is intended for advanced users to manipulate the current migration state directly if they’re manually applying changes; be warned that using --fake runs the risk of putting the migration state table into a state where manual recovery will be needed to make migrations run correctly.

--fake-initial
Allows Django to skip an app’s initial migration if all database tables with the names of all models created by all CreateModel operations in that migration already exist. This option is intended for use when first running migrations against a database that preexisted the use of migrations. This option does not, however, check for matching database schema beyond matching table names and so is only safe to use if you are confident that your existing schema matches what is recorded in your initial migration.

--plan
Shows the migration operations that will be performed for the given migrate command.
--run-syncdb
Allows creating tables for apps without migrations. While this isn’t recommended, the migrations framework is sometimes too slow on large projects with hundreds of models.

--noinput, --no-input
Suppresses all user prompts. An example prompt is asking about removing stale content types.

--check
Makes migrate exit with a non-zero status when unapplied migrations are detected.

runserver

django-admin runserver [addrport]
Starts a lightweight development Web server on the local machine. By default, the server runs on port 8000 on the IP address 127.0.0.1. You can pass in an IP address and port number explicitly.

If you run this script as a user with normal privileges (recommended), you might not have access to start a port on a low port number. Low port numbers are reserved for the superuser (root).

This server uses the WSGI application object specified by the WSGI_APPLICATION setting.

DO NOT USE THIS SERVER IN A PRODUCTION SETTING. It has not gone through security audits or performance tests. (And that’s how it’s gonna stay. We’re in the business of making Web frameworks, not Web servers, so improving this server to be able to handle a production environment is outside the scope of Django.)

The development server automatically reloads Python code for each request, as needed. You don’t need to restart the server for code changes to take effect. However, some actions like adding files don’t trigger a restart, so you’ll have to restart the server in these cases.

If you’re using Linux or MacOS and install both pywatchman and the Watchman service, kernel signals will be used to autoreload the server (rather than polling file modification timestamps each second). This offers better performance on large projects, reduced response time after code changes, more robust change detection, and a reduction in power usage. Django supports pywatchman 1.2.0 and higher.

Large directories with many files may cause performance issues

When using Watchman with a project that includes large non-Python directories like node_modules, it’s advisable to ignore this directory for optimal performance. See the watchman documentation for information on how to do this.

Watchman timeout

DJANGO_WATCHMAN_TIMEOUT
The default timeout of Watchman client is 5 seconds. You can change it by setting the DJANGO_WATCHMAN_TIMEOUT environment variable.

When you start the server, and each time you change Python code while the server is running, the system check framework will check your entire Django project for some common errors (see the check command). If any errors are found, they will be printed to standard output.

You can run as many concurrent servers as you want, as long as they’re on separate ports by executing django-admin runserver more than once.

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Note that the default IP address, 127.0.0.1, is not accessible from other machines on your network. To make your development server viewable to other machines on the network, use its own IP address (e.g. 192.168.2.1) or 0.0.0.0 or :: (with IPv6 enabled).

You can provide an IPv6 address surrounded by brackets (e.g. [200a::1]:8000). This will automatically enable IPv6 support.

A hostname containing ASCII-only characters can also be used.

If the staticfiles contrib app is enabled (default in new projects) the runserver command will be overridden with its own runserver command.

Logging of each request and response of the server is sent to the django.server logger.

--noreload

Disables the auto-reloader. This means any Python code changes you make while the server is running will not take effect if the particular Python modules have already been loaded into memory.

--nothreading

Disables use of threading in the development server. The server is multithreaded by default.

--ipv6, -6

Uses IPv6 for the development server. This changes the default IP address from 127.0.0.1 to ::1.

Examples of using different ports and addresses

Port 8000 on IP address 127.0.0.1:

```
django-admin runserver
```

Port 8000 on IP address 1.2.3.4:

```
django-admin runserver 1.2.3.4:8000
```

Port 7000 on IP address 127.0.0.1:

```
django-admin runserver 7000
```

Port 7000 on IP address 1.2.3.4:

```
django-admin runserver 1.2.3.4:7000
```

Port 8000 on IPv6 address ::1:

```
django-admin runserver -6
```

Port 7000 on IPv6 address ::1:

```
django-admin runserver -6 7000
```

Port 7000 on IPv6 address 2001:0db8:1234:5678::9:

```
django-admin runserver [2001:0db8:1234:5678::9]:7000
```

Port 8000 on IPv4 address of host localhost:
django-admin runserver localhost:8000

Port 8000 on IPv6 address of host localhost:
django-admin runserver -6 localhost:8000

Serving static files with the development server

By default, the development server doesn’t serve any static files for your site (such as CSS files, images, things under MEDIA_URL and so forth). If you want to configure Django to serve static media, read Managing static files (e.g. images, JavaScript, CSS).

sendtestemail

django-admin sendtestemail [email [email ...]]

Sends a test email (to confirm email sending through Django is working) to the recipient(s) specified. For example:
django-admin sendtestemail foo@example.com bar@example.com

There are a couple of options, and you may use any combination of them together:

--managers

Mails the email addresses specified in MANAGERS using mail_managers().

--admins

Mails the email addresses specified in ADMINS using mail_admins().

shell

django-admin shell

Starts the Python interactive interpreter.

--interface (ipython,bpython,python), -i (ipython,bpython,python)

Specifies the shell to use. By default, Django will use IPython or bpython if either is installed. If both are installed, specify which one you want like so:

IPython:
django-admin shell -i ipython

bpython:
django-admin shell -i bpython

If you have a “rich” shell installed but want to force use of the “plain” Python interpreter, use python as the interface name, like so:
django-admin shell -i python

--nostartup
Disables reading the startup script for the “plain” Python interpreter. By default, the script pointed to by the `PYTHONSTARTUP` environment variable or the `~/.pythonrc.py` script is read.

```
--command COMMAND, -c COMMAND
```

Lets you pass a command as a string to execute it as Django, like so:

```
django-admin shell --command="import django; print(django.__version__)"
```

You can also pass code in on standard input to execute it. For example:

```
$ django-admin shell <<EOF
> import django
> print(django.__version__)
> EOF
```

On Windows, the REPL is output due to implementation limits of `select.select()` on that platform.

### showmigrations

```
django-admin showmigrations [app_label [app_label ...]]
```

Shows all migrations in a project. You can choose from one of two formats:

```
--list, -l
```

Lists all of the apps Django knows about, the migrations available for each app, and whether or not each migration is applied (marked by an `[X]` next to the migration name). For a `--verbosity` of 2 and above, the applied datetimes are also shown.

Apps without migrations are also listed, but have (no migrations) printed under them.

This is the default output format.

Output of the applied datetimes at verbosity 2 and above was added.

```
--plan, -p
```

Shows the migration plan Django will follow to apply migrations. Like `--list`, applied migrations are marked by an `[X]`. For a `--verbosity` of 2 and above, all dependencies of a migration will also be shown.

`app_labels` arguments limit the output, however, dependencies of provided apps may also be included.

```
--database DATABASE
```

Specifies the database to examine. Defaults to `default`.

### sqlflush

```
django-admin sqlflush
```

Prints the SQL statements that would be executed for the `flush` command.

```
--database DATABASE
```

Specifies the database for which to print the SQL. Defaults to `default`. 
sqlmigrate

django-admin sqlmigrate app_label migration_name

Prints the SQL for the named migration. This requires an active database connection, which it will use to resolve constraint names; this means you must generate the SQL against a copy of the database you wish to later apply it on. Note that sqlmigrate doesn’t colorize its output.

--backwards

Generates the SQL for unapplying the migration. By default, the SQL created is for running the migration in the forwards direction.

--database DATABASE

Specifies the database for which to generate the SQL. Defaults to default.

sqlsequencereset

django-admin sqlsequencereset app_label [app_label ...]

Prints the SQL statements for resetting sequences for the given app name(s).

Sequences are indexes used by some database engines to track the next available number for automatically incremented fields.

Use this command to generate SQL which will fix cases where a sequence is out of sync with its automatically incremented field data.

--database DATABASE

Specifies the database for which to print the SQL. Defaults to default.

squashmigrations

django-admin squashmigrations app_label [start_migration_name] migration_name

Squashes the migrations for app_label up to and including migration_name down into fewer migrations, if possible. The resulting squashed migrations can live alongside the unsquashed ones safely. For more information, please read Squashing migrations.

When start_migration_name is given, Django will only include migrations starting from and including this migration. This helps to mitigate the squashing limitation of RunPython and django.db.migrations.operations.RunSQL migration operations.

--no-optimize

Disables the optimizer when generating a squashed migration. By default, Django will try to optimize the operations in your migrations to reduce the size of the resulting file. Use this option if this process is failing or creating incorrect migrations, though please also file a Django bug report about the behavior, as optimization is meant to be safe.

--noinput, --no-input

Suppresses all user prompts.

--squashed-name SQUASHED_NAME

Sets the name of the squashed migration. When omitted, the name is based on the first and last migration, with _squashed_ in between.

--no-header
Generate squashed migration file without Django version and timestamp header.

**startapp**

django-admin startapp name [directory]

Creates a Django app directory structure for the given app name in the current directory or the given destination.

By default, the new directory contains a `models.py` file and other app template files. If only the app name is given, the app directory will be created in the current working directory.

If the optional destination is provided, Django will use that existing directory rather than creating a new one. You can use `.` to denote the current working directory.

For example:

```
django-admin startapp myapp /Users/jezdez/Code/myapp
```

**--template** TEMPLATE

Provides the path to a directory with a custom app template file, or a path to an uncompressed archive (.tar) or a compressed archive (.tar.gz, .tar.bz2, .tar.xz, .tar.lzma, .tgz, .tbz2, .txz, .tlz, .zip) containing the app template files.

For example, this would look for an app template in the given directory when creating the `myapp` app:

```
django-admin startapp --template=/Users/jezdez/Code/my_app_template myapp
```

Django will also accept URLs (http, https, ftp) to compressed archives with the app template files, downloading and extracting them on the fly.

For example, taking advantage of GitHub’s feature to expose repositories as zip files, you can use a URL like:

```
django-admin startapp --template=https://github.com/githubuser/django-app-template/--archive/master.zip myapp
```

Support for XZ archives (.tar.xz, .txz) and LZMA archives (.tar.lzma, .tlz) was added.

**--extension** EXTENSIONS, -e EXTENSIONS

Specifies which file extensions in the app template should be rendered with the template engine. Defaults to `py`.

**--name** FILES, -n FILES

Specifies which files in the app template (in addition to those matching `--extension`) should be rendered with the template engine. Defaults to an empty list.

The **template context** used for all matching files is:

- Any option passed to the `startapp` command (among the command’s supported options)
- `app_name` – the app name as passed to the command
- `app_directory` – the full path of the newly created app
- `camel_case_app_name` – the app name in camel case format
- `docs_version` – the version of the documentation: 'dev' or '1.x'
- `django_version` – the version of Django, e.g. '2.0.3'
Warning: When the app template files are rendered with the Django template engine (by default all *.py files), Django will also replace all stray template variables contained. For example, if one of the Python files contains a docstring explaining a particular feature related to template rendering, it might result in an incorrect example.

To work around this problem, you can use the `templatetag` template tag to “escape” the various parts of the template syntax.

In addition, to allow Python template files that contain Django template language syntax while also preventing packaging systems from trying to byte-compile invalid *.py files, template files ending with .py-tpl will be renamed to .py.

**startproject**

django-admin startproject name [directory]

Creates a Django project directory structure for the given project name in the current directory or the given destination.

By default, the new directory contains manage.py and a project package (containing a settings.py and other files).

If only the project name is given, both the project directory and project package will be named `<projectname>` and the project directory will be created in the current working directory.

If the optional destination is provided, Django will use that existing directory as the project directory, and create manage.py and the project package within it. Use '.' to denote the current working directory.

For example:

```bash
django-admin startproject myproject /Users/jezdez/Code/myproject_repo
```

```
--template TEMPLATE
```

Specifies a directory, file path, or URL of a custom project template. See the `startapp --template` documentation for examples and usage.

```
--extension EXTENSIONS, -e EXTENSIONS
```

Specifies which file extensions in the project template should be rendered with the template engine. Defaults to .py.

```
--name FILES, -n FILES
```

Specifies which files in the project template (in addition to those matching --extension) should be rendered with the template engine. Defaults to an empty list.

The `template context` used is:

- Any option passed to the `startproject` command (among the command’s supported options)
- `project_name` – the project name as passed to the command
- `project_directory` – the full path of the newly created project
- `secret_key` – a random key for the `SECRET_KEY` setting
- `docs_version` – the version of the documentation: 'dev' or '1.x'
- `django_version` – the version of Django, e.g. '2.0.3'

Please also see the `rendering warning` as mentioned for `startapp`.
**test**

django-admin test [test_label [test_label ...]]

Runs tests for all installed apps. See *Testing in Django* for more information.

---failfast

Stops running tests and reports the failure immediately after a test fails.

---testrunner TESTRUNNER

Controls the test runner class that is used to execute tests. This value overrides the value provided by the TEST_RUNNER setting.

---noinput, --no-input

Suppresses all user prompts. A typical prompt is a warning about deleting an existing test database.

**Test runner options**

The `test` command receives options on behalf of the specified `--testrunner`. These are the options of the default test runner: *DiscoverRunner*.

---keepdb

Preserves the test database between test runs. This has the advantage of skipping both the create and destroy actions which can greatly decrease the time to run tests, especially those in a large test suite. If the test database does not exist, it will be created on the first run and then preserved for each subsequent run. Unless the MIGRATE test setting is False, any unapplied migrations will also be applied to the test database before running the test suite.

---reverse, -r

Sorts test cases in the opposite execution order. This may help in debugging the side effects of tests that aren’t properly isolated. *Grouping by test class* is preserved when using this option.

---debug-mode

Sets the DEBUG setting to True prior to running tests. This may help troubleshoot test failures.

---debug-sql, -d

Enables SQL logging for failing tests. If --verbosity is 2, then queries in passing tests are also output.

---parallel [N]

DJANGO_TEST_PROCESSES

Runs tests in separate parallel processes. Since modern processors have multiple cores, this allows running tests significantly faster.

By default --parallel runs one process per core according to multiprocessing.cpu_count(). You can adjust the number of processes either by providing it as the option’s value, e.g. --parallel=4, or by setting the DJANGO_TEST_PROCESSES environment variable.

Django distributes test cases — unittest.TestCase subclasses — to subprocesses. If there are fewer test cases than configured processes, Django will reduce the number of processes accordingly.

Each process gets its own database. You must ensure that different test cases don’t access the same resources. For instance, test cases that touch the filesystem should create a temporary directory for their own use.
Note: If you have test classes that cannot be run in parallel, you can use `SerializeMixin` to run them sequentially. See [Enforce running test classes sequentially](#).

This option requires the third-party `tblib` package to display tracebacks correctly:

```
$ python -m pip install tblib
```

This feature isn’t available on Windows. It doesn’t work with the Oracle database backend either.

If you want to use `pdb` while debugging tests, you must disable parallel execution (`--parallel=1`). You’ll see something like `bdb.BdbQuit` if you don’t.

**Warning:** When test parallelization is enabled and a test fails, Django may be unable to display the exception traceback. This can make debugging difficult. If you encounter this problem, run the affected test without parallelization to see the traceback of the failure.

This is a known limitation. It arises from the need to serialize objects in order to exchange them between processes. See [What can be pickled and unpickled?](#) for details.

```
--tag TAGS
```

Runs only tests *marked with the specified tags*. May be specified multiple times and combined with `test --exclude-tag`.

```
--exclude-tag EXCLUDE_TAGS
```

Excludes tests *marked with the specified tags*. May be specified multiple times and combined with `test --tag`.

```
-k TEST_NAME_PATTERNS
```

Runs test methods and classes matching test name patterns, in the same way as `unittest's -k option`. Can be specified multiple times.

**Python 3.7 and later**

This feature is only available for Python 3.7 and later.

```
--pdb
```

Spawns a `pdb` debugger at each test error or failure. If you have it installed, `ipdb` is used instead.

```
--buffer, -b
```

Discards output (`stdout` and `stderr`) for passing tests, in the same way as `unittest's --buffer option`.

**testserver**

```
django-admin testserver [fixture [fixture ...]]
```

Runs a Django development server (as in `runserver`) using data from the given fixture(s).

For example, this command:

```
django-admin testserver mydata.json
```

...would perform the following steps:
1. Create a test database, as described in *The test database*.

2. Populate the test database with fixture data from the given fixtures. (For more on fixtures, see the documentation for `loaddata` above.)

3. Runs the Django development server (as in `runserver`), pointed at this newly created test database instead of your production database.

This is useful in a number of ways:

- When you’re writing *unit tests* of how your views act with certain fixture data, you can use `testserver` to interact with the views in a Web browser, manually.

- Let’s say you’re developing your Django application and have a “pristine” copy of a database that you’d like to interact with. You can dump your database to a fixture (using the `dumpdata` command, explained above), then use `testserver` to run your Web application with that data. With this arrangement, you have the flexibility of messing up your data in any way, knowing that whatever data changes you’re making are only being made to a test database.

Note that this server does *not* automatically detect changes to your Python source code (as `runserver` does). It does, however, detect changes to templates.

```
--addrport ADDRPORT
```

specifies a different port, or IP address and port, from the default of `127.0.0.1:8000`. This value follows exactly the same format and serves exactly the same function as the argument to the `runserver` command.

Examples:

To run the test server on port 7000 with fixture1 and fixture2:

```
django-admin testserver --addrport 7000 fixture1 fixture2
```

(The above statements are equivalent. We include both of them to demonstrate that it doesn’t matter whether the options come before or after the fixture arguments.)

To run on 1.2.3.4:7000 with a test fixture:

```
django-admin testserver --addrport 1.2.3.4:7000 test
```

```
--noinput, --no-input
```

suppresses all user prompts. A typical prompt is a warning about deleting an existing test database.

### 6.8.3 Commands provided by applications

Some commands are only available when the `django.contrib` application that *implements* them has been *enabled*. This section describes them grouped by their application.

**django.contrib.auth**

**changepassword**

```
django-admin changepassword [username]
```

This command is only available if Django's *authentication system* (`django.contrib.auth`) is installed.
Allows changing a user’s password. It prompts you to enter a new password twice for the given user. If the entries are identical, this immediately becomes the new password. If you do not supply a user, the command will attempt to change the password whose username matches the current user.

```
--database DATABASE
```

Specifies the database to query for the user. Defaults to `default`.

Example usage:

```
django-admin changepassword ringo
```

`createsuperuser`

```
django-admin createsuperuser
```

`DJANGO_SUPERUSER_PASSWORD`

This command is only available if Django’s `authentication system` (`django.contrib.auth`) is installed.

Creates a superuser account (a user who has all permissions). This is useful if you need to create an initial superuser account or if you need to programmatically generate superuser accounts for your site(s).

When run interactively, this command will prompt for a password for the new superuser account. When run non-interactively, you can provide a password by setting the `DJANGO_SUPERUSER_PASSWORD` environment variable. Otherwise, no password will be set, and the superuser account will not be able to log in until a password has been manually set for it.

In non-interactive mode, the `USERNAME_FIELD` and required fields (listed in `REQUIRED_FIELDS`) fall back to `DJANGO_SUPERUSER_<uppercase_field_name>` environment variables, unless they are overridden by a command line argument. For example, to provide an email field, you can use `DJANGO_SUPERUSER_EMAIL` environment variable.

Support for using `DJANGO_SUPERUSER_PASSWORD` and `DJANGO_SUPERUSER_<uppercase_field_name>` environment variables was added.

```
--noinput, --no-input
```

Suppresses all user prompts. If a suppressed prompt cannot be resolved automatically, the command will exit with error code 1.

```
--username USERNAME
--email EMAIL
```

The username and email address for the new account can be supplied by using the `--username` and `--email` arguments on the command line. If either of those is not supplied, `createsuperuser` will prompt for it when running interactively.

```
--database DATABASE
```

Specifies the database into which the superuser object will be saved.

You can subclass the management command and override `get_input_data()` if you want to customize data input and validation. Consult the source code for details on the existing implementation and the method’s parameters. For example, it could be useful if you have a `ForeignKey` in `REQUIRED_FIELDS` and want to allow creating an instance instead of entering the primary key of an existing instance.
django.contrib.contenttypes

remove_stale_contenttypes

django-admin remove_stale_contenttypes
This command is only available if Django’s contenttypes app (django.contrib.contenttypes) is installed.
Deletes stale content types (from deleted models) in your database. Any objects that depend on the deleted content types will also be deleted. A list of deleted objects will be displayed before you confirm it’s okay to proceed with the deletion.

--database DATABASE
Specifies the database to use. Defaults to default.

--include-stale-apps
Deletes stale content types including ones from previously installed apps that have been removed from INSTALLED_APPS. Defaults to False.

django.contrib.gis

ogrinspect

This command is only available if GeoDjango (django.contrib.gis) is installed.
Please refer to its description in the GeoDjango documentation.

django.contrib.sessions

clearsessions

django-admin clearsessions
Can be run as a cron job or directly to clean out expired sessions.

django.contrib.sitemaps

ping_google

This command is only available if the Sitemaps framework (django.contrib.sitemaps) is installed.
Please refer to its description in the Sitemaps documentation.

django.contrib.staticfiles

collectstatic

This command is only available if the static files application (django.contrib.staticfiles) is installed.
Please refer to its description in the staticfiles documentation.
**findstatic**

This command is only available if the *static files application* (`django.contrib.staticfiles`) is installed. Please refer to its *description* in the *staticfiles* documentation.

### 6.8.4 Default options

Although some commands may allow their own custom options, every command allows for the following options:

**--pythonpath** `PYTHONPATH`

Adds the given filesystem path to the Python import search path. If this isn’t provided, `django-admin` will use the `PYTHONPATH` environment variable.

This option is unnecessary in `manage.py`, because it takes care of setting the Python path for you.

Example usage:

```
django-admin migrate --pythonpath='/home/djangoprojects/myproject'
```

**--settings** `SETTINGS`

Specifies the settings module to use. The settings module should be in Python package syntax, e.g. `mysite.settings`. If this isn’t provided, `django-admin` will use the `DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE` environment variable.

This option is unnecessary in `manage.py`, because it uses `settings.py` from the current project by default.

Example usage:

```
django-admin migrate --settings=mysite.settings
```

**--traceback**

Displays a full stack trace when a `CommandError` is raised. By default, `django-admin` will show an error message when a `CommandError` occurs and a full stack trace for any other exception.

Example usage:

```
django-admin migrate --traceback
```

**--verbosity** `{0,1,2,3}`, `-v {0,1,2,3}`

Specifies the amount of notification and debug information that a command should print to the console.

- 0 means no output.
- 1 means normal output (default).
- 2 means verbose output.
- 3 means very verbose output.

Example usage:

```
django-admin migrate --verbosity 2
```

**--no-color**
Disables colorized command output. Some commands format their output to be colorized. For example, errors will be printed to the console in red and SQL statements will be syntax highlighted.

Example usage:

```
django-admin runserver --no-color
```

**--force-color**

Forces colorization of the command output if it would otherwise be disabled as discussed in Syntax coloring. For example, you may want to pipe colored output to another command.

**--skip-checks**

Skips running system checks prior to running the command. This option is only available if the `requires_system_checks` command attribute is set to `True`.

Example usage:

```
django-admin migrate --skip-checks
```

### 6.8.5 Extra niceties

#### Syntax coloring

**DJANGO_COLORS**

The `django-admin/manage.py` commands will use pretty color-coded output if your terminal supports ANSI-colored output. It won’t use the color codes if you’re piping the command’s output to another program unless the `--force-color` option is used.

Under Windows, the native console doesn’t support ANSI escape sequences so by default there is no color output. But you can install the ANSICON third-party tool, the Django commands will detect its presence and will make use of its services to color output just like on Unix-based platforms.

The colors used for syntax highlighting can be customized. Django ships with three color palettes:

- **dark**, suited to terminals that show white text on a black background. This is the default palette.
- **light**, suited to terminals that show black text on a white background.
- **nocolor**, which disables syntax highlighting.

You select a palette by setting a `DJANGO_COLORS` environment variable to specify the palette you want to use. For example, to specify the `light` palette under a Unix or OS/X BASH shell, you would run the following at a command prompt:

```
export DJANGO_COLORS="light"
```

You can also customize the colors that are used. Django specifies a number of roles in which color is used:

- **error** - A major error.
- **notice** - A minor error.
- **success** - A success.
- **warning** - A warning.
- **sql_field** - The name of a model field in SQL.
- **sql_coltype** - The type of a model field in SQL.
• sql_keyword - An SQL keyword.
• sql_table - The name of a model in SQL.
• http_info - A 1XX HTTP Informational server response.
• http_success - A 2XX HTTP Success server response.
• http_not_modified - A 304 HTTP Not Modified server response.
• http_redirect - A 3XX HTTP Redirect server response other than 304.
• http_not_found - A 404 HTTP Not Found server response.
• http_bad_request - A 4XX HTTP Bad Request server response other than 404.
• http_server_error - A 5XX HTTP Server Error response.
• migrate_heading - A heading in a migrations management command.
• migrate_label - A migration name.

Each of these roles can be assigned a specific foreground and background color, from the following list:

• black
• red
• green
• yellow
• blue
• magenta
• cyan
• white

Each of these colors can then be modified by using the following display options:

• bold
• underscore
• blink
• reverse
• conceal

A color specification follows one of the following patterns:

• role=fg
• role=fg/bg
• role=fg,option,option
• role=fg/bg,option,option

where role is the name of a valid color role, fg is the foreground color, bg is the background color and each option is one of the color modifying options. Multiple color specifications are then separated by a semicolon. For example:

```
export DJANGO_COLORS="error=yellow/blue,blink;notice=magenta"
```
would specify that errors be displayed using blinking yellow on blue, and notices displayed using magenta. All other color roles would be left uncolored.

Colors can also be specified by extending a base palette. If you put a palette name in a color specification, all the colors implied by that palette will be loaded. So:

```text
export DJANGO_COLORS="light;error=yellow/blue,blink;notice=magenta"
```

would specify the use of all the colors in the light color palette, except for the colors for errors and notices which would be overridden as specified.

### Bash completion

If you use the Bash shell, consider installing the Django bash completion script, which lives in `extras/django_bash_completion` in the Django source distribution. It enables tab-completion of `django-admin` and `manage.py` commands, so you can, for instance...

- Type `django-admin`.
- Press [TAB] to see all available options.
- Type `sql`, then [TAB], to see all available options whose names start with `sql`.

See [Writing custom django-admin commands](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/intro/tutorial05/#writing-custom-django-admin-commands) for how to add customized actions.

### 6.9 Running management commands from your code

```python
django.core.management.call_command(name, *args, **options)
```

To call a management command from code use `call_command`.

- `name` the name of the command to call or a command object. Passing the name is preferred unless the object is required for testing.
- `*args` a list of arguments accepted by the command. Arguments are passed to the argument parser, so you can use the same style as you would on the command line. For example, `call_command('flush', '--verbosity=0')`.
- `**options` named options accepted on the command-line. Options are passed to the command without triggering the argument parser, which means you’ll need to pass the correct type. For example, `call_command('flush', verbosity=0)` (zero must be an integer rather than a string).

Examples:

```python
from django.core import management
from django.core.management.commands import loaddata

management.call_command('flush', verbosity=0, interactive=False)
management.call_command('loaddata', 'test_data', verbosity=0)
management.call_command(loaddata.Command(), 'test_data', verbosity=0)
```

Note that command options that take no arguments are passed as keywords with `True` or `False`, as you can see with the `interactive` option above.

Named arguments can be passed by using either one of the following syntaxes:
Some command options have different names when using `call_command()` instead of `django-admin` or `manage.py`. For example, `django-admin createsuperuser --no-input` translates to `call_command('createsuperuser', interactive=False)`. To find what keyword argument name to use for `call_command()`, check the command’s source code for the dest argument passed to `parser.add_argument()`.

Command options which take multiple options are passed a list:

```python
management.call_command('dumpdata', exclude=['contenttypes', 'auth'])
```

The return value of the `call_command()` function is the same as the return value of the `handle()` method of the command.

### 6.9.1 Output redirection

Note that you can redirect standard output and error streams as all commands support the `stdout` and `stderr` options. For example, you could write:

```python
with open('/path/to/command_output', 'w') as f:
    management.call_command('dumpdata', stdout=f)
```

### 6.10 Django Exceptions

Django raises some of its own exceptions as well as standard Python exceptions.

#### 6.10.1 Django Core Exceptions

Django core exception classes are defined in `django.core.exceptions`.

**AppRegistryNotReady**

exception `AppRegistryNotReady`  
This exception is raised when attempting to use models before the app loading process, which initializes the ORM, is complete.

**ObjectDoesNotExist**

exception `ObjectDoesNotExist`  
The base class for `Model.DoesNotExist` exceptions. A try/except for `ObjectDoesNotExist` will catch `DoesNotExist` exceptions for all models.
EmptyResultSet

exception EmptyResultSet
EmptyResultSet may be raised during query generation if a query won’t return any results. Most Django projects won’t encounter this exception, but it might be useful for implementing custom lookups and expressions.

FieldDoesNotExist

exception FieldDoesNotExist
The FieldDoesNotExist exception is raised by a model’s _meta.get_field() method when the requested field does not exist on the model or on the model’s parents.

MultipleObjectsReturned

exception MultipleObjectsReturned
The base class for Model.MultipleObjectsReturned exceptions. A try/except for MultipleObjectsReturned will catch MultipleObjectsReturned exceptions for all models.

See get().

SuspiciousOperation

exception SuspiciousOperation
The SuspiciousOperation exception is raised when a user has performed an operation that should be considered suspicious from a security perspective, such as tampering with a session cookie. Subclasses of SuspiciousOperation include:

- DisallowedHost
- DisallowedModelAdminLookup
- DisallowedModelAdminToField
- DisallowedRedirect
- InvalidSessionKey
- RequestDataTooBig
- SuspiciousFileOperation
- SuspiciousMultipartForm
- SuspiciousSession
- TooManyFieldsSent

If a SuspiciousOperation exception reaches the ASGI/WSGI handler level it is logged at the Error level and results in a HttpResponseBadRequest. See the logging documentation for more information.
PermissionDenied

exception PermissionDenied

   The PermissionDenied exception is raised when a user does not have permission to perform the action requested.

ViewDoesNotExist

exception ViewDoesNotExist

   The ViewDoesNotExist exception is raised by django.urls when a requested view does not exist.

MiddlewareNotUsed

exception MiddlewareNotUsed

   The MiddlewareNotUsed exception is raised when a middleware is not used in the server configuration.

ImproperlyConfigured

exception ImproperlyConfigured

   The ImproperlyConfigured exception is raised when Django is somehow improperly configured – for example, if a value in settings.py is incorrect or unparsable.

FieldError

exception FieldError

   The FieldError exception is raised when there is a problem with a model field. This can happen for several reasons:

   • A field in a model clashes with a field of the same name from an abstract base class
   • An infinite loop is caused by ordering
   • A keyword cannot be parsed from the filter parameters
   • A field cannot be determined from a keyword in the query parameters
   • A join is not permitted on the specified field
   • A field name is invalid
   • A query contains invalid order_by arguments

ValidationError

exception ValidationError

   The ValidationError exception is raised when data fails form or model field validation. For more information about validation, see Form and Field Validation, Model Field Validation and the Validator Reference.

NON_FIELD_ERRORS

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ValidationErrors that don’t belong to a particular field in a form or model are classified as NON_FIELD_ERRORS. This constant is used as a key in dictionaries that otherwise map fields to their respective list of errors.

**RequestAborted**

**exception RequestAborted**

The `RequestAborted` exception is raised when a HTTP body being read in by the handler is cut off mid-stream and the client connection closes, or when the client does not send data and hits a timeout where the server closes the connection.

It is internal to the HTTP handler modules and you are unlikely to see it elsewhere. If you are modifying HTTP handling code, you should raise this when you encounter an aborted request to make sure the socket is closed cleanly.

**SynchronousOnlyOperation**

**exception SynchronousOnlyOperation**

The `SynchronousOnlyOperation` exception is raised when code that is only allowed in synchronous Python code is called from an asynchronous context (a thread with a running asynchronous event loop). These parts of Django are generally heavily reliant on thread-safety to function and don’t work correctly under coroutines sharing the same thread.

If you are trying to call code that is synchronous-only from an asynchronous thread, then create a synchronous thread and call it in that. You can accomplish this with `asgiref.sync.sync_to_async()`.

### 6.10.2 URL Resolver exceptions

URL Resolver exceptions are defined in `django.urls`.

**Resolver404**

**exception Resolver404**

The `Resolver404` exception is raised by `resolve()` if the path passed to `resolve()` doesn’t map to a view. It’s a subclass of `django.http.Http404`.

**NoReverseMatch**

**exception NoReverseMatch**

The `NoReverseMatch` exception is raised by `django.urls` when a matching URL in your URLconf cannot be identified based on the parameters supplied.

### 6.10.3 Database Exceptions

Database exceptions may be imported from `django.db`.

Django wraps the standard database exceptions so that your Django code has a guaranteed common implementation of these classes.

**exception Error**

**exception InterfaceError**
exception DatabaseError
exception DataError
exception OperationalError
exception IntegrityError
exception InternalError
exception ProgrammingError
exception NotSupportedError

The Django wrappers for database exceptions behave exactly the same as the underlying database exceptions. See PEP 249, the Python Database API Specification v2.0, for further information.

As per PEP 3134, a `__cause__` attribute is set with the original (underlying) database exception, allowing access to any additional information provided.

exception models.ProtectedError

Raised to prevent deletion of referenced objects when using `django.db.models.PROTECT`. `models.ProtectedError` is a subclass of `IntegrityError`.

exception models.RestrictedError

Raised to prevent deletion of referenced objects when using `django.db.models.RESTRICT`. `models.RestrictedError` is a subclass of `IntegrityError`.

6.10.4 Http Exceptions

Http exceptions may be imported from `django.http`.

UnreadablePostError

exception UnreadablePostError

`UnreadablePostError` is raised when a user cancels an upload.

6.10.5 Transaction Exceptions

Transaction exceptions are defined in `django.db.transaction`.

TransactionManagementError

exception TransactionManagementError

`TransactionManagementError` is raised for any and all problems related to database transactions.

6.10.6 Testing Framework Exceptions

Exceptions provided by the `django.test` package.
RedirectCycleError

exception client.RedirectCycleError

RedirectCycleError is raised when the test client detects a loop or an overly long chain of redirects.

6.10.7 Python Exceptions

Django raises built-in Python exceptions when appropriate as well. See the Python documentation for further information on the Built-in Exceptions.

6.11 File handling

6.11.1 The File object

The django.core.files module and its submodules contain built-in classes for basic file handling in Django.

The File class

class File (file_object)

The File class is a thin wrapper around a Python file object with some Django-specific additions. Internally, Django uses this class when it needs to represent a file.

File objects have the following attributes and methods:

name

The name of the file including the relative path from MEDIA_ROOT.

size

The size of the file in bytes.

file

The underlying file object that this class wraps.

Be careful with this attribute in subclasses.

Some subclasses of File, including ContentFile and FieldFile, may replace this attribute with an object other than a Python file object. In these cases, this attribute may itself be a File subclass (and not necessarily the same subclass). Whenever possible, use the attributes and methods of the subclass itself rather than the those of the subclass’s file attribute.

mode

The read/write mode for the file.

open (mode=None)

Open or reopen the file (which also does File.seek(0)). The mode argument allows the same values as Python’s built-in open().

When reopening a file, mode will override whatever mode the file was originally opened with; None means to reopen with the original mode.

It can be used as a context manager, e.g. with file.open() as f:

__iter__()

Iterate over the file yielding one line at a time.
chunks \( (chunk\_size=\text{None}) \)
Iterate over the file yielding “chunks” of a given size. \texttt{chunk\_size} defaults to 64 KB.
This is especially useful with very large files since it allows them to be streamed off disk and avoids storing the whole file in memory.

multiple\_chunks \( (chunk\_size=\text{None}) \)
Returns True if the file is large enough to require multiple chunks to access all of its content give some \texttt{chunk\_size}.

close()
Close the file.

In addition to the listed methods, \	exttt{File} exposes the following attributes and methods of its \texttt{file} object: \texttt{encoding, fileno, flush, isatty, newlines, read, readinto, readline, readlines, seek, tell, truncate, write, writelines, readable(), writable(), and seekable()}.

The \texttt{ContentFile} class

class \texttt{ContentFile}\ (\texttt{File})
The \texttt{ContentFile} class inherits from \texttt{File}, but unlike \texttt{File} it operates on string content (bytes also supported), rather than an actual file. For example:

```python
from django.core.files.base import ContentFile
f1 = ContentFile("esta frase está en español")
f2 = ContentFile(b"these are bytes")
```

The \texttt{ImageFile} class

class \texttt{ImageFile}\ (\texttt{file\_object})
Django provides a built-in class specifically for images. \texttt{django.core.files.images.ImageFile} inherits all the attributes and methods of \texttt{File}, and additionally provides the following:

\begin{description}
\item[width] Width of the image in pixels.
\item[height] Height of the image in pixels.
\end{description}

Additional methods on files attached to objects

Any \texttt{File} that is associated with an object (as with \texttt{Car.photo}, below) will also have a couple of extra methods:

\texttt{File.save}\ (\texttt{name, content, save=\text{True}})
Saves a new file with the file name and contents provided. This will not replace the existing file, but will create a new file and update the object to point to it. If \texttt{save} is \texttt{True}, the model’s \texttt{save()} method will be called once the file is saved. That is, these two lines:

```python
>>> car.photo.save('myphoto.jpg', content, save=False)
>>> car.save()
```

are equivalent to:

```python
>>> car.photo.save('myphoto.jpg', content, save=True)
```
Note that the `content` argument must be an instance of either `File` or of a subclass of `File`, such as `ContentFile`.

```python
File.delete(save=True)
```

Removes the file from the model instance and deletes the underlying file. If `save` is `True`, the model’s `save()` method will be called once the file is deleted.

### 6.11.2 File storage API

#### Getting the current storage class

Django provides two convenient ways to access the current storage class:

```python
class DefaultStorage
    DefaultStorage provides lazy access to the current default storage system as defined by DEFAULT_FILE_STORAGE. DefaultStorage uses get_storage_class() internally.

get_storage_class(import_path=None)
```

Returns a class or module which implements the storage API.

When called without the `import_path` parameter `get_storage_class` will return the current default storage system as defined by `DEFAULT_FILE_STORAGE`. If `import_path` is provided, `get_storage_class` will attempt to import the class or module from the given path and will return it if successful. An exception will be raised if the import is unsuccessful.

#### The `FileSystemStorage` class

```python
class FileSystemStorage(location=None, base_url=None, file_permissions_mode=None, directory_permissions_mode=None)
```

The `FileSystemStorage` class implements basic file storage on a local filesystem. It inherits from `Storage` and provides implementations for all the public methods thereof.

- **location**
  Absolute path to the directory that will hold the files. Defaults to the value of your `MEDIA_ROOT` setting.

- **base_url**
  URL that serves the files stored at this location. Defaults to the value of your `MEDIA_URL` setting.

- **file_permissions_mode**
  The file system permissions that the file will receive when it is saved. Defaults to `FILE_UPLOAD_PERMISSIONS`.

- **directory_permissions_mode**
  The file system permissions that the directory will receive when it is saved. Defaults to `FILE_UPLOAD_DIRECTORY_PERMISSIONS`.

**Note:** The `FileSystemStorage.delete()` method will not raise an exception if the given file name does not exist.

```python
get_created_time(name)
```

Returns a `datetime` of the system’s ctime, i.e. `os.path.getctime()`. On some systems (like Unix), this is the time of the last metadata change, and on others (like Windows), it’s the creation time of the file.

Support for `pathlib.Path` was added to the `FileSystemStorage.save()` method.
The Storage class

class Storage

The Storage class provides a standardized API for storing files, along with a set of default behaviors that all other storage systems can inherit or override as necessary.

Note: When methods return naive datetime objects, the effective timezone used will be the current value of os.environ['TZ']; note that this is usually set from Django's TIME_ZONE.

delete (name)

Deletes the file referenced by name. If deletion is not supported on the target storage system this will raise NotImplementedError instead.

exists (name)

Returns True if a file referenced by the given name already exists in the storage system, or False if the name is available for a new file.

get_accessed_time (name)

Returns a datetime of the last accessed time of the file. For storage systems unable to return the last accessed time this will raise NotImplementedError.

If USE_TZ is True, returns an aware datetime, otherwise returns a naive datetime in the local timezone.

get_alternative_name (file_root, file_ext)

Returns an alternative filename based on the file_root and file_ext parameters, an underscore plus a random 7 character alphanumeric string is appended to the filename before the extension.

get_available_name (name, max_length=None)

Returns a filename based on the name parameter that’s free and available for new content to be written to on the target storage system.

The length of the filename will not exceed max_length, if provided. If a free unique filename cannot be found, a SuspiciousFileOperation exception will be raised.

If a file with name already exists, get_alternative_name () is called to obtain an alternative name.

get_created_time (name)

Returns a datetime of the creation time of the file. For storage systems unable to return the creation time this will raise NotImplementedError.

If USE_TZ is True, returns an aware datetime, otherwise returns a naive datetime in the local timezone.

get_modified_time (name)

Returns a datetime of the last modified time of the file. For storage systems unable to return the last modified time this will raise NotImplementedError.

If USE_TZ is True, returns an aware datetime, otherwise returns a naive datetime in the local timezone.

get_valid_name (name)

Returns a filename based on the name parameter that’s suitable for use on the target storage system.

generate_filename (filename)

Validates the filename by calling get_valid_name () and returns a filename to be passed to the save () method.

The filename argument may include a path as returned by FileField.upload_to. In that case, the path won’t be passed to get_valid_name () but will be prepended back to the resulting name.

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The default implementation uses os.path operations. Override this method if that’s not appropriate for your storage.

**listdir**(path)
Lists the contents of the specified path, returning a 2-tuple of lists; the first item being directories, the second item being files. For storage systems that aren’t able to provide such a listing, this will raise a NotImplementedError instead.

**open**(name, mode=’rb’)
Opens the file given by name. Note that although the returned file is guaranteed to be a File object, it might actually be some subclass. In the case of remote file storage this means that reading/writing could be quite slow, so be warned.

**path**(name)
The local filesystem path where the file can be opened using Python’s standard open(). For storage systems that aren’t accessible from the local filesystem, this will raise NotImplementedError instead.

**save**(name, content, max_length=None)
Saves a new file using the storage system, preferably with the name specified. If there already exists a file with this name name, the storage system may modify the filename as necessary to get a unique name. The actual name of the stored file will be returned.

The max_length argument is passed along to get_available_name().

The content argument must be an instance of django.core.files.File or a file-like object that can be wrapped in File.

**size**(name)
Returns the total size, in bytes, of the file referenced by name. For storage systems that aren’t able to return the file size this will raise NotImplementedError instead.

**url**(name)
Returns the URL where the contents of the file referenced by name can be accessed. For storage systems that don’t support access by URL this will raise NotImplementedError instead.

### 6.11.3 Uploaded Files and Upload Handlers

**Uploaded files**

**class UploadedFile**

During file uploads, the actual file data is stored in request.FILES. Each entry in this dictionary is an UploadedFile object (or a subclass) – a wrapper around an uploaded file. You’ll usually use one of these methods to access the uploaded content:

**UploadedFile.read()**
Read the entire uploaded data from the file. Be careful with this method: if the uploaded file is huge it can overwhelm your system if you try to read it into memory. You’ll probably want to use chunks() instead; see below.

**UploadedFile.multiple_chunks**(chunk_size=None)
Returns True if the uploaded file is big enough to require reading in multiple chunks. By default this will be any file larger than 2.5 megabytes, but that’s configurable; see below.

**UploadedFile.chunks**(chunk_size=None)
A generator returning chunks of the file. If multiple_chunks() is True, you should use this method in a loop instead of read().
In practice, it’s often easiest to use `chunks()` all the time. Looping over `chunks()` instead of using `read()` ensures that large files don’t overwhelm your system’s memory.

Here are some useful attributes of `UploadedFile`:

- **`name`**: The name of the uploaded file (e.g. `my_file.txt`).
- **`size`**: The size, in bytes, of the uploaded file.
- **`content_type`**: The content-type header uploaded with the file (e.g. `text/plain` or `application/pdf`). Like any data supplied by the user, you shouldn’t trust that the uploaded file is actually this type. You’ll still need to validate that the file contains the content that the content-type header claims – “trust but verify.”
- **`content_type_extra`**: A dictionary containing extra parameters passed to the content-type header. This is typically provided by services, such as Google App Engine, that intercept and handle file uploads on your behalf. As a result your handler may not receive the uploaded file content, but instead a URL or other pointer to the file (see [RFC 2388](https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc2388)).
- **`charset`**: For `text/*` content-types, the character set (i.e. `utf8`) supplied by the browser. Again, “trust but verify” is the best policy here.

**Note**: Like regular Python files, you can read the file line-by-line by iterating over the uploaded file:

```python
for line in uploadedfile:
    do_something_with(line)
```

Lines are split using universal newlines. The following are recognized as ending a line: the Unix end-of-line convention `\n`, the Windows convention `\r\n`, and the old Macintosh convention `\r`.

Subclasses of `UploadedFile` include:

- **`TemporaryUploadedFile`**: A file uploaded to a temporary location (i.e. stream-to-disk). This class is used by the `TemporaryFileUploadHandler`. In addition to the methods from `UploadedFile`, it has one additional method:

  ```python
  TemporaryUploadedFile.temporary_file_path()
  ```

  Returns the full path to the temporary uploaded file.

- **`InMemoryUploadedFile`**: A file uploaded into memory (i.e. stream-to-memory). This class is used by the `MemoryFileUploadHandler`.

**Built-in upload handlers**

Together the `MemoryFileUploadHandler` and `TemporaryFileUploadHandler` provide Django’s default file upload behavior of reading small files into memory and large ones onto disk. They are located in `django.core.files.uploadhandler`.

- **`MemoryFileUploadHandler`**: File upload handler to stream uploads into memory (used for small files).

- **`TemporaryFileUploadHandler`**:
Upload handler that streams data into a temporary file using `TemporaryUploadedFile`.

**Writing custom upload handlers**

```python
class FileUploadHandler
All file upload handlers should be subclasses of `django.core.files.uploadhandler.FileUploadHandler`. You can define upload handlers wherever you wish.

**Required methods**

Custom file upload handlers **must** define the following methods:

- **FileUploadHandler.receive_data_chunk** *(raw_data, start)*
  Receives a “chunk” of data from the file upload.
  
  - `raw_data` is a bytestring containing the uploaded data.
  - `start` is the position in the file where this `raw_data` chunk begins.
  
  The data you return will get fed into the subsequent upload handlers’ `receive_data_chunk` methods. In this way, one handler can be a “filter” for other handlers.
  
  Return `None` from `receive_data_chunk` to short-circuit remaining upload handlers from getting this chunk. This is useful if you’re storing the uploaded data yourself and don’t want future handlers to store a copy of the data.
  
  If you raise a `StopUpload` or a `SkipFile` exception, the upload will abort or the file will be completely skipped.

- **FileUploadHandler.file_complete** *(file_size)*
  Called when a file has finished uploading.
  
  The handler should return an `UploadedFile` object that will be stored in `request.FILES`. Handlers may also return `None` to indicate that the `UploadedFile` object should come from subsequent upload handlers.

**Optional methods**

Custom upload handlers may also define any of the following optional methods or attributes:

- **FileUploadHandler.chunk_size**
  Size, in bytes, of the “chunks” Django should store into memory and feed into the handler. That is, this attribute controls the size of chunks fed into `FileUploadHandler.receive_data_chunk`.
  
  For maximum performance the chunk sizes should be divisible by 4 and should not exceed 2 GB (2³¹ bytes) in size. When there are multiple chunk sizes provided by multiple handlers, Django will use the smallest chunk size defined by any handler.
  
  The default is 64*2¹⁰ bytes, or 64 KB.

- **FileUploadHandler.new_file** *(field_name, file_name, content_type, content_length, charset, content_type_extra)*
  Callback signaling that a new file upload is starting. This is called before any data has been fed to any upload handlers.
  
  - `field_name` is a string name of the file `<input>` field.
  - `file_name` is the filename provided by the browser.
content_type is the MIME type provided by the browser – E.g. 'image/jpeg'.

content_length is the length of the image given by the browser. Sometimes this won’t be provided and will be None.

charset is the character set (i.e. utf8) given by the browser. Like content_length, this sometimes won’t be provided.

content_type_extra is extra information about the file from the content-type header. See UploadedFile.content_type_extra.

This method may raise a StopFutureHandlers exception to prevent future handlers from handling this file.

FileUploadHandler.upload_complete()

Callback signaling that the entire upload (all files) has completed.

FileUploadHandler.handle_raw_input(input_data, META, content_length, boundary, encoding)

Allows the handler to completely override the parsing of the raw HTTP input.

input_data is a file-like object that supports read()-ing.

META is the same object as request.META.

content_length is the length of the data in input_data. Don’t read more than content_length bytes from input_data.

boundary is the MIME boundary for this request.

encoding is the encoding of the request.

Return None if you want upload handling to continue, or a tuple of (POST, FILES) if you want to return the new data structures suitable for the request directly.

6.12 Forms

Detailed form API reference. For introductory material, see the Working with forms topic guide.

6.12.1 The Forms API

Bound and unbound forms

A Form instance is either bound to a set of data, or unbound.

- If it’s bound to a set of data, it’s capable of validating that data and rendering the form as HTML with the data displayed in the HTML.
- If it’s unbound, it cannot do validation (because there’s no data to validate!), but it can still render the blank form as HTML.

class Form

To create an unbound Form instance, instantiate the class:
To bind data to a form, pass the data as a dictionary as the first parameter to your `Form` class constructor:

```python
>>> data = {'subject': 'hello',
...          'message': 'Hi there',
...          'sender': 'foo@example.com',
...          'cc_myself': True}
>>> f = ContactForm(data)
```

In this dictionary, the keys are the field names, which correspond to the attributes in your `Form` class. The values are the data you’re trying to validate. These will usually be strings, but there’s no requirement that they be strings; the type of data you pass depends on the `Field`, as we’ll see in a moment.

**Form**. `is_bound`

If you need to distinguish between bound and unbound form instances at runtime, check the value of the form’s `is_bound` attribute:

```python
>>> f = ContactForm()
>>> f.is_bound
False
>>> f = ContactForm({'subject': 'hello'})
>>> f.is_bound
True
```

Note that passing an empty dictionary creates a **bound** form with empty data:

```python
>>> f = ContactForm({})
>>> f.is_bound
True
```

If you have a bound `Form` instance and want to change the data somehow, or if you want to bind an unbound `Form` instance to some data, create another `Form` instance. There is no way to change data in a `Form` instance. Once a `Form` instance has been created, you should consider its data immutable, whether it has data or not.

**Using forms to validate data**

**Form**. `clean()`

Implement a `clean()` method on your `Form` when you must add custom validation for fields that are interdependent. See Cleaning and validating fields that depend on each other for example usage.

**Form**. `is_valid()`

The primary task of a `Form` object is to validate data. With a bound `Form` instance, call the `is_valid()` method to run validation and return a boolean designating whether the data was valid:

```python
>>> data = {'subject': 'hello',
...          'message': 'Hi there',
...          'sender': 'foo@example.com',
...          'cc_myself': True}
>>> f = ContactForm(data)
>>> f.is_valid()
True
```

Let’s try with some invalid data. In this case, `subject` is blank (an error, because all fields are required by default) and `sender` is not a valid email address:
>>> data = {'subject': '', ...
    'message': 'Hi there', ...
    'sender': 'invalid email address', ...
    'cc_myself': True}
>>> f = ContactForm(data)
>>> f.is_valid()
False

Form.errors

Access the errors attribute to get a dictionary of error messages:

>>> f.errors
{'sender': ['Enter a valid email address.'], 'subject': ['This field is required.']}  

In this dictionary, the keys are the field names, and the values are lists of strings representing the error messages. The error messages are stored in lists because a field can have multiple error messages.

You can access errors without having to call is_valid() first. The form’s data will be validated the first time either you call is_valid() or access errors.

The validation routines will only get called once, regardless of how many times you access errors or call is_valid(). This means that if validation has side effects, those side effects will only be triggered once.

Form.errors.as_data()

Returns a dict that maps fields to their original ValidationError instances.

>>> f.errors.as_data()
{'sender': [ValidationError(["Enter a valid email address."])],
 'subject': [ValidationError(["This field is required."])]}

Use this method anytime you need to identify an error by its code. This enables things like rewriting the error’s message or writing custom logic in a view when a given error is present. It can also be used to serialize the errors in a custom format (e.g. XML); for instance, as_json() relies on as_data().

The need for the as_data() method is due to backwards compatibility. Previously ValidationError instances were lost as soon as their rendered error messages were added to the Form.errors dictionary. Ideally Form.errors would have stored ValidationErrors instances and methods with an as_ prefix could render them, but it had to be done the other way around in order not to break code that expects rendered error messages in Form.errors.

Form.errors.as_json(escape_html=False)

Returns the errors serialized as JSON.

>>> f.errors.as_json()
{"sender": [{"message": "Enter a valid email address.", "code": "invalid"}],
 "subject": [{"message": "This field is required.", "code": "required"}]}  

By default, as_json() does not escape its output. If you are using it for something like AJAX requests to a form view where the client interprets the response and inserts errors into the page, you’ll want to be sure to escape the results on the client-side to avoid the possibility of a cross-site scripting attack. You can do this in JavaScript with element.textContent = errorText or with jQuery’s $(el).text(errorText) (rather than its .html() function).

If for some reason you don’t want to use client-side escaping, you can also set escape_html=True and error messages will be escaped so you can use them directly in HTML.

Form.errors.get_json_data(escape_html=False)
Returns the errors as a dictionary suitable for serializing to JSON. `Form.errors.as_json()` returns serialized JSON, while this returns the error data before it’s serialized.

The `escape_html` parameter behaves as described in `Form.errors.as_json()`.

`Form.add_error(field, error)`

This method allows adding errors to specific fields from within the `Form.clean()` method, or from outside the form altogether; for instance from a view.

The `field` argument is the name of the field to which the errors should be added. If its value is `None` the error will be treated as a non-field error as returned by `Form.non_field_errors()`.

The `error` argument can be a string, or preferably an instance of `ValidationError`. See `Raising ValidationError` for best practices when defining form errors.

Note that `Form.add_error()` automatically removes the relevant field from `cleaned_data`.

`Form.has_error(field, code=None)`

This method returns a boolean designating whether a field has an error with a specific error code. If `code` is `None`, it will return `True` if the field contains any errors at all.

To check for non-field errors use `NON_FIELD_ERRORS` as the `field` parameter.

`Form.non_field_errors()`

This method returns the list of errors from `Form.errors` that aren’t associated with a particular field. This includes `ValidationError`s that are raised in `Form.clean()` and errors added using `Form.add_error(None, "...")`.

**Behavior of unbound forms**

It’s meaningless to validate a form with no data, but, for the record, here’s what happens with unbound forms:

```python
>>> f = ContactForm()
>>> f.is_valid()
False
>>> f.errors
[]
```

**Dynamic initial values**

`Form.initial`

Use `initial` to declare the initial value of form fields at runtime. For example, you might want to fill in a `username` field with the username of the current session.

To accomplish this, use the `initial` argument to a `Form`. This argument, if given, should be a dictionary mapping field names to initial values. Only include the fields for which you’re specifying an initial value; it’s not necessary to include every field in your form. For example:

```python
>>> f = ContactForm(initial={'subject': 'Hi there!'}))
```

These values are only displayed for unbound forms, and they’re not used as fallback values if a particular value isn’t provided.

If a `Field` defines `initial` and you include `initial` when instantiating the `Form`, then the latter `initial` will have precedence. In this example, `initial` is provided both at the field level and at the form instance level, and the latter gets precedence:
>>> from django import forms
>>> class CommentForm(forms.Form):
...     name = forms.CharField(initial='class')
...     url = forms.URLField()
...     comment = forms.CharField()

>>> f = CommentForm(initial={'name': 'instance'}, auto_id=False)

>>> print(f)
<tr><th>Name:</th><td><input type="text" name="name" value="instance" required></td></tr>
<tr><th>Url:</th><td><input type="url" name="url" required></td></tr>
<tr><th>Comment:</th><td><input type="text" name="comment" required></td></tr>

Form.get_initial_for_field(field, field_name)

Use get_initial_for_field() to retrieve initial data for a form field. It retrieves data from Form.initial and Field.initial, in that order, and evaluates any callable initial values.

Checking which form data has changed

Form.has_changed()

Use the has_changed() method on your Form when you need to check if the form data has been changed from the initial data.

>>> data = {'subject': 'hello',
...         'message': 'Hi there',
...         'sender': 'foo@example.com',
...         'cc_myself': True}

>>> f = ContactForm(data, initial=data)

>>> f.has_changed()
False

When the form is submitted, we reconstruct it and provide the original data so that the comparison can be done:

>>> f = ContactForm(request.POST, initial=data)

has_changed() will be True if the data from request.POST differs from what was provided in initial or False otherwise. The result is computed by calling Field.has_changed() for each field in the form.

Form.changed_data

The changed_data attribute returns a list of the names of the fields whose values in the form’s bound data (usually request.POST) differ from what was provided in initial. It returns an empty list if no data differs.

Accessing the fields from the form

Form.fields

You can access the fields of Form instance from its fields attribute:
You can alter the field of Form instance to change the way it is presented in the form:

Beware not to alter the base_fields attribute because this modification will influence all subsequent ContactForm instances within the same Python process:

Accessing “clean” data

Form.cleaned_data

Each field in a Form class is responsible not only for validating data, but also for “cleaning” it – normalizing it to a consistent format. This is a nice feature, because it allows data for a particular field to be input in a variety of ways, always resulting in consistent output.

For example, DateField normalizes input into a Python datetime.date object. Regardless of whether you pass it a string in the format '1994-07-15', a datetime.date object, or a number of other formats, DateField will always normalize it to a datetime.date object as long as it’s valid.

Once you’ve created a Form instance with a set of data and validated it, you can access the clean data via its cleaned_data attribute:

Note that any text-based field – such as CharField or EmailField – always cleans the input into a string. We’ll cover the encoding implications later in this document.

If your data does not validate, the cleaned_data dictionary contains only the valid fields:
>>> data = {'subject': '',
... 'message': 'Hi there',
... 'sender': 'invalid email address',
... 'cc_myself': True}
>>> f = ContactForm(data)
>>> f.is_valid()
False
>>> f.cleaned_data
{'cc_myself': True, 'message': 'Hi there'}

cleaned_data will always only contain a key for fields defined in the Form, even if you pass extra data when you define the Form. In this example, we pass a bunch of extra fields to the ContactForm constructor, but cleaned_data contains only the form’s fields:

>>> data = {'subject': 'hello',
... 'message': 'Hi there',
... 'sender': 'foo@example.com',
... 'cc_myself': True,
... 'extra_field_1': 'foo',
... 'extra_field_2': 'bar',
... 'extra_field_3': 'baz'}
>>> f = ContactForm(data)
>>> f.is_valid()
True
>>> f.cleaned_data # Doesn't contain extra_field_1, etc.
{'cc_myself': True, 'message': 'Hi there', 'sender': 'foo@example.com', 'subject': 'hello'}

When the Form is valid, cleaned_data will include a key and value for all its fields, even if the data didn’t include a value for some optional fields. In this example, the data dictionary doesn’t include a value for the nick_name field, but cleaned_data includes it, with an empty value:

>>> from django import forms
>>> class OptionalPersonForm(forms.Form):
...     first_name = forms.CharField()
...     last_name = forms.CharField()
...     nick_name = forms.CharField(required=False)
>>> data = {'first_name': 'John', 'last_name': 'Lennon'}
>>> f = OptionalPersonForm(data)
>>> f.is_valid()
True
>>> f.cleaned_data
{'nick_name': '', 'first_name': 'John', 'last_name': 'Lennon'}

In this above example, the cleaned_data value for nick_name is set to an empty string, because nick_name is CharField, and CharFields treat empty values as an empty string. Each field type knows what its “blank” value is – e.g., for DateField, it’s None instead of the empty string. For full details on each field’s behavior in this case, see the “Empty value” note for each field in the “Built-in Field classes” section below.

You can write code to perform validation for particular form fields (based on their name) or for the form as a whole (considering combinations of various fields). More information about this is in Form and field validation.

Outputting forms as HTML

The second task of a Form object is to render itself as HTML. To do so, print it:
>>> f = ContactForm()
>>> print(f)
<tr><th><label for="id_subject">Subject:</label></th><td><input id="id_subject" type="text" name="subject" maxlength="100" required></td></tr>
<tr><th><label for="id_message">Message:</label></th><td><input type="text" name="message" id="id_message" required></td></tr>
<tr><th><label for="id_sender">Sender:</label></th><td><input type="email" name="sender" id="id_sender" required></td></tr>
<tr><th><label for="id_cc_myself">Cc myself:</label></th><td><input type="checkbox" name="cc_myself" id="id_cc_myself"></td></tr>

If the form is bound to data, the HTML output will include that data appropriately. For example, if a field is represented by an <input type="text">, the data will be in the value attribute. If a field is represented by an <input type="checkbox">, then that HTML will include checked if appropriate:

```python
>>> data = {'subject': 'hello',
... 'message': 'Hi there',
... 'sender': 'foo@example.com',
... 'cc_myself': True}
>>> f = ContactForm(data)
>>> print(f)
<tr><th><label for="id_subject">Subject:</label></th><td><input id="id_subject" type="text" name="subject" value="hello" required></td></tr>
<tr><th><label for="id_message">Message:</label></th><td><input type="text" name="message" id="id_message" value="Hi there" required></td></tr>
<tr><th><label for="id_sender">Sender:</label></th><td><input type="email" name="sender" id="id_sender" value="foo@example.com" required></td></tr>
<tr><th><label for="id_cc_myself">Cc myself:</label></th><td><input type="checkbox" name="cc_myself" id="id_cc_myself" checked></td></tr>
```

This default output is a two-column HTML table, with a <tr> for each field. Notice the following:

- For flexibility, the output does not include the <table> and </table> tags, nor does it include the <form> and </form> tags or an <input type="submit"> tag. It’s your job to do that.

- Each field type has a default HTML representation. CharField is represented by an <input type="text"> and EmailField by an <input type="email">. BooleanField(null=False) is represented by an <input type="checkbox">. Note these are merely sensible defaults; you can specify which HTML to use for a given field by using widgets, which we’ll explain shortly.

- The HTML name for each tag is taken directly from its attribute name in the ContactForm class.

- The text label for each field – e.g. 'Subject:', 'Message:' and 'Cc myself:' is generated from the field name by converting all underscores to spaces and upper-casing the first letter. Again, note these are merely sensible defaults; you can also specify labels manually.

- Each text label is surrounded in an HTML <label> tag, which points to the appropriate form field via its id. Its id, in turn, is generated by prepending 'id_' to the field name. The id attributes and <label> tags are included in the output by default, to follow best practices, but you can change that behavior.

- The output uses HTML5 syntax, targeting <!DOCTYPE html>. For example, it uses boolean attributes such as checked rather than the XHTML style of checked='checked'.

Although <table> output is the default output style when you print a form, other output styles are available. Each style is available as a method on a form object, and each rendering method returns a string.
Django Documentation, Release 3.1.5.dev

as_p()
Form.as_p()
as_p() renders the form as a series of <p> tags, with each <p> containing one field:
>>> f = ContactForm()
>>> f.as_p()
'<p><label for="id_subject">Subject:</label> <input id="id_subject" type="text" name=
˓→"subject" maxlength="100" required></p>\n<p><label for="id_message">Message:</label>
˓→ <input type="text" name="message" id="id_message" required></p>\n<p><label for="id_
˓→sender">Sender:</label> <input type="text" name="sender" id="id_sender" required></
˓→p>\n<p><label for="id_cc_myself">Cc myself:</label> <input type="checkbox" name="cc_
˓→myself" id="id_cc_myself"></p>'
>>> print(f.as_p())
<p><label for="id_subject">Subject:</label> <input id="id_subject" type="text" name=
˓→"subject" maxlength="100" required></p>
<p><label for="id_message">Message:</label> <input type="text" name="message" id="id_
˓→message" required></p>
<p><label for="id_sender">Sender:</label> <input type="email" name="sender" id="id_
˓→sender" required></p>
<p><label for="id_cc_myself">Cc myself:</label> <input type="checkbox" name="cc_myself
˓→" id="id_cc_myself"></p>

as_ul()
Form.as_ul()
as_ul() renders the form as a series of <li> tags, with each <li> containing one field. It does not include the
<ul> or </ul>, so that you can specify any HTML attributes on the <ul> for flexibility:
>>> f = ContactForm()
>>> f.as_ul()
'<li><label for="id_subject">Subject:</label> <input id="id_subject" type="text" name=
˓→"subject" maxlength="100" required></li>\n<li><label for="id_message">Message:</
˓→label> <input type="text" name="message" id="id_message" required></li>\n<li><label
˓→for="id_sender">Sender:</label> <input type="email" name="sender" id="id_sender"
˓→required></li>\n<li><label for="id_cc_myself">Cc myself:</label> <input type=
˓→"checkbox" name="cc_myself" id="id_cc_myself"></li>'
>>> print(f.as_ul())
<li><label for="id_subject">Subject:</label> <input id="id_subject" type="text" name=
˓→"subject" maxlength="100" required></li>
<li><label for="id_message">Message:</label> <input type="text" name="message" id="id_
˓→message" required></li>
<li><label for="id_sender">Sender:</label> <input type="email" name="sender" id="id_
˓→sender" required></li>
<li><label for="id_cc_myself">Cc myself:</label> <input type="checkbox" name="cc_
˓→myself" id="id_cc_myself"></li>

as_table()
Form.as_table()
Finally, as_table() outputs the form as an HTML <table>. This is exactly the same as print. In fact, when
you print a form object, it calls its as_table() method behind the scenes:

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Styling required or erroneous form rows

Form.error_css_class

Form.required_css_class

It's pretty common to style form rows and fields that are required or have errors. For example, you might want to present required form rows in bold and highlight errors in red.

The Form class has a couple of hooks you can use to add class attributes to required rows or to rows with errors: set the Form.error_css_class and/or Form.required_css_class attributes:

```python
from django import forms

class ContactForm(forms.Form):
    error_css_class = 'error'
    required_css_class = 'required'

    # ... and the rest of your fields here
```

Once you’ve done that, rows will be given "error" and/or "required" classes, as needed. The HTML will look something like:

```python
>>> f = ContactForm(data)
>>> print(f.as_table())
<tr class="required"><th><label class="required" for="id_subject">Subject:</label></th>
<td><input id="id_subject" type="text" name="subject" maxlength="100" required></td>
</tr>
<tr class="required"><th><label class="required" for="id_message">Message:</label></th>
<td><input id="id_message" type="text" name="message" required></td>
</tr>
<tr class="required"><th><label class="required" for="id_sender">Sender:</label></th>
<td><input id="id_sender" type="email" name="sender" required></td>
</tr>
<tr class="required error"><th><label class="required" for="id_cc_myself">Cc myself:</label></th>
<td><input id="id_cc_myself" type="checkbox" name="cc_myself"></td>
</tr>
```

```python
>>> f['subject'].label_tag()
<label class="required" for="id_subject">Subject:</label>
```
Configuring form elements' HTML id attributes and <label> tags

Form.auto_id

By default, the form rendering methods include:

- HTML id attributes on the form elements.
- The corresponding <label> tags around the labels. An HTML <label> tag designates which label text is associated with which form element. This small enhancement makes forms more usable and more accessible to assistive devices. It's always a good idea to use <label> tags.

The id attribute values are generated by prepending id_ to the form field names. This behavior is configurable, though, if you want to change the id convention or remove HTML id attributes and <label> tags entirely.

Use the auto_id argument to the Form constructor to control the id and label behavior. This argument must be True, False or a string.

If auto_id is False, then the form output will not include <label> tags nor id attributes:

```python
>>> f = ContactForm(auto_id=False)
>>> print(f.as_table())
<tr><th>Subject:</th><td><input type="text" name="subject" maxlenth="100" required></td></tr>
<tr><th>Message:</th><td><input type="text" name="message" required></td></tr>
<tr><th>Sender:</th><td><input type="email" name="sender" required></td></tr>
<tr><th>Cc myself:</th><td><input type="checkbox" name="cc_myself"></td></tr>
```

If auto_id is set to True, then the form output will include <label> tags and will use the field name as its id for each form field:

```python
>>> f = ContactForm(auto_id=True)
>>> print(f.as_table())
<tr><th><label for="subject">Subject:</label></th><td><input id="subject" type="text" maxlength="100" required></td></tr>
<tr><th><label for="message">Message:</label></th><td><input type="text" name="message" id="message" required></td></tr>
<tr><th><label for="sender">Sender:</label></th><td><input type="email" name="sender" id="sender" required></td></tr>
<tr><th><label for="cc_myself">Cc myself:</label></th><td><input type="checkbox" name="cc_myself" id="cc_myself"></td></tr>
```

(continues on next page)
>>> print(f.as_p())
<p><label for="subject">Subject:</label> <input id="subject" type="text" name="subject" maxlenght="100" required></p>
<p><label for="message">Message:</label> <input type="text" name="message" id="message" required></p>
<p><label for="sender">Sender:</label> <input type="email" name="sender" id="sender" required></p>
<p><label for="cc_myself">Cc myself:</label> <input type="checkbox" name="cc_myself" id="cc_myself"></p>

If auto_id is set to a string containing the format character '%s', then the form output will include <label> tags, and will generate id attributes based on the format string. For example, for a format string 'field_%s', a field named subject will get the id value 'field_subject'. Continuing our example:

```python
>>> f = ContactForm(auto_id='id_for_%s')
>>> print(f.as_table())
<tr><th><label for="id_for_subject">Subject</label></th><td><input id="id_for_subject" type="text" name="subject" maxlenght="100" required></td></tr>
<tr><th><label for="id_for_message">Message</label></th><td><input type="text" name="message" id="id_for_message" required></td></tr>
<tr><th><label for="id_for_sender">Sender</label></th><td><input type="email" name="sender" id="id_for_sender" required></td></tr>
<tr><th><label for="id_for_cc_myself">Cc myself</label></th><td><input type="checkbox" name="cc_myself" id="id_for_cc_myself"></td></tr>
```
Note that the label suffix is added only if the last character of the label isn’t a punctuation character (in English, those are .,.!,? or ;).

Fields can also define their own label_suffix. This will take precedence over Form.label_suffix. The suffix can also be overridden at runtime using the label_suffix parameter to label_tag().

**Form.use_required_attribute**

When set to True (the default), required form fields will have the required HTML attribute.

**Formsets** instantiate forms with use_required_attribute=False to avoid incorrect browser validation when adding and deleting forms from a formset.

### Configuring the rendering of a form’s widgets

**Form.default_renderer**

Specifies the renderer to use for the form. Defaults to None which means to use the default renderer specified by the FORM_RENDERER setting.

You can set this as a class attribute when declaring your form or use the renderer argument to Form.__init__(). For example:

```python
from django import forms

class MyForm(forms.Form):
    default_renderer = MyRenderer()
```

or:

```python
form = MyForm(renderer=MyRenderer())
```

### Notes on field ordering

In the as_p(), as_ul() and as_table() shortcuts, the fields are displayed in the order in which you define them in your form class. For example, in the ContactForm example, the fields are defined in the order subject, message, sender, cc_myself. To reorder the HTML output, change the order in which those fields are listed in the class.
There are several other ways to customize the order:

Form.\texttt{field\_order}

By default, Form.\texttt{field\_order=None}, which retains the order in which you define the fields in your form class. If \texttt{field\_order} is a list of field names, the fields are ordered as specified by the list and remaining fields are appended according to the default order. Unknown field names in the list are ignored. This makes it possible to disable a field in a subclass by setting it to None without having to redefine ordering.

You can also use the Form.\texttt{field\_order} argument to a Form to override the field order. If a Form defines \texttt{field\_order} and you include \texttt{field\_order} when instantiating the Form, then the latter \texttt{field\_order} will have precedence.

Form.\texttt{order\_fields(field\_order)}

You may rearrange the fields any time using \texttt{order\_fields()} with a list of field names as in \texttt{field\_order}.

How errors are displayed

If you render a bound Form object, the act of rendering will automatically run the form’s validation if it hasn’t already happened, and the HTML output will include the validation errors as a <ul class="errorlist"> near the field. The particular positioning of the error messages depends on the output method you’re using:

```python
>>> data = {'subject': '', ...
...   'message': 'Hi there', ...
...   'sender': 'invalid email address', ...
...   'cc_myself': True}
>>> f = ContactForm(data, auto_id=False)
>>> print(f.as_table())
<tr><th>Subject:</th><td><ul class="errorlist"><li>This field is required.</li></ul><input type="text" name="subject" maxlength="100" required></td></tr>
<tr><th>Message:</th><td><input type="text" name="message" value="Hi there" required></td></tr>
<tr><th>Sender:</th><td><ul class="errorlist"><li>Enter a valid email address.</li></ul><input type="email" name="sender" value="invalid email address" required></td></tr>
<tr><th>Cc myself:</th><td><input checked type="checkbox" name="cc_myself"></td></tr>
```

Customizing the error list format

By default, forms use django.forms.utils.ErrorList to format validation errors. If you’d like to use an alternate class for displaying errors, you can pass that in at construction time:
>>> from django.forms.utils import ErrorList
>>> class DivErrorList(ErrorList):
...     def __str__(self):
...         return self.as_divs()
...     def as_divs(self):
...         if not self: return ''
...         return '<div class="errorlist">%s</div>' % '
...             '.join(['<div class="error">%s
...             →</div>' % e for e in self])
>>> f = ContactForm(data, auto_id=False, error_class=DivErrorList)
>>> f.as_p()
<div class="errorlist"></div>This field is required.</div/>
<p>Subject: <input type="text" name="subject" maxlength="100" required></p>
<p>Message: <input type="text" name="message" value="Hi there" required></p>
<div class="errorlist"></div>Enter a valid email address.</div/>
<p>Sender: <input type="email" name="sender" value="invalid email address" required></p>
<p>Cc myself: <input checked type="checkbox" name="cc_myself"></p>

More granular output

The as_p(), as_ul(), and as_table() methods are shortcuts – they’re not the only way a form object can be displayed.

class BoundField

Used to display HTML or access attributes for a single field of a Form instance.

The __str__() method of this object displays the HTML for this field.

To retrieve a single BoundField, use dictionary lookup syntax on your form using the field’s name as the key:

>>> form = ContactForm()
>>> print(form['subject'])
<input id="id_subject" type="text" name="subject" maxlength="100" required>

To retrieve all BoundField objects, iterate the form:

>>> form = ContactForm()
>>> for boundfield in form: print(boundfield)
<input id="id_subject" type="text" name="subject" maxlengt="100" required>
<input type="text" name="message" id="id_message" required>
<input type="email" name="sender" id="id_sender" required>
<input type="checkbox" name="cc_myself" id="id_cc_myself">

The field-specific output honors the form object’s auto_id setting:

>>> f = ContactForm(auto_id=False)
>>> print(f['message'])
<input type="text" name="message" required>
>>> f = ContactForm(auto_id='id_%s')
>>> print(f['message'])
<input type="text" name="message" id="id_message" required>

Attributes of BoundField

BoundField.auto_id

The HTML ID attribute for this BoundField. Returns an empty string if Form.auto_id is False.
BoundField.data
This property returns the data for this BoundField extracted by the widget’s `value_from_datadict()` method, or None if it wasn’t given:

```python
>>> unbound_form = ContactForm()
>>> print(unbound_form['subject'].data)
None
>>> bound_form = ContactForm(data={'subject': 'My Subject'})
>>> print(bound_form['subject'].data)
My Subject
```

BoundField.errors
A list-like object that is displayed as an HTML `<ul class="errorlist">` when printed:

```python
>>> data = {'subject': 'hi', 'message': '', 'sender': '', 'cc_myself': ''}
>>> f = ContactForm(data, auto_id=False)
>>> print(f['message'])
<input type="text" name="message" required>
>>> f['message'].errors
['This field is required. ']
>>> print(f['message'].errors)
<ul class="errorlist"><li>This field is required.</li></ul>
>>> f['subject'].errors
[]
>>> print(f['subject'].errors)
''
>>> str(f['subject'].errors)
''
```

BoundField.field
The form Field instance from the form class that this BoundField wraps.

BoundField.form
The Form instance this BoundField is bound to.

BoundField.help_text
The help_text of the field.

BoundField.html_name
The name that will be used in the widget’s HTML `name` attribute. It takes the form `prefix` into account.

BoundField.id_for_label
Use this property to render the ID of this field. For example, if you are manually constructing a `<label>` in your template (despite the fact that `label_tag()` will do this for you):

```html
<label for="{{ form.my_field.id_for_label }}">...</label>{{ my_field }}</label>
```

By default, this will be the field’s name prefixed by `id_` (“id_my_field” for the example above). You may modify the ID by setting `attrs` on the field’s widget. For example, declaring a field like this:

```python
my_field = forms.CharField(widget=forms.TextInput(attrs={'id': 'myFIELD'}))
```

and using the template above, would render something like:

```html
<label for="myFIELD">...</label><input id="myFIELD" type="text" name="my_field" required>
```

BoundField.is_hidden
Returns True if this BoundField’s widget is hidden.
**BoundField.label**

The label of the field. This is used in `label_tag()`.

**BoundField.name**

The name of this field in the form:

```python
>>> f = ContactForm()
>>> print(f['subject'].name)
subject
>>> print(f['message'].name)
message
```

**BoundField.widget_type**

Returns the lowercased class name of the wrapped field’s widget, with any trailing `input` or `widget` removed. This may be used when building forms where the layout is dependent upon the widget type. For example:

```python
{% for field in form %}
  {% if field.widget_type == 'checkbox' %}
    # render one way
  {% else %}
    # render another way
  {% endif %}
{% endfor %}
```

### Methods of BoundField

**BoundField.as_hidden**(attrs=None, **kwargs)

Returns a string of HTML for representing this as an `<input type="hidden">`. 

**kwargs are passed to `as_widget()`.

This method is primarily used internally. You should use a widget instead.

**BoundField.as_widget**(widget=None, attrs=None, only_initial=False)

Renders the field by rendering the passed widget, adding any HTML attributes passed as attrs. If no widget is specified, then the field’s default widget will be used.

*only_initial* is used by Django internals and should not be set explicitly.

**BoundField.css_classes**(extra_classes=None)

When you use Django’s rendering shortcuts, CSS classes are used to indicate required form fields or fields that contain errors. If you’re manually rendering a form, you can access these CSS classes using the `css_classes` method:

```python
>>> f = ContactForm(data={'message': ''})
>>> f['message'].css_classes()
'required'
```

If you want to provide some additional classes in addition to the error and required classes that may be required, you can provide those classes as an argument:

```python
>>> f = ContactForm(data={'message': ''})
>>> f['message'].css_classes('foo bar')
'foo bar required'
```

**BoundField.label_tag**(contents=None, attrs=None, label_suffix=None)

To separately render the label tag of a form field, you can call its `label_tag()` method:
>>> f = ContactForm(data={'message': ''})
>>> print(f['message'].label_tag())
<label for="id_message">Message:</label>

You can provide the contents parameter which will replace the auto-generated label tag. An attrs dictionary may contain additional attributes for the <label> tag.

The HTML that’s generated includes the form’s label_suffix (a colon, by default) or, if set, the current field’s label_suffix. The optional label_suffix parameter allows you to override any previously set suffix. For example, you can use an empty string to hide the label on selected fields. If you need to do this in a template, you could write a custom filter to allow passing parameters to label_tag.

**BoundField.value()**

Use this method to render the raw value of this field as it would be rendered by a Widget:

```python
>>> initial = {'subject': 'welcome'}
>>> unbound_form = ContactForm(initial=initial)
>>> bound_form = ContactForm(data={'subject': 'hi'}, initial=initial)
>>> print(unbound_form['subject'].value())
welcome
>>> print(bound_form['subject'].value())
hi
```

### Customizing BoundField

If you need to access some additional information about a form field in a template and using a subclass of `Field` isn’t sufficient, consider also customizing `BoundField`.

A custom form field can override `get_bound_field()`:

**Field.get_bound_field(form, field_name)**

Takes an instance of `Form` and the name of the field. The return value will be used when accessing the field in a template. Most likely it will be an instance of a subclass of `BoundField`.

If you have a GPSCoordinatesField, for example, and want to be able to access additional information about the coordinates in a template, this could be implemented as follows:

```python
class GPSCoordinatesBoundField(BoundField):
    @property
def country(self):
        '''
        Return the country the coordinates lie in or None if it can't be
determined.
        '''
        value = self.value()
        if value:
            return get_country_from_coordinates(value)
        else:
            return None

class GPSCoordinatesField(Field):
def get_bound_field(self, form, field_name):
    return GPSCoordinatesBoundField(form, self, field_name)
```

Now you can access the country in a template with ```{{ form.coordinates.country }}```.
Binding uploaded files to a form

Dealing with forms that have FileField and ImageField fields is a little more complicated than a normal form. Firstly, in order to upload files, you’ll need to make sure that your `<form>` element correctly defines the enctype as "multipart/form-data":

```html
<form enctype="multipart/form-data" method="post" action="/foo/">
```

Secondly, when you use the form, you need to bind the file data. File data is handled separately to normal form data, so when your form contains a FileField and ImageField, you will need to specify a second argument when you bind your form. So if we extend our ContactForm to include an ImageField called `mugshot`, we need to bind the file data containing the mugshot image:

```python
# Bound form with an image field
>>> from django.core.files.uploadedfile import SimpleUploadedFile
>>> data = {'subject': 'hello',
...         'message': 'Hi there',
...         'sender': 'foo@example.com',
...         'cc_myself': True}
>>> file_data = {'mugshot': SimpleUploadedFile('face.jpg', <file data>)}
>>> f = ContactFormWithMugshot(data, file_data)
```

In practice, you will usually specify `request.FILES` as the source of file data (just like you use `request.POST` as the source of form data):

```python
# Bound form with an image field, data from the request
>>> f = ContactFormWithMugshot(request.POST, request.FILES)
```

Constructing an unbound form is the same as always – omit both form data and file data:

```python
# Unbound form with an image field
>>> f = ContactFormWithMugshot()
```

Testing for multipart forms

Form. `is_multipart()`

If you’re writing reusable views or templates, you may not know ahead of time whether your form is a multipart form or not. The `is_multipart()` method tells you whether the form requires multipart encoding for submission:

```python
>>> f = ContactFormWithMugshot()
>>> f.is_multipart()
True
```

Here’s an example of how you might use this in a template:

```html
{% if form.is_multipart %}
    <form enctype="multipart/form-data" method="post" action="/foo/">
{% else %}
    <form method="post" action="/foo/">
{% endif %}
    {{ form }}
</form>
```
Subclassing forms

If you have multiple Form classes that share fields, you can use subclassing to remove redundancy. When you subclass a custom Form class, the resulting subclass will include all fields of the parent class(es), followed by the fields you define in the subclass.

In this example, ContactFormWithPriority contains all the fields from ContactForm, plus an additional field, priority. The ContactForm fields are ordered first:

```python
>>> class ContactFormWithPriority(ContactForm):
    ...     priority = forms.CharField()
>>> f = ContactFormWithPriority(auto_id=False)
>>> print(f.as_ul())
<li>Subject: <input type="text" name="subject" maxlength="100" required></li>
<li>Message: <input type="text" name="message" required></li>
<li>Sender: <input type="email" name="sender" required></li>
<li>Cc myself: <input type="checkbox" name="cc_myself"></li>
<li>Priority: <input type="text" name="priority" required></li>
```

It’s possible to subclass multiple forms, treating forms as mixins. In this example, BeatleForm subclasses both PersonForm and InstrumentForm (in that order), and its field list includes the fields from the parent classes:

```python
>>> from django import forms
>>> class PersonForm(forms.Form):
    ...     first_name = forms.CharField()
    ...     last_name = forms.CharField()
>>> class InstrumentForm(forms.Form):
    ...     instrument = forms.CharField()
>>> class BeatleForm(InstrumentForm, PersonForm):
    ...     haircut_type = forms.CharField()
>>> b = BeatleForm(auto_id=False)
>>> print(b.as_ul())
<li>First name: <input type="text" name="first_name" required></li>
<li>Last name: <input type="text" name="last_name" required></li>
<li>Instrument: <input type="text" name="instrument" required></li>
<li>Haircut type: <input type="text" name="haircut_type" required></li>
```

It’s possible to declaratively remove a Field inherited from a parent class by setting the name of the field to None on the subclass. For example:

```python
>>> from django import forms

>>> class ParentForm(forms.Form):
    ...     name = forms.CharField()
    ...     age = forms.IntegerField()

>>> class ChildForm(ParentForm):
    ...     name = None

>>> list(ChildForm().fields)
['age']
```

Prefixes for forms

Form.prefix
You can put several Django forms inside one `<form>` tag. To give each Form its own namespace, use the `prefix` keyword argument:

```python
>>> mother = PersonForm(prefix="mother")
>>> father = PersonForm(prefix="father")
>>> print(mother.as_ul())
<li><label for="id_mother-first_name">First name:</label> <input type="text" name="mother-first_name" id="id_mother-first_name" required></li>
<li><label for="id_mother-last_name">Last name:</label> <input type="text" name="mother-last_name" id="id_mother-last_name" required></li>
>>> print(father.as_ul())
<li><label for="id_father-first_name">First name:</label> <input type="text" name="father-first_name" id="id_father-first_name" required></li>
<li><label for="id_father-last_name">Last name:</label> <input type="text" name="father-last_name" id="id_father-last_name" required></li>
```

The prefix can also be specified on the form class:

```python
>>> class PersonForm(forms.Form):
...     ...     prefix = 'person'
```

### 6.12.2 Form fields

**class Field(**kwargs)**

When you create a Form class, the most important part is defining the fields of the form. Each field has custom validation logic, along with a few other hooks.

**Field.clean(value)**

Although the primary way you’ll use `Field` classes is in Form classes, you can also instantiate them and use them directly to get a better idea of how they work. Each Field instance has a `clean()` method, which takes a single argument and either raises a `django.core.exceptions.ValidationError` exception or returns the clean value:

```python
>>> from django import forms
>>> f = forms.EmailField()
>>> f.clean('foo@example.com')
'foo@example.com'
>>> f.clean('invalid email address')
Traceback (most recent call last):
...     ValidationError: ['Enter a valid email address.']
```

### Core field arguments

Each `Field` class constructor takes at least these arguments. Some `Field` classes take additional, field-specific arguments, but the following should always be accepted:

**required**

`Field.required`
By default, each Field class assumes the value is required, so if you pass an empty value – either None or the empty string ("") – then clean() will raise a ValidationError exception:

```python
>>> from django import forms
>>> f = forms.CharField()
>>> f.clean('foo')
'foo'
>>> f.clean('')
Traceback (most recent call last):
...ValidationError: ['This field is required.']
>>> f.clean(None)
Traceback (most recent call last):
...ValidationError: ['This field is required.']
>>> f.clean("")
'False'
>>> f.clean(0)
'0'
>>> f.clean(True)
'True'
>>> f.clean(False)
'False'
```

To specify that a field is not required, pass required=False to the Field constructor:

```python
>>> f = forms.CharField(required=False)
>>> f.clean('foo')
'foo'
>>> f.clean('')
''
>>> f.clean(None)
'
>>> f.clean(0)
'0'
>>> f.clean(True)
'True'
>>> f.clean(False)
'False'
```

If a Field has required=False and you pass clean() an empty value, then clean() will return a normalized empty value rather than raising ValidationError. For CharField, this will return empty_value which defaults to an empty string. For other Field classes, it might be None. (This varies from field to field.)

Widgets of required form fields have the required HTML attribute. Set the Form.use_required_attribute attribute to False to disable it. The required attribute isn’t included on forms of formsets because the browser validation may not be correct when adding and deleting formsets.

### label

Field.label

The label argument lets you specify the “human-friendly” label for this field. This is used when the Field is displayed in a Form.

As explained in “Outputting forms as HTML” above, the default label for a Field is generated from the field name by converting all underscores to spaces and upper-casing the first letter. Specify label if that default behavior doesn’t result in an adequate label.
Here’s a full example Form that implements label for two of its fields. We’ve specified auto_id=False to simplify the output:

```python
>>> from django import forms
>>> class CommentForm(forms.Form):
...     name = forms.CharField(label='Your name')
...     url = forms.URLField(label='Your website', required=False)
...     comment = forms.CharField()
>>> f = CommentForm(auto_id=False)
>>> print(f)
<tr><th>Your name:</th><td><input type="text" name="name" required></td></tr>
<tr><th>Your website:</th><td><input type="url" name="url"></td></tr>
<tr><th>Comment:</th><td><input type="text" name="comment" required></td></tr>
```

**label_suffix**

Field.label_suffix

The label_suffix argument lets you override the form’s label_suffix on a per-field basis:

```python
>>> class ContactForm(forms.Form):
...     age = forms.IntegerField()
...     nationality = forms.CharField()
...     captcha_answer = forms.IntegerField(label='2 + 2', label_suffix=' =')
>>> f = ContactForm(label_suffix='?')
>>> print(f.as_p())
<p><label for="id_age">Age?</label> <input id="id_age" name="age" type="number" required></p>
<p><label for="id_nationality">Nationality?</label> <input id="id_nationality" name="nationality" type="text" required></p>
<p><label for="id_captcha_answer">2 + 2 =</label> <input id="id_captcha_answer" name="captcha_answer" type="number" required></p>
```

**initial**

Field.initial

The initial argument lets you specify the initial value to use when rendering this Field in an unbound Form.

To specify dynamic initial data, see the Form.initial parameter.

The use-case for this is when you want to display an “empty” form in which a field is initialized to a particular value. For example:

```python
>>> from django import forms
>>> class CommentForm(forms.Form):
...     name = forms.CharField(initial='Your name')
...     url = forms.URLField(initial='http://')
...     comment = forms.CharField()
>>> f = CommentForm(auto_id=False)
>>> print(f)
<tr><th>Name:</th><td><input type="text" name="name" value="Your name" required></td></tr>
<tr><th>Url:</th><td><input type="url" name="url" value="http://" required></td></tr>
<tr><th>Comment:</th><td><input type="text" name="comment" required></td></tr>
```
You may be thinking, why not just pass a dictionary of the initial values as data when displaying the form? Well, if you do that, you’ll trigger validation, and the HTML output will include any validation errors:

```python
>>> class CommentForm(forms.Form):
...     name = forms.CharField()
...     url = forms.URLField()
...     comment = forms.CharField()

>>> default_data = {'name': 'Your name', 'url': 'http://'}

>>> f = CommentForm(default_data, auto_id=False)

>>> print(f)
<tr><th>Name:</th><td><input type="text" name="name" value="Your name" required></td></tr>
<tr><th>Url:</th><td><ul class="errorlist"><li>Enter a valid URL.</li></ul><input type="url" name="url" value="http://" required></td></tr>
<tr><th>Comment:</th><td><ul class="errorlist"><li>This field is required.</li></ul><input type="text" name="comment" required></td></tr>
```

This is why initial values are only displayed for unbound forms. For bound forms, the HTML output will use the bound data.

Also note that initial values are not used as “fallback” data in validation if a particular field’s value is not given. Initial values are only intended for initial form display:

```python
>>> class CommentForm(forms.Form):
...     name = forms.CharField(initial='Your name')
...     url = forms.URLField(initial='http://')
...     comment = forms.CharField()

>>> data = {'name': '', 'url': '', 'comment': 'Foo'}

>>> f = CommentForm(data)

>>> f.is_valid()
False
# The form does *not* fall back to using the initial values.

>>> f.errors
['url': ['This field is required.'], 'name': ['This field is required.']]"
```

Instead of a constant, you can also pass any callable:

```python
>>> import datetime

>>> class DateForm(forms.Form):
...     day = forms.DateField(initial=datetime.date.today)

>>> print(DateForm())
<tr><th>Day:</th><td><input type="text" name="day" value="12/23/2008" required><td></tr>
```

The callable will be evaluated only when the unbound form is displayed, not when it is defined.

**widget**

`Field.widget`

The widget argument lets you specify a `Widget` class to use when rendering this `Field`. See `Widgets` for more information.

**help_text**

`Field.help_text`
The `help_text` argument lets you specify descriptive text for this `Field`. If you provide `help_text`, it will be displayed next to the `Field` when the `Field` is rendered by one of the convenience `Form` methods (e.g., `as_ul()`). Like the model field’s `help_text`, this value isn’t HTML-escaped in automatically-generated forms.

Here’s a full example `Form` that implements `help_text` for two of its fields. We’ve specified `auto_id=False` to simplify the output:

```python
>>> from django import forms
>>> class HelpTextContactForm(forms.Form):
...     subject = forms.CharField(max_length=100, help_text='100 characters max.')
...     message = forms.CharField()
...     sender = forms.EmailField(help_text='A valid email address, please.')
...     cc_myself = forms.BooleanField(required=False)

>>> f = HelpTextContactForm(auto_id=False)

>>> print(f.as_table())

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Subject:</th>
<th>&lt;input type=&quot;text&quot; name=&quot;subject&quot; maxlength=&quot;100&quot; required&gt;</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>&lt;br&gt; 100 characters max.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Message:</td>
<td>&lt;input type=&quot;text&quot; name=&quot;message&quot; required&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>A valid email address, please.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sender:</td>
<td>&lt;input type=&quot;email&quot; name=&quot;sender&quot; required&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>A valid email address, please.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cc myself:</td>
<td>&lt;input type=&quot;checkbox&quot; name=&quot;cc_myself&quot;&gt;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

>>> print(f.as_ul())

- Subject: <input type="text" name="subject" maxlength="100" required><span class="helptext">100 characters max.</span>
- Message: <input type="text" name="message" required></li>
- Sender: <input type="email" name="sender" required> A valid email address, please.</li>
- Cc myself: <input type="checkbox" name="cc_myself"></li>

>>> print(f.as_p())

  Subject: <input type="text" name="subject" maxlength="100" required><span class="helptext">100 characters max.</span>
  Message: <input type="text" name="message" required>
  Sender: <input type="email" name="sender" required> A valid email address, please.
  Cc myself: <input type="checkbox" name="cc_myself"></p>

**error_messages**

Field **error_messages**

The `error_messages` argument lets you override the default messages that the field will raise. Pass in a dictionary with keys matching the error messages you want to override. For example, here is the default error message:

```python
>>> from django import forms
>>> generic = forms.CharField()
>>> generic.clean('')

Traceback (most recent call last):
... ValueError: [u'This field is required.]
```

And here is a custom error message:

```python
>>> name = forms.CharField(error_messages={'required': 'Please enter your name'})
>>> name.clean('')

Traceback (most recent call last):
...
```

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In the `built-in Field classes` section below, each `Field` defines the error message keys it uses.

**validators**

Field.`validators`

The `validators` argument lets you provide a list of validation functions for this field. See the `validators documentation` for more information.

**localize**

Field.`localize`

The `localize` argument enables the localization of form data input, as well as the rendered output. See the `format localization documentation` for more information.

**disabled**

Field.`disabled`

The `disabled` boolean argument, when set to `True`, disables a form field using the `disabled` HTML attribute so that it won’t be editable by users. Even if a user tampers with the field’s value submitted to the server, it will be ignored in favor of the value from the form’s initial data.

**Checking if the field data has changed**

`has_changed()`

Field.`has_changed()`

The `has_changed()` method is used to determine if the field value has changed from the initial value. Returns `True` or `False`. See the `Form.has_changed()` documentation for more information.

**Built-in Field classes**

Naturally, the `forms` library comes with a set of `Field` classes that represent common validation needs. This section documents each built-in field.

For each field, we describe the default widget used if you don’t specify `widget`. We also specify the value returned when you provide an empty value (see the section on `required` above to understand what that means).
BooleanField

class BooleanField(**kwargs)

- Default widget: CheckboxInput
- Empty value: False
- Normalizes to: A Python True or False value.
- Validates that the value is True (e.g. the check box is checked) if the field has `required=True`.
- Error message keys: required

Note: Since all Field subclasses have `required=True` by default, the validation condition here is important. If you want to include a boolean in your form that can be either True or False (e.g. a checked or unchecked checkbox), you must remember to pass in `required=False` when creating the BooleanField.

CharField

class CharField(**kwargs)

- Default widget: TextInput
- Empty value: Whatever you’ve given as empty_value.
- Normalizes to: A string.
- Uses MaxLengthValidator and MinLengthValidator if max_length and min_length are provided. Otherwise, all inputs are valid.
- Error message keys: required, max_length, min_length

Has four optional arguments for validation:

max_length

min_length

If provided, these arguments ensure that the string is at most or at least the given length.

strip

If True (default), the value will be stripped of leading and trailing whitespace.

empty_value

The value to use to represent “empty”. Defaults to an empty string.

ChoiceField

class ChoiceField(**kwargs)

- Default widget: Select
- Empty value: '' (an empty string)
- Normalizes to: A string.
- Validates that the given value exists in the list of choices.
- Error message keys: required, invalid_choice

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The `invalid_choice` error message may contain `%{value}s`, which will be replaced with the selected choice.

Takes one extra argument:

```
choices
```

Either an iterable of 2-tuples to use as choices for this field, `enumeration` choices, or a callable that returns such an iterable. This argument accepts the same formats as the `choices` argument to a model field. See the `model field reference documentation on choices` for more details. If the argument is a callable, it is evaluated each time the field’s form is initialized, in addition to during rendering. Defaults to an empty list.

**TypedChoiceField**

```
class TypedChoiceField(**kwargs)
```

Just like a `ChoiceField`, except `TypedChoiceField` takes two extra arguments, `coerce` and `empty_value`.

- Default widget: `Select`
- Empty value: Whatever you’ve given as `empty_value`.
- Normalizes to: A value of the type provided by the `coerce` argument.
- Validates that the given value exists in the list of choices and can be coerced.
- Error message keys: `required`, `invalid_choice`

Takes extra arguments:

```
coerce
```

A function that takes one argument and returns a coerced value. Examples include the built-in `int`, `float`, `bool` and other types. Defaults to an identity function. Note that coercion happens after input validation, so it is possible to coerce to a value not present in `choices`.

```
empty_value
```

The value to use to represent “empty.” Defaults to the empty string; `None` is another common choice here. Note that this value will not be coerced by the function given in the `coerce` argument, so choose it accordingly.

**DateField**

```
class DateField(**kwargs)
```

- Default widget: `DateInput`
- Empty value: `None`
- Normalizes to: A Python `datetime.date` object.
- Validates that the given value is either a `datetime.date`, `datetime.datetime` or string formatted in a particular date format.
- Error message keys: `required`, `invalid`

Takes one optional argument:

```
input_formats
```

A list of formats used to attempt to convert a string to a valid `datetime.date` object.
If no `input_formats` argument is provided, the default input formats are taken from `DATE_INPUT_FORMATS` if `USE_L10N` is False, or from the active locale format `DATE_INPUT_FORMATS` key if localization is enabled. See also `format localization`.

**DateTimeField**

```python
class DateTimeField(**kwargs)
```

- Default widget: `DateTimeInput`
- Empty value: None
- Normalizes to: A Python `datetime.datetime` object.
- Validates that the given value is either a `datetime.datetime`, `datetime.date` or string formatted in a particular datetime format.
- Error message keys: `required`, `invalid`

Takes one optional argument:

**input_formats**

A list of formats used to attempt to convert a string to a valid `datetime.datetime` object, in addition to ISO 8601 formats.

The field always accepts strings in ISO 8601 formatted dates or similar recognized by `parse_datetime()`. Some examples are:

- `'2006-10-25 14:30:59'`
- `'2006-10-25T14:30:59'`
- `'2006-10-25 14:30'`
- `'2006-10-25T14:30'`
- `'2006-10-25T14:30Z'`
- `'2006-10-25T14:30+02:00'`
- `'2006-10-25'`

If no `input_formats` argument is provided, the default input formats are taken from `DATETIME_INPUT_FORMATS` and `DATE_INPUT_FORMATS` if `USE_L10N` is False, or from the active locale format `DATETIME_INPUT_FORMATS` and `DATE_INPUT_FORMATS` keys if localization is enabled. See also `format localization`.

Support for ISO 8601 date string parsing (including optional timezone) was added.

The fallback on `DATE_INPUT_FORMATS` in the default `input_formats` was added.

**DecimalField**

```python
class DecimalField(**kwargs)
```

- Default widget: `NumberInput` when `Field.localize` is False, else `TextInput`.
- Empty value: None
- Normalizes to: A Python decimal.
- Validates that the given value is a decimal. Uses `MaxValueValidator` and `MinValueValidator` if `max_value` and `min_value` are provided. Leading and trailing whitespace is ignored.
- Error message keys: `required`, `invalid`, `max_value`, `min_value`, `max_digits`, `max_decimal_places`, `max_whole_digits`
The max_value and min_value error messages may contain %(limit_value)s, which will be substituted by the appropriate limit. Similarly, the max_digits, max_decimal_places and max_whole_digits error messages may contain %(max)s.

Takes four optional arguments:

max_value
min_value
  These control the range of values permitted in the field, and should be given as decimal.Decimal values.
max_digits
  The maximum number of digits (those before the decimal point plus those after the decimal point, with leading zeros stripped) permitted in the value.
decimal_places
  The maximum number of decimal places permitted.

DurationField

class DurationField(**kwargs)
  • Default widget: TextInput
  • Empty value: None
  • Normalizes to: A Python timedelta.
  • Validates that the given value is a string which can be converted into a timedelta. The value must be between datetime.timedelta.min and datetime.timedelta.max.
  • Error message keys: required, invalid, overflow.

Accepts any format understood by parse_duration().

EmailField

class EmailField(**kwargs)
  • Default widget: EmailInput
  • Empty value: Whatever you’ve given as empty_value.
  • Normalizes to: A string.
  • Uses EmailValidator to validate that the given value is a valid email address, using a moderately complex regular expression.
  • Error message keys: required, invalid

Has three optional arguments max_length, min_length, and empty_value which work just as they do for CharField.

FileField

class FileField(**kwargs)
  • Default widget: ClearableFileInput
• Empty value: None
• Normalizes to: An UploadedFile object that wraps the file content and file name into a single object.
• Can validate that non-empty file data has been bound to the form.
• Error message keys: required, invalid, missing, empty, max_length

Has two optional arguments for validation, max_length and allow_empty_file. If provided, these ensure that the file name is at most the given length, and that validation will succeed even if the file content is empty.

To learn more about the UploadedFile object, see the file uploads documentation.

When you use a FileField in a form, you must also remember to bind the file data to the form.

The max_length error refers to the length of the filename. In the error message for that key, %(max)d will be replaced with the maximum filename length and %(length)d will be replaced with the current filename length.

FilePathField

class FilePathField(**kwargs)

• Default widget: Select
• Empty value: '' (an empty string)
• Normalizes to: A string.
• Validates that the selected choice exists in the list of choices.
• Error message keys: required, invalid_choice

The field allows choosing from files inside a certain directory. It takes five extra arguments; only path is required:

path
The absolute path to the directory whose contents you want listed. This directory must exist.

recursive
If False (the default) only the direct contents of path will be offered as choices. If True, the directory will be descended into recursively and all descendants will be listed as choices.

match
A regular expression pattern; only files with names matching this expression will be allowed as choices.

allow_files
Optional. Either True or False. Default is True. Specifies whether files in the specified location should be included. Either this or allow_folders must be True.

allow_folders
Optional. Either True or False. Default is False. Specifies whether folders in the specified location should be included. Either this or allow_files must be True.

FloatField

class FloatField(**kwargs)

• Default widget: NumberInput when Field.localize is False, else TextInput.
• Empty value: None
• Normalizes to: A Python float.
• Validates that the given value is a float. Uses `MaxValueValidator` and `MinValueValidator` if `max_value` and `min_value` are provided. Leading and trailing whitespace is allowed, as in Python’s `float()` function.
• Error message keys: `required`, `invalid`, `max_value`, `min_value`

Takes two optional arguments for validation, `max_value` and `min_value`. These control the range of values permitted in the field.

**ImageField**

class `ImageField(**kwargs)`

• Default widget: `ClearableFileInput`
• Empty value: `None`
• Normalizes to: An `UploadedFile` object that wraps the file content and file name into a single object.
• Validates that file data has been bound to the form. Also uses `FileExtensionValidator` to validate that the file extension is supported by Pillow.
• Error message keys: `required`, `invalid`, `missing`, `empty`, `invalid_image`

Using an `ImageField` requires that Pillow is installed with support for the image formats you use. If you encounter a corrupt image error when you upload an image, it usually means that Pillow doesn’t understand its format. To fix this, install the appropriate library and reinstall Pillow.

When you use an `ImageField` on a form, you must also remember to bind the file data to the form.

After the field has been cleaned and validated, the `UploadedFile` object will have an additional `image` attribute containing the Pillow `Image` instance used to check if the file was a valid image. Pillow closes the underlying file descriptor after verifying an image, so whilst non-image data attributes, such as `format`, `height`, and `width`, are available, methods that access the underlying image data, such as `getdata()` or `getpixel()`, cannot be used without reopening the file. For example:

```python
>>> from PIL import Image
>>> from django import forms
>>> from django.core.files.uploadedfile import SimpleUploadedFile
>>> class ImageForm(forms.Form):
...     img = forms.ImageField()
>>> file_data = {'img': SimpleUploadedFile('test.png', <file data>)}
>>> form = ImageForm({}, file_data)
# Pillow closes the underlying file descriptor.
>>> form.is_valid()
True
>>> image_field = form.cleaned_data['img']
>>> image_field.image
<PIL.PngImagePlugin.PngImageFile image mode=RGBA size=191x287 at 0x7F5985045C18>
>>> image_field.image.width
191
>>> image_field.image.height
287
>>> image_field.image.format
'PNG'
>>> image_field.image.getdata()
# Raises AttributeError: 'NoneType' object has no attribute 'seek'.
>>> image = Image.open(image_field)
```

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Additionally, UploadedFile.content_type will be updated with the image’s content type if Pillow can determine it, otherwise it will be set to None.

**IntegerField**

```python
>>> image.getdata()
<ImagingCore object at 0x7f5984f874b0>
```

**IntegerField** class with parameters:

- Default widget: *NumberInput* when Field.localize is False, else *TextInput*.
- Empty value: None
- Normalizes to: A Python integer.
- Validates that the given value is an integer. Uses MaxValueValidator and MinValueValidator if max_value and min_value are provided. Leading and trailing whitespace is allowed, as in Python’s int() function.
- Error message keys: required, invalid, max_value, min_value

The max_value and min_value error messages may contain %(limit_value)s, which will be substituted by the appropriate limit.

Takes two optional arguments for validation:

- `max_value`
- `min_value`

These control the range of values permitted in the field.

**JSONField**

```python
class JSONField(encoder=None, decoder=None, **kwargs)
```

A field which accepts JSON encoded data for a JSONField.

- Default widget: *Textarea*
- Empty value: None
- Normalizes to: A Python representation of the JSON value (usually as a dict, list, or None), depending on JSONField.decoder.
- Validates that the given value is a valid JSON.
- Error message keys: required, invalid

Takes two optional arguments:

- `encoder`
  - A `json.JSONEncoder` subclass to serialize data types not supported by the standard JSON serializer (e.g. `datetime.datetime` or `UUID`). For example, you can use the DjangoJSONEncoder class. Defaults to `json.JSONEncoder`.

- `decoder`
  - A `json.JSONDecoder` subclass to deserialize the input. Your deserialization may need to account for the fact that you can’t be certain of the input type. For example, you run the risk of returning a `datetime` that was actually a string that just happened to be in the same format chosen for `datetimes`.  

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The decoder can be used to validate the input. If json.JSONDecodeError is raised during the deserialization, a ValidationError will be raised. Defaults to json.JSONDecoder.

**Note:** If you use a ModelForm, the encoder and decoder from JSONField will be used.

### User friendly forms

JSONField is not particularly user friendly in most cases. However, it is a useful way to format data from a client-side widget for submission to the server.

#### GenericIPAddressField

class GenericIPAddressField(**kwargs)

A field containing either an IPv4 or an IPv6 address.

- Default widget: TextInput
- Empty value: '' (an empty string)
- Normalizes to: A string. IPv6 addresses are normalized as described below.
- Validates that the given value is a valid IP address.
- Error message keys: required, invalid

The IPv6 address normalization follows RFC 4291#section-2.2 section 2.2, including using the IPv4 format suggested in paragraph 3 of that section, like ::ffff:192.0.2.0. For example, 2001:0::0:01 would be normalized to 2001::1, and ::ffff:0a0a:0a0a to ::ffff:10.10.10.10. All characters are converted to lowercase.

Takes two optional arguments:

- **protocol**
  Limits valid inputs to the specified protocol. Accepted values are both (default), IPv4 or IPv6. Matching is case insensitive.

- **unpack_ipv4**
  Unpacks IPv4 mapped addresses like ::ffff:192.0.2.1. If this option is enabled that address would be unpacked to 192.0.2.1. Default is disabled. Can only be used when protocol is set to 'both'.

#### MultipleChoiceField

class MultipleChoiceField(**kwargs)

- Default widget: SelectMultiple
- Empty value: [] (an empty list)
- Normalizes to: A list of strings.
- Validates that every value in the given list of values exists in the list of choices.
- Error message keys: required, invalid_choice, invalid_list
The `invalid_choice` error message may contain `%(value)s`, which will be replaced with the selected choice.

Takes one extra required argument, `choices`, as for `ChoiceField`.

**TypedMultipleChoiceField**

```python
class TypedMultipleChoiceField(**kwargs)
    Just like a `MultipleChoiceField`, except `TypedMultipleChoiceField` takes two extra arguments, `coerce` and `empty_value`.
    • Default widget: `SelectMultiple`
    • Empty value: Whatever you’ve given as `empty_value`
    • Normalizes to: A list of values of the type provided by the `coerce` argument.
    • Validates that the given values exists in the list of choices and can be coerced.
    • Error message keys: `required, invalid_choice`
```

The `invalid_choice` error message may contain `%(value)s`, which will be replaced with the selected choice.

Takes two extra arguments, `coerce` and `empty_value`, as for `TypedChoiceField`.

**NullBooleanField**

```python
class NullBooleanField(**kwargs)
    • Default widget: `NullBooleanSelect`
    • Empty value: None
    • Normalizes to: A Python `True`, `False` or `None` value.
    • Validates nothing (i.e., it never raises a `ValidationError`).
```

`NullBooleanField` may be used with widgets such as `Select` or `RadioSelect` by providing the widget choices:

```python
NullBooleanField(
    widget=Select(
        choices=[
            ('', 'Unknown'),
            (True, 'Yes'),
            (False, 'No'),
        ]
    )
)
```

**RegexField**

```python
class RegexField(**kwargs)
    • Default widget: `TextInput`
    • Empty value: Whatever you’ve given as `empty_value`.
```

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• Normalizes to: A string.
• Uses RegexValidator to validate that the given value matches a certain regular expression.
• Error message keys: required, invalid

Takes one required argument:

regex
A regular expression specified either as a string or a compiled regular expression object.

Also takes max_length, min_length, strip, and empty_value which work just as they do for CharField.

strip
Defaults to False. If enabled, stripping will be applied before the regex validation.

SlugField

class SlugField(**kwargs)
• Default widget: TextInput
• Empty value: Whatever you’ve given as empty_value.
• Normalizes to: A string.
• Uses validate_slug or validate_unicode_slug to validate that the given value contains only letters, numbers, underscores, and hyphens.
• Error messages: required, invalid

This field is intended for use in representing a model SlugField in forms.

Takes two optional parameters:

allow_unicode
A boolean instructing the field to accept Unicode letters in addition to ASCII letters. Defaults to False.

empty_value
The value to use to represent “empty”. Defaults to an empty string.

TimeField

class TimeField(**kwargs)
• Default widget: TimeInput
• Empty value: None
• Normalizes to: A Python datetime.time object.
• Validates that the given value is either a datetime.time or string formatted in a particular time format.
• Error message keys: required, invalid

Takes one optional argument:

input_formats
A list of formats used to attempt to convert a string to a valid datetime.time object.
If no `input_formats` argument is provided, the default input formats are taken from `TIME_INPUT_FORMATS` if `USE_L10N` is `False`, or from the active locale format `TIME_INPUT_FORMATS` key if localization is enabled. See also `format localization`.

**URLField**

class URLField(**kwargs)**

• Default widget: `URLInput`
• Empty value: Whatever you’ve given as `empty_value`.
• Normalizes to: A string.
• Uses `URLValidator` to validate that the given value is a valid URL.
• Error message keys: `required`, `invalid`

Has three optional arguments `max_length`, `min_length`, and `empty_value` which work just as they do for `CharField`.

**UUIDField**

class UUIDField(**kwargs)**

• Default widget: `TextInput`
• Empty value: `None`
• Normalizes to: A `UUID` object.
• Error message keys: `required`, `invalid`

This field will accept any string format accepted as the `hex` argument to the `UUID` constructor.

**Slightly complex built-in Field classes**

**ComboField**

class ComboField(**kwargs)**

• Default widget: `TextInput`
• Empty value: `' ' (an empty string)
• Normalizes to: A string.
• Validates the given value against each of the fields specified as an argument to the `ComboField`.
• Error message keys: `required`, `invalid`

Takes one extra required argument:

**fields**

The list of fields that should be used to validate the field’s value (in the order in which they are provided).
>>> from django.forms import ComboField
>>> f = ComboField(fields=[CharField(max_length=20), EmailField()])
>>> f.clean('test@example.com')
'test@example.com'
>>> f.clean('longemailaddress@example.com')
Traceback (most recent call last):
... ValidationError: ['Ensure this value has at most 20 characters (it has 28).']

### MultiValueField

**class MultiValueField(fields=(), **kwargs)**

- Default widget: `TextInput`
- Empty value: '' (an empty string)
- Normalizes to: the type returned by the `compress` method of the subclass.
- Validates the given value against each of the fields specified as an argument to the `MultiValueField`.
- Error message keys: `required`, `invalid`, `incomplete`

Aggregates the logic of multiple fields that together produce a single value.

This field is abstract and must be subclassed. In contrast with the single-value fields, subclasses of `MultiValueField` must not implement `clean()` but instead - implement `compress()`.

Takes one extra required argument:

**fields**

A tuple of fields whose values are cleaned and subsequently combined into a single value. Each value of the field is cleaned by the corresponding field in `fields` – the first value is cleaned by the first field, the second value is cleaned by the second field, etc. Once all fields are cleaned, the list of clean values is combined into a single value by `compress()`.

Also takes some optional arguments:

**require_all_fields**

Defaults to `True`, in which case a `required` validation error will be raised if no value is supplied for any field.

When set to `False`, the `Field.required` attribute can be set to `False` for individual fields to make them optional. If no value is supplied for a required field, an `incomplete` validation error will be raised.

A default `incomplete` error message can be defined on the `MultiValueField` subclass, or different messages can be defined on each individual field. For example:

```python
from django.core.validators import RegexValidator

class PhoneField(MultiValueField):
    def __init__(self, **kwargs):
        # Define one message for all fields.
        error_messages = {
            'incomplete': 'Enter a country calling code and a phone number.',
        }
        # Or define a different message for each field.
        fields = (
            CharField(
```
error_messages=('incomplete': 'Enter a country calling code.'),

.validators=[
    RegexValidator(r'^[0-9]+$', 'Enter a valid country calling code.'),
],

CharField(
    error_messages=('incomplete': 'Enter a phone number.'),
    validators=[RegexValidator(r'^[0-9]+$', 'Enter a valid phone number.'),
        required=False,
    ],
}

super().__init__(
    error_messages=error_messages, fields=fields,
    require_all_fields=False, **kwargs
)

widget
Must be a subclass of django.forms.MultiWidget. Default value is TextInput, which probably is not very useful in this case.

compress(data_list)
Takes a list of valid values and returns a “compressed” version of those values – in a single value. For example, SplitDateTimeField is a subclass which combines a time field and a date field into a datetime object.

This method must be implemented in the subclasses.

SplitDateTimeField

class SplitDateTimeField(**kwargs)
  • Default widget: SplitDateTimeWidget
  • Empty value: None
  • Normalizes to: A Python datetime.datetime object.
  • Validates that the given value is a datetime.datetime or string formatted in a particular datetime format.
  • Error message keys: required, invalid, invalid_date, invalid_time

Takes two optional arguments:

input_date_formats
A list of formats used to attempt to convert a string to a valid datetime.date object.

If no input_date_formats argument is provided, the default input formats for DateField are used.

input_time_formats
A list of formats used to attempt to convert a string to a valid datetime.time object.
If no `input_time_formats` argument is provided, the default input formats for `TimeField` are used.

### Fields which handle relationships

Two fields are available for representing relationships between models: `ModelChoiceField` and `ModelMultipleChoiceField`. Both of these fields require a single `queryset` parameter that is used to create the choices for the field. Upon form validation, these fields will place either one model object (in the case of `ModelChoiceField`) or multiple model objects (in the case of `ModelMultipleChoiceField`) into the `cleaned_data` dictionary of the form.

For more complex uses, you can specify `queryset=None` when declaring the form field and then populate the `queryset` in the form's `__init__()` method:

```python
class FooMultipleChoiceForm(forms.Form):
    foo_select = forms.ModelMultipleChoiceField(queryset=None)
    def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
        super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)
        self.fields['foo_select'].queryset = ...
```

Both `ModelChoiceField` and `ModelMultipleChoiceField` have an `iterator` attribute which specifies the class used to iterate over the queryset when generating choices. See [Iterating relationship choices](#) for details.

### ModelChoiceField

```python
class ModelChoiceField(**kwargs)
```

- Default widget: `Select`
- Empty value: `None`
- Normalizes to: A model instance.
- Validates that the given id exists in the queryset.
- Error message keys: `required`, `invalid_choice`

Allows the selection of a single model object, suitable for representing a foreign key. Note that the default widget for `ModelChoiceField` becomes impractical when the number of entries increases. You should avoid using it for more than 100 items.

A single argument is required:

- **queryset**
  
  A `QuerySet` of model objects from which the choices for the field are derived and which is used to validate the user's selection. It's evaluated when the form is rendered.

`ModelChoiceField` also takes two optional arguments:

- **empty_label**
  
  By default the `<select>` widget used by `ModelChoiceField` will have an empty choice at the top of the list. You can change the text of this label (which is "--------" by default) with the `empty_label` attribute, or you can disable the empty label entirely by setting `empty_label` to `None`:

```python
# A custom empty label
field1 = forms.ModelChoiceField(queryset=..., empty_label="(Nothing)")

# No empty label
field2 = forms.ModelChoiceField(queryset=..., empty_label=None)
```
Note that if a `ModelChoiceField` is required and has a default initial value, no empty choice is created (regardless of the value of `empty_label`).

**to_field_name**

This optional argument is used to specify the field to use as the value of the choices in the field's widget. Be sure it's a unique field for the model, otherwise the selected value could match more than one object. By default it is set to `None`, in which case the primary key of each object will be used. For example:

```python
# No custom to_field_name
field1 = forms.ModelChoiceField(queryset=...)
```

would yield:

```html
<select id="id_field1" name="field1">
  <option value="obj1.pk">Object1</option>
  <option value="obj2.pk">Object2</option>
  ...
</select>
```

and:

```python
# to_field_name provided
field2 = forms.ModelChoiceField(queryset=..., to_field_name="name")
```

would yield:

```html
<select id="id_field2" name="field2">
  <option value="obj1.name">Object1</option>
  <option value="obj2.name">Object2</option>
  ...
</select>
```

ModelChoiceField also has the attribute:

**iterator**

The iterator class used to generate field choices from `queryset`. By default, `ModelChoiceIterator`.

The `__str__()` method of the model will be called to generate string representations of the objects for use in the field's choices. To provide customized representations, subclass `ModelChoiceField` and override `label_from_instance`. This method will receive a model object and should return a string suitable for representing it. For example:

```python
from django.forms import ModelChoiceField

class MyModelChoiceField(ModelChoiceField):
    def label_from_instance(self, obj):
        return "My Object #%i" % obj.id
```

```python
from django.forms import ModelChoiceField

class MyModelChoiceField(ModelChoiceField):
    def label_from_instance(self, obj):
        return "My Object #%i" % obj.id
```

**ModelMultipleChoiceField**

```python
class ModelMultipleChoiceField(**kwargs):
    • Default widget: SelectMultiple
    • Empty value: An empty QuerySet (self.queryset.none())
    • Normalizes to: A QuerySet of model instances.
```

from django.forms import ModelChoiceField

class MyModelChoiceField(ModelChoiceField):
    def label_from_instance(self, obj):
        return "My Object #%i" % obj.id

ModelChoiceField also has the attribute:

**iterator**

The iterator class used to generate field choices from `queryset`. By default, `ModelChoiceIterator`.

The `__str__()` method of the model will be called to generate string representations of the objects for use in the field's choices. To provide customized representations, subclass `ModelChoiceField` and override `label_from_instance`. This method will receive a model object and should return a string suitable for representing it. For example:

```python
from django.forms import ModelChoiceField

class MyModelChoiceField(ModelChoiceField):
    def label_from_instance(self, obj):
        return "My Object #%i" % obj.id
```

```python
from django.forms import ModelChoiceField

class MyModelChoiceField(ModelChoiceField):
    def label_from_instance(self, obj):
        return "My Object #%i" % obj.id
```

**ModelMultipleChoiceField**

```python
class ModelMultipleChoiceField(**kwargs):
    • Default widget: SelectMultiple
    • Empty value: An empty QuerySet (self.queryset.none())
    • Normalizes to: A QuerySet of model instances.
```
• Validates that every id in the given list of values exists in the queryset.

• Error message keys: required, invalid_list, invalid_choice, invalid_pk_value

The invalid_choice message may contain %(value)s and the invalid_pk_value message may contain %(pk)s, which will be substituted by the appropriate values.

Allows the selection of one or more model objects, suitable for representing a many-to-many relation. As with ModelChoiceField, you can use label_from_instance to customize the object representations.

A single argument is required:

queryset
  Same as ModelChoiceField.queryset.

Takes one optional argument:

to_field_name
  Same as ModelChoiceField.to_field_name.

ModelMultipleChoiceField also has the attribute:

iterator
  Same as ModelChoiceField.iterator.

Deprecated since version 3.1: The list message is deprecated, use invalid_list instead.

Iterating relationship choices

By default, ModelChoiceField and ModelMultipleChoiceField use ModelChoiceIterator to generate their field choices.

When iterated, ModelChoiceIterator yields 2-tuple choices containing ModelChoiceIteratorValue instances as the first value element in each choice. ModelChoiceIteratorValue wraps the choice value whilst maintaining a reference to the source model instance that can be used in custom widget implementations, for example, to add data-* attributes to <option> elements.

For example, consider the following models:

```python
from django.db import models

class Topping(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    price = models.DecimalField(decimal_places=2, max_digits=6)

    def __str__(self):
        return self.name

class Pizza(models.Model):
    topping = models.ForeignKey(Topping, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
```

You can use a Select widget subclass to include the value of Topping.price as the HTML attribute data-price for each <option> element:

```python
from django import forms

class ToppingSelect(forms.Select):
    def create_option(self, name, value, label, selected, index, subindex=None, attrs=None):
        option = super().create_option(name, value, label, selected, index, subindex, attrs)
```
if value:
    option['attrs']['data-price'] = value.instance.price
return option

class PizzaForm(forms.ModelForm):
    class Meta:
        model = Pizza
        fields = ['topping']
        widgets = {'topping': ToppingSelect}

This will render the Pizza.topping select as:

```html
<select id="id_topping" name="topping" required>
    <option value="" selected>---------</option>
    <option value="1" data-price="1.50">mushrooms</option>
    <option value="2" data-price="1.25">onions</option>
    <option value="3" data-price="1.75">peppers</option>
    <option value="4" data-price="2.00">pineapple</option>
</select>
```

For more advanced usage you may subclass ModelChoiceIterator in order to customize the yielded 2-tuple choices.

**ModelChoiceIterator**

class ModelChoiceIterator(field)

The default class assigned to the iterator attribute of `ModelChoiceField` and `ModelMultipleChoiceField`. An iterable that yields 2-tuple choices from the queryset.

A single argument is required:

field

The instance of `ModelChoiceField` or `ModelMultipleChoiceField` to iterate and yield choices.

ModelChoiceIterator has the following method:

__iter__()

Yields 2-tuple choices, in the `(value, label)` format used by `ChoiceField.choices`. The first value element is a `ModelChoiceIteratorValue` instance.

In older versions, the first value element in the choice tuple is the field value itself, rather than a `ModelChoiceIteratorValue` instance. In most cases this proxies transparently but, if you need the field value itself, use the `ModelChoiceIteratorValue.value` attribute instead.

**ModelChoiceIteratorValue**

class ModelChoiceIteratorValue(value, instance)

Two arguments are required:

value

The value of the choice. This value is used to render the value attribute of an HTML `<option>` element.
instance

The model instance from the query set. The instance can be accessed in custom ChoiceWidget. create_option() implementations to adjust the rendered HTML.

ModelChoiceIteratorValue has the following method:

__str__()

Return value as a string to be rendered in HTML.

Creating custom fields

If the built-in Field classes don’t meet your needs, you can create custom Field classes. To do this, create a subclass of django.forms.Field. Its only requirements are that it implement a clean() method and that its __init__() method accept the core arguments mentioned above (required, label, initial, widget, help_text).

You can also customize how a field will be accessed by overriding get_bound_field().

6.12.3 Model Form Functions

Model Form API reference. For introductory material about model forms, see the Creating forms from models topic guide.

modelform_factory

modelform_factory(model, form=ModelForm, fields=None, exclude=None, formfield_callback=None, widgets=None, localized_fields=None, labels=None, help_texts=None, error_messages=None, field_classes=None)

Returns a ModelForm class for the given model. You can optionally pass a form argument to use as a starting point for constructing the ModelForm.

fields is an optional list of field names. If provided, only the named fields will be included in the returned fields.

exclude is an optional list of field names. If provided, the named fields will be excluded from the returned fields, even if they are listed in the fields argument.

formfield_callback is a callable that takes a model field and returns a form field.

widgets is a dictionary of model field names mapped to a widget.

localized_fields is a list of names of fields which should be localized.

labels is a dictionary of model field names mapped to a label.

help_texts is a dictionary of model field names mapped to a help text.

error_messages is a dictionary of model field names mapped to a dictionary of error messages.

field_classes is a dictionary of model field names mapped to a form field class.

See ModelForm factory function for example usage.

You must provide the list of fields explicitly, either via keyword arguments fields or exclude, or the corresponding attributes on the form’s inner Meta class. See Selecting the fields to use for more information. Omitting any definition of the fields to use will result in an ImproperlyConfigured exception.
modelformset_factory

modelformset_factory(model, form=ModelForm, formfield_callback=None, formset=BaseModelFormSet, extra=1, can_delete=False, can_order=False, max_num=None, fields=None, exclude=None, widgets=None, validate_max=False, localized_fields=None, labels=None, help_texts=None, error_messages=None, min_num=None, validate_min=False, field_classes=None)

Returns a FormSet class for the given model class.

Arguments model, form, fields, exclude, formfield_callback, widgets, localized_fields, labels, help_texts, error_messages, and field_classes are all passed through to modelformset_factory().

Arguments formset, extra, can_delete, can_order, max_num, validate_max, min_num, and validate_min are passed through to formset_factory(). See formsets for details.

See Model formsets for example usage.

inlineformset_factory

inlineformset_factory(parent_model, model, form=ModelForm, formset=BaseInlineFormSet, fk_name=None, fields=None, exclude=None, extra=3, can_order=False, can_delete=True, max_num=None, formfield_callback=None, widgets=None, validate_max=False, localized_fields=None, labels=None, help_texts=None, error_messages=None, min_num=None, validate_min=False, field_classes=None)

Returns an InlineFormSet using modelformset_factory() with defaults of formset=BaseInlineFormSet, can_delete=True, and extra=3.

If your model has more than one ForeignKey to the parent_model, you must specify a fk_name.

See Inline formsets for example usage.

6.12.4 Formset Functions

Formset API reference. For introductory material about formsets, see the Formsets topic guide.

formset_factory

formset_factory(form, formset=BaseFormSet, extra=1, can_order=False, can_delete=False, max_num=None, validate_max=False, min_num=None, validate_min=False)

Returns a FormSet class for the given form class.

See formsets for example usage.

6.12.5 The form rendering API

Django’s form widgets are rendered using Django’s template engines system.

The form rendering process can be customized at several levels:

- Widgets can specify custom template names.
- Forms and widgets can specify custom renderer classes.
A widget’s template can be overridden by a project. (Reusable applications typically shouldn’t override built-in templates because they might conflict with a project’s custom templates.)

The low-level render API

The rendering of form templates is controlled by a customizable renderer class. A custom renderer can be specified by updating the $FORM_RENDERER$ setting. It defaults to $'django.forms.renderers.DjangoTemplates'$.

You can also provide a custom renderer by setting the $Form.default_renderer$ attribute or by using the renderer argument of $Widget.render()$.

Use one of the built-in template form renderers or implement your own. Custom renderers must implement a $render(template_name, context, request=None)$ method. It should return a rendered templates (as a string) or raise $TemplateDoesNotExist$.

Built-in-template form renderers

DjangoTemplates

class DjangoTemplates

This renderer uses a standalone $DjangoTemplates$ engine (unconnected to what you might have configured in the $TEMPLATES$ setting). It loads templates first from the built-in form templates directory in $django/forms/templates$ and then from the installed apps’ templates directories using the $app_directories$ loader.

If you want to render templates with customizations from your $TEMPLATES$ setting, such as context processors for example, use the $TemplatesSetting$ renderer.

Jinja2

class Jinja2

This renderer is the same as the $DjangoTemplates$ renderer except that it uses a $Jinja2$ backend. Templates for the built-in widgets are located in $django/forms/jinja2$ and installed apps can provide templates in a $jinja2$ directory.

To use this backend, all the widgets in your project and its third-party apps must have Jinja2 templates. Unless you provide your own Jinja2 templates for widgets that don’t have any, you can’t use this renderer. For example, $django.contrib.admin$ doesn’t include Jinja2 templates for its widgets due to their usage of Django template tags.

TemplatesSetting

class TemplatesSetting

This renderer gives you complete control of how widget templates are sourced. It uses $get_template()$ to find widget templates based on what’s configured in the $TEMPLATES$ setting.

Using this renderer along with the built-in widget templates requires either:

- $'django.forms'$ in $INSTALLED_APPS$ and at least one engine with $APP_DIRS=True$.
- Adding the built-in widgets templates directory in $DIRS$ of one of your template engines. To generate that path:

```python
import django
django.__path__[0] + '/forms/templates'  # or '/forms/jinja2'
```
Using this renderer requires you to make sure the form templates your project needs can be located.

Context available in widget templates

Widget templates receive a context from `Widget.get_context()`. By default, widgets receive a single value in the context, `widget`. This is a dictionary that contains values like:

- name
- value
- attrs
- is_hidden
- template_name

Some widgets add further information to the context. For instance, all widgets that subclass `Input` defines `widget['type']` and `MultiWidget` defines `widget['subwidgets']` for looping purposes.

Overriding built-in widget templates

Each widget has a `template_name` attribute with a value such as `input.html`. Built-in widget templates are stored in the `django/forms/widgets` path. You can provide a custom template for `input.html` by defining `django/forms/widgets/input.html`, for example. See `Built-in widgets` for the name of each widget's template.

To override widget templates, you must use the `TemplatesSetting` renderer. Then overriding widget templates works the same as overriding any other template in your project.

6.12.6 Widgets

A widget is Django’s representation of an HTML input element. The widget handles the rendering of the HTML, and the extraction of data from a GET/POST dictionary that corresponds to the widget.

The HTML generated by the built-in widgets uses HTML5 syntax, targeting `<!DOCTYPE html>`. For example, it uses boolean attributes such as `checked` rather than the XHTML style of `checked='checked'`.

**Tip:** Widgets should not be confused with the `form fields`. Form fields deal with the logic of input validation and are used directly in templates. Widgets deal with rendering of HTML form input elements on the web page and extraction of raw submitted data. However, widgets do need to be assigned to form fields.

Specifying widgets

Whenever you specify a field on a form, Django will use a default widget that is appropriate to the type of data that is to be displayed. To find which widget is used on which field, see the documentation about `Built-in Field classes`.

However, if you want to use a different widget for a field, you can use the `widget` argument on the field definition. For example:

```python
from django import forms

class CommentForm(forms.Form):
    name = forms.CharField()
    ```

(continues on next page)
url = forms.URLField()
comment = forms.CharField(widget=forms.Textarea)

This would specify a form with a comment that uses a larger \texttt{Textarea} widget, rather than the default \texttt{TextInput} widget.

### Setting arguments for widgets

Many widgets have optional extra arguments; they can be set when defining the widget on the field. In the following example, the \texttt{years} attribute is set for a \texttt{SelectDateWidget}:

```python
from django import forms

BIRTH_YEAR_CHOICES = ['1980', '1981', '1982']
FAVORITE_COLORS_CHOICES = [
    ('blue', 'Blue'),
    ('green', 'Green'),
    ('black', 'Black'),
]

class SimpleForm(forms.Form):
    birth_year = forms.DateField(widget=forms.SelectDateWidget(years=BIRTH_YEAR_CHOICES))
    favorite_colors = forms.MultipleChoiceField(
        required=False,
        widget=forms.CheckboxSelectMultiple,
        choices=FAVORITE_COLORS_CHOICES,
    )
```

See the \textit{Built-in widgets} for more information about which widgets are available and which arguments they accept.

### Widgets inheriting from the Select widget

Widgets inheriting from the \texttt{Select} widget deal with choices. They present the user with a list of options to choose from. The different widgets present this choice differently; the \texttt{Select} widget itself uses a \texttt{<select>} HTML list representation, while \texttt{RadioSelect} uses radio buttons.

\texttt{Select} widgets are used by default on \texttt{ChoiceField} fields. The choices displayed on the widget are inherited from the \texttt{ChoiceField} and changing \texttt{ChoiceField.choices} will update \texttt{Select.choices}. For example:

```python
>>> from django import forms
>>> CHOICES = [('1', 'First'), ('2', 'Second')]
>>> choice_field = forms.ChoiceField(widget=forms.RadioSelect, choices=CHOICES)
>>> choice_field.choices
[('1', 'First'), ('2', 'Second')]
>>> choice_field.widget.choices
[('1', 'First'), ('2', 'Second')]
>>> choice_field.widget.choices = []
>>> choice_field.choices = [('1', 'First and only')]
>>> choice_field.widget.choices
[('1', 'First and only')]
```

Widgets which offer a \texttt{choices} attribute can however be used with fields which are not based on choice – such as a \texttt{CharField} – but it is recommended to use a \texttt{ChoiceField}-based field when the choices are inherent to the model and not just the representational widget.
Customizing widget instances

When Django renders a widget as HTML, it only renders very minimal markup - Django doesn’t add class names, or any other widget-specific attributes. This means, for example, that all `TextInput` widgets will appear the same on your Web pages.

There are two ways to customize widgets: *per widget instance* and *per widget class*.

Styling widget instances

If you want to make one widget instance look different from another, you will need to specify additional attributes at the time when the widget object is instantiated and assigned to a form field (and perhaps add some rules to your CSS files).

For example, take the following form:

```python
from django import forms

class CommentForm(forms.Form):
    name = forms.CharField()
    url = forms.URLField()
    comment = forms.CharField()
```

This form will include three default `TextInput` widgets, with default rendering – no CSS class, no extra attributes. This means that the input boxes provided for each widget will be rendered exactly the same:

```python
>>> f = CommentForm(auto_id=False)
>>> f.as_table()
<tr><th>Name:</th><td><input type="text" name="name" required></td></tr>
<tr><th>Url:</th><td><input type="url" name="url" required></td></tr>
<tr><th>Comment:</th><td><input type="text" name="comment" required></td></tr>
```

On a real Web page, you probably don’t want every widget to look the same. You might want a larger input element for the comment, and you might want the ‘name’ widget to have some special CSS class. It is also possible to specify the ‘type’ attribute to take advantage of the new HTML5 input types. To do this, you use the `Widget.attrs` argument when creating the widget:

```python
class CommentForm(forms.Form):
    name = forms.CharField(widget=forms.TextInput(attrs={'class': 'special'}))
    url = forms.URLField()
    comment = forms.CharField(widget=forms.TextInput(attrs={'size': '40'}))
```

You can also modify a widget in the form definition:

```python
class CommentForm(forms.Form):
    name = forms.CharField()
    url = forms.URLField()
    comment = forms.CharField()

    name.widget.attrs.update({'class': 'special'})
    comment.widget.attrs.update(size='40')
```

Or if the field isn’t declared directly on the form (such as model form fields), you can use the `Form.fields` attribute:

```python
class CommentForm(forms.ModelForm):
    def __init__(self, *args, **kwargs):
        (continues on next page)```
Django will then include the extra attributes in the rendered output:

```python
>>> f = CommentForm(auto_id=False)
>>> f.as_table()
<tr><th>Name:</th><td><input type="text" name="name" class="special" required></td></tr>
<tr><th>Url:</th><td><input type="url" name="url" required></td></tr>
<tr><th>Comment:</th><td><input type="text" name="comment" size="40" required></td></tr>
```

You can also set the HTML id using `attrs`. See `BoundField.id_for_label` for an example.

**Styling widget classes**

With widgets, it is possible to add assets (css and javascript) and more deeply customize their appearance and behavior.

In a nutshell, you will need to subclass the widget and either define a “Media” inner class or create a “media” property.

These methods involve somewhat advanced Python programming and are described in detail in the Form Assets topic guide.

**Base widget classes**

Base widget classes `Widget` and `MultiWidget` are subclassed by all the built-in widgets and may serve as a foundation for custom widgets.

**Widget**

```python
class Widget (attrs=None)
```

This abstract class cannot be rendered, but provides the basic attribute `attrs`. You may also implement or override the `render()` method on custom widgets.

`attrs`

A dictionary containing HTML attributes to be set on the rendered widget.

```python
>>> from django import forms
>>> name = forms.TextInput(attrs={'size': 10, 'title': 'Your name'})
>>> name.render('name', 'A name')
<input title="Your name" type="text" name="name" value="A name" size="10"/>
```

If you assign a value of `True` or `False` to an attribute, it will be rendered as an HTML5 boolean attribute:

```python
>>> name = forms.TextInput(attrs={'required': True})
>>> name.render('name', 'A name')
<input name="name" type="text" value="A name" required>''
>>> name = forms.TextInput(attrs={'required': False})
```


```python
>>> name.render('name', 'A name')
'<input name="name" type="text" value="A name">'
```

**supportsMicroseconds**

An attribute that defaults to `True`. If set to `False`, the microseconds part of `datetime` and `time` values will be set to `0`.

**format_value(value)**

Cleans and returns a value for use in the widget template. `value` isn’t guaranteed to be valid input, therefore subclass implementations should program defensively.

**get_context(name, value, attrs)**

Returns a dictionary of values to use when rendering the widget template. By default, the dictionary contains a single key, 'widget', which is a dictionary representation of the widget containing the following keys:

- 'name': The name of the field from the `name` argument.
- 'is_hidden': A boolean indicating whether or not this widget is hidden.
- 'required': A boolean indicating whether or not the field for this widget is required.
- 'value': The value as returned by `format_value()`.
- 'attrs': HTML attributes to be set on the rendered widget. The combination of the `attrs` attribute and the `attrs` argument.
- 'template_name': The value of `self.template_name`.

Widget subclasses can provide custom context values by overriding this method.

**id_for_label(id_)**

Returns the HTML ID attribute of this widget for use by a `<label>`, given the ID of the field. Returns `None` if an ID isn’t available.

This hook is necessary because some widgets have multiple HTML elements and, thus, multiple IDs. In that case, this method should return an ID value that corresponds to the first ID in the widget’s tags.

**render(name, value, attrs=None, renderer=None)**

Renders a widget to HTML using the given renderer. If `renderer` is `None`, the renderer from the `FORM_RENDERER` setting is used.

**value_from_datadict(data, files, name)**

Given a dictionary of data and this widget’s name, returns the value of this widget. `files` may contain data coming from `request.FILES`. Returns `None` if a value wasn’t provided. Note also that `value_from_datadict` may be called more than once during handling of form data, so if you customize it and add expensive processing, you should implement some caching mechanism yourself.

**value_omitted_from_data(data, files, name)**

Given data and files dictionaries and this widget’s name, returns whether or not there’s data or files for the widget.

The method’s result affects whether or not a field in a model form falls back to its default.

Special cases are `CheckboxInput`, `CheckboxSelectMultiple`, and `SelectMultiple`, which always return `False` because an unchecked checkbox and unselected `<select multiple>` don’t appear in the data of an HTML form submission, so it’s unknown whether or not the user submitted a value.

**use_required_attribute(initial)**

Given a form field’s `initial` value, returns whether or not the widget can be rendered with the
required HTML attribute. Forms use this method along with `Field.required` and `Form.use_required_attribute` to determine whether or not to display the required attribute for each field.

By default, returns `False` for hidden widgets and `True` otherwise. Special cases are `FileInput` and `ClearableFileInput`, which return `False` when `initial` is set, and `CheckboxSelectMultiple`, which always returns `False` because browser validation would require all checkboxes to be checked instead of at least one.

Override this method in custom widgets that aren’t compatible with browser validation. For example, a WSYSIWG text editor widget backed by a hidden `textarea` element may want to always return `False` to avoid browser validation on the hidden field.

In older versions, `True` was returned for `FileInput` when `initial` was set.

**MultiWidget**

class `MultiWidget` *(widgets, attrs=None)*

A widget that is composed of multiple widgets. `MultiWidget` works hand in hand with the `MultiValueField`. `MultiWidget` has one required argument:

`widgets`

An iterable containing the widgets needed. For example:

```python
>>> from django.forms import MultiWidget, TextInput
>>> widget = MultiWidget(widgets=[TextInput, TextInput])
>>> widget.render('name', ['john', 'paul'])
'<input type="text" name="name_0" value="john">\n<input type="text" name="name_1" value="paul">'
```

You may provide a dictionary in order to specify custom suffixes for the `name` attribute on each subwidget. In this case, for each `(key, widget)` pair, the key will be appended to the `name` of the widget in order to generate the attribute value. You may provide the empty string (`''`) for a single key, in order to suppress the suffix for one widget. For example:

```python
>>> widget = MultiWidget(widgets={'': TextInput, 'last': TextInput})
>>> widget.render('name', ['john', 'paul'])
'<input type="text" name="name" value="john">\n<input type="text" name="name_last" value="paul">'
```

And one required method:

`decompress` *(value)*

This method takes a single “compressed” value from the field and returns a list of “decompressed” values. The input value can be assumed valid, but not necessarily non-empty.

This method **must be implemented** by the subclass, and since the value may be empty, the implementation must be defensive.

The rationale behind “decompression” is that it is necessary to “split” the combined value of the form field into the values for each widget.

An example of this is how `SplitDateTimeWidget` turns a `datetime` value into a list with date and time split into two separate values:
from django.forms import MultiWidget

class SplitDateTimeWidget(MultiWidget):
    # ...

    def decompress(self, value):
        if value:
            return [value.date(), value.time()]
        return [None, None]

Tip:  Note that MultiValueField has a complementary method compress() with the opposite responsibility - to combine cleaned values of all member fields into one.

It provides some custom context:

def get_context(self, name, value, attrs)
    In addition to the 'widget' key described in Widget.get_context(), MultiValueWidget adds a widget['subwidgets'] key.

These can be looped over in the widget template:

{% for subwidget in widget.subwidgets %}
{% include subwidget.template_name with widget=subwidget %}
{% endfor %}

Here's an example widget which subclasses MultiWidget to display a date with the day, month, and year in different select boxes. This widget is intended to be used with a DateField rather than a MultiValueField, thus we have implemented value_from_datadict():

from datetime import date
from django import forms

class DateSelectorWidget(forms.MultiWidget):
    def __init__(self, attrs=None):
        days = [(day, day) for day in range(1, 32)]
        months = [(month, month) for month in range(1, 13)]
        years = [(year, year) for year in [2018, 2019, 2020]]
        widgets = [
            forms.Select(attrs=attrs, choices=days),
            forms.Select(attrs=attrs, choices=months),
            forms.Select(attrs=attrs, choices=years),
        ]
        super().__init__(widgets, attrs)

    def decompress(self, value):
        if isinstance(value, date):
            return [value.day, value.month, value.year]
        elif isinstance(value, str):
            year, month, day = value.split('-')
            return [day, month, year]
        return [None, None, None]

    def value_from_datadict(self, self, data, files, name):
        day, month, year = super().value_from_datadict(data, files, name)
The constructor creates several Select widgets in a list. The super() method uses this list to setup the widget.

The required method decompress() breaks up a datetime.date value into the day, month, and year values corresponding to each widget. If an invalid date was selected, such as the non-existent 30th February, the DateField passes this method a string instead, so that needs parsing. The final return handles when value is None, meaning we don’t have any defaults for our subwidgets.

The default implementation of value_from_datadict() returns a list of values corresponding to each Widget. This is appropriate when using a MultiWidget with a MultiValueField. But since we want to use this widget with a DateField, which takes a single value, we have overridden this method. The implementation here combines the data from the subwidgets into a string in the format that DateField expects.

**Built-in widgets**

Django provides a representation of all the basic HTML widgets, plus some commonly used groups of widgets in the django.forms.widgets module, including the input of text, various checkboxes and selectors, uploading files, and handling of multi-valued input.

**Widgets handling input of text**

These widgets make use of the HTML elements input and textarea.

**TextInput**

```python
class TextInput
    • input_type: 'text'
    • template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/text.html'
    • Renders as: <input type="text" ...>
```

**NumberInput**

```python
class NumberInput
    • input_type: 'number'
    • template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/number.html'
    • Renders as: <input type="number" ...>
```

Beware that not all browsers support entering localized numbers in number input types. Django itself avoids using them for fields having their localize property set to True.
EmailInput

class EmailInput
    • input_type: 'email'
    • template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/email.html'
    • Renders as: <input type="email" ...>

URLInput

class URLInput
    • input_type: 'url'
    • template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/url.html'
    • Renders as: <input type="url" ...>

PasswordInput

class PasswordInput
    • input_type: 'password'
    • template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/password.html'
    • Renders as: <input type="password" ...>
    
    Takes one optional argument:

    render_value
    Determines whether the widget will have a value filled in when the form is re-displayed after a validation error (default is False).

HiddenInput

class HiddenInput
    • input_type: 'hidden'
    • template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/hidden.html'
    • Renders as: <input type="hidden" ...>
    
    Note that there also is a MultipleHiddenInput widget that encapsulates a set of hidden input elements.

DateInput

class DateInput
    • input_type: 'text'
    • template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/date.html'
    • Renders as: <input type="text" ...>
    
    Takes same arguments as TextInput, with one more optional argument:
format
The format in which this field’s initial value will be displayed.

If no format argument is provided, the default format is the first format found in DATE_INPUT_FORMATS and respects Format localization.

DateTimeInput

class DateTimeInput

• input_type: 'text'
• template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/datetime.html'
• Renders as: <input type="text" ...>

Takes same arguments as TextInput, with one more optional argument:

format
The format in which this field’s initial value will be displayed.

If no format argument is provided, the default format is the first format found in DATETIME_INPUT_FORMATS and respects Format localization.

By default, the microseconds part of the time value is always set to 0. If microseconds are required, use a subclass with the supports_microseconds attribute set to True.

TimeInput

class TimeInput

• input_type: 'text'
• template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/time.html'
• Renders as: <input type="text" ...>

Takes same arguments as TextInput, with one more optional argument:

format
The format in which this field’s initial value will be displayed.

If no format argument is provided, the default format is the first format found in TIME_INPUT_FORMATS and respects Format localization.

For the treatment of microseconds, see DateTimeInput.

Textarea

class Textarea

• template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/textarea.html'
• Renders as: <textarea>...</textarea>
Selector and checkbox widgets

These widgets make use of the HTML elements `<select>`, `<input type="checkbox">`, and `<input type="radio">`.

Widgets that render multiple choices have an `option_template_name` attribute that specifies the template used to render each choice. For example, for the Select widget, `select_option.html` renders the `<option>` for a `<select>`.

CheckboxInput

class CheckboxInput
    * input_type: 'checkbox'
    * template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/checkbox.html'
    * Renders as: `<input type="checkbox" ...>`

Takes one optional argument:

check_test
    A callable that takes the value of the CheckboxInput and returns `True` if the checkbox should be checked for that value.

Select

class Select
    * template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/select.html'
    * option_template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/select_option.html'
    * Renders as: `<select><option ...>...</select>`

choices
    This attribute is optional when the form field does not have a choices attribute. If it does, it will override anything you set here when the attribute is updated on the Field.

NullBooleanSelect

class NullBooleanSelect
    * template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/select.html'
    * option_template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/select_option.html'

Select widget with options 'Unknown', 'Yes' and 'No'

SelectMultiple

class SelectMultiple
    * template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/select.html'
    * option_template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/select_option.html'

Similar to Select, but allows multiple selection: `<select multiple>...</select>`
RadioSelect

class RadioSelect

• template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/radio.html'
• option_template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/radio_option.html'

Similar to Select, but rendered as a list of radio buttons within <li> tags:

```html
<ul>
  <li><input type="radio" name="..."></li>
  ...
</ul>
```

For more granular control over the generated markup, you can loop over the radio buttons in the template. Assuming a form `myform` with a field `beatles` that uses a RadioSelect as its widget:

```html
{% for radio in myform.beatles %}
  <div class="myradio">
    {{ radio }}
  </div>
{% endfor %}
```

This would generate the following HTML:

```html
<div class="myradio">
  <label for="id_beatles_0"><input id="id_beatles_0" name="beatles" type="radio" value="john" required> John</label>
</div>
<div class="myradio">
  <label for="id_beatles_1"><input id="id_beatles_1" name="beatles" type="radio" value="paul" required> Paul</label>
</div>
<div class="myradio">
  <label for="id_beatles_2"><input id="id_beatles_2" name="beatles" type="radio" value="george" required> George</label>
</div>
<div class="myradio">
  <label for="id_beatles_3"><input id="id_beatles_3" name="beatles" type="radio" value="ringo" required> Ringo</label>
</div>
```

That included the `<label>` tags. To get more granular, you can use each radio button’s `tag`, `choice_label` and `id_for_label` attributes. For example, this template...

```html
{% for radio in myform.beatles %}
  <label for="{{ radio.id_for_label }}">
    {{ radio.choice_label }}<span class="radio">{{ radio.tag }}</span>
  </label>
{% endfor %}
```

...will result in the following HTML:

```html
<label for="id_beatles_0">
  John
  <input id="id_beatles_0" name="beatles" type="radio" value="john" required>
</label>
```

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If you decide not to loop over the radio buttons – e.g., if your template includes `{{ myform.beatles }}` – they’ll be output in a `<ul>` with `<li>` tags, as above.

The outer `<ul>` container receives the `id` attribute of the widget, if defined, or `BoundField.auto_id` otherwise.

When looping over the radio buttons, the `label` and `input` tags include `for` and `id` attributes, respectively. Each radio button has an `id_for_label` attribute to output the element’s ID.

### CheckboxSelectMultiple

**class CheckboxSelectMultiple**

- `template_name`: 'django/forms/widgets/checkbox_select.html'
- `option_template_name`: 'django/forms/widgets/checkbox_option.html'

Similar to `SelectMultiple`, but rendered as a list of checkboxes:

```html
<ul>
    <li><input type="checkbox" name="..." /></li>
    ... 
</ul>
```

The outer `<ul>` container receives the `id` attribute of the widget, if defined, or `BoundField.auto_id` otherwise.

Like `RadioSelect`, you can loop over the individual checkboxes for the widget’s choices. Unlike `RadioSelect`, the checkboxes won’t include the `required` HTML attribute if the field is required because browser validation would require all checkboxes to be checked instead of at least one.

When looping over the checkboxes, the `label` and `input` tags include `for` and `id` attributes, respectively. Each checkbox has an `id_for_label` attribute to output the element’s ID.

### File upload widgets
FileInput

class FileInput
  • template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/file.html'
  • Renders as: <input type="file" ...>

ClearableFileInput

class ClearableFileInput
  • template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/clearable_file_input.html'
  • Renders as: <input type="file" ...> with an additional checkbox input to clear the field’s value, if the field is not required and has initial data.

Composite widgets

MultipleHiddenInput

class MultipleHiddenInput
  • template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/multiple_hidden.html'
  • Renders as: multiple <input type="hidden" ...> tags
    A widget that handles multiple hidden widgets for fields that have a list of values.

SplitDateTimeWidget

class SplitDateTimeWidget
  • template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/splitdatetime.html'
    Wrapper (using MultiWidget) around two widgets: DateInput for the date, and TimeInput for the time. Must be used with SplitDateTimeField rather than DateTimeField.

SplitDateTimeWidget has several optional arguments:

date_format
  Similar to DateInput.format

time_format
  Similar to TimeInput.format

date_attrs

time_attrs
  Similar to Widget.attrs. A dictionary containing HTML attributes to be set on the rendered DateInput and TimeInput widgets, respectively. If these attributes aren’t set, Widget.attrs is used instead.
SplitHiddenDateTimeWidget

class SplitHiddenDateTimeWidget
  • template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/splithiddendatetime.html'

  Similar to SplitDateTimeWidget, but uses HiddenInput for both date and time.

SelectDateWidget

class SelectDateWidget
  • template_name: 'django/forms/widgets/select_date.html'

Wrapper around three Select widgets: one each for month, day, and year.

Takes several optional arguments:

  years
  An optional list/tuple of years to use in the “year” select box. The default is a list containing the current year and the next 9 years.

  months
  An optional dict of months to use in the “months” select box. The keys of the dict correspond to the month number (1-indexed) and the values are the displayed months:

  ```python
  MONTHS = {
      1: _('jan'), 2: _('feb'), 3: _('mar'), 4: _('apr'),
      5: _('may'), 6: _('jun'), 7: _('jul'), 8: _('aug'),
      9: _('sep'), 10: _('oct'), 11: _('nov'), 12: _('dec')
  }
  ```

  empty_label
  If the DateField is not required, SelectDateWidget will have an empty choice at the top of the list (which is --- by default). You can change the text of this label with the empty_label attribute. empty_label can be a string, list, or tuple. When a string is used, all select boxes will each have an empty choice with this label. If empty_label is a list or tuple of 3 string elements, the select boxes will have their own custom label. The labels should be in this order ('year_label', 'month_label', 'day_label').

  ```python
  # A custom empty label with string
  field1 = forms.DateField(widget=SelectDateWidget(empty_label=_('Nothing')))  
  # A custom empty label with tuple
  field1 = forms.DateField(
      widget=SelectDateWidget( 
          empty_label=(_('Choose Year'), _('Choose Month'), _('Choose Day')), 
      ),
  )
  ```

6.12.7 Form and field validation

Form validation happens when the data is cleaned. If you want to customize this process, there are various places to make changes, each one serving a different purpose. Three types of cleaning methods are run during form processing. These are normally executed when you call the is_valid() method on a form. There are other things that can also
trigger cleaning and validation (accessing the `errors` attribute or calling `full_clean()` directly), but normally they won’t be needed.

In general, any cleaning method can raise `ValidationError` if there is a problem with the data it is processing, passing the relevant information to the `ValidationError` constructor. See below for the best practice in raising `ValidationError`. If no `ValidationError` is raised, the method should return the cleaned (normalized) data as a Python object.

Most validation can be done using `validators` - helpers that can be reused. Validators are functions (or callables) that take a single argument and raise `ValidationError` on invalid input. Validators are run after the field’s `to_python` and `validate` methods have been called.

Validation of a form is split into several steps, which can be customized or overridden:

- The `to_python()` method on a `Field` is the first step in every validation. It coerces the value to a correct datatype and raises `ValidationError` if that is not possible. This method accepts the raw value from the widget and returns the converted value. For example, a `FloatField` will turn the data into a Python `float` or raise a `ValidationError`.

- The `validate()` method on a `Field` handles field-specific validation that is not suitable for a validator. It takes a value that has been coerced to a correct datatype and raises `ValidationError` on any error. This method does not return anything and shouldn’t alter the value. You should override it to handle validation logic that you can’t or don’t want to put in a validator.

- The `run_validators()` method on a `Field` runs all of the field’s validators and aggregates all the errors into a single `ValidationError`. You shouldn’t need to override this method.

- The `clean()` method on a `Field` subclass is responsible for running `to_python()`, `validate()`, and `run_validators()` in the correct order and propagating their errors. If, at any time, any of the methods raise `ValidationError`, the validation stops and that error is raised. This method returns the clean data, which is then inserted into the `cleaned_data` dictionary of the form.

- The `clean_<fieldname>()` method is called on a form subclass – where `<fieldname>` is replaced with the name of the form field attribute. This method does any cleaning that is specific to that particular attribute, unrelated to the type of field that it is. This method is not passed any parameters. You will need to look up the value of the field in `self.cleaned_data` and remember that it will be a Python object at this point, not the original string submitted in the form (it will be in `cleaned_data` because the general field `clean()` method, above, has already cleaned the data once).

For example, if you wanted to validate that the contents of a `CharField` called `serialnumber` was unique, `clean_serialnumber()` would be the right place to do this. You don’t need a specific field (it’s a `CharField`), but you want a formfield-specific piece of validation and, possibly, cleaning/normalizing the data.

The return value of this method replaces the existing value in `cleaned_data`, so it must be the field’s value from `cleaned_data` (even if this method didn’t change it) or a new cleaned value.

- The form subclass’s `clean()` method can perform validation that requires access to multiple form fields. This is where you might put in checks such as “if field A is supplied, field B must contain a valid email address”. This method can return a completely different dictionary if it wishes, which will be used as the `cleaned_data`.

Since the field validation methods have been run by the time `clean()` is called, you also have access to the form’s `errors` attribute which contains all the errors raised by cleaning of individual fields.

Note that any errors raised by your `Form.clean()` override will not be associated with any field in particular. They go into a special “field” (called `__all__`), which you can access via the `non_field_errors()` method if you need to. If you want to attach errors to a specific field in the form, you need to call `add_error()`.

Also note that there are special considerations when overriding the `clean()` method of a `ModelForm` subclass. (see the `ModelForm documentation` for more information)
These methods are run in the order given above, one field at a time. That is, for each field in the form (in the order they are declared in the form definition), the `Field.clean()` method (or its override) is run, then `clean_<fieldname>()`. Finally, once those two methods are run for every field, the `Form.clean()` method, or its override, is executed whether or not the previous methods have raised errors.

Examples of each of these methods are provided below.

As mentioned, any of these methods can raise a `ValidationError`. For any field, if the `Field.clean()` method raises a `ValidationError`, any field-specific cleaning method is not called. However, the cleaning methods for all remaining fields are still executed.

**Raising `ValidationError`**

In order to make error messages flexible and easy to override, consider the following guidelines:

- Provide a descriptive error code to the constructor:

  ```python
  # Good
  ValidationError(_('Invalid value'), code='invalid')
  # Bad
  ValidationError(_('Invalid value'))
  ```

- Don’t coerce variables into the message; use placeholders and the `params` argument of the constructor:

  ```python
  # Good
  ValidationError(_('Invalid value: %(value)s'), params={'value': '42'})
  # Bad
  ValidationError(_('Invalid value: %s') % value)
  ```

- Use mapping keys instead of positional formatting. This enables putting the variables in any order or omitting them altogether when rewriting the message:

  ```python
  # Good
  ValidationError(_('Invalid value: %(value)s'), params={'value': '42'})
  # Bad
  ValidationError(_('Invalid value: %s') % value)
  ```

- Wrap the message with `gettext` to enable translation:

  ```python
  # Good
  ValidationError(_('Invalid value'))
  # Bad
  ValidationError('Invalid value')
  ```

Putting it all together:
Following these guidelines is particularly necessary if you write reusable forms, form fields, and model fields.

While not recommended, if you are at the end of the validation chain (i.e. your form `clean()` method) and you know you will never need to override your error message you can still opt for the less verbose:

```python
ValidationError(_('Invalid value: %s') % value)
```

The `Form.errors.as_data()` and `Form.errors.as_json()` methods greatly benefit from fully featured `ValidationError` (with a `code` name and a `params` dictionary).

### Raising multiple errors

If you detect multiple errors during a cleaning method and wish to signal all of them to the form submitter, it is possible to pass a list of errors to the `ValidationError` constructor.

As above, it is recommended to pass a list of `ValidationError` instances with `code` s and `params` but a list of strings will also work:

```python
# Good
raise ValidationError([
    ValidationError(_('Error 1'), code='error1'),
    ValidationError(_('Error 2'), code='error2'),
])

# Bad
raise ValidationError([
    _('Error 1'),
    _('Error 2'),
])
```

### Using validation in practice

The previous sections explained how validation works in general for forms. Since it can sometimes be easier to put things into place by seeing each feature in use, here are a series of small examples that use each of the previous features.

#### Using validators

Django’s form (and model) fields support use of utility functions and classes known as validators. A validator is a callable object or function that takes a value and returns nothing if the value is valid or raises a `ValidationError` if not. These can be passed to a field’s constructor, via the field’s `validators` argument, or defined on the `Field` class itself with the `default_validators` attribute.

Validators can be used to validate values inside the field, let’s have a look at Django’s `SlugField`:
from django.core import validators
from django.forms import CharField

class SlugField(CharField):
    default_validators = [validators.validate_slug]

As you can see, SlugField is a CharField with a customized validator that validates that submitted text obeys some character rules. This can also be done on field definition so:

```python
slug = forms.SlugField()
```

is equivalent to:

```python
slug = forms.CharField(validators=[validators.validate_slug])
```

Common cases such as validating against an email or a regular expression can be handled using existing validator classes available in Django. For example, validators.validate_slug is an instance of a RegexValidator constructed with the first argument being the pattern: `^[a-zA-Z0-9_.-]+$`. See the section on writing validators to see a list of what is already available and for an example of how to write a validator.

**Form field default cleaning**

Let’s first create a custom form field that validates its input is a string containing comma-separated email addresses. The full class looks like this:

```python
from django import forms
from django.core.validators import validate_email

class MultiEmailField(forms.Field):
    def to_python(self, value):
        """Normalize data to a list of strings."""
        # Return an empty list if no input was given.
        if not value:
            return []
        return value.split(',')

    def validate(self, value):
        """Check if value consists only of valid emails."""
        # Use the parent's handling of required fields, etc.
        super().validate(value)
        for email in value:
            validate_email(email)
```

Every form that uses this field will have these methods run before anything else can be done with the field’s data. This is cleaning that is specific to this type of field, regardless of how it is subsequently used.

Let’s create a ContactForm to demonstrate how you’d use this field:

```python
class ContactForm(forms.Form):
    subject = forms.CharField(max_length=100)
    message = forms.CharField()
    sender = forms.EmailField()
    recipients = MultiEmailField()
    cc_myself = forms.BooleanField(required=False)
```

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Use MultiEmailField like any other form field. When the is_valid() method is called on the form, the MultiEmailField.clean() method will be run as part of the cleaning process and it will, in turn, call the custom to_python() and validate() methods.

Cleaning a specific field attribute

Continuing on from the previous example, suppose that in our ContactForm, we want to make sure that the recipients field always contains the address "fred@example.com". This is validation that is specific to our form, so we don’t want to put it into the general MultiEmailField class. Instead, we write a cleaning method that operates on the recipients field, like so:

```python
from django import forms
from django.core.exceptions import ValidationError
class ContactForm(forms.Form):
    # Everything as before.
    ...

    def clean_recipients(self):
        data = self.cleaned_data['recipients']
        if "fred@example.com" not in data:
            raise ValidationError("You have forgotten about Fred!")

        # Always return a value to use as the new cleaned data, even if
        # this method didn't change it.
        return data
```

Cleaning and validating fields that depend on each other

Suppose we add another requirement to our contact form: if the cc_myself field is True, the subject must contain the word "help". We are performing validation on more than one field at a time, so the form’s clean() method is a good spot to do this. Notice that we are talking about the clean() method on the form here, whereas earlier we were writing a clean() method on a field. It’s important to keep the field and form difference clear when working out where to validate things. Fields are single data points, forms are a collection of fields.

By the time the form’s clean() method is called, all the individual field clean methods will have been run (the previous two sections), so self.cleaned_data will be populated with any data that has survived so far. So you also need to remember to allow for the fact that the fields you are wanting to validate might not have survived the initial individual field checks.

There are two ways to report any errors from this step. Probably the most common method is to display the error at the top of the form. To create such an error, you can raise a ValidationError from the clean() method. For example:

```python
from django import forms
from django.core.exceptions import ValidationError
class ContactForm(forms.Form):
    # Everything as before.
    ...

    def clean(self):
        cleaned_data = super().clean()
        cc_myself = cleaned_data.get("cc_myself")

        if cc_myself:
            if "help" not in cleaned_data['subject']:
                raise ValidationError("The subject must contain "help" when cc_myself is True.")

        return cleaned_data
```

(continues on next page)
subject = cleaned_data.get("subject")

if cc_myself and subject:
    # Only do something if both fields are valid so far.
    if "help" not in subject:
        raise ValidationError(
            "Did not send for 'help' in the subject despite 
            "CC'ing yourself."
        )

In this code, if the validation error is raised, the form will display an error message at the top of the form (normally) describing the problem. Such errors are non-field errors, which are displayed in the template with {{ form.non_field_errors }}.

The call to super().clean() in the example code ensures that any validation logic in parent classes is maintained. If your form inherits another that doesn’t return a cleaned_data dictionary in its clean() method (doing so is optional), then don’t assign cleaned_data to the result of the super() call and use self.cleaned_data instead:

def clean(self):
    super().clean()
    cc_myself = self.cleaned_data.get("cc_myself")
    ...

The second approach for reporting validation errors might involve assigning the error message to one of the fields. In this case, let’s assign an error message to both the “subject” and “cc_myself” rows in the form display. Be careful when doing this in practice, since it can lead to confusing form output. We’re showing what is possible here and leaving it up to you and your designers to work out what works effectively in your particular situation. Our new code (replacing the previous sample) looks like this:

```python
from django import forms

class ContactForm(forms.Form):
    # Everything as before.
    ...
    def clean(self):
        cleaned_data = super().clean()
        cc_myself = cleaned_data.get("cc_myself")
        subject = cleaned_data.get("subject")

        if cc_myself and subject and "help" not in subject:
            msg = "Must put 'help' in subject when cc'ing yourself."
            self.add_error('cc_myself', msg)
            self.add_error('subject', msg)
```

The second argument of add_error() can be a string, or preferably an instance of ValidationError. See Raising ValidationError for more details. Note that add_error() automatically removes the field from cleaned_data.

## 6.13 Middleware

This document explains all middleware components that come with Django. For information on how to use them and how to write your own middleware, see the middleware usage guide.
### 6.13.1 Available middleware

**Cache middleware**

```python
class UpdateCacheMiddleware
class FetchFromCacheMiddleware
```

Enable the site-wide cache. If these are enabled, each Django-powered page will be cached for as long as the `CACHE_MIDDLEWARE_SECONDS` setting defines. See the cache documentation.

**“Common” middleware**

```python
class CommonMiddleware
```

Adds a few conveniences for perfectionists:

- Forbids access to user agents in the `DISALLOWED_USER_AGENTS` setting, which should be a list of compiled regular expression objects.

- Performs URL rewriting based on the `APPEND_SLASH` and `PREPEND_WWW` settings.

  If `APPEND_SLASH` is `True` and the initial URL doesn’t end with a slash, and it is not found in the URLconf, then a new URL is formed by appending a slash at the end. If this new URL is found in the URLconf, then Django redirects the request to this new URL. Otherwise, the initial URL is processed as usual.

  For example, `foo.com/bar` will be redirected to `foo.com/bar/` if you don’t have a valid URL pattern for `foo.com/bar` but do have a valid pattern for `foo.com/bar/`.

  If `PREPEND_WWW` is `True`, URLs that lack a leading “www.” will be redirected to the same URL with a leading “www.”

  Both of these options are meant to normalize URLs. The philosophy is that each URL should exist in one, and only one, place. Technically a URL `foo.com/bar` is distinct from `foo.com/bar/` – a search-engine indexer would treat them as separate URLs -- so it’s best practice to normalize URLs.

- Sets the `Content-Length` header for non-streaming responses.

**CommonMiddleware.response_redirect_class**

Defaults to `HttpResponsePermanentRedirect`. Subclass `CommonMiddleware` and override the attribute to customize the redirects issued by the middleware.

```python
class BrokenLinkEmailsMiddleware
```

- Sends broken link notification emails to `MANAGERS` (see Error reporting).

**GZip middleware**

```python
class GZipMiddleware
```

**Warning:** Security researchers recently revealed that when compression techniques (including GZipMiddleware) are used on a website, the site may become exposed to a number of possible attacks. Before using GZipMiddleware on your site, you should consider very carefully whether you are subject to these attacks. If you’re in any doubt about whether you’re affected, you should avoid using GZipMiddleware. For more details, see the the BREACH paper (PDF) and breachattack.com.
The `django.middleware.gzip.GZipMiddleware` compresses content for browsers that understand GZip compression (all modern browsers).

This middleware should be placed before any other middleware that need to read or write the response body so that compression happens afterward.

It will NOT compress content if any of the following are true:

- The content body is less than 200 bytes long.
- The response has already set the `Content-Encoding` header.
- The request (the browser) hasn’t sent an `Accept-Encoding` header containing `gzip`.

If the response has an `ETag` header, the ETag is made weak to comply with RFC 7232#section-2.1.

You can apply GZip compression to individual views using the `gzip_page()` decorator.

### Conditional GET middleware

**class** `ConditionalGetMiddleware`

Handles conditional GET operations. If the response doesn’t have an `ETag` header, the middleware adds one if needed. If the response has an `ETag` or `Last-Modified` header, and the request has `If-None-Match` or `If-Modified-Since`, the response is replaced by an `HttpResponseNotModified`.

### Locale middleware

**class** `LocaleMiddleware`

Enables language selection based on data from the request. It customizes content for each user. See the [internationalization documentation](#).

**LocaleMiddleware.response_redirect_class**

Defaults to `HttpResponseRedirect`. Subclass `LocaleMiddleware` and override the attribute to customize the redirects issued by the middleware.

### Message middleware

**class** `MessageMiddleware`

Enables cookie- and session-based message support. See the [messages documentation](#).

### Security middleware

Warning: If your deployment situation allows, it’s usually a good idea to have your front-end Web server perform the functionality provided by the `SecurityMiddleware`. That way, if there are requests that aren’t served by Django (such as static media or user-uploaded files), they will have the same protections as requests to your Django application.

**class** `SecurityMiddleware`

The `django.middleware.security.SecurityMiddleware` provides several security enhancements to the request/response cycle. Each one can be independently enabled or disabled with a setting.
HTTP Strict Transport Security

For sites that should only be accessed over HTTPS, you can instruct modern browsers to refuse to connect to your domain name via an insecure connection (for a given period of time) by setting the “Strict-Transport-Security” header. This reduces your exposure to some SSL-stripping man-in-the-middle (MITM) attacks.

SecurityMiddleware will set this header for you on all HTTPS responses if you set the `SECURE_HSTS_SECONDS` setting to a non-zero integer value.

When enabling HSTS, it’s a good idea to first use a small value for testing, for example, `SECURE_HSTS_SECONDS = 3600` for one hour. Each time a Web browser sees the HSTS header from your site, it will refuse to communicate non-securely (using HTTP) with your domain for the given period of time. Once you confirm that all assets are served securely on your site (i.e. HSTS didn’t break anything), it’s a good idea to increase this value so that infrequent visitors will be protected (31536000 seconds, i.e. 1 year, is common).

Additionally, if you set the `SECURE_HSTS_INCLUDE_SUBDOMAINS` setting to True, SecurityMiddleware will add the includeSubDomains directive to the Strict-Transport-Security header. This is recommended (assuming all subdomains are served exclusively using HTTPS), otherwise your site may still be vulnerable via an insecure connection to a subdomain.

If you wish to submit your site to the browser preload list, set the `SECURE_HSTS_PRELOAD` setting to True. That appends the preload directive to the Strict-Transport-Security header.

**Warning:** The HSTS policy applies to your entire domain, not just the URL of the response that you set the header on. Therefore, you should only use it if your entire domain is served via HTTPS only.

Browsers properly respecting the HSTS header will refuse to allow users to bypass warnings and connect to a site with an expired, self-signed, or otherwise invalid SSL certificate. If you use HSTS, make sure your certificates are in good shape and stay that way!

**Note:** If you are deployed behind a load-balancer or reverse-proxy server, and the Strict-Transport-Security header is not being added to your responses, it may be because Django doesn’t realize that it’s on a secure connection; you may need to set the `SECURE_PROXY_SSL_HEADER` setting.
Referrer Policy

Browsers use the Referer header as a way to send information to a site about how users got there. When a user clicks a link, the browser will send the full URL of the linking page as the referrer. While this can be useful for some purposes – like figuring out who’s linking to your site – it also can cause privacy concerns by informing one site that a user was visiting another site.

Some browsers have the ability to accept hints about whether they should send the HTTP Referer header when a user clicks a link; this hint is provided via the Referrer-Policy header. This header can suggest any of three behaviors to browsers:

- Full URL: send the entire URL in the Referer header. For example, if the user is visiting https://example.com/page.html, the Referer header would contain "https://example.com/page.html".
- Origin only: send only the “origin” in the referrer. The origin consists of the scheme, host and (optionally) port number. For example, if the user is visiting https://example.com/page.html, the origin would be https://example.com/.
- No referrer: do not send a Referer header at all.

There are two types of conditions this header can tell a browser to watch out for:

- Same-origin versus cross-origin: a link from https://example.com/1.html to https://example.com/2.html is same-origin. A link from https://example.com/page.html to https://not.example.com/page.html is cross-origin.
- Protocol downgrade: a downgrade occurs if the page containing the link is served via HTTPS, but the page being linked to is not served via HTTPS.

**Warning:** When your site is served via HTTPS, Django’s CSRF protection system requires the Referer header to be present, so completely disabling the Referer header will interfere with CSRF protection. To gain most of the benefits of disabling Referer headers while also keeping CSRF protection, consider enabling only same-origin referrers.

SecurityMiddleware can set the Referrer-Policy header for you, based on the SECURE_REFERRER_POLICY setting (note spelling: browsers send a Referer header when a user clicks a link, but the header instructing a browser whether to do so is spelled Referrer-Policy). The valid values for this setting are:

- no-referrer Instructs the browser to send no referrer for links clicked on this site.
- no-referrer-when-downgrade Instructs the browser to send a full URL as the referrer, but only when no protocol downgrade occurs.
- origin Instructs the browser to send only the origin, not the full URL, as the referrer.
- origin-when-cross-origin Instructs the browser to send the full URL as the referrer for same-origin links, and only the origin for cross-origin links.
- same-origin Instructs the browser to send a full URL, but only for same-origin links. No referrer will be sent for cross-origin links.
- strict-origin Instructs the browser to send only the origin, not the full URL, and to send no referrer when a protocol downgrade occurs.
- strict-origin-when-cross-origin Instructs the browser to send the full URL when the link is same-origin and no protocol downgrade occurs; send only the origin when the link is cross-origin and no protocol downgrade occurs; and no referrer when a protocol downgrade occurs.
Instructs the browser to always send the full URL as the referrer.

Unknown Policy Values

Where a policy value is unknown by a user agent, it is possible to specify multiple policy values to provide a fallback. The last specified value that is understood takes precedence. To support this, an iterable or comma-separated string can be used with `SECURE_REFERRER_POLICY`.

**X-Content-Type-Options:** nosniff

Some browsers will try to guess the content types of the assets that they fetch, overriding the `Content-Type` header. While this can help display sites with improperly configured servers, it can also pose a security risk.

If your site serves user-uploaded files, a malicious user could upload a specially-crafted file that would be interpreted as HTML or JavaScript by the browser when you expected it to be something harmless.

To prevent the browser from guessing the content type and force it to always use the type provided in the `Content-Type` header, you can pass the `X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff` header. `SecurityMiddleware` will do this for all responses if the `SECURE_CONTENT_TYPE_NOSNIFF` setting is True.

Note that in most deployment situations where Django isn’t involved in serving user-uploaded files, this setting won’t help you. For example, if your `MEDIA_URL` is served directly by your front-end Web server (nginx, Apache, etc.) then you’d want to set this header there. On the other hand, if you are using Django to do something like require authorization in order to download files and you cannot set the header using your Web server, this setting will be useful.

**X-XSS-Protection:** 1; mode=block

Some browsers have the ability to block content that appears to be an XSS attack. They work by looking for JavaScript content in the GET or POST parameters of a page. If the JavaScript is replayed in the server’s response, the page is blocked from rendering and an error page is shown instead.

The `X-XSS-Protection` header is used to control the operation of the XSS filter.

To enable the XSS filter in the browser, and force it to always block suspected XSS attacks, you can pass the `X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block` header. `SecurityMiddleware` will do this for all responses if the `SECURE_BROWSER_XSS_FILTER` setting is True.

**Warning:** The browser XSS filter is a useful defense measure, but must not be relied upon exclusively. It cannot detect all XSS attacks and not all browsers support the header. Ensure you are still validating and sanitizing all input to prevent XSS attacks.

SSL Redirect

If your site offers both HTTP and HTTPS connections, most users will end up with an unsecured connection by default. For best security, you should redirect all HTTP connections to HTTPS.

If you set the `SECURE_SSL_REDIRECT` setting to True, `SecurityMiddleware` will permanently (HTTP 301) redirect all HTTP connections to HTTPS.
Note: For performance reasons, it’s preferable to do these redirects outside of Django, in a front-end load balancer or reverse-proxy server such as nginx. `SECURE_SSL_REDIRECT` is intended for the deployment situations where this isn’t an option.

If the `SECURE_SSL_HOST` setting has a value, all redirects will be sent to that host instead of the originally-requested host.

If there are a few pages on your site that should be available over HTTP, and not redirected to HTTPS, you can list regular expressions to match those URLs in the `SECURE_REDIRECT_EXEMPT` setting.

Note: If you are deployed behind a load-balancer or reverse-proxy server and Django can’t seem to tell when a request actually is already secure, you may need to set the `SECURE_PROXY_SSL_HEADER` setting.

### Session middleware

`class SessionMiddleware`

Enables session support. See the session documentation.

### Site middleware

`class CurrentSiteMiddleware`

Adds the `site` attribute representing the current site to every incoming HttpRequest object. See the sites documentation.

### Authentication middleware

`class AuthenticationMiddleware`

Adds the `user` attribute, representing the currently-logged-in user, to every incoming HttpRequest object. See Authentication in Web requests.

`class RemoteUserMiddleware`

Middleware for utilizing Web server provided authentication. See Authentication using REMOTE_USER for usage details.

`class PersistentRemoteUserMiddleware`

Middleware for utilizing Web server provided authentication when enabled only on the login page. See Using REMOTE_USER on login pages only for usage details.

### CSRF protection middleware

`class CsrfViewMiddleware`

Adds protection against Cross Site Request Forgeries by adding hidden form fields to POST forms and checking requests for the correct value. See the Cross Site Request Forgery protection documentation.
**X-Frame-Options middleware**

```python
class XFrameOptionsMiddleware
```

Simple clickjacking protection via the X-Frame-Options header.

### 6.13.2 Middleware ordering

Here are some hints about the ordering of various Django middleware classes:

1. `SecurityMiddleware`
   
   It should go near the top of the list if you’re going to turn on the SSL redirect as that avoids running through a bunch of other unnecessary middleware.

2. `UpdateCacheMiddleware`
   
   Before those that modify the Vary header (`SessionMiddleware`, `GZipMiddleware`, `LocaleMiddleware`).

3. `GZipMiddleware`
   
   Before any middleware that may change or use the response body.
   
   After `UpdateCacheMiddleware`: Modifies Vary header.

4. `SessionMiddleware`
   
   Before any middleware that may raise an exception to trigger an error view (such as `PermissionDenied`) if you’re using `CSRF_USE_SESSIONS`.
   
   After `UpdateCacheMiddleware`: Modifies Vary header.

5. `ConditionalGetMiddleware`
   
   Before any middleware that may change the response (it sets the ETag header).
   
   After `GZipMiddleware` so it won’t calculate an ETag header on gzipped contents.

6. `LocaleMiddleware`
   
   One of the topmost, after `SessionMiddleware` (uses session data) and `UpdateCacheMiddleware` (modifies Vary header).

7. `CommonMiddleware`
   
   Before any middleware that may change the response (it sets the Content-Length header). A middleware that appears before `CommonMiddleware` and changes the response must reset Content-Length.
   
   Close to the top: it redirects when `APPEND_SLASH` or `PREPEND_WWW` are set to True.
   
   After `SessionMiddleware` if you’re using `CSRF_USE_SESSIONS`.

8. `CsrfViewMiddleware`
   
   Before any view middleware that assumes that CSRF attacks have been dealt with.
   
   Before `RemoteUserMiddleware`, or any other authentication middleware that may perform a login, and hence rotate the CSRF token, before calling down the middleware chain.
   
   After `SessionMiddleware` if you’re using `CSRF_USE_SESSIONS`.

9. `AuthenticationMiddleware`
   
   After `SessionMiddleware`: uses session storage.
10. **MessageMiddleware**
   After **SessionMiddleware**: can use session-based storage.

11. **FetchFromCacheMiddleware**
    After any middleware that modifies the **Vary** header: that header is used to pick a value for the cache hash-key.

12. **FlatpageFallbackMiddleware**
    Should be near the bottom as it’s a last-resort type of middleware.

13. **RedirectFallbackMiddleware**
    Should be near the bottom as it’s a last-resort type of middleware.

### 6.14 Migration Operations

Migration files are composed of one or more **Operations**, objects that declaratively record what the migration should do to your database.

Django also uses these **Operation** objects to work out what your models looked like historically, and to calculate what changes you’ve made to your models since the last migration so it can automatically write your migrations; that’s why they’re declarative, as it means Django can easily load them all into memory and run through them without touching the database to work out what your project should look like.

There are also more specialized **Operation** objects which are for things like **data migrations** and for advanced manual database manipulation. You can also write your own **Operation** classes if you want to encapsulate a custom change you commonly make.

If you need an empty migration file to write your own **Operation** objects into, use `python manage.py makemigrations --empty yourappname`, but be aware that manually adding schema-altering operations can confuse the migration autodetector and make resulting runs of `makemigrations` output incorrect code.

All of the core Django operations are available from the `django.db.migrations.operations` module.

For introductory material, see the [migrations topic guide](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/4.2/ref/migration-operations/).

#### 6.14.1 Schema Operations

**CreateModel**

class **CreateModel**(name, fields, options=None, bases=None, managers=None)

Creates a new model in the project history and a corresponding table in the database to match it.

**name** is the model name, as would be written in the `models.py` file.

**fields** is a list of 2-tuples of `(field_name, field_instance)`. The field instance should be an unbound field (so just `models.CharField(...)` rather than a field taken from another model).

**options** is an optional dictionary of values from the model’s **Meta** class.

**bases** is an optional list of other classes to have this model inherit from; it can contain both class objects as well as strings in the format "appname.ModelName" if you want to depend on another model (so you inherit from the historical version). If it’s not supplied, it defaults to inheriting from the standard `models.Model`.

**managers** takes a list of 2-tuples of `(manager_name, manager_instance)`. The first manager in the list will be the default manager for this model during migrations.
DeleteModel
class DeleteModel(name)
Deletes the model from the project history and its table from the database.

RenameModel
class RenameModel(old_name, new_name)
Renames the model from an old name to a new one.
You may have to manually add this if you change the model’s name and quite a few of its fields at once; to the autodetector, this will look like you deleted a model with the old name and added a new one with a different name, and the migration it creates will lose any data in the old table.

AlterModelTable
class AlterModelTable(name, table)
Changes the model’s table name (the db_table option on the Meta subclass).

AlterUniqueTogether
class AlterUniqueTogether(name, unique_together)
Changes the model’s set of unique constraints (the unique_together option on the Meta subclass).

AlterIndexTogether
class AlterIndexTogether(name, index_together)
Changes the model’s set of custom indexes (the index_together option on the Meta subclass).

AlterOrderWithRespectTo
class AlterOrderWithRespectTo(name, order_with_respect_to)
Makes or deletes the _order column needed for the order_with_respect_to option on the Meta subclass.

AlterModelOptions
class AlterModelOptions(name, options)
Stores changes to miscellaneous model options (settings on a model’s Meta) like permissions and verbose_name. Does not affect the database, but persists these changes for RunPython instances to use. options should be a dictionary mapping option names to values.

AlterModelManagers
class AlterModelManagers(name, managers)
Alters the managers that are available during migrations.
AddField

class AddField(model_name, name, field, preserve_default=True)

Adds a field to a model. model_name is the model’s name, name is the field’s name, and field is an un-bound Field instance (the thing you would put in the field declaration in models.py - for example, models.IntegerField(null=True)).

The preserve_default argument indicates whether the field’s default value is permanent and should be baked into the project state (True), or if it is temporary and just for this migration (False) - usually because the migration is adding a non-nullable field to a table and needs a default value to put into existing rows. It does not affect the behavior of setting defaults in the database directly - Django never sets database defaults and always applies them in the Django ORM code.

Warning: On older databases, adding a field with a default value may cause a full rewrite of the table. This happens even for nullable fields and may have a negative performance impact. To avoid that, the following steps should be taken:

• Add the nullable field without the default value and run the makemigrations command. This should generate a migration with an AddField operation.
• Add the default value to your field and run the makemigrations command. This should generate a migration with an AlterField operation.

RemoveField

class RemoveField(model_name, name)

Removes a field from a model.

Bear in mind that when reversed, this is actually adding a field to a model. The operation is reversible (apart from any data loss, which is irreversible) if the field is nullable or if it has a default value that can be used to populate the recreated column. If the field is not nullable and does not have a default value, the operation is irreversible.

AlterField

class AlterField(model_name, name, field, preserve_default=True)

Alters a field’s definition, including changes to its type, null, unique, db_column and other field attributes.

The preserve_default argument indicates whether the field’s default value is permanent and should be baked into the project state (True), or if it is temporary and just for this migration (False) - usually because the migration is altering a nullable field to a non-nullable one and needs a default value to put into existing rows. It does not affect the behavior of setting defaults in the database directly - Django never sets database defaults and always applies them in the Django ORM code.

Note that not all changes are possible on all databases - for example, you cannot change a text-type field like models.TextField() into a number-type field like models.IntegerField() on most databases.

RenameField

class RenameField(model_name, old_name, new_name)

Changes a field’s name (and, unless db_column is set, its column name).
AddIndex

class AddIndex(model_name, index)

Creates an index in the database table for the model with model_name. index is an instance of the Index class.

RemoveIndex

class RemoveIndex(model_name, name)

Removes the index named name from the model with model_name.

AddConstraint

class AddConstraint(model_name, constraint)

Creates a constraint in the database table for the model with model_name.

RemoveConstraint

class RemoveConstraint(model_name, name)

Removes the constraint named name from the model with model_name.

6.14.2 Special Operations

RunSQL

class RunSQL(sql, reverse_sql=None, state_operations=None, hints=None, elidable=False)

Allows running of arbitrary SQL on the database - useful for more advanced features of database backends that Django doesn’t support directly.

sql, and reverse_sql if provided, should be strings of SQL to run on the database. On most database backends (all but PostgreSQL), Django will split the SQL into individual statements prior to executing them.

Warning: On PostgreSQL and SQLite, only use BEGIN or COMMIT in your SQL in non-atomic migrations, to avoid breaking Django’s transaction state.

You can also pass a list of strings or 2-tuples. The latter is used for passing queries and parameters in the same way as cursor.execute(). These three operations are equivalent:

```python
migrations.RunSQL("INSERT INTO musician (name) VALUES ('Reinhardt');")
migrations.RunSQL([("INSERT INTO musician (name) VALUES ('Reinhardt');", None)])
migrations.RunSQL([("INSERT INTO musician (name) VALUES (%s);", ['Reinhardt'])])
```

If you want to include literal percent signs in the query, you have to double them if you are passing parameters.

The reverse_sql queries are executed when the migration is unapplied. They should undo what is done by the sql queries. For example, to undo the above insertion with a deletion:
If `reverse_sql` is None (the default), the `RunSQL` operation is irreversible.

The `state_operations` argument allows you to supply operations that are equivalent to the SQL in terms of project state. For example, if you are manually creating a column, you should pass in a list containing an `AddField` operation here so that the autodetector still has an up-to-date state of the model. If you don’t, when you next run `makemigrations`, it won’t see any operation that adds that field and so will try to run it again. For example:

```python
def forwards_func(apps, schema_editor):
    # We get the model from the versioned app registry;
```

The optional `hints` argument will be passed as **hints** to the `allow_migrate()` method of database routers to assist them in making routing decisions. See `Hints` for more details on database hints.

The optional `elidable` argument determines whether or not the operation will be removed (elided) when `squashing migrations`.

RunSQL `noop`

Pass the `RunSQLnoop` attribute to `sql` or `reverse_sql` when you want the operation not to do anything in the given direction. This is especially useful in making the operation reversible.

### RunPython

**class** RunPython *(code, reverse_code=None, atomic=None, hints=None, elidable=False)*

Runs custom Python code in a historical context. `code` (and `reverse_code` if supplied) should be callable objects that accept two arguments; the first is an instance of `django.apps.registry.Apps` containing historical models that match the operation’s place in the project history, and the second is an instance of `SchemaEditor`.

The `reverse_code` argument is called when unapplying migrations. This callable should undo what is done in the `code` callable so that the migration is reversible. If `reverse_code` is None (the default), the RunPython operation is irreversible.

The optional `hints` argument will be passed as **hints** to the `allow_migrate()` method of database routers to assist them in making a routing decision. See `Hints` for more details on database hints.

The optional `elidable` argument determines whether or not the operation will be removed (elided) when `squashing migrations`.

You are advised to write the code as a separate function above the `Migration` class in the migration file, and pass it to `RunPython`. Here’s an example of using `RunPython` to create some initial objects on a `Country` model:

```python
from django.db import migrations

def forwards_func(apps, schema_editor):
    # We get the model from the versioned app registry;
```
# if we directly import it, it'll be the wrong version
Country = apps.get_model("myapp", "Country")
db_alias = schema_editor.connection.alias
Country.objects.using(db_alias).bulk_create(
    Country(name="USA", code="us"),
    Country(name="France", code="fr"),
)

def reverse_func(apps, schema_editor):
    # forwards_func() creates two Country instances,
    # so reverse_func() should delete them.
    Country = apps.get_model("myapp", "Country")
    db_alias = schema_editor.connection.alias
    Country.objects.using(db_alias).filter(name="USA", code="us").delete()
    Country.objects.using(db_alias).filter(name="France", code="fr").delete()

class Migration(migrations.Migration):
    dependencies = []
    operations = [
        migrations.RunPython(forwards_func, reverse_func),
    ]

This is generally the operation you would use to create data migrations, run custom data updates and alterations, and anything else you need access to an ORM and/or Python code for.

Much like RunSQL, ensure that if you change schema inside here you’re either doing it outside the scope of the Django model system (e.g. triggers) or that you use SeparateDatabaseAndState to add in operations that will reflect your changes to the model state - otherwise, the versioned ORM and the autodetector will stop working correctly.

By default, RunPython will run its contents inside a transaction on databases that do not support DDL transactions (for example, MySQL and Oracle). This should be safe, but may cause a crash if you attempt to use the schema_editor provided on these backends; in this case, pass atomic=False to the RunPython operation.

On databases that do support DDL transactions (SQLite and PostgreSQL), RunPython operations do not have any transactions automatically added besides the transactions created for each migration. Thus, on PostgreSQL, for example, you should avoid combining schema changes and RunPython operations in the same migration or you may hit errors like OperationalError: cannot ALTER TABLE "mytable" because it has pending trigger events.

If you have a different database and aren’t sure if it supports DDL transactions, check the django.db.connection.features.can_rollback_ddl attribute.

If the RunPython operation is part of a non-atomic migration, the operation will only be executed in a transaction if atomic=True is passed to the RunPython operation.

**Warning:** RunPython does not magically alter the connection of the models for you; any model methods you call will go to the default database unless you give them the current database alias (available from schema_editor.connection.alias, where schema_editor is the second argument to your function).

static RunPythonnoop()
Pass the RunPython.noop method to code or reverse_code when you want the operation not to do anything in the given direction. This is especially useful in making the operation reversible.
SeparateDatabaseAndState

class SeparateDatabaseAndState (database_operations=None, state_operations=None)

A highly specialized operation that lets you mix and match the database (schema-changing) and state (autodetector-powering) aspects of operations.

It accepts two lists of operations. When asked to apply state, it will use the state_operations list (this is a generalized version of RunSQL's state_operations argument). When asked to apply changes to the database, it will use the database_operations list.

If the actual state of the database and Django's view of the state get out of sync, this can break the migration framework, even leading to data loss. It's worth exercising caution and checking your database and state operations carefully. You can use sqlmigrate and dbshell to check your database operations. You can use makemigrations, especially with --dry-run, to check your state operations.

For an example using SeparateDatabaseAndState, see Changing a ManyToManyField to use a through model.

6.14.3 Writing your own

Operations have a relatively simple API, and they’re designed so that you can easily write your own to supplement the built-in Django ones. The basic structure of an Operation looks like this:

```python
from django.db.migrations.operations.base import Operation

class MyCustomOperation(Operation):
    # If this is False, it means that this operation will be ignored by
    # sqlmigrate; if true, it will be run and the SQL collected for its output.
    reduces_to_sql = False
    # If this is False, Django will refuse to reverse past this operation.
    reversible = False

    def __init__(self, arg1, arg2):
        # Operations are usually instantiated with arguments in migration
        # files. Store the values of them on self for later use.
        pass

    def state_forwards(self, app_label, state):
        # The Operation should take the 'state' parameter (an instance of
        # django.db.migrations.state.ProjectState) and mutate it to match
        # any schema changes that have occurred.
        pass

    def database_forwards(self, app_label, schema_editor, from_state, to_state):
        # The Operation should use schema_editor to apply any changes it
        # wants to make to the database.
        pass

    def database_backwards(self, app_label, schema_editor, from_state, to_state):
        # If reversible is True, this is called when the operation is reversed.
        pass

    def describe(self):
        # This is used to describe what the operation does in console output.
        return "Custom Operation"
```

You can take this template and work from it, though we suggest looking at the built-in Django operations in `django.db.migrations.operations` - they cover a lot of the example usage of semi-internal aspects of the migration framework like `ProjectState` and the patterns used to get historical models, as well as `ModelState` and the patterns used to mutate historical models in `state_forwards()`.

Some things to note:

- You don’t need to learn too much about `ProjectState` to write migrations; just know that it has an `apps` property that gives access to an app registry (which you can then call `get_model` on).
- `database_forwards` and `database_backwards` both get two states passed to them; these represent the difference the `state_forwards` method would have applied, but are given to you for convenience and speed reasons.
- If you want to work with model classes or model instances from the `from_state` argument in `database_forwards()` or `database_backwards()`, you must render model states using the `clear_delayed_apps_cache()` method to make related models available:

```python
def database_forwards(self, app_label, schema_editor, from_state, to_state):
    # This operation should have access to all models. Ensure that all models are
    # reloaded in case any are delayed.
    from_state.clear_delayed_apps_cache()
    ...
```

- `to_state` in the `database_backwards` method is the *older* state; that is, the one that will be the current state once the migration has finished reversing.
- You might see implementations of `references_model` on the built-in operations; this is part of the autodetection code and does not matter for custom operations.

**Warning:** For performance reasons, the `Field` instances in `ModelState.fields` are reused across migrations. You must never change the attributes on these instances. If you need to mutate a field in `state_forwards()`, you must remove the old instance from `ModelState.fields` and add a new instance in its place. The same is true for the `Manager` instances in `ModelState.managers`.

As an example, let’s make an operation that loads PostgreSQL extensions (which contain some of PostgreSQL’s more exciting features). Since there’s no model state changes, all it does is run one command:

```python
from django.db.migrations.operations.base import Operation

class LoadExtension(Operation):
    reversible = True

    def __init__(self, name):
        self.name = name

    def state_forwards(self, app_label, state):
        pass

    def database_forwards(self, app_label, schema_editor, from_state, to_state):
        schema_editor.execute("CREATE EXTENSION IF NOT EXISTS %s" % self.name)

    def database_backwards(self, app_label, schema_editor, from_state, to_state):
        schema_editor.execute("DROP EXTENSION %s" % self.name)
```

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def describe(self):
    return "Creates extension %s" % self.name

6.15 Models

Model API reference. For introductory material, see Models.

6.15.1 Model field reference

This document contains all the API references of Field including the field options and field types Django offers.

See also:

If the built-in fields don’t do the trick, you can try django-localflavor (documentation), which contains assorted pieces of code that are useful for particular countries and cultures.

Also, you can easily write your own custom model fields.

Note: Technically, these models are defined in django.db.models.fields, but for convenience they’re imported into django.db.models; the standard convention is to use from django.db import models and refer to fields as models.<Foo>Field.

Field options

The following arguments are available to all field types. All are optional.

null

Field.null

If True, Django will store empty values as NULL in the database. Default is False.

Avoid using null on string-based fields such as CharField and TextField. If a string-based field has null=True, that means it has two possible values for “no data”: NULL, and the empty string. In most cases, it's redundant to have two possible values for “no data;” the Django convention is to use the empty string, not NULL. One exception is when a CharField has both unique=True and blank=True set. In this situation, null=True is required to avoid unique constraint violations when saving multiple objects with blank values.

For both string-based and non-string-based fields, you will also need to set blank=True if you wish to permit empty values in forms, as the null parameter only affects database storage (see blank).

Note: When using the Oracle database backend, the value NULL will be stored to denote the empty string regardless of this attribute.
**blank**

Field\_\_blank

If True, the field is allowed to be blank. Default is False.

Note that this is different than `null`. `null` is purely database-related, whereas `blank` is validation-related. If a field has `blank=True`, form validation will allow entry of an empty value. If a field has `blank=False`, the field will be required.

**choices**

Field\_\_choices

A sequence consisting itself of iterables of exactly two items (e.g. `[(\(A, \ B\)], (\(A, \ B\)] \ldots\)\]) to use as choices for this field. If choices are given, they’re enforced by *model validation* and the default form widget will be a select box with these choices instead of the standard text field.

The first element in each tuple is the actual value to be set on the model, and the second element is the human-readable name. For example:

```python
YEAR_IN_SCHOOL_CHOICES = [
    ('FR', 'Freshman'),
    ('SO', 'Sophomore'),
    ('JR', 'Junior'),
    ('SR', 'Senior'),
    ('GR', 'Graduate'),
]
```

Generally, it’s best to define choices inside a model class, and to define a suitably-named constant for each value:

```python
from django.db import models
class Student(models.Model):
    FRESHMAN = 'FR'
    SOPHOMORE = 'SO'
    JUNIOR = 'JR'
    SENIOR = 'SR'
    GRADUATE = 'GR'
    YEAR_IN_SCHOOL_CHOICES = [
        (FRESHMAN, 'Freshman'),
        (SOPHOMORE, 'Sophomore'),
        (JUNIOR, 'Junior'),
        (SENIOR, 'Senior'),
        (GRADUATE, 'Graduate'),
    ]
    year_in_school = models.CharField(
        max_length=2,
        choices=YEAR_IN_SCHOOL_CHOICES,
        default=FRESHMAN,
    )

    def is_upperclass(self):
        return self.year_in_school in {self.JUNIOR, self.SENIOR}
```

Though you can define a choices list outside of a model class and then refer to it, defining the choices and names for each choice inside the model class keeps all of that information with the class that uses it, and helps reference the choices (e.g. `Student.SOPHOMORE` will work anywhere that the `Student` model has been imported).
You can also collect your available choices into named groups that can be used for organizational purposes:

```python
MEDIA_CHOICES = [
    ('Audio', [('
vinyl', 'Vinyl'), ('cd', 'CD')]),
    ('Video', [('
vhs', 'VHS Tape'), ('dvd', 'DVD')]),
    ('unknown', 'Unknown'),
]
```

The first element in each tuple is the name to apply to the group. The second element is an iterable of 2-tuples, with each 2-tuple containing a value and a human-readable name for an option. Grouped options may be combined with ungrouped options within a single list (such as the 'unknown' option in this example).

For each model field that has choices set, Django will add a method to retrieve the human-readable name for the field’s current value. See `get_FOO_display()` in the database API documentation.

Note that choices can be any sequence object – not necessarily a list or tuple. This lets you construct choices dynamically. But if you find yourself hacking choices to be dynamic, you’re probably better off using a proper database table with a ForeignKey.choices is meant for static data that doesn’t change much, if ever.

Note: A new migration is created each time the order of choices changes.

Unless blank=False is set on the field along with a default then a label containing "--------" will be rendered with the select box. To override this behavior, add a tuple to choices containing None; e.g. (None, "Your String For Display"). Alternatively, you can use an empty string instead of None where this makes sense - such as on a CharField.

### Enumeration types

In addition, Django provides enumeration types that you can subclass to define choices in a concise way:

```python
from django.utils.translation import gettext_lazy as _

class Student(models.Model):
    
    class YearInSchool(models.TextChoices):
        FRESHMAN = 'FR', _('Freshman')
        SOPHOMORE = 'SO', _('Sophomore')
        JUNIOR = 'JR', _('Junior')
        SENIOR = 'SR', _('Senior')
        GRADUATE = 'GR', _('Graduate')

    year_in_school = models.CharField(
       max_length=2,
       choices=YearInSchool.choices,
       default=YearInSchool.FRESHMAN,
    )
```

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def is_upperclass(self):
    return self.year_in_school in {
        self.YearInSchool.JUNIOR,
        self.YearInSchool.SENIOR,
    }

These work similar to :obj:`enum` from Python’s standard library, but with some modifications:

- Enum member values are a tuple of arguments to use when constructing the concrete data type. Django supports adding an extra string value to the end of this tuple to be used as the human-readable name, or :attr:`label`. The :attr:`label` can be a lazy translatable string. Thus, in most cases, the member value will be a :obj:`(value, label)` two-tuple. See below for :doc:`an example of subclassing choices` using a more complex data type. If a tuple is not provided, or the last item is not a (lazy) string, the :attr:`label` is automatically generated from the member name.

- A :attr:`.label` property is added on values, to return the human-readable name.

- A number of custom properties are added to the enumeration classes – :attr:`.choices`, :attr:`.labels`, :attr:`.values`, and :attr:`.names` – to make it easier to access lists of those separate parts of the enumeration. Use :attr:`.choices` as a suitable value to pass to :meth:`choices` in a field definition.

- The use of :obj:`enum.unique()` is enforced to ensure that values cannot be defined multiple times. This is unlikely to be expected in choices for a field.

Note that using :obj:`YearInSchool.SENIOR`, :obj:`YearInSchool['SENIOR']`, or :obj:`YearInSchool('SR')` to access or lookup enum members work as expected, as do the :attr:`.name` and :attr:`.value` properties on the members.

If you don’t need to have the human-readable names translated, you can have them inferred from the member name (replacing underscores with spaces and using title-case):

```
>>> class Vehicle(models.TextChoices):
...     CAR = 'C'
...     TRUCK = 'T'
...     JET_SKI = 'J'
...
>>> Vehicle.JET_SKI.label
'Jet Ski'
```

Since the case where the enum values need to be integers is extremely common, Django provides an :class:`IntegerChoices` class. For example:

```
class Card(models.Model):

    class Suit(models.IntegerChoices):
        DIAMOND = 1
        SPADE = 2
        HEART = 3
        CLUB = 4

    suit = models.IntegerField(choices=Suit.choices)
```

It is also possible to make use of the :obj:`Enum Functional API` with the caveat that labels are automatically generated as highlighted above:

```
>>> MedalType = models.TextChoices('MedalType', 'GOLD SILVER BRONZE')
>>> MedalType.choices
[('GOLD', 'Gold'), ('SILVER', 'Silver'), ('BRONZE', 'Bronze')]
>>> Place = models.IntegerChoices('Place', 'FIRST SECOND THIRD')
```
>>> Place.choices
[(1, 'First'), (2, 'Second'), (3, 'Third')]

If you require support for a concrete data type other than int or str, you can subclass Choices and the required concrete data type, e.g. date for use with DateField:

```python
class MoonLandings(datetime.date, models.Choices):
    APOLLO_11 = 1969, 7, 20, 'Apollo 11 (Eagle)'
    APOLLO_12 = 1969, 11, 19, 'Apollo 12 (Intrepid)'
    APOLLO_14 = 1971, 2, 5, 'Apollo 14 (Antares)'
    APOLLO_15 = 1971, 7, 30, 'Apollo 15 (Falcon)'
    APOLLO_16 = 1972, 4, 21, 'Apollo 16 (Orion)'
    APOLLO_17 = 1972, 12, 11, 'Apollo 17 (Challenger)'
```

There are some additional caveats to be aware of:

- Enumeration types do not support named groups.
- Because an enumeration with a concrete data type requires all values to match the type, overriding the blank label cannot be achieved by creating a member with a value of None. Instead, set the __empty__ attribute on the class:

```python
class Answer(models.IntegerChoices):
    NO = 0, _('No')
    YES = 1, _('Yes')
    __empty__ = _('(Unknown)')
```

The TextChoices, IntegerChoices, and Choices classes were added.

**db_column**

Field.db_column

The name of the database column to use for this field. If this isn’t given, Django will use the field’s name.

If your database column name is an SQL reserved word, or contains characters that aren’t allowed in Python variable names – notably, the hyphen – that’s OK. Django quotes column and table names behind the scenes.

**db_index**

Field.db_index

If True, a database index will be created for this field.

**db_tablespace**

Field.db_tablespace

The name of the database tablespace to use for this field’s index, if this field is indexed. The default is the project’s DEFAULT_INDEX_TABLESPACE setting, if set, or the db_tablespace of the model, if any. If the backend doesn’t support tablespaces for indexes, this option is ignored.
**default**

**Field.default**

The default value for the field. This can be a value or a callable object. If callable it will be called every time a new object is created.

The default can’t be a mutable object (model instance, list, set, etc.), as a reference to the same instance of that object would be used as the default value in all new model instances. Instead, wrap the desired default in a callable. For example, if you want to specify a default dict for `JSONField`, use a function:

```python
def contact_default():
    return {"email": "to1@example.com"}

c = JSONField("ContactInfo", default=contact_default)
```

Lambdas can’t be used for field options like `default` because they can’t be serialized by migrations. See that documentation for other caveats.

For fields like `ForeignKey` that map to model instances, defaults should be the value of the field they reference (pk unless `to_field` is set) instead of model instances.

The default value is used when new model instances are created and a value isn’t provided for the field. When the field is a primary key, the default is also used when the field is set to `None`.

**editable**

**Field.editable**

If `False`, the field will not be displayed in the admin or any other `ModelForm`. They are also skipped during model validation. Default is `True`.

**error_messages**

**Field.error_messages**

The `error_messages` argument lets you override the default messages that the field will raise. Pass in a dictionary with keys matching the error messages you want to override.

Error message keys include `null, blank, invalid, invalid_choice, unique, and unique_for_date`. Additional error message keys are specified for each field in the `Field types` section below.

These error messages often don’t propagate to forms. See *Considerations regarding model’s error_messages*.

**help_text**

**Field.help_text**

Extra “help” text to be displayed with the form widget. It’s useful for documentation even if your field isn’t used on a form.

Note that this value is not HTML-escaped in automatically-generated forms. This lets you include HTML in `help_text` if you so desire. For example:

```python
help_text="Please use the following format: <em>YYYY-MM-DD</em>.
```
Alternatively you can use plain text and `django.utils.html.escape()` to escape any HTML special characters. Ensure that you escape any help text that may come from untrusted users to avoid a cross-site scripting attack.

**primary_key**

Field `primary_key`

If True, this field is the primary key for the model.

If you don’t specify `primary_key=True` for any field in your model, Django will automatically add an `AutoField` to hold the primary key, so you don’t need to set `primary_key=True` on any of your fields unless you want to override the default primary-key behavior. For more, see *Automatic primary key fields*.

`primary_key=True` implies `null=False` and `unique=True`. Only one primary key is allowed on an object.

The primary key field is read-only. If you change the value of the primary key on an existing object and then save it, a new object will be created alongside the old one.

**unique**

Field `unique`

If True, this field must be unique throughout the table.

This is enforced at the database level and by model validation. If you try to save a model with a duplicate value in a `unique` field, a `django.db.IntegrityError` will be raised by the model’s `save()` method.

This option is valid on all field types except `ManyToManyField` and `OneToOneField`.

Note that when `unique` is True, you don’t need to specify `db_index`, because `unique` implies the creation of an index.

**unique_for_date**

Field `unique_for_date`

Set this to the name of a `DateField` or `DateTimeField` to require that this field be unique for the value of the date field.

For example, if you have a field `title` that has `unique_for_date="pub_date"`, then Django wouldn’t allow the entry of two records with the same `title` and `pub_date`.

Note that if you set this to point to a `DateTimeField`, only the date portion of the field will be considered. Besides, when `USE_TZ` is True, the check will be performed in the current time zone at the time the object gets saved.

This is enforced by `Model.validate_unique()` during model validation but not at the database level. If any `unique_for_date` constraint involves fields that are not part of a `ModelForm` (for example, if one of the fields is listed in `exclude` or has `editable=False`), `Model.validate_unique()` will skip validation for that particular constraint.

**unique_for_month**

Field `unique_for_month`

Like `unique_for_date`, but requires the field to be unique with respect to the month.
unique_for_year

Field.unique_for_year

Like unique_for_date and unique_for_month.

verbose_name

Field.verbose_name

A human-readable name for the field. If the verbose name isn’t given, Django will automatically create it using the field’s attribute name, converting underscores to spaces. See Verbose field names.

validators

Field.validators

A list of validators to run for this field. See the validators documentation for more information.

Registering and fetching lookups

Field implements the lookup registration API. The API can be used to customize which lookups are available for a field class, and how lookups are fetched from a field.

Field types

AutoField

class AutoField(**options)

An IntegerField that automatically increments according to available IDs. You usually won’t need to use this directly; a primary key field will automatically be added to your model if you don’t specify otherwise. See Automatic primary key fields.

BigAutoField

class BigAutoField(**options)

A 64-bit integer, much like an AutoField except that it is guaranteed to fit numbers from 1 to 9223372036854775807.

BigIntegerField

class BigIntegerField(**options)

A 64-bit integer, much like an IntegerField except that it is guaranteed to fit numbers from -9223372036854775808 to 9223372036854775807. The default form widget for this field is a NumberInput.
**BinaryField**

```python
class BinaryField(max_length=None, **options)
```
A field to store raw binary data. It can be assigned `bytes`, `bytearray`, or `memoryview`.

By default, `BinaryField` sets `editable` to `False`, in which case it can’t be included in a `ModelForm`.

`BinaryField` has one extra optional argument:

- **max_length**
  The maximum length (in characters) of the field. The maximum length is enforced in Django’s validation using `MaxLengthValidator`.

**Abusing BinaryField**

Although you might think about storing files in the database, consider that it is bad design in 99% of the cases. This field is not a replacement for proper static files handling.

**BooleanField**

```python
class BooleanField(**options)
```

A true/false field.

The default form widget for this field is `CheckboxInput`, or `NullBooleanSelect` if `null=True`.

The default value of `BooleanField` is `None` when `Field.default` isn’t defined.

**CharField**

```python
class CharField(max_length=None, **options)
```

A string field, for small- to large-sized strings.

For large amounts of text, use `TextField`.

The default form widget for this field is a `TextInput`.

`CharField` has one extra required argument:

- **max_length**
  The maximum length (in characters) of the field. The max_length is enforced at the database level and in Django’s validation using `MaxLengthValidator`.

**Note:** If you are writing an application that must be portable to multiple database backends, you should be aware that there are restrictions on `max_length` for some backends. Refer to the database backend notes for details.

**DateField**

```python
class DateField(auto_now=False, auto_now_add=False, **options)
```

A date, represented in Python by a `datetime.date` instance. Has a few extra, optional arguments:
**DateField.auto_now**
Automatically set the field to now every time the object is saved. Useful for “last-modified” timestamps. Note that the current date is always used; it’s not just a default value that you can override.

The field is only automatically updated when calling `Model.save()`. The field isn’t updated when making updates to other fields in other ways such as `QuerySet.update()`, though you can specify a custom value for the field in an update like that.

**DateField.auto_now_add**
Automatically set the field to now when the object is first created. Useful for creation of timestamps. Note that the current date is always used; it’s not just a default value that you can override. So even if you set a value for this field when creating the object, it will be ignored. If you want to be able to modify this field, set the following instead of `auto_now_add=True`:

- For `DateField`: `default=date.today()` - from `datetime.date.today()`
- For `DateTimeField`: `default=timezone.now()` - from `django.utils.timezone.now()`

The default form widget for this field is a `DateInput`. The admin adds a JavaScript calendar, and a shortcut for “Today”. Includes an additional `invalid_date` error message key.

The options `auto_now_add`, `auto_now`, and `default` are mutually exclusive. Any combination of these options will result in an error.

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**Note:** As currently implemented, setting `auto_now` or `auto_now_add` to `True` will cause the field to have `editable=False` and `blank=True` set.

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**Note:** The `auto_now` and `auto_now_add` options will always use the date in the `default timezone` at the moment of creation or update. If you need something different, you may want to consider using your own callable default or overriding `save()` instead of using `auto_now` or `auto_now_add`; or using a `DateTimeField` instead of a `DateField` and deciding how to handle the conversion from datetime to date at display time.

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**DateTimeField**

```
class DateTimeField (auto_now=False, auto_now_add=False, **options)
```

A date and time, represented in Python by a `datetime.datetime` instance. Takes the same extra arguments as `DateField`.

The default form widget for this field is a single `DateTimeInput`. The admin uses two separate `TextInput` widgets with JavaScript shortcuts.

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**DecimalField**

```
class DecimalField (max_digits=None, decimal_places=None, **options)
```

A fixed-precision decimal number, represented in Python by a `Decimal` instance. It validates the input using `DecimalValidator`.

Has two required arguments:

**DecimalField.max_digits**
The maximum number of digits allowed in the number. Note that this number must be greater than or equal to `decimal_places`.  

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DecimalField.**decimal_places**

The number of decimal places to store with the number.

For example, to store numbers up to 999 with a resolution of 2 decimal places, you’d use:

```python
models.DecimalField(..., max_digits=5, decimal_places=2)
```

And to store numbers up to approximately one billion with a resolution of 10 decimal places:

```python
models.DecimalField(..., max_digits=19, decimal_places=10)
```

The default form widget for this field is a *NumberInput* when *localize* is *False* or *TextInput* otherwise.

**Note:** For more information about the differences between the *FloatField* and *DecimalField* classes, please see *FloatField vs. DecimalField*. You should also be aware of *SQLite limitations* of decimal fields.

**DurationField**

class **DurationField**(**options**)

A field for storing periods of time - modeled in Python by *timedelta*. When used on PostgreSQL, the data type used is an *interval* and on Oracle the data type is *INTERVAL DAY(9) TO SECOND(6)*. Otherwise a *bigint* of microseconds is used.

**Note:** Arithmetic with *DurationField* works in most cases. However on all databases other than PostgreSQL, comparing the value of a *DurationField* to arithmetic on *DateTimeField* instances will not work as expected.

**EmailField**

class **EmailField**(*max_length=254, **options*)

A *CharField* that checks that the value is a valid email address using *EmailValidator*.

**FileField**

class **FileField**(*upload_to=None, max_length=100, **options*)

A file-upload field.

**Note:** The *primary_key* argument isn’t supported and will raise an error if used.

Has two optional arguments:

**FileField.**upload_to

This attribute provides a way of setting the upload directory and file name, and can be set in two ways. In both cases, the value is passed to the *Storage.save()* method.

If you specify a string value or a *Path*, it may contain *strftime()* formatting, which will be replaced by the date/time of the file upload (so that uploaded files don’t fill up the given directory). For example:
If you are using the default `FileSystemStorage`, the string value will be appended to your `MEDIA_ROOT` path to form the location on the local filesystem where uploaded files will be stored. If you are using a different storage, check that storage’s documentation to see how it handles `upload_to`.

`upload_to` may also be a callable, such as a function. This will be called to obtain the upload path, including the filename. This callable must accept two arguments and return a Unix-style path (with forward slashes) to be passed along to the storage system. The two arguments are:

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<th>Argument</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>instance</td>
<td>An instance of the model where the <code>FileField</code> is defined. More specifically, this is the particular instance where the current file is being attached. In most cases, this object will not have been saved to the database yet, so if it uses the default <code>AutoField</code>, it might not yet have a value for its primary key field.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>filename</td>
<td>The filename that was originally given to the file. This may or may not be taken into account when determining the final destination path.</td>
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For example:

```python
def user_directory_path(instance, filename):
    # file will be uploaded to MEDIA_ROOT/user_<id>/<filename>
    return 'user_{0}/{1}'.format(instance.user.id, filename)
```

```python
class MyModel(models.Model):
    upload = models.FileField(upload_to=user_directory_path)
```

Support for `pathlib.Path` was added.

`FileField.storage`  
A storage object, or a callable which returns a storage object. This handles the storage and retrieval of your files. See Managing files for details on how to provide this object.

The ability to provide a callable was added.

The default form widget for this field is a `ClearableFileInput`.

Using a `FileField` or an `ImageField` (see below) in a model takes a few steps:

1. In your settings file, you’ll need to define `MEDIA_ROOT` as the full path to a directory where you’d like Django to store uploaded files. (For performance, these files are not stored in the database.) Define `MEDIA_URL` as the base public URL of that directory. Make sure that this directory is writable by the Web server’s user account.

2. Add the `FileField` or `ImageField` to your model, defining the `upload_to` option to specify a subdirectory of `MEDIA_ROOT` to use for uploaded files.

3. All that will be stored in your database is a path to the file (relative to `MEDIA_ROOT`). You’ll most likely want to use the convenience `url` attribute provided by Django. For example, if your `ImageField` is called `mug_shot`, you can get the absolute path to your image in a template with `{% object.mug_shot.url %}`.
For example, say your `MEDIA_ROOT` is set to `'/home/media'`, and `upload_to` is set to `'photos/%Y/%m/%d'`. The `'%Y/%m/%d'` part of `upload_to` is `strftime()` formatting: `'%Y'` is the four-digit year, `'%m'` is the two-digit month and `'%d'` is the two-digit day. If you upload a file on Jan. 15, 2007, it will be saved in the directory `/home/media/photos/2007/01/15`.

If you wanted to retrieve the uploaded file’s on-disk filename, or the file’s size, you could use the `name` and `size` attributes respectively; for more information on the available attributes and methods, see the `File` class reference and the `Managing files` topic guide.

**Note:** The file is saved as part of saving the model in the database, so the actual file name used on disk cannot be relied on until after the model has been saved.

The uploaded file’s relative URL can be obtained using the `url` attribute. Internally, this calls the `url()` method of the underlying `Storage` class.

Note that whenever you deal with uploaded files, you should pay close attention to where you’re uploading them and what type of files they are, to avoid security holes. **Validate all uploaded files** so that you’re sure the files are what you think they are. For example, if you blindly let somebody upload files, without validation, to a directory that’s within your Web server’s document root, then somebody could upload a CGI or PHP script and execute that script by visiting its URL on your site. Don’t allow that.

Also note that even an uploaded HTML file, since it can be executed by the browser (though not by the server), can pose security threats that are equivalent to XSS or CSRF attacks. `FileField` instances are created in your database as `varchar` columns with a default max length of 100 characters. As with other fields, you can change the maximum length using the `max_length` argument.

**FileField and FieldFile**

**class FieldFile**

When you access a `FileField` on a model, you are given an instance of `FieldFile` as a proxy for accessing the underlying file.

The API of `FieldFile` mirrors that of `File`, with one key difference: **The object wrapped by the class is not necessarily a wrapper around Python’s built-in file object.** Instead, it is a wrapper around the result of the `Storage.open()` method, which may be a `File` object, or it may be a custom storage’s implementation of the `File` API.

In addition to the API inherited from `File` such as `read()` and `write()`, `FieldFile` includes several methods that can be used to interact with the underlying file:

```
Warning: Two methods of this class, `save()` and `delete()`, default to saving the model object of the associated `FieldFile` in the database.
```

**FieldFile.name**

The name of the file including the relative path from the root of the `Storage` of the associated `FieldFile`.

**FieldFile.size**

The result of the underlying `Storage.size()` method.

**FieldFile.url**

A read-only property to access the file’s relative URL by calling the `url()` method of the underlying `Storage` class.
FieldFile.open (mode='rb')

Opens or reopens the file associated with this instance in the specified mode. Unlike the standard Python open() method, it doesn’t return a file descriptor.

Since the underlying file is opened implicitly when accessing it, it may be unnecessary to call this method except to reset the pointer to the underlying file or to change the mode.

FieldFile.close()

Behaves like the standard Python file.close() method and closes the file associated with this instance.

FieldFile.save (name, content, save=True)

This method takes a filename and file contents and passes them to the storage class for the field, then associates the stored file with the model field. If you want to manually associate file data with FileField instances on your model, the save() method is used to persist that file data.

Takes two required arguments: name which is the name of the file, and content which is an object containing the file's contents. The optional save argument controls whether or not the model instance is saved after the file associated with this field has been altered. Defaults to True.

Note that the content argument should be an instance of django.core.files.File, not Python’s built-in file object. You can construct a File from an existing Python file object like this:

```python
from django.core.files import File
f = open('/path/to/hello.world')
myfile = File(f)
```

Or you can construct one from a Python string like this:

```python
from django.core.files.base import ContentFile
myfile = ContentFile("hello world")
```

For more information, see Managing files.

FieldFile.delete (save=True)

Deletes the file associated with this instance and clears all attributes on the field. Note: This method will close the file if it happens to be open when delete() is called.

The optional save argument controls whether or not the model instance is saved after the file associated with this field has been deleted. Defaults to True.

Note that when a model is deleted, related files are not deleted. If you need to cleanup orphaned files, you’ll need to handle it yourself (for instance, with a custom management command that can be run manually or scheduled to run periodically via e.g. cron).

FilePathField

class FilePathField (path=", match=None, recursive=False, allow_files=True, allow_folders=False,
max_length=100, **options)

A CharField whose choices are limited to the filenames in a certain directory on the filesystem. Has some special arguments, of which the first is required:

FilePathField.path

Required. The absolute filesystem path to a directory from which this FilePathField should get its choices. Example: "/home/images".

path may also be a callable, such as a function to dynamically set the path at runtime. Example:
import os
from django.conf import settings
from django.db import models

def images_path():
    return os.path.join(settings.LOCAL_FILE_DIR, 'images')

class MyModel(models.Model):
    file = models.FilePathField(path=images_path)

path can now be a callable.

FilePathField.match
Optional. A regular expression, as a string, that FilePathField will use to filter filenames. Note that the regex will be applied to the base filename, not the full path. Example: "foo.*\.txt$", which will match a file called foo23.txt but not bar.txt or foo23.png.

FilePathField.recursive
Optional. Either True or False. Default is False. Specifies whether all subdirectories of path should be included.

FilePathField.allow_files
Optional. Either True or False. Default is True. Specifies whether files in the specified location should be included. Either this or allow_folders must be True.

FilePathField.allow_folders
Optional. Either True or False. Default is False. Specifies whether folders in the specified location should be included. Either this or allow_files must be True.

The one potential gotcha is that match applies to the base filename, not the full path. So, this example:

```
FilePathField(path="/home/images", match="foo.*", recursive=True)
```

...will match /home/images/foo.png but not /home/images/foo/bar.png because the match applies to the base filename (foo.png and bar.png).

FilePathField instances are created in your database as varchar columns with a default max length of 100 characters. As with other fields, you can change the maximum length using the max_length argument.

FloatField

class FloatField(**options)
A floating-point number represented in Python by a float instance.

The default form widget for this field is a NumberInput when localize is False or TextInput otherwise.

FloatField vs. DecimalField

The FloatField class is sometimes mixed up with the DecimalField class. Although they both represent real numbers, they represent those numbers differently. FloatField uses Python’s float type internally, while DecimalField uses Python’s Decimal type. For information on the difference between the two, see Python’s documentation for the decimal module.
ImageField

class ImageField(upload_to=None, height_field=None, width_field=None, max_length=100, **options)

Inherits all attributes and methods from `FileField`, but also validates that the uploaded object is a valid image.

In addition to the special attributes that are available for `FileField`, an `ImageField` also has `height` and `width` attributes.

To facilitate querying on those attributes, `ImageField` has two extra optional arguments:

- **height_field**: Name of a model field which will be auto-populated with the height of the image each time the model instance is saved.
- **width_field**: Name of a model field which will be auto-populated with the width of the image each time the model instance is saved.

Requires the Pillow library.

`ImageField` instances are created in your database as `varchar` columns with a default max length of 100 characters. As with other fields, you can change the maximum length using the `max_length` argument.

The default form widget for this field is a `ClearableFileInput`.

IntegerField

class IntegerField(**options)

An integer. Values from −2147483648 to 2147483647 are safe in all databases supported by Django.

It uses `MinValueValidator` and `MaxValueValidator` to validate the input based on the values that the default database supports.

The default form widget for this field is a `NumberInput` when `localize` is `False` or `TextInput` otherwise.

GenericIPAddressField

class GenericIPAddressField(protocol='both', unpack_ipv4=False, **options)

An IPv4 or IPv6 address, in string format (e.g. 192.0.2.30 or 2a02:42fe::4). The default form widget for this field is a `TextInput`.

The IPv6 address normalization follows RFC 4291#section-2.2 section 2.2, including using the IPv4 format suggested in paragraph 3 of that section, like ::ffff:192.0.2.0. For example, 2001:0:0:01 would be normalized to 2001::1, and ::ffff:0a0a:0a0a to ::ffff:10.10.10.10. All characters are converted to lowercase.

GenericIPAddressField.protocol

Limits valid inputs to the specified protocol. Accepted values are 'both' (default), 'IPv4' or 'IPv6'. Matching is case insensitive.

GenericIPAddressField.unpack_ipv4

Unpacks IPv4 mapped addresses like ::ffff:192.0.2.1. If this option is enabled that address would be unpacked to 192.0.2.1. Default is disabled. Can only be used when protocol is set to 'both'.

If you allow for blank values, you have to allow for null values since blank values are stored as null.
**JSONField**

class JSONField (encoder=None, decoder=None, **options)

A field for storing JSON encoded data. In Python the data is represented in its Python native format: dictionaries, lists, strings, numbers, booleans and None.

JSONField is supported on MariaDB 10.2.7+, MySQL 5.7.8+, Oracle, PostgreSQL, and SQLite 3.9.0+ (with the JSON1 extension enabled).

**JSONField.encoder**

An optional json.JSONEncoder subclass to serialize data types not supported by the standard JSON serializer (e.g. datetime.datetime or UUID). For example, you can use the DjangoJSONEncoder class.

Defaults to json.JSONEncoder.

**JSONField.decoder**

An optional json.JSONDecoder subclass to deserialize the value retrieved from the database. The value will be in the format chosen by the custom encoder (most often a string). Your deserialization may need to account for the fact that you can’t be certain of the input type. For example, you run the risk of returning a datetime that was actually a string that just happened to be in the same format chosen for datetimes.

Defaults to json.JSONDecoder.

If you give the field a default, ensure it’s an immutable object, such as a str, or a callable object that returns a fresh mutable object each time, such as dict or a function. Providing a mutable default object like default={} or default=[] shares the one object between all model instances.

To query JSONField in the database, see Querying JSONField.

**Indexing**

Index and Field.db_index both create a B-tree index, which isn’t particularly helpful when querying JSONField. On PostgreSQL only, you can use GinIndex that is better suited.

**PostgreSQL users**

PostgreSQL has two native JSON based data types: json and jsonb. The main difference between them is how they are stored and how they can be queried. PostgreSQL’s json field is stored as the original string representation of the JSON and must be decoded on the fly when queried based on keys. The jsonb field is stored based on the actual structure of the JSON which allows indexing. The trade-off is a small additional cost on writing to the jsonb field. JSONField uses jsonb.

**Oracle users**

Oracle Database does not support storing JSON scalar values. Only JSON objects and arrays (represented in Python using dict and list) are supported.

**NullBooleanField**

class NullBooleanField (**options**)

Like BooleanField with null=True.

Deprecated since version 3.1: NullBooleanField is deprecated in favor of BooleanField(null=True).
**PositiveBigIntegerField**

class `PositiveBigIntegerField`(**options**)

Like a `PositiveIntegerField`, but only allows values under a certain (database-dependent) point. Values from 0 to 9223372036854775807 are safe in all databases supported by Django.

**PositiveIntegerField**

class `PositiveIntegerField`(**options**)

Like an `IntegerField`, but must be either positive or zero (0). Values from 0 to 2147483647 are safe in all databases supported by Django. The value 0 is accepted for backward compatibility reasons.

**PositiveSmallIntegerField**

class `PositiveSmallIntegerField`(**options**)

Like a `PositiveIntegerField`, but only allows values under a certain (database-dependent) point. Values from 0 to 32767 are safe in all databases supported by Django.

**SlugField**

class `SlugField`(max_length=50, **options**)

`Slug` is a newspaper term. A slug is a short label for something, containing only letters, numbers, underscores or hyphens. They’re generally used in URLs.

Like a CharField, you can specify `max_length` (read the note about database portability and `max_length` in that section, too). If `max_length` is not specified, Django will use a default length of 50.

Implies setting `Field.db_index` to True.

It is often useful to automatically prepopulate a SlugField based on the value of some other value. You can do this automatically in the admin using `prepopulated_fields`.

It uses `validate_slug` or `validate_unicode_slug` for validation.

`SlugField.always_unicode`

If True, the field accepts Unicode letters in addition to ASCII letters. Defaults to False.

**SmallAutoField**

class `SmallAutoField`(**options**)

Like an `AutoField`, but only allows values under a certain (database-dependent) limit. Values from 1 to 32767 are safe in all databases supported by Django.

**SmallIntegerField**

class `SmallIntegerField`(**options**)

Like an `IntegerField`, but only allows values under a certain (database-dependent) point. Values from -32768 to 32767 are safe in all databases supported by Django.
**TextField**

```python
class TextField(**options)
```

A large text field. The default form widget for this field is a `Textarea`.

If you specify a `max_length` attribute, it will be reflected in the `Textarea` widget of the auto-generated form field. However it is not enforced at the model or database level. Use a `CharField` for that.

**TimeField**

```python
class TimeField(auto_now=False, auto_now_add=False, **options)
```

A time, represented in Python by a `datetime.time` instance. Accepts the same auto-population options as `DateField`.

The default form widget for this field is a `TimeInput`. The admin adds some JavaScript shortcuts.

**URLField**

```python
class URLField(max_length=200, **options)
```

A `CharField` for a URL, validated by `URLValidator`.

The default form widget for this field is a `URLInput`.

Like all `CharField` subclasses, `URLField` takes the optional `max_length` argument. If you don’t specify `max_length`, a default of 200 is used.

**UUIDField**

```python
class UUIDField(**options)
```

A field for storing universally unique identifiers. Uses Python’s `UUID` class. When used on PostgreSQL, this stores in a `uuid` datatype, otherwise in a `char(32)`.

Universally unique identifiers are a good alternative to `AutoField` for `primary_key`. The database will not generate the UUID for you, so it is recommended to use `default`:

```python
import uuid
from django.db import models

class MyUUIDModel(models.Model):
    id = models.UUIDField(primary_key=True, default=uuid.uuid4, editable=False)
    # other fields
```

Note that a callable (with the parentheses omitted) is passed to `default`, not an instance of `UUID`.

**Lookups on PostgreSQL**

Using `iexact`, `contains`, `icontains`, `startswith`, `istartswith`, `endswith`, or `iendswith` lookups on PostgreSQL don’t work for values without hyphens, because PostgreSQL stores them in a hyphenated uuid datatype type.
Relationship fields

Django also defines a set of fields that represent relations.

**ForeignKey**

```python
class ForeignKey(to, on_delete, **options)
```

A many-to-one relationship. Requires two positional arguments: the class to which the model is related and the `on_delete` option.

To create a recursive relationship – an object that has a many-to-one relationship with itself – use `models.ForeignKey('self', on_delete=models.CASCADE)`.

If you need to create a relationship on a model that has not yet been defined, you can use the name of the model, rather than the model object itself:

```python
from django.db import models

class Car(models.Model):
    manufacturer = models.ForeignKey('Manufacturer',
                                     on_delete=models.CASCADE,
                                     )
    # ...

class Manufacturer(models.Model):
    # ...
    pass
```

Relationships defined this way on *abstract models* are resolved when the model is subclassed as a concrete model and are not relative to the abstract model’s `app_label`:

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<th>Listing 9: products/models.py</th>
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<td>from django.db import models</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>class AbstractCar(models.Model):</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>manufacturer = models.ForeignKey('Manufacturer', on_delete=models.CASCADE)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>class Meta:</td>
</tr>
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<td>abstract = True</td>
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<td>from products.models import AbstractCar</td>
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<tr>
<td>class Manufacturer(models.Model):</td>
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<tr>
<td>pass</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>class Car(AbstractCar):</td>
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<tr>
<td>pass</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td># Car.manufacturer will point to 'production.Manufacturer' here.</td>
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To refer to models defined in another application, you can explicitly specify a model with the full application label.
For example, if the `Manufacturer` model above is defined in another application called `production`, you’d need to use:

```python
class Car(models.Model):
    manufacturer = models.ForeignKey(
        'production.Manufacturer',
        on_delete=models.CASCADE,
    )
```

This sort of reference, called a lazy relationship, can be useful when resolving circular import dependencies between two applications.

A database index is automatically created on the `ForeignKey`. You can disable this by setting `db_index` to `False`. You may want to avoid the overhead of an index if you are creating a foreign key for consistency rather than joins, or if you will be creating an alternative index like a partial or multiple column index.

### Database Representation

Behind the scenes, Django appends "_id" to the field name to create its database column name. In the above example, the database table for the `Car` model will have a `manufacturer_id` column. (You can change this explicitly by specifying `db_column`) However, your code should never have to deal with the database column name, unless you write custom SQL. You’ll always deal with the field names of your model object.

### Arguments

`ForeignKey` accepts other arguments that define the details of how the relation works.

**`ForeignKey.on_delete`**

When an object referenced by a `ForeignKey` is deleted, Django will emulate the behavior of the SQL constraint specified by the `on_delete` argument. For example, if you have a nullable `ForeignKey` and you want it to be set null when the referenced object is deleted:

```python
user = models.ForeignKey(
    User,
    models.SET_NULL,
    blank=True,
    null=True,
)
```

`on_delete` doesn’t create an SQL constraint in the database. Support for database-level cascade options may be implemented later.

The possible values for `on_delete` are found in `django.db.models`:

- **CASCADE**
  
  Cascade deletes. Django emulates the behavior of the SQL constraint ON DELETE CASCADE and also deletes the object containing the ForeignKey.

  `Model.delete()` isn’t called on related models, but the `pre_delete` and `post_delete` signals are sent for all deleted objects.

- **PROTECT**

  Prevent deletion of the referenced object by raising `ProtectedError`, a subclass of `django.db.IntegrityError`. 
• **RESTRICT**
  Prevent deletion of the referenced object by raising `RestrictedError` (a subclass of `django.db.IntegrityError`). Unlike **PROTECT**, deletion of the referenced object is allowed if it also references a different object that is being deleted in the same operation, but via a **CASCADE** relationship.

Consider this set of models:

```python
class Artist(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=10)

class Album(models.Model):
    artist = models.ForeignKey(Artist, on_delete=models.CASCADE)

class Song(models.Model):
    artist = models.ForeignKey(Artist, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    album = models.ForeignKey(Album, on_delete=models.RESTRIC)
```

Artist can be deleted even if that implies deleting an Album which is referenced by a Song, because Song also references Artist itself through a cascading relationship. For example:

```python
>>> artist_one = Artist.objects.create(name='artist one')
>>> artist_two = Artist.objects.create(name='artist two')
>>> album_one = Album.objects.create(artist=artist_one)
>>> album_two = Album.objects.create(artist=artist_two)
>>> song_one = Song.objects.create(artist=artist_one, album=album_one)
>>> song_two = Song.objects.create(artist=artist_one, album=album_two)
>>> album_one.delete()  # Raises RestrictedError.
>>> artist_two.delete()  # Raises RestrictedError.
>>> artist_one.delete()  # Raises RestrictedError.
(4, {'Song': 2, 'Album': 1, 'Artist': 1})
```

• **SET_NULL**
  Set the `ForeignKey` null; this is only possible if `null` is True.

• **SET_DEFAULT**
  Set the `ForeignKey` to its default value; a default for the `ForeignKey` must be set.

• **SET()**
  Set the `ForeignKey` to the value passed to `SET()`, or if a callable is passed in, the result of calling it. In most cases, passing a callable will be necessary to avoid executing queries at the time your models.py is imported:

```python
from django.conf import settings
from django.contrib.auth import get_user_model
from django.db import models

def get_sentinel_user():
    return get_user_model().objects.get_or_create(username='deleted')[0]

class MyModel(models.Model):
    user = models.ForeignKey(
        settings.AUTH_USER_MODEL,
        on_delete=models.SET(get_sentinel_user),
    )
```

• **DO NOTHING**
  Take no action. If your database backend enforces referential integrity, this will cause an
**IntegrityError** unless you manually add an SQL ON DELETE constraint to the database field.

**ForeignKey.** limit_choices_to

Sets a limit to the available choices for this field when this field is rendered using a ModelForm or the admin (by default, all objects in the queryset are available to choose). Either a dictionary, a `Q` object, or a callable returning a dictionary or `Q` object can be used.

For example:

```python
staff_member = models.ForeignKey(
    User,
    on_delete=models.CASCADE,
    limit_choices_to={'is_staff': True},
)
```

causes the corresponding field on the ModelForm to list only Users that have `is_staff=True`. This may be helpful in the Django admin.

The callable form can be helpful, for instance, when used in conjunction with the Python `datetime` module to limit selections by date range. For example:

```python
def limit_pub_date_choices():
    return {'pub_date__lte': datetime.date.utcnow()}
limit_choices_to = limit_pub_date_choices
```

If `limit_choices_to` is or returns a `Q` object, which is useful for complex queries, then it will only have an effect on the choices available in the admin when the field is not listed in `raw_id_fields` in the ModelAdmin for the model.

**Note:** If a callable is used for `limit_choices_to`, it will be invoked every time a new form is instantiated. It may also be invoked when a model is validated, for example by management commands or the admin. The admin constructs querysets to validate its form inputs in various edge cases multiple times, so there is a possibility your callable may be invoked several times.

**ForeignKey.** related_name

The name to use for the relation from the related object back to this one. It’s also the default value for `related_query_name` (the name to use for the reverse filter name from the target model). See the related objects documentation for a full explanation and example. Note that you must set this value when defining relations on abstract models; and when you do so some special syntax is available.

If you’d prefer Django not to create a backwards relation, set `related_name` to `''` or end it with `''`. For example, this will ensure that the `User` model won’t have a backwards relation to this model:

```python
user = models.ForeignKey(
    User,
    on_delete=models.CASCADE,
    related_name=chr(39),
)
```

**ForeignKey.** related_query_name

The name to use for the reverse filter name from the target model. It defaults to the value of `related_name` or `default_related_name` if set, otherwise it defaults to the name of the model:

```python
# Declare the ForeignKey with related_query_name
class Tag(models.Model):
```

(continues on next page)
article = models.ForeignKey(
    Article,
    on_delete=models.CASCADE,
    related_name="tags",
    related_query_name="tag",
)
name = models.CharField(max_length=255)

# That's now the name of the reverse filter
Article.objects.filter(tag__name="important")

Like related_name, related_query_name supports app label and class interpolation via some special syntax.

ForeignKey.to_field
The field on the related object that the relation is to. By default, Django uses the primary key of the related object. If you reference a different field, that field must have unique=True.

ForeignKey.db_constraint
Controls whether or not a constraint should be created in the database for this foreign key. The default is True, and that’s almost certainly what you want; setting this to False can be very bad for data integrity. That said, here are some scenarios where you might want to do this:

- You have legacy data that is not valid.
- You’re sharding your database.

If this is set to False, accessing a related object that doesn’t exist will raise its DoesNotExist exception.

ForeignKey.swappable
Controls the migration framework’s reaction if this ForeignKey is pointing at a swappable model. If it is True - the default - then if the ForeignKey is pointing at a model which matches the current value of settings.AUTH_USER_MODEL (or another swappable model setting) the relationship will be stored in the migration using a reference to the setting, not to the model directly.

You only want to override this to be False if you are sure your model should always point towards the swapped-in model - for example, if it is a profile model designed specifically for your custom user model.

Setting it to False does not mean you can reference a swappable model even if it is swapped out - False means that the migrations made with this ForeignKey will always reference the exact model you specify (so it will fail hard if the user tries to run with a User model you don’t support, for example).

If in doubt, leave it to its default of True.

ManyToManyField

class ManyToManyField(to, **options)
A many-to-many relationship. Requires a positional argument: the class to which the model is related, which works exactly the same as it does for ForeignKey, including recursive and lazy relationships.

Related objects can be added, removed, or created with the field’s RelatedManager.

Database Representation

Behind the scenes, Django creates an intermediary join table to represent the many-to-many relationship. By default, this table name is generated using the name of the many-to-many field and the name of the table for the model
that contains it. Since some databases don’t support table names above a certain length, these table names will be automatically truncated and a uniqueness hash will be used, e.g. *author_books_9cdf*. You can manually provide the name of the join table using the `db_table` option.

**Arguments**

`ManyToManyField` accepts an extra set of arguments – all optional – that control how the relationship functions.

- **`related_name`**: Same as `ForeignKey.related_name`
- **`related_query_name`**: Same as `ForeignKey.related_query_name`
- **`limit_choices_to`**: Same as `ForeignKey.limit_choices_to`
  - `limit_choices_to` has no effect when used on a `ManyToManyField` with a custom intermediate table specified using the `through` parameter.
- **`symmetrical`**: Only used in the definition of `ManyToManyFields` on self. Consider the following model:

```python
from django.db import models

class Person(models.Model):
    friends = models.ManyToManyField("self")
```

When Django processes this model, it identifies that it has a `ManyToManyField` on itself, and as a result, it doesn’t add a `person_set` attribute to the `Person` class. Instead, the `ManyToManyField` is assumed to be symmetrical – that is, if I am your friend, then you are my friend.

If you do not want symmetry in many-to-many relationships with `self`, set `symmetrical` to `False`. This will force Django to add the descriptor for the reverse relationship, allowing `ManyToManyField` relationships to be non-symmetrical.

Specifying `symmetrical=True` for recursive many-to-many relationships using an intermediary model was allowed.

- **`through`**: Django will automatically generate a table to manage many-to-many relationships. However, if you want to manually specify the intermediary table, you can use the `through` option to specify the Django model that represents the intermediate table that you want to use.

  The most common use for this option is when you want to associate *extra data with a many-to-many relationship*.

  **Note:** If you don’t want multiple associations between the same instances, add a `UniqueConstraint` including the from and to fields. Django’s automatically generated many-to-many tables include such a constraint.

  **Note:** Recursive relationships using an intermediary model and defined as symmetrical (that is, with `symmetrical=True`, which is the default) can’t determine the reverse accessor names, as they would be the same. You need to set a `related_name` to at least one of them. If you’d prefer Django not to create a backwards relation, set `related_name` to `'+'`.

If you don’t specify an explicit `through` model, there is still an implicit `through` model class you can use to directly access the table created to hold the association. It has three fields to link the models.
If the source and target models differ, the following fields are generated:

- **id**: the primary key of the relation.
- `<containing_model>_id`: the id of the model that declares the ManyToManyField.
- `<other_model>_id`: the id of the model that the ManyToManyField points to.

If the ManyToManyField points from and to the same model, the following fields are generated:

- **id**: the primary key of the relation.
- `from_<model>_id`: the id of the instance which points at the model (i.e. the source instance).
- `to_<model>_id`: the id of the instance to which the relationship points (i.e. the target model instance).

This class can be used to query associated records for a given model instance like a normal model:

```python
Model.m2mfield.through.objects.all()
```

### ManyToManyField.through_fields

Only used when a custom intermediary model is specified. Django will normally determine which fields of the intermediary model to use in order to establish a many-to-many relationship automatically. However, consider the following models:

```python
from django.db import models

class Person(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=50)

class Group(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=128)
    members = models.ManyToManyField(
        Person,
        through='Membership',
        through_fields=('group', 'person'),
    )

class Membership(models.Model):
    group = models.ForeignKey(Group, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    person = models.ForeignKey(Person, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    inviter = models.ForeignKey(
        Person,
        on_delete=models.CASCADE,
        related_name='membership_invites',
    )
    invite_reason = models.CharField(max_length=64)
```

Membership has two foreign keys to Person (person and inviter), which makes the relationship ambiguous and Django can't know which one to use. In this case, you must explicitly specify which foreign keys Django should use using `through_fields`, as in the example above.

`through_fields` accepts a 2-tuple (`'field1', 'field2'`), where `field1` is the name of the foreign key to the model the ManyToManyField is defined on (group in this case), and `field2` the name of the foreign key to the target model (person in this case).

When you have more than one foreign key on an intermediary model to any (or even both) of the models participating in a many-to-many relationship, you must specify `through_fields`. This also applies to recursive relationships when an intermediary model is used and there are more than two foreign keys to the model, or you want to explicitly specify which two Django should use.
ManyToManyField. **db_table**

The name of the table to create for storing the many-to-many data. If this is not provided, Django will assume a default name based upon the names of: the table for the model defining the relationship and the name of the field itself.

ManyToManyField. **db_constraint**

Controls whether or not constraints should be created in the database for the foreign keys in the intermediary table. The default is True, and that’s almost certainly what you want; setting this to False can be very bad for data integrity. That said, here are some scenarios where you might want to do this:

- You have legacy data that is not valid.
- You’re sharding your database.

It is an error to pass both db_constraint and through.

ManyToManyField. **swappable**

Controls the migration framework’s reaction if this ManyToManyField is pointing at a swappable model. If it is True - the default - then if the ManyToManyField is pointing at a model which matches the current value of settings.AUTH_USER_MODEL (or another swappable model setting) the relationship will be stored in the migration using a reference to the setting, not to the model directly.

You only want to override this to be False if you are sure your model should always point towards the swapped-in model - for example, if it is a profile model designed specifically for your custom user model.

If in doubt, leave it to its default of True.

ManyToManyField does not support validators.

null has no effect since there is no way to require a relationship at the database level.

**OneToOneField**

class OneToOneField (to, on_delete, parent_link=False, **options)

A one-to-one relationship. Conceptually, this is similar to a ForeignKey with unique=True, but the “reverse” side of the relation will directly return a single object.

This is most useful as the primary key of a model which “extends” another model in some way; Multi-table inheritance is implemented by adding an implicit one-to-one relation from the child model to the parent model, for example.

One positional argument is required: the class to which the model will be related. This works exactly the same as it does for ForeignKey, including all the options regarding recursive and lazy relationships.

If you do not specify the related_name argument for the OneToOneField, Django will use the lowercase name of the current model as default value.

With the following example:

```python
from django.conf import settings
from django.db import models

class MySpecialUser(models.Model):
    user = models.OneToOneField(
        settings.AUTH_USER_MODEL, 
        on_delete=models.CASCADE, 
    )
    supervisor = models.OneToOneField(
        settings.AUTH_USER_MODEL, 
        on_delete=models.CASCADE, 
```
your resulting User model will have the following attributes:

```python
>>> user = User.objects.get(pk=1)
>>> hasattr(user, 'myspecialuser')
True
>>> hasattr(user, 'supervisor_of')
True
```

A RelatedObjectDoesNotExist exception is raised when accessing the reverse relationship if an entry in the related table doesn’t exist. This is a subclass of the target model’s Model.DoesNotExist exception. For example, if a user doesn’t have a supervisor designated by MySpecialUser:

```python
>>> user.supervisor_of
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...
RelatedObjectDoesNotExist: User has no supervisor_of.
```

Additionally, OneToOneField accepts all of the extra arguments accepted by ForeignKey, plus one extra argument:

OneToOneField.parent_link

When True and used in a model which inherits from another concrete model, indicates that this field should be used as the link back to the parent class, rather than the extra OneToOneField which would normally be implicitly created by subclassing.

See One-to-one relationships for usage examples of OneToOneField.

Field API reference

class Field

Field is an abstract class that represents a database table column. Django uses fields to create the database table (db_type()), to map Python types to database (get_prep_value()) and vice-versa (from_db_value()).

A field is thus a fundamental piece in different Django APIs, notably, models and querysets.

In models, a field is instantiated as a class attribute and represents a particular table column, see Models. It has attributes such as null and unique, and methods that Django uses to map the field value to database-specific values.

A Field is a subclass of RegisterLookupMixin and thus both Transform and Lookup can be registered on it to be used in QuerySets (e.g. field_name__exact="foo"). All built-in lookups are registered by default.

All of Django’s built-in fields, such as CharField, are particular implementations of Field. If you need a custom field, you can either subclass any of the built-in fields or write a Field from scratch. In either case, see Writing custom model fields.

description

A verbose description of the field, e.g. for the django.contrib.admindocs application.

The description can be of the form:
description = "String (up to %(max_length)s)"

where the arguments are interpolated from the field’s __dict__.

descriptor_class
A class implementing the descriptor protocol that is instantiated and assigned to the model instance attribute. The constructor must accept a single argument, the Field instance. Overriding this class attribute allows for customizing the get and set behavior.

To map a Field to a database-specific type, Django exposes several methods:

get_internal_type()
Returns a string naming this field for backend specific purposes. By default, it returns the class name.
See Emulating built-in field types for usage in custom fields.

db_type(connection)
Returns the database column data type for the Field, taking into account the connection.
See Custom database types for usage in custom fields.

rel_db_type(connection)
Returns the database column data type for fields such as ForeignKey and OneToOneField that point to the Field, taking into account the connection.
See Custom database types for usage in custom fields.

There are three main situations where Django needs to interact with the database backend and fields:

• when it queries the database (Python value -> database backend value)
• when it loads data from the database (database backend value -> Python value)
• when it saves to the database (Python value -> database backend value)

When querying, get_db_prep_value() and get_prep_value() are used:

get_prep_value(value)
value is the current value of the model’s attribute, and the method should return data in a format that has been prepared for use as a parameter in a query.
See Converting Python objects to query values for usage.

get_db_prep_value(value, connection, prepared=False)
Converts value to a backend-specific value. By default it returns value if prepared=True and get_prep_value() if is False.
See Converting query values to database values for usage.

When loading data, from_db_value() is used:

from_db_value(value, expression, connection)
Converts a value as returned by the database to a Python object. It is the reverse of get_prep_value().
This method is not used for most built-in fields as the database backend already returns the correct Python type, or the backend itself does the conversion.
expression is the same as self.
See Converting values to Python objects for usage.

Note: For performance reasons, from_db_value is not implemented as a no-op on fields which do not require it (all Django fields). Consequently you may not call super in your definition.
When saving, `pre_save()` and `get_db_prep_save()` are used:

**get_db_prep_save**(value, connection)
Same as the `get_db_prep_value()`, but called when the field value must be saved to the database. By default returns `get_db_prep_value()`.

**pre_save**(model_instance, add)
Method called prior to `get_db_prep_save()` to prepare the value before being saved (e.g. for `DateField.auto_now`).

`model_instance` is the instance this field belongs to and `add` is whether the instance is being saved to the database for the first time.

It should return the value of the appropriate attribute from `model_instance` for this field. The attribute name is in `self.attname` (this is set up by `Field`).

See **Preprocessing values before saving** for usage.

Fields often receive their values as a different type, either from serialization or from forms.

**to_python**(value)
Converts the value into the correct Python object. It acts as the reverse of `value_to_string()`, and is also called in `clean()`.

See **Converting values to Python objects** for usage.

Besides saving to the database, the field also needs to know how to serialize its value:

**value_from_object**(obj)
Returns the field’s value for the given model instance.

This method is often used by `value_to_string()`.

**value_to_string**(obj)
Converts `obj` to a string. Used to serialize the value of the field.

See **Converting field data for serialization** for usage.

When using `model forms`, the `Field` needs to know which form field it should be represented by:

**formfield**(form_class=None, choices_form_class=None, **kwargs)
Returns the default `django.forms.Field` of this field for `ModelForm`.

By default, if both `form_class` and `choices_form_class` are None, it uses `CharField`. If the field has `choices` and `choices_form_class` isn’t specified, it uses `TypedChoiceField`.

See **Specifying the form field for a model field** for usage.

**deconstruct**( )
Returns a 4-tuple with enough information to recreate the field:

1. The name of the field on the model.
2. The import path of the field (e.g. "django.db.models.IntegerField"). This should be the most portable version, so less specific may be better.
3. A list of positional arguments.
4. A dict of keyword arguments.

This method must be added to fields prior to 1.7 to migrate its data using Migrations.
6.15.2 Field attribute reference

Every Field instance contains several attributes that allow introspecting its behavior. Use these attributes instead of isinstance checks when you need to write code that depends on a field’s functionality. These attributes can be used together with the Model._meta API to narrow down a search for specific field types. Custom model fields should implement these flags.

Attributes for fields

Field.auto_created

Boolean flag that indicates if the field was automatically created, such as the OneToOneField used by model inheritance.

Field.concrete

Boolean flag that indicates if the field has a database column associated with it.

Field.hidden

Boolean flag that indicates if a field is used to back another non-hidden field’s functionality (e.g. the content_type and object_id fields that make up a GenericForeignKey). The hidden flag is used to distinguish what constitutes the public subset of fields on the model from all the fields on the model.

Note: Options.get_fields() excludes hidden fields by default. Pass in include_hidden=True to return hidden fields in the results.

Field.is_relation

Boolean flag that indicates if a field contains references to one or more other models for its functionality (e.g. ForeignKey, ManyToManyField, OneToOneField, etc.).

Field.model

Returns the model on which the field is defined. If a field is defined on a superclass of a model, model will refer to the superclass, not the class of the instance.

Attributes for fields with relations

These attributes are used to query for the cardinality and other details of a relation. These attribute are present on all fields; however, they will only have boolean values (rather than None) if the field is a relation type (Field.is_relation=True).

Field.many_to_many

Boolean flag that is True if the field has a many-to-many relation; False otherwise. The only field included with Django where this is True is ManyToManyField.

Field.many_to_one

Boolean flag that is True if the field has a many-to-one relation, such as a ForeignKey; False otherwise.

Field.one_to_many

Boolean flag that is True if the field has a one-to-many relation, such as a GenericRelation or the reverse of a ForeignKey; False otherwise.

Field.one_to_one

Boolean flag that is True if the field has a one-to-one relation, such as a OneToOneField; False otherwise.

Field.related_model

Points to the model the field relates to. For example, Author in ForeignKey(Author, on_delete=models.CASCADE). The related_model for a GenericForeignKey is always None.
6.15.3 Model index reference

Index classes ease creating database indexes. They can be added using the `Meta.indexes` option. This document explains the API references of `Index` which includes the `index options`.

Referencing built-in indexes

Indexes are defined in `django.db.models.indexes`, but for convenience they're imported into `django.db.models`. The standard convention is to use `from django.db import models and refer to the indexes as models.<IndexClass>.

Index options

```python
class Index(fields=(), name=None, db_tablespace=None, opclasses=(), condition=None)

Creates an index (B-Tree) in the database.
```

fields

Index.fields

A list or tuple of the name of the fields on which the index is desired.

By default, indexes are created with an ascending order for each column. To define an index with a descending order for a column, add a hyphen before the field’s name.

For example `Index(fields=['headline', '-pub_date'])` would create SQL with `(headline, pub_date DESC)`. Index ordering isn’t supported on MySQL. In that case, a descending index is created as a normal index.

name

Index.name

The name of the index. If `name` isn’t provided Django will auto-generate a name. For compatibility with different databases, index names cannot be longer than 30 characters and shouldn’t start with a number (0-9) or underscore (_).

Partial indexes in abstract base classes

You must always specify a unique name for an index. As such, you cannot normally specify a partial index on an abstract base class, since the `Meta.indexes` option is inherited by subclasses, with exactly the same values for the attributes (including `name`) each time. To work around name collisions, part of the name may contain `%(app_label)s` and `%(class)s`, which are replaced, respectively, by the lower-cased app label and class name of the concrete model. For example `Index(fields=['title'], name='%(app_label)s_%(class)s_title_index')`.

Interpolation of `%(app_label)s` and `%(class)s` was added.

db_tablespace

Index.db_tablespace
The name of the *database tablespace* to use for this index. For single field indexes, if `db_tablespace` isn’t provided, the index is created in the `db_tablespace` of the field.

If `Field.db_tablespace` isn’t specified (or if the index uses multiple fields), the index is created in `db_tablespace` specified in the `db_tablespace` option inside the model’s `class Meta`. If neither of those tablespaces are set, the index is created in the same tables as the table.

**See also:**

For a list of PostgreSQL-specific indexes, see `django.contrib.postgres.indexes`.

### opclasses

**Index.opclasses**

The names of the PostgreSQL operator classes to use for this index. If you require a custom operator class, you must provide one for each field in the index.

For example, `GinIndex(name='json_index', fields=['jsonfield'], opclasses=['jsonb_path_ops'])` creates a gin index on `jsonfield` using `jsonb_path_ops`. `opclasses` are ignored for databases besides PostgreSQL.

`Index.name` is required when using `opclasses`.

### condition

**Index.condition**

If the table is very large and your queries mostly target a subset of rows, it may be useful to restrict an index to that subset. Specify a condition as a `Q`. For example, `condition=Q(pages__gt=400)` indexes records with more than 400 pages.

`Index.name` is required when using `condition`.

**Restrictions on PostgreSQL**

PostgreSQL requires functions referenced in the condition to be marked as IMMUTABLE. Django doesn’t validate this but PostgreSQL will error. This means that functions such as `Date functions` and `Concat` aren’t accepted. If you store dates in `DateTimeField`, comparison to `datetime` objects may require the `tzinfo` argument to be provided because otherwise the comparison could result in a mutable function due to the casting Django does for `lookups`.

**Restrictions on SQLite**

SQLite imposes restrictions on how a partial index can be constructed.

**Oracle**

Oracle does not support partial indexes. Instead, partial indexes can be emulated using functional indexes. Use a `migration` to add the index using `RunSQL`.

**MySQL and MariaDB**
The `condition` argument is ignored with MySQL and MariaDB as neither supports conditional indexes.

### 6.15.4 Constraints reference

The classes defined in this module create database constraints. They are added in the model `Meta.constraints` option.

**Referencing built-in constraints**

Constraints are defined in `django.db.models.constraints`, but for convenience they’re imported into `django.db.models`. The standard convention is to use `from django.db import models` and refer to the constraints as `models.<Foo>Constraint`.

**Constraints in abstract base classes**

You must always specify a unique name for the constraint. As such, you cannot normally specify a constraint on an abstract base class, since the `Meta.constraints` option is inherited by subclasses, with exactly the same values for the attributes (including `name`) each time. To work around name collisions, part of the name may contain `%(app_label)s` and `%(class)s`, which are replaced, respectively, by the lowercased app label and class name of the concrete model. For example `CheckConstraint(check=Q(age__gte=18), name='%(app_label)s_%(class)s_is_adult')`.

**Validation of Constraints**

In general constraints are **not** checked during `full_clean()`, and do not raise `ValidationError`. Rather you’ll get a database integrity error on `save()`. `UniqueConstraints` without a `condition` (i.e. non-partial unique constraints) are different in this regard, in that they leverage the existing `validate_unique()` logic, and thus enable two-stage validation. In addition to `IntegrityError` on `save()`, `ValidationError` is also raised during model validation when the `UniqueConstraint` is violated.

**CheckConstraint**

```python
class CheckConstraint(*, check, name)
```

Creates a check constraint in the database.

**check**

`CheckConstraint.check`

A `Q` object or boolean `Expression` that specifies the check you want the constraint to enforce.

For example, `CheckConstraint(check=Q(age__gte=18), name='age_gte_18')` ensures the age field is never less than 18.

Support for boolean `Expression` was added.
name

CheckConstraint.name

The name of the constraint. You must always specify a unique name for the constraint.

Interpolation of '%(app_label)s' and '%(class)s' was added.

UniqueConstraint

class UniqueConstraint(*, fields, name=None, condition=None, deferrable=None)

Creates a unique constraint in the database.

fields

UniqueConstraint.fields

A list of field names that specifies the unique set of columns you want the constraint to enforce.

For example, `UniqueConstraint(fields=['room', 'date'], name='unique_booking')` ensures each room can only be booked once for each date.

name

UniqueConstraint.name

The name of the constraint. You must always specify a unique name for the constraint.

Interpolation of '%(app_label)s' and '%(class)s' was added.

condition

UniqueConstraint.condition

A Q object that specifies the condition you want the constraint to enforce.

For example:

```
UniqueConstraint(fields=['user'], condition=Q(status='DRAFT'), name='unique_draft_user')
```

ensures that each user only has one draft.

These conditions have the same database restrictions as Index.condition.

deferrable

UniqueConstraint.deferrable

Set this parameter to create a deferrable unique constraint. Accepted values are Deferrable.DEFERRED or Deferrable.IMMEDIATE. For example:
from django.db.models import Deferrable, UniqueConstraint

UniqueConstraint(
    name='unique_order',
    fields=['order'],
    deferrable=Deferrable.DEFERRED,
)

By default constraints are not deferred. A deferred constraint will not be enforced until the end of the transaction. An immediate constraint will be enforced immediately after every command.

MySQL, MariaDB, and SQLite.

Deferrable unique constraints are ignored on MySQL, MariaDB, and SQLite as neither supports them.

Warning: Deferred unique constraints may lead to a performance penalty.

6.15.5 Model _meta API

class Options

The model _meta API is at the core of the Django ORM. It enables other parts of the system such as lookups, queries, forms, and the admin to understand the capabilities of each model. The API is accessible through the _meta attribute of each model class, which is an instance of an django.db.models.options.Options object.

Methods that it provides can be used to:

- Retrieve all field instances of a model
- Retrieve a single field instance of a model by name

Field access API

Retrieving a single field instance of a model by name

Options.get_field(field_name)

Returns the field instance given a name of a field.

field_name can be the name of a field on the model, a field on an abstract or inherited model, or a field defined on another model that points to the model. In the latter case, the field_name will be (in order of preference) the related_query_name set by the user, the related_name set by the user, or the name automatically generated by Django.

Hidden fields cannot be retrieved by name.

If a field with the given name is not found a FieldDoesNotExist exception will be raised.

```python
>>> from django.contrib.auth.models import User

# A field on the model
>>> User._meta.get_field('username')
<django.db.models.fields.CharField: username>
```
# A field from another model that has a relation with the current model
>>> User._meta.get_field('logentry')
<ManyToOneRel: admin.logentry>

# A non existent field
>>> User._meta.get_field('does_not_exist')
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...
FieldDoesNotExist: User has no field named 'does_not_exist'

## Retrieving all field instances of a model

Options `.get_fields(include_parents=True, include_hidden=False)`

Returns a tuple of fields associated with a model. `.get_fields()` accepts two parameters that can be used to control which fields are returned:

- **include_parents** True by default. Recursively includes fields defined on parent classes. If set to False, `.get_fields()` will only search for fields declared directly on the current model. Fields from models that directly inherit from abstract models or proxy classes are considered to be local, not on the parent.

- **include_hidden** False by default. If set to True, `.get_fields()` will include fields that are used to back other field’s functionality. This will also include any fields that have a related_name (such as `ManyToManyField`, or `ForeignKey`) that start with a “+”.

```python
>>> from django.contrib.auth.models import User
>>> User._meta.get_fields()
(<ManyToOneRel: admin.logentry>,
 <django.db.models.fields.AutoField: id>,
 <django.db.models.fields.CharField: password>,
 <django.db.models.fields.DateTimeField: last_login>,
 <django.db.models.fields.BooleanField: is_superuser>,
 <django.db.models.fields.CharField: username>,
 <django.db.models.fields.CharField: first_name>,
 <django.db.models.fields.CharField: last_name>,
 <django.db.models.fields.EmailField: email>,
 <django.db.models.fields.BooleanField: is_staff>,
 <django.db.models.fields.BooleanField: is_active>,
 <django.db.models.fields.DateTimeField: date_joined>,
 <django.db.models.fields.related.ManyToManyField: groups>,
 <django.db.models.fields.related.ManyToManyField: user_permissions>)
```

# Also include hidden fields.
```python
>>> User._meta.get_fields(include_hidden=True)
(<ManyToOneRel: auth.user_groups>,
 <ManyToOneRel: auth.user_user_permissions>,
 <ManyToOneRel: admin.logentry>,
 <django.db.models.fields.AutoField: id>,
 <django.db.models.fields.CharField: password>,
 <django.db.models.fields.DateTimeField: last_login>,
 <django.db.models.fields.BooleanField: is_superuser>,
 <django.db.models.fields.CharField: username>,
 <django.db.models.fields.CharField: first_name>,
 <django.db.models.fields.CharField: last_name>,
 <django.db.models.fields.EmailField: email>,
 <django.db.models.fields.BooleanField: is_staff>,
 <django.db.models.fields.BooleanField: is_active>,
 <django.db.models.fields.DateTimeField: date_joined>,
 <django.db.models.fields.related.ManyToManyField: groups>,
 <django.db.models.fields.related.ManyToManyField: user_permissions>)
```

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6.15.6 Related objects reference

class RelatedManager

A “related manager” is a manager used in a one-to-many or many-to-many related context. This happens in two cases:

- The “other side” of a ForeignKey relation. That is:

```python
from django.db import models
class Reporter(models.Model):
    # ...
    pass
class Article(models.Model):
    reporter = models.ForeignKey(Reporter, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
```

In the above example, the methods below will be available on the manager `reporter.article_set`.

- Both sides of a ManyToManyField relation:

```python
class Topping(models.Model):
    # ...
    pass
class Pizza(models.Model):
    toppings = models.ManyToManyField(Topping)
```

In this example, the methods below will be available both on `topping.pizza_set` and on `pizza.toppings`.

`add(*objs, bulk=True, through_defaults=None)`

Adds the specified model objects to the related object set.

Example:

```python
>>> b = Blog.objects.get(id=1)
>>> e = Entry.objects.get(id=234)
>>> b.entry_set.add(e)  # Associates Entry e with Blog b.
```

In the example above, in the case of a ForeignKey relationship, `QuerySet.update()` is used to perform the update. This requires the objects to already be saved.

You can use the `bulk=False` argument to instead have the related manager perform the update by calling `e.save()`.

Using `add()` with a many-to-many relationship, however, will not call any `save()` methods (the `bulk` argument doesn’t exist), but rather create the relationships using `QuerySet.bulk_create()`. If you need to execute some custom logic when a relationship is created, listen to the `m2m_changed` signal, which will trigger `pre_add` and `post_add` actions.

Using `add()` on a relation that already exists won’t duplicate the relation, but it will still trigger signals.
For many-to-many relationships add() accepts either model instances or field values, normally primary keys, as the *objs argument.

Use the through_defaults argument to specify values for the new intermediate model instance(s), if needed. You can use callables as values in the through_defaults dictionary and they will be evaluated once before creating any intermediate instance(s).

through_defaults values can now be callables.

create (through_defaults=None, **kwargs)
Creates a new object, saves it and puts it in the related object set. Returns the newly created object:

```python
>>> b = Blog.objects.get(id=1)
>>> e = b.entry_set.create(...
...    headline='Hello',
...    body_text='Hi',
...    pub_date=datetime.date(2005, 1, 1)
...)
# No need to call e.save() at this point -- it's already been saved.
```

This is equivalent to (but simpler than):

```python
>>> b = Blog.objects.get(id=1)
>>> e = Entry(...
...    blog=b,
...    headline='Hello',
...    body_text='Hi',
...    pub_date=datetime.date(2005, 1, 1)
...)
>>> e.save(force_insert=True)
```

Note that there’s no need to specify the keyword argument of the model that defines the relationship. In the above example, we don’t pass the parameter blog to create(). Django figures out that the new Entry object’s blog field should be set to b.

Use the through_defaults argument to specify values for the new intermediate model instance, if needed. You can use callables as values in the through_defaults dictionary.

through_defaults values can now be callables.

remove (*objs, bulk=True)
Removes the specified model objects from the related object set:

```python
>>> b = Blog.objects.get(id=1)
>>> e = Entry.objects.get(id=234)
>>> b.entry_set.remove(e) # Disassociates Entry e from Blog b.
```

Similar to add(), e.save() is called in the example above to perform the update. Using remove() with a many-to-many relationship, however, will delete the relationships using QuerySet.delete() which means no model save() methods are called; listen to the m2m_changed signal if you wish to execute custom code when a relationship is deleted.

For many-to-many relationships remove() accepts either model instances or field values, normally primary keys, as the *objs argument.

For ForeignKey objects, this method only exists if null=True. If the related field can’t be set to None (NULL), then an object can’t be removed from a relation without being added to another. In the above example, removing e from b.entry_set() is equivalent to doing e.blog = None, and because the blog ForeignKey doesn’t have null=True, this is invalid.
For ForeignKey objects, this method accepts a bulk argument to control how to perform the operation. If True (the default), QuerySet.update() is used. If bulk=False, the save() method of each individual model instance is called instead. This triggers the pre_save and post_save signals and comes at the expense of performance.

For many-to-many relationships, the bulk keyword argument doesn’t exist.

clear (bulk=True)
Removes all objects from the related object set:

```python
>>> b = Blog.objects.get(id=1)
>>> b.entry_set.clear()
```

Note this doesn’t delete the related objects – it just disassociates them.

Just like remove(), clear() is only available on ForeignKeys where null=True and it also accepts the bulk keyword argument.

For many-to-many relationships, the bulk keyword argument doesn’t exist.

set (objs, bulk=True, clear=False, through_defaults=None)
Replace the set of related objects:

```python
>>> new_list = [obj1, obj2, obj3]
>>> e.related_set.set(new_list)
```

This method accepts a clear argument to control how to perform the operation. If False (the default), the elements missing from the new set are removed using remove() and only the new ones are added. If clear=True, the clear() method is called instead and the whole set is added at once.

For ForeignKey objects, the bulk argument is passed on to add() and remove().

For many-to-many relationships, the bulk keyword argument doesn’t exist.

Note that since set() is a compound operation, it is subject to race conditions. For instance, new objects may be added to the database in between the call to clear() and the call to add().

For many-to-many relationships set() accepts a list of either model instances or field values, normally primary keys, as the objs argument.

Use the through_defaults argument to specify values for the new intermediate model instance(s), if needed. You can use callables as values in the through_defaults dictionary and they will be evaluated once before creating any intermediate instance(s).

through_defaults values can now be callables.

Note: Note that add(), create(), remove(), clear(), and set() all apply database changes immediately for all types of related fields. In other words, there is no need to call save() on either end of the relationship.

If you use prefetch_related(), the add(), remove(), clear(), and set() methods clear the prefetched cache.

6.15.7 Model class reference

This document covers features of the Model class. For more information about models, see the complete list of Model reference guides.
Attributes

**DoesNotExist**

**exception** `Model.DoesNotExist`

This exception is raised by the ORM when an expected object is not found. For example, `QuerySet.get()` will raise it when no object is found for the given lookups.

Django provides a `DoesNotExist` exception as an attribute of each model class to identify the class of object that could not be found, allowing you to catch exceptions for a particular model class. The exception is a subclass of `django.core.exceptions.ObjectDoesNotExist`.

**MultipleObjectsReturned**

**exception** `Model.MultipleObjectsReturned`

This exception is raised by `QuerySet.get()` when multiple objects are found for the given lookups.

Django provides a `MultipleObjectsReturned` exception as an attribute of each model class to identify the class of object for which multiple objects were found, allowing you to catch exceptions for a particular model class. The exception is a subclass of `django.core.exceptions.MultipleObjectsReturned`.

**objects**

`Model.objects`

Each non-abstract `Model` class must have a `Manager` instance added to it. Django ensures that in your model class you have at least a default `Manager` specified. If you don’t add your own `Manager`, Django will add an attribute `objects` containing default `Manager` instance. If you add your own `Manager` instance attribute, the default one does not appear. Consider the following example:

```python
from django.db import models

class Person(models.Model):
    # Add manager with another name
    people = models.Manager()
```

For more details on model managers see `Managers` and `Retrieving objects`.

6.15.8 Model Meta options

This document explains all the possible metadata options that you can give your model in its internal `class Meta`.

Available Meta options

**abstract**

Options.

If `abstract = True`, this model will be an abstract base class.
app_label

Options.app_label
If a model is defined outside of an application in INSTALLED_APPS, it must declare which app it belongs to:

```python
app_label = 'myapp'
```

If you want to represent a model with the format app_label.object_name or app_label.model_name you can use model._meta.label or model._meta.label_lower respectively.

base_manager_name

Options.base_manager_name
The attribute name of the manager, for example, 'objects', to use for the model’s _base_manager.

db_table

Options.db_table
The name of the database table to use for the model:

```python
db_table = 'music_album'
```

Table names

To save you time, Django automatically derives the name of the database table from the name of your model class and the app that contains it. A model’s database table name is constructed by joining the model’s “app label” – the name you used in manage.py startapp – to the model’s class name, with an underscore between them.

For example, if you have an app bookstore (as created by manage.py startapp bookstore), a model defined as class Book will have a database table named bookstore_book.

To override the database table name, use the db_table parameter in class Meta.

If your database table name is an SQL reserved word, or contains characters that aren’t allowed in Python variable names – notably, the hyphen – that’s OK. Django quotes column and table names behind the scenes.

Use lowercase table names for MariaDB and MySQL

It is strongly advised that you use lowercase table names when you override the table name via db_table, particularly if you are using the MySQL backend. See the MySQL notes for more details.

Table name quoting for Oracle

In order to meet the 30-char limitation Oracle has on table names, and match the usual conventions for Oracle databases, Django may shorten table names and turn them all-uppercase. To prevent such transformations, use a quoted name as the value for db_table:

```python
db_table = '"name_left_in_lowercase"'
```

Such quoted names can also be used with Django’s other supported database backends; except for Oracle, however, the quotes have no effect. See the Oracle notes for more details.
**db_tablespace**

Options **db_tablespace**
The name of the *database tablespace* to use for this model. The default is the project’s `DEFAULT_TABLESPACE` setting, if set. If the backend doesn’t support tablespaces, this option is ignored.

**default_manager_name**

Options **default_manager_name**
The name of the manager to use for the model’s `_default_manager`.

**default_related_name**

Options **default_related_name**
The name that will be used by default for the relation from a related object back to this one. The default is `<model_name>_set`.

This option also sets `related_query_name`.

As the reverse name for a field should be unique, be careful if you intend to subclass your model. To work around name collisions, part of the name should contain `'%(app_label)s'` and `'%(model_name)s'`, which are replaced respectively by the name of the application the model is in, and the name of the model, both lowercased. See the paragraph on related names for abstract models.

**get_latest_by**

Options **get_latest_by**
The name of a field or a list of field names in the model, typically `DateField`, `DateTimeField`, or `IntegerField`. This specifies the default field(s) to use in your model `Manager`’s `latest()` and `earliest()` methods.

Example:

```python
# Latest by ascending order_date.
get_latest_by = "order_date"

# Latest by priority descending, order_date ascending.
get_latest_by = ['-priority', 'order_date']
```

See the `latest()` docs for more.

**managed**

Options **managed**
Defaults to True, meaning Django will create the appropriate database tables in `migrate` or as part of migrations and remove them as part of a `flush` management command. That is, Django manages the database tables’ lifecycles.

If False, no database table creation, modification, or deletion operations will be performed for this model. This is useful if the model represents an existing table or a database view that has been created by some other means. This is the only difference when `managed=False`. All other aspects of model handling are exactly the same as normal. This includes
1. Adding an automatic primary key field to the model if you don’t declare it. To avoid confusion for later code readers, it’s recommended to specify all the columns from the database table you are modeling when using unmanaged models.

2. If a model with `managed=False` contains a `ManyToManyField` that points to another unmanaged model, then the intermediate table for the many-to-many join will also not be created. However, the intermediary table between one managed and one unmanaged model will be created.

   If you need to change this default behavior, create the intermediary table as an explicit model (with `managed` set as needed) and use the `ManyToManyField.through` attribute to make the relation use your custom model.

   For tests involving models with `managed=False`, it’s up to you to ensure the correct tables are created as part of the test setup.

   If you’re interested in changing the Python-level behavior of a model class, you could use `managed=False` and create a copy of an existing model. However, there’s a better approach for that situation: *Proxy models.*

**order_with_respect_to**

Options. `order_with_respect_to`

Makes this object orderable with respect to the given field, usually a `ForeignKey`. This can be used to make related objects orderable with respect to a parent object. For example, if an `Answer` relates to a `Question` object, and a question has more than one answer, and the order of answers matters, you’d do this:

```python
from django.db import models

class Question(models.Model):
    text = models.TextField()
    # ...

class Answer(models.Model):
    question = models.ForeignKey(Question, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    # ...

class Meta:
    order_with_respect_to = 'question'
```

When `order_with_respect_to` is set, two additional methods are provided to retrieve and to set the order of the related objects: `get_RELATED_order()` and `set_RELATED_order()`, where `RELATED` is the lowercased model name. For example, assuming that a `Question` object has multiple related `Answer` objects, the list returned contains the primary keys of the related `Answer` objects:

```python
>>> question = Question.objects.get(id=1)
>>> question.get_answer_order()
[1, 2, 3]
```

The order of a `Question` object’s related `Answer` objects can be set by passing in a list of `Answer` primary keys:

```python
>>> question.set_answer_order([3, 1, 2])
```

The related objects also get two methods, `get_next_in_order()` and `get_previous_in_order()`, which can be used to access those objects in their proper order. Assuming the `Answer` objects are ordered by id:
order_with_respect_to implicitly sets the ordering option

Internally, order_with_respect_to adds an additional field/database column named _order and sets the model's ordering option to this field. Consequently, order_with_respect_to and ordering cannot be used together, and the ordering added by order_with_respect_to will apply whenever you obtain a list of objects of this model.

Changing order_with_respect_to

Because order_with_respect_to adds a new database column, be sure to make and apply the appropriate migrations if you add or change order_with_respect_to after your initial migrate.

ordering

Options.ordering

The default ordering for the object, for use when obtaining lists of objects:

```python
ordering = ['-order_date']
```

This is a tuple or list of strings and/or query expressions. Each string is a field name with an optional “-” prefix, which indicates descending order. Fields without a leading “-” will be ordered ascending. Use the string “?” to order randomly.

For example, to order by a pub_date field ascending, use this:

```python
ordering = ['pub_date']
```

To order by pub_date descending, use this:

```python
ordering = ['-pub_date']
```

To order by pub_date descending, then by author ascending, use this:

```python
ordering = ['-pub_date', 'author']
```

You can also use query expressions. To order by author ascending and make null values sort last, use this:

```python
from django.db.models import F
ordering = [F('author').asc(nulls_last=True)]
```

Warning: Ordering is not a free operation. Each field you add to the ordering incurs a cost to your database. Each foreign key you add will implicitly include all of its default orderings as well.
If a query doesn’t have an ordering specified, results are returned from the database in an unspecified order. A particular ordering is guaranteed only when ordering by a set of fields that uniquely identify each object in the results. For example, if a `name` field isn’t unique, ordering by it won’t guarantee objects with the same name always appear in the same order.

**permissions**

Options. `permissions`

Extra permissions to enter into the permissions table when creating this object. Add, change, delete, and view permissions are automatically created for each model. This example specifies an extra permission, `can_deliver_pizzas`:

```python
permissions = [('can_deliver_pizzas', 'Can deliver pizzas')]
```

This is a list or tuple of 2-tuples in the format `(permission_code, human_readable_permission_name)`.

**default_permissions**

Options. `default_permissions`

Defaults to `('add', 'change', 'delete', 'view')`. You may customize this list, for example, by setting this to an empty list if your app doesn’t require any of the default permissions. It must be specified on the model before the model is created by `migrate` in order to prevent any omitted permissions from being created.

**proxy**

Options. `proxy`

If `proxy = True`, a model which subclasses another model will be treated as a `proxy model`.

**required_db_features**

Options. `required_db_features`

List of database features that the current connection should have so that the model is considered during the migration phase. For example, if you set this list to `['gis_enabled']`, the model will only be synchronized on GIS-enabled databases. It’s also useful to skip some models when testing with several database backends. Avoid relations between models that may or may not be created as the ORM doesn’t handle this.

**required_db_vendor**

Options. `required_db_vendor`

Name of a supported database vendor that this model is specific to. Current built-in vendor names are: `sqlite`, `postgresql`, `mysql`, `oracle`. If this attribute is not empty and the current connection vendor doesn’t match it, the model will not be synchronized.
**select_on_save**

Options `select_on_save`

Determine if Django will use the pre-1.6 `django.db.models.Model.save()` algorithm. The old algorithm uses `SELECT` to determine if there is an existing row to be updated. The new algorithm tries an `UPDATE` directly. In some rare cases the `UPDATE` of an existing row isn’t visible to Django. An example is the PostgreSQL ON UPDATE trigger which returns NULL. In such cases the new algorithm will end up doing an `INSERT` even when a row exists in the database.

Usually there is no need to set this attribute. The default is `False`.

See `django.db.models.Model.save()` for more about the old and new saving algorithm.

**indexes**

Options `indexes`

A list of `indexes` that you want to define on the model:

```python
from django.db import models

class Customer(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=100)

    class Meta:
        indexes = [
            models.Index(fields=['last_name', 'first_name']),
            models.Index(fields=['first_name'], name='first_name_idx'),
        ]
```

**unique_together**

Options `unique_together`

Use `UniqueConstraint` with the `constraints` option instead.

`UniqueConstraint` provides more functionality than `unique_together`. `unique_together` may be deprecated in the future.

Sets of field names that, taken together, must be unique:

```python
unique_together = [('driver', 'restaurant')]
```

This is a list of lists that must be unique when considered together. It’s used in the Django admin and is enforced at the database level (i.e., the appropriate `UNIQUE` statements are included in the `CREATE TABLE` statement).

For convenience, `unique_together` can be a single list when dealing with a single set of fields:

```python
unique_together = ['driver', 'restaurant']
```

A `ManyToManyField` cannot be included in `unique_together`. (It’s not clear what that would even mean!) If you need to validate uniqueness related to a `ManyToManyField`, try using a signal or an explicit `through` model.
The `ValidationError` raised during model validation when the constraint is violated has the `unique_together` error code.

**index_together**

**Options:** `index_together`

Use the `indexes` option instead.

The newer `indexes` option provides more functionality than `index_together`. `index_together` may be deprecated in the future.

Sets of field names that, taken together, are indexed:

```python
index_together = [
    ["pub_date", "deadline"],
]
```

This list of fields will be indexed together (i.e. the appropriate `CREATE INDEX` statement will be issued.)

For convenience, `index_together` can be a single list when dealing with a single set of fields:

```python
index_together = ["pub_date", "deadline"]
```

**constraints**

**Options:** `constraints`

A list of `constraints` that you want to define on the model:

```python
from django.db import models
class Customer(models.Model):
    age = models.IntegerField()

    class Meta:
        constraints = [
            models.CheckConstraint(check=models.Q(age__gte=18), name='age_gte_18'),
        ]
```

**verbose_name**

**Options:** `verbose_name`

A human-readable name for the object, singular:

```python
verbose_name = "pizza"
```

If this isn’t given, Django will use a munged version of the class name: CamelCase becomes camel case.
verbose_name_plural

Options.verbose_name_plural
The plural name for the object:

```
verbose_name_plural = "stories"
```

If this isn’t given, Django will use verbose_name + "s".

Read-only Meta attributes

label

Options.label
Representation of the object, returns app_label.object_name, e.g. 'polls.Question'.

label_lower

Options.label_lower
Representation of the model, returns app_label.model_name, e.g. 'polls.question'.

6.15.9 Model instance reference

This document describes the details of the Model API. It builds on the material presented in the model and database query guides, so you’ll probably want to read and understand those documents before reading this one.

Throughout this reference we’ll use the example Weblog models presented in the database query guide.

Creating objects

To create a new instance of a model, instantiate it like any other Python class:

```
class Model(**kwargs)
```

The keyword arguments are the names of the fields you’ve defined on your model. Note that instantiating a model in no way touches your database; for that, you need to save().

**Note:** You may be tempted to customize the model by overriding the __init__ method. If you do so, however, take care not to change the calling signature as any change may prevent the model instance from being saved. Rather than overriding __init__, try using one of these approaches:

1. Add a classmethod on the model class:

```
from django.db import models

class Book(models.Model):
    title = models.CharField(max_length=100)

    @classmethod
    def create(cls, title):
        book = cls(title=title)
        # do something with the book
```

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return book

book = Book.create("Pride and Prejudice")

2. Add a method on a custom manager (usually preferred):

```python
class BookManager(models.Manager):
    def create_book(self, title):
        book = self.create(title=title)
        # do something with the book
        return book

class Book(models.Model):
    title = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    objects = BookManager()

book = Book.objects.create_book("Pride and Prejudice")
```

**Customizing model loading**

```python
@classmethod
def from_db(cls, db, field_names, values):
    # Default implementation of from_db() (subject to change and could
    # be replaced with super()).
    if len(values) != len(cls._meta.concrete_fields):
        values = list(values)
        values.reverse()
        values = [
            values.pop() if f.attname in field_names else DEFERRED
            for f in cls._meta.concrete_fields
        ]
    instance = cls(*values)
    instance._state.adding = False
    instance._state.db = db
    # customization to store the original field values on the instance
    instance._loaded_values = dict(zip(field_names, values))
```

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return instance

def save(self, *args, **kwargs):
    # Check how the current values differ from ._loaded_values. For example,
    # prevent changing the creator_id of the model. (This example doesn't
    # support cases where 'creator_id' is deferred).
    if not self._state.adding and self.creator_id != self._loaded_values['creator_id']:
        raise ValueError("Updating the value of creator isn't allowed")
    super().save(*args, **kwargs)

The example above shows a full from_db() implementation to clarify how that is done. In this case it would be possible to use a super() call in the from_db() method.

Refreshing objects from database

If you delete a field from a model instance, accessing it again reloads the value from the database:

```python
>>> obj = MyModel.objects.first()
>>> del obj.field
>>> obj.field  # Loads the field from the database
```

Model.refresh_from_db(using=None, fields=None)

If you need to reload a model’s values from the database, you can use the refresh_from_db() method. When this method is called without arguments the following is done:

1. All non-deferred fields of the model are updated to the values currently present in the database.
2. Any cached relations are cleared from the reloaded instance.

Only fields of the model are reloaded from the database. Other database-dependent values such as annotations aren’t reloaded. Any @cached_property attributes aren’t cleared either.

The reloading happens from the database the instance was loaded from, or from the default database if the instance wasn’t loaded from the database. The using argument can be used to force the database used for reloading.

It is possible to force the set of fields to be loaded by using the fields argument.

For example, to test that an update() call resulted in the expected update, you could write a test similar to this:

```python
def test_update_result(self):
    obj = MyModel.objects.create(val=1)
    MyModel.objects.filter(pk=obj.pk).update(val=F('val') + 1)
    # At this point obj.val is still 1, but the value in the database
    # was updated to 2. The object's updated value needs to be reloaded
    # from the database.
    obj.refresh_from_db()
    self.assertEqual(obj.val, 2)
```

Note that when deferred fields are accessed, the loading of the deferred field’s value happens through this method. Thus it is possible to customize the way deferred loading happens. The example below shows how one can reload all of the instance’s fields when a deferred field is reloaded:

class ExampleModel(models.Model):
    def refresh_from_db(self, using=None, fields=None, **kwargs):
        # fields contains the name of the deferred field to be
# loaded.
if fields is not None:
    fields = set(fields)
    deferred_fields = self.get_deferred_fields()
    # If any deferred field is going to be loaded
    if fields.intersection(deferred_fields):
        # then load all of them
        fields = fields.union(deferred_fields)
    super().refresh_from_db(using, fields, **kwargs)

Model.get_deferred_fields()

A helper method that returns a set containing the attribute names of all those fields that are currently deferred for this model.

Validating objects

There are three steps involved in validating a model:

1. Validate the model fields - Model.clean_fields()
2. Validate the model as a whole - Model.clean()
3. Validate the field uniqueness - Model.validate_unique()

All three steps are performed when you call a model’s full_clean() method.

When you use a ModelForm, the call to is_valid() will perform these validation steps for all the fields that are included on the form. See the ModelForm documentation for more information. You should only need to call a model’s full_clean() method if you plan to handle validation errors yourself, or if you have excluded fields from the ModelForm that require validation.

Model.full_clean(exclude=None, validate_unique=True)

This method calls Model.clean_fields(), Model.clean(), and Model.validate_unique() (if validate_unique is True), in that order and raises a ValidationError that has a message_dict attribute containing errors from all three stages.

The optional exclude argument can be used to provide a list of field names that can be excluded from validation and cleaning. ModelForm uses this argument to exclude fields that aren’t present on your form from being validated since any errors raised could not be corrected by the user.

Note that full_clean() will not be called automatically when you call your model’s save() method. You’ll need to call it manually when you want to run one-step model validation for your own manually created models. For example:

```python
from django.core.exceptions import ValidationError
try:
    article.full_clean()
except ValidationError as e:
    # Do something based on the errors contained in e.message_dict.
    # Display them to a user, or handle them programmatically.
    pass
```

The first step full_clean() performs is to clean each individual field.

Model.clean_fields(exclude=None)
This method will validate all fields on your model. The optional exclude argument lets you provide a list of field names to exclude from validation. It will raise a ValidationError if any fields fail validation.

The second step full_clean() performs is to call Model.clean(). This method should be overridden to perform custom validation on your model.

Model.clean()

This method should be used to provide custom model validation, and to modify attributes on your model if desired. For instance, you could use it to automatically provide a value for a field, or to do validation that requires access to more than a single field:

```python
import datetime
from django.core.exceptions import ValidationError
from django.db import models
from django.utils.translation import gettext_lazy as _

class Article(models.Model):
    ...
    def clean(self):
        # Don't allow draft entries to have a pub_date.
        if self.status == 'draft' and self.pub_date is not None:
            raise ValidationError(_("Draft entries may not have a publication date.'"))
        # Set the pub_date for published items if it hasn't been set already.
        if self.status == 'published' and self.pub_date is None:
            self.pub_date = datetime.date.today()
```

Note, however, that like Model.full_clean(), a model’s clean() method is not invoked when you call your model’s save() method.

In the above example, the ValidationError exception raised by Model.clean() was instantiated with a string, so it will be stored in a special error dictionary key, NON_FIELD_ERRORS. This key is used for errors that are tied to the entire model instead of to a specific field:

```python
from django.core.exceptions import NON_FIELD_ERRORS, ValidationError
try:
    article.full_clean()
except ValidationError as e:
    non_field_errors = e.message_dict[NON_FIELD_ERRORS]
```

To assign exceptions to a specific field, instantiate the ValidationError with a dictionary, where the keys are the field names. We could update the previous example to assign the error to the pub_date field:

```python
class Article(models.Model):
    ...
    def clean(self):
        # Don't allow draft entries to have a pub_date.
        if self.status == 'draft' and self.pub_date is not None:
            raise ValidationError({'pub_date': _("Draft entries may not have a publication date.'")})
        ...
```

If you detect errors in multiple fields during Model.clean(), you can also pass a dictionary mapping field names to errors:

```python
raise ValidationError(
    {'title': ValidationError(_("Missing title.'"), code='required'),
     'pub_date': ValidationError(_("Invalid date.'"), code='invalid'),
    })
```
Finally, `full_clean()` will check any unique constraints on your model.

### How to raise field-specific validation errors if those fields don’t appear in a ModelForm

You can’t raise validation errors in `Model.clean()` for fields that don’t appear in a model form (a form may limit its fields using `Meta.fields` or `Meta.exclude`). Doing so will raise a `ValueError` because the validation error won’t be able to be associated with the excluded field.

To work around this dilemma, instead override `Model.clean_fields()` as it receives the list of fields that are excluded from validation. For example:

```python
class Article(models.Model):
    ...:
    def clean_fields(self, exclude=None):
        super().clean_fields(exclude=exclude)
        if self.status == 'draft' and self.pub_date is not None:
            if exclude and 'status' in exclude:
                raise ValidationError(
                    _('Draft entries may not have a publication date.'))
            else:
                raise ValidationError({'status': _(
                    'Set status to draft if there is not a '
                    'publication date.'
                )},
        }
```

### Model.validate_unique(exclude=None)

This method is similar to `clean_fields()`, but validates all uniqueness constraints on your model instead of individual field values. The optional `exclude` argument allows you to provide a list of field names to exclude from validation. It will raise a `ValidationError` if any fields fail validation.

Note that if you provide an `exclude` argument to `validate_unique()`, any `unique_together` constraint involving one of the fields you provided will not be checked.

### Saving objects

To save an object back to the database, call `save()`:

```python
Model.save(force_insert=False, force_update=False, using=DEFAULT_DB_ALIAS, update_fields=None)
```

If you want customized saving behavior, you can override this `save()` method. See `Overriding predefined model methods` for more details.

The model save process also has some subtleties; see the sections below.

### Auto-incrementing primary keys

If a model has an `AutoField` — an auto-incrementing primary key — then that auto-incremented value will be calculated and saved as an attribute on your object the first time you call `save()`:

```python
>>> b2 = Blog(name='Cheddar Talk', tagline='Thoughts on cheese.')
>>> b2.id  # Returns None, because b2 doesn't have an ID yet.
```
>>> b2.save()
>>> b2.id  # Returns the ID of your new object.

There’s no way to tell what the value of an ID will be before you call `save()`, because that value is calculated by your database, not by Django.

For convenience, each model has an `AutoField` named `id` by default unless you explicitly specify `primary_key=True` on a field in your model. See the documentation for `AutoField` for more details.

The `pk` property

`Model.pk`

Regardless of whether you define a primary key field yourself, or let Django supply one for you, each model will have a property called `pk`. It behaves like a normal attribute on the model, but is actually an alias for whichever attribute is the primary key field for the model. You can read and set this value, just as you would for any other attribute, and it will update the correct field in the model.

Explicitly specifying auto-primary-key values

If a model has an `AutoField` but you want to define a new object’s ID explicitly when saving, define it explicitly before saving, rather than relying on the auto-assignment of the ID:

```python
>>> b3 = Blog(id=3, name='Cheddar Talk', tagline='Thoughts on cheese.')
>>> b3.id  # Returns 3.
>>> b3.save()
```  

```python
>>> b3.id  # Returns 3.
```

If you assign auto-primary-key values manually, make sure not to use an already-existing primary-key value! If you create a new object with an explicit primary-key value that already exists in the database, Django will assume you’re changing the existing record rather than creating a new one.

Given the above ‘Cheddar Talk’ blog example, this example would override the previous record in the database:

```python
b4 = Blog(id=3, name='Not Cheddar', tagline='Anything but cheese.')
b4.save()  # Overrides the previous blog with ID=3!
```

See *How Django knows to UPDATE vs. INSERT*, below, for the reason this happens.

Explicitly specifying auto-primary-key values is mostly useful for bulk-saving objects, when you’re confident you won’t have primary-key collision.

If you’re using PostgreSQL, the sequence associated with the primary key might need to be updated; see *Manually-specifying values of auto-incrementing primary keys*.

What happens when you save?

When you save an object, Django performs the following steps:

1. **Emit a pre-save signal.** The `pre_save` signal is sent, allowing any functions listening for that signal to do something.
2. **Preprocess the data.** Each field’s `pre_save()` method is called to perform any automated data modification that’s needed. For example, the date/time fields override `pre_save()` to implement `auto_now_add` and `auto_now`.

3. **Prepare the data for the database.** Each field’s `get_db_prep_save()` method is asked to provide its current value in a data type that can be written to the database.

   Most fields don’t require data preparation. Simple data types, such as integers and strings, are ‘ready to write’ as a Python object. However, more complex data types often require some modification.

   For example, `DateField` fields use a Python `datetime` object to store data. Databases don’t store `datetime` objects, so the field value must be converted into an ISO-compliant date string for insertion into the database.

4. **Insert the data into the database.** The preprocessed, prepared data is composed into an SQL statement for insertion into the database.

5. **Emit a post-save signal.** The `post_save` signal is sent, allowing any functions listening for that signal to do something.

### How Django knows to UPDATE vs. INSERT

You may have noticed Django database objects use the same `save()` method for creating and changing objects. Django abstracts the need to use INSERT or UPDATE SQL statements. Specifically, when you call `save()` and the object’s primary key attribute does **not** define a default, Django follows this algorithm:

- If the object’s primary key attribute is set to a value that evaluates to `True` (i.e., a value other than `None` or the empty string), Django executes an `UPDATE`.
- If the object’s primary key attribute is **not** set or if the `UPDATE` didn’t update anything (e.g. if primary key is set to a value that doesn’t exist in the database), Django executes an `INSERT`.

If the object’s primary key attribute defines a default then Django executes an `UPDATE` if it is an existing model instance and primary key is set to a value that exists in the database. Otherwise, Django executes an `INSERT`.

The one gotcha here is that you should be careful not to specify a primary-key value explicitly when saving new objects, if you cannot guarantee the primary-key value is unused. For more on this nuance, see [Explicitly specifying auto-primary-key values](#) above and [Forcing an INSERT or UPDATE](#) below.

In Django 1.5 and earlier, Django did a `SELECT` when the primary key attribute was set. If the `SELECT` found a row, then Django did an `UPDATE`, otherwise it did an `INSERT`. The old algorithm results in one more query in the `UPDATE` case. There are some rare cases where the database doesn’t report that a row was updated even if the database contains a row for the object’s primary key value. An example is the PostgreSQL `ON UPDATE` trigger which returns `NULL`. In such cases it is possible to revert to the old algorithm by setting the `select_on_save` option to `True`.

`Model.save()` no longer attempts to find a row when saving a new `Model` instance and a default value for the primary key is provided, and always executes an `INSERT`.

### Forcing an INSERT or UPDATE

In some rare circumstances, it’s necessary to be able to force the `save()` method to perform an SQL `INSERT` and not fall back to doing an `UPDATE`. Or vice-versa: update, if possible, but not insert a new row. In these cases you can pass the `force_insert=True` or `force_update=True` parameters to the `save()` method. Passing both parameters is an error: you cannot both insert and update at the same time!

It should be very rare that you’ll need to use these parameters. Django will almost always do the right thing and trying to override that will lead to errors that are difficult to track down. This feature is for advanced use only.

Using `update_fields` will force an update similarly to `force_update`. 
Updating attributes based on existing fields

Sometimes you’ll need to perform a simple arithmetic task on a field, such as incrementing or decrementing the current value. One way of achieving this is doing the arithmetic in Python like:

```python
>>> product = Product.objects.get(name='Venezuelan Beaver Cheese')
>>> product.number_sold += 1
>>> product.save()
```

If the old `number_sold` value retrieved from the database was 10, then the value of 11 will be written back to the database.

The process can be made robust, avoiding a race condition, as well as slightly faster by expressing the update relative to the original field value, rather than as an explicit assignment of a new value. Django provides F expressions for performing this kind of relative update. Using F expressions, the previous example is expressed as:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import F
>>> product = Product.objects.get(name='Venezuelan Beaver Cheese')
>>> product.number_sold = F('number_sold') + 1
>>> product.save()
```

For more details, see the documentation on F expressions and their use in update queries.

Specifying which fields to save

If `save()` is passed a list of field names in keyword argument `update_fields`, only the fields named in that list will be updated. This may be desirable if you want to update just one or a few fields on an object. There will be a slight performance benefit from preventing all of the model fields from being updated in the database. For example:

```python
product.name = 'Name changed again'
product.save(update_fields=['name'])
```

The `update_fields` argument can be any iterable containing strings. An empty `update_fields` iterable will skip the save. A value of None will perform an update on all fields.

Specifying `update_fields` will force an update.

When saving a model fetched through deferred model loading (only() or `defer()`) only the fields loaded from the DB will get updated. In effect there is an automatic `update_fields` in this case. If you assign or change any deferred field value, the field will be added to the updated fields.

Deleting objects

Model.delete(using=DEFAULT_DB_ALIAS, keep_parents=False)

Issues an SQL DELETE for the object. This only deletes the object in the database; the Python instance will still exist and will still have data in its fields. This method returns the number of objects deleted and a dictionary with the number of deletions per object type.

For more details, including how to delete objects in bulk, see Deleting objects.

If you want customized deletion behavior, you can override the `delete()` method. See Overriding predefined model methods for more details.

Sometimes with multi-table inheritance you may want to delete only a child model’s data. Specifying `keep_parents=True` will keep the parent model’s data.
Pickling objects

When you pickle a model, its current state is pickled. When you unpickle it, it’ll contain the model instance at the moment it was pickled, rather than the data that’s currently in the database.

You can’t share pickles between versions

Pickles of models are only valid for the version of Django that was used to generate them. If you generate a pickle using Django version N, there is no guarantee that pickle will be readable with Django version N+1. Pickles should not be used as part of a long-term archival strategy.

Since pickle compatibility errors can be difficult to diagnose, such as silently corrupted objects, a RuntimeError is raised when you try to unpickle a model in a Django version that is different than the one in which it was pickled.

Other model instance methods

A few object methods have special purposes.

__str__()

Model.__str__()

The __str__() method is called whenever you call str() on an object. Django uses str(obj) in a number of places. Most notably, to display an object in the Django admin site and as the value inserted into a template when it displays an object. Thus, you should always return a nice, human-readable representation of the model from the __str__() method.

For example:

```python
from django.db import models

class Person(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=50)

    def __str__(self):  # __str__ is a decorated method
        return '%s %s' % (self.first_name, self.last_name)
```

__eq__()

Model.__eq__()

The equality method is defined such that instances with the same primary key value and the same concrete class are considered equal, except that instances with a primary key value of None aren’t equal to anything except themselves. For proxy models, concrete class is defined as the model’s first non-proxy parent; for all other models it’s simply the model’s class.

For example:

```python
from django.db import models

class MyModel(models.Model):
    id = models.AutoField(primary_key=True)
```
class MyProxyModel(MyModel):
    class Meta:
        proxy = True

class MultitableInherited(MyModel):
    pass

# Primary keys compared
MyModel(id=1) == MyModel(id=1)
MyModel(id=1) != MyModel(id=2)

# Primary keys are None
MyModel(id=None) != MyModel(id=None)

# Same instance
instance = MyModel(id=None)
instance == instance

# Proxy model
MyModel(id=1) == MyProxyModel(id=1)

# Multi-table inheritance
MyModel(id=1) != MultitableInherited(id=1)

__hash__()  

Model.__hash__()  

The __hash__() method is based on the instance’s primary key value. It is effectively hash(obj.pk). If the instance doesn’t have a primary key value then a TypeError will be raised (otherwise the __hash__() method would return different values before and after the instance is saved, but changing the __hash__() value of an instance is forbidden in Python.

get_absolute_url()  

Model.get_absolute_url()  

Define a get_absolute_url() method to tell Django how to calculate the canonical URL for an object. To callers, this method should appear to return a string that can be used to refer to the object over HTTP.

For example:

def get_absolute_url(self):
    return "/% people/%i/" % self.id

While this code is correct and simple, it may not be the most portable way to to write this kind of method. The reverse() function is usually the best approach.

For example:

def get_absolute_url(self):
    from django.urls import reverse
    return reverse('people.views.details', args=[str(self.id)])

One place Django uses get_absolute_url() is in the admin app. If an object defines this method, the object-editing page will have a “View on site” link that will jump you directly to the object’s public view, as given by get_absolute_url().
Similarly, a couple of other bits of Django, such as the syndication feed framework, use get_absolute_url() when it is defined. If it makes sense for your model’s instances to each have a unique URL, you should define get_absolute_url().

**Warning:** You should avoid building the URL from unvalidated user input, in order to reduce possibilities of link or redirect poisoning:

```python
def get_absolute_url(self):
    return '/%s/' % self.name
```

If `self.name` is '/example.com' this returns '//example.com/' which, in turn, is a valid schema relative URL but not the expected '/%2Fexample.com/'.

It’s good practice to use get_absolute_url() in templates, instead of hard-coding your objects’ URLs. For example, this template code is bad:

```html
<!-- BAD template code. Avoid! -->
<a href="/people/{{ object.id }}/">{{ object.name }}</a>
```

This template code is much better:

```html
<a href="{{ object.get_absolute_url }}">{{ object.name }}</a>
```

The logic here is that if you change the URL structure of your objects, even for something small like correcting a spelling error, you don’t want to have to track down every place that the URL might be created. Specify it once, in get_absolute_url() and have all your other code call that one place.

**Note:** The string you return from get_absolute_url() must contain only ASCII characters (required by the URI specification, RFC 2396#section-2) and be URL-encoded, if necessary.

Code and templates calling get_absolute_url() should be able to use the result directly without any further processing. You may wish to use the django.utils.encoding.iri_to_uri() function to help with this if you are using strings containing characters outside the ASCII range.

### Extra instance methods

In addition to `save()`, `delete()`, a model object might have some of the following methods:

**Model.get_FOO_display()**

For every field that has `choices` set, the object will have a get_FOO_display() method, where `FOO` is the name of the field. This method returns the “human-readable” value of the field.

For example:

```python
from django.db import models

class Person(models.Model):
    SHIRT_SIZES = (  
        ('S', 'Small'),
        ('M', 'Medium'),
        ('L', 'Large'),
    )
    name = models.CharField(max_length=60)
    shirt_size = models.CharField(max_length=2, choices=SHIRT_SIZES)
```
>>> p = Person(name="Fred Flintstone", shirt_size="L")
>>> p.save()
>>> p.shirt_size
'L'
>>> p.get_shirt_size_display()
'Large'

Support for ArrayField and RangeField was added.

Model.get_next_by_FOO(**kwargs)
Model.get_previous_by_FOO(**kwargs)

For every DateField and DateTimeField that does not have null=True, the object will have get_next_by_FOO() and get_previous_by_FOO() methods, where FOO is the name of the field. This returns the next and previous object with respect to the date field, raising a DoesNotExist exception when appropriate.

Both of these methods will perform their queries using the default manager for the model. If you need to emulate filtering used by a custom manager, or want to perform one-off custom filtering, both methods also accept optional keyword arguments, which should be in the format described in Field lookups.

Note that in the case of identical date values, these methods will use the primary key as a tie-breaker. This guarantees that no records are skipped or duplicated. That also means you cannot use those methods on unsaved objects.

Overriding extra instance methods

In most cases overriding or inheriting get_FOO_display(), get_next_by_FOO(), and get_previous_by_FOO() should work as expected. Since they are added by the metaclass however, it is not practical to account for all possible inheritance structures. In more complex cases you should override Field.contribute_to_class() to set the methods you need.

Other attributes

_state

Model._state

The _state attribute refers to a ModelState object that tracks the lifecycle of the model instance.

The ModelState object has two attributes: adding, a flag which is True if the model has not been saved to the database yet, and db, a string referring to the database alias the instance was loaded from or saved to.

Newly instantiated instances have adding=True and db=None, since they are yet to be saved. Instances fetched from a QuerySet will have adding=False and db set to the alias of the associated database.

6.15.10 QuerySet API reference

This document describes the details of the QuerySet API. It builds on the material presented in the model and database query guides, so you’ll probably want to read and understand those documents before reading this one.

Throughout this reference we’ll use the example Weblog models presented in the database query guide.
When QuerySets are evaluated

Internally, a QuerySet can be constructed, filtered, sliced, and generally passed around without actually hitting the database. No database activity actually occurs until you do something to evaluate the queryset.

You can evaluate a QuerySet in the following ways:

- **Iteration.** A QuerySet is iterable, and it executes its database query the first time you iterate over it. For example, this will print the headline of all entries in the database:

  ```python
  for e in Entry.objects.all():
      print(e.headline)
  ```

  Note: Don’t use this if all you want to do is determine if at least one result exists. It’s more efficient to use `exists()`.

- **Slicing.** As explained in Limiting QuerySets, a QuerySet can be sliced, using Python’s array-slicing syntax. Slicing an unevaluated QuerySet usually returns another unevaluated QuerySet, but Django will execute the database query if you use the “step” parameter of slice syntax, and will return a list. Slicing a QuerySet that has been evaluated also returns a list.

  Also note that even though slicing an unevaluated QuerySet returns another unevaluated QuerySet, modifying it further (e.g., adding more filters, or modifying ordering) is not allowed, since that does not translate well into SQL and it would not have a clear meaning either.

- **Pickling/Caching.** See the following section for details of what is involved when pickling QuerySets. The important thing for the purposes of this section is that the results are read from the database.

- **repr().** A QuerySet is evaluated when you call `repr()` on it. This is for convenience in the Python interactive interpreter, so you can immediately see your results when using the API interactively.

- **len().** A QuerySet is evaluated when you call `len()` on it. This, as you might expect, returns the length of the result list.

  Note: If you only need to determine the number of records in the set (and don’t need the actual objects), it’s much more efficient to handle a count at the database level using SQL’s `SELECT COUNT(*)`. Django provides a `count()` method for precisely this reason.

- **list().** Force evaluation of a QuerySet by calling `list()` on it. For example:

  ```python
  entry_list = list(Entry.objects.all())
  ```

- **bool().** Testing a QuerySet in a boolean context, such as using `bool()`, `or`, and `or` an `if` statement, will cause the query to be executed. If there is at least one result, the QuerySet is `True`, otherwise `False`. For example:

  ```python
  if Entry.objects.filter(headline="Test"):
      print("There is at least one Entry with the headline Test")
  ```

  Note: If you only want to determine if at least one result exists (and don’t need the actual objects), it’s more efficient to use `exists()`.

Pickling QuerySets

If you pickle a QuerySet, this will force all the results to be loaded into memory prior to pickling. Pickling is usually used as a precursor to caching and when the cached queryset is reloaded, you want the results to already be present and ready for use (reading from the database can take some time, defeating the purpose of caching). This
means that when you unpickle a QuerySet, it contains the results at the moment it was pickled, rather than the results that are currently in the database.

If you only want to pickle the necessary information to recreate the QuerySet from the database at a later time, pickle the query attribute of the QuerySet. You can then recreate the original QuerySet (without any results loaded) using some code like this:

```python
>>> import pickle
>>> query = pickle.loads(s)  # Assuming 's' is the pickled string.
>>> qs = MyModel.objects.all()
>>> qs.query = query  # Restore the original 'query'.
```

The query attribute is an opaque object. It represents the internals of the query construction and is not part of the public API. However, it is safe (and fully supported) to pickle and unpickle the attribute’s contents as described here.

You can’t share pickles between versions

Pickles of QuerySets are only valid for the version of Django that was used to generate them. If you generate a pickle using Django version N, there is no guarantee that pickle will be readable with Django version N+1. Pickles should not be used as part of a long-term archival strategy.

Since pickle compatibility errors can be difficult to diagnose, such as silently corrupted objects, a `RuntimeWarning` is raised when you try to unpickle a queryset in a Django version that is different than the one in which it was pickled.

QuerySet API

Here’s the formal declaration of a QuerySet:

```python
class QuerySet (model=None, query=None, using=None, hints=None)
```

Usually when you’ll interact with a QuerySet you’ll use it by chaining filters. To make this work, most QuerySet methods return new querysets. These methods are covered in detail later in this section.

The QuerySet class has two public attributes you can use for introspection:

```
ordered
    True if the QuerySet is ordered — i.e. has an order_by() clause or a default ordering on the model.
    False otherwise.

db
    The database that will be used if this query is executed now.
```

Note: The query parameter to QuerySet exists so that specialized query subclasses can reconstruct internal query state. The value of the parameter is an opaque representation of that query state and is not part of a public API.

Methods that return new QuerySets

Django provides a range of QuerySet refinement methods that modify either the types of results returned by the QuerySet or the way its SQL query is executed.
filter()  

filter(**kwargs)  

Returns a new QuerySet containing objects that match the given lookup parameters. The lookup parameters (**kwargs) should be in the format described in Field lookups below. Multiple parameters are joined via AND in the underlying SQL statement. If you need to execute more complex queries (for example, queries with OR statements), you can use Q objects.

exclude()  

exclude(**kwargs)  

Returns a new QuerySet containing objects that do not match the given lookup parameters. The lookup parameters (**kwargs) should be in the format described in Field lookups below. Multiple parameters are joined via AND in the underlying SQL statement, and the whole thing is enclosed in a NOT().

This example excludes all entries whose pub_date is later than 2005-1-3 AND whose headline is “Hello”:

```python
Entry.objects.exclude(pub_date__gt=datetime.date(2005, 1, 3), headline='Hello')
```

In SQL terms, that evaluates to:

```sql
SELECT ...  
WHERE NOT (pub_date > '2005-1-3' AND headline = 'Hello')
```

This example excludes all entries whose pub_date is later than 2005-1-3 OR whose headline is “Hello”:

```python
Entry.objects.exclude(pub_date__gt=datetime.date(2005, 1, 3)).exclude(headline='Hello')
```

In SQL terms, that evaluates to:

```sql
SELECT ...  
WHERE NOT pub_date > '2005-1-3'  
AND NOT headline = 'Hello'
```

Note the second example is more restrictive.

If you need to execute more complex queries (for example, queries with OR statements), you can use Q objects.

annotate()  

annotate(*args, **kwargs)  

Annotates each object in the QuerySet with the provided list of query expressions. An expression may be a simple value, a reference to a field on the model (or any related models), or an aggregate expression (averages, sums, etc.) that has been computed over the objects that are related to the objects in the QuerySet.

Each argument to annotate() is an annotation that will be added to each object in the QuerySet that is returned.

The aggregation functions that are provided by Django are described in Aggregation Functions below.

Annotations specified using keyword arguments will use the keyword as the alias for the annotation. Anonymous arguments will have an alias generated for them based upon the name of the aggregate function and the model field
that is being aggregated. Only aggregate expressions that reference a single field can be anonymous arguments. Everything else must be a keyword argument.

For example, if you were manipulating a list of blogs, you may want to determine how many entries have been made in each blog:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import Count
>>> q = Blog.objects.annotate(Count('entry'))
# The name of the first blog
>>> q[0].name
'Blogasaurus'
# The number of entries on the first blog
>>> q[0].entry__count
42
```

The Blog model doesn’t define an entry__count attribute by itself, but by using a keyword argument to specify the aggregate function, you can control the name of the annotation:

```python
>>> q = Blog.objects.annotate(number_of_entries=Count('entry'))
# The number of entries on the first blog, using the name provided
>>> q[0].number_of_entries
42
```

For an in-depth discussion of aggregation, see the topic guide on Aggregation.

**order_by()**

**order_by(** *fields**)

By default, results returned by a QuerySet are ordered by the ordering tuple given by the ordering option in the model’s Meta. You can override this on a per-QuerySet basis by using the order_by method.

Example:

```python
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__year=2005).order_by('-pub_date', 'headline')
```

The result above will be ordered by pub_date descending, then by headline ascending. The negative sign in front of "-pub_date" indicates descending order. Ascending order is implied. To order randomly, use "?", like so:

```python
Entry.objects.order_by('?')
```

Note: order_by('?') queries may be expensive and slow, depending on the database backend you’re using. To order by a field in a different model, use the same syntax as when you are querying across model relations. That is, the name of the field, followed by a double underscore (__), followed by the name of the field in the new model, and so on for as many models as you want to join. For example:

```python
Entry.objects.order_by('blog__name', 'headline')
```

If you try to order by a field that is a relation to another model, Django will use the default ordering on the related model, or order by the related model’s primary key if there is no Meta.ordering specified. For example, since the Blog model has no default ordering specified:

```python
Entry.objects.order_by('blog')
```

...is identical to:
Entry.objects.order_by('blog__id')

If Blog had ordering = ['name'], then the first queryset would be identical to:

Entry.objects.order_by('blog__name')

You can also order by *query expressions* by calling *asc()* or *desc()* on the expression:

Entry.objects.order_by(Coalesce('summary', 'headline').desc())

*asc()* and *desc()* have arguments (nulls_first and nulls_last) that control how null values are sorted. Be cautious when ordering by fields in related models if you are also using *distinct()* . See the note in *distinct()* for an explanation of how related model ordering can change the expected results.

**Note:** It is permissible to specify a multi-valued field to order the results by (for example, a *ManyToManyField* field, or the reverse relation of a *ForeignKey* field).

Consider this case:

```python
class Event(Model):
    parent = models.ForeignKey(
        'self',
        on_delete=models.CASCADE,
        related_name='children',
    )
    date = models.DateField()

Event.objects.order_by('children__date')
```

Here, there could potentially be multiple ordering data for each Event; each Event with multiple children will be returned multiple times into the new QuerySet that *order_by()* creates. In other words, using *order_by()* on the QuerySet could return more items than you were working on to begin with - which is probably neither expected nor useful.

Thus, take care when using multi-valued field to order the results. **If** you can be sure that there will only be one ordering piece of data for each of the items you’re ordering, this approach should not present problems. **If not,** make sure the results are what you expect.

There’s no way to specify whether ordering should be case sensitive. With respect to case-sensitivity, Django will order results however your database backend normally orders them.

You can order by a field converted to lowercase with *Lower* which will achieve case-consistent ordering:

Entry.objects.order_by(Lower('headline').desc())

If you don’t want any ordering to be applied to a query, not even the default ordering, call *order_by()* with no parameters.

You can tell if a query is ordered or not by checking the *QuerySet.ordered* attribute, which will be *True* if the QuerySet has been ordered in any way.

Each *order_by()* call will clear any previous ordering. For example, this query will be ordered by *pub_date* and not *headline*:

Entry.objects.order_by('headline').order_by('pub_date')
Warning: Ordering is not a free operation. Each field you add to the ordering incurs a cost to your database. Each foreign key you add will implicitly include all of its default orderings as well.

If a query doesn’t have an ordering specified, results are returned from the database in an unspecified order. A particular ordering is guaranteed only when ordering by a set of fields that uniquely identify each object in the results. For example, if a name field isn’t unique, ordering by it won’t guarantee objects with the same name always appear in the same order.

reverse() reverse()

Use the reverse() method to reverse the order in which a queryset’s elements are returned. Calling reverse() a second time restores the ordering back to the normal direction.

To retrieve the “last” five items in a queryset, you could do this:

my_queryset.reverse()[:5]

Note that this is not quite the same as slicing from the end of a sequence in Python. The above example will return the last item first, then the penultimate item and so on. If we had a Python sequence and looked at seq[-5:], we would see the fifth-last item first. Django doesn’t support that mode of access (slicing from the end), because it’s not possible to do it efficiently in SQL.

Also, note that reverse() should generally only be called on a QuerySet which has a defined ordering (e.g., when querying against a model which defines a default ordering, or when using order_by()). If no such ordering is defined for a given QuerySet, calling reverse() on it has no real effect (the ordering was undefined prior to calling reverse(), and will remain undefined afterward).

distinct() distinct(*fields)

Returns a new QuerySet that uses SELECT DISTINCT in its SQL query. This eliminates duplicate rows from the query results.

By default, a QuerySet will not eliminate duplicate rows. In practice, this is rarely a problem, because simple queries such as Blog.objects.all() don’t introduce the possibility of duplicate result rows. However, if your query spans multiple tables, it’s possible to get duplicate results when a QuerySet is evaluated. That’s when you’d use distinct().

Note: Any fields used in an order_by() call are included in the SQL SELECT columns. This can sometimes lead to unexpected results when used in conjunction with distinct(). If you order by fields from a related model, those fields will be added to the selected columns and they may make otherwise duplicate rows appear to be distinct. Since the extra columns don’t appear in the returned results (they are only there to support ordering), it sometimes looks like non-distinct results are being returned.

Similarly, if you use a values() query to restrict the columns selected, the columns used in any order_by() (or default model ordering) will still be involved and may affect uniqueness of the results.

The moral here is that if you are using distinct() be careful about ordering by related models. Similarly, when using distinct() and values() together, be careful when ordering by fields not in the values() call.
On PostgreSQL only, you can pass positional arguments (*fields) in order to specify the names of fields to which the DISTINCT should apply. This translates to a SELECT DISTINCT ON SQL query. Here’s the difference. For a normal distinct() call, the database compares each field in each row when determining which rows are distinct. For a distinct() call with specified field names, the database will only compare the specified field names.

**Note:** When you specify field names, you must provide an order_by() in the QuerySet, and the fields in order_by() must start with the fields in distinct(), in the same order.

For example, SELECT DISTINCT ON (a) gives you the first row for each value in column a. If you don’t specify an order, you’ll get some arbitrary row.

Examples (those after the first will only work on PostgreSQL):

```python
>>> Author.objects.distinct()
[...]

>>> Entry.objects.order_by('pub_date').distinct('pub_date')
[...]

>>> Entry.objects.order_by('blog').distinct('blog')
[...]

>>> Entry.objects.order_by('author', 'pub_date').distinct('author', 'pub_date')
[...]

>>> Entry.objects.order_by('blog__name', 'mod_date').distinct('blog__name', 'mod_date')
[...]

>>> Entry.objects.order_by('author', 'pub_date').distinct('author')
[...]
```

**Note:** Keep in mind that order_by() uses any default related model ordering that has been defined. You might have to explicitly order by the relation _id or referenced field to make sure the DISTINCT ON expressions match those at the beginning of the ORDER BY clause. For example, if the Blog model defined an ordering by name:

```python
Entry.objects.order_by('blog').distinct('blog')
```

...wouldn’t work because the query would be ordered by blog__name thus mismatching the DISTINCT ON expression. You’d have to explicitly order by the relation _id field (blog_id in this case) or the referenced one (blog__pk) to make sure both expressions match.

### values()

**values** (*fields, **expressions*)

Returns a QuerySet that returns dictionaries, rather than model instances, when used as an iterable.

Each of those dictionaries represents an object, with the keys corresponding to the attribute names of model objects.

This example compares the dictionaries of values() with the normal model objects:
The `values()` method takes optional positional arguments, `*fields`, which specify field names to which the `SELECT` should be limited. If you specify the fields, each dictionary will contain only the field keys/values for the fields you specify. If you don’t specify the fields, each dictionary will contain a key and value for every field in the database table.

Example:

```python
>>> Blog.objects.values()
<QuerySet [{'id': 1, 'name': 'Beatles Blog', 'tagline': 'All the latest Beatles news.'}]>
```

The `values()` method also takes optional keyword arguments, `**expressions`, which are passed through to `annotate()`:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Lower
>>> Blog.objects.values(lower_name=Lower('name'))
<QuerySet [{'lower_name': 'beatles blog'}]>
```

You can use built-in and custom lookups in ordering. For example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import CharField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Lower
>>> CharField.register_lookup(Lower)
>>> Blog.objects.values('name__lower')
<QuerySet [{'name__lower': 'beatles blog'}]>
```

An aggregate within a `values()` clause is applied before other arguments within the same `values()` clause. If you need to group by another value, add it to an earlier `values()` clause instead. For example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import Count
>>> Blog.objects.values('entry__authors', entries=Count('entry'))
<QuerySet [{'entry__authors': 1, 'entries': 20}, {'entry__authors': 1, 'entries': 13}]>
```

A few subtleties that are worth mentioning:

- If you have a field called `foo` that is a `ForeignKey`, the default `values()` call will return a dictionary key called `foo_id`, since this is the name of the hidden model attribute that stores the actual value (the `foo` attribute refers to the related model). When you are calling `values()` and passing in field names, you can pass in either `foo` or `foo_id` and you will get back the same thing (the dictionary key will match the field name you passed in).

For example:
>>> Entry.objects.values()
<QuerySet [{'blog_id': 1, 'headline': 'First Entry', ...}, ...]>

>>> Entry.objects.values('blog')
<QuerySet [{'blog': 1}, ...]>

>>> Entry.objects.values('blog_id')
<QuerySet [{'blog_id': 1}, ...]>

• When using `values()` together with `distinct()`, be aware that ordering can affect the results. See the note in `distinct()` for details.

• If you use a `values()` clause after an `extra()` call, any fields defined by a `select` argument in the `extra()` must be explicitly included in the `values()` call. Any `extra()` call made after a `values()` call will have its extra selected fields ignored.

• Calling `only()` and `defer()` after `values()` doesn’t make sense, so doing so will raise a `TypeError`.

• Combining transforms and aggregates requires the use of two `annotate()` calls, either explicitly or as keyword arguments to `values()`. As above, if the transform has been registered on the relevant field type the first `annotate()` can be omitted, thus the following examples are equivalent:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import CharField, Count
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Lower
>>> CharField.register_lookup(Lower)
>>> Blog.objects.values('entry__authors__name__lower').annotate(entries=Count('
    → entry'))
<QuerySet [{'entry__authors__name__lower': 'test author', 'entries': 33}]>

>>> Blog.objects.values(... entry__authors__name__lower=Lower('entry__authors__name')
... ).annotate(entries=Count('entry'))
<QuerySet [{'entry__authors__name__lower': 'test author', 'entries': 33}]>

>>> Blog.objects.annotate(... entry__authors__name__lower=Lower('entry__authors__name')
... ).values('entry__authors__name__lower').annotate(entries=Count('entry'))
<QuerySet [{'entry__authors__name__lower': 'test author', 'entries': 33}]>
```

It is useful when you know you’re only going to need values from a small number of the available fields and you won’t need the functionality of a model instance object. It’s more efficient to select only the fields you need to use.

Finally, note that you can call `filter()`, `order_by()`, etc. after the `values()` call, that means that these two calls are identical:

```python
Blog.objects.values().order_by('id')
Blog.objects.order_by('id').values()
```

The people who made Django prefer to put all the SQL-affecting methods first, followed (optionally) by any output-affecting methods (such as `values()`), but it doesn’t really matter. This is your chance to really flaunt your individualism.

You can also refer to fields on related models with reverse relations through `OneToOneField`, `ForeignKey` and `ManyToManyField` attributes:

```python
>>> Blog.objects.values('name', 'entry__headline')
<QuerySet [{'name': 'My blog', 'entry__headline': 'An entry'},
           {'name': 'My blog', 'entry__headline': 'Another entry'}, ...]>
```
Warning: Because `ManyToManyField` attributes and reverse relations can have multiple related rows, including these can have a multiplier effect on the size of your result set. This will be especially pronounced if you include multiple such fields in your `values()` query, in which case all possible combinations will be returned.

`values_list()`

`values_list(*fields, flat=False, named=False)`

This is similar to `values()` except that instead of returning dictionaries, it returns tuples when iterated over. Each tuple contains the value from the respective field or expression passed into the `values_list()` call — so the first item is the first field, etc. For example:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.values_list('id', 'headline')
<QuerySet [(1, 'First entry'), ...]>
```

```python
def lower_headline(headline):
    return headline.lower()
```

```python
>>> Entry.objects.values_list('id', lower_headline('headline'))
<QuerySet [(1, 'first entry'), ...]>
```

If you only pass in a single field, you can also pass in the `flat` parameter. If `True`, this will mean the returned results are single values, rather than one-tuples. An example should make the difference clearer:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.values_list('id').order_by('id')
<QuerySet [1, 2, 3, ...]>
```

```python
>>> Entry.objects.values_list('id', flat=True).order_by('id')
<QuerySet [1, 2, 3, ...]>
```

It is an error to pass in `flat` when there is more than one field.

You can pass `named=True` to get results as a `namedtuple()`:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.values_list('id', 'headline', named=True)
<QuerySet [Row(id=1, headline='First entry'), ...]>
```

Using a named tuple may make use of the results more readable, at the expense of a small performance penalty for transforming the results into a named tuple.

If you don’t pass any values to `values_list()`, it will return all the fields in the model, in the order they were declared.

A common need is to get a specific field value of a certain model instance. To achieve that, use `values_list()` followed by a `get()` call:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.values_list('headline', flat=True).get(pk=1)
'First entry'
```

`values()` and `values_list()` are both intended as optimizations for a specific use case: retrieving a subset of data without the overhead of creating a model instance. This metaphor falls apart when dealing with many-to-many and other multivalued relations (such as the one-to-many relation of a reverse foreign key) because the “one row, one object” assumption doesn’t hold.

For example, notice the behavior when querying across a `ManyToManyField`:

```python
>>> Author.objects.values_list('name', '__headline')
<QuerySet [('Noam Chomsky', 'Impressions of Gaza'), ('George Orwell', 'Why Socialists Do Not Believe in Fun'), ...
```

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Authors with multiple entries appear multiple times and authors without any entries have None for the entry headline. Similarly, when querying a reverse foreign key, None appears for entries not having any author:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.values_list('authors')
<QuerySet [('Noam Chomsky'), ('George Orwell'), (None,)]>
```

### dates()

**dates (field, kind, order='ASC')**

Returns a QuerySet that evaluates to a list of `datetime.date` objects representing all available dates of a particular kind within the contents of the QuerySet.

- field should be the name of a `DateField` of your model.
- kind should be either "year", "month", "week", or "day". Each `datetime.date` object in the result list is “truncated” to the given type.
  - "year" returns a list of all distinct year values for the field.
  - "month" returns a list of all distinct year/month values for the field.
  - "week" returns a list of all distinct year/week values for the field. All dates will be a Monday.
  - "day" returns a list of all distinct year/month/day values for the field.

- order, which defaults to 'ASC', should be either 'ASC' or 'DESC'. This specifies how to order the results.

Examples:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.dates('pub_date', 'year')
[datetime.date(2005, 1, 1)]
>>> Entry.objects.dates('pub_date', 'month')
[datetime.date(2005, 2, 1), datetime.date(2005, 3, 1)]
>>> Entry.objects.dates('pub_date', 'week')
[datetime.date(2005, 2, 14), datetime.date(2005, 3, 14)]
>>> Entry.objects.dates('pub_date', 'day')
[datetime.date(2005, 2, 20), datetime.date(2005, 3, 20)]
>>> Entry.objects.dates('pub_date', 'day', order='DESC')
[datetime.date(2005, 3, 20), datetime.date(2005, 2, 20)]
>>> Entry.objects.filter(headline__contains='Lennon').dates('pub_date', 'day')
[datetime.date(2005, 3, 20)]
```

### datetimes()

**datetimes (field_name, kind, order='ASC', tzinfo=None, is_dst=None)**

Returns a QuerySet that evaluates to a list of `datetime.datetime` objects representing all available dates of a particular kind within the contents of the QuerySet.

- field_name should be the name of a `DateTimeField` of your model.
- kind should be either "year", "month", "week", "day", "hour", "minute", or "second". Each `datetime.datetime` object in the result list is “truncated” to the given type.
- order, which defaults to 'ASC', should be either 'ASC' or 'DESC'. This specifies how to order the results.
tzinfo defines the time zone to which datetimes are converted prior to truncation. Indeed, a given datetime has different representations depending on the time zone in use. This parameter must be a `datetime.tzinfo` object. If it’s `None`, Django uses the current time zone. It has no effect when `USE_TZ` is `False`.

is_dst indicates whether or not `pytz` should interpret nonexistent and ambiguous datetimes in daylight saving time. By default (when is_dst=None), `pytz` raises an exception for such datetimes.

The is_dst parameter was added.

Note: This function performs time zone conversions directly in the database. As a consequence, your database must be able to interpret the value of `tzinfo.tzname(None)`. This translates into the following requirements:

- SQLite: no requirements. Conversions are performed in Python with `pytz` (installed when you install Django).
- PostgreSQL: no requirements (see Time Zones).
- Oracle: no requirements (see Choosing a Time Zone File).
- MySQL: load the time zone tables with `mysql_tzinfo_to_sql`.

**none()**

Calling `none()` will create a queryset that never returns any objects and no query will be executed when accessing the results. A `qs.none()` queryset is an instance of `EmptyQuerySet`.

Examples:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.none()
<QuerySet []>
>>> from django.db.models.query import EmptyQuerySet
>>> isinstance(Entry.objects.none(), EmptyQuerySet)
True
```

**all()**

Returns a copy of the current `QuerySet` (or `QuerySet` subclass). This can be useful in situations where you might want to pass in either a model manager or a `QuerySet` and do further filtering on the result. After calling `all()` on either object, you’ll definitely have a `QuerySet` to work with.

When a `QuerySet` is evaluated, it typically caches its results. If the data in the database might have changed since a `QuerySet` was evaluated, you can get updated results for the same query by calling `all()` on a previously evaluated `QuerySet`.

**union()**

Uses SQL’s UNION operator to combine the results of two or more `QuerySets`. For example:

```python
>>> qs1.union(qs2, qs3)
```
The `UNION` operator selects only distinct values by default. To allow duplicate values, use the `all=True` argument.

`union()`, `intersection()`, and `difference()` return model instances of the type of the first `QuerySet` even if the arguments are `QuerySets` of other models. Passing different models works as long as the `SELECT` list is the same in all `QuerySets` (at least the types, the names don’t matter as long as the types are in the same order). In such cases, you must use the column names from the first `QuerySet` in `QuerySet` methods applied to the resulting `QuerySet`. For example:

```python
>>> qs1 = Author.objects.values_list('name')
>>> qs2 = Entry.objects.values_list('headline')
>>> qs1.union(qs2).order_by('name')
```

In addition, only `LIMIT`, `OFFSET`, `COUNT(*)`, `ORDER BY`, and specifying columns (i.e. slicing, `count()`, `order_by()`, and `values()`) are allowed on the resulting `QuerySet`. Further, databases place restrictions on what operations are allowed in the combined queries. For example, most databases don’t allow `LIMIT` or `OFFSET` in the combined queries.

### `intersection()`

**`intersection(*other_qs)`**

Uses SQL’s `INTERSECT` operator to return the shared elements of two or more `QuerySets`. For example:

```python
>>> qs1.intersection(qs2, qs3)
```

See `union()` for some restrictions.

### `difference()`

**`difference(*other_qs)`**

Uses SQL’s `EXCEPT` operator to keep only elements present in the `QuerySet` but not in some other `QuerySets`. For example:

```python
>>> qs1.difference(qs2, qs3)
```

See `union()` for some restrictions.

### `select_related()`

**`select_related(*fields)`**

Returns a `QuerySet` that will “follow” foreign-key relationships, selecting additional related-object data when it executes its query. This is a performance booster which results in a single more complex query but means later use of foreign-key relationships won’t require database queries.

The following examples illustrate the difference between plain lookups and `select_related()` lookups. Here’s standard lookup:

```python
# Hits the database.
e = Entry.objects.get(id=5)
# Hits the database again to get the related Blog object.
b = e.blog
```
And here's select_related lookup:

```python
# Hits the database.
e = Entry.objects.select_related('blog').get(id=5)

# Doesn't hit the database, because e.blog has been prepopulated
# in the previous query.
b = e.blog
```

You can use select_related() with any queryset of objects:

```python
from django.utils import timezone

# Find all the blogs with entries scheduled to be published in the future.
blogs = set()

for e in Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__gt=timezone.now()).select_related('blog'):
    # Without select_related(), this would make a database query for each
    # loop iteration in order to fetch the related blog for each entry.
    blogs.add(e.blog)
```

The order of filter() and select_related() chaining isn't important. These querysets are equivalent:

```python
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__gt=timezone.now()).select_related('blog')
Entry.objects.select_related('blog').filter(pub_date__gt=timezone.now())
```

You can follow foreign keys in a similar way to querying them. If you have the following models:

```python
from django.db import models

class City(models.Model):
    # ...
    pass
class Person(models.Model):
    # ...
    hometown = models.ForeignKey(City,
        on_delete=models.SET_NULL,
        blank=True,
        null=True,
    )
class Book(models.Model):
    # ...
    author = models.ForeignKey(Person, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
```

... then a call to `Book.objects.select_related('author__hometown').get(id=4)` will cache the related Person and the related City:

```python
# Hits the database with joins to the author and hometown tables.
b = Book.objects.select_related('author__hometown').get(id=4)
p = b.author  # Doesn't hit the database.
c = p.hometown  # Doesn't hit the database.

# Without select_related()...
b = Book.objects.get(id=4)  # Hits the database.
```

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You can refer to any `ForeignKey` or `OneToOneField` relation in the list of fields passed to `select_related()`.

You can also refer to the reverse direction of a `OneToOneField` in the list of fields passed to `select_related`—that is, you can traverse a `OneToOneField` back to the object on which the field is defined. Instead of specifying the field name, use the `related_name` for the field on the related object.

There may be some situations where you wish to call `select_related()` with a lot of related objects, or where you don’t know all of the relations. In these cases it is possible to call `select_related()` with no arguments. This will follow all non-null foreign keys it can find - nullable foreign keys must be specified. This is not recommended in most cases as it is likely to make the underlying query more complex, and return more data, than is actually needed.

If you need to clear the list of related fields added by past calls of `select_related` on a `QuerySet`, you can pass `None` as a parameter:

```python
>>> without_relations = queryset.select_related(None)
```

Chaining `select_related` calls works in a similar way to other methods—that is that `select_related('foo', 'bar')` is equivalent to `select_related('foo').select_related('bar').`

`prefetch_related()`

`prefetch_related(*lookups)`

Returns a `QuerySet` that will automatically retrieve, in a single batch, related objects for each of the specified lookups.

This has a similar purpose to `select_related`, in that both are designed to stop the deluge of database queries that is caused by accessing related objects, but the strategy is quite different.

`select_related` works by creating an SQL join and including the fields of the related object in the `SELECT` statement. For this reason, `select_related` gets the related objects in the same database query. However, to avoid the much larger result set that would result from joining across a ‘many’ relationship, `select_related` is limited to single-valued relationships - foreign key and one-to-one.

`prefetch_related`, on the other hand, does a separate lookup for each relationship, and does the ‘joining’ in Python. This allows it to prefetch many-to-many and many-to-one objects, which cannot be done using `select_related`, in addition to the foreign key and one-to-one relationships that are supported by `select_related`. It also supports prefetching of `GenericRelation` and `GenericForeignKey`, however, it must be restricted to a homogeneous set of results. For example, prefetching objects referenced by a `GenericForeignKey` is only supported if the query is restricted to one `ContentType`.

For example, suppose you have these models:

```python
from django.db import models

class Topping(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=30)

class Pizza(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    toppings = models.ManyToManyField(Topping)
```

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The problem with this is that every time Pizza.__str__() asks for self.toppings.all() it has to query the database, so Pizza.objects.all() will run a query on the Toppings table for every item in the Pizza QuerySet.

We can reduce to just two queries using prefetch_related:

```python
>>> Pizza.objects.all().prefetch_related('toppings')
```

This implies a self.toppings.all() for each Pizza; now each time self.toppings.all() is called, instead of having to go to the database for the items, it will find them in a prefetched QuerySet cache that was populated in a single query.

That is, all the relevant toppings will have been fetched in a single query, and used to make QuerySets that have a pre-filled cache of the relevant results; these QuerySets are then used in the self.toppings.all() calls.

The additional queries in prefetch_related() are executed after the QuerySet has begun to be evaluated and the primary query has been executed.

If you have an iterable of model instances, you can prefetch related attributes on those instances using the prefetch_related_objects() function.

Note that the result cache of the primary QuerySet and all specified related objects will then be fully loaded into memory. This changes the typical behavior of QuerySets, which normally try to avoid loading all objects into memory before they are needed, even after a query has been executed in the database.

**Note:** Remember that, as always with QuerySets, any subsequent chained methods which imply a different database query will ignore previously cached results, and retrieve data using a fresh database query. So, if you write the following:

```python
>>> pizzas = Pizza.objects.prefetch_related('toppings')
>>> [list(pizza.toppings.filter(spicy=True)) for pizza in pizzas]
```

...then the fact that pizza.toppings.all() has been prefetched will not help you. The prefetch_related('toppings') implied pizza.toppings.all(), but pizza.toppings.filter() is a new and different query. The prefetched cache can’t help here; in fact it hurts performance, since you have done a database query that you haven’t used. So use this feature with caution!

Also, if you call the database-altering methods `add()`, `remove()`, `clear()` or `set()`, on related managers, any prefetched cache for the relation will be cleared.

You can also use the normal join syntax to do related fields of related fields. Suppose we have an additional model to the example above:

```python
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```
class Restaurant(models.Model):
    pizzas = models.ManyToManyField(Pizza, related_name='restaurants')
    best_pizza = models.ForeignKey(Pizza, related_name='championed_by', on_delete=models.CASCADE)

The following are all legal:

```python
>>> Restaurant.objects.prefetch_related('pizzas__toppings')
```

This will prefetch all pizzas belonging to restaurants, and all toppings belonging to those pizzas. This will result in a total of 3 database queries - one for the restaurants, one for the pizzas, and one for the toppings.

```python
>>> Restaurant.objects.prefetch_related('best_pizza__toppings')
```

This will fetch the best pizza and all the toppings for the best pizza for each restaurant. This will be done in 3 database queries - one for the restaurants, one for the ‘best pizzas’, and one for the toppings.

The `best_pizza` relationship could also be fetched using `select_related` to reduce the query count to 2:

```python
>>> Restaurant.objects.select_related('best_pizza').prefetch_related('best_pizza__toppings')
```

Since the prefetch is executed after the main query (which includes the joins needed by `select_related`), it is able to detect that the `best_pizza` objects have already been fetched, and it will skip fetching them again.

Chaining `prefetch_related` calls will accumulate the lookups that are prefetched. To clear any `prefetch_related` behavior, pass `None` as a parameter:

```python
>>> non_prefetched = qs.prefetch_related(None)
```

One difference to note when using `prefetch_related` is that objects created by a query can be shared between the different objects that they are related to i.e. a single Python model instance can appear at more than one point in the tree of objects that are returned. This will normally happen with foreign key relationships. Typically this behavior will not be a problem, and will in fact save both memory and CPU time.

While `prefetch_related` supports prefetching `GenericForeignKey` relationships, the number of queries will depend on the data. Since a `GenericForeignKey` can reference data in multiple tables, one query per table referenced is needed, rather than one query for all the items. There could be additional queries on the `ContentType` table if the relevant rows have not already been fetched.

`prefetch_related` in most cases will be implemented using an SQL query that uses the ‘IN’ operator. This means that for a large `QuerySet` a large ‘IN’ clause could be generated, which, depending on the database, might have performance problems of its own when it comes to parsing or executing the SQL query. Always profile for your use case!

Note that if you use `iterator()` to run the query, `prefetch_related()` calls will be ignored since these two optimizations do not make sense together.

You can use the `Prefetch` object to further control the prefetch operation.

In its simplest form `Prefetch` is equivalent to the traditional string based lookups:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import Prefetch
>>> Restaurant.objects.prefetch_related(Prefetch('pizzas__toppings'))
```

You can provide a custom queryset with the optional `queryset` argument. This can be used to change the default ordering of the queryset:
>>> Restaurant.objects.prefetch_related(
...    Prefetch('pizzas__toppings', queryset=Toppings.objects.order_by('name')))

Or to call `select_related()` when applicable to reduce the number of queries even further:

>>> Pizza.objects.prefetch_related(
...    Prefetch('restaurants', queryset=Restaurant.objects.select_related('best_pizza')))

You can also assign the prefetched result to a custom attribute with the optional `to_attr` argument. The result will be stored directly in a list.

This allows prefetching the same relation multiple times with a different `QuerySet`; for instance:

```python
>>> vegetarian_pizzas = Pizza.objects.filter(vegetarian=True)
>>> Restaurant.objects.prefetch_related(
...    Prefetch('pizzas', queryset=vegetarian_pizzas, to_attr='vegetarian_menu'))
```

Lookups created with custom `to_attr` can still be traversed as usual by other lookups:

```python
>>> vegetarian_pizzas = Pizza.objects.filter(vegetarian=True)
>>> Restaurant.objects.prefetch_related(
...    Prefetch('pizzas', queryset=vegetarian_pizzas, to_attr='vegetarian_menu'))
```

Using `to_attr` is recommended when filtering down the prefetch result as it is less ambiguous than storing a filtered result in the related manager’s cache:

```python
>>> queryset = Pizza.objects.filter(vegetarian=True)
>>> # Recommended:
>>> restaurants = Restaurant.objects.prefetch_related(
...    Prefetch('best_pizza', queryset=queryset, to_attr='vegetarian_pizzas'))
>>> vegetarian_pizzas = restaurants[0].vegetarian_pizzas
>>> # Not recommended:
>>> restaurants = Restaurant.objects.prefetch_related(
...    Prefetch('pizzas', queryset=queryset))
>>> vegetarian_pizzas = restaurants[0].pizzas.all()
```

Custom prefetching also works with single related relations like forward `ForeignKey` or `OneToOneField`. Generally you’ll want to use `select_related()` for these relations, but there are a number of cases where prefetching with a custom `QuerySet` is useful:

- You want to use a `QuerySet` that performs further prefetching on related models.
- You want to prefetch only a subset of the related objects.
- You want to use performance optimization techniques like `deferred fields`:

```python
>>> queryset = Pizza.objects.only('name')
>>> #
>>> restaurants = Restaurant.objects.prefetch_related(
...    Prefetch('best_pizza', queryset=queryset))
```

When using multiple databases, `Prefetch` will respect your choice of database. If the inner query does not specify a database, it will use the database selected by the outer query. All of the following are valid:

```
```
Note: The ordering of lookups matters.

Take the following examples:

```python
>>> prefetch_related('pizzas__toppings', 'pizzas')
```

This works even though it’s unordered because 'pizzas__toppings' already contains all the needed information, therefore the second argument 'pizzas' is actually redundant.

```python
>>> prefetch_related('pizzas__toppings', Prefetch('pizzas', queryset=Toppings.objects.using('replica')), ...
˓→all()))
```

This will raise a ValueError because of the attempt to redefine the queryset of a previously seen lookup. Note that an implicit queryset was created to traverse 'pizzas' as part of the 'pizzas__toppings' lookup.

```python
>>> prefetch_related('pizza_list__toppings', Prefetch('pizzas', to_attr='pizza_list'))
```

This will trigger an AttributeError because 'pizza_list' doesn’t exist yet when 'pizza_list__toppings' is being processed.

This consideration is not limited to the use of `Prefetch` objects. Some advanced techniques may require that the lookups be performed in a specific order to avoid creating extra queries; therefore it’s recommended to always carefully order `prefetch_related` arguments.

**`extra()`**

`extra(select=None, where=None, params=None, tables=None, order_by=None, select_params=None)`

Sometimes, the Django query syntax by itself can’t easily express a complex WHERE clause. For these edge cases, Django provides the `extra()` QuerySet modifier — a hook for injecting specific clauses into the SQL generated by a QuerySet.

**Use this method as a last resort**

This is an old API that we aim to deprecate at some point in the future. Use it only if you cannot express your query using other queryset methods. If you do need to use it, please file a ticket using the QuerySet.extra keyword with your use case (please check the list of existing tickets first) so that we can enhance the QuerySet API to allow removing `extra()`. We are no longer improving or fixing bugs for this method.
For example, this use of `extra()`:

```python
>>> qs.extra(...
    select=('val': "select col from sometable where othercol = %s"),
    select_params=(someparam,),
    ...)
```

is equivalent to:

```python
>>> qs.annotate(val=RawSQL("select col from sometable where othercol = %s",
    →(someparam,)))
```

The main benefit of using `RawSQL` is that you can set `output_field` if needed. The main downside is that if you refer to some table alias of the queryset in the raw SQL, then it is possible that Django might change that alias (for example, when the queryset is used as a subquery in yet another query).

**Warning:** You should be very careful whenever you use `extra()`. Every time you use it, you should escape any parameters that the user can control by using `params` in order to protect against SQL injection attacks.

You also must not quote placeholders in the SQL string. This example is vulnerable to SQL injection because of the quotes around `%s`:

```sql
SELECT col FROM sometable WHERE othercol = '%s' # unsafe!
```

You can read more about how Django's SQL injection protection works.

By definition, these extra lookups may not be portable to different database engines (because you're explicitly writing SQL code) and violate the DRY principle, so you should avoid them if possible.

Specify one or more of `params`, `select`, `where` or `tables`. None of the arguments is required, but you should use at least one of them.

- **select**

  The `select` argument lets you put extra fields in the `SELECT` clause. It should be a dictionary mapping attribute names to SQL clauses to use to calculate that attribute.

  Example:

  ```python
  Entry.objects.extra(select={'is_recent': "pub_date > '2006-01-01'"})
  ```

  As a result, each `Entry` object will have an extra attribute, `is_recent`, a boolean representing whether the entry's `pub_date` is greater than Jan. 1, 2006.

  Django inserts the given SQL snippet directly into the `SELECT` statement, so the resulting SQL of the above example would be something like:

  ```sql
  SELECT blog_entry.* , (pub_date > '2006-01-01') AS is_recent
  FROM blog_entry;
  ```

  The next example is more advanced; it does a subquery to give each resulting `Blog` object an `entry_count` attribute, an integer count of associated `Entry` objects:

  ```python
  Blog.objects.extra(
    select=[
      'entry_count': 'SELECT COUNT(*) FROM blog_entry WHERE blog_entry.blog_id = blog_blog.id'
    ]
  )
  ```

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In this particular case, we’re exploiting the fact that the query will already contain the blog_blog table in its FROM clause.

The resulting SQL of the above example would be:

```sql
SELECT blog_blog.*, (SELECT COUNT(*) FROM blog_entry WHERE blog_entry.blog_id = blog_blog.id) AS entry_count
FROM blog_blog;
```

Note that the parentheses required by most database engines around subqueries are not required in Django’s select clauses. Also note that some database backends, such as some MySQL versions, don’t support subqueries.

In some rare cases, you might wish to pass parameters to the SQL fragments in `extra(select=...)`. For this purpose, use the `select_params` parameter.

This will work, for example:

```python
Blog.objects.extra(
    select={'a': '%s', 'b': '%s'},
    select_params=('one', 'two'),
)
```

If you need to use a literal `%s` inside your select string, use the sequence `%%s`.

• where/tables

You can define explicit SQL `WHERE` clauses — perhaps to perform non-explicit joins — by using `where`. You can manually add tables to the SQL `FROM` clause by using `tables`.

`where` and `tables` both take a list of strings. All `where` parameters are “AND”ed to any other search criteria.

Example:

```python
Entry.objects.extra(where=["foo='a' OR bar = 'a'", "baz = 'a'"]
```

...translates (roughly) into the following SQL:

```sql
SELECT * FROM blog_entry WHERE (foo='a' OR bar='a') AND (baz='a')
```

Be careful when using the `tables` parameter if you’re specifying tables that are already used in the query. When you add extra tables via the `tables` parameter, Django assumes you want that table included an extra time, if it is already included. That creates a problem, since the table name will then be given an alias. If a table appears multiple times in an SQL statement, the second and subsequent occurrences must use aliases so the database can tell them apart. If you’re referring to the extra table you added in the `extra()` call at the front of the queryset construction so that your table is the first use of that table. Finally, if all else fails, look at the query produced and rewrite your `where` addition to use the alias given to your extra table. The alias will be the same each time you construct the queryset in the same way, so you can rely upon the alias name to not change.

• order_by
If you need to order the resulting queryset using some of the new fields or tables you have included via extra() use the order_by parameter to extra() and pass in a sequence of strings. These strings should either be model fields (as in the normal order_by() method on querysets), of the form table_name.column_name or an alias for a column that you specified in the select parameter to extra().

For example:

```python
q = Entry.objects.extra(select={'is_recent': 'pub_date > '2006-01-01'"})
q = q.extra(order_by=['-is_recent'])
```

This would sort all the items for which is_recent is true to the front of the result set (True sorts before False in a descending ordering).

This shows, by the way, that you can make multiple calls to extra() and it will behave as you expect (adding new constraints each time).

- **params**

  The where parameter described above may use standard Python database string placeholders — '%s' to indicate parameters the database engine should automatically quote. The params argument is a list of any extra parameters to be substituted.

  Example:

  ```python
  Entry.objects.extra(where=['headline=%s'], params=['Lennon'])
  ```

  Always use params instead of embedding values directly into where because params will ensure values are quoted correctly according to your particular backend. For example, quotes will be escaped correctly.

  Bad:

  ```python
  Entry.objects.extra(where=['headline='Lennon'"])
  ```

  Good:

  ```python
  Entry.objects.extra(where=['headline=%s'], params=['Lennon'])
  ```

**Warning**: If you are performing queries on MySQL, note that MySQL’s silent type coercion may cause unexpected results when mixing types. If you query on a string type column, but with an integer value, MySQL will coerce the types of all values in the table to an integer before performing the comparison. For example, if your table contains the values 'abc', 'def' and you query for WHERE mycolumn=0, both rows will match. To prevent this, perform the correct typecasting before using the value in a query.

**defer()**

**defer(**fields**)

In some complex data-modeling situations, your models might contain a lot of fields, some of which could contain a lot of data (for example, text fields), or require expensive processing to convert them to Python objects. If you are using the results of a queryset in some situation where you don’t know if you need those particular fields when you initially fetch the data, you can tell Django not to retrieve them from the database.

This is done by passing the names of the fields to not load to defer():

```python
Entry.objects.defer("headline", "body")
```
A queryset that has deferred fields will still return model instances. Each deferred field will be retrieved from the database if you access that field (one at a time, not all the deferred fields at once).

You can make multiple calls to `defer()` Each call adds new fields to the deferred set:

```python
# Defers both the body and headline fields.
Entry.objects.defer("body").filter(rating=5).defer("headline")
```

The order in which fields are added to the deferred set does not matter. Calling `defer()` with a field name that has already been deferred is harmless (the field will still be deferred).

You can defer loading of fields in related models (if the related models are loading via `select_related()`) by using the standard double-underscore notation to separate related fields:

```python
Blog.objects.select_related().defer("entry__headline", "entry__body")
```

If you want to clear the set of deferred fields, pass `None` as a parameter to `defer()`:

```python
# Load all fields immediately.
my_queryset.defer(None)
```

Some fields in a model won’t be deferred, even if you ask for them. You can never defer the loading of the primary key. If you are using `select_related()` to retrieve related models, you shouldn’t defer the loading of the field that connects from the primary model to the related one, doing so will result in an error.

**Note:** The `defer()` method (and its cousin, `only()`, below) are only for advanced use-cases. They provide an optimization for when you have analyzed your queries closely and understand *exactly* what information you need and have measured that the difference between returning the fields you need and the full set of fields for the model will be significant.

Even if you think you are in the advanced use-case situation, **only use defer() when you cannot, at queryset load time, determine if you will need the extra fields or not.** If you are frequently loading and using a particular subset of your data, the best choice you can make is to normalize your models and put the non-loaded data into a separate model (and database table). If the columns *must* stay in the one table for some reason, create a model with `Meta.managed = False` (see the `managed attribute` documentation) containing just the fields you normally need to load and use that where you might otherwise call `defer()`. This makes your code more explicit to the reader, is slightly faster and consumes a little less memory in the Python process.

For example, both of these models use the same underlying database table:

```python
class CommonlyUsedModel(models.Model):
  f1 = models.CharField(max_length=10)

  class Meta:
    managed = False
    db_table = 'app_largetable'

class ManagedModel(models.Model):
  f1 = models.CharField(max_length=10)
  f2 = models.CharField(max_length=10)

  class Meta:
    db_table = 'app_largetable'

# Two equivalent QuerySets:
CommonlyUsedModel.objects.all()
ManagedModel.objects.all().defer('f2')
```
If many fields need to be duplicated in the unmanaged model, it may be best to create an abstract model with the shared fields and then have the unmanaged and managed models inherit from the abstract model.

**Note:** When calling `save()` for instances with deferred fields, only the loaded fields will be saved. See `save()` for more details.

### only()

`only(*fields)`

The `only()` method is more or less the opposite of `defer()`. You call it with the fields that should **not** be deferred when retrieving a model. If you have a model where almost all the fields need to be deferred, using `only()` to specify the complementary set of fields can result in simpler code.

Suppose you have a model with fields `name`, `age` and `biography`. The following two querysets are the same, in terms of deferred fields:

```python
Person.objects.defer("age", "biography")
Person.objects.only("name")
```

Whenever you call `only()` it **replaces** the set of fields to load immediately. The method’s name is mnemonic: `only` those fields are loaded immediately; the remainder are deferred. Thus, successive calls to `only()` result in only the final fields being considered:

```python
# This will defer all fields except the headline.
Entry.objects.only("body", "rating").only("headline")
```

Since `defer()` acts incrementally (adding fields to the deferred list), you can combine calls to `only()` and `defer()` and things will behave logically:

```python
# Final result is that everything except "headline" is deferred.
Entry.objects.only("headline", "body").defer("body")

# Final result loads headline and body immediately (only() replaces any
# existing set of fields).
Entry.objects.defer("body").only("headline", "body")
```

All of the cautions in the note for the `defer()` documentation apply to `only()` as well. Use it cautiously and only after exhausting your other options.

Using `only()` and omitting a field requested using `select_related()` is an error as well.

**Note:** When calling `save()` for instances with deferred fields, only the loaded fields will be saved. See `save()` for more details.

### using()

`using(alias)`

This method is for controlling which database the `QuerySet` will be evaluated against if you are using more than one database. The only argument this method takes is the alias of a database, as defined in `DATABASES`.

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For example:

```python
# queries the database with the 'default' alias.
 Entry.objects.all()

# queries the database with the 'backup' alias
 Entry.objects.using('backup')
```

**select_for_update()**

`select_for_update(nowait=False, skip_locked=False, of=())`

Returns a queryset that will lock rows until the end of the transaction, generating a SELECT ... FOR UPDATE SQL statement on supported databases.

For example:

```python
from django.db import transaction

entries = Entry.objects.select_for_update().filter(author=request.user)
with transaction.atomic():
    for entry in entries:
        ...
```

When the queryset is evaluated (`for entry in entries` in this case), all matched entries will be locked until the end of the transaction block, meaning that other transactions will be prevented from changing or acquiring locks on them.

Usually, if another transaction has already acquired a lock on one of the selected rows, the query will block until the lock is released. If this is not the behavior you want, call `select_for_update(nowait=True)`. This will make the call non-blocking. If a conflicting lock is already acquired by another transaction, `DatabaseError` will be raised when the queryset is evaluated. You can also ignore locked rows by using `select_for_update(skip_locked=True)` instead. The `nowait` and `skip_locked` are mutually exclusive and attempts to call `select_for_update()` with both options enabled will result in a `ValueError`.

By default, `select_for_update()` locks all rows that are selected by the query. For example, rows of related objects specified in `select_related()` are locked in addition to rows of the queryset’s model. If this isn’t desired, specify the related objects you want to lock in `select_for_update(of=(...))` using the same fields syntax as `select_related()`. Use the value 'self' to refer to the queryset’s model.

**Lock parents models in select_for_update(of=(...))**

If you want to lock parents models when using multi-table inheritance, you must specify parent link fields (by default `<parent_model_name>_ptr`) in the of argument. For example:

```python
Restaurant.objects.select_for_update(of=('self', 'place_ptr'))
```

You can’t use `select_for_update()` on nullable relations:

```python
>>> Person.objects.select_related('hometown').select_for_update()
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ... 
django.db.utils.NotSupportedError: FOR UPDATE cannot be applied to the nullable side of an outer join
```

To avoid that restriction, you can exclude null objects if you don’t care about them:
Currently, the postgresql, oracle, and mysql database backends support select_for_update(). However, MariaDB 10.3+ supports only the nowait argument and MySQL 8.0.1+ supports the nowait and skip_locked arguments. MySQL and MariaDB don’t support the of argument.

Passing nowait=True, skip_locked=True, or of to select_for_update() using database backends that do not support these options, such as MySQL, raises a NotSupportedError. This prevents code from unexpectedly blocking.

Evaluating a queryset with select_for_update() in autocommit mode on backends which support SELECT ... FOR UPDATE is a TransactionManagementError error because the rows are not locked in that case. If allowed, this would facilitate data corruption and could easily be caused by calling code that expects to be run in a transaction outside of one.

Using select_for_update() on backends which do not support SELECT ... FOR UPDATE (such as SQLite) will have no effect. SELECT ... FOR UPDATE will not be added to the query, and an error isn’t raised if select_for_update() is used in autocommit mode.

Warning: Although select_for_update() normally fails in autocommit mode, since TestCase automatically wraps each test in a transaction, calling select_for_update() in a TestCase even outside an atomic() block will (perhaps unexpectedly) pass without raising a TransactionManagementError. To properly test select_for_update() you should use TransactionTestCase.

Certain expressions may not be supported

PostgreSQL doesn’t support select_for_update() with Window expressions.

raw()

raw(raw_query, params=None, translations=None)

Takes a raw SQL query, executes it, and returns a django.db.models.query.RawQuerySet instance. This RawQuerySet instance can be iterated over just like a normal QuerySet to provide object instances.

See the Performing raw SQL queries for more information.

Warning: raw() always triggers a new query and doesn’t account for previous filtering. As such, it should generally be called from the Manager or from a fresh QuerySet instance.

Operators that return new QuerySets

Combined querysets must use the same model.

AND (&)

Combines two QuerySets using the SQL AND operator.
The following are equivalent:

```python
Model.objects.filter(x=1) & Model.objects.filter(y=2)
Model.objects.filter(x=1, y=2)
from django.db.models import Q
Model.objects.filter(Q(x=1) & Q(y=2))
```

**SQL equivalent:**

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE x=1 AND y=2
```

**OR()**

Combines two QuerySets using the SQL OR operator.

The following are equivalent:

```python
Model.objects.filter(x=1) | Model.objects.filter(y=2)
from django.db.models import Q
Model.objects.filter(Q(x=1) | Q(y=2))
```

**SQL equivalent:**

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE x=1 OR y=2
```

**Methods that do not return QuerySets**

The following QuerySet methods evaluate the QuerySet and return something other than a QuerySet. These methods do not use a cache (see *Caching and QuerySets*). Rather, they query the database each time they’re called.

**get()**

**get(**kwargs**)

Returns the object matching the given lookup parameters, which should be in the format described in *Field lookups*. You should use lookups that are guaranteed unique, such as the primary key or fields in a unique constraint. For example:

```python
Entry.objects.get(id=1)
Entry.objects.get(blog=blog, entry_number=1)
```

If you expect a queryset to already return one row, you can use `get()` without any arguments to return the object for that row:

```python
Entry.objects.filter(pk=1).get()
```

If `get()` doesn’t find any object, it raises a `Model.DoesNotExist` exception:

```python
Entry.objects.get(id=-999)  # raises Entry.DoesNotExist
```

If `get()` finds more than one object, it raises a `Model.MultipleObjectsReturned` exception:
Both these exception classes are attributes of the model class, and specific to that model. If you want to handle such exceptions from several get() calls for different models, you can use their generic base classes. For example, you can use `django.core.exceptions.ObjectDoesNotExist` to handle `DoesNotExist` exceptions from multiple models:

```python
from django.core.exceptions import ObjectDoesNotExist

try:
    blog = Blog.objects.get(id=1)
    entry = Entry.objects.get(blog=blog, entry_number=1)
except ObjectDoesNotExist:
    print("Either the blog or entry doesn't exist.")
```

create()

create(**kwargs)

A convenience method for creating an object and saving it all in one step. Thus:

```python
p = Person.objects.create(first_name="Bruce", last_name="Springsteen")
```

and:

```python
p = Person(first_name="Bruce", last_name="Springsteen")
p.save(force_insert=True)
```

are equivalent.

The `force_insert` parameter is documented elsewhere, but all it means is that a new object will always be created. Normally you won’t need to worry about this. However, if your model contains a manual primary key value that you set and if that value already exists in the database, a call to create() will fail with an `IntegrityError` since primary keys must be unique. Be prepared to handle the exception if you are using manual primary keys.

get_or_create()

get_or_create(defaults=None, **kwargs)

A convenience method for looking up an object with the given kwargs (may be empty if your model has defaults for all fields), creating one if necessary.

Returns a tuple of (object, created), where object is the retrieved or created object and created is a boolean specifying whether a new object was created.

This is meant to prevent duplicate objects from being created when requests are made in parallel, and as a shortcut to boilerplateish code. For example:

```python
try:
    obj = Person.objects.get(first_name='John', last_name='Lennon')
except Person.DoesNotExist:
    obj = Person(first_name='John', last_name='Lennon', birthday=date(1940, 10, 9))
    obj.save()
```

Here, with concurrent requests, multiple attempts to save a Person with the same parameters may be made. To avoid this race condition, the above example can be rewritten using get_or_create() like so:
Any keyword arguments passed to `get_or_create()` — except an optional one called `defaults` — will be used in a `get()` call. If an object is found, `get_or_create()` returns a tuple of that object and `False`.

**Warning:** This method is atomic assuming that the database enforces uniqueness of the keyword arguments (see `unique` or `unique_together`). If the fields used in the keyword arguments do not have a uniqueness constraint, concurrent calls to this method may result in multiple rows with the same parameters being inserted.

You can specify more complex conditions for the retrieved object by chaining `get_or_create()` with `filter()` and using `Q` objects. For example, to retrieve Robert or Bob Marley if either exists, and create the latter otherwise:

```python
from django.db.models import Q

obj, created = Person.objects.filter(
    Q(first_name='Bob') | Q(first_name='Robert'),
).get_or_create(last_name='Marley', defaults={'first_name': 'Bob'})
```

If multiple objects are found, `get_or_create()` raises `MultipleObjectsReturned`. If an object is not found, `get_or_create()` will instantiate and save a new object, returning a tuple of the new object and `True`. The new object will be created roughly according to this algorithm:

```python
params = {k: v for k, v in kwargs.items() if '__' not in k}
params.update({k: v() if callable(v) else v for k, v in defaults.items()})
obj = self.model(**params)
obj.save()
```

In English, that means start with any non-`'defaults'` keyword argument that doesn’t contain a double underscore (which would indicate a non-exact lookup). Then add the contents of `defaults`, overriding any keys if necessary, and use the result as the keyword arguments to the model class. If there are any callables in `defaults`, evaluate them. As hinted at above, this is a simplification of the algorithm that is used, but it contains all the pertinent details. The internal implementation has some more error-checking than this and handles some extra edge-conditions; if you’re interested, read the code.

If you have a field named `defaults` and want to use it as an exact lookup in `get_or_create()`, use `'defaults__exact'`, like so:

```python
Foo.objects.get_or_create(defaults__exact='bar', defaults={'defaults': 'baz'})
```

The `get_or_create()` method has similar error behavior to `create()` when you’re using manually specified primary keys. If an object needs to be created and the key already exists in the database, an `IntegrityError` will be raised.

Finally, a word on using `get_or_create()` in Django views. Please make sure to use it only in `POST` requests unless you have a good reason not to. `GET` requests shouldn’t have any effect on data. Instead, use `POST` whenever a request to a page has a side effect on your data. For more, see [Safe methods](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/ref/request-response/#safe-methods) in the HTTP spec.

**Warning:** You can use `get_or_create()` through `ManyToManyField` attributes and reverse relations. In that case you will restrict the queries inside the context of that relation. That could lead you to some integrity problems if you don’t use it consistently.
## Being the following models:

```python
class Chapter(models.Model):
    title = models.CharField(max_length=255, unique=True)

class Book(models.Model):
    title = models.CharField(max_length=256)
    chapters = models.ManyToManyField(Chapter)
```

You can use `get_or_create()` through `Book`'s `chapters` field, but it only fetches inside the context of that book:

```python
>>> book = Book.objects.create(title="Ulysses")
>>> book.chapters.get_or_create(title="Telemachus")
(<Chapter: Telemachus>, True)
>>> book.chapters.get_or_create(title="Telemachus")
(<Chapter: Telemachus>, False)
>>> Chapter.objects.create(title="Chapter 1")
<Chapter: Chapter 1>
>>> book.chapters.get_or_create(title="Chapter 1")
# Raises IntegrityError
```

This is happening because it’s trying to get or create “Chapter 1” through the book “Ulysses”, but it can’t do any of them: the relation can’t fetch that chapter because it isn’t related to that book, but it can’t create it either because `title` field should be unique.

### update_or_create()

`update_or_create(defaults=None, **kwargs)`

A convenience method for updating an object with the given `kwargs`, creating a new one if necessary. The `defaults` is a dictionary of (field, value) pairs used to update the object. The values in `defaults` can be callables.

Returns a tuple of `(object, created)`, where `object` is the created or updated object and `created` is a boolean specifying whether a new object was created.

The `update_or_create` method tries to fetch an object from database based on the given `kwargs`. If a match is found, it updates the fields passed in the `defaults` dictionary.

This is meant as a shortcut to boilerplatalish code. For example:

```python
defaults = {'first_name': 'Bob'}
try:
    obj = Person.objects.get(first_name='John', last_name='Lennon')
    for key, value in defaults.items():
        setattr(obj, key, value)
    obj.save()
except Person.DoesNotExist:
    new_values = {'first_name': 'John', 'last_name': 'Lennon'}
    new_values.update(defaults)
    obj = Person(**new_values)
    obj.save()
```

This pattern gets quite unwieldy as the number of fields in a model goes up. The above example can be rewritten using `update_or_create()` like so:
obj, created = Person.objects.update_or_create(
    first_name='John', last_name='Lennon',
    defaults={'first_name': 'Bob'},
)

For detailed description how names passed in `kwargs` are resolved see `get_or_create()`.

As described above in `get_or_create()`, this method is prone to a race-condition which can result in multiple rows being inserted simultaneously if uniqueness is not enforced at the database level.

Like `get_or_create()` and `create()`, if you’re using manually specified primary keys and an object needs to be created but the key already exists in the database, an `IntegrityError` is raised.

`bulk_create()`

`bulk_create(objs, batch_size=None, ignore_conflicts=False)`

This method inserts the provided list of objects into the database in an efficient manner (generally only 1 query, no matter how many objects there are):

```python
>>> Entry.objects.bulk_create([
    ... Entry(headline='This is a test'),
    ... Entry(headline='This is only a test'),
    ... ])
```

This has a number of caveats though:

- The model’s `save()` method will not be called, and the `pre_save` and `post_save` signals will not be sent.
- It does not work with child models in a multi-table inheritance scenario.
- If the model’s primary key is an `AutoField`, the primary key attribute can only be retrieved on certain databases (currently PostgreSQL and MariaDB 10.5+). On other databases, it will not be set.
- It does not work with many-to-many relationships.
- It casts `objs` to a list, which fully evaluates `objs` if it’s a generator. The cast allows inspecting all objects so that any objects with a manually set primary key can be inserted first. If you want to insert objects in batches without evaluating the entire generator at once, you can use this technique as long as the objects don’t have any manually set primary keys:

```python
from itertools import islice

batch_size = 100
obj = (Entry(headline='Test %s % i) for i in range(1000))
while True:
    batch = list(islice(objs, batch_size))
    if not batch:
        break
    Entry.objects.bulk_create(batch, batch_size)
```

The `batch_size` parameter controls how many objects are created in a single query. The default is to create all objects in one batch, except for SQLite where the default is such that at most 999 variables per query are used.

On databases that support it (all but Oracle), setting the `ignore_conflicts` parameter to `True` tells the database to ignore failure to insert any rows that fail constraints such as duplicate unique values. Enabling this parameter disables setting the primary key on each model instance (if the database normally supports it).
Warning: On MySQL and MariaDB, setting the `ignore_conflicts` parameter to `True` turns certain types of errors, other than duplicate key, into warnings. Even with Strict Mode. For example: invalid values or non-nullable violations. See the MySQL documentation and MariaDB documentation for more details.

Returns `objs` as cast to a list, in the same order as provided.

Support for the fetching primary key attributes on MariaDB 10.5+ was added.

`bulk_update()`

`bulk_update(objs, fields, batch_size=None)`

This method efficiently updates the given fields on the provided model instances, generally with one query:

```python
>>> objs = [
...     Entry.objects.create(headline='Entry 1'),
...     Entry.objects.create(headline='Entry 2'),
... ]
>>> objs[0].headline = 'This is entry 1'
>>> objs[1].headline = 'This is entry 2'
>>> Entry.objects.bulk_update(objs, ['headline'])
```

`QuerySet.update()` is used to save the changes, so this is more efficient than iterating through the list of models and calling `save()` on each of them, but it has a few caveats:

- You cannot update the model’s primary key.
- Each model’s `save()` method isn’t called, and the `pre_save` and `post_save` signals aren’t sent.
- If updating a large number of columns in a large number of rows, the SQL generated can be very large. Avoid this by specifying a suitable `batch_size`.
- Updating fields defined on multi-table inheritance ancestors will incur an extra query per ancestor.
- If `objs` contains duplicates, only the first one is updated.

The `batch_size` parameter controls how many objects are saved in a single query. The default is to update all objects in one batch, except for SQLite and Oracle which have restrictions on the number of variables used in a query.

`count()`

`count()`

Returns an integer representing the number of objects in the database matching the `QuerySet`.

Example:

```python
# Returns the total number of entries in the database.
Entry.objects.count()

# Returns the number of entries whose headline contains 'Lennon'
Entry.objects.filter(headline__contains='Lennon').count()
```

A `count()` call performs a `SELECT COUNT(*)` behind the scenes, so you should always use `count()` rather than loading all of the record into Python objects and calling `len()` on the result (unless you need to load the objects into memory anyway, in which case `len()` will be faster).
Note that if you want the number of items in a `QuerySet` and are also retrieving model instances from it (for example, by iterating over it), it’s probably more efficient to use `len(queryset)` which won’t cause an extra database query like `count()` would.

**in_bulk()**

`in_bulk(id_list=None, field_name='pk')`

Takes a list of field values (`id_list`) and the `field_name` for those values, and returns a dictionary mapping each value to an instance of the object with the given field value. If `id_list` isn’t provided, all objects in the queryset are returned. `field_name` must be a unique field, and it defaults to the primary key.

Example:

```python
>>> Blog.objects.in_bulk([1])
{1: <Blog: Beatles Blog>}

>>> Blog.objects.in_bulk([1, 2])
{1: <Blog: Beatles Blog>, 2: <Blog: Cheddar Talk>}

>>> Blog.objects.in_bulk([])
{}

>>> Blog.objects.in_bulk()

>>> Blog.objects.in_bulk(['beatles_blog'], field_name='slug')
{'beatles_blog': <Blog: Beatles Blog>}
```

If you pass `in_bulk()` an empty list, you’ll get an empty dictionary.

**iterator()**

`iterator(chunk_size=2000)`

Evaluates the `QuerySet` (by performing the query) and returns an iterator (see PEP 234) over the results. A `QuerySet` typically caches its results internally so that repeated evaluations do not result in additional queries. In contrast, `iterator()` will read results directly, without doing any caching at the `QuerySet` level (internally, the default iterator calls `iterator()` and caches the return value). For a `QuerySet` which returns a large number of objects that you only need to access once, this can result in better performance and a significant reduction in memory.

Note that using `iterator()` on a `QuerySet` which has already been evaluated will force it to evaluate again, repeating the query.

Also, use of `iterator()` causes previous `prefetch_related()` calls to be ignored since these two optimizations do not make sense together.

Depending on the database backend, query results will either be loaded all at once or streamed from the database using server-side cursors.

**With server-side cursors**

Oracle and PostgreSQL use server-side cursors to stream results from the database without loading the entire result set into memory.

The Oracle database driver always uses server-side cursors.

With server-side cursors, the `chunk_size` parameter specifies the number of results to cache at the database driver level. Fetching bigger chunks diminishes the number of round trips between the database driver and the database, at the expense of memory.
On PostgreSQL, server-side cursors will only be used when the `DISABLE_SERVER_SIDE_CURSORS` setting is `False`. Read *Transaction pooling and server-side cursors* if you’re using a connection pooler configured in transaction pooling mode. When server-side cursors are disabled, the behavior is the same as databases that don’t support server-side cursors.

**Without server-side cursors**

MySQL doesn’t support streaming results, hence the Python database driver loads the entire result set into memory. The result set is then transformed into Python row objects by the database adapter using the `fetchmany()` method defined in PEP 249.

SQLite can fetch results in batches using `fetchmany()`, but since SQLite doesn’t provide isolation between queries within a connection, be careful when writing to the table being iterated over. See *Isolation when using Query-Set.iterator()* for more information.

The `chunk_size` parameter controls the size of batches Django retrieves from the database driver. Larger batches decrease the overhead of communicating with the database driver at the expense of a slight increase in memory consumption.

The default value of `chunk_size`, 2000, comes from a calculation on the psycopg mailing list:

> Assuming rows of 10-20 columns with a mix of textual and numeric data, 2000 is going to fetch less than 100KB of data, which seems a good compromise between the number of rows transferred and the data discarded if the loop is exited early.

`latest()`

`latest(*fields)`

Returns the latest object in the table based on the given field(s).

This example returns the latest `Entry` in the table, according to the `pub_date` field:

```python
Entry.objects.latest('pub_date')
```

You can also choose the latest based on several fields. For example, to select the `Entry` with the earliest `expire_date` when two entries have the same `pub_date`:

```python
Entry.objects.latest('pub_date', '-expire_date')
```

The negative sign in `'--expire_date'` means to sort `expire_date` in descending order. Since `latest()` gets the last result, the `Entry` with the earliest `expire_date` is selected.

If your model’s `Meta` specifies `get_latest_by`, you can omit any arguments to `earliest()` or `latest()`. The fields specified in `get_latest_by` will be used by default.

Like `get()`, `earliest()` and `latest()` raise `DoesNotExist` if there is no object with the given parameters. Note that `earliest()` and `latest()` exist purely for convenience and readability.

`earliest()` and `latest()` may return instances with null dates.

Since ordering is delegated to the database, results on fields that allow null values may be ordered differently if you use different databases. For example, PostgreSQL and MySQL sort null values as if they are higher than non-null values, while SQLite does the opposite.

You may want to filter out null values:
earliest()

earliest(*fields)

Works otherwise like latest() except the direction is changed.

first()

first()

Returns the first object matched by the queryset, or None if there is no matching object. If the QuerySet has no ordering defined, then the queryset is automatically ordered by the primary key. This can affect aggregation results as described in Interaction with default ordering or order_by().

Example:

```python
p = Article.objects.order_by('title', 'pub_date').first()
```

Note that first() is a convenience method, the following code sample is equivalent to the above example:

```python
try:
    p = Article.objects.order_by('title', 'pub_date')[0]
except IndexError:
    p = None
```

last()

last()

Works like first(), but returns the last object in the queryset.

aggregate()

aggregate(*args, **kwargs)

Returns a dictionary of aggregate values (averages, sums, etc.) calculated over the QuerySet. Each argument to aggregate() specifies a value that will be included in the dictionary that is returned.

The aggregation functions that are provided by Django are described in Aggregation Functions below. Since aggregates are also query expressions, you may combine aggregates with other aggregates or values to create complex aggregates.

Aggregates specified using keyword arguments will use the keyword as the name for the annotation. Anonymous arguments will have a name generated for them based upon the name of the aggregate function and the model field that is being aggregated. Complex aggregates cannot use anonymous arguments and must specify a keyword argument as an alias.

For example, when you are working with blog entries, you may want to know the number of authors that have contributed blog entries:
>>> from django.db.models import Count
>>> q = Blog.objects.aggregate(Count('entry'))
{'entry__count': 16}

By using a keyword argument to specify the aggregate function, you can control the name of the aggregation value that is returned:

>>> q = Blog.objects.aggregate(number_of_entries=Count('entry'))
{'number_of_entries': 16}

For an in-depth discussion of aggregation, see the topic guide on Aggregation.

django.db.models.QuerySet.exists()

events()

Raises True if the QuerySet contains any results, and False if not. This tries to perform the query in the simplest and fastest way possible, but it does execute nearly the same query as a normal QuerySet query.

events() is useful for searches relating to both object membership in a QuerySet and to the existence of any objects in a QuerySet, particularly in the context of a large QuerySet.

The most efficient method of finding whether a model with a unique field (e.g. primary_key) is a member of a QuerySet is:

```python
event = Entry.objects.get(pk=123)
if some_queryset.filter(pk=event.pk).exists():
    print("Entry contained in queryset")
```

Which will be faster than the following which requires evaluating and iterating through the entire queryset:

```python
if entry in some_queryset:
    print("Entry contained in QuerySet")
```

And to find whether a queryset contains any items:

```python
if some_queryset.exists():
    print("There is at least one object in some_queryset")
```

Which will be faster than:

```python
if some_queryset:
    print("There is at least one object in some_queryset")
```

... but not by a large degree (hence needing a large queryset for efficiency gains).

Additionally, if a some_queryset has not yet been evaluated, but you know that it will be at some point, then using some_queryset.exists() will do more overall work (one query for the existence check plus an extra one to later retrieve the results) than using bool(some_queryset), which retrieves the results and then checks if any were returned.

update()

```
update(**kwargs)
```
Performs an SQL update query for the specified fields, and returns the number of rows matched (which may not be equal to the number of rows updated if some rows already have the new value).

For example, to turn comments off for all blog entries published in 2010, you could do this:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__year=2010).update(comments_on=False)
```

(This assumes your Entry model has fields `pub_date` and `comments_on`.)

You can update multiple fields — there’s no limit on how many. For example, here we update the `comments_on` and `headline` fields:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__year=2010).update(comments_on=False, headline='This is old')
```

The `update()` method is applied instantly, and the only restriction on the `QuerySet` that is updated is that it can only update columns in the model’s main table, not on related models. You can’t do this, for example:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.update(blog__name='foo') # Won't work!
```

Filtering based on related fields is still possible, though:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.filter(blog__id=1).update(comments_on=True)
```

You cannot call `update()` on a `QuerySet` that has had a slice taken or can otherwise no longer be filtered.

The `update()` method returns the number of affected rows:

```python
>>> Entry.objects.filter(id=64).update(comments_on=True)
1
>>> Entry.objects.filter(slug='nonexistent-slug').update(comments_on=True)
0
>>> Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__year=2010).update(comments_on=False)
132
```

If you’re just updating a record and don’t need to do anything with the model object, the most efficient approach is to call `update()`, rather than loading the model object into memory. For example, instead of doing this:

```python
e = Entry.objects.get(id=10)
e.comments_on = False
e.save()
```

...do this:

```python
Entry.objects.filter(id=10).update(comments_on=False)
```

Using `update()` also prevents a race condition wherein something might change in your database in the short period of time between loading the object and calling `save()`.

Finally, realize that `update()` does an update at the SQL level and, thus, does not call any `save()` methods on your models, nor does it emit the `pre_save` or `post_save` signals (which are a consequence of calling `Model.save()`). If you want to update a bunch of records for a model that has a custom `save()` method, loop over them and call `save()`, like this:

```python
for e in Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__year=2010):
    e.comments_on = False
    e.save()
```
**delete()**

**delete()**
Performs an SQL delete query on all rows in the *QuerySet* and returns the number of objects deleted and a dictionary with the number of deletions per object type.

The delete() is applied instantly. You cannot call delete() on a *QuerySet* that has had a slice taken or can otherwise no longer be filtered.

For example, to delete all the entries in a particular blog:

```python
>>> b = Blog.objects.get(pk=1)
# Delete all the entries belonging to this Blog.
>>> Entry.objects.filter(blog=b).delete()
(4, {'weblog.Entry': 2, 'weblog.Entry_authors': 2})
```

By default, Django’s *ForeignKey* emulates the SQL constraint ON DELETE CASCADE — in other words, any objects with foreign keys pointing at the objects to be deleted will be deleted along with them. For example:

```python
>>> blogs = Blog.objects.all()
# This will delete all Blogs and all of their Entry objects.
>>> blogs.delete()
(5, {'weblog.Blog': 1, 'weblog.Entry': 2, 'weblog.Entry_authors': 2})
```

This cascade behavior is customizable via the *on_delete* argument to the *ForeignKey*.

The delete() method does a bulk delete and does not call any delete() methods on your models. It does, however, emit the pre_delete and post_delete signals for all deleted objects (including cascaded deletions).

Django needs to fetch objects into memory to send signals and handle cascades. However, if there are no cascades and no signals, then Django may take a fast-path and delete objects without fetching into memory. For large deletes this can result in significantly reduced memory usage. The amount of executed queries can be reduced, too.

ForeignKeys which are set to *on_delete* DO NOTHING do not prevent taking the fast-path in deletion.

Note that the queries generated in object deletion is an implementation detail subject to change.

**as_manager()**

**classmethod as_manager()**
Class method that returns an instance of *Manager* with a copy of the *QuerySet*’s methods. See *Creating a manager with QuerySet methods* for more details.

**explain()**

**explain(format=None, **options)**
Returns a string of the *QuerySet*’s execution plan, which details how the database would execute the query, including any indexes or joins that would be used. Knowing these details may help you improve the performance of slow queries.

For example, when using PostgreSQL:
The output differs significantly between databases.

`explain()` is supported by all built-in database backends except Oracle because an implementation there isn’t straightforward.

The `format` parameter changes the output format from the databases’s default, which is usually text-based. PostgreSQL supports 'TEXT', 'JSON', 'YAML', and 'XML' formats. MariaDB and MySQL support 'TEXT' (also called 'TRADITIONAL') and 'JSON' formats. MySQL 8.0.16+ also supports an improved 'TREE' format, which is similar to PostgreSQL’s 'TEXT' output and is used by default, if supported.

Some databases accept flags that can return more information about the query. Pass these flags as keyword arguments. For example, when using PostgreSQL:

```python
>>> print(Blog.objects.filter(title='My Blog').explain( verbose=True, analyze=True))
Seq Scan on public.blog (cost=0.00..35.50 rows=10 width=12) (actual time=0.004..0.004 rows=10 loops=1)
    Output: id, title
    Filter: (blog.title = 'My Blog'::bpchar)
Planning time: 0.064 ms
Execution time: 0.058 ms
```

On some databases, flags may cause the query to be executed which could have adverse effects on your database. For example, the `ANALYZE` flag supported by MariaDB, MySQL 8.0.18+, and PostgreSQL could result in changes to data if there are triggers or if a function is called, even for a `SELECT` query.

Support for the 'TREE' format on MySQL 8.0.16+ and `analyze` option on MariaDB and MySQL 8.0.18+ were added.

**Field lookups**

Field lookups are how you specify the meat of an SQL `WHERE` clause. They’re specified as keyword arguments to the `QuerySet` methods `filter()`, `exclude()` and `get()`.

For an introduction, see [models and database queries documentation.](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/db/queryset/#field-lookups)

Django’s built-in lookups are listed below. It is also possible to write custom lookups for model fields.

As a convenience when no lookup type is provided (like in `Entry.objects.get(id=14)`) the lookup type is assumed to be `exact`.

**exact**

Exact match. If the value provided for comparison is `None`, it will be interpreted as an SQL `NULL` (see `isnull` for more details).

Examples:

```python
Entry.objects.get(id__exact=14)
Entry.objects.get(id__exact=None)
```

SQL equivalents:
MySQL comparisons

In MySQL, a database table’s “collation” setting determines whether exact comparisons are case-sensitive. This is a database setting, not a Django setting. It’s possible to configure your MySQL tables to use case-sensitive comparisons, but some trade-offs are involved. For more information about this, see the collation section in the databases documentation.

**iexact**

Case-insensitive exact match. If the value provided for comparison is None, it will be interpreted as an SQL NULL (see isnull for more details).

Example:

```python
Blog.objects.get(name__iexact='beatles blog')
Blog.objects.get(name__iexact=None)
```

SQL equivalents:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE name ILIKE 'beatles blog';
SELECT ... WHERE name IS NULL;
```

Note the first query will match 'Beatles Blog', 'beatles blog', 'BeAtLes BLoG', etc.

**SQLite users**

When using the SQLite backend and non-ASCII strings, bear in mind the database note about string comparisons. SQLite does not do case-insensitive matching for non-ASCII strings.

**contains**

Case-sensitive containment test.

Example:

```python
Entry.objects.get(headline__contains='Lennon')
```

SQL equivalent:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE headline LIKE '%Lennon%';
```

Note this will match the headline 'Lennon honored today' but not 'lennon honored today'.

**SQLite users**

SQLite doesn’t support case-sensitive LIKE statements; contains acts like icontains for SQLite. See the database note for more information.
icontains

Case-insensitive containment test.
Example:

```python
Entry.objects.get(headline__icontains='Lennon')
```

SQL equivalent:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE headline ILIKE '%Lennon%';
```

SQLite users

When using the SQLite backend and non-ASCII strings, bear in mind the *database note* about string comparisons.

in

In a given iterable; often a list, tuple, or queryset. It’s not a common use case, but strings (being iterables) are accepted.
Examples:

```python
Entry.objects.filter(id__in=[1, 3, 4])
Entry.objects.filter(headline__in='abc')
```

SQL equivalents:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE id IN (1, 3, 4);
SELECT ... WHERE headline IN ('a', 'b', 'c');
```

You can also use a queryset to dynamically evaluate the list of values instead of providing a list of literal values:

```python
inner_qs = Blog.objects.filter(name__contains='Cheddar')
entries = Entry.objects.filter(blog__in=inner_qs)
```

This queryset will be evaluated as subselect statement:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE blog.id IN (SELECT id FROM ... WHERE NAME LIKE '%Cheddar%')
```

If you pass in a QuerySet resulting from `values()` or `values_list()` as the value to an `__in` lookup, you need to ensure you are only extracting one field in the result. For example, this will work (filtering on the blog names):

```python
inner_qs = Blog.objects.filter(name__contains='Ch').values('name')
entries = Entry.objects.filter(blog__name__in=inner_qs)
```

This example will raise an exception, since the inner query is trying to extract two field values, where only one is expected:

```python
# Bad code! Will raise a TypeError.
inner_qs = Blog.objects.filter(name__contains='Ch').values('name', 'id')
entries = Entry.objects.filter(blog__name__in=inner_qs)
```

Performance considerations
Be cautious about using nested queries and understand your database server’s performance characteristics (if in doubt, benchmark!). Some database backends, most notably MySQL, don’t optimize nested queries very well. It is more efficient, in those cases, to extract a list of values and then pass that into the second query. That is, execute two queries instead of one:

```python
values = Blog.objects.filter(name__contains='Cheddar').values_list('pk', flat=True)
entries = Entry.objects.filter(blog__in=list(values))
```

Note the `list()` call around the Blog QuerySet to force execution of the first query. Without it, a nested query would be executed, because *QuerySets are lazy.*

**gt**

Greater than.

Example:

```python
Entry.objects.filter(id__gt=4)
```

SQL equivalent:

```
SELECT ... WHERE id > 4;
```

**gte**

Greater than or equal to.

**lt**

Less than.

**lte**

Less than or equal to.

**startswith**

Case-sensitive starts-with.

Example:

```python
Entry.objects.filter(headline__startswith='Lennon')
```

SQL equivalent:

```
SELECT ... WHERE headline LIKE 'Lennon%';
```

SQLite doesn’t support case-sensitive `LIKE` statements; `startswith` acts like `istartswith` for SQLite.
**istartswith**

Case-insensitive starts-with.

Example:

```
Entry.objects.filter(headline__istartswith='Lennon')
```

SQL equivalent:

```
SELECT ... WHERE headline ILIKE 'Lennon%';
```

**SQLite users**

When using the SQLite backend and non-ASCII strings, bear in mind the database note about string comparisons.

**endswith**

Case-sensitive ends-with.

Example:

```
Entry.objects.filter(headline__endswith='Lennon')
```

SQL equivalent:

```
SELECT ... WHERE headline LIKE '%Lennon';
```

**SQLite users**

SQLite doesn’t support case-sensitive LIKE statements; endswith acts like iendswith for SQLite. Refer to the database note documentation for more.

**iendswith**

Case-insensitive ends-with.

Example:

```
Entry.objects.filter(headline__iendswith='Lennon')
```

SQL equivalent:

```
SELECT ... WHERE headline ILIKE '%Lennon'
```

**SQLite users**

When using the SQLite backend and non-ASCII strings, bear in mind the database note about string comparisons.
Range test (inclusive).

Example:

```python
import datetime
start_date = datetime.date(2005, 1, 1)
end_date = datetime.date(2005, 3, 31)
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__range=(start_date, end_date))
```

SQL equivalent:

```
SELECT ... WHERE pub_date BETWEEN '2005-01-01' and '2005-03-31';
```

You can use `range` anywhere you can use `BETWEEN` in SQL — for dates, numbers and even characters.

**Warning:** Filtering a `DateTimeField` with dates won’t include items on the last day, because the bounds are interpreted as “0am on the given date”. If `pub_date` was a `DateTimeField`, the above expression would be turned into this SQL:

```
SELECT ... WHERE pub_date BETWEEN '2005-01-01 00:00:00' and '2005-03-31 00:00:00';
```

Generally speaking, you can’t mix dates and datetimes.

date

For datetime fields, casts the value as date. Allows chaining additional field lookups. Takes a date value.

Example:

```python
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__date=datetime.date(2005, 1, 1))
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__date__gt=datetime.date(2005, 1, 1))
```

(No equivalent SQL code fragment is included for this lookup because implementation of the relevant query varies among different database engines.)

When `USE_TZ` is True, fields are converted to the current time zone before filtering. This requires time zone definitions in the database.

year

For date and datetime fields, an exact year match. Allows chaining additional field lookups. Takes an integer year.

Example:

```python
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__year=2005)
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__year__gte=2005)
```

SQL equivalent:

```
SELECT ... WHERE pub_date BETWEEN '2005-01-01' AND '2005-12-31';
SELECT ... WHERE pub_date >= '2005-01-01';
```
When `USE_TZ` is True, datetime fields are converted to the current time zone before filtering. This requires *timezone definitions in the database*.

**iso_year**

For date and datetime fields, an exact ISO 8601 week-numbering year match. Allows chaining additional field lookups. Takes an integer year.

Example:

```python
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__iso_year=2005)
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__iso_year__gte=2005)
```

**month**

For date and datetime fields, an exact month match. Allows chaining additional field lookups. Takes an integer 1 (January) through 12 (December).

Example:

```python
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__month=12)
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__month__gte=6)
```

SQL equivalent:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE EXTRACT('month' FROM pub_date) = '12';
SELECT ... WHERE EXTRACT('month' FROM pub_date) >= '6';
```

**day**

For date and datetime fields, an exact day match. Allows chaining additional field lookups. Takes an integer day.

Example:

```python
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__day=3)
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__day__gte=3)
```

SQL equivalent:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE EXTRACT('day' FROM pub_date) = '3';
SELECT ... WHERE EXTRACT('day' FROM pub_date) >= '3';
```
(The exact SQL syntax varies for each database engine.)

Note this will match any record with a pub_date on the third day of the month, such as January 3, July 3, etc.

When `USE_TZ` is True, datetime fields are converted to the current time zone before filtering. This requires `timezone definitions in the database`.

**week**

For date and datetime fields, return the week number (1-52 or 53) according to ISO-8601, i.e., weeks start on a Monday and the first week contains the year’s first Thursday.

Example:

```python
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__week=52)
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__week__gte=32, pub_date__week__lte=38)
```

(No equivalent SQL code fragment is included for this lookup because implementation of the relevant query varies among different database engines.)

When `USE_TZ` is True, datetime fields are converted to the current time zone before filtering. This requires `timezone definitions in the database`.

**week_day**

For date and datetime fields, a ‘day of the week’ match. Allows chaining additional field lookups.

Takes an integer value representing the day of week from 1 (Sunday) to 7 (Saturday).

Example:

```python
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__week_day=2)
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__week_day__gte=2)
```

(No equivalent SQL code fragment is included for this lookup because implementation of the relevant query varies among different database engines.)

Note this will match any record with a `pub_date` that falls on a Monday (day 2 of the week), regardless of the month or year in which it occurs. Week days are indexed with day 1 being Sunday and day 7 being Saturday.

When `USE_TZ` is True, datetime fields are converted to the current time zone before filtering. This requires `timezone definitions in the database`.

**iso_week_day**

For date and datetime fields, an exact ISO 8601 day of the week match. Allows chaining additional field lookups.

Takes an integer value representing the day of the week from 1 (Monday) to 7 (Sunday).

Example:

```python
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__iso_week_day=1)
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__iso_week_day__gte=1)
```

(No equivalent SQL code fragment is included for this lookup because implementation of the relevant query varies among different database engines.)
Note this will match any record with a `pub_date` that falls on a Monday (day 1 of the week), regardless of the month or year in which it occurs. Week days are indexed with day 1 being Monday and day 7 being Sunday.

When `USE_TZ` is True, datetime fields are converted to the current time zone before filtering. This requires time zone definitions in the database.

### quarter

For date and datetime fields, a ‘quarter of the year’ match. Allows chaining additional field lookups. Takes an integer value between 1 and 4 representing the quarter of the year.

Example to retrieve entries in the second quarter (April 1 to June 30):

```python
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__quarter=2)
```

(No equivalent SQL code fragment is included for this lookup because implementation of the relevant query varies among different database engines.)

When `USE_TZ` is True, datetime fields are converted to the current time zone before filtering. This requires time zone definitions in the database.

### time

For datetime fields, casts the value as time. Allows chaining additional field lookups. Takes a `datetime.time` value.

Example:

```python
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__time=datatime.time(14, 30))
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__time__range=(datetime.time(8), datetime.time(17)))
```

(No equivalent SQL code fragment is included for this lookup because implementation of the relevant query varies among different database engines.)

When `USE_TZ` is True, fields are converted to the current time zone before filtering. This requires time zone definitions in the database.

### hour

For datetime and time fields, an exact hour match. Allows chaining additional field lookups. Takes an integer between 0 and 23.

Example:

```python
Event.objects.filter(timestamp__hour=23)
Event.objects.filter(time__hour=5)
Event.objects.filter(timestamp__hour__gte=12)
```

SQL equivalent:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE EXTRACT('hour' FROM timestamp) = '23';
SELECT ... WHERE EXTRACT('hour' FROM time) = '5';
SELECT ... WHERE EXTRACT('hour' FROM timestamp) >= '12';
```
When `USE_TZ` is True, datetime fields are converted to the current time zone before filtering. This requires *time zone definitions in the database*.

**minute**

For datetime and time fields, an exact minute match. Allows chaining additional field lookups. Takes an integer between 0 and 59.

Example:

```python
Event.objects.filter(timestamp__minute=29)
Event.objects.filter(time__minute=46)
Event.objects.filter(timestamp__minute__gte=29)
```

SQL equivalent:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE EXTRACT('minute' FROM timestamp) = '29';
SELECT ... WHERE EXTRACT('minute' FROM time) = '46';
SELECT ... WHERE EXTRACT('minute' FROM timestamp) >= '29';
```

**second**

For datetime and time fields, an exact second match. Allows chaining additional field lookups. Takes an integer between 0 and 59.

Example:

```python
Event.objects.filter(timestamp__second=31)
Event.objects.filter(time__second=2)
Event.objects.filter(timestamp__second__gte=31)
```

SQL equivalent:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE EXTRACT('second' FROM timestamp) = '31';
SELECT ... WHERE EXTRACT('second' FROM time) = '2';
SELECT ... WHERE EXTRACT('second' FROM timestamp) >= '31';
```

**isnull**

Takes either True or False, which correspond to SQL queries of IS NULL and IS NOT NULL, respectively.

Example:
Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__isnull=True)

SQL equivalent:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE pub_date IS NULL;
```

Deprecated since version 3.1: Using non-boolean values as the right-hand side is deprecated, use True or False instead. In Django 4.0, the exception will be raised.

**regex**

Case-sensitive regular expression match.

The regular expression syntax is that of the database backend in use. In the case of SQLite, which has no built in regular expression support, this feature is provided by a (Python) user-defined REGEXP function, and the regular expression syntax is therefore that of Python’s `re` module.

Example:

```python
Entry.objects.get(title__regex=r'^(An?|The) +')
```

SQL equivalents:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE title REGEXP BINARY '^(An?|The) +'; -- MySQL
SELECT ... WHERE REGEXP_LIKE(title, '^(An?|The) +', 'c'); -- Oracle
SELECT ... WHERE title ~ '^(An?|The) +'; -- PostgreSQL
SELECT ... WHERE title REGEXP '^(An?|The) +'; -- SQLite
```

Using raw strings (e.g., `r'foo'` instead of `'foo'`) for passing in the regular expression syntax is recommended.

**iregex**

Case-insensitive regular expression match.

Example:

```python
Entry.objects.get(title__iregex=r'^(an?|the) +')
```

SQL equivalents:

```sql
SELECT ... WHERE title REGEXP '^(an?|the) +'; -- MySQL
SELECT ... WHERE REGEXP_LIKE(title, '^(an?|the) +', 'i'); -- Oracle
SELECT ... WHERE title ~* '^(an?|the) +'; -- PostgreSQL
SELECT ... WHERE title REGEXP '(?i)^(an?|the) +'; -- SQLite
```
Aggregation functions

Django provides the following aggregation functions in the django.db.models module. For details on how to use these aggregate functions, see the topic guide on aggregation. See the Aggregate documentation to learn how to create your aggregates.

**Warning:** SQLite can’t handle aggregation on date/time fields out of the box. This is because there are no native date/time fields in SQLite and Django currently emulates these features using a text field. Attempts to use aggregation on date/time fields in SQLite will raise NotSupportedError.

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**Note**
Aggregation functions return None when used with an empty QuerySet. For example, the Sum aggregation function returns None instead of 0 if the QuerySet contains no entries. An exception is Count, which does return 0 if the QuerySet is empty.

All aggregates have the following parameters in common:

**expressions**
Strings that reference fields on the model, or query expressions.

**output_field**
An optional argument that represents the model field of the return value

**filter**
An optional Q object that’s used to filter the rows that are aggregated.

See Conditional aggregation and Filtering on annotations for example usage.

**extra**
Keyword arguments that can provide extra context for the SQL generated by the aggregate.

**Avg**

```python
class Avg(expression, output_field=None, distinct=False, filter=None, **extra)
```

Returns the mean value of the given expression, which must be numeric unless you specify a different output_field.

- Default alias: `<field>__avg`

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• Return type: float if input is int, otherwise same as input field, or output_field if supplied

Has one optional argument:

distinct
   If distinct=True, Avg returns the mean value of unique values. This is the SQL equivalent of AVG(DISTINCT <field>). The default value is False.

Support for distinct=True was added.

Count

class Count(expression, distinct=False, filter=None, **extra)
   Returns the number of objects that are related through the provided expression.

   • Default alias: <field>__count
   • Return type: int

Has one optional argument:

distinct
   If distinct=True, the count will only include unique instances. This is the SQL equivalent of COUNT(DISTINCT <field>). The default value is False.

Max

class Max(expression, output_field=None, filter=None, **extra)
   Returns the maximum value of the given expression.

   • Default alias: <field>__max
   • Return type: same as input field, or output_field if supplied

Min

class Min(expression, output_field=None, filter=None, **extra)
   Returns the minimum value of the given expression.

   • Default alias: <field>__min
   • Return type: same as input field, or output_field if supplied

StdDev

class StdDev(expression, output_field=None, sample=False, filter=None, **extra)
   Returns the standard deviation of the data in the provided expression.

   • Default alias: <field>__stddev
   • Return type: float if input is int, otherwise same as input field, or output_field if supplied

Has one optional argument:

sample
   By default, StdDev returns the population standard deviation. However, if sample=True, the return value will be the sample standard deviation.
**Sum**

```
class Sum(expression, output_field=None, distinct=False, filter=None, **extra)
```

Computes the sum of all values of the given expression.

- **Default alias**: `<field>__sum`
- **Return type**: same as input field, or `output_field` if supplied

Has one optional argument:

**distinct**

If `distinct=True`, `Sum` returns the sum of unique values. This is the SQL equivalent of `SUM(DISTINCT <field>)`. The default value is `False`.

Support for `distinct=True` was added.

**Variance**

```
class Variance(expression, output_field=None, sample=False, filter=None, **extra)
```

Returns the variance of the data in the provided expression.

- **Default alias**: `<field>__variance`
- **Return type**: `float` if input is `int`, otherwise same as input field, or `output_field` if supplied

Has one optional argument:

**sample**

By default, `Variance` returns the population variance. However, if `sample=True`, the return value will be the sample variance.

**Query-related tools**

This section provides reference material for query-related tools not documented elsewhere.

**Q() objects**

```
class Q
```

A `Q()` object represents an SQL condition that can be used in database-related operations. It’s similar to how an `F()` object represents the value of a model field or annotation. They make it possible to define and reuse conditions, and combine them using operators such as | (OR) and & (AND). See **Complex lookups with Q objects**.

**Prefetch() objects**

```
class Prefetch(lookup, queryset=None, to_attr=None)
```

The `Prefetch()` object can be used to control the operation of `prefetch_related()`.

The `lookup` argument describes the relations to follow and works the same as the string based lookups passed to `prefetch_related()`. For example:
```
>>> from django.db.models import Prefetch
>>> Question.objects.prefetch_related(Prefetch('choice_set')).get().choice_set.all()
<QuerySet [<Choice: Not much>, <Choice: The sky>, <Choice: Just hacking again>]>  # This will only execute two queries regardless of the number of Question and Choice objects.
>>> Question.objects.prefetch_related(Prefetch('choice_set')).all()
<QuerySet [<Question: What's up?>]>
```

The `queryset` argument supplies a base `QuerySet` for the given lookup. This is useful to further filter down the prefetch operation, or to call `select_related()` from the prefetched relation, hence reducing the number of queries even further:

```
>>> voted_choices = Choice.objects.filter(votes__gt=0)
>>> voted_choices
<QuerySet [<Choice: The sky)>]
>>> prefetch = Prefetch('choice_set', queryset=voted_choices)
>>> Question.objects.prefetch_related(prefetch).get().choice_set.all()
<QuerySet [<Choice: The sky>]
```

The `to_attr` argument sets the result of the prefetch operation to a custom attribute:

```
>>> prefetch = Prefetch('choice_set', queryset=voted_choices, to_attr='voted_choices')
>>> Question.objects.prefetch_related(prefetch).get().voted_choices
[<Choice: The sky>]
```

**Note:** When using `to_attr` the prefetched result is stored in a list. This can provide a significant speed improvement over traditional `prefetch_related` calls which store the cached result within a `QuerySet` instance.

`prefetch_related_objects()`

`prefetch_related_objects(model_instances, *related_lookups)`

Prefetches the given lookups on an iterable of model instances. This is useful in code that receives a list of model instances as opposed to a `QuerySet`: for example, when fetching models from a cache or instantiating them manually.

Pass an iterable of model instances (must all be of the same class) and the lookups or `Prefetch` objects you want to prefetch for. For example:

```
>>> from django.db.models import prefetch_related_objects
>>> restaurants = fetch_top_restaurants_from_cache()  # A list of Restaurants
>>> prefetch_related_objects(restaurants, 'pizzas__toppings')
```

When using multiple databases with `prefetch_related_objects`, the prefetch query will use the database associated with the model instance. This can be overridden by using a custom queryset in a related lookup.

`FilteredRelation()`

`FilteredRelation(relation_name, *, condition=Q())`
**relation_name**

The name of the field on which you’d like to filter the relation.

**condition**

A :class:`Q` object to control the filtering.

FilteredRelation is used with :meth:`annotate()` to create an ON clause when a JOIN is performed. It doesn’t act on the default relationship but on the annotation name (pizzas_vegetarian in example below).

For example, to find restaurants that have vegetarian pizzas with 'mozzarella' in the name:

```python
from django.db.models import FilteredRelation, Q
>>> Restaurant.objects.annotate(
...   pizzas_vegetarian=FilteredRelation(
...     'pizzas', condition=Q(pizzas__vegetarian=True),
...   ),
... ).filter(pizzas_vegetarian__name__icontains='mozzarella')
```

If there are a large number of pizzas, this queryset performs better than:

```python
>>> Restaurant.objects.filter(
...   pizzas__vegetarian=True,
...   pizzas__name__icontains='mozzarella',
... )
```

because the filtering in the WHERE clause of the first queryset will only operate on vegetarian pizzas.

FilteredRelation doesn’t support:

- Conditions that span relational fields. For example:
  ```python
  >>> Restaurant.objects.annotate(
  ...   pizzas_with_toppings_startswith_n=FilteredRelation(
  ...     'pizzas__toppings',
  ...     condition=Q(pizzas__toppings__name__startswith='n'),
  ...   ),
  ... 
  ... 
  ... 
  ... 
  ... 
  ```

  ```py
  Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...
  ValueError: FilteredRelation's condition doesn't support nested relations (got 'pizzas__toppings__name__startswith').
  ```

- A :class:`GenericForeignKey` inherited from a parent model.

### 6.15.11 Lookup API reference

This document has the API references of lookups, the Django API for building the WHERE clause of a database query. To learn how to use lookups, see `Making queries`; to learn how to create new lookups, see `Custom Lookups`.

The lookup API has two components: a :class:`RegisterLookupMixin` class that registers lookups, and the Query Expression API, a set of methods that a class has to implement to be registrable as a lookup.

Django has two base classes that follow the query expression API and from where all Django builtin lookups are derived:

- **Lookup**: to lookup a field (e.g. the exact of field_name__exact)
- **Transform**: to transform a field
A lookup expression consists of three parts:

- Fields part (e.g. `Book.objects.filter(author__best_friends__first_name...)`);
- Transforms part (may be omitted) (e.g. `__lower__first3chars__reversed`);
- A lookup (e.g. `__icontains`) that, if omitted, defaults to `__exact`.

**Registration API**

Django uses `RegisterLookupMixin` to give a class the interface to register lookups on itself. The two prominent examples are `Field`, the base class of all model fields, and `Transform`, the base class of all Django transforms.

```python
class lookups.RegisterLookupMixin
    A mixin that implements the lookup API on a class.
    
    @classmethod
    def register_lookup(self, lookup, lookup_name=None)
        Registers a new lookup in the class. For example `DateField.register_lookup(YearExact)` will register `YearExact` lookup on `DateField`. It overrides a lookup that already exists with the same name. `lookup_name` will be used for this lookup if provided, otherwise `lookup.lookup_name` will be used.

    def get_lookup(self, lookup_name)
        Returns the `Lookup` named `lookup_name` registered in the class. The default implementation looks recursively on all parent classes and checks if any has a registered lookup named `lookup_name`, returning the first match.

    def get_lookups(self)
        Returns a dictionary of each lookup name registered in the class mapped to the `Lookup` class.

    def get_transform(self, transform_name)
        Returns a `Transform` named `transform_name`. The default implementation looks recursively on all parent classes to check if any has the registered transform named `transform_name`, returning the first match.
```

For a class to be a lookup, it must follow the **Query Expression API**. `Lookup` and `Transform` naturally follow this API.

**The Query Expression API**

The query expression API is a common set of methods that classes define to be usable in query expressions to translate themselves into SQL expressions. Direct field references, aggregates, and `Transform` are examples that follow this API. A class is said to follow the query expression API when it implements the following methods:

```python
def as_sql(self, compiler, connection)
    Generates the SQL fragment for the expression. Returns a tuple `(sql, params)`, where `sql` is the SQL string, and `params` is the list or tuple of query parameters. The `compiler` is an `SQLCompiler` object, which has a `compile()` method that can be used to compile other expressions. The `connection` is the connection used to execute the query.

    Calling `expression.as_sql()` is usually incorrect - instead `compiler.compile(expression)` should be used. The `compiler.compile()` method will take care of calling vendor-specific methods of the expression.

    Custom keyword arguments may be defined on this method if it’s likely that `as_vendorname()` methods or subclasses will need to supply data to override the generation of the SQL string. See `Func.as_sql()` for example usage.
```

```
as_vendorname (compiler, connection)
Works like as_sql() method. When an expression is compiled by compiler.compile(), Django will first try to call as_vendorname(), where vendorname is the vendor name of the backend used for executing the query. The vendorname is one of postgresql, oracle, sqlite, or mysql for Django’s built-in backends.

get_lookup (lookup_name)
Must return the lookup named lookup_name. For instance, by returning self.output_field.
get_lookup(lookup_name).

get_transform (transform_name)
Must return the lookup named transform_name. For instance, by returning self.output_field.
get_transform(transform_name).

output_field
Defines the type of class returned by the get_lookup() method. It must be a Field instance.

Transform reference

class Transform
A Transform is a generic class to implement field transformations. A prominent example is __year that transforms a DateField into a IntegerField.

The notation to use a Transform in a lookup expression is <expression>__<transformation> (e.g. date__year).

This class follows the Query Expression API, which implies that you can use <expression>__<transform1>__<transform2>. It's a specialized Func() expression that only accepts one argument. It can also be used on the right hand side of a filter or directly as an annotation.

bilateral
A boolean indicating whether this transformation should apply to both lhs and rhs. Bilateral transformations will be applied to rhs in the same order as they appear in the lookup expression. By default it is set to False. For example usage, see Custom Lookups.

lhs
The left-hand side - what is being transformed. It must follow the Query Expression API.

lookup_name
The name of the lookup, used for identifying it on parsing query expressions. It cannot contain the string "__".

output_field
Defines the class this transformation outputs. It must be a Field instance. By default is the same as its lhs.output_field.

Lookup reference

class Lookup
A Lookup is a generic class to implement lookups. A lookup is a query expression with a left-hand side, lhs; a right-hand side, rhs; and a lookup_name that is used to produce a boolean comparison between lhs and rhs such as lhs in rhs or lhs > rhs.

The notation to use a lookup in an expression is <lhs>__<lookup_name>=<rhs>.

This class acts as a query expression, but, since it has =<rhs> on its construction, lookups must always be the end of a lookup expression.
lhs
The left-hand side - what is being looked up. The object must follow the Query Expression API.

rhs
The right-hand side - what lhs is being compared against. It can be a plain value, or something that compiles into SQL, typically an F() object or a QuerySet.

lookup_name
The name of this lookup, used to identify it on parsing query expressions. It cannot contain the string "__".

process_lhs (compiler, connection, lhs=None)
Returns a tuple (lhs_string, lhs_params), as returned by compiler.compile(lhs). This method can be overridden to tune how the lhs is processed.

compiler is an SQLCompiler object, to be used like compiler.compile(lhs) for compiling lhs. The connection can be used for compiling vendor specific SQL. If lhs is not None, use it as the processed lhs instead of self.lhs.

process_rhs (compiler, connection)
Behaves the same way as process_lhs(), for the right-hand side.

6.15.12 Query Expressions

Query expressions describe a value or a computation that can be used as part of an update, create, filter, order by, annotation, or aggregate. When an expression outputs a boolean value, it may be used directly in filters. There are a number of built-in expressions (documented below) that can be used to help you write queries. Expressions can be combined, or in some cases nested, to form more complex computations.

Supported arithmetic

Django supports negation, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, modulo arithmetic, and the power operator on query expressions, using Python constants, variables, and even other expressions.

Some examples

```python
from django.db.models import Count, F, Value
from django.db.models.functions import Length, Upper

# Find companies that have more employees than chairs.
Company.objects.filter(num_employees__gt=F('num_chairs'))

# Find companies that have at least twice as many employees as chairs. Both the querysets below are equivalent.
Company.objects.filter(num_employees__gt=F('num_chairs') * 2)
Company.objects.filter(
    num_employees__gt=F('num_chairs') + F('num_chairs'))

# How many chairs are needed for each company to seat all employees?
>>> company = Company.objects.filter(
    ... num_employees__gt=F('num_chairs')).annotate(
    ... chairs_needed=F('num_employees') - F('num_chairs')).first()
>>> company.num_employees
120
>>> company.num_chairs
1268
```

(continues on next page)
>>> company.chairs_needed
70

# Create a new company using expressions.
>>> company = Company.objects.create(name='Google', ticker=Upper(Value('goog')))
# Be sure to refresh it if you need to access the field.
>>> company.refresh_from_db()
>>> company.ticker
'GOOG'

# Annotate models with an aggregated value. Both forms below are equivalent.
Company.objects.annotate(num_products=Count('products'))
Company.objects.annotate(num_products=Count(F('products')))

# Aggregates can contain complex computations also
Company.objects.annotate(num_offerings=Count(F('products') + F('services')))

# Expressions can also be used in order_by(), either directly
Company.objects.order_by(Length('name').asc())
Company.objects.order_by(Length('name').desc())
# or using the double underscore lookup syntax.
from django.db.models import CharField
from django.db.models.functions import Length
CharField.register_lookup(Length)
Company.objects.order_by('name__length')

# Boolean expression can be used directly in filters.
from django.db.models import Exists
Company.objects.filter(
    Exists(Employee.objects.filter(company=OuterRef('pk'), salary__gt=10))
)

**Built-in Expressions**

**Note:** These expressions are defined in `django.db.models.expressions` and `django.db.models.aggregates`, but for convenience they’re available and usually imported from `django.db.models`.

**F() expressions**

**class F**

An F() object represents the value of a model field or annotated column. It makes it possible to refer to model field values and perform database operations using them without actually having to pull them out of the database into Python memory.

Instead, Django uses the F() object to generate an SQL expression that describes the required operation at the database level.

Let’s try this with an example. Normally, one might do something like this:
# Tintin filed a news story!

```python
reporter = Reporters.objects.get(name='Tintin')
reporter.stories_filed += 1
reporter.save()
```

Here, we have pulled the value of `reporter.stories_filed` from the database into memory and manipulated it using familiar Python operators, and then saved the object back to the database. But instead we could also have done:

```python
from django.db.models import F

reporter = Reporters.objects.get(name='Tintin')
reporter.stories_filed = F('stories_filed') + 1
reporter.save()
```

Although `reporter.stories_filed = F('stories_filed') + 1` looks like a normal Python assignment of value to an instance attribute, in fact it’s an SQL construct describing an operation on the database.

When Django encounters an instance of `F()`, it overrides the standard Python operators to create an encapsulated SQL expression; in this case, one which instructs the database to increment the database field represented by `reporter.stories_filed`.

Whatever value is or was on `reporter.stories_filed`, Python never gets to know about it - it is dealt with entirely by the database. All Python does, through Django’s `F()` class, is create the SQL syntax to refer to the field and describe the operation.

To access the new value saved this way, the object must be reloaded:

```python
reporter = Reporters.objects.get(pk=reporter.pk)
# Or, more succinctly:
reporter.refresh_from_db()
```

As well as being used in operations on single instances as above, `F()` can be used on `QuerySets` of object instances, with `update()`. This reduces the two queries we were using above - the `get()` and the `save()` - to just one:

```python
reporter = Reporters.objects.filter(name='Tintin')
reporter.update(stories_filed=F('stories_filed') + 1)
```

We can also use `update()` to increment the field value on multiple objects - which could be very much faster than pulling them all into Python from the database, looping over them, incrementing the field value of each one, and saving each one back to the database:

```python
Reporter.objects.all().update(stories_filed=F('stories_filed') + 1)
```

`F()` therefore can offer performance advantages by:

- getting the database, rather than Python, to do work
- reducing the number of queries some operations require

## Avoiding race conditions using `F()`

Another useful benefit of `F()` is that having the database - rather than Python - update a field’s value avoids a **race condition**.

If two Python threads execute the code in the first example above, one thread could retrieve, increment, and save a field’s value after the other has retrieved it from the database. The value that the second thread saves will be based on the original value; the work of the first thread will be lost.
If the database is responsible for updating the field, the process is more robust: it will only ever update the field based on the value of the field in the database when the `save()` or `update()` is executed, rather than based on its value when the instance was retrieved.

**F() assignments persist after Model.save()**

F() objects assigned to model fields persist after saving the model instance and will be applied on each `save()`. For example:

```python
definition = Reporters.objects.get(name='Tintin')
definition.stories_filed = F('stories_file') + 1
definition.save()

definition.name = 'Tintin Jr.'
definition.save()
```

`stories_file` will be updated twice in this case. If it’s initially 1, the final value will be 3. This persistence can be avoided by reloading the model object after saving it, for example, by using `refresh_from_db()`.

**Using F() in filters**

F() is also very useful in `QuerySet` filters, where they make it possible to filter a set of objects against criteria based on their field values, rather than on Python values.

This is documented in using *F() expressions in queries*.

**Using F() with annotations**

F() can be used to create dynamic fields on your models by combining different fields with arithmetic:

```python
car = Company.objects.annotate(
    chairs_needed=F('num_employees') - F('num_chairs'))
```

If the fields that you’re combining are of different types you’ll need to tell Django what kind of field will be returned. Since F() does not directly support `output_field` you will need to wrap the expression with `ExpressionWrapper`:

```python
from django.db.models import DateTimeField, ExpressionWrapper, F
Ticket.objects.annotate(
    expires=ExpressionWrapper(
        F('active_at') + F('duration'), output_field=DateTimeField()))
```

When referencing relational fields such as `ForeignKey`, F() returns the primary key value rather than a model instance:

```python
>>> car = Company.objects.annotate(built_by=F('manufacturer'))[0]
>>> car.manufacturer
<Manufacturer: Toyota>
>>> car.built_by
3
```
Using F() to sort null values

Use F() and the nulls_first or nulls_last keyword argument to Expression.asc() or desc() to control the ordering of a field’s null values. By default, the ordering depends on your database.

For example, to sort companies that haven’t been contacted (last_contacted is null) after companies that have been contacted:

```python
from django.db.models import F
Company.objects.order_by(F('last_contacted').desc(nulls_last=True))
```

**Func() expressions**

Func() expressions are the base type of all expressions that involve database functions like COALESCE and LOWER, or aggregates like SUM. They can be used directly:

```python
from django.db.models import F, Func
queryset.annotate(field_lower=Func(F('field'), function='LOWER'))
```

or they can be used to build a library of database functions:

```python
class Lower(Func):
    function = 'LOWER'
queryset.annotate(field_lower=Lower('field'))
```

But both cases will result in a queryset where each model is annotated with an extra attribute field_lower produced, roughly, from the following SQL:

```sql
SELECT ...
    LOWER("db_table"."field") as "field_lower"
```

See Database Functions for a list of built-in database functions.

The Func API is as follows:

```python
class Func(*expressions, **extra)

    function
        A class attribute describing the function that will be generated. Specifically, the function will be interpolated as the function placeholder within template. Defaults to None.

    template
        A class attribute, as a format string, that describes the SQL that is generated for this function. Defaults to '%(function)s%(expressions)s'.

        If you’re constructing SQL like strftime('%W', 'date') and need a literal % character in the query, quadruple it (%%%%) in the template attribute because the string is interpolated twice: once during the template interpolation in as_sql() and once in the SQL interpolation with the query parameters in the database cursor.

    arg_joiner
        A class attribute that denotes the character used to join the list of expressions together. Defaults to ','.
```
arity
A class attribute that denotes the number of arguments the function accepts. If this attribute is set and the
function is called with a different number of expressions, TypeError will be raised. Defaults to None.

as_sql (compiler, connection, function=None, template=None, arg_joiner=None, **extra_context)
Generates the SQL fragment for the database function. Returns a tuple (sql, params), where sql is
the SQL string, and params is the list or tuple of query parameters.

The as_vendor() methods should use the function, template, arg_joiner, and any other
**extra_context parameters to customize the SQL as needed. For example:

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```python
class ConcatPair(Func):
    ...
    function = 'CONCAT'
    ...

    def as_mysql(self, compiler, connection, **extra_context):
        return super().as_sql(compiler, connection,
                              function='CONCAT_WS',
                              template='%s(%(function)s, %(expressions)s)',
                              **extra_context)
```

To avoid an SQL injection vulnerability, extra_context must not contain untrusted user input as these
values are interpolated into the SQL string rather than passed as query parameters, where the database
driver would escape them.

The *expressions argument is a list of positional expressions that the function will be applied to. The expressions
will be converted to strings, joined together with arg_joiner, and then interpolated into the template as the
expressions placeholder.

Positional arguments can be expressions or Python values. Strings are assumed to be column references and will be
wrapped in F() expressions while other values will be wrapped in Value() expressions.

The **extra kwargs are key=value pairs that can be interpolated into the template attribute. To avoid an SQL
injection vulnerability, extra must not contain untrusted user input as these values are interpolated into the SQL
string rather than passed as query parameters, where the database driver would escape them.

The function, template, and arg_joiner keywords can be used to replace the attributes of the same name
without having to define your own class. output_field can be used to define the expected return type.

Aggregate() expressions

An aggregate expression is a special case of a Func() expression that informs the query that a GROUP BY clause is
required. All of the aggregate functions, like Sum() and Count(), inherit from Aggregate().

Since Aggregates are expressions and wrap expressions, you can represent some complex computations:

```python
from django.db.models import Count

Company.objects.annotate(
    managers_required=(Count('num_employees') / 4) + Count('num_managers'))
```

The Aggregate API is as follows:
class Aggregate(*expressions, output_field=None, distinct=False, filter=None, **extra)

    template
    A class attribute, as a format string, that describes the SQL that is generated for this aggregate. Defaults to 
    '%(function)s(%(distinct)s%(expressions)s)'.

    function
    A class attribute describing the aggregate function that will be generated. Specifically, the function
    will be interpolated as the function placeholder within template. Defaults to None.

    window_compatible
    Defaults to True since most aggregate functions can be used as the source expression in Window.

    allow_distinct
    A class attribute determining whether or not this aggregate function allows passing a distinct keyword
    argument. If set to False (default), TypeError is raised if distinct=True is passed.

The expressions positional arguments can include expressions or the names of model fields. They will be con- 
verted to a string and used as the expressions placeholder within the template.

The output_field argument requires a model field instance, like IntegerField() or BooleanField(), into 
which Django will load the value after it’s retrieved from the database. Usually no arguments are needed when 
instantiating the model field as any arguments relating to data validation (max_length, max_digits, etc.) will
not be enforced on the expression’s output value.

Note that output_field is only required when Django is unable to determine what field type the result should 
be. Complex expressions that mix field types should define the desired output_field. For example, adding 
an IntegerField() and a FloatField() together should probably have output_field=FloatField() defined.

The distinct argument determines whether or not the aggregate function should be invoked for each distinct value 
of expressions (or set of values, for multiple expressions). The argument is only supported on aggregates that 
have allow_distinct set to True.

The filter argument takes a Q object that’s used to filter the rows that are aggregated. See Conditional aggre-
gation and Filtering on annotations for example usage.

The **extra kwargs are key=value pairs that can be interpolated into the template attribute.

Creating your own Aggregate Functions

You can create your own aggregate functions, too. At a minimum, you need to define function, but you can also 
completely customize the SQL that is generated. Here’s a brief example:

```python
from django.db.models import Aggregate

class Sum(Aggregate):
    # Supports SUM(ALL field).
    function = 'SUM'
    template = '%(function)s(%(all_values)s%(expressions)s)'
    allow_distinct = False

    def __init__(self, expression, all_values=False, **extra):
        super().__init__(
            expression,
            all_values='ALL ' if all_values else '',
            **extra
        )
```

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Value() expressions

class Value(value, output_field=None)

A Value() object represents the smallest possible component of an expression: a simple value. When you need to represent the value of an integer, boolean, or string within an expression, you can wrap that value within a Value().

You will rarely need to use Value() directly. When you write the expression F('field') + 1, Django implicitly wraps the 1 in a Value(), allowing simple values to be used in more complex expressions. You will need to use Value() when you want to pass a string to an expression. Most expressions interpret a string argument as the name of a field, like Lower('name').

The value argument describes the value to be included in the expression, such as 1, True, or None. Django knows how to convert these Python values into their corresponding database type.

The output_field argument should be a model field instance, like IntegerField() or BooleanField(), into which Django will load the value after it’s retrieved from the database. Usually no arguments are needed when instantiating the model field as any arguments relating to data validation (max_length, max_digits, etc.) will not be enforced on the expression’s output value.

ExpressionWrapper() expressions

class ExpressionWrapper(expression, output_field)

ExpressionWrapper surrounds another expression and provides access to properties, such as output_field, that may not be available on other expressions. ExpressionWrapper is necessary when using arithmetic on F() expressions with different types as described in Using F() with annotations.

Conditional expressions

Conditional expressions allow you to use if ... elif ... else logic in queries. Django natively supports SQL CASE expressions. For more details see Conditional Expressions.

Subquery() expressions

class Subquery(queryset, output_field=None)

You can add an explicit subquery to a QuerySet using the Subquery expression.

For example, to annotate each post with the email address of the author of the newest comment on that post:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import OuterRef, Subquery
>>> newest = Comment.objects.filter(post=OuterRef('pk')).order_by('-created_at')
>>> Post.objects.annotate(newest_commenter_email=Subquery(newest.values('email')[:1]))
```

On PostgreSQL, the SQL looks like:

```sql
SELECT "post"."id", (  
    SELECT U0."email"
    FROM "comment" U0
    WHERE U0."post_id" = ("post"."id")
    ORDER BY U0."created_at" DESC LIMIT 1
) AS "newest_commenter_email" FROM "post"
```
Note: The examples in this section are designed to show how to force Django to execute a subquery. In some cases it may be possible to write an equivalent queryset that performs the same task more clearly or efficiently.

Referencing columns from the outer query

class OuterRef(field)

Use OuterRef when a queryset in a Subquery needs to refer to a field from the outer query. It acts like an F expression except that the check to see if it refers to a valid field isn’t made until the outer queryset is resolved.

Instances of OuterRef may be used in conjunction with nested instances of Subquery to refer to a containing queryset that isn’t the immediate parent. For example, this queryset would need to be within a nested pair of Subquery instances to resolve correctly:

```python
>>> Book.objects.filter(author=OuterRef(OuterRef('pk')))
```

Limiting a subquery to a single column

There are times when a single column must be returned from a Subquery, for instance, to use a Subquery as the target of an __in lookup. To return all comments for posts published within the last day:

```python
>>> from datetime import timedelta
>>> from django.utils import timezone
>>> one_day_ago = timezone.now() - timedelta(days=1)
>>> posts = Post.objects.filter(published_at__gte=one_day_ago)
>>> Comment.objects.filter(post__in=Subquery(posts.values('pk')))
```

In this case, the subquery must use `values()` to return only a single column: the primary key of the post.

Limiting the subquery to a single row

To prevent a subquery from returning multiple rows, a slice ([:1]) of the queryset is used:

```python
>>> subquery = Subquery(newest.values('email')[:1])
>>> Post.objects.annotate(newest_commenter_email=subquery)
```

In this case, the subquery must only return a single column _and_ a single row: the email address of the most recently created comment.

(Using `get()` instead of a slice would fail because the `OuterRef` cannot be resolved until the queryset is used within a Subquery.)

Exists() subqueries

class Exists(queryset)

Exists is a Subquery subclass that uses an SQL EXISTS statement. In many cases it will perform better than a subquery since the database is able to stop evaluation of the subquery when a first matching row is found.

For example, to annotate each post with whether or not it has a comment from within the last day:
On PostgreSQL, the SQL looks like:

```sql
SELECT "post"."id", "post"."published_at", EXISTS(
    SELECT U0."id", U0."post_id", U0."email", U0."created_at"
    FROM "comment" U0
    WHERE (U0."created_at" >= YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS AND U0."post_id" = ("post"."id")
) AS "recent_comment" FROM "post"
```

It’s unnecessary to force `Exists` to refer to a single column, since the columns are discarded and a boolean result is returned. Similarly, since ordering is unimportant within an SQL EXISTS subquery and would only degrade performance, it’s automatically removed.

You can query using NOT EXISTS with `~Exists()`.

### Filtering on a Subquery () or Exists () expressions

Subquery() that returns a boolean value and Exists() may be used as a condition in When expressions, or to directly filter a queryset:

```python
>>> recent_comments = Comment.objects.filter(...) # From above
>>> Post.objects.filter(Exists(recent_comments))
```

This will ensure that the subquery will not be added to the SELECT columns, which may result in a better performance. In previous versions of Django, it was necessary to first annotate and then filter against the annotation. This resulted in the annotated value always being present in the query result, and often resulted in a query that took more time to execute.

### Using aggregates within a Subquery expression

Aggregates may be used within a Subquery, but they require a specific combination of `filter()`, `values()`, and `annotate()` to get the subquery grouping correct.

Assuming both models have a `length` field, to find posts where the post length is greater than the total length of all combined comments:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import OuterRef, Subquery, Sum
>>> comments = Comment.objects.filter(post=OuterRef('pk')).order_by().values('post')
>>> total_comments = comments.annotate(total=Sum('length')).values('total')
>>> Post.objects.filter(length__gt=Subquery(total_comments))
```
The initial `filter(...)` limits the subquery to the relevant parameters. `order_by()` removes the default `ordering` (if any) on the Comment model. `values('post')` aggregates comments by Post. Finally, `annotate(...)` performs the aggregation. The order in which these queryset methods are applied is important. In this case, since the subquery must be limited to a single column, `values('total')` is required. This is the only way to perform an aggregation within a Subquery, as using `aggregate()` attempts to evaluate the queryset (and if there is an `OuterRef`, this will not be possible to resolve).

**Raw SQL expressions**

class RawSQL(sql, params, output_field=None)

Sometimes database expressions can’t easily express a complex `WHERE` clause. In these edge cases, use the `RawSQL` expression. For example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.expressions import RawSQL
>>> queryset.annotate(val=RawSQL("select col from sometable where othercol = %s", →{(someparam,)})
```

These extra lookups may not be portable to different database engines (because you’re explicitly writing SQL code) and violate the DRY principle, so you should avoid them if possible.

**Warning:** To protect against SQL injection attacks, you must escape any parameters that the user can control by using `params`. `params` is a required argument to force you to acknowledge that you’re not interpolating your SQL with user-provided data.

You also must not quote placeholders in the SQL string. This example is vulnerable to SQL injection because of the quotes around `%s`:

```python
RawSQL("select col from sometable where othercol = '%s'")  # unsafe!
```

You can read more about how Django’s SQL injection protection works.

**Window functions**

Window functions provide a way to apply functions on partitions. Unlike a normal aggregation function which computes a final result for each set defined by the group by, window functions operate on frames and partitions, and compute the result for each row.

You can specify multiple windows in the same query which in Django ORM would be equivalent to including multiple expressions in a `QuerySet.annotate()` call. The ORM doesn’t make use of named windows, instead they are part of the selected columns.

class Window(expression, partition_by=None, order_by=None, frame=None, output_field=None)

**filterable**

Defaults to False. The SQL standard disallows referencing window functions in the `WHERE` clause and Django raises an exception when constructing a `QuerySet` that would do that.

**template**

Defaults to `%{expression}s OVER (%{window}s)`. If only the expression argument is provided, the window clause will be blank.

The `Window` class is the main expression for an `OVER` clause.
The expression argument is either a window function, an aggregate function, or an expression that’s compatible in a window clause.

The partition_by argument is a list of expressions (column names should be wrapped in an F-object) that control the partitioning of the rows. Partitioning narrows which rows are used to compute the result set.

The output_field is specified either as an argument or by the expression.

The order_by argument accepts a sequence of expressions on which you can call asc() and desc(). The ordering controls the order in which the expression is applied. For example, if you sum over the rows in a partition, the first result is the value of the first row, the second is the sum of first and second row.

The frame parameter specifies which other rows that should be used in the computation. See Frames for details.

For example, to annotate each movie with the average rating for the movies by the same studio in the same genre and release year:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import Avg, F, Window
>>> from django.db.models.functions import ExtractYear
>>> Movie.objects.annotate(
...     avg_rating=Window(
...         expression=Avg('rating'),
...         partition_by=[F('studio'), F('genre')],
...         order_by=ExtractYear('released').asc(),
...     ),
... )
```

This allows you to check if a movie is rated better or worse than its peers.

You may want to apply multiple expressions over the same window, i.e., the same partition and frame. For example, you could modify the previous example to also include the best and worst rating in each movie’s group (same studio, genre, and release year) by using three window functions in the same query. The partition and ordering from the previous example is extracted into a dictionary to reduce repetition:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import Avg, F, Max, Min, Window
>>> from django.db.models.functions import ExtractYear
>>> window = {
...     'partition_by': [F('studio'), F('genre')],
...     'order_by': ExtractYear('released').asc(),
... }
>>> Movie.objects.annotate(
...     avg_rating=Window(
...         expression=Avg('rating'), window,
...     ),
...     best=Window(
...         expression=Max('rating'), window,
...     ),
...     worst=Window(
...         expression=Min('rating'), window,
...     ),
... )
```

Among Django’s built-in database backends, MySQL 8.0.2+, PostgreSQL, and Oracle support window expressions. Support for different window expression features varies among the different databases. For example, the options in asc() and desc() may not be supported. Consult the documentation for your database as needed.

### Frames

For a window frame, you can choose either a range-based sequence of rows or an ordinary sequence of rows.
class ValueRange(start=None, end=None)

    frame_type
    This attribute is set to 'RANGE'.
    PostgreSQL has limited support for ValueRange and only supports use of the standard start and end points, such as CURRENT_ROW and UNBOUNDED_FOLLOWING.

class RowRange(start=None, end=None)

    frame_type
    This attribute is set to 'ROWS'.

Both classes return SQL with the template:

    %(frame_type)s BETWEEN %(start)s AND %(end)s

Frames narrow the rows that are used for computing the result. They shift from some start point to some specified end point. Frames can be used with and without partitions, but it’s often a good idea to specify an ordering of the window to ensure a deterministic result. In a frame, a peer in a frame is a row with an equivalent value, or all rows if an ordering clause isn’t present.

The default starting point for a frame is UNBOUNDED_PRECEDING which is the first row of the partition. The end point is always explicitly included in the SQL generated by the ORM and is by default UNBOUNDED_FOLLOWING. The default frame includes all rows from the partition to the last row in the set.

The accepted values for the start and end arguments are None, an integer, or zero. A negative integer for start results in N preceding, while None yields UNBOUNDED_PRECEDING. For both start and end, zero will return CURRENT_ROW. Positive integers are accepted for end.

There’s a difference in what CURRENT_ROW includes. When specified in ROWS mode, the frame starts or ends with the current row. When specified in RANGE mode, the frame starts or ends at the first or last peer according to the ordering clause. Thus, RANGE CURRENT_ROW evaluates the expression for rows which have the same value specified by the ordering. Because the template includes both the start and end points, this may be expressed with:

    ValueRange(start=0, end=0)

If a movie’s “peers” are described as movies released by the same studio in the same genre in the same year, this RowRange example annotates each movie with the average rating of a movie’s two prior and two following peers:

>>> from django.db.models import Avg, F, RowRange, Window
>>> from django.db.models.functions import ExtractYear
>>> Movie.objects.annotate(
>>>     avg_rating=Window(
>>>         expression=Avg('rating'),
>>>         partition_by=[F('studio'), F('genre')],
>>>         order_by=ExtractYear('released').asc(),
>>>         frame=RowRange(start=-2, end=2),
>>>     ),
>>> )

If the database supports it, you can specify the start and end points based on values of an expression in the partition. If the released field of the Movie model stores the release month of each movies, this ValueRange example annotates each movie with the average rating of a movie’s peers released between twelve months before and twelve months after the each movie.
>>> from django.db.models import Avg, ExpressionList, F, ValueRange, Window
>>> Movie.objects.annotate(
    avg_rating=Window(
        expression=Avg('rating'),
        partition_by=[F('studio'), F('genre')],
        order_by=F('released').asc(),
        frame=ValueRange(start=-12, end=12),
    ),
)

Technical Information

Below you’ll find technical implementation details that may be useful to library authors. The technical API and examples below will help with creating generic query expressions that can extend the built-in functionality that Django provides.

Expression API

Query expressions implement the *query expression API*, but also expose a number of extra methods and attributes listed below. All query expressions must inherit from `Expression()` or a relevant subclass.

When a query expression wraps another expression, it is responsible for calling the appropriate methods on the wrapped expression.

class Expression

    contains_aggregate
        Tells Django that this expression contains an aggregate and that a `GROUP BY` clause needs to be added to the query.

    contains_over_clause
        Tells Django that this expression contains a `Window` expression. It’s used, for example, to disallow window function expressions in queries that modify data.

    filterable
        Tells Django that this expression can be referenced in `QuerySet.filter()` . Defaults to `True`.

    window_compatible
        Tells Django that this expression can be used as the source expression in `Window` . Defaults to `False`.

    resolve_expression(query=None, allow_joins=True, reuse=None, summarize=False, for_save=False)
        Provides the chance to do any pre-processing or validation of the expression before it’s added to the query. `resolve_expression()` must also be called on any nested expressions. A `copy()` of `self` should be returned with any necessary transformations.

        `query` is the backend query implementation.

        `allow_joins` is a boolean that allows or denies the use of joins in the query.

        `reuse` is a set of reusable joins for multi-join scenarios.

        `summarize` is a boolean that, when `True`, signals that the query being computed is a terminal aggregate query.

        `for_save` is a boolean that, when `True`, signals that the query being executed is performing a create or update.
get_source_expressions()
Returns an ordered list of inner expressions. For example:

```python
>>> Sum(F('foo')).get_source_expressions()
[F('foo')]
```

set_source_expressions(expressions)
Takes a list of expressions and stores them such that get_source_expressions() can return them.

relabeled_clone(change_map)
Returns a clone (copy) of self, with any column aliases relabeled. Column aliases are renamed when subqueries are created. relabeled_clone() should also be called on any nested expressions and assigned to the clone.

change_map is a dictionary mapping old aliases to new aliases.

Example:

```python
def relabeled_clone(self, change_map):
    clone = copy.copy(self)
    clone.expression = self.expression.relabeled_clone(change_map)
    return clone
```

convert_value(value, expression, connection)
A hook allowing the expression to coerce value into a more appropriate type.

expression is the same as self.

get_group_by_cols(alias=None)
Responsible for returning the list of columns references by this expression. get_group_by_cols() should be called on any nested expressions. F() objects, in particular, hold a reference to a column. The alias parameter will be None unless the expression has been annotated and is used for grouping.

The alias parameter was added.

asc(nulls_first=False, nulls_last=False)
Returns the expression ready to be sorted in ascending order.

nulls_first and nulls_last define how null values are sorted. See Using F() to sort null values for example usage.

desc(nulls_first=False, nulls_last=False)
Returns the expression ready to be sorted in descending order.

nulls_first and nulls_last define how null values are sorted. See Using F() to sort null values for example usage.

reverse_ordering()
Returns self with any modifications required to reverse the sort order within an order_by call. As an example, an expression implementing NULLS LAST would change its value to be NULLS FIRST. Modifications are only required for expressions that implement sort order like OrderBy. This method is called when reverse() is called on a queryset.

Writing your own Query Expressions

You can write your own query expression classes that use, and can integrate with, other query expressions. Let’s step through an example by writing an implementation of the COALESCE SQL function, without using the built-in Func() expressions.
The `COALESCE` SQL function is defined as taking a list of columns or values. It will return the first column or value that isn’t NULL.

We’ll start by defining the template to be used for SQL generation and an `__init__()` method to set some attributes:

```python
import copy
from django.db.models import Expression

class Coalesce(Expression):
    template = 'COALESCE( %(expressions)s )'

    def __init__(self, expressions, output_field):
        super().__init__(output_field)
        if len(expressions) < 2:
            raise ValueError('expressions must have at least 2 elements')
        for expression in expressions:
            if not hasattr(expression, 'resolve_expression'):
                raise TypeError('%r is not an Expression' % expression)
        self.expressions = expressions
```

We do some basic validation on the parameters, including requiring at least 2 columns or values, and ensuring they are expressions. We are requiring `output_field` here so that Django knows what kind of model field to assign the eventual result to.

Now we implement the pre-processing and validation. Since we do not have any of our own validation at this point, we delegate to the nested expressions:

```python
def resolve_expression(self, query=None, allow_joins=True, reuse=None,
                      summarize=False, for_save=False):
    c = self.copy()
    c.is_summary = summarize
    for pos, expression in enumerate(self.expressions):
        c.expressions[pos] = expression.resolve_expression(query, allow_joins, reuse,
                                                         summarize, for_save)
    return c
```

Next, we write the method responsible for generating the SQL:

```python
def as_sql(self, compiler, connection, template=None):
    sql_expressions, sql_params = [], []
    for expression in self.expressions:
        sql, params = compiler.compile(expression)
        sql_expressions.append(sql)
        sql_params.extend(params)
    template = template or self.template
    data = {'expressions': ', '.join(sql_expressions)}
    return template % data, sql_params

def as_oracle(self, compiler, connection):
    """
    Example of vendor specific handling (Oracle in this case).
    Let's make the function name lowercase.
    """
    return self.as_sql(compiler, connection, template='coalesce( %(expressions)s )')
```

`as_sql()` methods can support custom keyword arguments, allowing `as_vendornoame()` methods to override data used to generate the SQL string. Using `as_sql()` keyword arguments for customization is preferable to mutating `self` within `as_vendornoame()` methods as the latter can lead to errors when running on different database backends. If your class relies on class attributes to define data, consider allowing overrides in your `as_sql()` method.
Django Documentation, Release 3.1.5.dev

We generate the SQL for each of the expressions by using the compiler.compile() method, and join the
result together with commas. Then the template is filled out with our data and the SQL and parameters are returned.
We’ve also defined a custom implementation that is specific to the Oracle backend. The as_oracle() function will
be called instead of as_sql() if the Oracle backend is in use.
Finally, we implement the rest of the methods that allow our query expression to play nice with other query expressions:
def get_source_expressions(self):
return self.expressions
def set_source_expressions(self, expressions):
self.expressions = expressions

Let’s see how it works:
>>> from django.db.models import F, Value, CharField
>>> qs = Company.objects.annotate(
...
tagline=Coalesce([
...
F('motto'),
...
F('ticker_name'),
...
F('description'),
...
Value('No Tagline')
...
], output_field=CharField()))
>>> for c in qs:
...
print("%s: %s" % (c.name, c.tagline))
...
Google: Do No Evil
Apple: AAPL
Yahoo: Internet Company
Django Software Foundation: No Tagline

Avoiding SQL injection
Since a Func’s keyword arguments for __init__() (**extra) and as_sql() (**extra_context) are interpolated into the SQL string rather than passed as query parameters (where the database driver would escape them),
they must not contain untrusted user input.
For example, if substring is user-provided, this function is vulnerable to SQL injection:
from django.db.models import Func
class Position(Func):
function = 'POSITION'
template = "%(function)s('%(substring)s' in %(expressions)s)"
def __init__(self, expression, substring):
# substring=substring is an SQL injection vulnerability!
super().__init__(expression, substring=substring)

This function generates an SQL string without any parameters. Since substring is passed to super().
__init__() as a keyword argument, it’s interpolated into the SQL string before the query is sent to the database.
Here’s a corrected rewrite:
class Position(Func):
function = 'POSITION'
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arg_joiner = ' IN '

    def __init__(self, expression, substring):
        super().__init__(substring, expression)

With `substring` instead passed as a positional argument, it’ll be passed as a parameter in the database query.

**Adding support in third-party database backends**

If you’re using a database backend that uses a different SQL syntax for a certain function, you can add support for it by monkey patching a new method onto the function’s class.

Let’s say we’re writing a backend for Microsoft’s SQL Server which uses the SQL `LEN` instead of `LENGTH` for the `Length` function. We’ll monkey patch a new method called `as_sqlserver()` onto the `Length` class:

```python
from django.db.models.functions import Length

def sqlserver_length(self, compiler, connection):
    return self.as_sql(compiler, connection, function='LEN')

Length.as_sqlserver = sqlserver_length
```

You can also customize the SQL using the `template` parameter of `as_sql()`.

We use `as_sqlserver()` because `django.db.connection.vendor` returns `sqlserver` for the backend.

Third-party backends can register their functions in the top level `__init__.py` file of the backend package or in a top level `expressions.py` file (or package) that is imported from the top level `__init__.py`.

For user projects wishing to patch the backend that they’re using, this code should live in an `AppConfig.ready()` method.

### 6.15.13 Conditional Expressions

Conditional expressions let you use `if ... elif ... else` logic within filters, annotations, aggregations, and updates. A conditional expression evaluates a series of conditions for each row of a table and returns the matching result expression. Conditional expressions can also be combined and nested like other expressions.

**The conditional expression classes**

We’ll be using the following model in the subsequent examples:

```python
from django.db import models
class Client(models.Model):
    REGULAR = 'R'
    GOLD = 'G'
    PLATINUM = 'P'
    ACCOUNT_TYPE_CHOICES = [
        (REGULAR, 'Regular'),
        (GOLD, 'Gold'),
        (PLATINUM, 'Platinum'),
    ]
    name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
```
registered_on = models.DateField()
account_type = models.CharField(
    max_length=1,
    choices=ACCOUNT_TYPE_CHOICES,
    default=REGULAR,
)

When

class When(condition=None, then=None, **lookups)

A When() object is used to encapsulate a condition and its result for use in the conditional expression. Using a When() object is similar to using the filter() method. The condition can be specified using field lookups, Q objects, or Expression objects that have an output_field that is a BooleanField. The result is provided using the then keyword.

Support for boolean Expression was added.

Some examples:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import F, Q, When
>>> # String arguments refer to fields; the following two examples are equivalent:
... When(account_type=Client.GOLD, then='name')
... When(account_type=Client.GOLD, then=F('name'))
>>> # You can use field lookups in the condition
... from datetime import date
... When(registered_on__gt=date(2014, 1, 1),
...     registered_on__lt=date(2015, 1, 1),
...     then='account_type')
>>> # Complex conditions can be created using Q objects
... When(Q(name__startswith="John") | Q(name__startswith="Paul"),
...     then='name')
>>> # Condition can be created using boolean expressions.
... from django.db.models import Exists, OuterRef
... non_unique_account_type = Client.objects.filter(
...     account_type=OuterRef('account_type'),
... ).exclude(pk=OuterRef('pk')).values('pk')
>>> When(Exists(non_unique_account_type), then=Value('non unique'))
```

Keep in mind that each of these values can be an expression.

Note: Since the then keyword argument is reserved for the result of the When(), there is a potential conflict if a Model has a field named then. This can be resolved in two ways:

```python
>>> When(then__exact=0, then=1)
>>> When(Q(then=0), then=1)
```

Case

class Case(*cases, **extra)
A Case() expression is like the if ... elif ... else statement in Python. Each condition in the provided When() objects is evaluated in order, until one evaluates to a truthful value. The result expression from the matching When() object is returned.

An example:

```python
>>> from datetime import date, timedelta
>>> from django.db.models import Case, CharField, Value, When

>>> Client.objects.create(
...     name='Jane Doe',
...     account_type=Client.REGULAR,
...     registered_on=date.today() - timedelta(days=36))

>>> Client.objects.create(
...     name='James Smith',
...     account_type=Client.GOLD,
...     registered_on=date.today() - timedelta(days=5))

>>> Client.objects.create(
...     name='Jack Black',
...     account_type=Client.PLATINUM,
...     registered_on=date.today() - timedelta(days=10 * 365))

>>> # Get the discount for each Client based on the account type
>>> Client.objects.annotate(
...     discount=Case(
...         When(account_type=Client.GOLD, then=Value('5%')),
...         When(account_type=Client.PLATINUM, then=Value('10%')),
...         default=Value('0%'),
...         output_field=CharField(),
...     ),
... ).values_list('name', 'discount')
<QuerySet [('Jane Doe', '0%'), ('James Smith', '5%'), ('Jack Black', '10%')]>  

Case() accepts any number of When() objects as individual arguments. Other options are provided using keyword arguments. If none of the conditions evaluate to TRUE, then the expression given with the default keyword argument is returned. If a default argument isn’t provided, None is used.

If we wanted to change our previous query to get the discount based on how long the Client has been with us, we could do so using lookups:

```python
>>> a_month_ago = date.today() - timedelta(days=30)
>>> a_year_ago = date.today() - timedelta(days=365)

>>> # Get the discount for each Client based on the registration date
>>> Client.objects.annotate(
...     discount=Case(
...         When(registered_on__lte=a_year_ago, then=Value('10%')),
...         When(registered_on__lte=a_month_ago, then=Value('5%')),
...         default=Value('0%'),
...         output_field=CharField(),
...     ),
... ).values_list('name', 'discount')
<QuerySet [('Jane Doe', '5%'), ('James Smith', '0%'), ('Jack Black', '10%')]> 

Note: Remember that the conditions are evaluated in order, so in the above example we get the correct result even though the second condition matches both Jane Doe and Jack Black. This works just like an if... elif... else statement in Python.

Case() also works in a filter() clause. For example, to find gold clients that registered more than a month ago
and platinum clients that registered more than a year ago:

```python
>>> a_month_ago = date.today() - timedelta(days=30)
>>> a_year_ago = date.today() - timedelta(days=365)
>>> Client.objects.filter(
...     registered_on__lte=Case(
...         When(account_type=Client.GOLD, then=a_month_ago),
...         When(account_type=Client.PLATINUM, then=a_year_ago),
...     ),
... ).values_list('name', 'account_type')
<QuerySet [('Jack Black', 'P')]
```

**Advanced queries**

Conditional expressions can be used in annotations, aggregations, filters, lookups, and updates. They can also be combined and nested with other expressions. This allows you to make powerful conditional queries.

**Conditional update**

Let’s say we want to change the `account_type` for our clients to match their registration dates. We can do this using a conditional expression and the `update()` method:

```python
>>> a_month_ago = date.today() - timedelta(days=30)
>>> a_year_ago = date.today() - timedelta(days=365)
>>> # Update the account_type for each Client from the registration date
>>> Client.objects.update(
...     account_type=Case(
...         When(registered_on__lte=a_year_ago,
...             then=Value(Client.PLATINUM)),
...         When(registered_on__lte=a_month_ago,
...             then=Value(Client.GOLD)),
...         default=Value(Client.REGULAR)
...     ),
... )
>>> Client.objects.values_list('name', 'account_type')
<QuerySet [('Jane Doe', 'G'), ('James Smith', 'R'), ('Jack Black', 'P')]
```

**Conditional aggregation**

What if we want to find out how many clients there are for each `account_type`? We can use the `filter` argument of `aggregate functions` to achieve this:

```python
>>> # Create some more Clients first so we can have something to count
>>> Client.objects.create(
...     name='Jean Grey',
...     account_type=Client.REGULAR,
...     registered_on=date.today())
>>> Client.objects.create(
...     name='James Bond',
...     account_type=Client.PLATINUM,
...     registered_on=date.today())
>>> Client.objects.create(
...     name='Jane Porter',
...     account_type=Client.GOLD,
...     registered_on=date.today())
(continues on next page)```
This aggregate produces a query with the SQL 2003 FILTER WHERE syntax on databases that support it:

```
SELECT count('id') FILTER (WHERE account_type=1) as regular,
       count('id') FILTER (WHERE account_type=2) as gold,
       count('id') FILTER (WHERE account_type=3) as platinum
FROM clients;
```

On other databases, this is emulated using a CASE statement:

```
SELECT count(CASE WHEN account_type=1 THEN id ELSE null END) as regular,
       count(CASE WHEN account_type=2 THEN id ELSE null END) as gold,
       count(CASE WHEN account_type=3 THEN id ELSE null END) as platinum
FROM clients;
```

The two SQL statements are functionally equivalent but the more explicit FILTER may perform better.

### Conditional filter

When a conditional expression returns a boolean value, it is possible to use it directly in filters. This means that it will not be added to the SELECT columns, but you can still use it to filter results:

```
>>> non_unique_account_type = Client.objects.filter(
...     account_type=OuterRef('account_type'),
... ).exclude(pk=OuterRef('pk')).values('pk')
>>> Client.objects.filter(~Exists(non_unique_account_type))
```

In SQL terms, that evaluates to:

```
SELECT ...
FROM client c0
WHERE NOT EXISTS (  
    SELECT cl.id 
    FROM client cl  
    WHERE cl.account_type = c0.account_type AND NOT cl.id = c0.id
)
```

### 6.15.14 Database Functions

The classes documented below provide a way for users to use functions provided by the underlying database as annotations, aggregations, or filters in Django. Functions are also expressions, so they can be used and combined with other expressions like aggregate functions.

We’ll be using the following model in examples of each function:
class Author(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    age = models.PositiveIntegerField(null=True, blank=True)
    alias = models.CharField(max_length=50, null=True, blank=True)
    goes_by = models.CharField(max_length=50, null=True, blank=True)

We don’t usually recommend allowing null=True for CharField since this allows the field to have two “empty values”, but it’s important for the Coalesce example below.

**Comparison and conversion functions**

**Cast**

class Cast(expression, output_field)

Forces the result type of expression to be the one from output_field.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import FloatField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Cast
>>> Author.objects.create(age=25, name='Margaret Smith')
>>> author = Author.objects.annotate(... age_as_float=Cast('age', output_field=FloatField()), ...
... ).get()
>>> print(author.age_as_float)
25.0
```

**Coalesce**

class Coalesce(*expressions, **extra)

Accepts a list of at least two field names or expressions and returns the first non-null value (note that an empty string is not considered a null value). Each argument must be of a similar type, so mixing text and numbers will result in a database error.

Usage examples:

```python
>>> # Get a screen name from least to most public
>>> from django.db.models import Sum, Value as V
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Coalesce
>>> Author.objects.create(name='Margaret Smith', goes_by='Maggie')
>>> author = Author.objects.annotate(... screen_name=Coalesce('alias', 'goes_by', 'name')).get()
>>> print(author.screen_name)
Maggie

>>> # Prevent an aggregate Sum() from returning None
>>> aggregated = Author.objects.aggregate(... combined_age=Coalesce(Sum('age'), V(0)), ...
... combined_age_default=Sum('age'))
0
>>> print(aggregated['combined_age'])
None
```
**Warning:** A Python value passed to `Coalesce` on MySQL may be converted to an incorrect type unless explicitly cast to the correct database type:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import DateTimeField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Cast, Coalesce
>>> from django.utils import timezone
>>> now = timezone.now()
>>> Coalesce('updated', Cast(now, DateTimeField()))
```

### Greatest

**class Greatest(**`*expressions`, `**extra`)**

Accepts a list of at least two field names or expressions and returns the greatest value. Each argument must be of a similar type, so mixing text and numbers will result in a database error.

Usage example:

```python
class Blog(models.Model):
    body = models.TextField()
    modified = models.DateTimeField(auto_now=True)

class Comment(models.Model):
    body = models.TextField()
    modified = models.DateTimeField(auto_now=True)
    blog = models.ForeignKey(Blog, on_delete=models.CASCADE)

>>> from django.db.models.functions import Greatest
>>> blog = Blog.objects.create(body='Greatest is the best.')
>>> comment = Comment.objects.create(body='No, Least is better.', blog=blog)
>>> comments = Comment.objects.annotate(last_updated=Greatest('modified', 'blog__modified'))
>>> annotated_comment = comments.get()
```

`annotated_comment.last_updated` will be the most recent of `blog.modified` and `comment.modified`.

**Warning:** The behavior of `Greatest` when one or more expression may be `null` varies between databases:

- **PostgreSQL:** `Greatest` will return the largest non-null expression, or `null` if all expressions are `null`.
- **SQLite, Oracle, and MySQL:** If any expression is `null`, `Greatest` will return `null`.

The PostgreSQL behavior can be emulated using `Coalesce` if you know a sensible minimum value to provide as a default.

### Least

**class Least(**`*expressions`, `**extra`)**

Accepts a list of at least two field names or expressions and returns the least value. Each argument must be of a similar type, so mixing text and numbers will result in a database error.
**Warning:** The behavior of `Least` when one or more expression may be `null` varies between databases:

- PostgreSQL: `Least` will return the smallest non-null expression, or `null` if all expressions are `null`.
- SQLite, Oracle, and MySQL: If any expression is `null`, `Least` will return `null`.

The PostgreSQL behavior can be emulated using `Coalesce` if you know a sensible maximum value to provide as a default.

### NullIf

**class NullIf(expression1, expression2)**

Accepts two expressions and returns `None` if they are equal, otherwise returns `expression1`.

**Caveats on Oracle**

Due to an *Oracle convention*, this function returns the empty string instead of `None` when the expressions are of type `CharField`.

Passing `Value(None)` to `expression1` is prohibited on Oracle since Oracle doesn’t accept `NULL` as the first argument.

**Date functions**

We’ll be using the following model in examples of each function:

**class Experiment(models.Model):**

```python
start_datetime = models.DateTimeField()
start_date = models.DateField(null=True, blank=True)
start_time = models.TimeField(null=True, blank=True)
end_datetime = models.DateTimeField(null=True, blank=True)
end_date = models.DateField(null=True, blank=True)
end_time = models.TimeField(null=True, blank=True)
```

**Extract**

**class Extract(expression, lookup_name=None, tzinfo=None, **extra)**

Extracts a component of a date as a number.

Takes an expression representing a `DateField`, `DateTimeField`, `TimeField`, or `DurationField` and a `lookup_name`, and returns the part of the date referenced by `lookup_name` as an `IntegerField`. Django usually uses the databases’ `extract` function, so you may use any `lookup_name` that your database supports. A `tzinfo` subclass, usually provided by `pytz`, can be passed to extract a value in a specific timezone.

Given the datetime `2015-06-15 23:30:01.000321+00:00`, the built-in `lookup_names` return:

- “year”: 2015
- “iso_year”: 2015
- “quarter”: 2
- “month”: 6
If a different timezone like Australia/Melbourne is active in Django, then the datetime is converted to the timezone before the value is extracted. The timezone offset for Melbourne in the example date above is +10:00. The values returned when this timezone is active will be the same as above except for:

- “day”: 16
- “week”: 3
- “iso_week”: 2
- “hour”: 9

**week_day values**

The `week_day` lookup_type is calculated differently from most databases and from Python’s standard functions. This function will return 1 for Sunday, 2 for Monday, through 7 for Saturday.

The equivalent calculation in Python is:

```python
>>> from datetime import datetime
>>> dt = datetime(2015, 6, 15)
>>> (dt.isoweekday() % 7) + 1
2
```

**week values**

The `week` lookup_type is calculated based on ISO-8601, i.e., a week starts on a Monday. The first week of a year is the one that contains the year’s first Thursday, i.e. the first week has the majority (four or more) of its days in the year. The value returned is in the range 1 to 52 or 53.

Each `lookup_name` above has a corresponding `Extract` subclass (listed below) that should typically be used instead of the more verbose equivalent, e.g. use `ExtractYear(...)` rather than `Extract(..., lookup_name='year')`.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from datetime import datetime
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Extract
>>> start = datetime(2015, 6, 15)
>>> end = datetime(2015, 7, 2)
>>> Experiment.objects.create(
...     start_datetime=start, start_date=start.date(),
...     end_datetime=end, end_date=end.date())
>>> # Add the experiment start year as a field in the QuerySet.
>>> experiment = Experiment.objects.annotate(
...     year=Extract('start_date', lookup_name='year'))
```

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... start_year=Extract('start_datetime', 'year')).get()

>>> experiment.start_year
2015

>>> # How many experiments completed in the same year in which they started?
>>> Experiment.objects.filter(
...   start_datetime__year=Extract('end_datetime', 'year'))

DateField extracts

class ExtractYear(expression, tzinfo=None, **extra)

    lookup_name = 'year'

class ExtractIsoYear(expression, tzinfo=None, **extra)

    Returns the ISO-8601 week-numbering year.

    lookup_name = 'iso_year'

class ExtractMonth(expression, tzinfo=None, **extra)

    lookup_name = 'month'

class ExtractDay(expression, tzinfo=None, **extra)

    lookup_name = 'day'

class ExtractWeekDay(expression, tzinfo=None, **extra)

    lookup_name = 'week_day'

class ExtractIsoWeekDay(expression, tzinfo=None, **extra)

    Returns the ISO-8601 week day with day 1 being Monday and day 7 being Sunday.

    lookup_name = 'iso_week_day'

class ExtractWeek(expression, tzinfo=None, **extra)

    lookup_name = 'week'

class ExtractQuarter(expression, tzinfo=None, **extra)

    lookup_name = 'quarter'

These are logically equivalent to Extract('date_field', lookup_name). Each class is also a Transform
registered on DateField and DateTimeField as __(lookup_name), e.g. __year.

Since DateFields don’t have a time component, only Extract subclasses that deal with date-parts can be used
with DateField:

>>> from datetime import datetime
>>> from django.utils import timezone
>>> from django.db.models.functions import {
...    ExtractDay, ExtractMonth, ExtractQuarter, ExtractWeek,
... ExtractIsoWeekDay, ExtractWeekDay, ExtractIsoYear, ExtractYear, ...

>>> start_2015 = datetime(2015, 6, 15, 23, 30, 1, tzinfo=timezone.utc)
>>> end_2015 = datetime(2015, 6, 16, 13, 11, 27, tzinfo=timezone.utc)

>>> Experiment.objects.create(
...     start_datetime=start_2015, start_date=start_2015.date(),
...     end_datetime=end_2015, end_date=end_2015.date())

>>> Experiment.objects.annotate(
...     year=ExtractYear('start_date'),
...     isoyear=ExtractIsoYear('start_date'),
...     quarter=ExtractQuarter('start_date'),
...     month=ExtractMonth('start_date'),
...     week=ExtractWeek('start_date'),
...     day=ExtractDay('start_date'),
...     weekday=ExtractWeekDay('start_date'),
...     isoweekday=ExtractIsoWeekDay('start_date'),
...
).values(
...     'year', 'isoyear', 'quarter', 'month', 'week', 'day', 'weekday',
...     'isoweekday',
... ).get(end_date__year=ExtractYear('start_date'))

{'year': 2015, 'isoyear': 2015, 'quarter': 2, 'month': 6, 'week': 25, 'day': 15, 'weekday': 2, 'isoweekday': 1}

**DateTimeField extracts**

In addition to the following, all extracts for `DateField` listed above may also be used on `DateTimeField`s.

```python
class ExtractHour (expression, tzinfo=None, **extra)
... lookup_name = 'hour'
```

```python
class ExtractMinute (expression, tzinfo=None, **extra)
... lookup_name = 'minute'
```

```python
class ExtractSecond (expression, tzinfo=None, **extra)
... lookup_name = 'second'
```

These are logically equivalent to `Extract('datetime_field', lookup_name)`. Each class is also a `Transform` registered on `DateTimeField` as `__.lookup_name`, e.g. `__.minute`.

**DateTimeField examples:**

```python
>>> from datetime import datetime
>>> from django.utils import timezone
>>> from django.db.models.functions import {
...     ExtractDay, ExtractHour, ExtractMinute, ExtractMonth,
...     ExtractQuarter, ExtractSecond, ExtractWeek, ExtractIsoWeekDay,
...     ExtractWeekDay, ExtractIsoYear, ExtractYear,
... }

>>> start_2015 = datetime(2015, 6, 15, 23, 30, 1, tzinfo=timezone.utc)
>>> end_2015 = datetime(2015, 6, 16, 13, 11, 27, tzinfo=timezone.utc)
>>> Experiment.objects.create(
```

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... start_datetime=start_2015, start_date=start_2015.date(),
... end_datetime=end_2015, end_date=end_2015.date())
>>> Experiment.objects.annotate(
...     year=ExtractYear('start_datetime'),
...     isoyear=ExtractIsoYear('start_datetime'),
...     quarter=ExtractQuarter('start_datetime'),
...     month=ExtractMonth('start_datetime'),
...     week=ExtractWeek('start_datetime'),
...     day=ExtractDay('start_datetime'),
...     weekday=ExtractWeekDay('start_datetime'),
...     isoweekday=ExtractIsoWeekDay('start_datetime'),
...     hour=ExtractHour('start_datetime'),
...     minute=ExtractMinute('start_datetime'),
...     second=ExtractSecond('start_datetime'),
... ).values('year', 'isoyear', 'month', 'week', 'day',
... 'weekday', 'isoweekday', 'hour', 'minute', 'second',
... ).get(end_datetime__year=ExtractYear('start_datetime'))
{'year': 2015, 'isoyear': 2015, 'quarter': 2, 'month': 6, 'week': 25,
'day': 15, 'weekday': 2, 'isoweekday': 1, 'hour': 23, 'minute': 30,
'second': 1)}

When $USE\_TZ$ is True then datetimes are stored in the database in UTC. If a different timezone is active in Django, the datetime is converted to that timezone before the value is extracted. The example below converts to the Melbourne timezone (UTC+10:00), which changes the day, weekday, and hour values that are returned:

```python
>>> import pytz
>>> melb = pytz.timezone('Australia/Melbourne')  # UTC+10:00
>>> with timezone.override(melb):
...     Experiment.objects.annotate(
...         day=ExtractDay('start_datetime'),
...         weekday=ExtractWeekDay('start_datetime'),
...         isoweekday=ExtractIsoWeekDay('start_datetime'),
...         hour=ExtractHour('start_datetime'),
...     ).values('day', 'weekday', 'isoweekday', 'hour').get(
...         end_datetime__year=ExtractYear('start_datetime'),
...     )
{'day': 16, 'weekday': 3, 'isoweekday': 2, 'hour': 9}
```

Explicitly passing the timezone to the Extract function behaves in the same way, and takes priority over an active timezone:

```python
>>> import pytz
>>> melb = pytz.timezone('Australia/Melbourne')
>>> Experiment.objects.annotate(
...     day=ExtractDay('start_datetime', tzinfo=melb),
...     weekday=ExtractWeekDay('start_datetime', tzinfo=melb),
...     isoweekday=ExtractIsoWeekDay('start_datetime', tzinfo=melb),
...     hour=ExtractHour('start_datetime', tzinfo=melb),
... ).values('day', 'weekday', 'isoweekday', 'hour').get(
...     end_datetime__year=ExtractYear('start_datetime'),
... )
{'day': 16, 'weekday': 3, 'isoweekday': 2, 'hour': 9}
```
Now

class Now

Returns the database server’s current date and time when the query is executed, typically using the SQL CURRENT_TIMESTAMP.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Now
>>> Article.objects.filter(published__lte=Now())
<QuerySet [<Article: How to Django>]>```

PostgreSQL considerations

On PostgreSQL, the SQL CURRENT_TIMESTAMP returns the time that the current transaction started. Therefore for cross-database compatibility, Now() uses STATEMENT_TIMESTAMP instead. If you need the transaction timestamp, use `django.contrib.postgres.functions.TransactionNow`.

Trunc

class Trunc(expression, kind, output_field=None, tzinfo=None, is_dst=None, **extra)

Truncates a date up to a significant component.

When you only care if something happened in a particular year, hour, or day, but not the exact second, then Trunc (and its subclasses) can be useful to filter or aggregate your data. For example, you can use Trunc to calculate the number of sales per day.

Trunc takes a single expression, representing a DateField, TimeField, or DateTimeField, a kind representing a date or time part, and an output_field that’s either DateTimeField(), TimeField(), or DateField(). It returns a datetime, date, or time depending on output_field, with fields up to kind set to their minimum value. If output_field is omitted, it will default to the output_field of expression. A tzinfo subclass, usually provided by pytz, can be passed to truncate a value in a specific timezone.

The is_dst parameter indicates whether or not pytz should interpret nonexistent and ambiguous datetimes in daylight saving time. By default (when is_dst=None), pytz raises an exception for such datetimes.

Given the datetime 2015-06-15 14:30:50.000321+00:00, the built-in kinds return:

- “year”: 2015-01-01 00:00:00+00:00
- “quarter”: 2015-04-01 00:00:00+00:00
- “month”: 2015-06-01 00:00:00+00:00
- “day”: 2015-06-15 00:00:00+00:00
- “hour”: 2015-06-15 14:00:00+00:00
- “minute”: 2015-06-15 14:30:00+00:00
- “second”: 2015-06-15 14:30:50+00:00
If a different timezone like Australia/Melbourne is active in Django, then the datetime is converted to the new timezone before the value is truncated. The timezone offset for Melbourne in the example date above is +10:00. The values returned when this timezone is active will be:

- “year”: 2015-01-01 00:00:00+11:00
- “quarter”: 2015-04-01 00:00:00+10:00
- “month”: 2015-06-01 00:00:00+10:00
- “week”: 2015-06-16 00:00:00+10:00
- “day”: 2015-06-16 00:00:00+10:00
- “hour”: 2015-06-16 00:00:00+10:00
- “minute”: 2015-06-16 00:30:00+10:00
- “second”: 2015-06-16 00:30:50+10:00

The year has an offset of +11:00 because the result transitioned into daylight saving time.

Each kind above has a corresponding `Trunc` subclass (listed below) that should typically be used instead of the more verbose equivalent, e.g. use `TruncYear(...)` rather than `Trunc(..., kind='year')`.

The subclasses are all defined as transforms, but they aren’t registered with any fields, because the lookup names are already reserved by the `Extract` subclasses.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from datetime import datetime
>>> from django.db.models import Count, DateTimeField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Trunc

>>> Experiment.objects.create(start_datetime=datetime(2015, 6, 15, 14, 30, 50, 321))
>>> Experiment.objects.create(start_datetime=datetime(2015, 6, 15, 14, 40, 2, 123))
>>> Experiment.objects.create(start_datetime=datetime(2015, 12, 25, 10, 5, 27, 999))

>>> experiments_per_day = Experiment.objects.annotate(
...     start_day=Trunc('start_datetime', 'day', output_field=DateTimeField())
... ).values('start_day').annotate(experiments=Count('id'))

>>> for exp in experiments_per_day:
...     print(exp['start_day'], exp['experiments'])
...
2015-06-15 00:00:00 2
2015-12-25 00:00:00 1

>>> experiments = Experiment.objects.annotate(
...     start_day=Trunc('start_datetime', 'day', output_field=DateTimeField())
... ).filter(start_day=datetime(2015, 6, 15))

>>> for exp in experiments:
...     print(exp.start_datetime)
...
2015-06-15 14:30:50.000321
2015-06-15 14:40:02.000123
```

**DateField truncation**

```python
class TruncYear(expression, output_field=None, tzinfo=None, is_dst=None, **extra)

    kind = 'year'
```

```python
class TruncMonth(expression, output_field=None, tzinfo=None, is_dst=None, **extra)
```
kind = 'month'

class TruncWeek(expression, output_field=None, tzinfo=None, is_dst=None, **extra)
    Truncates to midnight on the Monday of the week.

kind = 'week'

class TruncQuarter(expression, output_field=None, tzinfo=None, is_dst=None, **extra)

    kind = 'quarter'

These are logically equivalent to Trunc('date_field', kind). They truncate all parts of the date up to kind which allows grouping or filtering dates with less precision. expression can have an output_field of either DateField or DateTimeField.

Since DateFields don’t have a time component, only Trunc subclasses that deal with date-parts can be used with DateField:

```python
>>> from datetime import datetime
>>> from django.db.models import Count
>>> from django.db.models.functions import TruncMonth, TruncYear
>>> from django.utils import timezone
>>> start1 = datetime(2014, 6, 15, 14, 30, 50, 321, tzinfo=timezone.utc)
>>> start2 = datetime(2015, 6, 15, 14, 40, 2, 123, tzinfo=timezone.utc)
>>> start3 = datetime(2015, 12, 31, 17, 5, 27, 999, tzinfo=timezone.utc)
>>> Experiment.objects.create(start_datetime=start1, start_date=start1.date())
>>> Experiment.objects.create(start_datetime=start2, start_date=start2.date())
>>> Experiment.objects.create(start_datetime=start3, start_date=start3.date())
>>> experiments_per_year = Experiment.objects.annotate(... year=TruncYear('start_date')).values('year').annotate(... experiments=Count('id'))
>>> for exp in experiments_per_year:
...     print(exp['year'], exp['experiments'])
... 2014-01-01 1
2015-01-01 2

>>> import pytz
>>> melb = pytz.timezone('Australia/Melbourne')
>>> experiments_per_month = Experiment.objects.annotate(... month=TruncMonth('start_datetime', tzinfo=melb)).values('month').annotate(... experiments=Count('id'))
>>> for exp in experiments_per_month:
...     print(exp['month'], exp['experiments'])
... 2015-06-01 00:00:00+10:00 1
2016-01-01 00:00:00+11:00 1
2014-06-01 00:00:00+10:00 1
```

DateTimeField truncation

class TruncDate(expression, **extra)

    lookup_name = 'date'
    output_field = DateField()
TruncDate casts expression to a date rather than using the built-in SQL truncate function. It's also registered as a transform on DateTimeField as __date.

```python
class TruncTime(expression, **extra)
```

```python
lookup_name = 'time'
output_field = TimeField()
```

TruncTime casts expression to a time rather than using the built-in SQL truncate function. It's also registered as a transform on DateTimeField as __time.

```python
class TruncDay(expression, output_field=None, tzinfo=None, is_dst=None, **extra)
```

```python
kind = 'day'
```

```python
class TruncHour(expression, output_field=None, tzinfo=None, is_dst=None, **extra)
```

```python
kind = 'hour'
```

```python
class TruncMinute(expression, output_field=None, tzinfo=None, is_dst=None, **extra)
```

```python
kind = 'minute'
```

```python
class TruncSecond(expression, output_field=None, tzinfo=None, is_dst=None, **extra)
```

```python
kind = 'second'
```

These are logically equivalent to Trunc('datetime_field', kind). They truncate all parts of the date up to kind and allow grouping or filtering datetimes with less precision. expression must have an output_field of DateTimeField.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from datetime import date, datetime
>>> from django.db.models import Count
>>> from django.db.models.functions import (...
...    TruncDate, TruncDay, TruncHour, TruncMinute, TruncSecond, ...
...)
>>> from django.utils import timezone
>>> import pytz

>>> start1 = datetime(2014, 6, 15, 14, 30, 50, 321, tzinfo=timezone.utc)
>>> Experiment.objects.create(start_datetime=start1, start_date=start1.date())
>>> melb = pytz.timezone('Australia/Melbourne')
>>> Experiment.objects.annotate(...    date=TruncDate('start_datetime'), ...
...    day=TruncDay('start_datetime', tzinfo=melb), ...
...    hour=TruncHour('start_datetime', tzinfo=melb), ...
...    minute=TruncMinute('start_datetime'), ...
...    second=TruncSecond('start_datetime'), ...
...).values('date', 'day', 'hour', 'minute', 'second').get()

{'date': date(2014, 6, 15), ...
'day': date(2014, 6, 16, 0, 0, tzinfo=<DstTzInfo 'Australia/Melbourne'
- AEST+10:00:00 STD>), ...
'hour': date(2014, 6, 16, 0, 0, tzinfo=<DstTzInfo 'Australia/Melbourne'
- AEST+10:00:00 STD>), ...
'minute': 'minute': date(2014, 6, 15, 14, tzinfo=<UTC>), 
```

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TimeField truncation

class TruncHour (expression, output_field=None, tzinfo=None, is_dst=None, **extra)

    kind = 'hour'

class TruncMinute (expression, output_field=None, tzinfo=None, is_dst=None, **extra)

    kind = 'minute'

class TruncSecond (expression, output_field=None, tzinfo=None, is_dst=None, **extra)

    kind = 'second'

These are logically equivalent to Trunc('time_field', kind). They truncate all parts of the time up to kind which allows grouping or filtering times with less precision. expression can have an output_field of either TimeField or DateTimeField.

Since TimeField doesn’t have a date component, only Trunc subclasses that deal with time-parts can be used with TimeField:

```python
>>> from datetime import datetime
>>> from django.db.models import Count, TimeField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import TruncHour
>>> from django.utils import timezone
>>> start1 = datetime(2014, 6, 15, 14, 30, 50, tzinfo=timezone.utc)
>>> start2 = datetime(2014, 6, 15, 14, 40, 2, 123, tzinfo=timezone.utc)
>>> start3 = datetime(2015, 12, 31, 17, 5, 27, 999, tzinfo=timezone.utc)
>>> Experiment.objects.create(start_datetime=start1, start_time=start1.time())
>>> Experiment.objects.create(start_datetime=start2, start_time=start2.time())
>>> Experiment.objects.create(start_datetime=start3, start_time=start3.time())
>>> experiments_per_hour = Experiment.objects.annotate(...    hour=TruncHour('start_datetime', output_field=TimeField()),
...).values('hour').annotate(experiments=Count('id'))
>>> for exp in experiments_per_hour:
...    print(exp['hour'], exp['experiments'])
...14:00:00 2
17:00:00 1
```

```python
>>> import pytz
>>> melb = pytz.timezone('Australia/Melbourne')
>>> experiments_per_hour = Experiment.objects.annotate(...    hour=TruncHour('start_datetime', tzinfo=melb),
...).values('hour').annotate(experiments=Count('id'))
>>> for exp in experiments_per_hour:
...    print(exp['hour'], exp['experiments'])
...2014-06-16 00:00:00+10:00 2
2016-01-01 04:00:00+11:00 1
```
Math Functions

We’ll be using the following model in math function examples:

```python
class Vector(models.Model):
    x = models.FloatField()
    y = models.FloatField()
```

**Abs**

class Abs(expression, **extra)

Returns the absolute value of a numeric field or expression.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Abs
>>> Vector.objects.create(x=-0.5, y=1.1)
>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(x_abs=Abs('x'), y_abs=Abs('y')).get()
>>> vector.x_abs, vector.y_abs
(0.5, 1.1)
```

It can also be registered as a transform. For example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import FloatField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Abs
>>> FloatField.register_lookup(Abs)
>>> # Get vectors inside the unit cube
>>> vectors = Vector.objects.filter(x__abs__lt=1, y__abs__lt=1)
```

**ACos**

class ACos(expression, **extra)

Returns the arccosine of a numeric field or expression. The expression value must be within the range -1 to 1.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import ACos
>>> Vector.objects.create(x=0.5, y=-0.9)
>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(x_acos=ACos('x'), y_acos=ACos('y')).get()
>>> vector.x_acos, vector.y_acos
(1.0471975511965979, 2.6905658417935308)
```

It can also be registered as a transform. For example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import FloatField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import ACos
>>> FloatField.register_lookup(ACos)
>>> # Get vectors whose arccosine is less than 1
>>> vectors = Vector.objects.filter(x__acos__lt=1, y__acos__lt=1)
```

**ASin**

class ASin(expression, **extra)
Returns the arcsine of a numeric field or expression. The expression value must be in the range -1 to 1.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import ASin
>>> Vector.objects.create(x=0, y=1)
>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(x_asin=ASin('x'), y_asin=ASin('y')).get()
>>> vector.x_asin, vector.y_asin
(0.0, 1.5707963267948966)
```

It can also be registered as a transform. For example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import FloatField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import ASin
>>> FloatField.register_lookup(ASin)
>>> # Get vectors whose arcsine is less than 1
>>> vectors = Vector.objects.filter(x__asin__lt=1, y__asin__lt=1)
```

**ATan**

**class ATan(expression, **extra)**

Returns the arctangent of a numeric field or expression.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import ATan
>>> Vector.objects.create(x=3.12, y=6.987)
>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(x_atan=ATan('x'), y_atan=ATan('y')).get()
>>> vector.x_atan, vector.y_atan
(1.2606282660069106, 1.428638798133829)
```

It can also be registered as a transform. For example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import FloatField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import ATan
>>> FloatField.register_lookup(ATan)
>>> # Get vectors whose arctangent is less than 2
>>> vectors = Vector.objects.filter(x__atan__lt=2, y__atan__lt=2)
```

**ATan2**

**class ATan2(expression1, expression2, **extra)**

Returns the arctangent of `expression1 / expression2`.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import ATan2
>>> Vector.objects.create(x=2.5, y=1.9)
>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(atan2=ATan2('x', 'y')).get()
>>> vector.atan2
0.9209258773829491
```
Ceil

class Ceil(expression, **extra)

Returns the smallest integer greater than or equal to a numeric field or expression.

Usage example:

```python
g>>> from django.db.models.functions import Ceil
g>>> Vector.objects.create(x=3.12, y=7.0)
g>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(x Ceiling=Ceil('x'), y Ceiling=Ceil('y')).get()
g>>> vector.x Ceiling, vector.y Ceiling
g(4.0, 7.0)
```

It can also be registered as a transform. For example:

```python
g>>> from django.db.models import FloatField
g>>> from django.db.models.functions import Ceil
g>>> FloatField.register_lookup(Ceil)
g>>> # Get vectors whose Ceiling is less than 10
g>>> vectors = Vector.objects.filter(x Ceiling__lt=10, y Ceiling__lt=10)
```

Cos

class Cos(expression, **extra)

Returns the cosine of a numeric field or expression.

Usage example:

```python
g>>> from django.db.models.functions import Cos
g>>> Vector.objects.create(x=-8.0, y=3.1415926)
g>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(x COS=Cos('x'), y COS=Cos('y')).get()
g>>> vector.x COS, vector.y COS
g(-0.14550003380861354, -0.9999999999999986)
```

It can also be registered as a transform. For example:

```python
g>>> from django.db.models import FloatField
g>>> from django.db.models.functions import Cos
g>>> FloatField.register_lookup(Cos)
g>>> # Get vectors whose cosine is less than 0.5
g>>> vectors = Vector.objects.filter(x COS__lt=0.5, y COS__lt=0.5)
```

Cot

class Cot(expression, **extra)

Returns the cotangent of a numeric field or expression.

Usage example:

```python
g>>> from django.db.models.functions import Cot
g>>> Vector.objects.create(x=12.0, y=1.0)
g>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(x Cot=Cot('x'), y Cot=Cot('y')).get()
```

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>>> vector.x_cot, vector.y_cot
(-1.5726734063976826, 0.642092615934331)

It can also be registered as a transform. For example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import FloatField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Cot
>>> FloatField.register_lookup(Cot)
>>> # Get vectors whose cotangent is less than 1
>>> vectors = Vector.objects.filter(x__cot__lt=1, y__cot__lt=1)
```

### Degrees

class Degrees(expression, **extra)

Converts a numeric field or expression from radians to degrees.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Degrees
>>> Vector.objects.create(x=-1.57, y=3.14)
>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(x_d=Degrees('x'), y_d=Degrees('y')).get()
>>> vector.x_d, vector.y_d
(-89.95437383553924, 179.9087476710785)
```

It can also be registered as a transform. For example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import FloatField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Degrees
>>> FloatField.register_lookup(Degrees)
>>> # Get vectors whose degrees are less than 360
>>> vectors = Vector.objects.filter(x__degrees__lt=360, y__degrees__lt=360)
```

### Exp

class Exp(expression, **extra)

Returns the value of e (the natural logarithm base) raised to the power of a numeric field or expression.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Exp
>>> Vector.objects.create(x=5.4, y=-2.0)
>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(x_exp=Exp('x'), y_exp=Exp('y')).get()
>>> vector.x_exp, vector.y_exp
(221.40641620418717, 0.1353352832366127)
```

It can also be registered as a transform. For example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import FloatField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Exp
>>> FloatField.register_lookup(Exp)
>>> # Get vectors whose exp() is greater than 10
>>> vectors = Vector.objects.filter(x__exp__gt=10, y__exp__gt=10)
```
Floor

**class Floor**(expression, **extra)**

Returns the largest integer value not greater than a numeric field or expression.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Floor
>>> Vector.objects.create(x=5.4, y=-2.3)
>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(x_floor=Floor('x'), y_floor=Floor('y')).get()
>>> vector.x_floor, vector.y_floor
(5.0, -3.0)
```

It can also be registered as a transform. For example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import FloatField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Floor
>>> FloatField.register_lookup(Floor)
>>> # Get vectors whose floor() is greater than 10
>>> vectors = Vector.objects.filter(x__floor__gt=10, y__floor__gt=10)
```

Ln

**class Ln**(expression, **extra)**

Returns the natural logarithm a numeric field or expression.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Ln
>>> Vector.objects.create(x=5.4, y=233.0)
>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(x_ln=Ln('x'), y_ln=Ln('y')).get()
>>> vector.x_ln, vector.y_ln
(1.6863989535702288, 5.4510384535657)
```

It can also be registered as a transform. For example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import FloatField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Ln
>>> FloatField.register_lookup(Ln)
>>> # Get vectors whose value greater than e
>>> vectors = Vector.objects.filter(x__ln__gt=1, y__ln__gt=1)
```

Log

**class Log**(expression1, expression2, **extra)**

Accepts two numeric fields or expressions and returns the logarithm of the first to base of the second.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Log
>>> Vector.objects.create(x=2.0, y=4.0)
>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(log=Log('x', 'y')).get()
```

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>>> vector.log 2.0

**Mod**

class Mod(expression1, expression2, **extra)**

Accepts two numeric fields or expressions and returns the remainder of the first divided by the second (modulo operation).

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Mod
>>> Vector.objects.create(x=5.4, y=2.3)
>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(mod=Mod('x', 'y')).get()
>>> vector.mod 0.8
```

**Pi**

class Pi(**extra)**

Returns the value of the mathematical constant $\pi$.

**Power**

class Power(expression1, expression2, **extra)**

Accepts two numeric fields or expressions and returns the value of the first raised to the power of the second.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Power
>>> Vector.objects.create(x=2, y=-2)
>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(power=Power('x', 'y')).get()
>>> vector.power 0.25
```

**Radians**

class Radians(expression, **extra)**

Converts a numeric field or expression from degrees to radians.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Radians
>>> Vector.objects.create(x=-90, y=180)
>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(x_r=Radians('x'), y_r=Radians('y')).get()
>>> vector.x_r, vector.y_r (-1.5707963267948966, 3.141592653589793)
```

It can also be registered as a transform. For example:
```python
>>> from django.db.models import FloatField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Radians
>>> FloatField.register_lookup(Radians)
>>> # Get vectors whose radians are less than 1
>>> vectors = Vector.objects.filter(x__radians__lt=1, y__radians__lt=1)
```

## Round

**class Round** *(expression, **extra)*

Rounds a numeric field or expression to the nearest integer. Whether half values are rounded up or down depends on the database.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Round
>>> Vector.objects.create(x=5.4, y=-2.3)
>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(x_r=Round('x'), y_r=Round('y')).get()
>>> vector.x_r, vector.y_r
(5.0, -2.0)
```

It can also be registered as a transform. For example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import FloatField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Round
>>> FloatField.register_lookup(Round)
>>> # Get vectors whose round() is less than 20
>>> vectors = Vector.objects.filter(x__round__lt=20, y__round__lt=20)
```

## Sign

**class Sign** *(expression, **extra)*

Returns the sign (-1, 0, 1) of a numeric field or expression.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Sign
>>> Vector.objects.create(x=5.4, y=-2.3)
>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(x_sign=Sign('x'), y_sign=Sign('y')).get()
>>> vector.x_sign, vector.y_sign
(1, -1)
```

It can also be registered as a transform. For example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import FloatField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Sign
>>> FloatField.register_lookup(Sign)
>>> # Get vectors whose signs of components are less than 0.
>>> vectors = Vector.objects.filter(x__sign__lt=0, y__sign__lt=0)
```

## Sin

**class Sin** *(expression, **extra)*
Returns the sine of a numeric field or expression.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Sin
>>> Vector.objects.create(x=5.4, y=-2.3)
>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(x_sin=Sin('x'), y_sin=Sin('y')).get()
>>> vector.x_sin, vector.y_sin
(-0.7727644875559871, -0.7457052121767203)
```

It can also be registered as a transform. For example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import FloatField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Sin
>>> FloatField.register_lookup(Sin)
>>> # Get vectors whose sin() is less than 0
>>> vectors = Vector.objects.filter(x__sin__lt=0, y__sin__lt=0)
```

**Sqrt**

class Sqrt(expression, **extra)

Returns the square root of a nonnegative numeric field or expression.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Sqrt
>>> Vector.objects.create(x=4.0, y=12.0)
>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(x_sqrt=Sqrt('x'), y_sqrt=Sqrt('y')).get()
>>> vector.x_sqrt, vector.y_sqrt
(2.0, 3.46410)
```

It can also be registered as a transform. For example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import FloatField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Sqrt
>>> FloatField.register_lookup(Sqrt)
>>> # Get vectors whose sqrt() is less than 5
>>> vectors = Vector.objects.filter(x__sqrt__lt=5, y__sqrt__lt=5)
```

**Tan**

class Tan(expression, **extra)

Returns the tangent of a numeric field or expression.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Tan
>>> Vector.objects.create(x=0, y=12)
>>> vector = Vector.objects.annotate(x_tan=Tan('x'), y_tan=Tan('y')).get()
>>> vector.x_tan, vector.y_tan
(0.0, -0.6358599286615808)
```

It can also be registered as a transform. For example:
>>> from django.db.models import FloatField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Tan
>>> FloatField.register_lookup(Tan)
>>> # Get vectors whose tangent is less than 0
>>> vectors = Vector.objects.filter(x__tan__lt=0, y__tan__lt=0)

Text functions

**Chr**

class Chr(expression, **extra)

Accepts a numeric field or expression and returns the text representation of the expression as a single character. It works the same as Python’s `chr()` function.

Like `Length`, it can be registered as a transform on `IntegerField`. The default lookup name is `chr`.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Chr
>>> author = Author.objects.filter(name__startswith=Chr(ord('M'))).get()
>>> print(author.name)
Margaret Smith
```

**Concat**

class Concat(*expressions, **extra)

Accepts a list of at least two text fields or expressions and returns the concatenated text. Each argument must be of a text or char type. If you want to concatenate a `TextField()` with a `CharField()`, then be sure to tell Django that the `output_field` should be a `TextField()`. Specifying an `output_field` is also required when concatenating a `Value` as in the example below.

This function will never have a null result. On backends where a null argument results in the entire expression being null, Django will ensure that each null part is converted to an empty string first.

Usage example:

```python
>>> # Get the display name as "name (goes_by)"
>>> from django.db.models import CharField, Value as V
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Concat
>>> author = Author.objects.create(name='Margaret Smith', goes_by='Maggie')
>>> author = Author.objects.annotate(
...     screen_name=Concat(
...         'name', V(' ('), 'goes_by', V(')'),
...     output_field=CharField()
... ).get()
>>> print(author.screen_name)
Margaret Smith (Maggie)
```
**Left**

**class Left**(expression, length, **extra)**

Returns the first length characters of the given text field or expression.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Left
>>> author = Author.objects.annotate(first_initial=Left('name', 1)).get()

M
```

**Length**

**class Length**(expression, **extra)**

Accepts a single text field or expression and returns the number of characters the value has. If the expression is null, then the length will also be null.

Usage example:

```python
>>> # Get the length of the name and goes_by fields
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Length
>>> author = Author.objects.annotate(
...     name_length=Length('name'),
...     goes_by_length=Length('goes_by')).get()

>>> print(author.name_length, author.goes_by_length)
(14, None)
```

It can also be registered as a transform. For example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import CharField
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Length
>>> CharField.register_lookup(Length)
>>> # Get authors whose name is longer than 7 characters
>>> authors = Author.objects.filter(name__length__gt=7)
```

**Lower**

**class Lower**(expression, **extra)**

Accepts a single text field or expression and returns the lowercase representation.

It can also be registered as a transform as described in `Length`.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Lower
>>> author = Author.objects.annotate(name_lower=Lower('name')).get()

margaret smith
```
class LPad(expression, length, fill_text=Value(' '), **extra)

Returns the value of the given text field or expression padded on the left side with fill_text so that the resulting value is length characters long. The default fill_text is a space.

Usage example:

```python
gap>> from django.db.models import Value
gap>> from django.db.models.functions import LPad
gap>> Author.objects.create(name='John', alias='j')
1
gap>> Author.objects.update(name=LPad('name', 8, Value('abc')))
1
gap>> print(Author.objects.get(alias='j').name)
abcaJohn
```

class LTrim(expression, **extra)

Similar to Trim, but removes only leading spaces.

class MD5(expression, **extra)

Accepts a single text field or expression and returns the MD5 hash of the string.

It can also be registered as a transform as described in Length.

Usage example:

```python
gap>> from django.db.models.functions import MD5
gap>> Author.objects.create(name='Margaret Smith')
1
gap>> author = Author.objects.annotate(name_md5=MD5('name')).get()
1
gap>> print(author.name_md5)
749fb689816b2db85f5b169c2055b247
```

class Ord(expression, **extra)

Accepts a single text field or expression and returns the Unicode code point value for the first character of that expression. It works similar to Python’s ord() function, but an exception isn’t raised if the expression is more than one character long.

It can also be registered as a transform as described in Length. The default lookup name is ord.

Usage example:

```python
gap>> from django.db.models.functions import Ord
gap>> Author.objects.create(name='Margaret Smith')
1
gap>> author = Author.objects.annotate(name_code_point=Ord('name')).get()
1
gap>> print(author.name_code_point)
77
```
Repeat

class Repeat(expression, number, **extra)

Returns the value of the given text field or expression repeated number times.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Repeat
>>> Author.objects.create(name='John', alias='j')
>>> Author.objects.update(name=Repeat('name', 3))
1
>>> print(Author.objects.get(alias='j').name)
JohnJohnJohn
```

Replace

class Replace(expression, text, replacement=Value('"'), **extra)

Replaces all occurrences of text with replacement in expression. The default replacement text is the empty string. The arguments to the function are case-sensitive.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models import Value
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Replace
>>> Author.objects.create(name='Margaret Johnson')
>>> Author.objects.create(name='Margaret Smith')
>>> Author.objects.update(name=Replace('name', Value('Margaret'), Value('Margareth')))
2
>>> Author.objects.values('name')
<QuerySet [{'name': 'Margareth Johnson'}, {'name': 'Margareth Smith'}]>
```

Reverse

class Reverse(expression, **extra)

Accepts a single text field or expression and returns the characters of that expression in reverse order.

It can also be registered as a transform as described in Length. The default lookup name is reverse.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Reverse
>>> Author.objects.create(name='Margaret Smith')
>>> author = Author.objects.annotate(backward=Reverse('name')).get()
>>> print(author.backward)
htimS teragraM
```

Right

class Right(expression, length, **extra)

Returns the last length characters of the given text field or expression.

Usage example:
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Right
>>> Author.objects.create(name='Margaret Smith')
>>> author = Author.objects.annotate(last_letter=Right('name', 1)).get()
>>> print(author.last_letter)

RPad

class RPad(expression, length, fill_text=Value(' '), **extra)
Similar to LPad, but pads on the right side.

RTrim

class RTrim(expression, **extra)
Similar to Trim, but removes only trailing spaces.

SHA1, SHA224, SHA256, SHA384, and SHA512

class SHA1(expression, **extra)
class SHA224(expression, **extra)
class SHA256(expression, **extra)
class SHA384(expression, **extra)
class SHA512(expression, **extra)
Accepts a single text field or expression and returns the particular hash of the string.
They can also be registered as transforms as described in Length.
Usage example:

>>> from django.db.models.functions import SHA1
>>> Author.objects.create(name='Margaret Smith')
>>> author = Author.objects.annotate(name_sha1=SHA1('name')).get()
>>> print(author.name_sha1)
b87ef3a66c991c390be5a68e8a7945a7851c7e5c

PostgreSQL

The pgcrypto extension must be installed. You can use the CryptoExtension migration operation to install it.

Oracle

Oracle doesn’t support the SHA224 function.
StrIndex

class StrIndex(string, substring, **extra)

Returns a positive integer corresponding to the 1-indexed position of the first occurrence of substring inside string, or 0 if substring is not found.

Usage example:

```python
>> from django.db.models import Value as V
>> from django.db.models.functions import StrIndex
>> Author.objects.create(name='Margaret Smith')
>> Author.objects.filter(name='Smith, Margaret').annotate(...) smith_index=StrIndex('name', V('Smith'))(...).get().smith_index
0
>> authors = Author.objects.filter(smith_index__gt=0)
<QuerySet [<Author: Margaret Smith>, <Author: Smith, Margaret>]>  
```

Warning: In MySQL, a database table’s collation determines whether string comparisons (such as the expression and substring of this function) are case-sensitive. Comparisons are case-insensitive by default.

Substr

class Substr(expression, pos, length=None, **extra)

Returns a substring of length length from the field or expression starting at position pos. The position is 1-indexed, so the position must be greater than 0. If length is None, then the rest of the string will be returned.

Usage example:

```python
>>> # Set the alias to the first 5 characters of the name as lowercase
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Lower, Substr
>>> Author.objects.create(name='Margaret Smith')
>>> Author.objects.update(alias=Lower(Substr('name', 1, 5)))
1
1
>>> print(Author.objects.get(name='Margaret Smith').alias)
marga
```

Trim

class Trim(expression, **extra)

Returns the value of the given text field or expression with leading and trailing spaces removed.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Trim
>>> Author.objects.create(name=' John ', alias='j')
>>> Author.objects.update(name=Trim('name'))
```
>>> print(Author.objects.get(alias='j').name)
John

**Upper**

class Upper(expression, **extra)

Accepts a single text field or expression and returns the uppercase representation. It can also be registered as a transform as described in `Length`.

Usage example:

```python
>>> from django.db.models.functions import Upper
>>> author = Author.objects.annotate(name_upper=Upper('name')).get()
>>> print(author.name_upper)
MARGARET SMITH
```

**Window functions**

There are a number of functions to use in a `Window` expression for computing the rank of elements or the `Ntile` of some rows.

**CumeDist**

class CumeDist(*expressions, **extra)

Calculates the cumulative distribution of a value within a window or partition. The cumulative distribution is defined as the number of rows preceding or peered with the current row divided by the total number of rows in the frame.

**DenseRank**

class DenseRank(*expressions, **extra)

Equivalent to `Rank` but does not have gaps.

**FirstValue**

class FirstValue(expression, **extra)

Returns the value evaluated at the row that’s the first row of the window frame, or `None` if no such value exists.

**Lag**

class Lag(expression, offset=1, default=None, **extra)
Calculates the value offset by `offset`, and if no row exists there, returns `default`. `default` must have the same type as the `expression`, however, this is only validated by the database and not in Python.

**MariaDB and default**
MariaDB doesn’t support the `default` parameter.

**LastValue**

```python
class LastValue(expression, **extra)
```
Comparable to `FirstValue`, it calculates the last value in a given frame clause.

**Lead**

```python
class Lead(expression, offset=1, default=None, **extra)
```
Calculates the leading value in a given frame. Both `offset` and `default` are evaluated with respect to the current row.

`default` must have the same type as the `expression`, however, this is only validated by the database and not in Python.

**MariaDB and default**
MariaDB doesn’t support the `default` parameter.

**NthValue**

```python
class NthValue(expression, nth=1, **extra)
```
Computes the row relative to the offset `nth` (must be a positive value) within the window. Returns `None` if no row exists.

Some databases may handle a nonexistent nth-value differently. For example, Oracle returns an empty string rather than `None` for character-based expressions. Django doesn’t do any conversions in these cases.

**Ntile**

```python
class Ntile(num_buckets=1, **extra)
```
Calculates a partition for each of the rows in the frame clause, distributing numbers as evenly as possible between 1 and `num_buckets`. If the rows don’t divide evenly into a number of buckets, one or more buckets will be represented more frequently.
PercentRank

class PercentRank (*expressions, **extra)

Computes the percentile rank of the rows in the frame clause. This computation is equivalent to evaluating:

\[
\frac{\text{rank} - 1}{\text{total rows} - 1}
\]

The following table explains the calculation for the percentile rank of a row:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Row #</th>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Rank</th>
<th>Calculation</th>
<th>Percent Rank</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>(1-1)/(7-1)</td>
<td>0.0000</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>(2-1)/(7-1)</td>
<td>0.1666</td>
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<td>3</td>
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<td>(2-1)/(7-1)</td>
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<td>40</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>(7-1)/(7-1)</td>
<td>1.0000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Rank

class Rank (*expressions, **extra)

Comparable to RowNumber, this function ranks rows in the window. The computed rank contains gaps. Use DenseRank to compute rank without gaps.

RowNumber

class RowNumber (*expressions, **extra)

Computes the row number according to the ordering of either the frame clause or the ordering of the whole query if there is no partitioning of the window frame.

6.16 Paginator

Django provides a few classes that help you manage paginated data – that is, data that’s split across several pages, with “Previous/Next” links. These classes live in django/core/paginator.py.

6.16.1 Paginator class

class Paginator (object_list, per_page, orphans=0, allow_empty_first_page=True)

A paginator acts like a sequence of Page when using len() or iterating it directly.

Support for iterating over Paginator was added.

Paginator.object_list

Required. A list, tuple, QuerySet, or other sliceable object with a count() or __len__() method. For consistent pagination, QuerySets should be ordered, e.g. with an order_by() clause or with a default ordering on the model.

Performance issues paginating large QuerySets
If you’re using a QuerySet with a very large number of items, requesting high page numbers might be slow on some databases, because the resulting LIMIT/OFFSET query needs to count the number of OFFSET records which takes longer as the page number gets higher.

Paginator. **per_page**
Required. The maximum number of items to include on a page, not including orphans (see the orphans optional argument below).

Paginator. **orphans**
Optional. Use this when you don’t want to have a last page with very few items. If the last page would normally have a number of items less than or equal to orphans, then those items will be added to the previous page (which becomes the last page) instead of leaving the items on a page by themselves. For example, with 23 items, per_page=10, and orphans=3, there will be two pages; the first page with 10 items and the second (and last) page with 13 items. orphans defaults to zero, which means pages are never combined and the last page may have one item.

Paginator. **allow_empty_first_page**
Optional. Whether or not the first page is allowed to be empty. If False and object_list is empty, then an EmptyPage error will be raised.

**Methods**

Paginator. **get_page** (number)
Returns a Page object with the given 1-based index, while also handling out of range and invalid page numbers.

If the page isn’t a number, it returns the first page. If the page number is negative or greater than the number of pages, it returns the last page.

Raises an EmptyPage exception only if you specify Paginator(..., allow_empty_first_page=False) and the object_list is empty.

Paginator. **page** (number)
Returns a Page object with the given 1-based index. Raises InvalidPage if the given page number doesn’t exist.

**Attributes**

Paginator. **count**
The total number of objects, across all pages.

**Note:** When determining the number of objects contained in object_list, Paginator will first try calling object_list.count(). If object_list has no count() method, then Paginator will fall back to using len(object_list). This allows objects, such as QuerySet, to use a more efficient count() method when available.

Paginator. **num_pages**
The total number of pages.

Paginator. **page_range**
A 1-based range iterator of page numbers, e.g. yielding [1, 2, 3, 4].
6.16.2 Page class

You usually won’t construct Page objects by hand – you’ll get them by iterating Paginator, or by using Paginator.page().

```python
class Page(object_list, number, paginator)
    A page acts like a sequence of Page.object_list when using len() or iterating it directly.
```

Methods

```python
Page.has_next()
    Returns True if there’s a next page.

Page.has_previous()
    Returns True if there’s a previous page.

Page.has_other_pages()
    Returns True if there’s a next or previous page.

Page.next_page_number()
    Returns the next page number. Raises InvalidPage if next page doesn’t exist.

Page.previous_page_number()
    Returns the previous page number. Raises InvalidPage if previous page doesn’t exist.

Page.start_index()
    Returns the 1-based index of the first object on the page, relative to all of the objects in the paginator’s list. For example, when paginating a list of 5 objects with 2 objects per page, the second page’s start_index() would return 3.

Page.end_index()
    Returns the 1-based index of the last object on the page, relative to all of the objects in the paginator’s list. For example, when paginating a list of 5 objects with 2 objects per page, the second page’s end_index() would return 4.
```

Attributes

```python
Page.object_list
    The list of objects on this page.

Page.number
    The 1-based page number for this page.

Page.paginator
    The associated Paginator object.
```

6.16.3 Exceptions

```python
exception InvalidPage
    A base class for exceptions raised when a paginator is passed an invalid page number.

The Paginator.page() method raises an exception if the requested page is invalid (i.e. not an integer) or contains no objects. Generally, it’s enough to catch the InvalidPage exception, but if you’d like more granularity, you can catch either of the following exceptions:

exception PageNotAnInteger
    Raised when page() is given a value that isn’t an integer.
```
exception EmptyPage
   Raised when page() is given a valid value but no objects exist on that page.

Both of the exceptions are subclasses of InvalidPage, so you can handle them both with except InvalidPage.

6.17 Request and response objects

6.17.1 Quick overview

Django uses request and response objects to pass state through the system.

When a page is requested, Django creates an HttpRequest object that contains metadata about the request. Then Django loads the appropriate view, passing the HttpRequest as the first argument to the view function. Each view is responsible for returning an HttpResponse object.

This document explains the APIs for HttpRequest and HttpResponse objects, which are defined in the django.http module.

6.17.2 HttpRequest objects

class HttpRequest

Attributes

All attributes should be considered read-only, unless stated otherwise.

HttpRequest.scheme
   A string representing the scheme of the request (http or https usually).

HttpRequest.body
   The raw HTTP request body as a bytestring. This is useful for processing data in different ways than conventional HTML forms: binary images, XML payload etc. For processing conventional form data, use HttpRequest.POST.

   You can also read from an HttpRequest using a file-like interface with HttpRequest.read() or HttpRequest.readline(). Accessing the body attribute after reading the request with either of these I/O stream methods will produce a RawPostDataException.

HttpRequest.path
   A string representing the full path to the requested page, not including the scheme or domain.

   Example: "/music/bands/the_beatles/

HttpRequest.path_info
   Under some Web server configurations, the portion of the URL after the host name is split up into a script prefix portion and a path info portion. The path_info attribute always contains the path info portion of the path, no matter what Web server is being used. Using this instead of path can make your code easier to move between test and deployment servers.

   For example, if the WSGIScriptAlias for your application is set to "/*info", then path might be "/*info/music/bands/the_beatles/" and path_info would be "/music/bands/the_beatles/"

HttpRequest.method
   A string representing the HTTP method used in the request. This is guaranteed to be uppercase. For example:
if request.method == 'GET':
    do_something()
elif request.method == 'POST':
    do_something_else()

HttpRequest.encoding
A string representing the current encoding used to decode form submission data (or None, which means the DEFAULT_CHARSET setting is used). You can write to this attribute to change the encoding used when accessing the form data. Any subsequent attribute accesses (such as reading from GET or POST) will use the new encoding value. Useful if you know the form data is not in the DEFAULT_CHARSET encoding.

HttpRequest.content_type
A string representing the MIME type of the request, parsed from the CONTENT_TYPE header.

HttpRequest.content_params
A dictionary of key/value parameters included in the CONTENT_TYPE header.

HttpRequest.GET
A dictionary-like object containing all given HTTP GET parameters. See the QueryDict documentation below.

HttpRequest.POST
A dictionary-like object containing all given HTTP POST parameters, providing that the request contains form data. See the QueryDict documentation below. If you need to access raw or non-form data posted in the request, access this through the HttpRequest.body attribute instead.

It's possible that a request can come in via POST with an empty POST dictionary – if, say, a form is requested via the POST HTTP method but does not include form data. Therefore, you shouldn't use if request.POST to check for use of the POST method; instead, use if request.method == "POST" (see HttpRequest.method).

POST does not include file-upload information. See FILES.

HttpRequest.COOKIES
A dictionary containing all cookies. Keys and values are strings.

HttpRequest.FILES
A dictionary-like object containing all uploaded files. Each key in FILES is the name from the <input type="file" name="">. Each value in FILES is an UploadedFile.

See Managing files for more information.

FILES will only contain data if the request method was POST and the <form> that posted to the request had enctype="multipart/form-data". Otherwise, FILES will be a blank dictionary-like object.

HttpRequest.META
A dictionary containing all available HTTP headers. Available headers depend on the client and server, but here are some examples:

- CONTENT_LENGTH – The length of the request body (as a string).
- CONTENT_TYPE – The MIME type of the request body.
- HTTP_ACCEPT – Acceptable content types for the response.
- HTTP_ACCEPT_ENCODING – Acceptable encodings for the response.
- HTTP_ACCEPT_LANGUAGE – Acceptable languages for the response.
- HTTP_HOST – The HTTP Host header sent by the client.
- HTTP_REFERER – The referring page, if any.
• HTTP_USER_AGENT – The client’s user-agent string.
• QUERY_STRING – The query string, as a single (unparsed) string.
• REMOTE_ADDR – The IP address of the client.
• REMOTE_HOST – The hostname of the client.
• REMOTE_USER – The user authenticated by the Web server, if any.
• REQUEST_METHOD – A string such as "GET" or "POST".
• SERVER_NAME – The hostname of the server.
• SERVER_PORT – The port of the server (as a string).

With the exception of CONTENT_LENGTH and CONTENT_TYPE, as given above, any HTTP headers in the request are converted to META keys by converting all characters to uppercase, replacing any hyphens with underscores and adding an HTTP_prefix to the name. So, for example, a header called X-Bender would be mapped to the META key HTTP_X_BENDER.

Note that runserver strips all headers with underscores in the name, so you won’t see them in META. This prevents header-spoofing based on ambiguity between underscores and dashes both being normalizing to underscores in WSGI environment variables. It matches the behavior of Web servers like Nginx and Apache 2.4.

HttpRequest.headers is a simpler way to access all HTTP-prefixed headers, plus CONTENT_LENGTH and CONTENT_TYPE.

HttpRequest.headers
A case insensitive, dict-like object that provides access to all HTTP-prefixed headers (plus Content-Length and Content-Type) from the request.

The name of each header is stylized with title-casing (e.g. User-Agent) when it’s displayed. You can access headers case-insensitively:

```python
>>> request.headers
{'User-Agent': 'Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_12_6)', ...

>>> 'User-Agent' in request.headers
True
>>> 'user-agent' in request.headers
True

>>> request.headers['User-Agent']
Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_12_6)
>>> request.headers['user-agent']
Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_12_6)

>>> request.headers.get('User-Agent')
Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_12_6)
>>> request.headers.get('user-agent')
Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_12_6)
```

For use in, for example, Django templates, headers can also be looked up using underscores in place of hyphens:

```html
{{ request.headers.user_agent }}
```

Support for lookups using underscores was added.

HttpRequest.resolver_match
An instance of ResolverMatch representing the resolved URL. This attribute is only set after URL resolving
took place, which means it's available in all views but not in middleware which are executed before URL resolving takes place (you can use it in `process_view()` though).

**Attributes set by application code**

Django doesn’t set these attributes itself but makes use of them if set by your application.

HttpRequest.**current_app**

The `url` template tag will use its value as the `current_app` argument to `reverse()`.

HttpRequest.**urlconf**

This will be used as the root URLconf for the current request, overriding the `ROOT_URLCONF` setting. See *How Django processes a request* for details.

`urlconf` can be set to `None` to revert any changes made by previous middleware and return to using the `ROOT_URLCONF`.

HttpRequest.**exception_reporter_filter**

This will be used instead of `DEFAULT_EXCEPTION_REPORTER_FILTER` for the current request. See *Custom error reports* for details.

HttpRequest.**exception_reporter_class**

This will be used instead of `DEFAULT_EXCEPTION_REPORTER` for the current request. See *Custom error reports* for details.

**Attributes set by middleware**

Some of the middleware included in Django’s contrib apps set attributes on the request. If you don’t see the attribute on a request, be sure the appropriate middleware class is listed in `MIDDLEWARE`.

HttpRequest.**session**

From the `SessionMiddleware`: A readable and writable, dictionary-like object that represents the current session.

HttpRequest.**site**

From the `CurrentSiteMiddleware`: An instance of `Site` or `RequestSite` as returned by `get_current_site()` representing the current site.

HttpRequest.**user**

From the `AuthenticationMiddleware`: An instance of `AUTH_USER_MODEL` representing the currently logged-in user. If the user isn’t currently logged in, `user` will be set to an instance of `AnonymousUser`. You can tell them apart with `is_authenticated`, like so:

```python
if request.user.is_authenticated:
    # Do something for logged-in users.
else:
    # Do something for anonymous users.
```

**Methods**

HttpRequest.**get_host()**

Returns the originating host of the request using information from the `HTTP_X_FORWARDED_HOST` (if `USE_X_FORWARDED_HOST` is enabled) and `HTTP_HOST` headers, in that order. If they don’t provide a value, the method uses a combination of `SERVER_NAME` and `SERVER_PORT` as detailed in **PEP 3333**.

Example: "127.0.0.1:8000"
Note: The `get_host()` method fails when the host is behind multiple proxies. One solution is to use middleware to rewrite the proxy headers, as in the following example:

```python
class MultipleProxyMiddleware:
    FORWARDED_FOR_FIELDS = [
        'HTTP_X_FORWARDED_FOR',
        'HTTP_X_FORWARDED_HOST',
        'HTTP_X_FORWARDED_SERVER',
    ]

    def __init__(self, get_response):
        self.get_response = get_response

    def __call__(self, request):
        """Rewrites the proxy headers so that only the most recent proxy is used."
        """
        for field in self.FORWARDED_FOR_FIELDS:
            if field in request.META:
                if ',' in request.META[field]:
                    parts = request.META[field].split(',
                    request.META[field] = parts[-1].strip()
        return self.get_response(request)
```

This middleware should be positioned before any other middleware that relies on the value of `get_host()` — for instance, `CommonMiddleware` or `CsrfViewMiddleware`.

HttpRequest.

- **get_port()**
  Returns the originating port of the request using information from the HTTP_X_FORWARDED_PORT (if USE_X_FORWARDED_PORT is enabled) and SERVER_PORT META variables, in that order.

HttpRequest.

- **get_full_path()**
  Returns the path, plus an appended query string, if applicable.
  
  Example: "/music/bands/the_beatles/?print=true"

HttpRequest.

- **get_full_path_info()**
  Like `get_full_path()`, but uses `path_info` instead of `path`.
  
  Example: "/minfo/music/bands/the_beatles/?print=true"

HttpRequest.

- **build_absolute_uri(location=None)**
  Returns the absolute URI form of `location`. If no location is provided, the location will be set to `request.get_full_path()`.
  
  If the location is already an absolute URI, it will not be altered. Otherwise the absolute URI is built using the server variables available in this request. For example:

```python
>>> request.build_absolute_uri()
'https://example.com/music/bands/the_beatles/?print=true'
>>> request.build_absolute_uri('/bands/')
'https://example.com/bands/'
>>> request.build_absolute_uri('https://example2.com/bands/')
'https://example2.com/bands/'
```

Note: Mixing HTTP and HTTPS on the same site is discouraged, therefore `build_absolute_uri()` will
always generate an absolute URI with the same scheme the current request has. If you need to redirect users to HTTPS, it’s best to let your Web server redirect all HTTP traffic to HTTPS.

HttpRequest.get_signed_cookie(key, default=RAISE_ERROR, salt='', max_age=None)

Returns a cookie value for a signed cookie, or raises a django.core.signing.BadSignature exception if the signature is no longer valid. If you provide the default argument the exception will be suppressed and that default value will be returned instead.

The optional salt argument can be used to provide extra protection against brute force attacks on your secret key. If supplied, the max_age argument will be checked against the signed timestamp attached to the cookie value to ensure the cookie is not older than max_age seconds.

For example:

```python
>>> request.get_signed_cookie('name')
'Tony'
>>> request.get_signed_cookie('name', salt='name-salt')
'Tony' # assuming cookie was set using the same salt
>>> request.get_signed_cookie('nonexistent-cookie')
...
KeyError: 'nonexistent-cookie'
>>> request.get_signed_cookie('nonexistent-cookie', False)
False
>>> request.get_signed_cookie('cookie-that-was-tampered-with')
...
BadSignature: ...
>>> request.get_signed_cookie('name', max_age=60)
...
SignatureExpired: Signature age 1677.3839159 > 60 seconds
>>> request.get_signed_cookie('name', False, max_age=60)
False
```

See cryptographic signing for more information.

HttpRequest.is_secure()

Returns True if the request is secure; that is, if it was made with HTTPS.

HttpRequest.accepts(mime_type)

Returns True if the request Accept header matches the mime_type argument:

```python
>>> request.accepts('text/html')
True
```

Most browsers send Accept: */* by default, so this would return True for all content types. Setting an explicit Accept header in API requests can be useful for returning a different content type for those consumers only. See Content negotiation example of using accepts() to return different content to API consumers.

If a response varies depending on the content of the Accept header and you are using some form of caching like Django’s cache middleware, you should decorate the view with vary_on_headers('Accept') so that the responses are properly cached.

HttpRequest.is_ajax()

Deprecated since version 3.1.

Returns True if the request was made via an XMLHttpRequest, by checking the HTTP_X_REQUESTED_WITH header for the string 'XMLHttpRequest'. Most modern JavaScript libraries send this header. If you write your own XMLHttpRequest call (on the browser side), you’ll have to set this header manually if you want is_ajax() to work.
If a response varies on whether or not it’s requested via AJAX and you are using some form of caching like Django’s `cache middleware`, you should decorate the view with `vary_on_headers('X-Requested-With')` so that the responses are properly cached.

```
HttpRequest.read(size=None)
HttpRequest.readline()
HttpRequest.readlines()
HttpRequest.__iter__()
```

Methods implementing a file-like interface for reading from an `HttpRequest` instance. This makes it possible to consume an incoming request in a streaming fashion. A common use-case would be to process a big XML payload with an iterative parser without constructing a whole XML tree in memory.

Given this standard interface, an `HttpRequest` instance can be passed directly to an XML parser such as `ElementTree`:

```
import xml.etree.ElementTree as ET
for element in ET.iterparse(request):
    process(element)
```

### 6.17.3 `QueryDict` objects

#### class `QueryDict`

In an `HttpRequest` object, the `GET` and `POST` attributes are instances of `django.http.QueryDict`, a dictionary-like class customized to deal with multiple values for the same key. This is necessary because some HTML form elements, notably `<select multiple>`, pass multiple values for the same key.

The `QueryDict`s at `request.POST` and `request.GET` will be immutable when accessed in a normal request/response cycle. To get a mutable version you need to use `QueryDict.copy()`.

#### Methods

`QueryDict` implements all the standard dictionary methods because it’s a subclass of dictionary. Exceptions are outlined here:

`QueryDict.__init__(query_string=None, mutable=False, encoding=None)`

Instantiates a `QueryDict` object based on `query_string`.

```
>>> QueryDict('a=1&a=2&c=3')
<QueryDict: {'a': ['1', '2'], 'c': ['3']}>  
```

If `query_string` is not passed in, the resulting `QueryDict` will be empty (it will have no keys or values).

Most `QueryDict`s you encounter, and in particular those at `request.POST` and `request.GET`, will be immutable. If you are instantiating one yourself, you can make it mutable by passing `mutable=True` to its `__init__()`.

Strings for setting both keys and values will be converted from `encoding` to `str`. If `encoding` is not set, it defaults to `DEFAULT_CHARSET`.

#### `classmethod QueryDict.fromkeys(iterable, value='\'', mutable=False, encoding=None)`

Creates a new `QueryDict` with keys from `iterable` and each value equal to `value`. For example:

```
>>> QueryDict.fromkeys([['a', 'a'], ['b']], value='val')
<QueryDict: {'a': ['val', 'val'], 'b': ['val']}>  
```
QueryDict.__getitem__(key)
   Returns the value for the given key. If the key has more than one value, it returns the last value. Raises django.utils.datastructures.MultiValueDictKeyError if the key does not exist. (This is a subclass of Python’s standard KeyError, so you can stick to catching KeyError.)

QueryDict.__setitem__(key, value)
   Sets the given key to [value] (a list whose single element is value). Note that this, as other dictionary functions that have side effects, can only be called on a mutable QueryDict (such as one that was created via QueryDict.copy()).

QueryDict.__contains__(key)
   Returns True if the given key is set. This lets you do, e.g., if "foo" in request.GET.

QueryDict.get(key, default=None)
   Uses the same logic as __getitem__(), with a hook for returning a default value if the key doesn’t exist.

QueryDict.setdefault(key, default=None)
   Like dict.setdefault(), except it uses __setitem__() internally.

QueryDict.update(other_dict)
   Takes either a QueryDict or a dictionary. Like dict.update(), except it appends to the current dictionary items rather than replacing them. For example:

   ```python
   >>> q = QueryDict('a=1', mutable=True)
   >>> q.update({'a': '2'})
   >>> q.getlist('a')
   ['1', '2']
   >>> q['a']  # returns the last
   '2'
   ```

QueryDict.items()
   Like dict.items(), except this uses the same last-value logic as __getitem__() and returns an iterator object instead of a view object. For example:

   ```python
   >>> q = QueryDict('a=1&a=2&a=3')
   >>> list(q.items())
   [('a', '3')]
   ```

QueryDict.values()
   Like dict.values(), except this uses the same last-value logic as __getitem__() and returns an iterator instead of a view object. For example:

   ```python
   >>> q = QueryDict('a=1&a=2&a=3')
   >>> list(q.values())
   [3]
   ```

In addition, QueryDict has the following methods:

QueryDict.copy()
   Returns a copy of the object using copy.deepcopy(). This copy will be mutable even if the original was not.

QueryDict.getlist(key, default=None)
   Returns a list of the data with the requested key. Returns an empty list if the key doesn’t exist and default is None. It’s guaranteed to return a list unless the default value provided isn’t a list.

QueryDict.setlist(key, list_)
   Sets the given key to list_ (unlike __setitem__()).

In addition, QueryDict has the following methods:
QueryDict.appendlist(key, item)
    Appends an item to the internal list associated with key.

QueryDict.setlistdefault(key, default_list=None)
    Like setdefault(), except it takes a list of values instead of a single value.

QueryDict.lists()
    Like items(), except it includes all values, as a list, for each member of the dictionary. For example:

    >>> q = QueryDict('a=1&a=2&a=3')
    >>> q.lists()
    [('a', ['1', '2', '3'])]

QueryDict.pop(key)
    Returns a list of values for the given key and removes them from the dictionary. Raises KeyError if the key does not exist. For example:

    >>> q = QueryDict('a=1&a=2&a=3', mutable=True)
    >>> q.pop('a')
    ['1', '2', '3']

QueryDict.popitem()
    Removes an arbitrary member of the dictionary (since there’s no concept of ordering), and returns a two value tuple containing the key and a list of all values for the key. Raises KeyError when called on an empty dictionary. For example:

    >>> q = QueryDict('a=1&a=2&a=3', mutable=True)
    >>> q.popitem()
    ('a', ['1', '2', '3'])

QueryDict.dict()
    Returns a dict representation of QueryDict. For every (key, list) pair in QueryDict, dict will have (key, item), where item is one element of the list, using the same logic as QueryDict.__getitem__():

    >>> q = QueryDict('a=1&a=3&a=5')
    >>> q.dict()
    {'a': '5'}

QueryDicturlencode(safe=None)
    Returns a string of the data in query string format. For example:

    >>> q = QueryDict('a=2&b=3&b=5')
    >>> q.urlencode()
    'a=2&b=3&b=5'

Use the safe parameter to pass characters which don’t require encoding. For example:

    >>> q = QueryDict(mutable=True)
    >>> q['next'] = '/a&b/'
    >>> q.urlencode(safe='/')
    'next=/a%26b/'

### 6.17.4 HttpResponse objects

**class HttpResponse**
In contrast to HttpRequest objects, which are created automatically by Django, HttpResponse objects are your responsibility. Each view you write is responsible for instantiating, populating, and returning an HttpRequest. The HttpResponse class lives in the django.http module.

Usage

Passing strings

Typical usage is to pass the contents of the page, as a string, bytestring, or memoryview, to the HttpResponse constructor:

```python
>>> from django.http import HttpResponse
>>> response = HttpResponse("Here’s the text of the Web page.")
>>> response = HttpResponse("Text only, please.", content_type="text/plain")
>>> response = HttpResponse(b"Bytestings are also accepted.")
>>> response = HttpResponse(memoryview(b"Memoryview as well."))
```

Support for memoryview was added.

But if you want to add content incrementally, you can use response as a file-like object:

```python
>>> response = HttpResponse()
>>> response.write("<p>Here’s the text of the Web page.</p>")
>>> response.write("<p>Here’s another paragraph.</p>")
```

Passing iterators

Finally, you can pass HttpResponse an iterator rather than strings. HttpResponse will consume the iterator immediately, store its content as a string, and discard it. Objects with a close() method such as files and generators are immediately closed.

If you need the response to be streamed from the iterator to the client, you must use the StreamingHttpResponse class instead.

Setting header fields

To set or remove a header field in your response, treat it like a dictionary:

```python
>>> response = HttpResponse()
>>> response['Age'] = 120
>>> del response['Age']
```

Note that unlike a dictionary, del doesn’t raise KeyError if the header field doesn’t exist.

For setting the Cache-Control and Vary header fields, it is recommended to use the patch_cache_control() and patch_vary_headers() methods from django.utils.cache, since these fields can have multiple, comma-separated values. The “patch” methods ensure that other values, e.g. added by a middleware, are not removed.

HTTP header fields cannot contain newlines. An attempt to set a header field containing a newline character (CR or LF) will raise BadHeaderError
Telling the browser to treat the response as a file attachment

To tell the browser to treat the response as a file attachment, use the `content_type` argument and set the `Content-Disposition` header. For example, this is how you might return a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet:

```python
>>> response = HttpResponse(my_data, content_type='application/vnd.ms-excel')
>>> response['Content-Disposition'] = 'attachment; filename=foo.xls'
```

There’s nothing Django-specific about the `Content-Disposition` header, but it’s easy to forget the syntax, so we’ve included it here.

**Attributes**

HttpRequest `.content`
A bytestring representing the content, encoded from a string if necessary.

HttpRequest `.charset`
A string denoting the charset in which the response will be encoded. If not given at `HttpResponse` instantiation time, it will be extracted from `content_type` and if that is unsuccessful, the `DEFAULT_CHARSET` setting will be used.

HttpRequest `.status_code`
The HTTP status code for the response.

    Unless `reason_phrase` is explicitly set, modifying the value of `status_code` outside the constructor will also modify the value of `reason_phrase`.

HttpRequest `.reason_phrase`
The HTTP reason phrase for the response. It uses the HTTP standard’s default reason phrases.

    Unless explicitly set, `reason_phrase` is determined by the value of `status_code`.

HttpRequest `.streaming`
This is always False.

    This attribute exists so middleware can treat streaming responses differently from regular responses.

HttpRequest `.closed`
True if the response has been closed.

**Methods**

HttpRequest `.__init__`(content=b'', content_type=None, status=200, reason=None, charset=None)
Instantiates an HttpResponse object with the given page content and content type.

    content is most commonly an iterator, bytestring, `memoryview`, or string. Other types will be converted to a bytestring by encoding their string representation. Iterators should return strings or bytestrings and those will be joined together to form the content of the response.

    content_type is the MIME type optionally completed by a character set encoding and is used to fill the HTTP `Content-Type` header. If not specified, it is formed by 'text/html' and the `DEFAULT_CHARSET` settings, by default: "text/html; charset=utf-8".

    status is the HTTP status code for the response. You can use Python’s `http.HTTPStatus` for meaningful aliases, such as `HTTPStatus.NO_CONTENT`.

    reason is the HTTP response phrase. If not provided, a default phrase will be used.
charset is the charset in which the response will be encoded. If not given it will be extracted from content_type, and if that is unsuccessful, the DEFAULT_CHARSET setting will be used.

Support for memoryview content was added.

HttpRequest.__setitem__(header, value)
Sets the given header name to the given value. Both header and value should be strings.

HttpRequest.__delitem__(header)
Deletes the header with the given name. Fails silently if the header doesn’t exist. Case-insensitive.

HttpRequest.__getitem__(header)
Returns the value for the given header name. Case-insensitive.

HttpRequest.get(header, alternate=None)
Returns the value for the given header, or an alternate if the header doesn’t exist.

HttpRequest.has_header(header)
Returns True or False based on a case-insensitive check for a header with the given name.

HttpRequest.items()
Acts like dict.items() for HTTP headers on the response.

HttpRequest.setdefault(header, value)
Sets a header unless it has already been set.

HttpRequest.set_cookie(key, value=", max_age=None, expires=None, path='/', domain=None, secure=False, httponly=False, samesite=None)
Sets a cookie. The parameters are the same as in the Morsel cookie object in the Python standard library.

- max_age should be a number of seconds, or None (default) if the cookie should last only as long as the client’s browser session. If expires is not specified, it will be calculated.

- expires should either be a string in the format "Wdy, DD-Mon-YY HH:MM:SS GMT" or a datetime.datetime object in UTC. If expires is a datetime object, the max_age will be calculated.

- Use domain if you want to set a cross-domain cookie. For example, domain="example.com" will set a cookie that is readable by the domains www.example.com, blog.example.com, etc. Otherwise, a cookie will only be readable by the domain that set it.

- Use secure=True if you want the cookie to be only sent to the server when a request is made with the https scheme.

- Use httponly=True if you want to prevent client-side JavaScript from having access to the cookie.

HttpOnly is a flag included in a Set-Cookie HTTP response header. It’s part of the RFC 6265 standard for cookies and can be a useful way to mitigate the risk of a client-side script accessing the protected cookie data.

- Use samesite='Strict' or samesite='Lax' to tell the browser not to send this cookie when performing a cross-origin request. SameSite isn’t supported by all browsers, so it’s not a replacement for Django’s CSRF protection, but rather a defense in depth measure.

Use samesite='None' (string) to explicitly state that this cookie is sent with all same-site and cross-site requests.

Using samesite='None' (string) was allowed.

Warning: RFC 6265 states that user agents should support cookies of at least 4096 bytes. For many browsers this is also the maximum size. Django will not raise an exception if there’s an attempt to store a cookie of more than 4096 bytes, but many browsers will not set the cookie correctly.
HttpResponse.set_signed_cookie(key, value, salt='', max_age=None, expires=None, path='/', domain=None, secure=False, httponly=False, samesite=None)

Like set_cookie(), but cryptographic signing the cookie before setting it. Use in conjunction with HttpRequest.get_signed_cookie(). You can use the optional salt argument for added key strength, but you will need to remember to pass it to the corresponding HttpRequest.get_signed_cookie() call.

Using samesite='None' (string) was allowed.

HttpResponse.delete_cookie(key, path='/', domain=None, samesite=None)

Deletes the cookie with the given key. Fails silently if the key doesn’t exist.

Due to the way cookies work, path and domain should be the same values you used in set_cookie() – otherwise the cookie may not be deleted.

The samesite argument was added.

HttpResponse.close()

This method is called at the end of the request directly by the WSGI server.

HttpResponse.write(content)

This method makes an HttpResponse instance a file-like object.

HttpResponse.flush()

This method makes an HttpResponse instance a file-like object.

HttpResponse.tell()

This method makes an HttpResponse instance a file-like object.

HttpResponse.getvalue()

Returns the value of HttpResponse.content. This method makes an HttpResponse instance a stream-like object.

HttpResponse.readable()

Always False. This method makes an HttpResponse instance a stream-like object.

HttpResponse.seekable()

Always False. This method makes an HttpResponse instance a stream-like object.

HttpResponse.writable()

Always True. This method makes an HttpResponse instance a stream-like object.

HttpResponse.writelines(lines)

Writes a list of lines to the response. Line separators are not added. This method makes an HttpResponse instance a stream-like object.

HttpResponse subclasses

Django includes a number of HttpResponse subclasses that handle different types of HTTP responses. Like HttpResponse, these subclasses live in django.http.

class HttpResponseRedirect

The first argument to the constructor is required – the path to redirect to. This can be a fully qualified URL (e.g. 'https://www.yahoo.com/search/'), an absolute path with no domain (e.g. '/search/'), or even a relative path (e.g. 'search/'). In that last case, the client browser will reconstruct the full URL itself according to the current path. See HttpResponse for other optional constructor arguments. Note that this returns an HTTP status code 302.

url

This read-only attribute represents the URL the response will redirect to (equivalent to the Location response header).
class HttpResponsePermanentRedirect
    Like HttpResponseRedirect, but it returns a permanent redirect (HTTP status code 301) instead of a “found” redirect (status code 302).

class HttpResponseNotModified
    The constructor doesn’t take any arguments and no content should be added to this response. Use this to designate that a page hasn’t been modified since the user’s last request (status code 304).

class HttpResponseBadRequest
    Acts just like HttpResponse but uses a 400 status code.

class HttpResponseNotFound
    Acts just like HttpResponse but uses a 404 status code.

class HttpResponseForbidden
    Acts just like HttpResponse but uses a 403 status code.

class HttpResponseNotAllowed
    Like HttpResponse, but uses a 405 status code. The first argument to the constructor is required: a list of permitted methods (e.g. ['GET', 'POST']).

class HttpResponseGone
    Acts just like HttpResponse but uses a 410 status code.

class HttpResponseServerError
    Acts just like HttpResponse but uses a 500 status code.

Note: If a custom subclass of HttpResponse implements a render method, Django will treat it as emulating a SimpleTemplateResponse, and the render method must itself return a valid response object.

Custom response classes

If you find yourself needing a response class that Django doesn’t provide, you can create it with the help of http.HTTPStatus. For example:

```python
from http import HTTPStatus
from django.http import HttpResponse

class HttpResponseNoContent(HttpResponse):
    status_code = HTTPStatus.NO_CONTENT
```

6.17.5 JsonResponse objects

class JsonResponse(data, encoder=DjangoJSONEncoder, safe=True, json_dumps_params=None, **kwargs)
    An HttpResponse subclass that helps to create a JSON-encoded response. It inherits most behavior from its superclass with a couple differences:
    Its default Content-Type header is set to application/json.
    The first parameter, data, should be a dict instance. If the safe parameter is set to False (see below) it can be any JSON-serializable object.
    The encoder, which defaults to django.core.serializers.json.DjangoJSONEncoder, will be used to serialize the data. See JSON serialization for more details about this serializer.
The `safe` boolean parameter defaults to `True`. If it’s set to `False`, any object can be passed for serialization (otherwise only `dict` instances are allowed). If `safe` is `True` and a non-`dict` object is passed as the first argument, a `TypeError` will be raised.

The `json_dumps_params` parameter is a dictionary of keyword arguments to pass to the `json.dumps()` call used to generate the response.

**Usage**

Typical usage could look like:

```python
>>> from django.http import JsonResponse
>>> response = JsonResponse({'foo': 'bar'})
>>> response.content
b'{"foo": "bar"}'
```

**Serializing non-dictionary objects**

In order to serialize objects other than `dict` you must set the `safe` parameter to `False`:

```python
>>> response = JsonResponse([1, 2, 3], safe=False)
```

Without passing `safe=False`, a `TypeError` will be raised.

**Warning:** Before the 5th edition of ECMAScript it was possible to poison the JavaScript `Array` constructor. For this reason, Django does not allow passing non-`dict` objects to the `JsonResponse` constructor by default. However, most modern browsers implement EcmaScript 5 which removes this attack vector. Therefore it is possible to disable this security precaution.

**Changing the default JSON encoder**

If you need to use a different JSON encoder class you can pass the `encoder` parameter to the constructor method:

```python
>>> response = JsonResponse(data, encoder=MyJSONEncoder)
```

### 6.17.6 StreamingHttpResponse objects

**class StreamingHttpResponse**

The `StreamingHttpResponse` class is used to stream a response from Django to the browser. You might want to do this if generating the response takes too long or uses too much memory. For instance, it’s useful for generating large CSV files.

**Performance considerations**

Django is designed for short-lived requests. Streaming responses will tie a worker process for the entire duration of the response. This may result in poor performance.

Generally speaking, you should perform expensive tasks outside of the request-response cycle, rather than resorting to a streamed response.
The `StreamingHttpResponse` is not a subclass of `HttpResponse`, because it features a slightly different API. However, it is almost identical, with the following notable differences:

- It should be given an iterator that yields bytestrings as content.
- You cannot access its content, except by iterating the response object itself. This should only occur when the response is returned to the client.
- It has no `content` attribute. Instead, it has a `streaming_content` attribute.
- You cannot use the file-like object `tell()` or `write()` methods. Doing so will raise an exception.

`StreamingHttpResponse` should only be used in situations where it is absolutely required that the whole content isn’t iterated before transferring the data to the client. Because the content can’t be accessed, many middleware can’t function normally. For example the `ETag` and `Content-Length` headers can’t be generated for streaming responses.

### Attributes

- **`streaming_content`**

  An iterator of the response content, bytestring encoded according to `HttpResponse.charset`.

- **`status_code`**

  The HTTP status code for the response.

  Unless `reason_phrase` is explicitly set, modifying the value of `status_code` outside the constructor will also modify the value of `reason_phrase`.

- **`reason_phrase`**

  The HTTP reason phrase for the response. It uses the HTTP standard’s default reason phrases.

  Unless explicitly set, `reason_phrase` is determined by the value of `status_code`.

- **`streaming`**

  This is always True.

### 6.17.7 FileResponse objects

```python
from django.http import FileResponse
response = FileResponse(open('myfile.png', 'rb'))
```

The file will be closed automatically, so don’t open it with a context manager.
Methods

FileResponse.set_headers(open_file)
This method is automatically called during the response initialization and set various headers (Content-Length, Content-Type, and Content-Disposition) depending on open_file.

6.18 SchemaEditor

class BaseDatabaseSchemaEditor
Django’s migration system is split into two parts; the logic for calculating and storing what operations should be run (django.db.migrations), and the database abstraction layer that turns things like “create a model” or “delete a field” into SQL - which is the job of the SchemaEditor.

It’s unlikely that you will want to interact directly with SchemaEditor as a normal developer using Django, but if you want to write your own migration system, or have more advanced needs, it’s a lot nicer than writing SQL.

Each database backend in Django supplies its own version of SchemaEditor, and it’s always accessible via the connection.schema_editor() context manager:

```python
with connection.schema_editor() as schema_editor:
    schema_editor.delete_model(MyModel)
```

It must be used via the context manager as this allows it to manage things like transactions and deferred SQL (like creating ForeignKey constraints).

It exposes all possible operations as methods, that should be called in the order you wish changes to be applied. Some possible operations or types of change are not possible on all databases - for example, MyISAM does not support foreign key constraints.

If you are writing or maintaining a third-party database backend for Django, you will need to provide a SchemaEditor implementation in order to work with Django’s migration functionality - however, as long as your database is relatively standard in its use of SQL and relational design, you should be able to subclass one of the built-in Django SchemaEditor classes and tweak the syntax a little.

6.18.1 Methods

execute()

BaseDatabaseSchemaEditor.execute(sql, params=[]) executes the SQL statement passed in, with parameters if supplied. This is a wrapper around the normal database cursors that allows capture of the SQL to a .sql file if the user wishes.

create_model()

BaseDatabaseSchemaEditor.create_model(model) creates a new table in the database for the provided model, along with any unique constraints or indexes it requires.

delete_model()

BaseDatabaseSchemaEditor.delete_model(model)
Drops the model’s table in the database along with any unique constraints or indexes it has.

```python
add_index()
```

BaseDatabaseSchemaEditor.\texttt{add\_index}(\textit{model, index})

Adds index to model’s table.

```python
remove_index()
```

BaseDatabaseSchemaEditor.\texttt{remove\_index}(\textit{model, index})

Removes index from model’s table.

```python
add_constraint()
```

BaseDatabaseSchemaEditor.\texttt{add\_constraint}(\textit{model, constraint})

Adds constraint to model’s table.

```python
remove_constraint()
```

BaseDatabaseSchemaEditor.\texttt{remove\_constraint}(\textit{model, constraint})

Removes constraint from model’s table.

```python
alter_unique_together()
```

BaseDatabaseSchemaEditor.\texttt{alter\_unique\_together}(\textit{model, old\_unique\_together, new\_unique\_together})

Changes a model’s \texttt{unique\_together} value; this will add or remove unique constraints from the model’s table until they match the new value.

```python
alter_index_together()
```

BaseDatabaseSchemaEditor.\texttt{alter\_index\_together}(\textit{model, old\_index\_together, new\_index\_together})

Changes a model’s \texttt{index\_together} value; this will add or remove indexes from the model’s table until they match the new value.

```python
alter_db_table()
```

BaseDatabaseSchemaEditor.\texttt{alter\_db\_table}(\textit{model, old\_db\_table, new\_db\_table})

Renames the model’s table from \texttt{old\_db\_table} to \texttt{new\_db\_table}.
alter_db_tablespace()

BaseDatabaseSchemaEditor.alter_db_tablespace(model, old_db_tablespace, new_db_tablespace)

Moves the model’s table from one tablespace to another.

add_field()

BaseDatabaseSchemaEditor.add_field(model, field)

Adds a column (or sometimes multiple) to the model’s table to represent the field. This will also add indexes or a unique constraint if the field has db_index=True or unique=True.

If the field is a ManyToManyField without a value for through, instead of creating a column, it will make a table to represent the relationship. If through is provided, it is a no-op.

If the field is a ForeignKey, this will also add the foreign key constraint to the column.

remove_field()

BaseDatabaseSchemaEditor.remove_field(model, field)

Removes the column(s) representing the field from the model’s table, along with any unique constraints, foreign key constraints, or indexes caused by that field.

If the field is a ManyToManyField without a value for through, it will remove the table created to track the relationship. If through is provided, it is a no-op.

alter_field()

BaseDatabaseSchemaEditor.alter_field(model, old_field, new_field, strict=False)

This transforms the field on the model from the old field to the new one. This includes changing the name of the column (the db_column attribute), changing the type of the field (if the field class changes), changing the NULL status of the field, adding or removing field-only unique constraints and indexes, changing primary key, and changing the destination of ForeignKey constraints.

The most common transformation this cannot do is transforming a ManyToManyField into a normal Field or vice-versa; Django cannot do this without losing data, and so it will refuse to do it. Instead, remove_field() and add_field() should be called separately.

If the database has the supports_combined_alters, Django will try and do as many of these in a single database call as possible; otherwise, it will issue a separate ALTER statement for each change, but will not issue ALTERs where no change is required.

6.18.2 Attributes

All attributes should be considered read-only unless stated otherwise.

connection

SchemaEditor.connection
A connection object to the database. A useful attribute of the connection is alias which can be used to determine the name of the database being accessed. This is useful when doing data migrations for migrations with multiple databases.

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Warning: Be careful when you override settings, especially when the default value is a non-empty list or dictionary, such as STATICFILES_FINDERS. Make sure you keep the components required by the features of Django you wish to use.

6.19.1 Core Settings

Here’s a list of settings available in Django core and their default values. Settings provided by contrib apps are listed below, followed by a topical index of the core settings. For introductory material, see the settings topic guide.

**ABSOLUTE_URL_OVERRIDES**

Default: {} (Empty dictionary)

A dictionary mapping "app_label.model_name" strings to functions that take a model object and return its URL. This is a way of inserting or overriding get_absolute_url() methods on a per-installation basis. Example:

```python
ABSOLUTE_URL_OVERRIDES = {
    'blogs.weblog': lambda o: '/blogs/%s/' % o.slug,
    'news.story': lambda o: '/stories/%s/%s/' % (o.pub_year, o.slug),
}
```

The model name used in this setting should be all lowercase, regardless of the case of the actual model class name.

**ADMINS**

Default: [] (Empty list)

A list of all the people who get code error notifications. When DEBUG=False and AdminEmailHandler is configured in LOGGING (done by default), Django emails these people the details of exceptions raised in the request/response cycle.
Each item in the list should be a tuple of (Full name, email address). Example:

```python
[('John', 'john@example.com'), ('Mary', 'mary@example.com')]
```

**ALLOWED_HOSTS**

Default: [] (Empty list)

A list of strings representing the host/domain names that this Django site can serve. This is a security measure to prevent HTTP Host header attacks, which are possible even under many seemingly-safe web server configurations.

Values in this list can be fully qualified names (e.g. 'www.example.com'), in which case they will be matched against the request's Host header exactly (case-insensitive, not including port). A value beginning with a period can be used as a subdomain wildcard: '.example.com' will match example.com, www.example.com, and any other subdomain of example.com. A value of '*' will match anything; in this case you are responsible to provide your own validation of the Host header (perhaps in a middleware; if so this middleware must be listed first in MIDDLEWARE).

Django also allows the fully qualified domain name (FQDN) of any entries. Some browsers include a trailing dot in the Host header which Django strips when performing host validation.

If the Host header (or X-Forwarded-Host if USE_X_FORWARDED_HOST is enabled) does not match any value in this list, the `django.http.HttpRequest.get_host()` method will raise SuspiciousOperation.

When DEBUG is True andALLOWED_HOSTS is empty, the host is validated against ['.localhost', '127.0.0.1', '::1'].

ALLOWED_HOSTS is also checked when running tests.

This validation only applies via get_host(); if your code accesses the Host header directly from request. META you are bypassing this security protection.

If ALLOWED_HOSTS is empty and DEBUG=True, subdomains of localhost were allowed.

**APPEND_SLASH**

Default: True

When set to True, if the request URL does not match any of the patterns in the URLconf and it doesn’t end in a slash, an HTTP redirect is issued to the same URL with a slash appended. Note that the redirect may cause any data submitted in a POST request to be lost.

The APPEND_SLASH setting is only used if CommonMiddleware is installed (see Middleware). See also PREPEND_WWW.

**CACHES**

Default:

```python
{
    'default': {
        'BACKEND': 'django.core.cache.backends.locmem.LocMemCache',
    }
}
```
A dictionary containing the settings for all caches to be used with Django. It is a nested dictionary whose contents maps cache aliases to a dictionary containing the options for an individual cache.

The `CACHES` setting must configure a default cache; any number of additional caches may also be specified. If you are using a cache backend other than the local memory cache, or you need to define multiple caches, other options will be required. The following cache options are available.

**BACKEND**

Default: '' (Empty string)

The cache backend to use. The built-in cache backends are:

- 'django.core.cache.backends.db.DatabaseCache'
- 'django.core.cache.backends.dummy.DummyCache'
- 'django.core.cache.backends.filebased.FileBasedCache'
- 'django.core.cache.backends.locmem.LocMemCache'
- 'django.core.cache.backends.memcached.MemcachedCache'
- 'django.core.cache.backends.memcached.PyLibMCCache'

You can use a cache backend that doesn’t ship with Django by setting `BACKEND` to a fully-qualified path of a cache backend class (i.e. mypackage.backends.whatever.WhateverCache).

**KEY_FUNCTION**

A string containing a dotted path to a function (or any callable) that defines how to compose a prefix, version and key into a final cache key. The default implementation is equivalent to the function:

```python
def make_key(key, key_prefix, version):
    return ':'.join([key_prefix, str(version), key])
```

You may use any key function you want, as long as it has the same argument signature.

See the [cache documentation](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/cache/) for more information.

**KEY_PREFIX**

Default: '' (Empty string)

A string that will be automatically included (prepended by default) to all cache keys used by the Django server.

See the [cache documentation](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/cache/) for more information.

**LOCATION**

Default: '' (Empty string)

The location of the cache to use. This might be the directory for a file system cache, a host and port for a memcache server, or an identifying name for a local memory cache. e.g.:
CACHES = {
    'default': {
        'BACKEND': 'django.core.cache.backends.filebased.FileBasedCache',
        'LOCATION': '/var/tmp/django_cache',
    }
}

OPTIONS

Default: None
Extra parameters to pass to the cache backend. Available parameters vary depending on your cache backend.
Some information on available parameters can be found in the cache arguments documentation. For more information, consult your backend module’s own documentation.

TIMEOUT

Default: 300
The number of seconds before a cache entry is considered stale. If the value of this settings is None, cache entries will not expire.

VERSION

Default: 1
The default version number for cache keys generated by the Django server.
See the cache documentation for more information.

CACHE_MIDDLEWARE_ALIAS

Default: 'default'
The cache connection to use for the cache middleware.

CACHE_MIDDLEWARE_KEY_PREFIX

Default: '' (Empty string)
A string which will be prefixed to the cache keys generated by the cache middleware. This prefix is combined with the KEY_PREFIX setting; it does not replace it.
See Django’s cache framework.

CACHE_MIDDLEWARE_SECONDS

Default: 600
The default number of seconds to cache a page for the cache middleware.
See Django’s cache framework.
**CSRF_COOKIE_AGE**

Default: `31449600` (approximately 1 year, in seconds)

The age of CSRF cookies, in seconds.

The reason for setting a long-lived expiration time is to avoid problems in the case of a user closing a browser or bookmarking a page and then loading that page from a browser cache. Without persistent cookies, the form submission would fail in this case.

Some browsers (specifically Internet Explorer) can disallow the use of persistent cookies or can have the indexes to the cookie jar corrupted on disk, thereby causing CSRF protection checks to (sometimes intermittently) fail. Change this setting to `None` to use session-based CSRF cookies, which keep the cookies in-memory instead of on persistent storage.

**CSRF_COOKIE_DOMAIN**

Default: `None`

The domain to be used when setting the CSRF cookie. This can be useful for easily allowing cross-subdomain requests to be excluded from the normal cross site request forgery protection. It should be set to a string such as `.example.com` to allow a POST request from a form on one subdomain to be accepted by a view served from another subdomain.

Please note that the presence of this setting does not imply that Django’s CSRF protection is safe from cross-subdomain attacks by default - please see the **CSRF limitations** section.

**CSRF_COOKIE_HTTPONLY**

Default: `False`

Whether to use `HttpOnly` flag on the CSRF cookie. If this is set to `True`, client-side JavaScript will not be able to access the CSRF cookie.

Designating the CSRF cookie as `HttpOnly` doesn’t offer any practical protection because CSRF is only to protect against cross-domain attacks. If an attacker can read the cookie via JavaScript, they’re already on the same domain as far as the browser knows, so they can do anything they like anyway. (XSS is a much bigger hole than CSRF.)

Although the setting offers little practical benefit, it’s sometimes required by security auditors.

If you enable this and need to send the value of the CSRF token with an AJAX request, your JavaScript must pull the value _from a hidden CSRF token form input_ instead of _from the cookie_.

See **SESSION_COOKIE_HTTPONLY** for details on `HttpOnly`.

**CSRF_COOKIE_NAME**

Default: `'csrftoken'`

The name of the cookie to use for the CSRF authentication token. This can be whatever you want (as long as it’s different from the other cookie names in your application). See **Cross Site Request Forgery protection**.

**CSRF_COOKIE_PATH**

Default: `'/'`
The path set on the CSRF cookie. This should either match the URL path of your Django installation or be a parent of that path.

This is useful if you have multiple Django instances running under the same hostname. They can use different cookie paths, and each instance will only see its own CSRF cookie.

**CSRF_COOKIE_SAMESITE**

Default: 'Lax'

The value of the SameSite flag on the CSRF cookie. This flag prevents the cookie from being sent in cross-site requests.

See `SESSION_COOKIE_SAMESITE` for details about SameSite.

Setting `CSRF_COOKIE_SAMESITE = 'None'` was allowed.

**CSRF_COOKIE_SECURE**

Default: False

Whether to use a secure cookie for the CSRF cookie. If this is set to True, the cookie will be marked as “secure”, which means browsers may ensure that the cookie is only sent with an HTTPS connection.

**CSRF_USE_SESSIONS**

Default: False

Whether to store the CSRF token in the user’s session instead of in a cookie. It requires the use of `django.contrib.sessions`.

Storing the CSRF token in a cookie (Django’s default) is safe, but storing it in the session is common practice in other web frameworks and therefore sometimes demanded by security auditors.

Since the default error views require the CSRF token, `SessionMiddleware` must appear in `MIDDLEWARE` before any middleware that may raise an exception to trigger an error view (such as `PermissionDenied`) if you’re using `CSRF_USE_SESSIONS`. See `Middleware ordering`.

**CSRF_FAILURE_VIEW**

Default: 'django.views.csrf.csrf_failure'

A dotted path to the view function to be used when an incoming request is rejected by the CSRF protection. The function should have this signature:

```python
def csrf_failure(request, reason=""): ...
```

where `reason` is a short message (intended for developers or logging, not for end users) indicating the reason the request was rejected. It should return an `HttpResponseForbidden`.

django.views.csrf.csrf_failure() accepts an additional `template_name` parameter that defaults to '403.csrf.html'. If a template with that name exists, it will be used to render the page.
CSRF_HEADER_NAME

Default: 'HTTP_X_CSRFTOKEN'

The name of the request header used for CSRF authentication.

As with other HTTP headers in request.META, the header name received from the server is normalized by converting all characters to uppercase, replacing any hyphens with underscores, and adding an 'HTTP_' prefix to the name. For example, if your client sends a 'X-XSRF-TOKEN' header, the setting should be 'HTTP_X_XSRF_TOKEN'.

CSRF_TRUSTED_ORIGINS

Default: [] (Empty list)

A list of hosts which are trusted origins for unsafe requests (e.g. POST). For a secure unsafe request, Django’s CSRF protection requires that the request have a Referer header that matches the origin present in the Host header. This prevents, for example, a POST request from subdomain.example.com from succeeding against api.example.com. If you need cross-origin unsafe requests over HTTPS, continuing the example, add "subdomain.example.com" to this list. The setting also supports subdomains, so you could add ".example.com", for example, to allow access from all subdomains of example.com.

DATABASES

Default: {} (Empty dictionary)

A dictionary containing the settings for all databases to be used with Django. It is a nested dictionary whose contents map a database alias to a dictionary containing the options for an individual database.

The DATABASES setting must configure a default database; any number of additional databases may also be specified.

The simplest possible settings file is for a single-database setup using SQLite. This can be configured using the following:

```python
DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.sqlite3',
        'NAME': 'mydatabase',
    }
}
```

When connecting to other database backends, such as MariaDB, MySQL, Oracle, or PostgreSQL, additional connection parameters will be required. See the ENGINE setting below on how to specify other database types. This example is for PostgreSQL:

```python
DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.postgresql',
        'NAME': 'mydatabase',
        'USER': 'mydatabaseuser',
        'PASSWORD': 'mypassword',
        'HOST': '127.0.0.1',
        'PORT': '5432',
    }
}
```

The following inner options that may be required for more complex configurations are available:
**ATOMIC_REQUESTS**

Default: `False`

Set this to `True` to wrap each view in a transaction on this database. See *Tying transactions to HTTP requests*.

**AUTOCOMMIT**

Default: `True`

Set this to `False` if you want to *disable Django’s transaction management* and implement your own.

**ENGINE**

Default: `' ' (Empty string)`

The database backend to use. The built-in database backends are:

- 'django.db.backends.postgresql'
- 'django.db.backends.mysql'
- 'django.db.backends.sqlite3'
- 'django.db.backends.oracle'

You can use a database backend that doesn’t ship with Django by setting `ENGINE` to a fully-qualified path (i.e. `mypackage.backends.whatever`).

**HOST**

Default: `' ' (Empty string)`

Which host to use when connecting to the database. An empty string means localhost. Not used with SQLite.

If this value starts with a forward slash (`'/'`) and you’re using MySQL, MySQL will connect via a Unix socket to the specified socket. For example:

```
"HOST": '/var/run/mysql'
```

If you’re using MySQL and this value *doesn’t* start with a forward slash, then this value is assumed to be the host.

If you’re using PostgreSQL, by default (empty `HOST`), the connection to the database is done through UNIX domain sockets (‘local’ lines in `pg_hba.conf`). If your UNIX domain socket is not in the standard location, use the same value of `unix_socket_directory` from `postgresql.conf`. If you want to connect through TCP sockets, set `HOST` to ‘localhost’ or ‘127.0.0.1’ (‘host’ lines in `pg_hba.conf`). On Windows, you should always define `HOST`, as UNIX domain sockets are not available.

**NAME**

Default: `' ' (Empty string)`

The name of the database to use. For SQLite, it’s the full path to the database file. When specifying the path, always use forward slashes, even on Windows (e.g. `C:/homes/user/mysite/sqlite3.db`).
**CONN_MAX_AGE**

Default: 0

The lifetime of a database connection, as an integer of seconds. Use 0 to close database connections at the end of each request — Django’s historical behavior — and None for unlimited persistent connections.

**OPTIONS**

Default: {} (Empty dictionary)

Extra parameters to use when connecting to the database. Available parameters vary depending on your database backend.

Some information on available parameters can be found in the [Database Backends documentation](#). For more information, consult your backend module’s own documentation.

**PASSWORD**

Default: '' (Empty string)

The password to use when connecting to the database. Not used with SQLite.

**PORT**

Default: '' (Empty string)

The port to use when connecting to the database. An empty string means the default port. Not used with SQLite.

**TIME_ZONE**

Default: None

A string representing the time zone for this database connection or None. This inner option of the DATABASES setting accepts the same values as the general TIME_ZONE setting.

When USE_TZ is True and this option is set, reading datetimes from the database returns aware datetimes in this time zone instead of UTC. When USE_TZ is False, it is an error to set this option.

- If the database backend doesn’t support time zones (e.g. SQLite, MySQL, Oracle), Django reads and writes datetimes in local time according to this option if it is set and in UTC if it isn’t.

  Changing the connection time zone changes how datetimes are read from and written to the database.

  - If Django manages the database and you don’t have a strong reason to do otherwise, you should leave this option unset. It’s best to store datetimes in UTC because it avoids ambiguous or nonexistent datetimes during daylight saving time changes. Also, receiving datetimes in UTC keeps datetime arithmetic simple — there’s no need for the normalize() method provided by pytz.

  - If you’re connecting to a third-party database that stores datetimes in a local time rather than UTC, then you must set this option to the appropriate time zone. Likewise, if Django manages the database but third-party systems connect to the same database and expect to find datetimes in local time, then you must set this option.
• If the database backend supports time zones (e.g. PostgreSQL), the `TIME_ZONE` option is very rarely needed. It can be changed at any time; the database takes care of converting datetimes to the desired time zone.

  Setting the time zone of the database connection may be useful for running raw SQL queries involving date/time functions provided by the database, such as `date_trunc`, because their results depend on the time zone.

  However, this has a downside: receiving all datetimes in local time makes datetime arithmetic more tricky — you must call the `normalize()` method provided by pytz after each operation.

  Consider converting to local time explicitly with `AT TIME ZONE` in raw SQL queries instead of setting the `TIME_ZONE` option.

Using this option when the database backend supports time zones was allowed.

**DISABLE_SERVER_SIDE_CURSORS**

Default: `False`

Set this to `True` if you want to disable the use of server-side cursors with `QuerySet.iterator()`. `Transaction pooling and server-side cursors` describes the use case.

This is a PostgreSQL-specific setting.

**USER**

Default: `' ' (Empty string)`

The username to use when connecting to the database. Not used with SQLite.

**TEST**

Default: `{}` (Empty dictionary)

A dictionary of settings for test databases; for more details about the creation and use of test databases, see *The test database*.

Here’s an example with a test database configuration:

```python
DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.postgresql',
        'USER': 'mydatabaseuser',
        'NAME': 'mydatabase',
        'TEST': {
            'NAME': 'mytestdatabase',
        },
    },
}
```

The following keys in the `TEST` dictionary are available:

**CHARSET**

Default: `None`
The character set encoding used to create the test database. The value of this string is passed directly through to the database, so its format is backend-specific.

Supported by the PostgreSQL (postgresql) and MySQL (mysql) backends.

**COLLATION**

Default: None

The collation order to use when creating the test database. This value is passed directly to the backend, so its format is backend-specific.

Only supported for the mysql backend (see the MySQL manual for details).

**DEPENDENCIES**

Default: ['default'], for all databases other than default, which has no dependencies.

The creation-order dependencies of the database. See the documentation on controlling the creation order of test databases for details.

**MIGRATE**

Default: True

When set to False, migrations won’t run when creating the test database. This is similar to setting None as a value in MIGRATION_MODULES, but for all apps.

**MIRROR**

Default: None

The alias of the database that this database should mirror during testing.

This setting exists to allow for testing of primary/replica (referred to as master/slave by some databases) configurations of multiple databases. See the documentation on testing primary/replica configurations for details.

**NAME**

Default: None

The name of database to use when running the test suite.

If the default value (None) is used with the SQLite database engine, the tests will use a memory resident database. For all other database engines the test database will use the name 'test_' + DATABASE_NAME.

See The test database.

**SERIALIZE**

Boolean value to control whether or not the default test runner serializes the database into an in-memory JSON string before running tests (used to restore the database state between tests if you don’t have transactions). You can set this to False to speed up creation time if you don’t have any test classes with serialized_rollback=True.
**TEMPLATE**

This is a PostgreSQL-specific setting.
The name of a template (e.g. 'template0') from which to create the test database.

**CREATE_DB**

Default: True

This is an Oracle-specific setting.
If it is set to False, the test tablespaces won’t be automatically created at the beginning of the tests or dropped at the end.

**CREATE_USER**

Default: True

This is an Oracle-specific setting.
If it is set to False, the test user won’t be automatically created at the beginning of the tests and dropped at the end.

**USER**

Default: None

This is an Oracle-specific setting.
The username to use when connecting to the Oracle database that will be used when running tests. If not provided, Django will use 'test_' + USER.

**PASSWORD**

Default: None

This is an Oracle-specific setting.
The password to use when connecting to the Oracle database that will be used when running tests. If not provided, Django will generate a random password.

**ORACLE_MANAGED_FILES**

Default: False

This is an Oracle-specific setting.
If set to True, Oracle Managed Files (OMF) tablespaces will be used. DATAFILE and DATAFILE_TMP will be ignored.
**TBLSPACE**

Default: None

This is an Oracle-specific setting.

The name of the tablespace that will be used when running tests. If not provided, Django will use 'test_' + USER.

**TBLSPACE_TMP**

Default: None

This is an Oracle-specific setting.

The name of the temporary tablespace that will be used when running tests. If not provided, Django will use 'test_' + USER + '_temp'.

**DATAFILE**

Default: None

This is an Oracle-specific setting.

The name of the datafile to use for the TBLSPACE. If not provided, Django will use TBLSPACE + '.dbf'.

**DATAFILE_TMP**

Default: None

This is an Oracle-specific setting.

The name of the datafile to use for the TBLSPACE_TMP. If not provided, Django will use TBLSPACE_TMP + '.dbf'.

**DATAFILE_MAXSIZE**

Default: '500M'

This is an Oracle-specific setting.

The maximum size that the DATAFILE is allowed to grow to.

**DATAFILE_TMP_MAXSIZE**

Default: '500M'

This is an Oracle-specific setting.

The maximum size that the DATAFILE_TMP is allowed to grow to.
**DATAFILE_SIZE**

Default: '50M'
This is an Oracle-specific setting.
The initial size of the DATAFILE.

**DATAFILE_TMP_SIZE**

Default: '50M'
This is an Oracle-specific setting.
The initial size of the DATAFILE_TMP.

**DATAFILE_EXTSIZE**

Default: '25M'
This is an Oracle-specific setting.
The amount by which the DATAFILE is extended when more space is required.

**DATAFILE_TMP_EXTSIZE**

Default: '25M'
This is an Oracle-specific setting.
The amount by which the DATAFILE_TMP is extended when more space is required.

**DATA_UPLOAD_MAX_MEMORY_SIZE**

Default: 2621440 (i.e. 2.5 MB).
The maximum size in bytes that a request body may be before a SuspiciousOperation (RequestDataTooBig) is raised. The check is done when accessing request.body or request.POST and is calculated against the total request size excluding any file upload data. You can set this to None to disable the check. Applications that are expected to receive unusually large form posts should tune this setting.

The amount of request data is correlated to the amount of memory needed to process the request and populate the GET and POST dictionaries. Large requests could be used as a denial-of-service attack vector if left unchecked. Since web servers don’t typically perform deep request inspection, it’s not possible to perform a similar check at that level.

See also **FILE_UPLOAD_MAX_MEMORY_SIZE**.

**DATA_UPLOAD_MAX_NUMBER_FIELDS**

Default: 1000
The maximum number of parameters that may be received via GET or POST before a SuspiciousOperation (TooManyFields) is raised. You can set this to None to disable the check. Applications that are expected to receive an unusually large number of form fields should tune this setting.
The number of request parameters is correlated to the amount of time needed to process the request and populate the
GET and POST dictionaries. Large requests could be used as a denial-of-service attack vector if left unchecked. Since
web servers don’t typically perform deep request inspection, it’s not possible to perform a similar check at that level.

**DATABASE_ROUTERS**

Default: [] (Empty list)
The list of routers that will be used to determine which database to use when performing a database query.
See the documentation on automatic database routing in multi database configurations.

**DATE_FORMAT**

Default: 'N j, Y' (e.g. Feb. 4, 2003)
The default formatting to use for displaying date fields in any part of the system. Note that if USE_L10N is set
to True, then the locale-dictated format has higher precedence and will be applied instead. See allowed date
format strings.
See also DATETIME_FORMAT, TIME_FORMAT and SHORT_DATE_FORMAT.

**DATE_INPUT_FORMATS**

Default:

```
['%Y-%m-%d', '%m/%d/%Y', '%m/%d/%y', # '2006-10-25', '10/25/2006', '10/25/06'
'b %d %Y', 'b %d, %Y', # 'Oct 25 2006', 'Oct 25, 2006'
'd %b %y', 'd %m, %Y', # '25 Oct 2006', '25 Oct, 2006'
'B %d %Y', 'B %d, %Y', # 'October 25 2006', 'October 25, 2006'
'd %B %y', 'd %b, %Y', # '25 October 2006', '25 October, 2006'
]
```

A list of formats that will be accepted when inputting data on a date field. Formats will be tried in order, using the first
valid one. Note that these format strings use Python’s datetime module syntax, not the format strings from the date
template filter.
When USE_L10N is True, the locale-dictated format has higher precedence and will be applied instead.
See also DATETIME_INPUT_FORMATS and TIME_INPUT_FORMATS.

**DATETIME_FORMAT**

Default: 'N j, Y, P' (e.g. Feb. 4, 2003, 4 p.m.)
The default formatting to use for displaying datetime fields in any part of the system. Note that if USE_L10N is set
to True, then the locale-dictated format has higher precedence and will be applied instead. See allowed date
format strings.
See also DATE_FORMAT, TIME_FORMAT and SHORT_DATETIME_FORMAT.
**DATETIME_INPUT_FORMATS**

Default:

```
[ 
  '%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S',  # '2006-10-25 14:30:59'
  '%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S.%f', # '2006-10-25 14:30:59.000200'
  '%Y-%m-%d %H:%M',    # '2006-10-25 14:30'
  '%m/%d/%Y %H:%M:%S',  # '10/25/2006 14:30:59'
  '%m/%d/%Y %H:%M:%S.%f', # '10/25/2006 14:30:59.000200'
  '%m/%d/%Y %H:%M',    # '10/25/2006 14:30'
  '%m/%d/%y %H:%M:%S',  # '10/25/06 14:30:59'
  '%m/%d/%y %H:%M:%S.%f', # '10/25/06 14:30:59.000200'
  '%m/%d/%y %H:%M',    # '10/25/06 14:30'
]
```

A list of formats that will be accepted when inputting data on a datetime field. Formats will be tried in order, using the first valid one. Note that these format strings use Python’s `datetime` module syntax, not the format strings from the `date` template filter. Date-only formats are not included as datetime fields will automatically try `DATE_INPUT_FORMATS` in last resort.

When `USE_L10N` is `True`, the locale-dictated format has higher precedence and will be applied instead.

See also `DATE_INPUT_FORMATS` and `TIME_INPUT_FORMATS`.

In older versions, the default is a list containing also date-only formats.

**DEBUG**

Default: `False`

A boolean that turns on/off debug mode.

Never deploy a site into production with `DEBUG` turned on.

One of the main features of debug mode is the display of detailed error pages. If your app raises an exception when `DEBUG` is `True`, Django will display a detailed traceback, including a lot of metadata about your environment, such as all the currently defined Django settings (from `settings.py`).

As a security measure, Django will not include settings that might be sensitive, such as `SECRET_KEY`. Specifically, it will exclude any setting whose name includes any of the following:

- 'API'
- 'KEY'
- 'PASS'
- 'SECRET'
- 'SIGNATURE'
- 'TOKEN'

Note that these are partial matches. 'PASS' will also match PASSWORD, just as 'TOKEN' will also match TOKENIZED and so on.

Still, note that there are always going to be sections of your debug output that are inappropriate for public consumption. File paths, configuration options and the like all give attackers extra information about your server.

It is also important to remember that when running with `DEBUG` turned on, Django will remember every SQL query it executes. This is useful when you’re debugging, but it’ll rapidly consume memory on a production server.
Finally, if `DEBUG` is `False`, you also need to properly set the `ALLOWED_HOSTS` setting. Failing to do so will result in all requests being returned as “Bad Request (400)”.

**Note:** The default `settings.py` file created by `django-admin startproject` sets `DEBUG = True` for convenience.

**DEBUG_PROPAGATE_EXCEPTIONS**

Default: `False`

If set to `True`, Django’s exception handling of view functions (`handler500`, or the debug view if `DEBUG` is `True`) and logging of 500 responses (`django.request`) is skipped and exceptions propagate upwards.

This can be useful for some test setups. It shouldn’t be used on a live site unless you want your web server (instead of Django) to generate “Internal Server Error” responses. In that case, make sure your server doesn’t show the stack trace or other sensitive information in the response.

**DECIMAL_SEPARATOR**

Default: `''` (Dot)

Default decimal separator used when formatting decimal numbers.

Note that if `USE_L10N` is set to `True`, then the locale-dictated format has higher precedence and will be applied instead.

See also `NUMBER_GROUPING`, `THOUSAND_SEPARATOR` and `USE_THOUSAND_SEPARATOR`.

**DEFAULT_CHARSET**

Default: `'utf-8'`

Default charset to use for all `HttpResponse` objects, if a MIME type isn’t manually specified. Used when constructing the `Content-Type` header.

**DEFAULT_EXCEPTION_REPORTER**

Default: `'django.views.debug.ExceptionReporter'`

Default exception reporter class to be used if none has been assigned to the `HttpRequest` instance yet. See Custom error reports.

**DEFAULT_EXCEPTION_REPORTER_FILTER**

Default: `'django.views.debug.SafeExceptionReporterFilter'`

Default exception reporter filter class to be used if none has been assigned to the `HttpRequest` instance yet. See Filtering error reports.
**DEFAULT_FILE_STORAGE**

Default: `'django.core.files.storage.FileSystemStorage'`

Default file storage class to be used for any file-related operations that don’t specify a particular storage system. See *Managing files*.

**DEFAULT_FROM_EMAIL**

Default: `'webmaster@localhost'`

Default email address to use for various automated correspondence from the site manager(s). This doesn’t include error messages sent to *ADMINS* and *MANAGERS*; for that, see *SERVER_EMAIL*.

**DEFAULT_HASHING_ALGORITHM**

Default: `'sha256'`

Default hashing algorithm to use for encoding cookies, password reset tokens in the admin site, user sessions, and signatures created by `django.core.signing.Signer` and `django.core.signing.dumps()`. Algorithm must be `'sha1'` or `'sha256'`. See *release notes* for usage details.

Deprecated since version 3.1: This transitional setting is deprecated. Support for it and tokens, cookies, sessions, and signatures that use SHA-1 hashing algorithm will be removed in Django 4.0.

**DEFAULT_INDEX_TABLESPACE**

Default: `' ' (Empty string)`

Default tablespace to use for indexes on fields that don’t specify one, if the backend supports it (see *Tablespaces*).

**DEFAULT_TABLESPACE**

Default: `' ' (Empty string)`

Default tablespace to use for models that don’t specify one, if the backend supports it (see *Tablespaces*).

**DISALLOWED_USER_AGENTS**

Default: `[]` (Empty list)

List of compiled regular expression objects representing User-Agent strings that are not allowed to visit any page, systemwide. Use this for bots/crawlers. This is only used if *CommonMiddleware* is installed (see *Middleware*).

**EMAIL_BACKEND**

Default: `'django.core.mail.backends.smtp.EmailBackend'`

The backend to use for sending emails. For the list of available backends see *Sending email*. 
**EMAIL_FILE_PATH**

Default: Not defined

The directory used by the `file email backend` to store output files.

Support for `pathlib.Path` was added.

**EMAIL_HOST**

Default: `'localhost'`

The host to use for sending email.

See also `EMAIL_PORT`.

**EMAIL_HOST_PASSWORD**

Default: `'` (Empty string)

Password to use for the SMTP server defined in `EMAIL_HOST`. This setting is used in conjunction with `EMAIL_HOST_USER` when authenticating to the SMTP server. If either of these settings is empty, Django won’t attempt authentication.

See also `EMAIL_HOST_USER`.

**EMAIL_HOST_USER**

Default: `'` (Empty string)

Username to use for the SMTP server defined in `EMAIL_HOST`. If empty, Django won’t attempt authentication.

See also `EMAIL_HOST_PASSWORD`.

**EMAIL_PORT**

Default: `25`

Port to use for the SMTP server defined in `EMAIL_HOST`.

**EMAIL_SUBJECT_PREFIX**

Default: `'[Django] '`

Subject-line prefix for email messages sent with `django.core.mail.mail_admins` or `django.core.mail.mail_managers`. You’ll probably want to include the trailing space.

**EMAIL_USE_LOCALTIME**

Default: `False`

Whether to send the SMTP `Date` header of email messages in the local time zone (`True`) or in UTC (`False`).
EMAIL_USE_TLS

Default: False

Whether to use a TLS (secure) connection when talking to the SMTP server. This is used for explicit TLS connections, generally on port 587. If you are experiencing hanging connections, see the implicit TLS setting EMAIL_USE_SSL.

EMAIL_USE_SSL

Default: False

Whether to use an implicit TLS (secure) connection when talking to the SMTP server. In most email documentation this type of TLS connection is referred to as SSL. It is generally used on port 465. If you are experiencing problems, see the explicit TLS setting EMAIL_USE_TLS.

Note that EMAIL_USE_TLS/EMAIL_USE_SSL are mutually exclusive, so only set one of those settings to True.

EMAIL_SSL_CERTFILE

Default: None

If EMAIL_USE_SSL or EMAIL_USE_TLS is True, you can optionally specify the path to a PEM-formatted certificate chain file to use for the SSL connection.

EMAIL_SSL_KEYFILE

Default: None

If EMAIL_USE_SSL or EMAIL_USE_TLS is True, you can optionally specify the path to a PEM-formatted private key file to use for the SSL connection.

Note that setting EMAIL_SSL_CERTFILE and EMAIL_SSL_KEYFILE doesn’t result in any certificate checking. They’re passed to the underlying SSL connection. Please refer to the documentation of Python’s ssl.wrap_socket() function for details on how the certificate chain file and private key file are handled.

EMAIL_TIMEOUT

Default: None

Specifies a timeout in seconds for blocking operations like the connection attempt.

FILE_UPLOAD_HANDLERS

Default:

```python
[
    'django.core.files.uploadhandler.MemoryFileUploadHandler',
    'django.core.files.uploadhandler.TemporaryFileUploadHandler',
]
```

A list of handlers to use for uploading. Changing this setting allows complete customization – even replacement – of Django’s upload process.

See Managing files for details.
**FILE_UPLOAD_MAX_MEMORY_SIZE**

Default: 2621440 (i.e. 2.5 MB).

The maximum size (in bytes) that an upload will be before it gets streamed to the file system. See *Managing files* for details.

See also *DATA_UPLOAD_MAX_MEMORY_SIZE*.

**FILE_UPLOAD_DIRECTORY_PERMISSIONS**

Default: None

The numeric mode to apply to directories created in the process of uploading files.

This setting also determines the default permissions for collected static directories when using the *collectstatic* management command. See *collectstatic* for details on overriding it.

This value mirrors the functionality and caveats of the *FILE_UPLOAD_PERMISSIONS* setting.

**FILE_UPLOAD_PERMISSIONS**

Default: 0o644

The numeric mode (i.e. 0o644) to set newly uploaded files to. For more information about what these modes mean, see the documentation for `os.chmod()`.

If None, you’ll get operating-system dependent behavior. On most platforms, temporary files will have a mode of 0o600, and files saved from memory will be saved using the system’s standard umask.

For security reasons, these permissions aren’t applied to the temporary files that are stored in *FILE_UPLOAD_TEMP_DIR*.

This setting also determines the default permissions for collected static files when using the *collectstatic* management command. See *collectstatic* for details on overriding it.

**Warning:** Always prefix the mode with 0o .

If you’re not familiar with file modes, please note that the 0o prefix is very important: it indicates an octal number, which is the way that modes must be specified. If you try to use 644, you’ll get totally incorrect behavior.

In older versions, the default value is None.

**FILE_UPLOAD_TEMP_DIR**

Default: None

The directory to store data to (typically files larger than *FILE_UPLOAD_MAX_MEMORY_SIZE*) temporarily while uploading files. If None, Django will use the standard temporary directory for the operating system. For example, this will default to /tmp on *nix-style operating systems.

See *Managing files* for details.
**FIRST_DAY_OF_WEEK**

Default: 0 (Sunday)

A number representing the first day of the week. This is especially useful when displaying a calendar. This value is only used when not using format internationalization, or when a format cannot be found for the current locale.

The value must be an integer from 0 to 6, where 0 means Sunday, 1 means Monday and so on.

**FIXTURE_DIRS**

Default: [] (Empty list)

List of directories searched for fixture files, in addition to the fixtures directory of each application, in search order.

Note that these paths should use Unix-style forward slashes, even on Windows.

See *Providing data with fixtures* and *Fixture loading*.

**FORCE_SCRIPT_NAME**

Default: None

If not None, this will be used as the value of the SCRIPT_NAME environment variable in any HTTP request. This setting can be used to override the server-provided value of SCRIPT_NAME, which may be a rewritten version of the preferred value or not supplied at all. It is also used by `django.setup()` to set the URL resolver script prefix outside of the request/response cycle (e.g. in management commands and standalone scripts) to generate correct URLs when SCRIPT_NAME is not `/`.

**FORM_RENDERER**

Default: 'django.forms.renderers.DjangoTemplates'

The class that renders form widgets. It must implement the low-level render API.

**FORMAT_MODULE_PATH**

Default: None

A full Python path to a Python package that contains custom format definitions for project locales. If not None, Django will check for a `formats.py` file, under the directory named as the current locale, and will use the formats defined in this file.

For example, if `FORMAT_MODULE_PATH` is set to `mysite.formats`, and current language is en (English), Django will expect a directory tree like:

```plaintext
mysite/
    formats/
        __init__.py
    en/
        __init__.py
        formats.py
```

You can also set this setting to a list of Python paths, for example:
When Django searches for a certain format, it will go through all given Python paths until it finds a module that actually defines the given format. This means that formats defined in packages farther up in the list will take precedence over the same formats in packages farther down.

Available formats are:

- **DATE_FORMAT**
- **DATE_INPUT_FORMATS**
- **DATETIME_FORMAT**
- **DATETIME_INPUT_FORMATS**
- **DECIMAL_SEPARATOR**
- **FIRST_DAY_OF_WEEK**
- **MONTH_DAY_FORMAT**
- **NUMBER_GROUPING**
- **SHORT_DATE_FORMAT**
- **SHORT_DATETIME_FORMAT**
- **THOUSAND_SEPARATOR**
- **TIME_FORMAT**
- **TIME_INPUT_FORMATS**
- **YEAR_MONTH_FORMAT**

**IGNORABLE_404_URLS**

Default: [] (Empty list)

List of compiled regular expression objects describing URLs that should be ignored when reporting HTTP 404 errors via email (see Error reporting). Regular expressions are matched against request’s full paths (including query string, if any). Use this if your site does not provide a commonly requested file such as favicon.ico or robots.txt.

This is only used if BrokenLinkEmailsMiddleware is enabled (see Middleware).

**INSTALLED_APPS**

Default: [] (Empty list)

A list of strings designating all applications that are enabled in this Django installation. Each string should be a dotted Python path to:

- an application configuration class (preferred), or
- a package containing an application.
Learn more about application configurations.

Use the application registry for introspection

Your code should never access `INSTALLED_APPS` directly. Use `django.apps.apps` instead.

Application names and labels must be unique in `INSTALLED_APPS`

Application *names* — the dotted Python path to the application package — must be unique. There is no way to include the same application twice, short of duplicating its code under another name.

Application *labels* — by default the final part of the name — must be unique too. For example, you can’t include both `django.contrib.auth` and `myproject.auth`. However, you can relabel an application with a custom configuration that defines a different *label*.

These rules apply regardless of whether `INSTALLED_APPS` references application configuration classes or application packages.

When several applications provide different versions of the same resource (template, static file, management command, translation), the application listed first in `INSTALLED_APPS` has precedence.

**INTERNAL_IPS**

Default: `[]` (Empty list)

A list of IP addresses, as strings, that:

- Allow the `debug()` context processor to add some variables to the template context.
- Can use the `admindocs bookmarklets` even if not logged in as a staff user.
- Are marked as “internal” (as opposed to “EXTERNAL”) in `AdminEmailHandler` emails.

**LANGUAGE_CODE**

Default: `'en-us'`

A string representing the language code for this installation. This should be in standard language ID format. For example, U.S. English is "en-us". See also the list of language identifiers and Internationalization and localization.

`USE_I18N` must be active for this setting to have any effect.

It serves two purposes:

- If the locale middleware isn’t in use, it decides which translation is served to all users.
- If the locale middleware is active, it provides a fallback language in case the user’s preferred language can’t be determined or is not supported by the website. It also provides the fallback translation when a translation for a given literal doesn’t exist for the user’s preferred language.

See *How Django discovers language preference* for more details.

**LANGUAGE_COOKIE_AGE**

Default: `None` (expires at browser close)

The age of the language cookie, in seconds.
**LANGUAGE_COOKIE_DOMAIN**

Default: None

The domain to use for the language cookie. Set this to a string such as "example.com" for cross-domain cookies, or use None for a standard domain cookie.

Be cautious when updating this setting on a production site. If you update this setting to enable cross-domain cookies on a site that previously used standard domain cookies, existing user cookies that have the old domain will not be updated. This will result in site users being unable to switch the language as long as these cookies persist. The only safe and reliable option to perform the switch is to change the language cookie name permanently (via the LANGUAGE_COOKIE_NAME setting) and to add a middleware that copies the value from the old cookie to a new one and then deletes the old one.

**LANGUAGE_COOKIE_HTTPONLY**

Default: False

Whether to use HttpOnly flag on the language cookie. If this is set to True, client-side JavaScript will not be able to access the language cookie.

See SESSION_COOKIE_HTTPONLY for details on HttpOnly.

**LANGUAGE_COOKIE_NAME**

Default: 'django_language'

The name of the cookie to use for the language cookie. This can be whatever you want (as long as it’s different from the other cookie names in your application). See Internationalization and localization.

**LANGUAGE_COOKIE_PATH**

Default: '/'

The path set on the language cookie. This should either match the URL path of your Django installation or be a parent of that path.

This is useful if you have multiple Django instances running under the same hostname. They can use different cookie paths and each instance will only see its own language cookie.

Be cautious when updating this setting on a production site. If you update this setting to use a deeper path than it previously used, existing user cookies that have the old path will not be updated. This will result in site users being unable to switch the language as long as these cookies persist. The only safe and reliable option to perform the switch is to change the language cookie name permanently (via the LANGUAGE_COOKIE_NAME setting), and to add a middleware that copies the value from the old cookie to a new one and then deletes the one.

**LANGUAGE_COOKIE_SAMESITE**

Default: None

The value of the SameSite flag on the language cookie. This flag prevents the cookie from being sent in cross-site requests.

See SESSION_COOKIE_SAMESITE for details about SameSite.

Setting LANGUAGE_COOKIE_SAMESITE = 'None' was allowed.
**LANGUAGE_COOKIE_SECURE**

Default: *False*

Whether to use a secure cookie for the language cookie. If this is set to *True*, the cookie will be marked as “secure”, which means browsers may ensure that the cookie is only sent under an HTTPS connection.

**LANGUAGES**

Default: A list of all available languages. This list is continually growing and including a copy here would inevitably become rapidly out of date. You can see the current list of translated languages by looking in *django/conf/global_settings.py*.

The list is a list of two-tuples in the format *(language code, language name)* – for example, *("ja", 'Japanese')*. This specifies which languages are available for language selection. See *Internationalization and localization*.

Generally, the default value should suffice. Only set this setting if you want to restrict language selection to a subset of the Django-provided languages.

If you define a custom *LANGUAGES* setting, you can mark the language names as translation strings using the *gettext_lazy()* function.

Here’s a sample settings file:

```python
from django.utils.translation import gettext_lazy as _

LANGUAGES = [
    ('de', _('German')),
    ('en', _('English')),
]
```

**LANGUAGES_BIDI**

Default: A list of all language codes that are written right-to-left. You can see the current list of these languages by looking in *django/conf/global_settings.py*.

The list contains *language codes* for languages that are written right-to-left.

Generally, the default value should suffice. Only set this setting if you want to restrict language selection to a subset of the Django-provided languages. If you define a custom *LANGUAGES* setting, the list of bidirectional languages may contain language codes which are not enabled on a given site.

**LOCALE_PATHS**

Default: *[]* (Empty list)

A list of directories where Django looks for translation files. See *How Django discovers translations*.

Example:

```python
LOCALE_PATHS = [
    '/home/www/project/common_files/locale',
    '/var/local/translations/locale',
]
```
Django will look within each of these paths for the `<locale_code>/LC_MESSAGES` directories containing the actual translation files.

**LOGGING**

Default: A logging configuration dictionary.

A data structure containing configuration information. The contents of this data structure will be passed as the argument to the configuration method described in `LOGGING_CONFIG`.

Among other things, the default logging configuration passes HTTP 500 server errors to an email log handler when `DEBUG` is False. See also Configuring logging.

You can see the default logging configuration by looking in `django/utils/log.py`.

**LOGGING_CONFIG**

Default: `'logging.config.dictConfig'`

A path to a callable that will be used to configure logging in the Django project. Points at an instance of Python’s `dictConfig` configuration method by default.

If you set `LOGGING_CONFIG` to `None`, the logging configuration process will be skipped.

**MANAGERS**

Default: `[]` (Empty list)

A list in the same format as `ADMINS` that specifies who should get broken link notifications when `BrokenLinkEmailsMiddleware` is enabled.

**MEDIA_ROOT**

Default: `'` (Empty string)

Absolute filesystem path to the directory that will hold user-uploaded files.

Example: `"/var/www/example.com/media/"

See also `MEDIA_URL`.

**Warning:** `MEDIA_ROOT` and `STATIC_ROOT` must have different values. Before `STATIC_ROOT` was introduced, it was common to rely or fallback on `MEDIA_ROOT` to also serve static files; however, since this can have serious security implications, there is a validation check to prevent it.

**MEDIA_URL**

Default: `'` (Empty string)

URL that handles the media served from `MEDIA_ROOT`, used for managing stored files. It must end in a slash if set to a non-empty value. You will need to configure these files to be served in both development and production environments.
If you want to use `{{ MEDIA_URL }}` in your templates, add 'django.template.context_processors.media' in the 'context_processors' option of `TEMPLATES`.

Example: "http://media.example.com/"

**Warning:** There are security risks if you are accepting uploaded content from untrusted users! See the security guide’s topic on User-uploaded content for mitigation details.

**Warning:** `MEDIA_URL` and `STATIC_URL` must have different values. See `MEDIA_ROOT` for more details.

**Note:** If `MEDIA_URL` is a relative path, then it will be prefixed by the server-provided value of `SCRIPT_NAME` (or `/` if not set). This makes it easier to serve a Django application in a subpath without adding an extra configuration to the settings.

**MIDDLEWARE**

Default: None

A list of middleware to use. See Middleware.

**MIGRATION_MODULES**

Default: `{}` (Empty dictionary)

A dictionary specifying the package where migration modules can be found on a per-app basis. The default value of this setting is an empty dictionary, but the default package name for migration modules is `migrations`.

Example:

```python
{'blog': 'blog.db_migrations'}
```

In this case, migrations pertaining to the `blog` app will be contained in the `blog.db_migrations` package.

If you provide the `app_label` argument, `makemigrations` will automatically create the package if it doesn’t already exist.

When you supply `None` as a value for an app, Django will consider the app as an app without migrations regardless of an existing `migrations` submodule. This can be used, for example, in a test settings file to skip migrations while testing (tables will still be created for the apps’ models). To disable migrations for all apps during tests, you can set the `MIGRATE` to `False` instead. If `MIGRATION_MODULES` is used in your general project settings, remember to use the `migrate --run-syncdb` option if you want to create tables for the app.

**MONTH_DAY_FORMAT**

Default: 'F j'

The default formatting to use for date fields on Django admin change-list pages – and, possibly, by other parts of the system – in cases when only the month and day are displayed.
For example, when a Django admin change-list page is being filtered by a date drilldown, the header for a given day displays the day and month. Different locales have different formats. For example, U.S. English would say “January 1,” whereas Spanish might say “1 Enero.”

Note that if `USE_L10N` is set to `True`, then the corresponding locale-dictated format has higher precedence and will be applied.

See allowed date format strings. See also `DATE_FORMAT`, `DATETIME_FORMAT`, `TIME_FORMAT` and `YEAR_MONTH_FORMAT`.

**NUMBER_GROUPING**

Default: 0

Number of digits grouped together on the integer part of a number.

Common use is to display a thousand separator. If this setting is 0, then no grouping will be applied to the number. If this setting is greater than 0, then `THOUSAND_SEPARATOR` will be used as the separator between those groups.

Some locales use non-uniform digit grouping, e.g. `10,00,00,00` in `en_IN`. For this case, you can provide a sequence with the number of digit group sizes to be applied. The first number defines the size of the group preceding the decimal delimiter, and each number that follows defines the size of preceding groups. If the sequence is terminated with -1, no further grouping is performed. If the sequence terminates with a 0, the last group size is used for the remainder of the number.

Example tuple for `en_IN`:

```
NUMBER_GROUPING = (3, 2, 0)
```

Note that if `USE_L10N` is set to `True`, then the locale-dictated format has higher precedence and will be applied instead.

See also `DECIMAL_SEPARATOR`, `THOUSAND_SEPARATOR` and `USE_THOUSAND_SEPARATOR`.

**PREPEND_WWW**

Default: False

Whether to prepend the “www.” subdomain to URLs that don’t have it. This is only used if `CommonMiddleware` is installed (see `Middleware`). See also `APPEND_SLASH`.

**ROOT_URLCONF**

Default: Not defined

A string representing the full Python import path to your root URLconf, for example "mydjangoapps.urls". Can be overridden on a per-request basis by setting the attribute `urlconf` on the incoming `HttpRequest` object. See How Django processes a request for details.

**SECRET_KEY**

Default: '' (Empty string)

A secret key for a particular Django installation. This is used to provide cryptographic signing, and should be set to a unique, unpredictable value.

django-admin startproject automatically adds a randomly-generated `SECRET_KEY` to each new project.
Uses of the key shouldn’t assume that it’s text or bytes. Every use should go through `force_str()` or `force_bytes()` to convert it to the desired type.

Django will refuse to start if `SECRET_KEY` is not set.

**Warning: Keep this value secret.**

Running Django with a known `SECRET_KEY` defeats many of Django’s security protections, and can lead to privilege escalation and remote code execution vulnerabilities.

The secret key is used for:

- All session if you are using any other session backend than `django.contrib.sessions.backends.cache`, or are using the default `get_session_auth_hash()`.
- All messages if you are using `CookieStorage` or `FallbackStorage`.
- All `PasswordResetView` tokens.
- Any usage of cryptographic signing, unless a different key is provided.

If you rotate your secret key, all of the above will be invalidated. Secret keys are not used for passwords of users and key rotation will not affect them.

**Note:** The default `settings.py` file created by `django-admin startproject` creates a unique `SECRET_KEY` for convenience.

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**SECURE_BROWSER_XSS_FILTER**

Default: False

If `True`, the `SecurityMiddleware` sets the `X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block` header on all responses that do not already have it.

Modern browsers don’t honor X-XSS-Protection HTTP header anymore. Although the setting offers little practical benefit, you may still want to set the header if you support older browsers.

**SECURE_CONTENT_TYPE_NOSNIFF**

Default: True

If `True`, the `SecurityMiddleware` sets the `X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff` header on all responses that do not already have it.

In older versions, the default value is `False`.

**SECURE_HSTS_INCLUDE_SUBDOMAINS**

Default: False

If `True`, the `SecurityMiddleware` adds the `includeSubDomains` directive to the HTTP Strict Transport Security header. It has no effect unless `SECURE_HSTS_SECONDS` is set to a non-zero value.
Warning: Setting this incorrectly can irreversibly (for the value of `SECURE_HSTS_SECONDS`) break your site. Read the HTTP Strict Transport Security documentation first.

SECURE_HSTS_PRELOAD

Default: False

If True, the SecurityMiddleware adds the preload directive to the HTTP Strict Transport Security header. It has no effect unless `SECURE_HSTS_SECONDS` is set to a non-zero value.

SECURE_HSTS_SECONDS

Default: 0

If set to a non-zero integer value, the SecurityMiddleware sets the HTTP Strict Transport Security header on all responses that do not already have it.

Warning: Setting this incorrectly can irreversibly (for some time) break your site. Read the HTTP Strict Transport Security documentation first.

SECURE_PROXY_SSL_HEADER

Default: None

A tuple representing a HTTP header/value combination that signifies a request is secure. This controls the behavior of the request object’s is_secure() method.

By default, is_secure() determines if a request is secure by confirming that a requested URL uses https://. This method is important for Django’s CSRF protection, and it may be used by your own code or third-party apps.

If your Django app is behind a proxy, though, the proxy may be “swallowing” whether the original request uses HTTPS or not. If there is a non-HTTPS connection between the proxy and Django then is_secure() would always return False — even for requests that were made via HTTPS by the end user. In contrast, if there is an HTTPS connection between the proxy and Django then is_secure() would always return True — even for requests that were made originally via HTTP.

In this situation, configure your proxy to set a custom HTTP header that tells Django whether the request came in via HTTPS, and set `SECURE_PROXY_SSL_HEADER` so that Django knows what header to look for.

Set a tuple with two elements — the name of the header to look for and the required value. For example:

```
SECURE_PROXY_SSL_HEADER = ('HTTP_X_FORWARDED_PROTO', 'https')
```

This tells Django to trust the X-Forwarded-Proto header that comes from our proxy, and any time its value is 'https', then the request is guaranteed to be secure (i.e., it originally came in via HTTPS).

You should only set this setting if you control your proxy or have some other guarantee that it sets/strips this header appropriately.

Note that the header needs to be in the format as used by request.META—all caps and likely starting with HTTP_. (Remember, Django automatically adds 'HTTP_' to the start of x-header names before making the header available in request.META.)
Warning: Modifying this setting can compromise your site’s security. Ensure you fully understand your setup before changing it.

Make sure ALL of the following are true before setting this (assuming the values from the example above):

- Your Django app is behind a proxy.
- Your proxy strips the X-Forwarded-Proto header from all incoming requests. In other words, if end users include that header in their requests, the proxy will discard it.
- Your proxy sets the X-Forwarded-Proto header and sends it to Django, but only for requests that originally come in via HTTPS.

If any of those are not true, you should keep this setting set to None and find another way of determining HTTPS, perhaps via custom middleware.

### SECURE_REDIRECT_EXEMPT

Default: [] (Empty list)

If a URL path matches a regular expression in this list, the request will not be redirected to HTTPS. The SecurityMiddleware strips leading slashes from URL paths, so patterns shouldn’t include them, e.g. SECURE_REDIRECT_EXEMPT = [r'^no-ssl/$', ...]. If SECURE_SSL_REDIRECT is False, this setting has no effect.

### SECURE_REFERRER_POLICY

Default: 'same-origin'

If configured, the SecurityMiddleware sets the Referrer Policy header on all responses that do not already have it to the value provided.

In older versions, the default value is None.

### SECURE_SSL_HOST

Default: None

If a string (e.g. secure.example.com), all SSL redirects will be directed to this host rather than the originally-requested host (e.g. www.example.com). If SECURE_SSL_REDIRECT is False, this setting has no effect.

### SECURE_SSL_REDIRECT

Default: False

If True, the SecurityMiddleware redirects all non-HTTPS requests to HTTPS (except for those URLs matching a regular expression listed in SECURE_REDIRECT_EXEMPT).

**Note:** If turning this to True causes infinite redirects, it probably means your site is running behind a proxy and can’t tell which requests are secure and which are not. Your proxy likely sets a header to indicate secure requests; you can correct the problem by finding out what that header is and configuring the SECURE_PROXY_SSL_HEADER setting accordingly.
**SERIALIZATION_MODULES**

Default: Not defined

A dictionary of modules containing serializer definitions (provided as strings), keyed by a string identifier for that serialization type. For example, to define a YAML serializer, use:

```python
SERIALIZATION_MODULES = {'yaml': 'path.to.yaml_serializer'}
```

**SERVER_EMAIL**

Default: 'root@localhost'

The email address that error messages come from, such as those sent to `ADMINS` and `MANAGERS`.

Why are my emails sent from a different address?

This address is used only for error messages. It is *not* the address that regular email messages sent with `send_mail()` come from; for that, see `DEFAULT_FROM_EMAIL`.

**SHORT_DATE_FORMAT**

Default: 'm/d/Y' (e.g. 12/31/2003)

An available formatting that can be used for displaying date fields on templates. Note that if `USE_L10N` is set to `True`, then the corresponding locale-dictated format has higher precedence and will be applied. See *allowed date format strings*.

See also `DATE_FORMAT` and `SHORT_DATETIME_FORMAT`.

**SHORT_DATETIME_FORMAT**

Default: 'm/d/Y P' (e.g. 12/31/2003 4 p.m.)

An available formatting that can be used for displaying datetime fields on templates. Note that if `USE_L10N` is set to `True`, then the corresponding locale-dictated format has higher precedence and will be applied. See *allowed date format strings*.

See also `DATE_FORMAT` and `SHORT_DATE_FORMAT`.

**SIGNING_BACKEND**

Default: 'django.core.signing.TimestampSigner'

The backend used for signing cookies and other data.

See also the *Cryptographic signing* documentation.
SILENCED_SYSTEM_CHECKS

Default: [] (Empty list)

A list of identifiers of messages generated by the system check framework (i.e. ["models.W001"] that you wish to permanently acknowledge and ignore. Silenced checks will not be output to the console.

See also the System check framework documentation.

TEMPLATES

Default: [] (Empty list)

A list containing the settings for all template engines to be used with Django. Each item of the list is a dictionary containing the options for an individual engine.

Here’s a setup that tells the Django template engine to load templates from the templates subdirectory inside each installed application:

```python
TEMPLATES = [
    {
        'BACKEND': 'django.template.backends.django.DjangoTemplates',
        'APP_DIRS': True,
    },
]
```

The following options are available for all backends.

BACKEND

Default: Not defined

The template backend to use. The built-in template backends are:

- 'django.template.backends.django.DjangoTemplates'
- 'django.template.backends.jinja2.Jinja2'

You can use a template backend that doesn’t ship with Django by setting BACKEND to a fully-qualified path (i.e. 'mypackage.whatever.Backend').

NAME

Default: see below

The alias for this particular template engine. It’s an identifier that allows selecting an engine for rendering. Aliases must be unique across all configured template engines.

It defaults to the name of the module defining the engine class, i.e. the next to last piece of BACKEND, when it isn’t provided. For example if the backend is 'mypackage.whatever.Backend' then its default name is 'whatever'.

DIRS

Default: [] (Empty list)

Directories where the engine should look for template source files, in search order.
**APP_DIRS**

Default: False

Whether the engine should look for template source files inside installed applications.

**Note:** The default settings.py file created by `django-admin startproject` sets 'APP_DIRS': True.

**OPTIONS**

Default: {} (Empty dict)

Extra parameters to pass to the template backend. Available parameters vary depending on the template backend. See DjangoTemplates and Jinja2 for the options of the built-in backends.

**TEST_RUNNER**

Default: 'django.test.runner.DiscoverRunner'

The name of the class to use for starting the test suite. See Using different testing frameworks.

**TEST_NON_SERIALIZED_APPS**

Default: [] (Empty list)

In order to restore the database state between tests for TransactionTestCases and database backends without transactions, Django will serialize the contents of all apps when it starts the test run so it can then reload from that copy before running tests that need it.

This slows down the startup time of the test runner; if you have apps that you know don’t need this feature, you can add their full names in here (e.g. 'django.contrib.contenttypes') to exclude them from this serialization process.

**THOUSAND_SEPARATOR**

Default: ',' (Comma)

Default thousand separator used when formatting numbers. This setting is used only when USE_THOUSAND_SEPARATOR is True and NUMBER_GROUPING is greater than 0.

Note that if USE_L10N is set to True, then the locale-dictated format has higher precedence and will be applied instead.

See also NUMBER_GROUPING, DECIMAL_SEPARATOR and USE_THOUSAND_SEPARATOR.

**TIME_FORMAT**

Default: 'P' (e.g. 4 p.m.)

The default formatting to use for displaying time fields in any part of the system. Note that if USE_L10N is set to True, then the locale-dictated format has higher precedence and will be applied instead. See allowed date format strings.

See also DATE_FORMAT and DATETIME_FORMAT.
**TIME_INPUT_FORMATS**

Default:

```python
[
    '%H:%M:%S',       # '14:30:59'
    '%H:%M:%S.%f',    # '14:30:59.000200'
    '%H:%M',         # '14:30'
]
```

A list of formats that will be accepted when inputting data on a time field. Formats will be tried in order, using the first valid one. Note that these format strings use Python’s `datetime` module syntax, not the format strings from the `date` template filter.

When `USE_L10N` is True, the locale-dictated format has higher precedence and will be applied instead.

See also `DATE_INPUT_FORMATS` and `DATETIME_INPUT_FORMATS`.

**TIME_ZONE**

Default: 'America/Chicago'

A string representing the time zone for this installation. See the list of time zones.

**Note:** Since Django was first released with the `TIME_ZONE` set to 'America/Chicago', the global setting (used if nothing is defined in your project’s `settings.py`) remains 'America/Chicago' for backwards compatibility. New project templates default to 'UTC'.

Note that this isn’t necessarily the time zone of the server. For example, one server may serve multiple Django-powered sites, each with a separate time zone setting.

When `USE_TZ` is False, this is the time zone in which Django will store all datetimes. When `USE_TZ` is True, this is the default time zone that Django will use to display datetimes in templates and to interpret datetimes entered in forms.

On Unix environments (where `time.tzset()` is implemented), Django sets the `os.environ['TZ']` variable to the time zone you specify in the `TIME_ZONE` setting. Thus, all your views and models will automatically operate in this time zone. However, Django won’t set the `TZ` environment variable if you’re using the manual configuration option as described in `manually configuring settings`. If Django doesn’t set the `TZ` environment variable, it’s up to you to ensure your processes are running in the correct environment.

**Note:** Django cannot reliably use alternate time zones in a Windows environment. If you’re running Django on Windows, `TIME_ZONE` must be set to match the system time zone.

**USE_I18N**

Default: True

A boolean that specifies whether Django’s translation system should be enabled. This provides a way to turn it off, for performance. If this is set to False, Django will make some optimizations so as not to load the translation machinery.

See also `LANGUAGE_CODE`, `USE_L10N` and `USE_TZ`.
Note: The default settings.py file created by django-admin startproject includes USE_I18N = True for convenience.

**USE_L10N**

Default: False

A boolean that specifies if localized formatting of data will be enabled by default or not. If this is set to True, e.g. Django will display numbers and dates using the format of the current locale.

See also `LANGUAGE_CODE`, `USE_I18N` and `USE_TZ`.

Note: The default settings.py file created by django-admin startproject includes USE_L10N = True for convenience.

**USE_THOUSAND_SEPARATOR**

Default: False

A boolean that specifies whether to display numbers using a thousand separator. When set to True and `USE_L10N` is also True, Django will format numbers using the `NUMBER_GROUPING` and `THOUSAND_SEPARATOR` settings. These settings may also be dictated by the locale, which takes precedence.

See also `DECIMAL_SEPARATOR`, `NUMBER_GROUPING` and `THOUSAND_SEPARATOR`.

**USE_TZ**

Default: False

A boolean that specifies if datetimes will be timezone-aware by default or not. If this is set to True, Django will use timezone-aware datetimes internally.

When `USE_TZ` is False, Django will use naive datetimes in local time, except when parsing ISO 8601 formatted strings, where timezone information will always be retained if present.

See also `TIME_ZONE`, `USE_I18N` and `USE_L10N`.

Note: The default settings.py file created by django-admin startproject includes USE_TZ = True for convenience.

**USE_X_FORWARDED_HOST**

Default: False

A boolean that specifies whether to use the X-Forwarded-Host header in preference to the Host header. This should only be enabled if a proxy which sets this header is in use.

This setting takes priority over `USE_X_FORWARDED_PORT`. Per RFC 7239#section-5.3, the X-Forwarded-Host header can include the port number, in which case you shouldn’t use `USE_X_FORWARDED_PORT`.
**USE_X_FORWARDED_PORT**

Default: False

A boolean that specifies whether to use the `X-Forwarded-Port` header in preference to the `SERVER_PORTMETA` variable. This should only be enabled if a proxy which sets this header is in use. `USE_X_FORWARDED_HOST` takes priority over this setting.

**WSGI_APPLICATION**

Default: None

The full Python path of the WSGI application object that Django’s built-in servers (e.g. `runserver`) will use. The `django-admin startproject` management command will create a standard `wsgi.py` file with an application callable in it, and point this setting to that application.

If not set, the return value of `django.core.wsgi.get_wsgi_application()` will be used. In this case, the behavior of `runserver` will be identical to previous Django versions.

**YEAR_MONTH_FORMAT**

Default: 'F Y'

The default formatting to use for date fields on Django admin change-list pages – and, possibly, by other parts of the system – in cases when only the year and month are displayed.

For example, when a Django admin change-list page is being filtered by a date drilldown, the header for a given month displays the month and the year. Different locales have different formats. For example, U.S. English would say “January 2006,” whereas another locale might say “2006/January.”

Note that if `USE_L10N` is set to True, then the corresponding locale-dicted format has higher precedence and will be applied.

See allowed date format strings. See also `DATE_FORMAT`, `DATETIME_FORMAT`, `TIME_FORMAT` and `MONTH_DAY_FORMAT`.

**X_FRAME_OPTIONS**

Default: 'DENY'

The default value for the X-Frame-Options header used by `XFrameOptionsMiddleware`. See the clickjacking protection documentation.

In older versions, the default value is `SAMEORIGIN`.

### 6.19.2 Auth

Settings for `django.contrib.auth`.

**AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS**

Default: `['django.contrib.auth.backends.ModelBackend']`

A list of authentication backend classes (as strings) to use when attempting to authenticate a user. See the authentication backends documentation for details.
**AUTH_USER_MODEL**

Default: 'auth.User'
The model to use to represent a User. See *Substituting a custom User model*.

**Warning:** You cannot change the AUTH_USER_MODEL setting during the lifetime of a project (i.e. once you have made and migrated models that depend on it) without serious effort. It is intended to be set at the project start, and the model it refers to must be available in the first migration of the app that it lives in. See *Substituting a custom User model* for more details.

**LOGIN_REDIRECT_URL**

Default: '/accounts/profile/'
The URL or named URL pattern where requests are redirected after login when the LoginView doesn’t get a next GET parameter.

**LOGIN_URL**

Default: '/accounts/login/'
The URL or named URL pattern where requests are redirected for login when using the login_required() decorator, LoginRequiredMixin, or AccessMixin.

**LOGOUT_REDIRECT_URL**

Default: None
The URL or named URL pattern where requests are redirected after logout if LogoutView doesn’t have a next_page attribute.
If None, no redirect will be performed and the logout view will be rendered.

**PASSWORD_RESET_TIMEOUT**

Default: 259200 (3 days, in seconds)
The number of seconds a password reset link is valid for.
Used by the PasswordResetConfirmView.

**Note:** Reducing the value of this timeout doesn’t make any difference to the ability of an attacker to brute-force a password reset token. Tokens are designed to be safe from brute-forcing without any timeout.
This timeout exists to protect against some unlikely attack scenarios, such as someone gaining access to email archives that may contain old, unused password reset tokens.
**PASSWORD_RESET_TIMEOUT_DAYS**

Default: 3
The number of days a password reset link is valid for.
Used by the `PasswordResetConfirmView`.
Deprecated since version 3.1: This setting is deprecated. Use `PASSWORD_RESET_TIMEOUT` instead.

**PASSWORD_HASHERS**

See *How Django stores passwords*.
Default:

```python
[
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.PBKDF2PasswordHasher',
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.PBKDF2SHA1PasswordHasher',
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.Argon2PasswordHasher',
    'django.contrib.auth.hashers.BCryptSHA256PasswordHasher',
]
```

**AUTH_PASSWORD_VALIDATORS**

Default: [] (Empty list)
The list of validators that are used to check the strength of user’s passwords. See *Password validation* for more details.
By default, no validation is performed and all passwords are accepted.

### 6.19.3 Messages

Settings for `django.contrib.messages`.

**MESSAGE_LEVEL**

Default: `messages.INFO`
Sets the minimum message level that will be recorded by the messages framework. See *message levels* for more details.

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**Important**

If you override `MESSAGE_LEVEL` in your settings file and rely on any of the built-in constants, you must import the constants module directly to avoid the potential for circular imports, e.g.:

```python
from django.contrib.messages import constants as message_constants
MESSAGE_LEVEL = message_constants.DEBUG
```

If desired, you may specify the numeric values for the constants directly according to the values in the above *constants table*.
**MESSAGE_STORAGE**

Default: 'django.contrib.messages.storage.fallback.FallbackStorage'

Controls where Django stores message data. Valid values are:

- 'django.contrib.messages.storage.fallback.FallbackStorage'
- 'django.contrib.messages.storage.session.SessionStorage'
- 'django.contrib.messages.storage.cookie.CookieStorage'

See [message storage backends](#) for more details.

The backends that use cookies – CookieStorage and FallbackStorage – use the value of SESSION_COOKIE_DOMAIN, SESSION_COOKIE_SECURE and SESSION_COOKIE_HTTPONLY when setting their cookies.

**MESSAGE_TAGS**

Default:

```python
{
    messages.DEBUG: 'debug',
    messages.INFO: 'info',
    messages.SUCCESS: 'success',
    messages.WARNING: 'warning',
    messages.ERROR: 'error',
}
```

This sets the mapping of message level to message tag, which is typically rendered as a CSS class in HTML. If you specify a value, it will extend the default. This means you only have to specify those values which you need to override. See [Displaying messages](#) above for more details.

**Important**

If you override MESSAGE_TAGS in your settings file and rely on any of the built-in constants, you must import the constants module directly to avoid the potential for circular imports, e.g.:

```python
from django.contrib.messages import constants as message_constants
MESSAGE_TAGS = {message_constants.INFO: ''}
```

If desired, you may specify the numeric values for the constants directly according to the values in the above constants table.

### 6.19.4 Sessions

Settings for django.contrib.sessions.

**SESSION_CACHE_ALIAS**

Default: 'default'

If you’re using [cache-based session storage](#), this selects the cache to use.
**SESSION_COOKIE_AGE**

Default: 1209600 (2 weeks, in seconds)

The age of session cookies, in seconds.

**SESSION_COOKIE_DOMAIN**

Default: None

The domain to use for session cookies. Set this to a string such as "example.com" for cross-domain cookies, or use None for a standard domain cookie.

Be cautious when updating this setting on a production site. If you update this setting to enable cross-domain cookies on a site that previously used standard domain cookies, existing user cookies will be set to the old domain. This may result in them being unable to log in as long as these cookies persist.

This setting also affects cookies set by `django.contrib.messages`.

**SESSION_COOKIE_HTTPONLY**

Default: True

Whether to use `HttpOnly` flag on the session cookie. If this is set to True, client-side JavaScript will not be able to access the session cookie.

`HttpOnly` is a flag included in a Set-Cookie HTTP response header. It’s part of the RFC 6265#section-4.1.2.6 standard for cookies and can be a useful way to mitigate the risk of a client-side script accessing the protected cookie data.

This makes it less trivial for an attacker to escalate a cross-site scripting vulnerability into full hijacking of a user’s session. There aren’t many good reasons for turning this off. Your code shouldn’t read session cookies from JavaScript.

**SESSION_COOKIE_NAME**

Default: 'sessionid'

The name of the cookie to use for sessions. This can be whatever you want (as long as it’s different from the other cookie names in your application).

**SESSION_COOKIE_PATH**

Default: '/'

The path set on the session cookie. This should either match the URL path of your Django installation or be parent of that path.

This is useful if you have multiple Django instances running under the same hostname. They can use different cookie paths, and each instance will only see its own session cookie.

**SESSION_COOKIE_SAMESITE**

Default: 'Lax'

The value of the SameSite flag on the session cookie. This flag prevents the cookie from being sent in cross-site requests thus preventing CSRF attacks and making some methods of stealing session cookie impossible.
Possible values for the setting are:

- **'Strict'**: prevents the cookie from being sent by the browser to the target site in all cross-site browsing context, even when following a regular link.
  
  For example, for a GitHub-like website this would mean that if a logged-in user follows a link to a private GitHub project posted on a corporate discussion forum or email, GitHub will not receive the session cookie and the user won’t be able to access the project. A bank website, however, most likely doesn’t want to allow any transactional pages to be linked from external sites so the 'Strict' flag would be appropriate.

- **'Lax'** (default): provides a balance between security and usability for websites that want to maintain user’s logged-in session after the user arrives from an external link.
  
  In the GitHub scenario, the session cookie would be allowed when following a regular link from an external website and be blocked in CSRF-prone request methods (e.g. POST).

- **'None'** (string): the session cookie will be sent with all same-site and cross-site requests.

- **False**: disables the flag.

**Note:** Modern browsers provide a more secure default policy for the SameSite flag and will assume Lax for cookies without an explicit value set.

Setting `SESSION_COOKIE_SAMESITE = 'None'` was allowed.

**SESSION_COOKIE_SECURE**

Default: **False**

Whether to use a secure cookie for the session cookie. If this is set to **True**, the cookie will be marked as “secure”, which means browsers may ensure that the cookie is only sent under an HTTPS connection.

Leaving this setting off isn’t a good idea because an attacker could capture an unencrypted session cookie with a packet sniffer and use the cookie to hijack the user’s session.

**SESSION_ENGINE**

Default: `'django.contrib.sessions.backends.db'`

Controls where Django stores session data. Included engines are:

- `'django.contrib.sessions.backends.db'`
- `'django.contrib.sessions.backends.file'`
- `'django.contrib.sessions.backends.cache'`
- `'django.contrib.sessions.backends.cached_db'`
- `'django.contrib.sessions.backends.signed_cookies'`

See *Configuring the session engine* for more details.

**SESSION_EXPIRE_AT_BROWSER_CLOSE**

Default: **False**

Whether to expire the session when the user closes their browser. See *Browser-length sessions vs. persistent sessions*. 
SESSION_FILE_PATH

Default: None

If you’re using file-based session storage, this sets the directory in which Django will store session data. When the default value (None) is used, Django will use the standard temporary directory for the system.

SESSION_SAVE_EVERY_REQUEST

Default: False

Whether to save the session data on every request. If this is False (default), then the session data will only be saved if it has been modified – that is, if any of its dictionary values have been assigned or deleted. Empty sessions won’t be created, even if this setting is active.

SESSION_SERIALIZER

Default: 'django.contrib.sessions.serializers.JSONSerializer'

Full import path of a serializer class to use for serializing session data. Included serializers are:

- 'django.contrib.sessions.serializers.PickleSerializer'
- 'django.contrib.sessions.serializers.JSONSerializer'

See Session serialization for details, including a warning regarding possible remote code execution when using PickleSerializer.

6.19.5 Sites

Settings for django.contrib.sites.

SITE_ID

Default: Not defined

The ID, as an integer, of the current site in the django_site database table. This is used so that application data can hook into specific sites and a single database can manage content for multiple sites.

6.19.6 Static Files

Settings for django.contrib.staticfiles.

STATIC_ROOT

Default: None

The absolute path to the directory where collectstatic will collect static files for deployment.

Example: "/var/www/example.com/static/"

If the staticfiles contrib app is enabled (as in the default project template), the collectstatic management command will collect static files into this directory. See the how-to on managing static files for more details about usage.
**Warning:** This should be an initially empty destination directory for collecting your static files from their permanent locations into one directory for ease of deployment; it is **not** a place to store your static files permanently. You should do that in directories that will be found by `staticfiles`'s finders, which by default, are \'static/\' app sub-directories and any directories you include in `STATICFILES_DIRS`.

**STATIC_URL**

Default: None

URL to use when referring to static files located in `STATIC_ROOT`.

Example: "/static/" or "http://static.example.com/">

If not None, this will be used as the base path for asset definitions (the Media class) and the staticfiles app.

It must end in a slash if set to a non-empty value.

You may need to **configure these files to be served in development** and will definitely need to do so **in production**.

**Note:** If `STATIC_URL` is a relative path, then it will be prefixed by the server-provided value of `SCRIPT_NAME` (or / if not set). This makes it easier to serve a Django application in a subpath without adding an extra configuration to the settings.

**STATICFILES_DIRS**

Default: [] (Empty list)

This setting defines the additional locations the staticfiles app will traverse if the FileSystemFinder finder is enabled, e.g. if you use the `collectstatic` or `findstatic` management command or use the static file serving view.

This should be set to a list of strings that contain full paths to your additional files directory(ies) e.g.:

```python
STATICFILES_DIRS = [
    "/home/special.polls.com/polls/static",
    "/home/polls.com/polls/static",
    "/opt/webfiles/common",
]
```

Note that these paths should use Unix-style forward slashes, even on Windows (e.g. "C:/Users/user/mysite/extra_static_content").

**Prefixes (optional)**

In case you want to refer to files in one of the locations with an additional namespace, you can **optionally** provide a prefix as (prefix, path) tuples, e.g.:

```python
STATICFILES_DIRS = [
    # ...
    ("downloads", "/opt/webfiles/stats"),
]
```
For example, assuming you have `STATIC_URL` set to `/static/`, the `collectstatic` management command would collect the “stats” files in a 'downloads' subdirectory of `STATIC_ROOT`.

This would allow you to refer to the local file '/opt/webfiles/stats/polls_20101022.tar.gz' with '/static/downloads/polls_20101022.tar.gz' in your templates, e.g.:

```html
<a href="{% static 'downloads/polls_20101022.tar.gz' %}">
```

### STATICFILES_STORAGE

Default: 'django.contrib.staticfiles.storage.StaticFilesStorage'

The file storage engine to use when collecting static files with the `collectstatic` management command.

A ready-to-use instance of the storage backend defined in this setting can be found at `django.contrib.staticfiles.storage.staticfiles_storage`.

For an example, see *Serving static files from a cloud service or CDN*.

### STATICFILES_FINDERS

Default:

```
[
    'django.contrib.staticfiles.finders.FileSystemFinder',
    'django.contrib.staticfiles.finders.AppDirectoriesFinder',
]
```

The list of finder backends that know how to find static files in various locations.

The default will find files stored in the `STATICFILES_DIRS` setting (using `django.contrib.staticfiles.finders.FileSystemFinder`) and in a static subdirectory of each app (using `django.contrib.staticfiles.finders.AppDirectoriesFinder`). If multiple files with the same name are present, the first file that is found will be used.

One finder is disabled by default: `django.contrib.staticfiles.finders.DefaultStorageFinder`. If added to your `STATICFILES_FINDERS` setting, it will look for static files in the default file storage as defined by the `DEFAULT_FILE_STORAGE` setting.

**Note:** When using the `AppDirectoriesFinder` finder, make sure your apps can be found by staticfiles by adding the app to the `INSTALLED_APPS` setting of your site.

Static file finders are currently considered a private interface, and this interface is thus undocumented.

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6.20 Signals

A list of all the signals that Django sends. All built-in signals are sent using the `send()` method.

See also:
See the documentation on the signal dispatcher for information regarding how to register for and receive signals.

The authentication framework sends signals when a user is logged in / out.

6.20.1 Model signals

The `django.db.models.signals` module defines a set of signals sent by the model system.

**Warning:** Many of these signals are sent by various model methods like `__init__()` or `save()` that you can override in your own code.

If you override these methods on your model, you must call the parent class' methods for these signals to be sent.

Note also that Django stores signal handlers as weak references by default, so if your handler is a local function, it may be garbage collected. To prevent this, pass `weak=False` when you call the signal’s `connect()`.

Note: Model signals `sender` model can be lazily referenced when connecting a receiver by specifying its full application label. For example, an `Question` model defined in the `polls` application could be referenced as `'polls.Question'`. This sort of reference can be quite handy when dealing with circular import dependencies and swappable models.

**pre_init**

`django.db.models.signals.pre_init`

Whenever you instantiate a Django model, this signal is sent at the beginning of the model’s `__init__()` method. Arguments sent with this signal:

- **sender** The model class that just had an instance created.
- **args** A list of positional arguments passed to `__init__()`.
- **kwargs** A dictionary of keyword arguments passed to `__init__()`.

For example, the `tutorial` has this line:

```python
q = Question(question_text="What's new?", pub_date=timezone.now())
```
The arguments sent to a `pre_init` handler would be:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Argument</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>sender</code></td>
<td>Question (the class itself)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>args</code></td>
<td>[] (an empty list because there were no positional arguments passed to <code>__init__()</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>kwargs</code></td>
<td>{'question_text': &quot;What's new?&quot;, 'pub_date': datetime.datetime(2012, 2, 26, 13, 0, 0, 775217, tzinfo=&lt;UTC&gt;))</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**post_init**

django.db.models.signals.post_init

Like pre_init, but this one is sent when the `__init__()` method finishes.

Arguments sent with this signal:

- **sender**: As above: the model class that just had an instance created.
- **instance**: The actual instance of the model that’s just been created.

**Note**: `instance._state` isn’t set before sending the `post_init` signal, so _state attributes always have their default values. For example, `_state.db` is None.

**Warning**: For performance reasons, you shouldn’t perform queries in receivers of `pre_init` or `post_init` signals because they would be executed for each instance returned during queryset iteration.

**pre_save**

django.db.models.signals.pre_save

This is sent at the beginning of a model’s `save()` method.

Arguments sent with this signal:

- **sender**: The model class.
- **instance**: The actual instance being saved.
- **raw**: A boolean; True if the model is saved exactly as presented (i.e. when loading a fixture). One should not query/modify other records in the database as the database might not be in a consistent state yet.
- **using**: The database alias being used.
- **update_fields**: The set of fields to update as passed to `Model.save()`, or None if `update_fields` wasn’t passed to `save()`.

**post_save**

django.db.models.signals.post_save

Like `pre_save`, but sent at the end of the `save()` method.

Arguments sent with this signal:
**sender** The model class.

**instance** The actual instance being saved.

**created** A boolean; True if a new record was created.

**raw** A boolean; True if the model is saved exactly as presented (i.e. when loading a fixture). One should not query/modify other records in the database as the database might not be in a consistent state yet.

**using** The database alias being used.

**update_fields** The set of fields to update as passed to `Model.save()`, or None if `update_fields` wasn’t passed to `save()`.

**pre_delete**

```
django.db.models.signals.pre_delete
```

Sent at the beginning of a model’s `delete()` method and a queryset’s `delete()` method.

Arguments sent with this signal:

**sender** The model class.

**instance** The actual instance being deleted.

**using** The database alias being used.

**post_delete**

```
django.db.models.signals.post_delete
```

Like `pre_delete`, but sent at the end of a model’s `delete()` method and a queryset’s `delete()` method.

Arguments sent with this signal:

**sender** The model class.

**instance** The actual instance being deleted.

Note that the object will no longer be in the database, so be very careful what you do with this instance.

**using** The database alias being used.

**m2m_changed**

```
django.db.models.signals.m2m_changed
```

Sent when a `ManyToManyField` is changed on a model instance. Strictly speaking, this is not a model signal since it is sent by the `ManyToManyField`, but since it complements the `pre_save/post_save` and `pre_delete/post_delete` when it comes to tracking changes to models, it is included here.

Arguments sent with this signal:

**sender** The intermediate model class describing the `ManyToManyField`. This class is automatically created when a many-to-many field is defined; you can access it using the `through` attribute on the many-to-many field.

**instance** The instance whose many-to-many relation is updated. This can be an instance of the `sender`, or of the class the `ManyToManyField` is related to.

**action** A string indicating the type of update that is done on the relation. This can be one of the following:
"pre_add"  Sent before one or more objects are added to the relation.
"post_add"  Sent after one or more objects are added to the relation.
"pre_remove" Sent before one or more objects are removed from the relation.
"post_remove" Sent after one or more objects are removed from the relation.
"pre_clear"  Sent before the relation is cleared.
"post_clear"  Sent after the relation is cleared.

reverse Indicates which side of the relation is updated (i.e., if it is the forward or reverse relation that is being modified).

model The class of the objects that are added to, removed from or cleared from the relation.

pk_set For the pre_add and post_add actions, this is a set of primary key values that will be, or have been, added to the relation. This may be a subset of the values submitted to be added, since inserts must filter existing values in order to avoid a database IntegrityError.

For the pre_remove and post_remove actions, this is a set of primary key values that was submitted to be removed from the relation. This is not dependent on whether the values actually will be, or have been, removed. In particular, non-existent values may be submitted, and will appear in pk_set, even though they have no effect on the database.

For the pre_clear and post_clear actions, this is None.

using The database alias being used.

For example, if a Pizza can have multiple Topping objects, modeled like this:

class Topping(models.Model):
    # ...
    pass
class Pizza(models.Model):
    # ...
    toppings = models.ManyToManyField(Topping)

If we connected a handler like this:

```python
from django.db.models.signals import m2m_changed
def toppings_changed(sender, **kwargs):
    # Do something
    pass
m2m_changed.connect(toppings_changed, sender=Pizza.toppings.through)
```

and then did something like this:

```python
>>> p = Pizza.objects.create(...)  
>>> t = Topping.objects.create(...) 
>>> p.toppings.add(t)
```

the arguments sent to a m2m_changed handler (toppings_changed in the example above) would be:
And if we would then do something like this:

```python
>>> t.pizza_set.remove(p)
```

the arguments sent to a `m2m_changed` handler would be:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Argument</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>sender</td>
<td>Pizza.toppings.through (the intermediate m2m class)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>instance</td>
<td>p (the Pizza instance being modified)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>action</td>
<td>&quot;pre_remove&quot; (followed by a separate signal with &quot;post_remove&quot;)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>reverse</td>
<td>True (Pizza contains the ManyToManyField, so this call modifies the reverse relation)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>model</td>
<td>Pizza (the class of the objects removed from the Topping)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pk_set</td>
<td>{p.id} (since only Pizza p was removed from the relation)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>using</td>
<td>&quot;default&quot; (since the default router sends writes here)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### class_prepared

django.db.models.signals.class_prepared

Sent whenever a model class has been “prepared” — that is, once model has been defined and registered with Django’s model system. Django uses this signal internally; it’s not generally used in third-party applications.

Since this signal is sent during the app registry population process, and `AppConfig.ready()` runs after the app registry is fully populated, receivers cannot be connected in that method. One possibility is to connect them `AppConfig.__init__()` instead, taking care not to import models or trigger calls to the app registry.

Arguments that are sent with this signal:

| sender | The model class which was just prepared. |

### 6.20.2 Management signals

Signals sent by `django-admin`.

#### pre_migrate

django.db.models.signals.pre_migrate

Sent by the `migrate` command before it starts to install an application. It’s not emitted for applications that lack a `models` module.

Arguments sent with this signal:

| sender | An AppConfig instance for the application about to be migrated/synced. |
**app_config** Same as `sender`.

**verbosity** Indicates how much information `manage.py` is printing on screen. See the `--verbosity` flag for details.

Functions which listen for `pre_migrate` should adjust what they output to the screen based on the value of this argument.

**interactive** If `interactive` is `True`, it’s safe to prompt the user to input things on the command line. If `interactive` is `False`, functions which listen for this signal should not try to prompt for anything.

For example, the `django.contrib.auth` app only prompts to create a superuser when `interactive` is `True`.

**using** The alias of database on which a command will operate.

**plan** The migration plan that is going to be used for the migration run. While the plan is not public API, this allows for the rare cases when it is necessary to know the plan. A plan is a list of two-tuples with the first item being the instance of a migration class and the second item showing if the migration was rolled back (`True`) or applied (`False`).

**apps** An instance of `Apps` containing the state of the project before the migration run. It should be used instead of the global `apps` registry to retrieve the models you want to perform operations on.

**post_migrate**

django.db.models.signals.post_migrate

Sent at the end of the `migrate` (even if no migrations are run) and `flush` commands. It’s not emitted for applications that lack a `models` module.

Handlers of this signal must not perform database schema alterations as doing so may cause the `flush` command to fail if it runs during the `migrate` command.

Arguments sent with this signal:

**sender** An `AppConfig` instance for the application that was just installed.

**app_config** Same as `sender`.

**verbosity** Indicates how much information `manage.py` is printing on screen. See the `--verbosity` flag for details.

Functions which listen for `post_migrate` should adjust what they output to the screen based on the value of this argument.

**interactive** If `interactive` is `True`, it’s safe to prompt the user to input things on the command line. If `interactive` is `False`, functions which listen for this signal should not try to prompt for anything.

For example, the `django.contrib.auth` app only prompts to create a superuser when `interactive` is `True`.

**using** The database alias used for synchronization. Defaults to the `default` database.

**plan** The migration plan that was used for the migration run. While the plan is not public API, this allows for the rare cases when it is necessary to know the plan. A plan is a list of two-tuples with the first item being the instance of a migration class and the second item showing if the migration was rolled back (`True`) or applied (`False`).

**apps** An instance of `Apps` containing the state of the project after the migration run. It should be used instead of the global `apps` registry to retrieve the models you want to perform operations on.

For example, you could register a callback in an `AppConfig` like this:
from django.apps import AppConfig
from django.db.models.signals import post_migrate

def my_callback(sender, **kwargs):
    # Your specific logic here
    pass

class MyAppConfig(AppConfig):
    ...
    def ready(self):
        post_migrate.connect(my_callback, sender=self)

Note: If you provide an AppConfig instance as the sender argument, please ensure that the signal is registered in ready(). AppConfigs are recreated for tests that run with a modified set of INSTALLED_APPS (such as when settings are overridden) and such signals should be connected for each new AppConfig instance.

6.20.3 Request/response signals

Signals sent by the core framework when processing a request.

request_started
django.core.signals.request_started
Sent when Django begins processing an HTTP request.
Arguments sent with this signal:
sender The handler class – e.g. django.core.handlers.wsgi.WsgiHandler – that handled the request.
environ The environ dictionary provided to the request.

request_finished
django.core.signals.request_finished
Sent when Django finishes delivering an HTTP response to the client.
Arguments sent with this signal:
sender The handler class, as above.

got_request_exception
django.core.signals.got_request_exception
This signal is sent whenever Django encounters an exception while processing an incoming HTTP request.
Arguments sent with this signal:
sender Unused (always None).
request The HttpRequest object.
6.20.4 Test signals

Signals only sent when running tests.

setting_changed

django.test.signals.setting_changed

This signal is sent when the value of a setting is changed through the django.test.TestCase.settings() context manager or the django.test.override_settings() decorator/context manager.

It’s actually sent twice: when the new value is applied (“setup”) and when the original value is restored (“teardown”). Use the enter argument to distinguish between the two.

You can also import this signal from django.core.signals to avoid importing from django.test in non-test situations.

Arguments sent with this signal:

sender The settings handler.

setting The name of the setting.

value The value of the setting after the change. For settings that initially don’t exist, in the “teardown” phase, value is None.

enter A boolean; True if the setting is applied, False if restored.

template_rendered

django.test.signals.template_rendered

Sent when the test system renders a template. This signal is not emitted during normal operation of a Django server – it is only available during testing.

Arguments sent with this signal:

sender The Template object which was rendered.

template Same as sender

context The Context with which the template was rendered.

6.20.5 Database Wrappers

Signals sent by the database wrapper when a database connection is initiated.

connection_created

django.db.backends.signals.connection_created

Sent when the database wrapper makes the initial connection to the database. This is particularly useful if you’d like to send any post connection commands to the SQL backend.

Arguments sent with this signal:

sender The database wrapper class – i.e. django.db.backends.postgresql.DatabaseWrapper or django.db.backends.mysql.DatabaseWrapper, etc.
**connection** The database connection that was opened. This can be used in a multiple-database configuration to differentiate connection signals from different databases.

### 6.21 Templates

Django’s template engine provides a powerful mini-language for defining the user-facing layer of your application, encouraging a clean separation of application and presentation logic. Templates can be maintained by anyone with an understanding of HTML; no knowledge of Python is required. For introductory material, see *[Templates](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/ref/templates/)" topic guide.*

#### 6.21.1 The Django template language

This document explains the language syntax of the Django template system. If you’re looking for a more technical perspective on how it works and how to extend it, see *The Django template language: for Python programmers.*

Django’s template language is designed to strike a balance between power and ease. It’s designed to feel comfortable to those used to working with HTML. If you have any exposure to other text-based template languages, such as Smarty or Jinja2, you should feel right at home with Django’s templates.

**Philosophy**

If you have a background in programming, or if you’re used to languages which mix programming code directly into HTML, you’ll want to bear in mind that the Django template system is not simply Python embedded into HTML. This is by design: the template system is meant to express presentation, not program logic.

The Django template system provides tags which function similarly to some programming constructs – an *if* tag for boolean tests, a *for* tag for looping, etc. – but these are not simply executed as the corresponding Python code, and the template system will not execute arbitrary Python expressions. Only the tags, filters and syntax listed below are supported by default (although you can add *your own extensions* to the template language as needed).

**Templates**

A template is a text file. It can generate any text-based format (HTML, XML, CSV, etc.).

A template contains **variables**, which get replaced with values when the template is evaluated, and **tags**, which control the logic of the template.

Below is a minimal template that illustrates a few basics. Each element will be explained later in this document.

```html
{% extends "base_generic.html" %}

{% block title %}{{ section.title }}{% endblock %}

{% block content %}
<h1>{{ section.title }}</h1>

{% for story in story_list %}
<h2><a href="{{ story.get_absolute_url }}">{{ story.headline|upper }}</a></h2>
<p>{{ story.tease|truncatewords:100 }}</p>
{% endfor %}
```

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Philosophy

Why use a text-based template instead of an XML-based one (like Zope’s TAL)? We wanted Django’s template language to be usable for more than just XML/HTML templates. You can use the template language for any text-based format such as emails, JavaScript and CSV.

Variables

Variables look like this: `{{ variable }}`. When the template engine encounters a variable, it evaluates that variable and replaces it with the result. Variable names consist of any combination of alphanumeric characters and the underscore ("_") but may not start with an underscore. The dot (".") also appears in variable sections, although that has a special meaning, as indicated below. Importantly, you cannot have spaces or punctuation characters in variable names.

Use a dot (.) to access attributes of a variable.

Behind the scenes

Technically, when the template system encounters a dot, it tries the following lookups, in this order:

- Dictionary lookup
- Attribute or method lookup
- Numeric index lookup

If the resulting value is callable, it is called with no arguments. The result of the call becomes the template value.

This lookup order can cause some unexpected behavior with objects that override dictionary lookup. For example, consider the following code snippet that attempts to loop over a `collections.defaultdict`:

```template
{% for k, v in defaultdict.items %}
    Do something with k and v here...
{% endfor %}
```

Because dictionary lookup happens first, that behavior kicks in and provides a default value instead of using the intended `.items()` method. In this case, consider converting to a dictionary first.

In the above example, `{{ section.title }}` will be replaced with the title attribute of the section object.

If you use a variable that doesn’t exist, the template system will insert the value of the `string_if_invalid` option, which is set to '' (the empty string) by default.

Note that “bar” in a template expression like `{{ foo.bar }}` will be interpreted as a literal string and not using the value of the variable “bar”, if one exists in the template context.

Variable attributes that begin with an underscore may not be accessed as they’re generally considered private.

Filters

You can modify variables for display by using filters.
Filters look like this: `{{ name|lower }}`. This displays the value of the `{{ name }}` variable after being filtered through the `lower` filter, which converts text to lowercase. Use a pipe (`|`) to apply a filter.

Filters can be “chained.” The output of one filter is applied to the next. `{{ text|escape|linebreaks }}` is a common idiom for escaping text contents, then converting line breaks to `<p>` tags.

Some filters take arguments. A filter argument looks like this: `{{ bio|truncatewords:30 }}`. This will display the first 30 words of the `bio` variable.

Filter arguments that contain spaces must be quoted; for example, to join a list with commas and spaces you’d use `{{ list|join:”, ” }}`.

Django provides about sixty built-in template filters. You can read all about them in the built-in filter reference. To give you a taste of what’s available, here are some of the more commonly used template filters:

**default** If a variable is false or empty, use given default. Otherwise, use the value of the variable. For example:

```
{{ value|default:"nothing" }}
```

If `value` isn’t provided or is empty, the above will display “nothing”.

**length** Returns the length of the value. This works for both strings and lists. For example:

```
{{ value|length }}
```

If `value` is `['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']`, the output will be 4.

**filesizeformat** Formats the value like a “human-readable” file size (i.e. '13 KB', '4.1 MB', '102 bytes', etc.). For example:

```
{{ value|filesizeformat }}
```

If `value` is 123456789, the output would be 117.7 MB.

Again, these are just a few examples; see the built-in filter reference for the complete list.

You can also create your own custom template filters; see Custom template tags and filters.

See also:

Django’s admin interface can include a complete reference of all template tags and filters available for a given site. See The Django admin documentation generator.

**Tags**

Tags look like this: `{% tag %}`. Tags are more complex than variables: Some create text in the output, some control flow by performing loops or logic, and some load external information into the template to be used by later variables.

Some tags require beginning and ending tags (i.e. `{% tag %} ... tag contents ... {% endtag %}).

Django ships with about two dozen built-in template tags. You can read all about them in the built-in tag reference. To give you a taste of what’s available, here are some of the more commonly used tags:

**for** Loop over each item in an array. For example, to display a list of athletes provided in `athlete_list`:

```
<ul>
{% for athlete in athlete_list %}
    <li>{{ athlete.name }}</li>
{% endfor %}
</ul>
```

**if, elif, and else** Evaluates a variable, and if that variable is “true” the contents of the block are displayed:
In the above, if `athlete_list` is not empty, the number of athletes will be displayed by the `{{ athlete_list|length }}` variable. Otherwise, if `athlete_in_locker_room_list` is not empty, the message “Athletes should be out...” will be displayed. If both lists are empty, “No athletes.” will be displayed.

You can also use filters and various operators in the `if` tag:

```html
{% if athlete_list|length > 1 %}
  Team: {% for athlete in athlete_list %} ... {% endfor %}
{% else %}
  Athlete: {{ athlete_list.0.name }}
{% endif %}
```

While the above example works, be aware that most template filters return strings, so mathematical comparisons using filters will generally not work as you expect. `length` is an exception.

**block and extends** Set up template inheritance (see below), a powerful way of cutting down on “boilerplate” in templates.

Again, the above is only a selection of the whole list; see the built-in tag reference for the complete list.

You can also create your own custom template tags; see Custom template tags and filters.

See also:

Django’s admin interface can include a complete reference of all template tags and filters available for a given site. See The Django admin documentation generator.

**Comments**

To comment-out part of a line in a template, use the comment syntax: `(# #)`.

For example, this template would render as 'hello':

```html
(# greeting #)hello
```

A comment can contain any template code, invalid or not. For example:

```html
(# (% if foo %)bar(% else %) #)
```

This syntax can only be used for single-line comments (no newlines are permitted between the (# and #) delimiters).

If you need to comment out a multiline portion of the template, see the `comment` tag.

**Template inheritance**

The most powerful – and thus the most complex – part of Django’s template engine is template inheritance. Template inheritance allows you to build a base “skeleton” template that contains all the common elements of your site and defines blocks that child templates can override.

Let’s look at template inheritance by starting with an example:
This template, which we’ll call `base.html`, defines an HTML skeleton document that you might use for a two-column page. It’s the job of “child” templates to fill the empty blocks with content.

In this example, the `block` tag defines three blocks that child templates can fill in. All the `block` tag does is to tell the template engine that a child template may override those portions of the template.

A child template might look like this:

```html
{% extends "base.html" %}
{% block title %}My amazing blog{% endblock %}
{% block content %}
{% for entry in blog_entries %}
  <h2>{{ entry.title }}</h2>
  <p>{{ entry.body }}</p>
{% endfor %}
{% endblock %}
```

The `extends` tag is the key here. It tells the template engine that this template “extends” another template. When the template system evaluates this template, first it locates the parent – in this case, “base.html”.

At that point, the template engine will notice the three `block` tags in `base.html` and replace those blocks with the contents of the child template. Depending on the value of `blog_entries`, the output might look like:

```html
<!-- (continues on next page) -->
```
Note that since the child template didn’t define the sidebar block, the value from the parent template is used instead. Content within a {% block %} tag in a parent template is always used as a fallback.

You can use as many levels of inheritance as needed. One common way of using inheritance is the following three-level approach:

- Create a base.html template that holds the main look-and-feel of your site.
- Create a base_SECTIONNAME.html template for each “section” of your site. For example, base_news.html, base_sports.html. These templates all extend base.html and include section-specific styles/design.
- Create individual templates for each type of page, such as a news article or blog entry. These templates extend the appropriate section template.

This approach maximizes code reuse and helps to add items to shared content areas, such as section-wide navigation.

Here are some tips for working with inheritance:

- If you use {% extends %} in a template, it must be the first template tag in that template. Template inheritance won’t work, otherwise.
- More {% block %} tags in your base templates are better. Remember, child templates don’t have to define all parent blocks, so you can fill in reasonable defaults in a number of blocks, then only define the ones you need later. It’s better to have more hooks than fewer hooks.
- If you find yourself duplicating content in a number of templates, it probably means you should move that content to a {% block %} in a parent template.
- If you need to get the content of the block from the parent template, the {{ block.super }} variable will do the trick. This is useful if you want to add to the contents of a parent block instead of completely overriding it. Data inserted using {{ block.super }} will not be automatically escaped (see the next section), since it was already escaped, if necessary, in the parent template.
- By using the same template name as you are inheriting from, {% extends %} can be used to inherit a template at the same time as overriding it. Combined with {{ block.super }}, this can be a powerful way to make small customizations. See Extending an overridden template in the Overriding templates How-to for a full example.
- Variables created outside of a {% block %} using the template tag as syntax can’t be used inside the block. For example, this template doesn’t render anything:

```template
{% translate "Title" as title %}
{% block content %}{% endblock %}
```
• For extra readability, you can optionally give a name to your {% endblock %} tag. For example:

{% block content %}
...
{% endblock content %}

In larger templates, this technique helps you see which {% block %} tags are being closed.

Finally, note that you can’t define multiple block tags with the same name in the same template. This limitation exists because a block tag works in “both” directions. That is, a block tag doesn’t just provide a hole to fill – it also defines the content that fills the hole in the parent. If there were two similarly-named block tags in a template, that template’s parent wouldn’t know which one of the blocks’ content to use.

**Automatic HTML escaping**

When generating HTML from templates, there’s always a risk that a variable will include characters that affect the resulting HTML. For example, consider this template fragment:

```
Hello, {{ name }}
```

At first, this seems like a harmless way to display a user’s name, but consider what would happen if the user entered their name as this:

```
<script>alert('hello')</script>
```

With this name value, the template would be rendered as:

```
Hello, <script>alert('hello')</script>
```

…which means the browser would pop-up a JavaScript alert box!

Similarly, what if the name contained a ‘<’ symbol, like this?

```
<b>username
```

That would result in a rendered template like this:

```
Hello, <b>username
```

…which, in turn, would result in the remainder of the Web page being bolded!

Clearly, user-submitted data shouldn’t be trusted blindly and inserted directly into your Web pages, because a malicious user could use this kind of hole to do potentially bad things. This type of security exploit is called a Cross Site Scripting (XSS) attack.

To avoid this problem, you have two options:

• One, you can make sure to run each untrusted variable through the escape filter (documented below), which converts potentially harmful HTML characters to unharmful ones. This was the default solution in Django for its first few years, but the problem is that it puts the onus on you, the developer / template author, to ensure you’re escaping everything. It’s easy to forget to escape data.

• Two, you can take advantage of Django’s automatic HTML escaping. The remainder of this section describes how auto-escaping works.

By default in Django, every template automatically escapes the output of every variable tag. Specifically, these five characters are escaped:

• `<` is converted to `&lt;`
• > is converted to &gt;
• ' (single quote) is converted to &#x27;
• " (double quote) is converted to &quot;
• & is converted to &amp;

Again, we stress that this behavior is on by default. If you're using Django’s template system, you’re protected.

**How to turn it off**

If you don’t want data to be auto-escaped, on a per-site, per-template level or per-variable level, you can turn it off in several ways.

Why would you want to turn it off? Because sometimes, template variables contain data that you intend to be rendered as raw HTML, in which case you don’t want their contents to be escaped. For example, you might store a blob of HTML in your database and want to embed that directly into your template. Or, you might be using Django’s template system to produce text that is not HTML – like an email message, for instance.

**For individual variables**

To disable auto-escaping for an individual variable, use the *safe* filter:

```
This will be escaped: {{ data }}
This will not be escaped: {{ data|safe }}
```

Think of *safe* as shorthand for **safe from further escaping** or can be safely interpreted as HTML. In this example, if `data` contains '&lt;b&gt;', the output will be:

```
This will be escaped: &lt;b&gt;
This will not be escaped: <b>
```

**For template blocks**

To control auto-escaping for a template, wrap the template (or a particular section of the template) in the *autoescape* tag, like so:

```
{% autoescape off %}
    Hello {{ name }}
{% endautoescape %}
```

The *autoescape* tag takes either on or off as its argument. At times, you might want to force auto-escaping when it would otherwise be disabled. Here is an example template:

```
Auto-escaping is on by default. Hello {{ name }}

{% autoescape off %}
    This will not be auto-escaped: {{ data }}.

    Nor this: {{ other_data }}
    {% autoescape on %}
        Auto-escaping applies again: {{ name }}
    {% endautoescape %}
    {% endautoescape %}
```
The auto-escaping tag passes its effect onto templates that extend the current one as well as templates included via the `include` tag, just like all block tags. For example:

**Listing 12: base.html**

```html
{% autoescape off %}
<h1>{% block title %}{% endblock %}</h1>
{% block content %}
{% endblock %}
{% endautoescape %}
```

**Listing 13: child.html**

```html
{% extends "base.html" %}
{% block title %}This & that{% endblock %}
{% block content %}
{{ greeting }}{% endblock %}
```

Because auto-escaping is turned off in the base template, it will also be turned off in the child template, resulting in the following rendered HTML when the `greeting` variable contains the string `<b>Hello!</b>`:

```html
<h1>This & that</h1>
<b>Hello!</b>
```

**Notes**

Generally, template authors don’t need to worry about auto-escaping very much. Developers on the Python side (people writing views and custom filters) need to think about the cases in which data shouldn’t be escaped, and mark data appropriately, so things Just Work in the template.

If you’re creating a template that might be used in situations where you’re not sure whether auto-escaping is enabled, then add an `escape` filter to any variable that needs escaping. When auto-escaping is on, there’s no danger of the `escape` filter double-escaping data – the `escape` filter does not affect auto-escaped variables.

**String literals and automatic escaping**

As we mentioned earlier, filter arguments can be strings:

```html
{{ data|default:"This is a string literal." }}
```

All string literals are inserted without any automatic escaping into the template – they act as if they were all passed through the `safe` filter. The reasoning behind this is that the template author is in control of what goes into the string literal, so they can make sure the text is correctly escaped when the template is written.

This means you would write

```html
{{ data|default:"3 &lt; 2" }}
```

...rather than:

```html
{{ data|default:"3 < 2" }} (# Bad! Don’t do this. #)
```

This doesn’t affect what happens to data coming from the variable itself. The variable’s contents are still automatically escaped, if necessary, because they’re beyond the control of the template author.
Accessing method calls

Most method calls attached to objects are also available from within templates. This means that templates have access to much more than just class attributes (like field names) and variables passed in from views. For example, the Django ORM provides the "entry_set" syntax for finding a collection of objects related on a foreign key. Therefore, given a model called “comment” with a foreign key relationship to a model called “task” you can loop through all comments attached to a given task like this:

```{% for comment in task.comment_set.all %}
  {{ comment }}
{% endfor %}
```

Similarly, *QuerySets* provide a `count()` method to count the number of objects they contain. Therefore, you can obtain a count of all comments related to the current task with:

```{{ task.comment_set.all.count }}```

You can also access methods you’ve explicitly defined on your own models:

Listing 14: models.py

```python
class Task(models.Model):
    def foo(self):
        return "bar"
```

Listing 15: template.html

```{{ task.foo }}```

Because Django intentionally limits the amount of logic processing available in the template language, it is not possible to pass arguments to method calls accessed from within templates. Data should be calculated in views, then passed to templates for display.

Custom tag and filter libraries

Certain applications provide custom tag and filter libraries. To access them in a template, ensure the application is in *INSTALLED_APPS* (we’d add 'django.contrib.humanize' for this example), and then use the *load* tag in a template:

```{% load humanize %}
{{ 45000|intcomma }}
```

In the above, the *load* tag loads the *humanize* tag library, which then makes the *intcomma* filter available for use. If you’ve enabled *django.contrib.admindocs*, you can consult the documentation area in your admin to find the list of custom libraries in your installation.

The *load* tag can take multiple library names, separated by spaces. Example:

```{% load humanize i18n %}
```

See *Custom template tags and filters* for information on writing your own custom template libraries.
Custom libraries and template inheritance

When you load a custom tag or filter library, the tags/filters are only made available to the current template – not any parent or child templates along the template-inheritance path.

For example, if a template foo.html has {% load humanize %}, a child template (e.g., one that has {% extends "foo.html" %}) will not have access to the humanize template tags and filters. The child template is responsible for its own {% load humanize %}.

This is a feature for the sake of maintainability and sanity.

See also:

The Templates Reference  Covers built-in tags, built-in filters, using an alternative template language, and more.

6.21.2 Built-in template tags and filters

This document describes Django’s built-in template tags and filters. It is recommended that you use the automatic documentation, if available, as this will also include documentation for any custom tags or filters installed.

Built-in tag reference

autoescape

Controls the current auto-escaping behavior. This tag takes either on or off as an argument and that determines whether auto-escaping is in effect inside the block. The block is closed with an endautoescape ending tag.

When auto-escaping is in effect, all variable content has HTML escaping applied to it before placing the result into the output (but after any filters have been applied). This is equivalent to manually applying the escape filter to each variable.

The only exceptions are variables that are already marked as “safe” from escaping, either by the code that populated the variable, or because it has had the safe or escape filters applied.

Sample usage:

```latex
{% autoescape on %}
  {{ body }}
{% endautoescape %}
```

block

Defines a block that can be overridden by child templates. See Template inheritance for more information.

comment

Ignores everything between {% comment %} and {% endcomment %}. An optional note may be inserted in the first tag. For example, this is useful when commenting out code for documenting why the code was disabled.

Sample usage:
comment tags cannot be nested.

csrf_token

This tag is used for CSRF protection, as described in the documentation for Cross Site Request Forgeries.

cycle

Produces one of its arguments each time this tag is encountered. The first argument is produced on the first encounter, the second argument on the second encounter, and so forth. Once all arguments are exhausted, the tag cycles to the first argument and produces it again.

This tag is particularly useful in a loop:

```
{% for o in some_list %}
    <tr class="{% cycle row1 'row2' row1 %}">
        ...
    </tr>
{% endfor %}
```

The first iteration produces HTML that refers to class row1, the second to row2, the third to row1 again, and so on for each iteration of the loop.

You can use variables, too. For example, if you have two template variables, rowvalue1 and rowvalue2, you can alternate between their values like this:

```
{% for o in some_list %}
    <tr class="{% cycle rowvalue1 rowvalue2 rowvalue1 %}">
        ...
    </tr>
{% endfor %}
```

Variables included in the cycle will be escaped. You can disable auto-escaping with:

```
{% for o in some_list %}
    <tr class="{% autoescape off %}{% cycle rowvalue1 rowvalue2 %}{% endautoescape %}">
        ...
    </tr>
{% endfor %}
```

You can mix variables and strings:

```
{% for o in some_list %}
    <tr class="{% cycle row1 rowvalue2 'row1' %}">
        ...
    </tr>
{% endfor %}
```
In some cases you might want to refer to the current value of a cycle without advancing to the next value. To do this, give the `{% cycle %}` tag a name, using “as”, like this:

```html
{% cycle 'row1' 'row2' as rowcolors %}
```

From then on, you can insert the current value of the cycle wherever you’d like in your template by referencing the cycle name as a context variable. If you want to move the cycle to the next value independently of the original cycle tag, you can use another `cycle` tag and specify the name of the variable. So, the following template:

```html
<tr>
    <td class="{% cycle 'row1' 'row2' as rowcolors %}">...</td>
    <td class="{{ rowcolors }}">...</td>
</tr>
<tr>
    <td class="{% cycle rowcolors %}">...</td>
    <td class="{{ rowcolors }}">...</td>
</tr>
```

would output:

```html
<tr>
    <td class="row1">...</td>
    <td class="row1">...</td>
</tr>
<tr>
    <td class="row2">...</td>
    <td class="row2">...</td>
</tr>
```

You can use any number of values in a `cycle` tag, separated by spaces. Values enclosed in single quotes (') or double quotes (") are treated as string literals, while values without quotes are treated as template variables.

By default, when you use the `as` keyword with the `cycle` tag, the usage of `{% cycle %}` that initiates the cycle will itself produce the first value in the cycle. This could be a problem if you want to use the value in a nested loop or an included template. If you only want to declare the cycle but not produce the first value, you can add a `silent` keyword as the last keyword in the tag. For example:

```html
{% for obj in some_list %}
    {% cycle 'row1' 'row2' as rowcolors silent %}
    <tr class="{{ rowcolors }}"><% include "subtemplate.html" %></tr>
{% endfor %}
```

This will output a list of `<tr>` elements with `class` alternating between `row1` and `row2`. The subtemplate will have access to `rowcolors` in its context and the value will match the class of the `<tr>` that encloses it. If the `silent` keyword were to be omitted, `row1` and `row2` would be emitted as normal text, outside the `<tr>` element.

When the `silent` keyword is used on a cycle definition, the silence automatically applies to all subsequent uses of that specific cycle tag. The following template would output `nothing`, even though the second call to `{% cycle %}` doesn’t specify `silent`:

```html
{% cycle 'row1' 'row2' as rowcolors silent %}
{% cycle rowcolors %}
```

You can use the `resetcycle` tag to make a `{% cycle %}` tag restart from its first value when it’s next encountered.
**debug**

Outputs a whole load of debugging information, including the current context and imported modules.

**extends**

Signals that this template extends a parent template.

This tag can be used in two ways:

- {% extends "base.html" %} (with quotes) uses the literal value "base.html" as the name of the parent template to extend.
- {% extends variable %} uses the value of variable. If the variable evaluates to a string, Django will use that string as the name of the parent template. If the variable evaluates to a Template object, Django will use that object as the parent template.

See [Template inheritance](#) for more information.

Normally the template name is relative to the template loader’s root directory. A string argument may also be a relative path starting with ./ or ../. For example, assume the following directory structure:

```
dir1/
  template.html
  base2.html
  my/
    base3.html
base1.html
```

In `template.html`, the following paths would be valid:

```
{% extends "./base2.html" %}
{% extends ".../base1.html" %}
{% extends ".../my/base3.html" %}
```

**filter**

Filters the contents of the block through one or more filters. Multiple filters can be specified with pipes and filters can have arguments, just as in variable syntax.

Note that the block includes all the text between the `filter` and `endfilter` tags.

Sample usage:

```
{% filter force_escape|lower %}
  This text will be HTML-escaped, and will appear in all lowercase.
{% endfilter %}
```

Note: The `escape` and `safe` filters are not acceptable arguments. Instead, use the `autoescape` tag to manage autoescaping for blocks of template code.
**firstof**

Outputs the first argument variable that is not “false” (i.e. exists, is not empty, is not a false boolean value, and is not a zero numeric value). Outputs nothing if all the passed variables are “false”.

Sample usage:

```template
{% firstof var1 var2 var3 %}
```

This is equivalent to:

```template
{% if var1 %}
    {{ var1 }}
{% elif var2 %}
    {{ var2 }}
{% elif var3 %}
    {{ var3 }}
{% endif %}
```

You can also use a literal string as a fallback value in case all passed variables are False:

```template
{% firstof var1 var2 var3 "fallback value" %}
```

This tag auto-escapes variable values. You can disable auto-escaping with:

```template
{% autoescape off %}
    {% firstof var1 var2 var3 "<strong>fallback value</strong>" %}
{% endautoescape %}
```

Or if only some variables should be escaped, you can use:

```template
{% firstof var1 var2|safe var3 "<strong>fallback value</strong>"|safe %}
```

You can use the syntax `{% firstof var1 var2 var3 as value %}` to store the output inside a variable.

**for**

Loops over each item in an array, making the item available in a context variable. For example, to display a list of athletes provided in `athlete_list`:

```template
<ul>
{% for athlete in athlete_list %}
    <li>{{ athlete.name }}</li>
{% endfor %}
</ul>
```

You can loop over a list in reverse by using `{% for obj in list reversed %}`.

If you need to loop over a list of lists, you can unpack the values in each sublist into individual variables. For example, if your context contains a list of (x,y) coordinates called `points`, you could use the following to output the list of points:

```template
{% for x, y in points %}
    There is a point at {{ x }},{{ y }}
{% endfor %}
```
This can also be useful if you need to access the items in a dictionary. For example, if your context contained a dictionary `data`, the following would display the keys and values of the dictionary:

```template
{% for key, value in data.items %}
    {{ key }}: {{ value }}
{% endfor %}
```

Keep in mind that for the dot operator, dictionary key lookup takes precedence over method lookup. Therefore if the `data` dictionary contains a key named `'items'`, `data.items` will return `data['items']` instead of `data.items()`. Avoid adding keys that are named like dictionary methods if you want to use those methods in a template (`items`, `values`, `keys`, etc.). Read more about the lookup order of the dot operator in the documentation of `template variables`.

The for loop sets a number of variables available within the loop:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Variable</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>forloop.counter</td>
<td>The current iteration of the loop (1-indexed)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>forloop.counter0</td>
<td>The current iteration of the loop (0-indexed)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>forloop.revcounter</td>
<td>The number of iterations from the end of the loop (1-indexed)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>forloop.revcounter0</td>
<td>The number of iterations from the end of the loop (0-indexed)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>forloop.first</td>
<td>True if this is the first time through the loop</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>forloop.last</td>
<td>True if this is the last time through the loop</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>forloop.parentloop</td>
<td>For nested loops, this is the loop surrounding the current one</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### for ... empty

The `for` tag can take an optional `{% empty %}` clause whose text is displayed if the given array is empty or could not be found:

```template
<ul>
{% for athlete in athlete_list %}
    <li>{{ athlete.name }}</li>
{% empty %}
    <li>Sorry, no athletes in this list.</li>
{% endfor %}
</ul>
```

The above is equivalent to – but shorter, cleaner, and possibly faster than – the following:

```template
<ul>
{% if athlete_list %}
    {% for athlete in athlete_list %}
        <li>{{ athlete.name }}</li>
    {% endfor %}
{% else %}
    <li>Sorry, no athletes in this list.</li>
{% endif %}
</ul>
```

### if

The `{% if %}` tag evaluates a variable, and if that variable is “true” (i.e. exists, is not empty, and is not a false boolean value) the contents of the block are output:

```template
{% if athlete_list %}
    {% for athlete in athlete_list %}
        <li>{{ athlete.name }}</li>
    {% endfor %}
{% else %}
    <li>Sorry, no athletes in this list.</li>
{% endif %}
```
In the above, if athlete_list is not empty, the number of athletes will be displayed by the {{ athlete_list|length }} variable.

As you can see, the if tag may take one or several {% elif %} clauses, as well as an {% else %} clause that will be displayed if all previous conditions fail. These clauses are optional.

**Boolean operators**

If tags may use and, or or not to test a number of variables or to negate a given variable:

```
{% if athlete_list and coach_list %}
Both athletes and coaches are available.
{% endif %}

{% if not athlete_list %}
There are no athletes.
{% endif %}

{% if athlete_list or coach_list %}
There are some athletes or some coaches.
{% endif %}

{% if not athlete_list or coach_list %}
There are no athletes or there are some coaches.
{% endif %}

{% if athlete_list and not coach_list %}
There are some athletes and absolutely no coaches.
{% endif %}
```

Use of both and and or clauses within the same tag is allowed, with and having higher precedence than or e.g.:

```
{% if athlete_list and coach_list or cheerleader_list %}
```

will be interpreted like:

```python
if (athlete_list and coach_list) or cheerleader_list
```

Use of actual parentheses in the if tag is invalid syntax. If you need them to indicate precedence, you should use nested if tags.

If tags may also use the operators ==, !=, <, >, <=, >=, in, not in, is, and is not which work as follows:

**== operator**

Equality. Example:
{% if somevar == "x" %}
    This appears if variable somevar equals the string "x"
{% endif %}

!= operator

Inequality. Example:

{% if somevar != "x" %}
    This appears if variable somevar does not equal the string "x",
    or if somevar is not found in the context
{% endif %}

< operator

Less than. Example:

{% if somevar < 100 %}
    This appears if variable somevar is less than 100.
{% endif %}

> operator

Greater than. Example:

{% if somevar > 0 %}
    This appears if variable somevar is greater than 0.
{% endif %}

<= operator

Less than or equal to. Example:

{% if somevar <= 100 %}
    This appears if variable somevar is less than 100 or equal to 100.
{% endif %}

>= operator

Greater than or equal to. Example:

{% if somevar >= 1 %}
    This appears if variable somevar is greater than 1 or equal to 1.
{% endif %}
in operator

Contained within. This operator is supported by many Python containers to test whether the given value is in the container. The following are some examples of how \texttt{x in y} will be interpreted:

```
{% if "bc" in "abcdef" %}
  This appears since "bc" is a substring of "abcdef"
{% endif %}

{% if "hello" in greetings %}
  If greetings is a list or set, one element of which is the string "hello", this will appear.
{% endif %}

{% if user in users %}
  If users is a QuerySet, this will appear if user is an instance that belongs to the QuerySet.
{% endif %}
```

not in operator

Not contained within. This is the negation of the \texttt{in} operator.

is operator

Object identity. Tests if two values are the same object. Example:

```
{% if somevar is True %}
  This appears if and only if somevar is True.
{% endif %}

{% if somevar is None %}
  This appears if somevar is None, or if somevar is not found in the context.
{% endif %}
```

is not operator

Negated object identity. Tests if two values are not the same object. This is the negation of the \texttt{is} operator. Example:

```
{% if somevar is not True %}
  This appears if somevar is not True, or if somevar is not found in the context.
{% endif %}

{% if somevar is not None %}
  This appears if and only if somevar is not None.
{% endif %}
```

Filters

You can also use filters in the \texttt{if} expression. For example:
Complex expressions

All of the above can be combined to form complex expressions. For such expressions, it can be important to know how the operators are grouped when the expression is evaluated - that is, the precedence rules. The precedence of the operators, from lowest to highest, is as follows:

• or
• and
• not
• in
• ==, !=, <, >, <=, >=

(This follows Python exactly). So, for example, the following complex if tag:

```html
{% if a == b or c == d and e %}

... will be interpreted as:

```html
(a == b) or ((c == d) and e)
```

If you need different precedence, you will need to use nested if tags. Sometimes that is better for clarity anyway, for the sake of those who do not know the precedence rules.

The comparison operators cannot be ‘chained’ like in Python or in mathematical notation. For example, instead of using:

```html
{% if a > b > c %}  (WRONG)
```

you should use:

```html
{% if a > b and b > c %}
```

ifequal and ifnotequal

Deprecated since version 3.1.

{% ifequal a b %} ... {% endifequal %} is an obsolete way to write {% if a == b %} ... {% endif %}. Likewise, {% ifnotequal a b %} ... {% endifnotequal %} is superseded by {% if a != b %} ... {% endif %}.

ifchanged

Check if a value has changed from the last iteration of a loop.

The `{% ifchanged %}` block tag is used within a loop. It has two possible uses.

1. Checks its own rendered contents against its previous state and only displays the content if it has changed. For example, this displays a list of days, only displaying the month if it changes:
2. If given one or more variables, check whether any variable has changed. For example, the following shows the date every time it changes, while showing the hour if either the hour or the date has changed:

```html
{% for date in days %}
  {% ifchanged date.date %}
    {{ date.date }}
  {% endifchanged %}
  {% ifchanged date.hour %}
    {{ date.hour }}
  {% endifchanged %}
{% endfor %}
```

The `ifchanged` tag can also take an optional `{% else %}` clause that will be displayed if the value has not changed:

```html
{% for match in matches %}
  <div style="background-color:"
    {% ifchanged match.ballot_id %}
      cycle "red" "blue"
    {% else %}
      gray
    {% endifchanged %}
  ">
    {{ match }}
  <div>
{% endfor %}
```

### include

Loads a template and renders it with the current context. This is a way of “including” other templates within a template. The template name can either be a variable or a hard-coded (quoted) string, in either single or double quotes.

This example includes the contents of the template "foo/bar.html":

```html
{% include "foo/bar.html" %}
```

Normally the template name is relative to the template loader’s root directory. A string argument may also be a relative path starting with ./ or ../ as described in the `extends` tag.

This example includes the contents of the template whose name is contained in the variable `template_name`:

```html
{% include template_name %}
```

The variable may also be any object with a `render()` method that accepts a context. This allows you to reference a compiled Template in your context.

Additionally, the variable may be an iterable of template names, in which case the first that can be loaded will be used, as per `select_template()`.

An included template is rendered within the context of the template that includes it. This example produces the output "Hello, John!":

- Context: variable `person` is set to "John" and variable `greeting` is set to "Hello".
• Template:

```html
{% include "name_snippet.html" %}
```

• The `name_snippet.html` template:

```html
{{ greeting }}, {{ person|default:"friend" }}!
```

You can pass additional context to the template using keyword arguments:

```html
{% include "name_snippet.html" with person="Jane" greeting="Hello" %}
```

If you want to render the context only with the variables provided (or even no variables at all), use the `only` option. No other variables are available to the included template:

```html
{% include "name_snippet.html" with greeting="Hi" only %}
```

**Note:** The `include` tag should be considered as an implementation of “render this subtemplate and include the HTML”, not as “parse this subtemplate and include its contents as if it were part of the parent”. This means that there is no shared state between included templates – each include is a completely independent rendering process.

Blocks are evaluated before they are included. This means that a template that includes blocks from another will contain blocks that have already been evaluated and rendered - not blocks that can be overridden by, for example, an extending template.

Support for iterables of template names was added.

**load**

Loads a custom template tag set.

For example, the following template would load all the tags and filters registered in `somelibrary` and `otherlibrary` located in package `package`:

```html
{% load somelibrary package.otherlibrary %}
```

You can also selectively load individual filters or tags from a library, using the `from` argument. In this example, the template tags/filters named `foo` and `bar` will be loaded from `somelibrary`:

```html
{% load foo bar from somelibrary %}
```

See [Custom tag and filter libraries](#) for more information.

**lorem**

Displays random “lorem ipsum” Latin text. This is useful for providing sample data in templates.

Usage:

```html
{% lorem [count] [method] [random] %}
```

The `{% lorem %}` tag can be used with zero, one, two or three arguments. The arguments are:
Argument | Description
---|---
count | A number (or variable) containing the number of paragraphs or words to generate (default is 1).
method | Either \texttt{w} for words, \texttt{p} for HTML paragraphs or \texttt{b} for plain-text paragraph blocks (default is \texttt{b}).
random | The word \texttt{random}, which if given, does not use the common paragraph (“Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet...”) when generating text.

Examples:

- \{\% lorem \%\} will output the common “lorem ipsum” paragraph.
- \{\% lorem 3 p \%\} will output the common “lorem ipsum” paragraph and two random paragraphs each wrapped in HTML \texttt{<p>} tags.
- \{\% lorem 2 w random \%\} will output two random Latin words.

\texttt{now}

Displays the current date and/or time, using a format according to the given string. Such string can contain format specifiers characters as described in the \texttt{date} filter section.

Example:

\begin{verbatim}
\texttt{It is \{\% now "jS F Y H:i" \%\}}
\end{verbatim}

Note that you can backslash-escape a format string if you want to use the “raw” value. In this example, both “o” and “f” are backslash-escaped, because otherwise each is a format string that displays the year and the time, respectively:

\begin{verbatim}
\texttt{It is the \{\% now "jS \o\f F" \%\}}
\end{verbatim}

This would display as “It is the 4th of September”.

\textbf{Note:} The format passed can also be one of the predefined ones \texttt{DATE\_FORMAT}, \texttt{DATETIME\_FORMAT}, \texttt{SHORT\_DATE\_FORMAT} or \texttt{SHORT\_DATETIME\_FORMAT}. The predefined formats may vary depending on the current locale and if \texttt{Format localization} is enabled, e.g.:

\begin{verbatim}
\texttt{It is \{\% now "SHORT\_DATETIME\_FORMAT" \%\}}
\end{verbatim}

You can also use the syntax \{\% now "Y" as current\_year \%\} to store the output (as a string) inside a variable. This is useful if you want to use \{\% now \%\} inside a template tag like \texttt{blocktranslate} for example:

\begin{verbatim}
\{\% now "Y" as current\_year \%
\{% blocktranslate %\}Copyright {{ current\_year }}{% endblocktranslate %
\end{verbatim}

\texttt{regroup}

Regroups a list of alike objects by a common attribute.

This complex tag is best illustrated by way of an example: say that \texttt{cities} is a list of cities represented by dictionaries containing \texttt{name}, \texttt{population}, and \texttt{country} keys:
cities = [
    {'name': 'Mumbai', 'population': '19,000,000', 'country': 'India'},
    {'name': 'Calcutta', 'population': '15,000,000', 'country': 'India'},
    {'name': 'New York', 'population': '20,000,000', 'country': 'USA'},
    {'name': 'Chicago', 'population': '7,000,000', 'country': 'USA'},
    {'name': 'Tokyo', 'population': '33,000,000', 'country': 'Japan'},
]

... and you'd like to display a hierarchical list that is ordered by country, like this:

- India
  - Mumbai: 19,000,000
  - Calcutta: 15,000,000
- USA
  - New York: 20,000,000
  - Chicago: 7,000,000
- Japan
  - Tokyo: 33,000,000

You can use the {% regroup %} tag to group the list of cities by country. The following snippet of template code would accomplish this:

```html
{% regroup cities by country as country_list %}
<ul>
{% for country, local_cities in country_list %}
  <li>{{ country }}</li>
  <ul>
  {% for city in local_cities %}
    <li>{{ city.name }}: {{ city.population }}</li>
  {% endfor %}
  </ul>
{% endfor %}
</ul>
```

Let's walk through this example. {% regroup %} takes three arguments: the list you want to regroup, the attribute to group by, and the name of the resulting list. Here, we're regrouping the cities list by the country attribute and calling the result country_list.

{% regroup %} produces a list (in this case, country_list) of group objects. Group objects are instances of namedtuple() with two fields:

- grouper – the item that was grouped by (e.g., the string “India” or “Japan”).
- list – a list of all items in this group (e.g., a list of all cities with country='India').

Because {% regroup %} produces namedtuple() objects, you can also write the previous example as:

```html
{% regroup cities by country as country_list %}
<ul>
{% for country, local_cities in country_list %}
  <li>{{ country.grouper }}</li>
  <ul>
  {% for city in local_cities %}
    <li>{{ city.name }}: {{ city.population }}</li>
  {% endfor %}
  </ul>
{% endfor %}
</ul>
```
Note that {{ rengroup %}} does not order its input! Our example relies on the fact that the cities list was ordered by country in the first place. If the cities list did not order its members by country, the regrouping would naively display more than one group for a single country. For example, say the cities list was set to this (note that the countries are not grouped together):

cities = [
    {'name': 'Mumbai', 'population': '19,000,000', 'country': 'India'},
    {'name': 'New York', 'population': '20,000,000', 'country': 'USA'},
    {'name': 'Calcutta', 'population': '15,000,000', 'country': 'India'},
    {'name': 'Chicago', 'population': '7,000,000', 'country': 'USA'},
    {'name': 'Tokyo', 'population': '33,000,000', 'country': 'Japan'},
]

With this input for cities, the example {{ rengroup %}} template code above would result in the following output:

- India
  - Mumbai: 19,000,000
- USA
  - New York: 20,000,000
- India
  - Calcutta: 15,000,000
- USA
  - Chicago: 7,000,000
- Japan
  - Tokyo: 33,000,000

The easiest solution to this gotcha is to make sure in your view code that the data is ordered according to how you want to display it.

Another solution is to sort the data in the template using the dictsort filter, if your data is in a list of dictionaries:

{{ regroup cities|dictsort:"country" by country as country_list %}}

**Grouping on other properties**

Any valid template lookup is a legal grouping attribute for the regroup tag, including methods, attributes, dictionary keys and list items. For example, if the “country” field is a foreign key to a class with an attribute “description,” you could use:

{{ regroup cities by country.description as country_list %}}
Or, if country is a field with choices, it will have a `get_COUNTRY_display()` method available as an attribute, allowing you to group on the display string rather than the choices key:

```latex
{% regroup cities by get_country_display as country_list %}

{{ country.grouper }}
```

Now display the value fields from the choices set rather than the keys.

**resetcycle**

Resets a previous cycle so that it restarts from its first item at its next encounter. Without arguments, `{% resetcycle %}` will reset the last `{% cycle %}` defined in the template.

Example usage:

```latex
{% for coach in coach_list %}
    <h1>{{ coach.name }}</h1>
    {% for athlete in coach.athlete_set.all %}
        <p class="{% cycle 'odd' 'even' as stripe %}">{{ athlete.name }}</p>
    {% endfor %}
{% endfor %}

{% resetcycle %}

{% endfor %}
```

This example would return this HTML:

```
<h1>José Mourinho</h1>
<p class="odd">Thibaut Courtois</p>
<p class="even">John Terry</p>
<p class="odd">Eden Hazard</p>

<h1>Carlo Ancelotti</h1>
<p class="odd">Manuel Neuer</p>
<p class="even">Thomas Müller</p>
```

Notice how the first block ends with class="odd" and the new one starts with class="odd". Without the `{% resetcycle %}` tag, the second block would start with class="even".

You can also reset named cycle tags:

```latex
{% for item in list %}
    <p class="{% cycle 'odd' 'even' as stripe %} {% cycle 'major' 'minor' 'minor' 'minor' as tick %}">
        {{ item.data }}
    </p>
    {% ifchanged item.category %}
        <h1>{{ item.category }}</h1>
        {% if not forloop.first %}{% resetcycle tick %}{% endif %}
    {% endifchanged %}
{% endfor %}
```

In this example, we have both the alternating odd/even rows and a “major” row every fifth row. Only the five-row cycle is reset when a category changes.

**spaceless**

Removes whitespace between HTML tags. This includes tab characters and newlines.

Example usage:

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This example would return this HTML:

```html
<p><a href="foo"/>Foo</a></p>
```

Only space between *tags* is removed – not space between tags and text. In this example, the space around *Hello* won’t be stripped:

```html
<p><strong>Hello</strong></p>
```

## templatetag

Outputs one of the syntax characters used to compose template tags.

Since the template system has no concept of “escaping”, to display one of the bits used in template tags, you must use the `{% templatetag %}` tag.

The argument tells which template bit to output:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Argument</th>
<th>Outputs</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>openblock</td>
<td><code>{</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>closeblock</td>
<td><code>%</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>openvariable</td>
<td><code>{{</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>closevariable</td>
<td><code>}}</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>openbrace</td>
<td><code>{</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>closebrace</td>
<td><code>}</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>opencomment</td>
<td><code>#</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>closecomment</td>
<td><code>#</code></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Sample usage:

```html
{% templatetag openblock %} url 'entry_list' {% templatetag closeblock %}
```

## url

Returns an absolute path reference (a URL without the domain name) matching a given view and optional parameters. Any special characters in the resulting path will be encoded using `iri_to_uri()`.

This is a way to output links without violating the DRY principle by having to hard-code URLs in your templates:

```html
{% url 'some-url-name' v1 v2 %}
```
The first argument is a *URL pattern name*. It can be a quoted literal or any other context variable. Additional arguments are optional and should be space-separated values that will be used as arguments in the URL. The example above shows passing positional arguments. Alternatively you may use keyword syntax:

```
{% url 'some-url-name' arg1=v1 arg2=v2 %}
```

Do not mix both positional and keyword syntax in a single call. All arguments required by the URLconf should be present.

For example, suppose you have a view, `app_views.client`, whose URLconf takes a client ID (here, `client()` is a method inside the views file `app_views.py`). The URLconf line might look like this:

```python
path('client/<int:id>/', app_views.client, name='app-views-client')
```

If this app’s URLconf is included into the project’s URLconf under a path such as this:

```python
path('clients/', include('project_name.app_name.urls'))
```

... then, in a template, you can create a link to this view like this:

```
{% url 'app-views-client' client.id %}
```

The template tag will output the string `/clients/client/123/`.

Note that if the URL you’re reversing doesn’t exist, you’ll get an *NoReverseMatch* exception raised, which will cause your site to display an error page.

If you’d like to retrieve a URL without displaying it, you can use a slightly different call:

```
{% url 'some-url-name' arg arg2 as the_url %}
<a href="{{ the_url }}">I’m linking to {{ the_url }}</a>
```

The scope of the variable created by the `as` syntax is the `{% block %}` in which the `{% url %}` tag appears. This `{% url ... as var %}` syntax will *not* cause an error if the view is missing. In practice you’ll use this to link to views that are optional:

```
{% url 'some-url-name' as the_url %}
{% if the_url %}
<a href="{{ the_url }}">Link to optional stuff</a>
{% endif %}
```

If you’d like to retrieve a namespaced URL, specify the fully qualified name:

```
{% url 'myapp:view-name' %}
```

This will follow the normal *namespaced URL resolution strategy*, including using any hints provided by the context as to the current application.

**Warning:** Don’t forget to put quotes around the URL pattern name, otherwise the value will be interpreted as a context variable!

**verbatim**

Stops the template engine from rendering the contents of this block tag.
A common use is to allow a JavaScript template layer that collides with Django’s syntax. For example:

```verbatim
{%
    if dying
    %}
    Still alive.
{% endverbatim %}

You can also designate a specific closing tag, allowing the use of `{% endverbatim %}` as part of the unrendered contents:

```verbatim
{% verbatim myblock %}
    Avoid template rendering via the `{% verbatim %}/{% endverbatim %}` block.
{% endverbatim myblock %}
```

**widthratio**

For creating bar charts and such, this tag calculates the ratio of a given value to a maximum value, and then applies that ratio to a constant.

For example:

```html
<img src="bar.png" alt="Bar"
    height="10" width="{% widthratio this_value max_value max_width %}"/>
```

If `this_value` is 175, `max_value` is 200, and `max_width` is 100, the image in the above example will be 88 pixels wide (because 175/200 = .875; .875 * 100 = 87.5 which is rounded up to 88).

In some cases you might want to capture the result of `widthratio` in a variable. It can be useful, for instance, in a `blocktranslate` like this:

```verbatim
{% widthratio this_value max_value max_width as width %}
{% blocktranslate %}The width is: {{ width }}{% endblocktranslate %}
```

**with**

Caches a complex variable under a simpler name. This is useful when accessing an “expensive” method (e.g., one that hits the database) multiple times.

For example:

```verbatim
{% with total=business.employees.count %}
    {{ total }} employee{{ total|pluralize }}
{% endwith %}
```

The populated variable (in the example above, `total`) is only available between the `{% with %}` and `{% endwith %}` tags.

You can assign more than one context variable:

```verbatim
{% with alpha=1 beta=2 %}
    ...
{% endwith %}
```

**Note:** The previous more verbose format is still supported: `{% with business.employees.count as total %}`
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**add**

Adds the argument to the value.

For example:

```
{{ value|add:"2" }}
```

If `value` is 4, then the output will be 6.

This filter will first try to coerce both values to integers. If this fails, it'll attempt to add the values together anyway. This will work on some data types (strings, list, etc.) and fail on others. If it fails, the result will be an empty string.

For example, if we have:

```
{{ first|add:second }}
```

and `first` is `[1, 2, 3]` and `second` is `[4, 5, 6]`, then the output will be `[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]`.

**Warning:** Strings that can be coerced to integers will be **summed**, not concatenated, as in the first example above.

**addslashes**

Adds slashes before quotes. Useful for escaping strings in CSV, for example.

For example:

```
{{ value|addslashes }}
```

If `value` is "I'm using Django", the output will be "I\'m using Django".

**capfirst**

Capitalizes the first character of the value. If the first character is not a letter, this filter has no effect.

For example:

```
{{ value|capfirst }}
```

If `value` is "django", the output will be "Django".

**center**

Centers the value in a field of a given width.

For example:

```
"{{ value|center:"15" }}"
```

If `value` is "Django", the output will be " Django ".

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**cut**

Removes all values of arg from the given string.

For example:

```python
{{ value|cut: " " }}
```

If `value` is "String with spaces", the output will be "Stringwithspaces".

**date**

Formats a date according to the given format.

Uses a similar format as PHP’s `date()` function (https://php.net/date) with some differences.

**Note:** These format characters are not used in Django outside of templates. They were designed to be compatible with PHP to ease transitioning for designers.

### Available format strings:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Format character</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Day</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>d</td>
<td>Day of the month, 2 digits with leading zeros.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>j</td>
<td>Day of the month without leading zeros.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>D</td>
<td>Day of the week, textual, 3 letters.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>l</td>
<td>Day of the week, textual, long.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S</td>
<td>English ordinal suffix for day of the month, 2 characters.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>w</td>
<td>Day of the week, digits without leading zeros.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>z</td>
<td>Day of the year.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Week</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>w</td>
<td>ISO-8601 week number of year, with weeks starting on Monday.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Month</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>m</td>
<td>Month, 2 digits with leading zeros.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>n</td>
<td>Month without leading zeros.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>M</td>
<td>Month, textual, 3 letters.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>b</td>
<td>Month, textual, 3 letters, lowercase.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E</td>
<td>Month, locale specific alternative representation usually used for long date representation.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F</td>
<td>Month, textual, long.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>N</td>
<td>Month abbreviation in Associated Press style. Proprietary extension.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>t</td>
<td>Number of days in the given month.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Year</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>y</td>
<td>Year, 2 digits.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Y</td>
<td>Year, 4 digits.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>L</td>
<td>Boolean for whether it’s a leap year.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>o</td>
<td>ISO-8601 week-numbering year, corresponding to the ISO-8601 week number (W) which uses leap weeks. See</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Time</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>g</td>
<td>Hour, 12-hour format without leading zeros.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>G</td>
<td>Hour, 24-hour format without leading zeros.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>h</td>
<td>Hour, 12-hour format.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>H</td>
<td>Hour, 24-hour format.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Format character</td>
<td>Description</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------------------</td>
<td>----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>i</td>
<td>Minutes.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>s</td>
<td>Seconds, 2 digits with leading zeros.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>u</td>
<td>Microseconds.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>a</td>
<td>'a.m.' or 'p.m.' (Note that this is slightly different than PHP’s output, because this includes periods to match Associated Press style.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>'AM' or 'PM'.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>f</td>
<td>Time, in 12-hour hours and minutes, with minutes left off if they’re zero. Proprietary extension.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>P</td>
<td>Time, in 12-hour hours, minutes and 'a.m./'p.m.', with minutes left off if they’re zero and the special-case strings.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>e</td>
<td>Timezone name. Could be in any format, or might return an empty string, depending on the datetime.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>Daylight Savings Time, whether it’s in effect or not.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>O</td>
<td>Difference to Greenwich time in hours.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T</td>
<td>Time zone of this machine.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Z</td>
<td>Time zone offset in seconds. The offset for timezones west of UTC is always negative, and for those east of UTC is always positive.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c</td>
<td>ISO 8601 format. (Note: unlike others formatters, such as “Z”, “O” or “r”, the “c” formatter will not add timezone offset.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>r</td>
<td>RFC 5322 formatted date.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>U</td>
<td>Seconds since the Unix Epoch (January 1 1970 00:00:00 UTC).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

For example:

```html
{{ value|date:"D d M Y" }}
```

If `value` is a `datetime` object (e.g., the result of `datetime.datetime.now()`), the output will be the string 'Wed 09 Jan 2008'.

The format passed can be one of the predefined ones `DATE_FORMAT`, `DATETIME_FORMAT`, `SHORT_DATE_FORMAT` or `SHORT_DATETIME_FORMAT`, or a custom format that uses the format specifiers shown in the table above. Note that predefined formats may vary depending on the current locale.

Assuming that `USE_L10N` is True and `LANGUAGE_CODE` is, for example, "es", then for:

```html
{{ value|date:"SHORT_DATE_FORMAT" }}
```

the output would be the string "09/01/2008" (the "SHORT_DATE_FORMAT" format specifier for the es locale as shipped with Django is "d/m/Y").

When used without a format string, the `DATE_FORMAT` format specifier is used. Assuming the same settings as the previous example:

```html
{{ value|date }}
```

outputs 9 de Enero de 2008 (the `DATE_FORMAT` format specifier for the es locale is r'j \d\e F \d\e Y'). Both “d” and “e” are backslash-escaped, because otherwise each is a format string that displays the day and the timezone name, respectively.

You can combine `date` with the `time` filter to render a full representation of a `datetime` value. E.g.:

```html
{{ value|date:"D d M Y" }} {{ value|time:"H:i" }}
```

**default**

If `value` evaluates to `False`, uses the given default. Otherwise, uses the value.

For example:
{{ value|default: "nothing" }}

If `value` is "" (the empty string), the output will be `nothing`.

**default_if_none**

If (and only if) `value` is None, uses the given default. Otherwise, uses the value.

Note that if an empty string is given, the default value will **not** be used. Use the `default` filter if you want to fallback for empty strings.

For example:

{{ value|default_if_none: "nothing" }}

If `value` is None, the output will be `nothing`.

**dictsort**

Takes a list of dictionaries and returns that list sorted by the key given in the argument.

For example:

{{ value|dictsort: "name" }}

If `value` is:

```
[
  {'name': 'zed', 'age': 19},
  {'name': 'amy', 'age': 22},
  {'name': 'joe', 'age': 31},
]
```

then the output would be:

```
[
  {'name': 'amy', 'age': 22},
  {'name': 'joe', 'age': 31},
  {'name': 'zed', 'age': 19},
]
```

You can also do more complicated things like:

```
{% for book in books|dictsort: "author.age" %}
  * {{ book.title }} ({{ book.author.name }})
{% endfor %}
```

If `books` is:

```
[
  {'title': '1984', 'author': {'name': 'George', 'age': 45}},
  {'title': 'Timequake', 'author': {'name': 'Kurt', 'age': 75}},
  {'title': 'Alice', 'author': {'name': 'Lewis', 'age': 33}},
]
```

then the output would be:
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* Alice (Lewis)
* 1984 (George)
* Timequake (Kurt)

dictsort can also order a list of lists (or any other object implementing __getitem__()) by elements at specified
index. For example:
{{ value|dictsort:0 }}

If value is:
[
('a', '42'),
('c', 'string'),
('b', 'foo'),
]

then the output would be:
[
('a', '42'),
('b', 'foo'),
('c', 'string'),
]

You must pass the index as an integer rather than a string. The following produce empty output:
{{ values|dictsort:"0" }}

dictsortreversed
Takes a list of dictionaries and returns that list sorted in reverse order by the key given in the argument. This works
exactly the same as the above filter, but the returned value will be in reverse order.
divisibleby
Returns True if the value is divisible by the argument.
For example:
{{ value|divisibleby:"3" }}

If value is 21, the output would be True.
escape
Escapes a string’s HTML. Specifically, it makes these replacements:
• < is converted to &lt;
• > is converted to &gt;
• ' (single quote) is converted to &#x27;
• " (double quote) is converted to &quot;
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Applying escape to a variable that would normally have auto-escaping applied to the result will only result in one round of escaping being done. So it is safe to use this function even in auto-escaping environments. If you want multiple escaping passes to be applied, use the force_escape filter.

For example, you can apply escape to fields when autoescape is off:

```python
{% autoescape off %}
    {{ title|escape }}
{% endautoescape %}
```

**escapejs**

Escapes characters for use in JavaScript strings. This does not make the string safe for use in HTML or JavaScript template literals, but does protect you from syntax errors when using templates to generate JavaScript/JSON.

For example:

```python
{{ value|escapejs }}
```

If value is "testing\r\njavascript 'string\" <b>escaping</b>\">

**filesizeformat**

Formats the value like a 'human-readable' file size (i.e. '13 KB', '4.1 MB', '102 bytes', etc.).

For example:

```python
{{ value|filesizeformat }}
```

If value is 123456789, the output would be 117.7 MB.

**File sizes and SI units**

Strictly speaking, filesizeformat does not conform to the International System of Units which recommends using KiB, MiB, GiB, etc. when byte sizes are calculated in powers of 1024 (which is the case here). Instead, Django uses traditional unit names (KB, MB, GB, etc.) corresponding to names that are more commonly used.

**first**

Returns the first item in a list.

For example:

```python
{{ value|first }}
```

If value is the list ['a', 'b', 'c'], the output will be 'a'.

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**floatformat**

When used without an argument, rounds a floating-point number to one decimal place – but only if there’s a decimal part to be displayed. For example:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>value</th>
<th>Template</th>
<th>Output</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>34.23234</td>
<td>{{ value</td>
<td>floatformat }}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>34.00000</td>
<td>{{ value</td>
<td>floatformat }}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>34.26000</td>
<td>{{ value</td>
<td>floatformat }}</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If used with a numeric integer argument, `floatformat` rounds a number to that many decimal places. For example:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>value</th>
<th>Template</th>
<th>Output</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>34.23234</td>
<td>{{ value</td>
<td>floatformat:3 }}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>34.00000</td>
<td>{{ value</td>
<td>floatformat:3 }}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>34.26000</td>
<td>{{ value</td>
<td>floatformat:3 }}</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Particularly useful is passing 0 (zero) as the argument which will round the float to the nearest integer.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>value</th>
<th>Template</th>
<th>Output</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>34.23234</td>
<td>{{ value</td>
<td>floatformat:&quot;0&quot; }}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>34.00000</td>
<td>{{ value</td>
<td>floatformat:&quot;0&quot; }}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>39.56000</td>
<td>{{ value</td>
<td>floatformat:&quot;0&quot; }}</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

If the argument passed to `floatformat` is negative, it will round a number to that many decimal places – but only if there’s a decimal part to be displayed. For example:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>value</th>
<th>Template</th>
<th>Output</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>34.23234</td>
<td>{{ value</td>
<td>floatformat:&quot;-3&quot; }}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>34.00000</td>
<td>{{ value</td>
<td>floatformat:&quot;-3&quot; }}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>34.26000</td>
<td>{{ value</td>
<td>floatformat:&quot;-3&quot; }}</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Using `floatformat` with no argument is equivalent to using `floatformat` with an argument of -1.

In older versions, a negative zero -0 was returned for negative numbers which round to zero.

**force_escape**

Applies HTML escaping to a string (see the `escape` filter for details). This filter is applied immediately and returns a new, escaped string. This is useful in the rare cases where you need multiple escaping or want to apply other filters to the escaped results. Normally, you want to use the `escape` filter.

For example, if you want to catch the `<p>` HTML elements created by the `linebreaks` filter:

```html
{% autoescape off %}
    {{ body|linebreaks|force_escape }}
{% endautoescape %}
```
Django Documentation, Release 3.1.5.dev

get_digit
Given a whole number, returns the requested digit, where 1 is the right-most digit, 2 is the second-right-most digit,
etc. Returns the original value for invalid input (if input or argument is not an integer, or if argument is less than 1).
Otherwise, output is always an integer.
For example:
{{ value|get_digit:"2" }}

If value is 123456789, the output will be 8.
iriencode
Converts an IRI (Internationalized Resource Identifier) to a string that is suitable for including in a URL. This is
necessary if you’re trying to use strings containing non-ASCII characters in a URL.
It’s safe to use this filter on a string that has already gone through the urlencode filter.
For example:
{{ value|iriencode }}

If value is "?test=1&me=2", the output will be "?test=1&amp;me=2".
join
Joins a list with a string, like Python’s str.join(list)
For example:
{{ value|join:" // " }}

If value is the list ['a', 'b', 'c'], the output will be the string "a // b // c".
json_script
Safely outputs a Python object as JSON, wrapped in a <script> tag, ready for use with JavaScript.
Argument: HTML “id” of the <script> tag.
For example:
{{ value|json_script:"hello-data" }}

If value is the dictionary {'hello':

'world'}, the output will be:

<script id="hello-data" type="application/json">{"hello": "world"}</script>

The resulting data can be accessed in JavaScript like this:
const value = JSON.parse(document.getElementById('hello-data').textContent);

XSS attacks are mitigated by escaping the characters “<”, “>” and “&”. For example if value is {'hello':
'world</script>&amp;'}, the output is:

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This is compatible with a strict Content Security Policy that prohibits in-page script execution. It also maintains a clean separation between passive data and executable code.

### last

Returns the last item in a list.

For example:

```latex
{{ value|last }}
```

If `value` is the list `['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']`, the output will be the string "d".

### length

Returns the length of the value. This works for both strings and lists.

For example:

```latex
{{ value|length }}
```

If `value` is `['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']` or "abcd", the output will be 4.

The filter returns 0 for an undefined variable.

### length_is

Returns `True` if the value’s length is the argument, or `False` otherwise.

For example:

```latex
{{ value|length_is:"4" }}
```

If `value` is `['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']` or "abcd", the output will be `True`.

### linebreaks

Replaces line breaks in plain text with appropriate HTML: a single newline becomes an HTML line break (`<br>`) and a new line followed by a blank line becomes a paragraph break (`<p>`).

For example:

```latex
{{ value|linebreaks }}
```

If `value` is `Joel
is a slug`, the output will be `<p>Joel<br>is a slug</p>`.
linebreaksbr

Converts all newlines in a piece of plain text to HTML line breaks (<br>).

For example:

```template
{{ value|linebreaksbr }}
```

If `value` is `Joel
is a slug`, the output will be `Joel<br>is a slug`.

linenumbers

Displays text with line numbers.

For example:

```template
{{ value|linenumbers }}
```

If `value` is:

```
one
two
three
```

the output will be:

```
1. one
2. two
3. three
```

ljust

Left-aligns the value in a field of a given width.

**Argument**: field size

For example:

```
"{{ value|ljust:"10" }}"
```

If `value` is `Django`, the output will be "Django ".

lower

Converts a string into all lowercase.

For example:

```template
{{ value|lower }}
```

If `value` is `Totally LOVING this Album!`, the output will be `totally loving this album!`. 
**make_list**

Returns the value turned into a list. For a string, it’s a list of characters. For an integer, the argument is cast to a string before creating a list.

For example:

```python
{{ value|make_list }}
```

If `value` is the string "Joel", the output would be the list ['J', 'o', 'e', 'l']. If `value` is 123, the output will be the list ['1', '2', '3'].

**phone2numeric**

Converts a phone number (possibly containing letters) to its numerical equivalent.

The input doesn’t have to be a valid phone number. This will happily convert any string.

For example:

```python
{{ value|phone2numeric }}
```

If `value` is 800-COLLECT, the output will be 800-2655328.

**pluralize**

Returns a plural suffix if the value is not 1, '1', or an object of length 1. By default, this suffix is 's'.

Example:

```python
You have {{ num_messages }} message{{ num_messages|pluralize }}.
```

If `num_messages` is 1, the output will be You have 1 message. If `num_messages` is 2 the output will be You have 2 messages.

For words that require a suffix other than 's', you can provide an alternate suffix as a parameter to the filter.

Example:

```python
You have {{ num_walruses }} walrus{{ num_walruses|pluralize:"es" }}.
```

For words that don’t pluralize by simple suffix, you can specify both a singular and plural suffix, separated by a comma.

Example:

```python
You have {{ num_cherries }} cherr{{ num_cherries|pluralize:"y,ies" }}.
```

**Note:** Use `blocktranslate` to pluralize translated strings.

**pprint**

A wrapper around `pprint.pprint()` – for debugging, really.
random

Returns a random item from the given list.

For example:

```python
{{ value|random }}
```

If `value` is the list `['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']`, the output could be "b".

rjust

Right-aligns the value in a field of a given width.

**Argument:** field size

For example:

```python
"{{ value|rjust:"10" }}"
```

If `value` is `Django`, the output will be "Django".

safe

Marks a string as not requiring further HTML escaping prior to output. When autoescaping is off, this filter has no effect.

**Note:** If you are chaining filters, a filter applied after `safe` can make the contents unsafe again. For example, the following code prints the variable as is, unescaped:

```python
{{ var|safe|escape }}
```

safeseq

Applies the `safe` filter to each element of a sequence. Useful in conjunction with other filters that operate on sequences, such as `join`. For example:

```python
{{ some_list|safeseq|join":", " }}
```

You couldn’t use the `safe` filter directly in this case, as it would first convert the variable into a string, rather than working with the individual elements of the sequence.

slice

Returns a slice of the list.

Uses the same syntax as Python’s list slicing. See [https://www.diveinto.org/python3/native-datatypes.html#slicinglists](https://www.diveinto.org/python3/native-datatypes.html#slicinglists) for an introduction.

Example:
If `some_list` is `['a', 'b', 'c']`, the output will be `['a', 'b']`.

**slugify**

Converts to ASCII. Converts spaces to hyphens. Removes characters that aren’t alphanumerics, underscores, or hyphens. Converts to lowercase. Also strips leading and trailing whitespace.

For example:

```
{{ value|slugify }}
```

If `value` is "Joel is a slug", the output will be "joel-is-a-slug".

**stringformat**

Formats the variable according to the argument, a string formatting specifier. This specifier uses the printf-style String Formatting syntax, with the exception that the leading “%” is dropped.

For example:

```
{{ value|stringformat:"E" }}
```

If `value` is 10, the output will be `1.000000E+01`.

**striptags**

Makes all possible efforts to strip all [X]HTML tags.

For example:

```
{{ value|striptags }}
```

If `value` is "<b>Joel</b> <button>is</button> a <span>slug</span>"", the output will be "Joel is a slug".

**No safety guarantee**

Note that `striptags` doesn’t give any guarantee about its output being HTML safe, particularly with non valid HTML input. So **NEVER** apply the safe filter to a `striptags` output. If you are looking for something more robust, you can use the bleach Python library, notably its clean method.

**time**

Formats a time according to the given format.

Given format can be the predefined one `TIME_FORMAT`, or a custom format, same as the `date` filter. Note that the predefined format is locale-dependent.

For example:
If `value` is equivalent to `datetime.datetime.now()`, the output will be the string "01:23". Note that you can backslash-escape a format string if you want to use the “raw” value. In this example, both “h” and “m” are backslash-escaped, because otherwise each is a format string that displays the hour and the month, respectively:

```template
{% value|time:"H\h i\m" %}
```

This would display as “01h 23m”.

Another example:
Assuming that `USE_L10N` is `True` and `LANGUAGE_CODE` is, for example, "de", then for:

```template
{{ value|time:"TIME_FORMAT" }}
```

the output will be the string "01:23" (The "TIME_FORMAT" format specifier for the de locale as shipped with Django is "H:i").

The `time` filter will only accept parameters in the format string that relate to the time of day, not the date. If you need to format a `date` value, use the `date` filter instead (or along with `time` if you need to render a full `datetime` value).

There is one exception the above rule: When passed a `datetime` value with attached timezone information (a `timezone-aware` `datetime` instance) the `time` filter will accept the timezone-related format specifiers 'e', 'O', 'T' and 'Z'.

When used without a format string, the `TIME_FORMAT` format specifier is used:

```template
{{ value|time }}
```

is the same as:

```template
{{ value|time:"TIME_FORMAT" }}
```

### timesince

Formats a date as the time since that date (e.g., “4 days, 6 hours”).

Takes an optional argument that is a variable containing the date to use as the comparison point (without the argument, the comparison point is `now`). For example, if `blog_date` is a date instance representing midnight on 1 June 2006, and `comment_date` is a date instance for 08:00 on 1 June 2006, then the following would return “8 hours”:

```template
{{ blog_date|timesince:comment_date }}
```

Comparing offset-naive and offset-aware datetimes will return an empty string.

Minutes is the smallest unit used, and “0 minutes” will be returned for any date that is in the future relative to the comparison point.

### timeuntil

Similar to `timesince`, except that it measures the time from now until the given date or datetime. For example, if today is 1 June 2006 and `conference_date` is a date instance holding 29 June 2006, then `{{ conference_date|timeuntil }}` will return “4 weeks”.
Takes an optional argument that is a variable containing the date to use as the comparison point (instead of `now`). If `from_date` contains 22 June 2006, then the following will return “1 week”:

```html
{{ conference_date|timeuntil:from_date }}
```

Comparing offset-naive and offset-aware datetimes will return an empty string.

Minutes is the smallest unit used, and “0 minutes” will be returned for any date that is in the past relative to the comparison point.

**title**

Converts a string into titlecase by making words start with an uppercase character and the remaining characters lowercase. This tag makes no effort to keep “trivial words” in lowercase.

For example:

```html
{{ value|title }}
```

If `value` is "my FIRST post", the output will be "My First Post".

**truncatechars**

Truncates a string if it is longer than the specified number of characters. Truncated strings will end with a translatable ellipsis character (“…”).

**Argument:** Number of characters to truncate to

For example:

```html
{{ value|truncatechars:7 }}
```

If `value` is "Joel is a slug", the output will be "Joel i...".

**truncatechars_html**

Similar to `truncatechars`, except that it is aware of HTML tags. Any tags that are opened in the string and not closed before the truncation point are closed immediately after the truncation.

For example:

```html
{{ value|truncatechars_html:7 }}
```

If `value` is "<p>Joel is a slug</p>", the output will be "<p>Joel i...</p>". Newlines in the HTML content will be preserved.

**truncatewords**

Truncates a string after a certain number of words.

**Argument:** Number of words to truncate after

For example:
If `value` is "Joel is a slug", the output will be "Joel is ...". Newlines within the string will be removed.

**truncatewords_html**

Similar to *truncatewords*, except that it is aware of HTML tags. Any tags that are opened in the string and not closed before the truncation point, are closed immediately after the truncation. This is less efficient than *truncatewords*, so should only be used when it is being passed HTML text. For example:

```
{{ value|truncatewords_html:2 }}
```

If `value` is "<p>Joel is a slug</p>", the output will be "<p>Joel is ...
</p>". Newlines in the HTML content will be preserved.

**unordered_list**

Recursively takes a self-nested list and returns an HTML unordered list – WITHOUT opening and closing `<ul>` tags. The list is assumed to be in the proper format. For example, if `var` contains ['States', ['Kansas', ['Lawrence', 'Topeka'], 'Illinois']], then `{{ var|unordered_list }}` would return:

```
<li>States
  <ul>
    <li>Kansas
      <ul>
        <li>Lawrence</li>
        <li>Topeka</li>
      </ul>
    </li>
    <li>Illinois</li>
  </ul>
</li>
```

**upper**

Converts a string into all uppercase. For example:

```
{{ value|upper }}
```

If `value` is "Joel is a slug", the output will be "JOEL IS A SLUG".

**urlencode**

Escapes a value for use in a URL.
For example:

```python
{{ value|urlencode }}
```

If `value` is "https://www.example.org/foo?a=b&c=d", the output will be "https%3A//www.example.org/foo%3Fa%3Db%26c%3Dd".

An optional argument containing the characters which should not be escaped can be provided. If not provided, the ‘/’ character is assumed safe. An empty string can be provided when all characters should be escaped. For example:

```python
{{ value|urlencode:"" }}
```

If `value` is "https://www.example.org/", the output will be "https%3A%2F%2Fwww.example.org%2F".

**urlize**

Converts URLs and email addresses in text into clickable links.

This template tag works on links prefixed with http://, https://, or www.. For example, https://goo.gl/aialt will get converted but goo.gl/aialt won’t.

It also supports domain-only links ending in one of the original top level domains (.com, .edu, .gov, .int, .mil, .net, and .org). For example, djangoproject.com gets converted.

Links can have trailing punctuation (periods, commas, close-parens) and leading punctuation (opening parens), and **urlize** will still do the right thing.

Links generated by **urlize** have a rel="nofollow" attribute added to them.

For example:

```python
{{ value|urlize }}
```

If `value` is "Check out www.djangoproject.com", the output will be "Check out <a href="http://www.djangoproject.com" rel="nofollow">www.djangoproject.com</a>".

In addition to web links, **urlize** also converts email addresses into mailto: links. If `value` is "Send questions to foo@example.com", the output will be "Send questions to <a href="mailto:foo@example.com">foo@example.com</a>".

The **urlize** filter also takes an optional parameter autoescape. If autoescape is True, the link text and URLs will be escaped using Django’s built-in **escape** filter. The default value for autoescape is True.

**Note:** If **urlize** is applied to text that already contains HTML markup, or to email addresses that contain single quotes ("'), things won’t work as expected. Apply this filter only to plain text.

**urlizetrunc**

Converts URLs and email addresses into clickable links just like **urlize**, but truncates URLs longer than the given character limit.

**Argument:** Number of characters that link text should be truncated to, including the ellipsis that’s added if truncation is necessary.
For example:

```python
{{ value|urlizetrunc:15 }}
```

If `value` is "Check out www.djangoproject.com", the output would be 'Check out <a href="http://www.djangoproject.com" rel="nofollow">www.djangoproj...</a>'.

As with `urlize`, this filter should only be applied to plain text.

**wordcount**

Returns the number of words.

For example:

```python
{{ value|wordcount }}
```

If `value` is "Joel is a slug", the output will be 4.

**wordwrap**

Wraps words at specified line length.

**Argument:** number of characters at which to wrap the text

For example:

```python
{{ value|wordwrap:5 }}
```

If `value` is `Joel is a slug`, the output would be:

```
Joel
is a
slug
```

**yesno**

Maps values for `True`, `False`, and (optionally) `None`, to the strings "yes", "no", "maybe", or a custom mapping passed as a comma-separated list, and returns one of those strings according to the value:

For example:

```python
{{ value|yesno:"yeah,no,maybe" }}
```

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Argument</th>
<th>Outputs</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>True</td>
<td></td>
<td>yes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>True</td>
<td>&quot;yeah,no,maybe&quot;</td>
<td>yeah</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>False</td>
<td>&quot;yeah,no,maybe&quot;</td>
<td>no</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>None</td>
<td>&quot;yeah,no,maybe&quot;</td>
<td>maybe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>None</td>
<td>&quot;yeah,no&quot;</td>
<td>no (converts None to False if no mapping for None is given)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Internationalization tags and filters

Django provides template tags and filters to control each aspect of internationalization in templates. They allow for granular control of translations, formatting, and time zone conversions.

**i18n**

This library allows specifying translatable text in templates. To enable it, set `USE_I18N` to `True`, then load it with `{% load i18n %}`.

See [Internationalization: in template code](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/i18n/).

**l10n**

This library provides control over the localization of values in templates. You only need to load the library using `{% load l10n %}`, but you'll often set `USE_L10N` to `True` so that localization is active by default.

See [Controlling localization in templates](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/i18n/localization/).

**tz**

This library provides control over time zone conversions in templates. Like l10n, you only need to load the library using `{% load tz %}`, but you'll usually also set `USE_TZ` to `True` so that conversion to local time happens by default.

See [Time zone aware output in templates](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/i18n/timezone/).

Other tags and filters libraries

Django comes with a couple of other template-tag libraries that you have to enable explicitly in your `INSTALLED_APPS` setting and enable in your template with the `{% load %}` tag.

**django.contrib.humanize**

A set of Django template filters useful for adding a “human touch” to data. See [django.contrib.humanize](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/i18n/humanize/).

**static**

To link to static files that are saved in `STATIC_ROOT` Django ships with a `static` template tag. If the `django.contrib.staticfiles` app is installed, the tag will serve files using `url()` method of the storage specified by `STATICFILES_STORAGE`. For example:

```html
{% load static %}
<img src="{% static 'images/hi.jpg' %}" alt="Hi!">
```

It is also able to consume standard context variables, e.g. assuming a `user_stylesheet` variable is passed to the template:
If you’d like to retrieve a static URL without displaying it, you can use a slightly different call:

```html
{% load static %}
{% static "images/hi.jpg" as myphoto %}
<img src="{{ myphoto }}">
```

**Using Jinja2 templates?**

See [Jinja2](https://jinja.palletsprojects.com/) for information on using the `static` tag with Jinja2.

### `get_static_prefix`

You should prefer the `static` template tag, but if you need more control over exactly where and how `STATIC_URL` is injected into the template, you can use the `get_static_prefix` template tag:

```html
{% load static %}
<img src="{% get_static_prefix %}images/hi.jpg" alt="Hi!">
```

There’s also a second form you can use to avoid extra processing if you need the value multiple times:

```html
{% load static %}
{% get_static_prefix as STATIC_PREFIX %}
<img src="{{ STATIC_PREFIX }}images/hi.jpg" alt="Hi!">
<img src="{{ STATIC_PREFIX }}images/hi2.jpg" alt="Hello!">
```

### `get_media_prefix`

Similar to the `get_static_prefix`, `get_media_prefix` populates a template variable with the media prefix `MEDIA_URL`, e.g.:

```html
{% load static %}
<body data-media-url="{% get_media_prefix %}"
```

By storing the value in a data attribute, we ensure it’s escaped appropriately if we want to use it in a JavaScript context.

### 6.21.3 The Django template language: for Python programmers

This document explains the Django template system from a technical perspective – how it works and how to extend it. If you’re looking for reference on the language syntax, see [The Django template language](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/ref/templates/language/).

It assumes an understanding of templates, contexts, variables, tags, and rendering. Start with the introduction to the [Django template language](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/ref/templates/language/) if you aren’t familiar with these concepts.
Overview

Using the template system in Python is a three-step process:

1. You configure an Engine.
2. You compile template code into a Template.
3. You render the template with a Context.

Django projects generally rely on the high level, backend agnostic APIs for each of these steps instead of the template system’s lower level APIs:

1. For each DjangoTemplates backend in the TEMPLATES setting, Django instantiates an Engine. DjangoTemplates wraps Engine and adapts it to the common template backend API.
2. The django.template.loader module provides functions such as get_template() for loading templates. They return a django.template.backends.django.Template which wraps the actual django.template.Template.
3. The Template obtained in the previous step has a render() method which marshals a context and possibly a request into a Context and delegates the rendering to the underlying Template.

Configuring an engine

If you are using the DjangoTemplates backend, this probably isn’t the documentation you’re looking for. An instance of the Engine class described below is accessible using the engine attribute of that backend and any attribute defaults mentioned below are overridden by what’s passed by DjangoTemplates.

```python
class Engine(dirs=None, app_dirs=False, context_processors=None, debug=False, loaders=None, string_if_invalid='', file_charset='utf-8', libraries=None, builtins=None, autoescape=True)
```

When instantiating an Engine all arguments must be passed as keyword arguments:

- **dirs** is a list of directories where the engine should look for template source files. It is used to configure filesystem.Loader.
  - It defaults to an empty list.
- **app_dirs** only affects the default value of loaders. See below.
  - It defaults to False.
- **autoescape** controls whether HTML autoescaping is enabled.
  - It defaults to True.

**Warning:** Only set it to False if you’re rendering non-HTML templates!

- **context_processors** is a list of dotted Python paths to callables that are used to populate the context when a template is rendered with a request. These callables take a request object as their argument and return a dict of items to be merged into the context.
  - It defaults to an empty list.
  
  See RequestContext for more information.
- **debug** is a boolean that turns on/off template debug mode. If it is True, the template engine will store additional debug information which can be used to display a detailed report for any exception raised during template rendering.
It defaults to `False`.

- `loaders` is a list of template loader classes, specified as strings. Each `Loader` class knows how to import templates from a particular source. Optionally, a tuple can be used instead of a string. The first item in the tuple should be the `Loader` class name, subsequent items are passed to the `Loader` during initialization.

  It defaults to a list containing:

  - `'django.template.loaders.filesystem.Loader'`
  - `'django.template.loaders.app_directories.Loader'` if and only if `app_dirs` is `True`.

  If `debug` is `False`, these loaders are wrapped in `django.template.loaders.cached.Loader`. See `Loader types` for details.

- `string_if_invalid` is the output, as a string, that the template system should use for invalid (e.g. misspelled) variables.

  It defaults to the empty string. See `How invalid variables are handled` for details.

- `file_charset` is the charset used to read template files on disk.

  It defaults to `'utf-8'`.

- `'libraries'`: A dictionary of labels and dotted Python paths of template tag modules to register with the template engine. This is used to add new libraries or provide alternate labels for existing ones. For example:

  ```python
  Engine(
      libraries={
          'myapp_tags': 'path.to.myapp.tags',
          'admin.urls': 'django.contrib.admin.templatetags.admin_urls',
      },
  )
  ```

  Libraries can be loaded by passing the corresponding dictionary key to the `{% load %}` tag.

- `'builtins'`: A list of dotted Python paths of template tag modules to add to `built-ins`. For example:

  ```python
  Engine(
      builtins=['myapp.builtins'],
  )
  ```

  Tags and filters from built-in libraries can be used without first calling the `{% load %}` tag.

**static** `Engine.get_default()`
Returns the underlying `Engine` from the first configured `DjangoTemplates` engine. Raises `ImproperlyConfigured` if no engines are configured.

It’s required for preserving APIs that rely on a globally available, implicitly configured engine. Any other use is strongly discouraged.

`Engine.from_string(template_code)`
Compiles the given template code and returns a `Template` object.

`Engine.get_template(template_name)`
Loads a template with the given name, compiles it and returns a `Template` object.
Engine \texttt{select\_template}(\texttt{template\_name\_list})

Like \texttt{get\_template()}, except it takes a list of names and returns the first template that was found.

**Loading a template**

The recommended way to create a \texttt{Template} is by calling the factory methods of the \texttt{Engine: get\_template()}, \texttt{select\_template()} and \texttt{from\_string()}.

In a Django project where the \texttt{TEMPLATES} setting defines a \texttt{DjangoTemplates} engine, it’s possible to instantiate a \texttt{Template} directly. If more than one \texttt{DjangoTemplates} engine is defined, the first one will be used.

\textbf{class Template}

This class lives at \texttt{django.template.Template}. The constructor takes one argument — the raw template code:

```
from django.template import Template

template = Template("My name is {{ my_name }}.")
```

**Behind the scenes**

The system only parses your raw template code once – when you create the \texttt{Template} object. From then on, it’s stored internally as a tree structure for performance.

Even the parsing itself is quite fast. Most of the parsing happens via a single call to a single, short, regular expression.

**Rendering a context**

Once you have a compiled \texttt{Template} object, you can render a context with it. You can reuse the same template to render it several times with different contexts.

\textbf{class Context (\texttt{dict=}None)}

The constructor of \texttt{django.template.Context} takes an optional argument — a dictionary mapping variable names to variable values.

For details, see \textit{Playing with Context objects} below.

\texttt{Template.render}(\texttt{context})

Call the \texttt{Template} object’s \texttt{render()} method with a \texttt{Context} to “fill” the template:

```
>>> from django.template import Context, Template
>>> template = Template("My name is {{ my_name }}.")

>>> context = Context({"my_name": "Adrian"})
>>> template.render(context)
"My name is Adrian."

>>> context = Context({"my_name": "Dolores"})
>>> template.render(context)
"My name is Dolores."
```
Variables and lookups

Variable names must consist of any letter (A-Z), any digit (0-9), an underscore (but they must not start with an underscore) or a dot.

Dots have a special meaning in template rendering. A dot in a variable name signifies a lookup. Specifically, when the template system encounters a dot in a variable name, it tries the following lookups, in this order:

- Dictionary lookup. Example: foo["bar"]
- Attribute lookup. Example: foo.bar
- List-index lookup. Example: foo[bar]

Note that “bar” in a template expression like {{ foo.bar }} will be interpreted as a literal string and not using the value of the variable “bar”, if one exists in the template context.

The template system uses the first lookup type that works. It’s short-circuit logic. Here are a few examples:

```python
>>> from django.template import Context, Template
>>> t = Template("My name is {{ person.first_name }}.")
>>> d = {"person": {"first_name": "Joe", "last_name": "Johnson"}}
>>> t.render(Context(d))
"My name is Joe."

>>> class PersonClass: pass
>>> p = PersonClass()
>>> p.first_name = "Ron"
>>> p.last_name = "Nasty"
>>> t.render(Context({"person": p}))
"My name is Ron."

>>> t = Template("The first stooge in the list is {{ stooges.0 }}.")
>>> c = Context({"stooges": ["Larry", "Curly", "Moe"]})
>>> t.render(c)
"The first stooge in the list is Larry."
```

If any part of the variable is callable, the template system will try calling it. Example:

```python
>>> class PersonClass2:
...     def name(self):
...         return "Samantha"
>>> t = Template("My name is {{ person.first_name }}.")
>>> p = PersonClass2()
```

Callable variables are slightly more complex than variables which only require straight lookups. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- If the variable raises an exception when called, the exception will be propagated, unless the exception has an attribute silent_variable_failure whose value is True. If the exception does have a silent_variable_failure attribute whose value is True, the variable will render as the value of the engine’s string_if_invalid configuration option (an empty string, by default). Example:

```python
>>> t = Template("My name is {{ person.first_name }}.")
>>> class PersonClass3:
...     def first_name(self):
...         raise AttributeError("foo")
>>> p = PersonClass3()
```

(continues on next page)
>>> t.render(Context({"person": p}))
Traceback (most recent call last):
...  
AssertionError: foo

>>> class SilentAssertionError(Exception):
...    silent_variable_failure = True

>>> class PersonClass4:
...    def first_name(self):
...        raise SilentAssertionError

>>> p = PersonClass4()
>>> t.render(Context({"person": p}))
"My name is ."

Note that django.core.exceptions.ObjectDoesNotExist, which is the base class for all Django database API DoesNotExist exceptions, has silent_variable_failure = True. So if you’re using Django templates with Django model objects, any DoesNotExist exception will fail silently.

- A variable can only be called if it has no required arguments. Otherwise, the system will return the value of the engine’s string_if_invalid option.

- There can be side effects when calling some variables, and it’d be either foolish or a security hole to allow the template system to access them.

A good example is the delete() method on each Django model object. The template system shouldn’t be allowed to do something like this:

```
I will now delete this valuable data. {{ data.delete }}
```

To prevent this, set an alters_data attribute on the callable variable. The template system won’t call a variable if it has alters_data=True set, and will instead replace the variable with string_if_invalid, unconditionally. The dynamically-generated delete() and save() methods on Django model objects get alters_data=True automatically. Example:

```python
def sensitive_function(self):
    self.database_record.delete()
sensitive_function.alters_data = True
```

- Occasionally you may want to turn off this feature for other reasons, and tell the template system to leave a variable uncalled no matter what. To do so, set a do_not_call_in_templates attribute on the callable with the value True. The template system then will act as if your variable is not callable (allowing you to access attributes of the callable, for example).

### How invalid variables are handled

Generally, if a variable doesn’t exist, the template system inserts the value of the engine’s string_if_invalid configuration option, which is set to '' (the empty string) by default.

Filters that are applied to an invalid variable will only be applied if string_if_invalid is set to '' (the empty string). If string_if_invalid is set to any other value, variable filters will be ignored.

This behavior is slightly different for the if, for and regroup template tags. If an invalid variable is provided to one of these template tags, the variable will be interpreted as None. Filters are always applied to invalid variables within these template tags.

If string_if_invalid contains a '%s', the format marker will be replaced with the name of the invalid variable.
For debug purposes only!

While `string_if_invalid` can be a useful debugging tool, it is a bad idea to turn it on as a 'development default'. Many templates, including some of Django's, rely upon the silence of the template system when a nonexistent variable is encountered. If you assign a value other than '' to `string_if_invalid`, you will experience rendering problems with these templates and sites.

Generally, `string_if_invalid` should only be enabled in order to debug a specific template problem, then cleared once debugging is complete.

Built-in variables

Every context contains `True`, `False` and `None`. As you would expect, these variables resolve to the corresponding Python objects.

Limitations with string literals

Django’s template language has no way to escape the characters used for its own syntax. For example, the `templatetag` tag is required if you need to output character sequences like `{% and %}`.

A similar issue exists if you want to include these sequences in template filter or tag arguments. For example, when parsing a block tag, Django’s template parser looks for the first occurrence of `%} after a {%. This prevents the use of "%} as a string literal. For example, a `TemplateSyntaxError` will be raised for the following expressions:

```
{% include "template.html" tvar="Some string literal with %} in it." %}
{% with tvar="Some string literal with %} in it." %}{% endwith %}
```

The same issue can be triggered by using a reserved sequence in filter arguments:

```
{{ some.variable|default:"" }}
```

If you need to use strings with these sequences, store them in template variables or use a custom template tag or filter to workaround the limitation.

Playing with Context objects

Most of the time, you’ll instantiate `Context` objects by passing in a fully-populated dictionary to `Context()`. But you can add and delete items from a `Context` object once it’s been instantiated, too, using standard dictionary syntax:

```python
>>> from django.template import Context
>>> c = Context({'foo': 'bar'})
>>> c['foo']
'bar'
>>> del c['foo']
>>> c['foo']
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
KeyError: 'foo'
>>> c['newvariable'] = 'hello'
>>> c['newvariable']
'hello'
```
Context.get(key, otherwise=None)

Returns the value for key if key is in the context, else returns otherwise.

Context.setdefault(key, default=None)

If key is in the context, returns its value. Otherwise inserts key with a value of default and returns default.

Context.pop()

Context.push()

exception ContextPopException

A Context object is a stack. That is, you can push() and pop() it. If you pop() too much, it’ll raise django.template.ContextPopException:

```python
>>> c = Context()
>>> c['foo'] = 'first level'
>>> c.push()
{}  # c['foo'] = 'second level'
>>> c['foo']
'second level'
>>> c.pop()
{'foo': 'second level'}  # c['foo'] = 'first level'
>>> c['foo'] = 'overwritten'
>>> c['foo']
'overwritten'
>>> c.pop()
Traceback (most recent call last):
...  # ContextPopException
ContextPopException
```

You can also use push() as a context manager to ensure a matching pop() is called.

```python
>>> c = Context()
>>> c['foo'] = 'first level'
>>> with c.push():
...     c['foo'] = 'second level'
...     c['foo']
'second level'
>>> c['foo']
'first level'
```

All arguments passed to push() will be passed to the dict constructor used to build the new context level.

```python
>>> c = Context()
>>> c['foo'] = 'first level'
>>> with c.push(foo='second level'):
...     c['foo']
'second level'
>>> c['foo']
'first level'
```

Context.update(other_dict)

In addition to push() and pop(), the Context object also defines an update() method. This works like push() but takes a dictionary as an argument and pushes that dictionary onto the stack instead of an empty one.
>>> c = Context()
>>> c['foo'] = 'first level'
>>> c.update({"foo": 'updated'})
{'foo': 'updated'}
>>> c['foo']
'updated'
>>> c.pop()
{'foo': 'updated'}
>>> c['foo']
'first level'

Like push(), you can use update() as a context manager to ensure a matching pop() is called.

>>> c = Context()
>>> c['foo'] = 'first level'
... with c.update({'foo': 'second level'}):
...     c['foo']
'second level'
>>> c['foo']
'first level'

Using a Context as a stack comes in handy in some custom template tags.

Context.flatten()

Using flatten() method you can get whole Context stack as one dictionary including builtin variables.

>>> c = Context()
>>> c['foo'] = 'first level'
>>> c.update({'bar': 'second level'})
{'foo': 'first level', 'bar': 'second level'}
>>> c1 == c2
True

Result from flatten() can be useful in unit tests to compare Context against dict:

class ContextTest(unittest.TestCase):
    def test_against_dictionary(self):
        c1 = Context()
        c1['update'] = 'value'
        self.assertEqual(c1.flatten(), {
            'True': True,
            'None': None,
            'False': False,
            'update': 'value',
        })
Using RequestContext

```python
c = RequestContext(request, {
    'foo': 'bar',
})
```

The second difference is that it automatically populates the context with a few variables, according to the engine’s `context_processors` configuration option.

The `context_processors` option is a list of callables – called context processors – that take a request object as their argument and return a dictionary of items to be merged into the context. In the default generated settings file, the default template engine contains the following context processors:

```python
['django.template.context_processors.debug',
 'django.template.context_processors.request',
 'django.contrib.auth.context_processors.auth',
 'django.contrib.messages.context_processors.messages',
]
```

In addition to these, `RequestContext` always enables `django.template.context_processors.csrf`. This is a security related context processor required by the admin and other contrib apps, and, in case of accidental misconfiguration, it is deliberately hardcoded in and cannot be turned off in the `context_processors` option.

Each processor is applied in order. That means, if one processor adds a variable to the context and a second processor adds a variable with the same name, the second will override the first. The default processors are explained below.

When context processors are applied

Context processors are applied on top of context data. This means that a context processor may overwrite variables you’ve supplied to your `Context` or `RequestContext`, so take care to avoid variable names that overlap with those supplied by your context processors.

If you want context data to take priority over context processors, use the following pattern:

```python
from django.template import RequestContext

request_context = RequestContext(request)
request_context.push({'my_name': 'Adrian'})
```

Django does this to allow context data to override context processors in APIs such as `render()` and `TemplateResponse`.

Also, you can give `RequestContext` a list of additional processors, using the optional, third positional argument, `processors`. In this example, the `RequestContext` instance gets an `ip_address` variable:

```python
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.template import RequestContext, Template
```

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def ip_address_processor(request):
    return {'ip_address': request.META['REMOTE_ADDR']}

def client_ip_view(request):
    template = Template('{{ title }}: {{ ip_address }}')
    context = RequestContext(request, {
        'title': 'Your IP Address',
    }, [ip_address_processor])
    return HttpResponse(template.render(context))

Built-in template context processors

Here’s what each of the built-in processors does:

django.contrib.auth.context_processors.auth

auth()

If this processor is enabled, every RequestContext will contain these variables:

• user – An auth.User instance representing the currently logged-in user (or an AnonymousUser instance, if the client isn’t logged in).

• perms – An instance of django.contrib.auth.context_processors.PermsWrapper, representing the permissions that the currently logged-in user has.

django.template.context_processors.debug

debug()

If this processor is enabled, every RequestContext will contain these two variables – but only if your DEBUG setting is set to True and the request’s IP address (request.META['REMOTE_ADDR']) is in the INTERNAL_IPS setting:

• debug – True. You can use this in templates to test whether you’re in DEBUG mode.

• sql_queries – A list of {'sql': ..., 'time': ...} dictionaries, representing every SQL query that has happened so far during the request and how long it took. The list is in order by database alias and then by query. It’s lazily generated on access.

django.template.context_processors.i18n

i18n()

If this processor is enabled, every RequestContext will contain these variables:

• LANGUAGES – The value of the LANGUAGES setting.

• LANGUAGE_BIDI – True if the current language is a right-to-left language, e.g. Hebrew, Arabic. False if it’s a left-to-right language, e.g. English, French, German.

• LANGUAGE_CODE – request.LANGUAGE_CODE, if it exists. Otherwise, the value of the LANGUAGE_CODE setting.

See i18n template tags for template tags that generate the same values.
django.template.context_processors.media

If this processor is enabled, every RequestContext will contain a variable MEDIA_URL, providing the value of the MEDIA_URL setting.

django.template.context_processors.static

static()

If this processor is enabled, every RequestContext will contain a variable STATIC_URL, providing the value of the STATIC_URL setting.

django.template.context_processors.csrf

This processor adds a token that is needed by the csrf_token template tag for protection against Cross Site Request Forgeries.

django.template.context_processors.request

If this processor is enabled, every RequestContext will contain a variable request, which is the current HttpRequest.

django.template.context_processors.tz

tz()

If this processor is enabled, every RequestContext will contain a variable TIME_ZONE, providing the name of the currently active time zone.

django.contrib.messages.context_processors.messages

If this processor is enabled, every RequestContext will contain these two variables:

- messages – A list of messages (as strings) that have been set via the messages framework.
- DEFAULT_MESSAGE_LEVELS – A mapping of the message level names to their numeric value.

Writing your own context processors

A context processor has a simple interface: It’s a Python function that takes one argument, an HttpRequest object, and returns a dictionary that gets added to the template context. Each context processor must return a dictionary.

Custom context processors can live anywhere in your code base. All Django cares about is that your custom context processors are pointed to by the 'context_processors' option in your TEMPLATES setting — or the context_processors argument of Engine if you’re using it directly.
Loading templates

Generally, you’ll store templates in files on your filesystem rather than using the low-level Template API yourself. Save templates in a directory specified as a template directory.

Django searches for template directories in a number of places, depending on your template loading settings (see “Loader types” below), but the most basic way of specifying template directories is by using the DIRS option.

The DIRS option

Tell Django what your template directories are by using the DIRS option in the TEMPLATES setting in your settings file — or the dirs argument of Engine. This should be set to a list of strings that contain full paths to your template directories:

```python
TEMPLATES = [
    {
        'BACKEND': 'django.template.backends.django.DjangoTemplates',
        'DIRS': [
            '/home/html/templates/lawrence.com',
            '/home/html/templates/default',
        ],
    },
]
```

Your templates can go anywhere you want, as long as the directories and templates are readable by the Web server. They can have any extension you want, such as .html or .txt, or they can have no extension at all. Note that these paths should use Unix-style forward slashes, even on Windows.

Loader types

By default, Django uses a filesystem-based template loader, but Django comes with a few other template loaders, which know how to load templates from other sources.

Some of these other loaders are disabled by default, but you can activate them by adding a 'loaders' option to your DjangoTemplates backend in the TEMPLATES setting or passing a loaders argument to Engine. loaders should be a list of strings or tuples, where each represents a template loader class. Here are the template loaders that come with Django:

```python
class filesystem.Loader
    Loads templates from the filesystem, according to DIRS.
```

This loader is enabled by default. However it won’t find any templates until you set DIRS to a non-empty list:

```python
TEMPLATES = [{
    'BACKEND': 'django.template.backends.django.DjangoTemplates',
    'OPTIONS': {
        'loaders': [
            ('django.template.loaders.filesystem.Loader',
                [BASE_DIR / 'templates']),
        ],
    },
}]
```

You can also override 'DIRS' and specify specific directories for a particular filesystem loader:
The loaders are:

```python
'dloaders': [
    '
django.template.loaders.filesystem.Loader',
    [BASE_DIR / 'templates'],
],
]
```

```
django.template.loaders.app_directories.Loader

class app_directories.Loader

Loads templates from Django apps on the filesystem. For each app in INSTALLED_APPS, the loader looks for a templates subdirectory. If the directory exists, Django looks for templates in there.

This means you can store templates with your individual apps. This also helps to distribute Django apps with default templates.

For example, for this setting:

```
INSTALLED_APPS = ['myproject.polls', 'myproject.music']
```

... then get_template('foo.html') will look for foo.html in these directories, in this order:

- /path/to/myproject/polls/templates/
- /path/to/myproject/music/templates/

... and will use the one it finds first.

The order of INSTALLED_APPS is significant! For example, if you want to customize the Django admin, you might choose to override the standard admin/base_site.html template, from django.contrib.admin, with your own admin/base_site.html in myproject.polls. You must then make sure that your myproject.polls comes before django.contrib.admin in INSTALLED_APPS, otherwise django.contrib.admin's will be loaded first and yours will be ignored.

Note that the loader performs an optimization when it first runs: it caches a list of which INSTALLED_APPS packages have a templates subdirectory.

You can enable this loader by setting APP_DIRS to True:

```
TEMPLATES = [{
    'BACKEND': 'django.template.backends.django.DjangoTemplates',
    'APP_DIRS': True,
}]
```

```
django.template.loaders.cached.Loader

class cached.Loader

By default (when DEBUG is True), the template system reads and compiles your templates every time they're rendered. While the Django template system is quite fast, the overhead from reading and compiling templates can add up.

You configure the cached template loader with a list of other loaders that it should wrap. The wrapped loaders are used to locate unknown templates when they're first encountered. The cached loader then stores the compiled Template in memory. The cached Template instance is returned for subsequent requests to load the same template.

This loader is automatically enabled if OPTIONS['loaders'] isn’t specified and OPTIONS['debug'] is False (the latter option defaults to the value of DEBUG).
You can also enable template caching with some custom template loaders using settings like this:

```python
TEMPLATES = [
    {
        'BACKEND': 'django.template.backends.django.DjangoTemplates',
        'DIRS': [BASE_DIR / 'templates'],
        'OPTIONS': {
            'loaders': [
                ('django.template.loaders.cached.Loader', [  
                    'django.template.loaders.filesystem.Loader',  
                    'django.template.loaders.app_directories.Loader',  
                    'path.to.custom.Loader',  
                ]),
            ],
        },
    },
]
```

**Note:** All of the built-in Django template tags are safe to use with the cached loader, but if you’re using custom template tags that come from third party packages, or that you wrote yourself, you should ensure that the Node implementation for each tag is thread-safe. For more information, see [template tag thread safety considerations](#).

```python
django.template.loaders.locmem.Loader
```

**class locmem.Loader**

Loads templates from a Python dictionary. This is useful for testing.

This loader takes a dictionary of templates as its first argument:

```python
TEMPLATES = [
    {
        'BACKEND': 'django.template.backends.django.DjangoTemplates',
        'OPTIONS': {
            'loaders': [
                ('django.template.loaders.locmem.Loader', {
                    'index.html': 'content here',
                } ),
            ],
        },
    },
]
```

This loader is disabled by default.

Django uses the template loaders in order according to the 'loaders' option. It uses each loader until a loader finds a match.

**Custom loaders**

It’s possible to load templates from additional sources using custom template loaders. Custom `Loader` classes should inherit from `django.template.loaders.base.Loader` and define the `get_contents()` and `get_template_sources()` methods.

**Loader methods**

```python
class Loader
    Loads templates from a given source, such as the filesystem or a database.
```
get_template_sources(template_name)
A method that takes a template_name and yields Origin instances for each possible source.

For example, the filesystem loader may receive 'index.html' as a template_name argument. This method would yield origins for the full path of index.html as it appears in each template directory the loader looks at.

The method doesn’t need to verify that the template exists at a given path, but it should ensure the path is valid. For instance, the filesystem loader makes sure the path lies under a valid template directory.

get_contents(origin)
Returns the contents for a template given a Origin instance.

This is where a filesystem loader would read contents from the filesystem, or a database loader would read from the database. If a matching template doesn’t exist, this should raise a TemplateDoesNotExist error.

get_template(template_name, skip=None)
Returns a Template object for a given template_name by looping through results from get_template_sources() and calling get_contents(). This returns the first matching template. If no template is found, TemplateDoesNotExist is raised.

The optional skip argument is a list of origins to ignore when extending templates. This allow templates to extend other templates of the same name. It also used to avoid recursion errors.

In general, it is enough to define get_template_sources() and get_contents() for custom template loaders. get_template() will usually not need to be overridden.

Building your own
For examples, read the source code for Django’s built-in loaders.

Template origin
Templates have an origin containing attributes depending on the source they are loaded from.

class Origin(name, template_name=None, loader=None)
See also:

For information on writing your own custom tags and filters, see *Custom template tags and filters*.
To learn how to override templates in other Django applications, see *Overriding templates*.

### 6.22 TemplateResponse and SimpleTemplateResponse

Standard `HttpResponse` objects are static structures. They are provided with a block of pre-rendered content at time of construction, and while that content can be modified, it isn’t in a form that makes it easy to perform modifications.

However, it can sometimes be beneficial to allow decorators or middleware to modify a response *after* it has been constructed by the view. For example, you may want to change the template that is used, or put additional data into the context.

TemplateResponse provides a way to do just that. Unlike basic `HttpResponse` objects, TemplateResponse objects retain the details of the template and context that was provided by the view to compute the response. The final output of the response is not computed until it is needed, later in the response process.

#### 6.22.1 SimpleTemplateResponse objects

```python
class SimpleTemplateResponse
```

**Attributes**

SimpleTemplateResponse.*template_name*  
The name of the template to be rendered. Accepts a backend-dependent template object (such as those returned by `get_template()`), the name of a template, or a list of template names.

Example: `['foo.html', 'path/to/bar.html']`

SimpleTemplateResponse.*context_data*  
The context data to be used when rendering the template. It must be a `dict`.

Example: `{ 'foo': 123 }`

SimpleTemplateResponse.*rendered_content*  
The current rendered value of the response content, using the current template and context data.

SimpleTemplateResponse.*is_rendered*  
A boolean indicating whether the response content has been rendered.

**Methods**

SimpleTemplateResponse.__init__(template, context=None, content_type=None, status=None, charset=None, using=None)  
Instantiates a `SimpleTemplateResponse` object with the given template, context, content type, HTTP status, and charset.

*template*  
A backend-dependent template object (such as those returned by `get_template()`), the name of a template, or a list of template names.

*context*  
A `dict` of values to add to the template context. By default, this is an empty dictionary.
content_type The value included in the HTTP Content-Type header, including the MIME type specification and the character set encoding. If content_type is specified, then its value is used. Otherwise, 'text/html' is used.

status The HTTP status code for the response.

charset The charset in which the response will be encoded. If not given it will be extracted from content_type, and if that is unsuccessful, the DEFAULT_CHARSET setting will be used.

using The NAME of a template engine to use for loading the template.

SimpleTemplateResponse.resolve_context(context)
Preprocesses context data that will be used for rendering a template. Accepts a dict of context data. By default, returns the same dict.

Override this method in order to customize the context.

SimpleTemplateResponse.resolve_template(template)
Resolves the template instance to use for rendering. Accepts a backend-dependent template object (such as those returned by get_template()), the name of a template, or a list of template names.

Returns the backend-dependent template object instance to be rendered.

Override this method in order to customize template loading.

SimpleTemplateResponse.add_post_render_callback()
Add a callback that will be invoked after rendering has taken place. This hook can be used to defer certain processing operations (such as caching) until after rendering has occurred.

If the SimpleTemplateResponse has already been rendered, the callback will be invoked immediately.

When called, callbacks will be passed a single argument – the rendered SimpleTemplateResponse instance.

If the callback returns a value that is not None, this will be used as the response instead of the original response object (and will be passed to the next post rendering callback etc.)

SimpleTemplateResponse.render()
Sets response.content to the result obtained by SimpleTemplateResponse.rendered_content, runs all post-rendering callbacks, and returns the resulting response object.

render() will only have an effect the first time it is called. On subsequent calls, it will return the result obtained from the first call.

6.22.2 TemplateResponse objects

class TemplateResponse
TemplateResponse is a subclass of SimpleTemplateResponse that knows about the current HttpRequest.

Methods

TemplateResponse.__init__(request, template, context=None, content_type=None, status=None, charset=None, using=None)
Instantiates a TemplateResponse object with the given request, template, context, content type, HTTP status, and charset.

request An HttpRequest instance.

template A backend-dependent template object (such as those returned by get_template()), the name of a template, or a list of template names.
context  A dict of values to add to the template context. By default, this is an empty dictionary.

content_type  The value included in the HTTP Content-Type header, including the MIME type specification and the character set encoding. If content_type is specified, then its value is used. Otherwise, 'text/html' is used.

status  The HTTP status code for the response.

charset  The charset in which the response will be encoded. If not given it will be extracted from content_type, and if that is unsuccessful, the DEFAULT_CHARSET setting will be used.

using  The NAME of a template engine to use for loading the template.

6.22.3 The rendering process

Before a TemplateResponse instance can be returned to the client, it must be rendered. The rendering process takes the intermediate representation of template and context, and turns it into the final byte stream that can be served to the client.

There are three circumstances under which a TemplateResponse will be rendered:

- When the TemplateResponse instance is explicitly rendered, using the SimpleTemplateResponse.render() method.
- When the content of the response is explicitly set by assigning response.content.
- After passing through template response middleware, but before passing through response middleware.

A TemplateResponse can only be rendered once. The first call to SimpleTemplateResponse.render() sets the content of the response; subsequent rendering calls do not change the response content.

However, when response.content is explicitly assigned, the change is always applied. If you want to force the content to be re-rendered, you can re-evaluate the rendered content, and assign the content of the response manually:

```python
# Set up a rendered TemplateResponse
>>> from django.template.response import TemplateResponse
>>> t = TemplateResponse(request, 'original.html', {})
>>> t.render()
>>> print(t.content)
Original content

# Re-rendering doesn't change content
>>> t.template_name = 'new.html'
>>> t.render()
>>> print(t.content)
Original content

# Assigning content does change, no render() call required
>>> t.content = t.rendered_content
>>> print(t.content)
New content
```

Post-render callbacks

Some operations – such as caching – cannot be performed on an unrendered template. They must be performed on a fully complete and rendered response.
If you’re using middleware, you can do that. Middleware provides multiple opportunities to process a response on exit from a view. If you put behavior in the response middleware, it’s guaranteed to execute after template rendering has taken place.

However, if you’re using a decorator, the same opportunities do not exist. Any behavior defined in a decorator is handled immediately.

To compensate for this (and any other analogous use cases), `TemplateResponse` allows you to register callbacks that will be invoked when rendering has completed. Using this callback, you can defer critical processing until a point where you can guarantee that rendered content will be available.

To define a post-render callback, define a function that takes a single argument – `response` – and register that function with the template response:

```python
from django.template.response import TemplateResponse

def my_render_callback(response):
    # Do content-sensitive processing
    do_post_processing()

def my_view(request):
    # Create a response
    response = TemplateResponse(request, 'mytemplate.html', {})
    # Register the callback
    response.add_post_render_callback(my_render_callback)
    # Return the response
    return response
```

`my_render_callback()` will be invoked after the `mytemplate.html` has been rendered, and will be provided the fully rendered `TemplateResponse` instance as an argument.

If the template has already been rendered, the callback will be invoked immediately.

### 6.22.4 Using `TemplateResponse` and `SimpleTemplateResponse`

A `TemplateResponse` object can be used anywhere that a normal `django.http.HttpResponse` can be used. It can also be used as an alternative to calling `render()`.

For example, the following view returns a `TemplateResponse` with a template and a context containing a queryset:

```python
from django.template.response import TemplateResponse

def blog_index(request):
    return TemplateResponse(request, 'entry_list.html', {'entries': Entry.objects.all()})
```

### 6.23 Unicode data

Django supports Unicode data everywhere.

This document tells you what you need to know if you’re writing applications that use data or templates that are encoded in something other than ASCII.
6.23.1 Creating the database

Make sure your database is configured to be able to store arbitrary string data. Normally, this means giving it an encoding of UTF-8 or UTF-16. If you use a more restrictive encoding – for example, latin1 (iso8859-1) – you won’t be able to store certain characters in the database, and information will be lost.

- MySQL users, refer to the MySQL manual for details on how to set or alter the database character set encoding.
- PostgreSQL users, refer to the PostgreSQL manual (section 22.3.2 in PostgreSQL 9) for details on creating databases with the correct encoding.
- Oracle users, refer to the Oracle manual for details on how to set (section 2) or alter (section 11) the database character set encoding.
- SQLite users, there is nothing you need to do. SQLite always uses UTF-8 for internal encoding.

All of Django’s database backends automatically convert strings into the appropriate encoding for talking to the database. They also automatically convert strings retrieved from the database into strings. You don’t even need to tell Django what encoding your database uses: that is handled transparently.

For more, see the section “The database API” below.

6.23.2 General string handling

Whenever you use strings with Django – e.g., in database lookups, template rendering or anywhere else – you have two choices for encoding those strings. You can use normal strings or bytestrings (starting with a ‘b’).

**Warning:** A bytestring does not carry any information with it about its encoding. For that reason, we have to make an assumption, and Django assumes that all bytestrings are in UTF-8.

If you pass a string to Django that has been encoded in some other format, things will go wrong in interesting ways. Usually, Django will raise a `UnicodeDecodeError` at some point.

If your code only uses ASCII data, it’s safe to use your normal strings, passing them around at will, because ASCII is a subset of UTF-8.

Don’t be fooled into thinking that if your `DEFAULT_CHARSET` setting is set to something other than 'utf-8' you can use that other encoding in your bytestrings! `DEFAULT_CHARSET` only applies to the strings generated as the result of template rendering (and email). Django will always assume UTF-8 encoding for internal bytestrings. The reason for this is that the `DEFAULT_CHARSET` setting is not actually under your control (if you are the application developer). It’s under the control of the person installing and using your application – and if that person chooses a different setting, your code must still continue to work. Ergo, it cannot rely on that setting.

In most cases when Django is dealing with strings, it will convert them to strings before doing anything else. So, as a general rule, if you pass in a bytestring, be prepared to receive a string back in the result.

**Translated strings**

Aside from strings and bytestrings, there’s a third type of string-like object you may encounter when using Django. The framework’s internationalization features introduce the concept of a “lazy translation” – a string that has been marked as translated but whose actual translation result isn’t determined until the object is used in a string. This feature is useful in cases where the translation locale is unknown until the string is used, even though the string might have originally been created when the code was first imported.
Normally, you won’t have to worry about lazy translations. Just be aware that if you examine an object and it claims to be a `django.utils.functional.__proxy__` object, it is a lazy translation. Calling `str()` with the lazy translation as the argument will generate a string in the current locale.

For more details about lazy translation objects, refer to the `internationalization` documentation.

### Useful utility functions

Because some string operations come up again and again, Django ships with a few useful functions that should make working with string and bytestring objects a bit easier.

#### Conversion functions

The `django.utils.encoding` module contains a few functions that are handy for converting back and forth between strings and bytestrings.

- `smart_str(s, encoding='utf-8', strings_only=False, errors='strict')` converts its input to a string. The `encoding` parameter specifies the input encoding. (For example, Django uses this internally when processing form input data, which might not be UTF-8 encoded.) The `strings_only` parameter, if set to True, will result in Python numbers, booleans and `None` not being converted to a string (they keep their original types). The `errors` parameter takes any of the values that are accepted by Python’s `str()` function for its error handling.

- `force_str(s, encoding='utf-8', strings_only=False, errors='strict')` is identical to `smart_str()` in almost all cases. The difference is when the first argument is a `lazy translation` instance. While `smart_str()` preserves lazy translations, `force_str()` forces those objects to a string (causing the translation to occur). Normally, you’ll want to use `smart_str()`. However, `force_str()` is useful in template tags and filters that absolutely must have a string to work with, not just something that can be converted to a string.

- `smart_bytes(s, encoding='utf-8', strings_only=False, errors='strict')` is essentially the opposite of `smart_str()`. It forces the first argument to a bytestring. The `strings_only` parameter has the same behavior as for `smart_str()` and `force_str()`. This is slightly different semantics from Python’s builtin `str()` function, but the difference is needed in a few places within Django’s internals.

Normally, you’ll only need to use `force_str()`. Call it as early as possible on any input data that might be either a string or a bytestring, and from then on, you can treat the result as always being a string.

#### URI and IRI handling

Web frameworks have to deal with URLs (which are a type of IRI). One requirement of URLs is that they are encoded using only ASCII characters. However, in an international environment, you might need to construct a URL from an IRI – very loosely speaking, a URI that can contain Unicode characters. Use these functions for quoting and converting an IRI to a URI:

- The `django.utils.encoding.iri_to_uri()` function, which implements the conversion from IRI to URI as required by RFC 3987#section-3.1.

- The `urllib.parse.quote()` and `urllib.parse.quote_plus()` functions from Python’s standard library.

These two groups of functions have slightly different purposes, and it’s important to keep them straight. Normally, you would use `quote()` on the individual portions of the IRI or URI path so that any reserved characters such as
‘&’ or ‘%’ are correctly encoded. Then, you apply `iri_to_uri()` to the full IRI and it converts any non-ASCII characters to the correct encoded values.

Note: Technically, it isn’t correct to say that `iri_to_uri()` implements the full algorithm in the IRI specification. It doesn’t (yet) perform the international domain name encoding portion of the algorithm.

The `iri_to_uri()` function will not change ASCII characters that are otherwise permitted in a URL. So, for example, the character ‘%’ is not further encoded when passed to `iri_to_uri()`. This means you can pass a full URL to this function and it will not mess up the query string or anything like that.

An example might clarify things here:

```python
>>> from urllib.parse import quote
>>> from django.utils.encoding import iri_to_uri

>>> quote('Paris & Orléans')
'Paris%20%26%20Orl%C3%A9ans'

>>> iri_to_uri('/favorites/François/%s' % quote('Paris & Orléans'))
'/favorites/Fran%C3%A7ois/Paris%20%26%20Orl%C3%A9ans'
```

If you look carefully, you can see that the portion that was generated by `quote()` in the second example was not double-quoted when passed to `iri_to_uri()`. This is a very important and useful feature. It means that you can construct your IRI without worrying about whether it contains non-ASCII characters and then, right at the end, call `iri_to_uri()` on the result.

Similarly, Django provides `django.utils.encoding.uri_to_iri()` which implements the conversion from URI to IRI as per RFC 3987#section-3.2.

An example to demonstrate:

```python
>>> from django.utils.encoding import uri_to_iri

>>> uri_to_iri('/%E2%99%A5%E2%99%A5/?utf8=%E2%9C%93')
'/[unicode-heart][unicode-heart]/?utf8=✓'

>>> uri_to_iri('%A9hello%3Fworld')
'%A9hello%3Fworld'
```

In the first example, the UTF-8 characters are unquoted. In the second, the percent-encodings remain unchanged because they lie outside the valid UTF-8 range or represent a reserved character.

Both `iri_to_uri()` and `uri_to_iri()` functions are idempotent, which means the following is always true:

```python
iri_to_uri(iri_to_uri(some_string)) == iri_to_uri(some_string)
uri_to_iri(uri_to_iri(some_string)) == uri_to_iri(some_string)
```

So you can safely call it multiple times on the same URI/IRI without risking double-quoting problems.

### 6.23.3 Models

Because all strings are returned from the database as `str` objects, model fields that are character based (CharField, TextField, URLField, etc.) will contain Unicode values when Django retrieves data from the database. This is always the case, even if the data could fit into an ASCII bytestring.

You can pass in bytestrings when creating a model or populating a field, and Django will convert it to strings when it needs to.
Taking care in `get_absolute_url()`

URLs can only contain ASCII characters. If you’re constructing a URL from pieces of data that might be non-ASCII, be careful to encode the results in a way that is suitable for a URL. The `reverse()` function handles this for you automatically.

If you’re constructing a URL manually (i.e., not using the `reverse()` function), you’ll need to take care of the encoding yourself. In this case, use the `iri_to_uri()` and `quote()` functions that were documented above. For example:

```python
from urllib.parse import quote
from django.utils.encoding import iri_to_uri

def get_absolute_url(self):
    url = '/person/%s/?x=0&y=0' % quote(self.location)
    return iri_to_uri(url)
```

This function returns a correctly encoded URL even if `self.location` is something like “Jack visited Paris & Orléans”. (In fact, the `iri_to_uri()` call isn’t strictly necessary in the above example, because all the non-ASCII characters would have been removed in quoting in the first line.)

### 6.23.4 Templates

Use strings when creating templates manually:

```python
from django.template import Template
t2 = Template('This is a string template.')
```

But the common case is to read templates from the filesystem. If your template files are not stored with a UTF-8 encoding, adjust the `TEMPLATES` setting. The built-in `django` backend provides the `file_charset` option to change the encoding used to read files from disk.

The `DEFAULT_CHARSET` setting controls the encoding of rendered templates. This is set to UTF-8 by default.

#### Template tags and filters

A couple of tips to remember when writing your own template tags and filters:

- Always return strings from a template tag’s `render()` method and from template filters.
- Use `force_str()` in preference to `smart_str()` in these places. Tag rendering and filter calls occur as the template is being rendered, so there is no advantage to postponing the conversion of lazy translation objects into strings. It’s easier to work solely with strings at that point.

### 6.23.5 Files

If you intend to allow users to upload files, you must ensure that the environment used to run Django is configured to work with non-ASCII file names. If your environment isn’t configured correctly, you’ll encounter `UnicodeEncodeError` exceptions when saving files with file names that contain non-ASCII characters.

Filesystem support for UTF-8 file names varies and might depend on the environment. Check your current configuration in an interactive Python shell by running:

```python
import sys
sys.getfilesystemencoding()
```
This should output “UTF-8”.

The `LANG` environment variable is responsible for setting the expected encoding on Unix platforms. Consult the documentation for your operating system and application server for the appropriate syntax and location to set this variable.

In your development environment, you might need to add a setting to your `.bashrc` analogous to:

```bash
export LANG="en_US.UTF-8"
```

### 6.23.6 Form submission

HTML form submission is a tricky area. There’s no guarantee that the submission will include encoding information, which means the framework might have to guess at the encoding of submitted data.

Django adopts a “lazy” approach to decoding form data. The data in an `HttpRequest` object is only decoded when you access it. In fact, most of the data is not decoded at all. Only the `HttpRequest.GET` and `HttpRequest.POST` data structures have any decoding applied to them. Those two fields will return their members as Unicode data. All other attributes and methods of `HttpRequest` return data exactly as it was submitted by the client.

By default, the `DEFAULT_CHARSET` setting is used as the assumed encoding for form data. If you need to change this for a particular form, you can set the `encoding` attribute on an `HttpRequest` instance. For example:

```python
def some_view(request):
    # We know that the data must be encoded as KOI8-R (for some reason).
    request.encoding = 'koi8-r'
    ...
```

You can even change the encoding after having accessed `request.GET` or `request.POST`, and all subsequent accesses will use the new encoding.

Most developers won’t need to worry about changing form encoding, but this is a useful feature for applications that talk to legacy systems whose encoding you cannot control.

Django does not decode the data of file uploads, because that data is normally treated as collections of bytes, rather than strings. Any automatic decoding there would alter the meaning of the stream of bytes.

### 6.24 `django.urls` utility functions

#### 6.24.1 `reverse()`

If you need to use something similar to the `url` template tag in your code, Django provides the following function:

```python
reverse(viewname, urlconf=None, args=None, kwargs=None, current_app=None)
```

`viewname` can be a `URL pattern name` or the callable view object. For example, given the following `url`:

```python
from news import views
path('archive/', views.archive, name='news-archive')
```

you can use any of the following to reverse the URL:
# using the named URL
reverse('news-archive')

# passing a callable object
# (This is discouraged because you can’t reverse namespaced views this way.)
from news import views
reverse(views.archive)

If the URL accepts arguments, you may pass them in args. For example:

```python
from django.urls import reverse
def myview(request):
    return HttpResponseRedirect(reverse('arch-summary', args=[1945]))
```

You can also pass kwargs instead of args. For example:

```python
>>> reverse('admin:app_list', kwargs={'app_label': 'auth'})
'/admin/auth/'
```

**Note:** The string returned by `reverse()` is already urlquoted. For example:

```python
>>> reverse('cities', args=['Orléans'])
'.../Orl%C3%A9ans/'
```

Applying further encoding (such as `urllib.parse.quote()`) to the output of `reverse()` may produce undesirable results.

## 6.24.2 reverse_lazy()

A lazily evaluated version of `reverse()`.

`reverse_lazy(viewname, urlconf=None, args=None, kwargs=None, current_app=None)`

It is useful for when you need to use a URL reversal before your project’s URLConf is loaded. Some common cases where this function is necessary are:

- providing a reversed URL as the url attribute of a generic class-based view.
- providing a reversed URL to a decorator (such as the login_url argument for the `django.contrib.auth.decorators.permission_required()` decorator).
• providing a reversed URL as a default value for a parameter in a function’s signature.

6.24.3 resolve()

The resolve() function can be used for resolving URL paths to the corresponding view functions. It has the following signature:

```python
resolve(path, urlconf=None)
```

`path` is the URL path you want to resolve. As with `reverse()`, you don’t need to worry about the `urlconf` parameter. The function returns a `ResolverMatch` object that allows you to access various metadata about the resolved URL.

If the URL does not resolve, the function raises a `Resolver404` exception (a subclass of `Http404`).

```python
class ResolverMatch

    func
    The view function that would be used to serve the URL.

    args
    The arguments that would be passed to the view function, as parsed from the URL.

    kwargs
    The keyword arguments that would be passed to the view function, as parsed from the URL.

    url_name
    The name of the URL pattern that matches the URL.

    route
    The route of the matching URL pattern.

    For example, if `path('users/<id>/', ...)` is the matching pattern, `route` will contain `'users/<id>/'`.

    app_name
    The application namespace for the URL pattern that matches the URL.

    app_names
    The list of individual namespace components in the full application namespace for the URL pattern that matches the URL. For example, if the `app_name` is `'foo:bar'`, then `app_names` will be `['foo', 'bar']`.

    namespace
    The instance namespace for the URL pattern that matches the URL.

    namespaces
    The list of individual namespace components in the full instance namespace for the URL pattern that matches the URL. i.e., if the namespace is `foo:bar`, then `namespaces` will be `['foo', 'bar']`.

    view_name
    The name of the view that matches the URL, including the namespace if there is one.
```

A `ResolverMatch` object can then be interrogated to provide information about the URL pattern that matches a URL:

```python
# Resolve a URL
match = resolve('/some/path/')
# Print the URL pattern that matches the URL
print(match.url_name)
```
A `ResolverMatch` object can also be assigned to a triple:

```python
func, args, kwargs = resolve('/some/path/)
```

One possible use of `resolve()` would be to test whether a view would raise a `Http404` error before redirecting to it:

```python
from urllib.parse import urlparse
from django.urls import resolve
from django.http import Http404, HttpResponseRedirect

def myview(request):
    next = request.META.get('HTTP_REFERER', None) or '/
    response = HttpResponseRedirect(next)

    # modify the request and response as required, e.g. change locale
    # and set corresponding locale cookie
    view, args, kwargs = resolve(urlparse(next)[2])
    kwargs['request'] = request
    try:
        view(*args, **kwargs)
    except Http404:
        return HttpResponseRedirect('/')
    return response
```

### 6.24.4 get_script_prefix()

`get_script_prefix()`

Normally, you should always use `reverse()` to define URLs within your application. However, if your application constructs part of the URL hierarchy itself, you may occasionally need to generate URLs. In that case, you need to be able to find the base URL of the Django project within its Web server (normally, `reverse()` takes care of this for you). In that case, you can call `get_script_prefix()`, which will return the script prefix portion of the URL for your Django project. If your Django project is at the root of its web server, this is always "/".

### 6.25 `django.urls` functions for use in URLconf

#### 6.25.1 `path()`

`path (route, view, kwargs=None, name=None)`

Returns an element for inclusion in `urlpatterns`. For example:

```python
from django.urls import include, path

urlpatterns = [
    path('index/', views.index, name='main-view'),
    path('bio/<username>/', views.bio, name='bio'),
    path('articles/<slug:title>/', views.article, name='article-detail'),
    path('articles/<slug:title>/<int:section>/', views.section, name='article-section'),
    path('weblog/', include('blog.urls')),
]
```

(continues on next page)
The route argument should be a string or gettext_lazy() (see Translating URL patterns) that contains a URL pattern. The string may contain angle brackets (like <username> above) to capture part of the URL and send it as a keyword argument to the view. The angle brackets may include a converter specification (like the int part of <int:section>) which limits the characters matched and may also change the type of the variable passed to the view. For example, <int:section> matches a string of decimal digits and converts the value to an int. See How Django processes a request for more details.

The view argument is a view function or the result of as_view() for class-based views. It can also be an django.urls.include().

The kwargs argument allows you to pass additional arguments to the view function or method. See Passing extra options to view functions for an example.

See Naming URL patterns for why the name argument is useful.

6.25.2 re_path()

re_path (route, view, kwargs=None, name=None)

Returns an element for inclusion in urlpatterns. For example:

```python
from django.urls import include, re_path

urlpatterns = [
    re_path(r'^index/$', views.index, name='index'),
    re_path(r'^bio/(?P<username>\w+)/$', views.bio, name='bio'),
    re_path(r'^weblog/', include('blog.urls')),
    ...
]
```

The route argument should be a string or gettext_lazy() (see Translating URL patterns) that contains a regular expression compatible with Python’s re module. Strings typically use raw string syntax (r'') so that they can contain sequences like \d without the need to escape the backslash with another backslash. When a match is made, captured groups from the regular expression are passed to the view – as named arguments if the groups are named, and as positional arguments otherwise. The values are passed as strings, without any type conversion.

The view, kwargs and name arguments are the same as for path().

6.25.3 include()

include (module, namespace=None)
include (pattern_list)
include ((pattern_list, app_namespace), namespace=None)

A function that takes a full Python import path to another URLconf module that should be “included” in this place. Optionally, the application namespace and instance namespace where the entries will be included into can also be specified.

Usually, the application namespace should be specified by the included module. If an application namespace is set, the namespace argument can be used to set a different instance namespace.

include() also accepts as an argument either an iterable that returns URL patterns or a 2-tuple containing such iterable plus the names of the application namespaces.
Parameters

- **module** – URLconf module (or module name)
- **namespace** *(str)* – Instance namespace for the URL entries being included
- **pattern_list** – Iterable of `path()` and/or `re_path()` instances.
- **app_namespace** *(str)* – Application namespace for the URL entries being included

See [Including other URLconfs](#) and [URL namespaces and included URLconfs](#).

### 6.25.4 register_converter()

**register_converter** *(converter, type_name)*

The function for registering a converter for use in `path()` routes.

The `converter` argument is a converter class, and `type_name` is the converter name to use in path patterns. See [Registering custom path converters](#) for an example.

### 6.26 `django.conf.urls` functions for use in URLconfs

#### 6.26.1 static()

**static** *(prefix, view=django.views.static.serve, **kwargs)*

Helper function to return a URL pattern for serving files in debug mode:

```python
from django.conf import settings
from django.conf.urls.static import static

urlpatterns = [
    # ... the rest of your URLconf goes here ...
] + static(settings.MEDIA_URL, document_root=settings.MEDIA_ROOT)
```

#### 6.26.2 url()

**url** *(regex, view, kwargs=None, name=None)*

This function is an alias to `django.urls.re_path()`.

Deprecated since version 3.1: Alias of `django.urls.re_path()` for backwards compatibility.

#### 6.26.3 handler400

**handler400**

A callable, or a string representing the full Python import path to the view that should be called if the HTTP client has sent a request that caused an error condition and a response with a status code of 400.

By default, this is `django.views.defaults.bad_request()`. If you implement a custom view, be sure it accepts `request` and `exception` arguments and returns an `HttpResponseBadRequest`.
6.26.4 handler403

handler403
A callable, or a string representing the full Python import path to the view that should be called if the user doesn’t have the permissions required to access a resource.

By default, this is `django.views.defaults.permission_denied()`. If you implement a custom view, be sure it accepts `request` and `exception` arguments and returns an `HttpResponseForbidden`.

6.26.5 handler404

handler404
A callable, or a string representing the full Python import path to the view that should be called if none of the URL patterns match.

By default, this is `django.views.defaults.page_not_found()`. If you implement a custom view, be sure it accepts `request` and `exception` arguments and returns an `HttpResponseNotFound`.

6.26.6 handler500

handler500
A callable, or a string representing the full Python import path to the view that should be called in case of server errors. Server errors happen when you have runtime errors in view code.

By default, this is `django.views.defaults.server_error()`. If you implement a custom view, be sure it accepts a `request` argument and returns an `HttpResponseServerError`.

6.27 Django Utils

This document covers all stable modules in `django.utils`. Most of the modules in `django.utils` are designed for internal use and only the following parts can be considered stable and thus backwards compatible as per the internal release deprecation policy.

6.27.1 django.utils.cache

This module contains helper functions for controlling HTTP caching. It does so by managing the `Vary` header of responses. It includes functions to patch the header of response objects directly and decorators that change functions to do that header-patching themselves.

For information on the `Vary` header, see RFC 7231#section-7.1.4.

Essentially, the `Vary` HTTP header defines which headers a cache should take into account when building its cache key. Requests with the same path but different header content for headers named in `Vary` need to get different cache keys to prevent delivery of wrong content.

For example, `internationalization` middleware would need to distinguish caches by the `Accept-language` header.

`patch_cache_control(response, **kwargs)`
This function patches the `Cache-Control` header by adding all keyword arguments to it. The transformation is as follows:

- All keyword parameter names are turned to lowercase, and underscores are converted to hyphens.
• If the value of a parameter is True (exactly True, not just a true value), only the parameter name is added to the header.
• All other parameters are added with their value, after applying str() to it.

Support for multiple field names in the no-cache directive was added.

`get_max_age(response)`
Returns the max-age from the response Cache-Control header as an integer (or None if it wasn’t found or wasn’t an integer).

`patch_response_headers(response, cache_timeout=None)`
Adds some useful headers to the given HttpResponse object:
• Expires
• Cache-Control

Each header is only added if it isn’t already set.
cache_timeout is in seconds. The CACHE_MIDDLEWARE_SECONDS setting is used by default.

`add_never_cache_headers(response)`
Adds a Cache-Control: max-age=0, no-cache, no-store, must-revalidate, private header to a response to indicate that a page should never be cached.
private directive was added.

`patch_vary_headers(response, newheaders)`
Adds (or updates) the Vary header in the given HttpResponse object. newheaders is a list of header names that should be in Vary. If headers contain an asterisk, then Vary header will consist of a single asterisk '*'. Otherwise, existing headers in Vary aren’t removed.

Handling an asterisk '*' according to RFC 7231#section-7.1.4 was added.

`get_cache_key(request, key_prefix=None, method='GET', cache=None)`
Returns a cache key based on the request path. It can be used in the request phase because it pulls the list of headers to take into account from the global path registry and uses those to build a cache key to check against.

If there is no headerlist stored, the page needs to be rebuilt, so this function returns None.

`learn_cache_key(request, response, cache_timeout=None, key_prefix=None, cache=None)`
Learns what headers to take into account for some request path from the response object. It stores those headers in a global path registry so that later access to that path will know what headers to take into account without building the response object itself. The headers are named in the Vary header of the response, but we want to prevent response generation.

The list of headers to use for cache key generation is stored in the same cache as the pages themselves. If the cache ages some data out of the cache, this means that we have to build the response once to get at the Vary header and so at the list of headers to use for the cache key.

### 6.27.2 `django.utils.dateparse`

The functions defined in this module share the following properties:

• They accept strings in ISO 8601 date/time formats (or some close alternatives) and return objects from the corresponding classes in Python’s `datetime` module.
• They raise `ValueError` if their input is well formatted but isn’t a valid date or time.
• They return `None` if it isn’t well formatted at all.
They accept up to picosecond resolution in input, but they truncate it to microseconds, since that’s what Python supports.

**parse_date**(value)
Parses a string and returns a `datetime.date`.

**parse_time**(value)
Parses a string and returns a `datetime.time`.

UTC offsets aren’t supported; if value describes one, the result is `None`.
Support for comma separators for milliseconds was added.

**parse_datetime**(value)
Parses a string and returns a `datetime.datetime`.

UTC offsets are supported; if value describes one, the result’s `tzinfo` attribute is a `datetime.timezone` instance.
Support for comma separators for milliseconds was added.

**parse_duration**(value)
Parses a string and returns a `datetime.timedelta`.

Expects data in the format "DD HH:MM:SS.uuuuuu", "DD HH:MM:SS,uuuuuu", or as specified by ISO 8601 (e.g. P4DT1H15M20S which is equivalent to 4 1:15:20) or PostgreSQL’s day-time interval format (e.g. 3 days 04:05:06).
Support for comma separators for decimal fractions in the ISO 8601 format and for the format "DD HH:MM:SS,uuuuuu" was added.

### 6.27.3 django.utils.decorators

**method_decorator**(decorator, name="")
Converts a function decorator into a method decorator. It can be used to decorate methods or classes; in the latter case, name is the name of the method to be decorated and is required.

decorator may also be a list or tuple of functions. They are wrapped in reverse order so that the call order is the order in which the functions appear in the list/tuple.

See [decorating class based views](#) for example usage.

**decorator_from_middleware**(middleware_class)
Given a middleware class, returns a view decorator. This lets you use middleware functionality on a per-view basis. The middleware is created with no params passed.

It assumes middleware that’s compatible with the old style of Django 1.9 and earlier (having methods like `process_request()`, `process_exception()`, and `process_response()`).

**decorator_from_middleware_with_args**(middleware_class)
Like `decorator_from_middleware`, but returns a function that accepts the arguments to be passed to the middleware_class. For example, the `cache_page()` decorator is created from the CacheMiddleware like this:

```python
cache_page = decorator_from_middleware_with_args(CacheMiddleware)

@cache_page(3600)
def my_view(request):
    pass
```
sync_only_middleware (middleware)
Marks a middleware as synchronous-only. (The default in Django, but this allows you to future-proof if the default ever changes in a future release.)

async_only_middleware (middleware)
Marks a middleware as asynchronous-only. Django will wrap it in an asynchronous event loop when it is called from the WSGI request path.

sync_and_async_middleware (middleware)
Marks a middleware as sync and async compatible, this allows to avoid converting requests. You must implement detection of the current request type to use this decorator. See asynchronous middleware documentation for details.

6.27.4 django.utils.encoding

smart_str (s, encoding='utf-8', strings_only=False, errors='strict')
Returns a str object representing arbitrary object s. Treats bytestrings using the encoding codec.

If strings_only is True, don’t convert (some) non-string-like objects.

is_protected_type (obj)
Determine if the object instance is of a protected type.

Objects of protected types are preserved as-is when passed to force_str(strings_only=True).

force_str (s, encoding='utf-8', strings_only=False, errors='strict')
Similar to smart_str(), except that lazy instances are resolved to strings, rather than kept as lazy objects.

If strings_only is True, don’t convert (some) non-string-like objects.

smart_bytes (s, encoding='utf-8', strings_only=False, errors='strict')
Returns a bytestring version of arbitrary object s, encoded as specified in encoding.

If strings_only is True, don’t convert (some) non-string-like objects.

force_bytes (s, encoding='utf-8', strings_only=False, errors='strict')
Similar to smart_bytes, except that lazy instances are resolved to bytestrings, rather than kept as lazy objects.

If strings_only is True, don’t convert (some) non-string-like objects.

smart_text (s, encoding='utf-8', strings_only=False, errors='strict')
Deprecated since version 3.0.

Alias of force_str() for backwards compatibility, especially in code that supports Python 2.

force_text (s, encoding='utf-8', strings_only=False, errors='strict')
Deprecated since version 3.0.

Alias of force_str() for backwards compatibility, especially in code that supports Python 2.

iri_to_uri (iri)
Convert an Internationalized Resource Identifier (IRI) portion to a URI portion that is suitable for inclusion in a URL.

This is the algorithm from section 3.1 of RFC 3987#section-3.1, slightly simplified since the input is assumed to be a string rather than an arbitrary byte stream.

Takes an IRI (string or UTF-8 bytes) and returns a string containing the encoded result.

uri_to_iri (uri)
Converts a Uniform Resource Identifier into an Internationalized Resource Identifier.

This is an algorithm from section 3.2 of RFC 3987#section-3.2.
Take a URI in ASCII bytes and returns a string containing the encoded result.

**filepath_to_uri** *(path)*

Convert a file system path to a URI portion that is suitable for inclusion in a URL. The path is assumed to be either UTF-8 bytes, string, or a `Path`.

This method will encode certain characters that would normally be recognized as special characters for URIs. Note that this method does not encode the `‘` character, as it is a valid character within URIs. See `encodeURIComponent()` JavaScript function for more details.

Returns an ASCII string containing the encoded result.

Support for `pathlib.Path` path was added.

**escape_uri_path** *(path)*

Escapes the unsafe characters from the path portion of a Uniform Resource Identifier (URI).

### 6.27.5 django.utils.feedgenerator

Sample usage:

```python
>>> from django.utils import feedgenerator
>>> feed = feedgenerator.Rss201rev2Feed(
...     title="Poynter E-Media Tidbits",
...     link="http://www.poynter.org/column.asp?id=31",
...     description="A group Weblog by the sharpest minds in online media/journalism/
publishing.",
...     language="en",
... )
>>> feed.add_item(
...     title="Hello",
...     link="http://www.holovaty.com/test/",
...     description="Testing.",
... )
>>> with open('test.rss', 'w') as fp:
...     feed.write(fp, 'utf-8')
```

For simplifying the selection of a generator use `feedgenerator.DefaultFeed` which is currently `Rss201rev2Feed`

For definitions of the different versions of RSS, see: https://web.archive.org/web/20110718035220/http://diveintomark.org/archives/2004/02/04/incompatible-rss

**get_tag_uri** *(url, date)*

Creates a TagURI.


### SyndicationFeed

**class SyndicationFeed**

Base class for all syndication feeds. Subclasses should provide `write()`.

```python
__init__(title, link, description, language=None, author_email=None, author_name=None, auth
or_link=None, subtitle=None, categories=None, feed_url=None, feed_copyright=None, feed_guid=None, ttl=None, **kwargs)
```

Initialize the feed with the given dictionary of metadata, which applies to the entire feed.

Any extra keyword arguments you pass to `__init__` will be stored in `self.feed`.
All parameters should be strings, except `categories`, which should be a sequence of strings.

```python
add_item(title, link, description, author_email=None, author_name=None, author_link=None, pubdate=None, comments=None, unique_id=None, categories=(), item_copyright=None, ttl=None, updateddate=None, enclosures=None, **kwargs)
```

Adds an item to the feed. All args are expected to be strings except `pubdate` and `updateddate`, which are `datetime.datetime` objects, and `enclosures`, which is a list of `Enclosure` instances.

```python
num_items()
```

```python
root_attributes()
```

Return extra attributes to place on the root (i.e. feed/channel) element. Called from `write()`.

```python
add_root_elements(handler)
```

Add elements in the root (i.e. feed/channel) element. Called from `write()`.

```python
item_attributes(item)
```

Return extra attributes to place on each item (i.e. item/entry) element.

```python
add_item_elements(handler, item)
```

Add elements on each item (i.e. item/entry) element.

```python
write(outfile, encoding)
```

Outputs the feed in the given encoding to `outfile`, which is a file-like object. Subclasses should override this.

```python
writeString(encoding)
```

Returns the feed in the given encoding as a string.

```python
latest_post_date()
```

Returns the latest `pubdate` or `updateddate` for all items in the feed. If no items have either of these attributes this returns the current UTC date/time.

### Enclosure

```python
class Enclosure
```

Represents an RSS enclosure

### RssFeed

```python
class RssFeed(SyndicationFeed)
```

### Rss201rev2Feed

```python
class Rss201rev2Feed(RssFeed)
```

Spec: https://cyber.harvard.edu/rss/rss.html

### RssUserland091Feed

```python
class RssUserland091Feed(RssFeed)
```

Spec: http://backend.userland.com/rss091
**Atom1Feed**

class Atom1Feed(SyndicationFeed)  
Spec: RFC 4287

### 6.27.6 django.utils.functional

class cached_property(func, name=None)

The @cached_property decorator caches the result of a method with a single self argument as a property. The cached result will persist as long as the instance does, so if the instance is passed around and the function subsequently invoked, the cached result will be returned.

Consider a typical case, where a view might need to call a model’s method to perform some computation, before placing the model instance into the context, where the template might invoke the method once more:

```python
# the model
class Person(models.Model):
    def friends(self):
        # expensive computation
        ...
        return friends

# in the view:
if person.friends():
    ...
```

And in the template you would have:

```html
{% for friend in person.friends %}

Here, friends() will be called twice. Since the instance person in the view and the template are the same, decorating the friends() method with @cached_property can avoid that:

```python
from django.utils.functional import cached_property
class Person(models.Model):
    @cached_property
def friends(self):
        ...
```

Note that as the method is now a property, in Python code it will need to be accessed appropriately:

```python
# in the view:
if person.friends:
    ...
```

The cached value can be treated like an ordinary attribute of the instance:

```python
# clear it, requiring re-computation next time it's called
del person.friends # or delattr(person, "friends")

# set a value manually, that will persist on the instance until cleared
person.friends = ["Huckleberry Finn", "Tom Sawyer"]
```
Because of the way the descriptor protocol works, using `del` (or `delattr`) on a `cached_property` that hasn’t been accessed raises `AttributeError`.

As well as offering potential performance advantages, `@cached_property` can ensure that an attribute’s value does not change unexpectedly over the life of an instance. This could occur with a method whose computation is based on `datetime.now()`, or if a change were saved to the database by some other process in the brief interval between subsequent invocations of a method on the same instance.

You can make cached properties of methods. For example, if you had an expensive `get_friends()` method and wanted to allow calling it without retrieving the cached value, you could write:

```python
friends = cached_property(get_friends, name='friends')
```

You only need the `name` argument for Python < 3.6 support.

While `person.get_friends()` will recompute the friends on each call, the value of the cached property will persist until you delete it as described above:

```python
x = person.friends  # calls first time
y = person.get_friends()  # calls again
z = person.friends  # does not call
x is z  # is True
```

### class `classproperty` (`method=None`)

Similar to `@classmethod`, the `@classproperty` decorator converts the result of a method with a single `cls` argument into a property that can be accessed directly from the class.

### `keep_lazy` (`func, *resultclasses`)

Django offers many utility functions (particularly in `django.utils`) that take a string as their first argument and do something to that string. These functions are used by template filters as well as directly in other code.

If you write your own similar functions and deal with translations, you’ll face the problem of what to do when the first argument is a lazy translation object. You don’t want to convert it to a string immediately, because you might be using this function outside of a view (and hence the current thread’s locale setting will not be correct).

For cases like this, use the `django.utils.functional.keep_lazy()` decorator. It modifies the function so that if it’s called with a lazy translation as one of its arguments, the function evaluation is delayed until it needs to be converted to a string.

For example:

```python
from django.utils.functional import keep_lazy, keep_lazy_text

def fancy_utility_function(s, ...):
    # Do some conversion on string 's'

fancy_utility_function = keep_lazy(str)(fancy_utility_function)

# Or more succinctly:
@keep_lazy(str)
def fancy_utility_function(s, ...):
    ...
```

The `keep_lazy()` decorator takes a number of extra arguments (`*args`) specifying the type(s) that the original function can return. A common use case is to have functions that return text. For these, you can pass the `str` type to `keep_lazy` (or use the `keep_lazy_text()` decorator described in the next section).

Using this decorator means you can write your function and assume that the input is a proper string, then add support for lazy translation objects at the end.
keep_lazy_text (func)

A shortcut for keep_lazy(str)(func).

If you have a function that returns text and you want to be able to take lazy arguments while delaying their evaluation, you can use this decorator:

```python
from django.utils.functional import keep_lazy, keep_lazy_text

# Our previous example was:
@keep_lazy(str)
def fancy_utility_function(s, ...):
    ...

# Which can be rewritten as:
@keep_lazy_text
def fancy_utility_function(s, ...):
    ...
```

6.27.7 django.utils.html

Usually you should build up HTML using Django’s templates to make use of its autoescape mechanism, using the utilities in django.utils.safestring where appropriate. This module provides some additional low level utilities for escaping HTML.

escape (text)

Returns the given text with ampersands, quotes and angle brackets encoded for use in HTML. The input is first coerced to a string and the output has mark_safe() applied.

In older versions, ’’ is converted to its decimal code &amp;39; instead of the equivalent hex code &amp;#x27;.

conditional_escape (text)

Similar to escape(), except that it doesn’t operate on pre-escaped strings, so it will not double escape.

format_html (format_string, *args, **kwargs)

This is similar to str.format(), except that it is appropriate for building up HTML fragments. All args and kwargs are passed through conditional_escape() before being passed to str.format().

For the case of building up small HTML fragments, this function is to be preferred over string interpolation using % or str.format() directly, because it applies escaping to all arguments - just like the template system applies escaping by default.

So, instead of writing:

```python
mark_safe("%s <b>%s</b> %s" % (some_html, escape(some_text), escape(some_other_text),))
```

You should instead use:

```python
format_html("{} <b>{}</b> {}", mark_safe(some_html), some_text, some_other_text,)
```

This has the advantage that you don’t need to apply escape() to each argument and risk a bug and an XSS vulnerability if you forget one.
Note that although this function uses `str.format()` to do the interpolation, some of the formatting options provided by `str.format()` (e.g. number formatting) will not work, since all arguments are passed through `conditional_escape()` which (ultimately) calls `force_str()` on the values.

**format_html_join(sep, format_string, args_generator)**

A wrapper of `format_html()`, for the common case of a group of arguments that need to be formatted using the same format string, and then joined using `sep`. `sep` is also passed through `conditional_escape()`.

`args_generator` should be an iterator that returns the sequence of `args` that will be passed to `format_html()`. For example:

```python
format_html_join("\'n', "<li>{} {}</li>",
    (u.first_name, u.last_name) for u in users)
```

**strip_tags(value)**

Tries to remove anything that looks like an HTML tag from the string, that is anything contained within `<>`.

Absolutely NO guarantee is provided about the resulting string being HTML safe. So NEVER mark safe the result of a `strip_tag` call without escaping it first, for example with `escape()`.

For example:

```python
strip_tags(value)
```

If `value` is "&lt;b&gt;Joel&lt;/b&gt; &lt;button&gt;is&lt;/button&gt; a &lt;span&gt;slug&lt;/span&gt;" the return value will be "Joel is a slug".

If you are looking for a more robust solution, take a look at the [bleach Python library](http://bleach.readthedocs.io/).

**html_safe()**

The `__html__()` method on a class helps non-Django templates detect classes whose output doesn’t require HTML escaping.

This decorator defines the `__html__()` method on the decorated class by wrapping `__str__()` in `mark_safe()`. Ensure the `__str__()` method does indeed return text that doesn’t require HTML escaping.

### 6.27.8 django.utils.http

**urlencode(query, doseq=False)**

A version of Python’s `urllib.parse.urlencode()` function that can operate on `MultiValueDict` and non-string values.

**http_date(epoch_seconds=None)**

Formats the time to match the [RFC 1123#section-5.2.14](https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc1123#section-5.2.14) date format as specified by HTTP [RFC 7231#section-7.1.1.1](https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7231#section-7.1.1.1).

Accepts a floating point number expressed in seconds since the epoch in UTC—such as that outputted by `time.time()`. If set to `None`, defaults to the current time.

Outputs a string in the format `Wdy, DD Mon YYYY HH:MM:SS GMT`.

**base36_to_int(s)**

Converts a base 36 string to an integer.

**int_to_base36(i)**

Converts a positive integer to a base 36 string.
urlsafe_base64_encode (s)
Encodes a bytestring to a base64 string for use in URLs, stripping any trailing equal signs.

urlsafe_base64_decode (s)
Decodes a base64 encoded string, adding back any trailing equal signs that might have been stripped.

6.27.9 django.utils.module_loading

Functions for working with Python modules.

import_string (dotted_path)
Imports a dotted module path and returns the attribute/class designated by the last name in the path. Raises ImportError if the import failed. For example:

```python
from django.utils.module_loading import import_string
ValidationError = import_string('django.core.exceptions.ValidationError')
```

is equivalent to:

```python
from django.core.exceptions import ValidationError
```

6.27.10 django.utils.safestring

Functions and classes for working with “safe strings”: strings that can be displayed safely without further escaping in HTML. Marking something as a “safe string” means that the producer of the string has already turned characters that should not be interpreted by the HTML engine (e.g. '<') into the appropriate entities.

class SafeString
A str subclass that has been specifically marked as “safe” (requires no further escaping) for HTML output purposes.

mark_safe (s)
Explicitly mark a string as safe for (HTML) output purposes. The returned object can be used everywhere a string is appropriate.

Can be called multiple times on a single string.

Can also be used as a decorator.

For building up fragments of HTML, you should normally be using django.utils.html.format_html () instead.

String marked safe will become unsafe again if modified. For example:

```python
>>> mystr = '<b>Hello World</b> ' 
>>> mystr = mark_safe(mystr)
>>> type(mystr)
<class 'django.utils.safestring.SafeString'>

>>> mystr = mystr.strip() # removing whitespace
>>> type(mystr)
<type 'str'>
```
**6.27.11 django.utils.text**

**format_lazy** *(format_string, *args, **kwargs)*

A version of `str.format()` for when `format_string`, `args`, and/or `kwargs` contain lazy objects. The first argument is the string to be formatted. For example:

```python
from django.utils.text import format_lazy
from django.utils.translation import pgettext_lazy

urlpatterns = [
    path(format_lazy('{person}/<int:pk>/', person=pgettext_lazy('URL', 'person')),
         PersonDetailView.as_view()),
]
```

This example allows translators to translate part of the URL. If “person” is translated to “persona”, the regular expression will match `persona/(?P<pk>\d+)/$`, e.g. `persona/5/`.

**slugify** *(value, allow_unicode=False)*

Converts a string to a URL slug by:

1. Converting to ASCII if `allow_unicode` is `False` (the default).
2. Converting to lowercase.
3. Removing characters that aren’t alphanumerics, underscores, hyphens, or whitespace.
4. Removing leading and trailing whitespace.
5. Replacing any whitespace or repeated dashes with single dashes.

For example:

```python
>>> slugify(' Joel is a slug ')
'joel-is-a-slug'
```

If you want to allow Unicode characters, pass `allow_unicode=True`. For example:

```python
>>> slugify(' World', allow_unicode=True)
'-world'
```

**6.27.12 django.utils.timezone**

utc

A `tzinfo` instance that represents UTC.

**get_fixed_timezone** *(offset)*

Returns a `tzinfo` instance that represents a time zone with a fixed offset from UTC.

- `offset` is a `datetime.timedelta` or an integer number of minutes. Use positive values for time zones east of UTC and negative values for west of UTC.

**get_default_timezone** ()

Returns a `tzinfo` instance that represents the default time zone.

**get_default_timezone_name** ()

Returns the name of the default time zone.

**get_current_timezone** ()

Returns a `tzinfo` instance that represents the current time zone.
get_current_timezone_name()

Returns the name of the current time zone.

activate(timezone)

Sets the current time zone. The timezone argument must be an instance of a tzinfo subclass or a time zone name.

deactivate()

Unsets the current time zone.

override(timezone)

This is a Python context manager that sets the current time zone on entry with activate(), and restores the previously active time zone on exit. If the timezone argument is None, the current time zone is unset on entry with deactivate() instead.

override is also usable as a function decorator.

localtime(value=None, timezone=None)

Converts an aware datetime to a different time zone, by default the current time zone.

When value is omitted, it defaults to now().

This function doesn’t work on naive datetimes; use make_aware() instead.

localdate(value=None, timezone=None)

Uses localtime() to convert an aware datetime to a date() in a different time zone, by default the current time zone.

When value is omitted, it defaults to now().

This function doesn’t work on naive datetimes.

now()

Returns a datetime that represents the current point in time. Exactly what’s returned depends on the value of USE_TZ:

• If USE_TZ is False, this will be a naive datetime (i.e. a datetime without an associated timezone) that represents the current time in the system’s local timezone.

• If USE_TZ is True, this will be an aware datetime representing the current time in UTC. Note that now() will always return times in UTC regardless of the value of TIME_ZONE; you can use localtime() to get the time in the current time zone.

is_aware(value)

Returns True if value is aware, False if it is naive. This function assumes that value is a datetime.

is_naive(value)

Returns True if value is naive, False if it is aware. This function assumes that value is a datetime.

make_aware(value, timezone=None, is_dst=None)

Returns an aware datetime that represents the same point in time as value in timezone, value being a naive datetime. If timezone is set to None, it defaults to the current time zone.

The pytz.AmbiguousTimeError exception is raised if you try to make value aware during a DST transition where the same time occurs twice (when reverting from DST). Setting is_dst to True or False will avoid the exception by choosing if the time is pre-transition or post-transition respectively.

The pytz.NonExistentTimeError exception is raised if you try to make value aware during a DST transition such that the time never occurred. For example, if the 2:00 hour is skipped during a DST transition, trying to make 2:30 aware in that time zone will raise an exception. To avoid that you can use is_dst to specify how make_aware() should interpret such a nonexistent time. If is_dst=True then the above time would be interpreted as 2:30 DST time (equivalent to 1:30 local time). Conversely, if is_dst=False the time would be interpreted as 2:30 standard time (equivalent to 3:30 local time).
**make_naive** *(value, timezone=None)*  
Returns a naive *datetime* that represents in *timezone* the same point in time as *value*, *value* being an aware *datetime*. If *timezone* is set to *None*, it defaults to the current time zone.

### 6.27.13 django.utils.translation

For a complete discussion on the usage of the following see the [translation documentation](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/i18n/translation/).

**gettext** *(message)*  
Translates *message* and returns it as a string.

**pgettext** *(context, message)*  
Translates *message* given the *context* and returns it as a string.  
For more information, see Contextual markers.

**gettext_lazy** *(message)*  
Same as the non-lazy versions above, but using lazy execution.  
See lazy translations documentation.

**gettext_noop** *(message)*  
Marks strings for translation but doesn’t translate them now. This can be used to store strings in global variables that should stay in the base language (because they might be used externally) and will be translated later.

**ngettext** *(singular, plural, number)*  
Translates *singular* and *plural* and returns the appropriate string based on *number*.

**npgettext** *(context, singular, plural, number)*  
Translates *singular* and *plural* and returns the appropriate string based on *number* and the *context*.

**ngettext_lazy** *(singular, plural, number)*  
**npgettext_lazy** *(context, singular, plural, number)*  
Same as the non-lazy versions above, but using lazy execution.  
See lazy translations documentation.

**activate** *(language)*  
Fetches the translation object for a given language and activates it as the current translation object for the current thread.

**deactivate** ()  
Deactivates the currently active translation object so that further `_` calls will resolve against the default translation object, again.

**deactivate_all** ()  
Makes the active translation object a *NullTranslations*() instance. This is useful when we want delayed translations to appear as the original string for some reason.

**override** *(language, deactivate=False)*  
A Python context manager that uses *django.utils.translation.activate()* to fetch the translation object for a given language, activates it as the translation object for the current thread and reactivates the previous active language on exit. Optionally, it can deactivate the temporary translation on exit with *django.utils.translation.deactivate()* if the *deactivate* argument is True. If you pass None as the language argument, a *NullTranslations*() instance is activated within the context.  
**override** is also usable as a function decorator.
check_for_language (*lang_code*)
Checks whether there is a global language file for the given language code (e.g. ‘fr’, ‘pt_BR’). This is used to decide whether a user-provided language is available.

get_language()
Returns the currently selected language code. Returns None if translations are temporarily deactivated (by deactivate_all() or when None is passed to override()).

get_language_bidi()
Returns selected language’s BiDi layout:
- **False** = left-to-right layout
- **True** = right-to-left layout

get_language_from_request (*request*, check_path=False)
Analyzes the request to find what language the user wants the system to show. Only languages listed in settings.LANGUAGES are taken into account. If the user requests a sublanguage where we have a main language, we send out the main language.

If check_path is True, the function first checks the requested URL for whether its path begins with a language code listed in the LANGUAGES setting.

get_supported_language_variant (*lang_code*, strict=False)
Returns lang_code if it’s in the LANGUAGES setting, possibly selecting a more generic variant. For example, ’es’ is returned if lang_code is ’es-ar’ and ’es’ is in LANGUAGES but ’es-ar’ isn’t.

If strict is False (the default), a country-specific variant may be returned when neither the language code nor its generic variant is found. For example, if only ’es-co’ is in LANGUAGES, that’s returned for lang_codes like ’es’ and ’es-ar’. Those matches aren’t returned if strict=True.

Raises LookupError if nothing is found.

to_locale (*language*)
Turns a language name (en-us) into a locale name (en_US).

templatize (*src*)
Turns a Django template into something that is understood by xgettext. It does so by translating the Django translation tags into standard gettext function invocations.

LANGUAGE_SESSION_KEY
Session key under which the active language for the current session is stored.

Deprecated since version 3.0: The language won’t be stored in the session in Django 4.0. Use the LANGUAGE_COOKIE_NAME cookie instead.

6.28 Validators

6.28.1 Writing validators
A validator is a callable that takes a value and raises a ValidationError if it doesn’t meet some criteria. Validators can be useful for re-using validation logic between different types of fields.

For example, here’s a validator that only allows even numbers:

```python
from django.core.exceptions import ValidationError
from django.utils.translation import gettext_lazy as _

def validate_even(value):
    # (continues on next page)
```
You can add this to a model field via the field’s `validators` argument:

```python
from django.db import models

class MyModel(models.Model):
    even_field = models.IntegerField(validators=[validate_even])
```

Because values are converted to Python before validators are run, you can even use the same validator with forms:

```python
from django import forms

class MyForm(forms.Form):
    even_field = forms.IntegerField(validators=[validate_even])
```

You can also use a class with a `__call__()` method for more complex or configurable validators. `RegexValidator`, for example, uses this technique. If a class-based validator is used in the `validators` model field option, you should make sure it is `serializable by the migration framework` by adding `deconstruct()` and `__eq__()` methods.

### 6.28.2 How validators are run

See the `form validation` for more information on how validators are run in forms, and `Validating objects` for how they’re run in models. Note that validators will not be run automatically when you save a model, but if you are using a `ModelForm`, it will run your validators on any fields that are included in your form. See the `ModelForm documentation` for information on how model validation interacts with forms.

### 6.28.3 Built-in validators

The `django.core.validators` module contains a collection of callable validators for use with model and form fields. They’re used internally but are available for use with your own fields, too. They can be used in addition to, or in lieu of custom `field.clean()` methods.

**RegexValidator**

```python
class RegexValidator(regex=None, message=None, code=None, inverse_match=None, flags=0)
```

**Parameters**

- `regex` – If not None, overrides `regex`. Can be a regular expression string or a pre-compiled regular expression.
- `message` – If not None, overrides `message`.
- `code` – If not None, overrides `code`.
- `inverse_match` – If not None, overrides `inverse_match`.
- `flags` – If not None, overrides `flags`. In that case, `regex` must be a regular expression string, or `TypeError` is raised.
A `RegexValidator` searches the provided `value` for a given regular expression with `re.search()`. By default, raises a `ValidationError` with `message` and `code` if a match is not found. Its behavior can be inverted by setting `inverse_match` to `True`, in which case the `ValidationError` is raised when a match is found.

**regex**

The regular expression pattern to search for within the provided `value`, using `re.search()`. This may be a string or a pre-compiled regular expression created with `re.compile()`. Defaults to the empty string, which will be found in every possible `value`.

**message**

The error message used by `ValidationError` if validation fails. Defaults to "Enter a valid value".

**code**

The error code used by `ValidationError` if validation fails. Defaults to "invalid".

**inverse_match**

The match mode for `regex`. Defaults to `False`.

**flags**

The `regex flags` used when compiling the regular expression string `regex`. If `regex` is a pre-compiled regular expression, and `flags` is overridden, `TypeError` is raised. Defaults to `0`.

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### EmailValidator

**class EmailValidator**

```python
class EmailValidator (message=None, code=None, whitelist=None)
```

**Parameters**

- `message` – If not `None`, overrides `message`.
- `code` – If not `None`, overrides `code`.
- `whitelist` – If not `None`, overrides `whitelist`.

**message**

The error message used by `ValidationError` if validation fails. Defaults to "Enter a valid email address".

**code**

The error code used by `ValidationError` if validation fails. Defaults to "invalid".

**whitelist**

Whitelist of email domains to allow. By default, a regular expression (the `domain_regex` attribute) is used to validate whatever appears after the `@` sign. However, if that string appears in the whitelist, this validation is bypassed. If not provided, the default whitelist is `['localhost']`. Other domains that don’t contain a dot won’t pass validation, so you’d need to whitelist them as necessary.

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### URLValidator

**class URLValidator**

```python
class URLValidator (schemes=None, regex=None, message=None, code=None)
```

A `RegexValidator` subclass that ensures a value looks like a URL, and raises an error code of 'invalid' if it doesn’t.

Loopback addresses and reserved IP spaces are considered valid. Literal IPv6 addresses (RFC 3986#section-3.2.2) and Unicode domains are both supported.

In addition to the optional arguments of its parent `RegexValidator` class, `URLValidator` accepts an extra optional attribute:
**schemes**

URL/URI scheme list to validate against. If not provided, the default list is `['http', 'https', 'ftp', 'ftps']`. As a reference, the IANA website provides a full list of valid URI schemes.

**validate_email**

An `EmailValidator` instance without any customizations.

**validate_slug**

A `RegexValidator` instance that ensures a value consists of only letters, numbers, underscores or hyphens.

**validate_unicode_slug**

A `RegexValidator` instance that ensures a value consists of only Unicode letters, numbers, underscores, or hyphens.

**validate_ipv4_address**

A `RegexValidator` instance that ensures a value looks like an IPv4 address.

**validate_ipv6_address**

Uses `django.utils.ipv6` to check the validity of an IPv6 address.

**validate_ipv46_address**

Uses both `validate_ipv4_address` and `validate_ipv6_address` to ensure a value is either a valid IPv4 or IPv6 address.

**validate_comma_separated_integer_list**

A `RegexValidator` instance that ensures a value is a comma-separated list of integers.

**int_list_validator**

A `RegexValidator` instance that ensures a string consists of integers separated by sep. It allows negative integers when `allow_negative` is True.
MaxValueValidator

class MaxValueValidator (limit_value, message=None)
    Raises a ValidationError with a code of 'max_value' if value is greater than limit_value, which may be a callable.

MinValueValidator

class MinValueValidator (limit_value, message=None)
    Raises a ValidationError with a code of 'min_value' if value is less than limit_value, which may be a callable.

MaxLengthValidator

class MaxLengthValidator (limit_value, message=None)
    Raises a ValidationError with a code of 'max_length' if the length of value is greater than limit_value, which may be a callable.

MinLengthValidator

class MinLengthValidator (limit_value, message=None)
    Raises a ValidationError with a code of 'min_length' if the length of value is less than limit_value, which may be a callable.

DecimalValidator

class DecimalValidator (max_digits, decimal_places)
    Raises ValidationError with the following codes:
    • 'max_digits' if the number of digits is larger than max_digits.
    • 'max_decimal_places' if the number of decimals is larger than decimal_places.
    • 'max_whole_digits' if the number of whole digits is larger than the difference between max_digits and decimal_places.

FileExtensionValidator

class FileExtensionValidator (allowed_extensions, message, code)
    Raises a ValidationError with a code of 'invalid_extension' if the extension of value.name (value is a File) isn’t found in allowed_extensions. The extension is compared case-insensitively with allowed_extensions.

Warning: Don’t rely on validation of the file extension to determine a file’s type. Files can be renamed to have any extension no matter what data they contain.

validate_image_file_extension

validate_image_file_extension
    Uses Pillow to ensure that value.name (value is a File) has a valid image extension.
ProhibitNullCharactersValidator

class ProhibitNullCharactersValidator (message=None, code=None)

 Raises a ValidationError if str(value) contains one or more nulls characters ('\x00').

Parameters

- **message** – If not None, overrides message.
- **code** – If not None, overrides code.

message

The error message used by ValidationError if validation fails. Defaults to "Null characters are not allowed.".

code

The error code used by ValidationError if validation fails. Defaults to "null_characters_not_allowed".

6.29 Built-in Views

Several of Django’s built-in views are documented in Writing views as well as elsewhere in the documentation.

6.29.1 Serving files in development

static.serve (request, path, document_root, show_indexes=False)

There may be files other than your project’s static assets that, for convenience, you’d like to have Django serve for you in local development. The serve() view can be used to serve any directory you give it. (This view is not hardened for production use and should be used only as a development aid; you should serve these files in production using a real front-end web server).

The most likely example is user-uploaded content in MEDIA_ROOT. django.contrib.staticfiles is intended for static assets and has no built-in handling for user-uploaded files, but you can have Django serve your MEDIA_ROOT by appending something like this to your URLconf:

```python
from django.conf import settings
from django.urls import re_path
from django.views.static import serve

# ... the rest of your URLconf goes here ...

if settings.DEBUG:
    urlpatterns += [
        re_path(r'^media/(?P<path>.*)$', serve, {
            'document_root': settings.MEDIA_ROOT,
        }),
    ]
```

Note, the snippet assumes your MEDIA_URL has a value of '/media/'. This will call the serve() view, passing in the path from the URLconf and the (required) document_root parameter.

Since it can become a bit cumbersome to define this URL pattern, Django ships with a small URL helper function static() that takes as parameters the prefix such as MEDIA_URL and a dotted path to a view, such as 'django.views.static.serve'. Any other function parameter will be transparently passed to the view.
6.29.2 Error views

Django comes with a few views by default for handling HTTP errors. To override these with your own custom views, see Customizing error views.

The 404 (page not found) view

defaults.page_not_found(request, exception, template_name='404.html')

When you raise Http404 from within a view, Django loads a special view devoted to handling 404 errors. By default, it's the view django.views.defaults.page_not_found(), which either produces a “Not Found” message or loads and renders the template 404.html if you created it in your root template directory.

The default 404 view will pass two variables to the template: request_path, which is the URL that resulted in the error, and exception, which is a useful representation of the exception that triggered the view (e.g. containing any message passed to a specific Http404 instance).

Three things to note about 404 views:

- The 404 view is also called if Django doesn’t find a match after checking every regular expression in the URLconf.
- The 404 view is passed a RequestContext and will have access to variables supplied by your template context processors (e.g. MEDIA_URL).
- If DEBUG is set to True (in your settings module), then your 404 view will never be used, and your URLconf will be displayed instead, with some debug information.

The 500 (server error) view

defaults.server_error(request, template_name='500.html')

Similarly, Django executes special-case behavior in the case of runtime errors in view code. If a view results in an exception, Django will, by default, call the view django.views.defaults.server_error, which either produces a “Server Error” message or loads and renders the template 500.html if you created it in your root template directory.

The default 500 view passes no variables to the 500.html template and is rendered with an empty Context to lessen the chance of additional errors.

If DEBUG is set to True (in your settings module), then your 500 view will never be used, and the traceback will be displayed instead, with some debug information.

The 403 (HTTP Forbidden) view

defaults.permission_denied(request, exception, template_name='403.html')

In the same vein as the 404 and 500 views, Django has a view to handle 403 Forbidden errors. If a view results in a 403 exception then Django will, by default, call the view django.views.defaults.permission_denied.

This view loads and renders the template 403.html in your root template directory, or if this file does not exist, instead serves the text “403 Forbidden”, as per RFC 7231#section-6.5.3 (the HTTP 1.1 Specification). The template context contains exception, which is the string representation of the exception that triggered the view.

django.views.defaults.permission_denied is triggered by a PermissionDenied exception. To deny access in a view you can use code like this:
from django.core.exceptions import PermissionDenied

def edit(request, pk):
    if not request.user.is_staff:
        raise PermissionDenied
    # ...

The 400 (bad request) view

defaults.bad_request(request, exception, template_name='400.html')

When a SuspiciousOperation is raised in Django, it may be handled by a component of Django (for example resetting the session data). If not specifically handled, Django will consider the current request a ‘bad request’ instead of a server error.

django.views.defaults.bad_request. is otherwise very similar to the server_error view, but returns with the status code 400 indicating that the error condition was the result of a client operation. By default, nothing related to the exception that triggered the view is passed to the template context, as the exception message might contain sensitive information like filesystem paths.

bad_request views are also only used when DEBUG is False.
Documentation that we can’t find a more organized place for. Like that drawer in your kitchen with the scissors, batteries, duct tape, and other junk.

### 7.1 API stability

Django is committed to API stability and forwards-compatibility. In a nutshell, this means that code you develop against a version of Django will continue to work with future releases. You may need to make minor changes when upgrading the version of Django your project uses: see the “Backwards incompatible changes” section of the release note for the version or versions to which you are upgrading.

At the same time as making API stability a very high priority, Django is also committed to continual improvement, along with aiming for “one way to do it” (eventually) in the APIs we provide. This means that when we discover clearly superior ways to do things, we will deprecate and eventually remove the old ways. Our aim is to provide a modern, dependable web framework of the highest quality that encourages best practices in all projects that use it. By using incremental improvements, we try to avoid both stagnation and large breaking upgrades.

#### 7.1.1 What “stable” means

In this context, stable means:

- All the public APIs (everything in this documentation) will not be moved or renamed without providing backwards-compatible aliases.
- If new features are added to these APIs – which is quite possible – they will not break or change the meaning of existing methods. In other words, “stable” does not (necessarily) mean “complete.”
- If, for some reason, an API declared stable must be removed or replaced, it will be declared deprecated but will remain in the API for at least two feature releases. Warnings will be issued when the deprecated method is called.

See [Official releases](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/stable/releases/) for more details on how Django’s version numbering scheme works, and how features will be deprecated.
• We’ll only break backwards compatibility of these APIs without a deprecation process if a bug or security hole makes it completely unavoidable.

7.1.2 Stable APIs

In general, everything covered in the documentation – with the exception of anything in the internals area is considered stable.

7.1.3 Exceptions

There are a few exceptions to this stability and backwards-compatibility promise.

Security fixes

If we become aware of a security problem – hopefully by someone following our security reporting policy – we’ll do everything necessary to fix it. This might mean breaking backwards compatibility; security trumps the compatibility guarantee.

APIs marked as internal

Certain APIs are explicitly marked as “internal” in a couple of ways:

• Some documentation refers to internals and mentions them as such. If the documentation says that something is internal, we reserve the right to change it.

• Functions, methods, and other objects prefixed by a leading underscore (_). This is the standard Python way of indicating that something is private; if any method starts with a single _, it’s an internal API.

7.2 Design philosophies

This document explains some of the fundamental philosophies Django’s developers have used in creating the framework. Its goal is to explain the past and guide the future.

7.2.1 Overall

Loose coupling

A fundamental goal of Django’s stack is loose coupling and tight cohesion. The various layers of the framework shouldn’t “know” about each other unless absolutely necessary.

For example, the template system knows nothing about Web requests, the database layer knows nothing about data display and the view system doesn’t care which template system a programmer uses.

Although Django comes with a full stack for convenience, the pieces of the stack are independent of another wherever possible.

Less code

Django apps should use as little code as possible; they should lack boilerplate. Django should take full advantage of Python’s dynamic capabilities, such as introspection.
Quick development

The point of a Web framework in the 21st century is to make the tedious aspects of Web development fast. Django should allow for incredibly quick Web development.

Don’t repeat yourself (DRY)

Every distinct concept and/or piece of data should live in one, and only one, place. Redundancy is bad. Normalization is good.

The framework, within reason, should deduce as much as possible from as little as possible.

See also:
The discussion of DRY on the Portland Pattern Repository

Explicit is better than implicit

This is a core Python principle listed in PEP 20, and it means Django shouldn’t do too much “magic.” Magic shouldn’t happen unless there’s a really good reason for it. Magic is worth using only if it creates a huge convenience unattainable in other ways, and it isn’t implemented in a way that confuses developers who are trying to learn how to use the feature.

Consistency

The framework should be consistent at all levels. Consistency applies to everything from low-level (the Python coding style used) to high-level (the “experience” of using Django).

7.2.2 Models

Explicit is better than implicit

Fields shouldn’t assume certain behaviors based solely on the name of the field. This requires too much knowledge of the system and is prone to errors. Instead, behaviors should be based on keyword arguments and, in some cases, on the type of the field.

Include all relevant domain logic

Models should encapsulate every aspect of an “object,” following Martin Fowler’s Active Record design pattern.

This is why both the data represented by a model and information about it (its human-readable name, options like default ordering, etc.) are defined in the model class; all the information needed to understand a given model should be stored in the model.

7.2.3 Database API

The core goals of the database API are:
SQL efficiency

It should execute SQL statements as few times as possible, and it should optimize statements internally.

This is why developers need to call `save()` explicitly, rather than the framework saving things behind the scenes silently.

This is also why the `select_related()` method exists. It’s an optional performance booster for the common case of selecting “every related object.”

Terse, powerful syntax

The database API should allow rich, expressive statements in as little syntax as possible. It should not rely on importing other modules or helper objects.

Joins should be performed automatically, behind the scenes, when necessary.

Every object should be able to access every related object, systemwide. This access should work both ways.

Option to drop into raw SQL easily, when needed

The database API should realize it’s a shortcut but not necessarily an end-all-be-all. The framework should make it easy to write custom SQL – entire statements, or just custom `WHERE` clauses as custom parameters to API calls.

7.2.4 URL design

Loose coupling

URLs in a Django app should not be coupled to the underlying Python code. Tying URLs to Python function names is a Bad And Ugly Thing.

Along these lines, the Django URL system should allow URLs for the same app to be different in different contexts. For example, one site may put stories at `/stories/`, while another may use `/news/`.

Infinite flexibility

URLs should be as flexible as possible. Any conceivable URL design should be allowed.

Encourage best practices

The framework should make it just as easy (or even easier) for a developer to design pretty URLs than ugly ones.

File extensions in Web-page URLs should be avoided.

Vignette-style commas in URLs deserve severe punishment.

Definitive URLs

Technically, `foo.com/bar` and `foo.com/bar/` are two different URLs, and search-engine robots (and some Web traffic-analyzing tools) would treat them as separate pages. Django should make an effort to “normalize” URLs so that search-engine robots don’t get confused.

This is the reasoning behind the `APPEND_SLASH` setting.
7.2.5 Template system

Separate logic from presentation

We see a template system as a tool that controls presentation and presentation-related logic – and that’s it. The template system shouldn’t support functionality that goes beyond this basic goal.

Discourage redundancy

The majority of dynamic websites use some sort of common sitewide design – a common header, footer, navigation bar, etc. The Django template system should make it easy to store those elements in a single place, eliminating duplicate code.

This is the philosophy behind template inheritance.

Be decoupled from HTML

The template system shouldn’t be designed so that it only outputs HTML. It should be equally good at generating other text-based formats, or just plain text.

XML should not be used for template languages

Using an XML engine to parse templates introduces a whole new world of human error in editing templates – and incurs an unacceptable level of overhead in template processing.

Assume designer competence

The template system shouldn’t be designed so that templates necessarily are displayed nicely in WYSIWYG editors such as Dreamweaver. That is too severe of a limitation and wouldn’t allow the syntax to be as nice as it is. Django expects template authors are comfortable editing HTML directly.

Treat whitespace obviously

The template system shouldn’t do magic things with whitespace. If a template includes whitespace, the system should treat the whitespace as it treats text – just display it. Any whitespace that’s not in a template tag should be displayed.

Don’t invent a programming language

The goal is not to invent a programming language. The goal is to offer just enough programming-esque functionality, such as branching and looping, that is essential for making presentation-related decisions. The Django Template Language (DTL) aims to avoid advanced logic.

The Django template system recognizes that templates are most often written by designers, not programmers, and therefore should not assume Python knowledge.

Safety and security

The template system, out of the box, should forbid the inclusion of malicious code – such as commands that delete database records.

This is another reason the template system doesn’t allow arbitrary Python code.
Extensibility

The template system should recognize that advanced template authors may want to extend its technology. This is the philosophy behind custom template tags and filters.

7.2.6 Views

Simplicity

Writing a view should be as simple as writing a Python function. Developers shouldn’t have to instantiate a class when a function will do.

Use request objects

Views should have access to a request object — an object that stores metadata about the current request. The object should be passed directly to a view function, rather than the view function having to access the request data from a global variable. This makes it light, clean and easy to test views by passing in “fake” request objects.

Loose coupling

A view shouldn’t care about which template system the developer uses — or even whether a template system is used at all.

Differentiate between GET and POST

GET and POST are distinct; developers should explicitly use one or the other. The framework should make it easy to distinguish between GET and POST data.

7.2.7 Cache Framework

The core goals of Django’s cache framework are:

Less code

A cache should be as fast as possible. Hence, all framework code surrounding the cache backend should be kept to the absolute minimum, especially for \texttt{get()} operations.

Consistency

The cache API should provide a consistent interface across the different cache backends.

Extensibility

The cache API should be extensible at the application level based on the developer’s needs (for example, see \textit{Cache key transformation}).
7.3 Third-party distributions of Django

Many third-party distributors are now providing versions of Django integrated with their package-management systems. These can make installation and upgrading much easier for users of Django since the integration includes the ability to automatically install dependencies (like database adapters) that Django requires.

Typically, these packages are based on the latest stable release of Django, so if you want to use the development version of Django you’ll need to follow the instructions for installing the development version from our Git repository.

If you’re using Linux or a Unix installation, such as OpenSolaris, check with your distributor to see if they already package Django. If you’re using a Linux distro and don’t know how to find out if a package is available, then now is a good time to learn. The Django Wiki contains a list of Third Party Distributions to help you out.

7.3.1 For distributors

If you’d like to package Django for distribution, we’d be happy to help out! Please join the django-developers mailing list and introduce yourself.

We also encourage all distributors to subscribe to the django-announce mailing list, which is a (very) low-traffic list for announcing new releases of Django and important bugfixes.
concrete model A non-abstract (abstract=False) model.

field An attribute on a model; a given field usually maps directly to a single database column.
See Models.

generic view A higher-order view function that provides an abstract/generic implementation of a common idiom or pattern found in view development.
See Class-based views.

model Models store your application’s data.
See Models.

MTV “Model-template-view”; a software pattern, similar in style to MVC, but a better description of the way Django does things.
See the FAQ entry.

MVC Model-view-controller; a software pattern. Django follows MVC to some extent.

project A Python package – i.e. a directory of code – that contains all the settings for an instance of Django. This would include database configuration, Django-specific options and application-specific settings.

property Also known as “managed attributes”, and a feature of Python since version 2.2. This is a neat way to implement attributes whose usage resembles attribute access, but whose implementation uses method calls.
See property.

queryset An object representing some set of rows to be fetched from the database.
See Making queries.

slug A short label for something, containing only letters, numbers, underscores or hyphens. They’re generally used in URLs. For example, in a typical blog entry URL:
https://www.djangoproject.com/weblog/2008/apr/12/spring/
the last bit (spring) is the slug.
**template** A chunk of text that acts as formatting for representing data. A template helps to abstract the presentation of data from the data itself.

See *Templates*.

**view** A function responsible for rendering a page.
Release notes for the official Django releases. Each release note will tell you what’s new in each version, and will also describe any backwards-incompatible changes made in that version.

For those upgrading to a new version of Django, you will need to check all the backwards-incompatible changes and deprecated features for each ‘final’ release from the one after your current Django version, up to and including the new version.

### 9.1 Final releases

Below are release notes through Django 3.1 and its patch releases. Newer versions of the documentation contain the release notes for any later releases.

#### 9.1.1 3.1 release

**Django 3.1.5 release notes**

*Expected January 4, 2021*

Django 3.1.5 fixes several bugs in 3.1.4.

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed `__isnull=True` lookup on key transforms for `JSONField` with Oracle and SQLite (#32252).

**Django 3.1.4 release notes**

*December 1, 2020*

Django 3.1.4 fixes several bugs in 3.1.3.
Bugfixes

• Fixed setting the `Content-Length` HTTP header in `AsyncRequestFactory` (#32162).
• Fixed passing extra HTTP headers to `AsyncRequestFactory` request methods (#32159).
• Fixed crash of key transforms for `JSONField` on PostgreSQL when using on a `Subquery()` annotation (#32182).
• Fixed a regression in Django 3.1 that caused a crash of auto-reloader for certain invocations of `runserver` on Windows with Python 3.7 and below (#32202).
• Fixed a regression in Django 3.1 that caused the incorrect grouping by a `Q` object annotation (#32200).
• Fixed a regression in Django 3.1 that caused suppressing connection errors when `JSONField` is used on SQLite (#32224).
• Fixed a crash on SQLite, when `QuerySet.values()/values_list()` contained key transforms for `JSONField` returning non-string primitive values (#32203).

Django 3.1.3 release notes

November 2, 2020

Django 3.1.3 fixes several bugs in 3.1.2 and adds compatibility with Python 3.9.

Bugfixes

• Fixed a regression in Django 3.1.2 that caused the incorrect height of the admin changelist search bar (#32072).
• Fixed a regression in Django 3.1.2 that caused the incorrect width of the admin changelist search bar on a filtered page (#32091).
• Fixed displaying Unicode characters in `forms.JSONField` and read-only `models.JSONField` values in the admin (#32080).
• Fixed a regression in Django 3.1 that caused a crash of `ArrayAgg` and `StringAgg` with ordering on key transforms for `JSONField` (#32096).
• Fixed a regression in Django 3.1 that caused a crash of `__in` lookup when using key transforms for `JSONField` in the lookup value (#32096).
• Fixed a regression in Django 3.1 that caused a crash of `ExpressionWrapper` with key transforms for `JSONField` (#32096).
• Fixed a regression in Django 3.1 that caused a migrations crash on PostgreSQL when adding an `ExclusionConstraint` with key transforms for `JSONField` in expressions (#32096).
• Fixed a regression in Django 3.1 where `ProtectedError.protected_objects` and `RestrictedError.restricted_objects` attributes returned iterators instead of set of objects (#32107).
• Fixed a regression in Django 3.1.2 that caused incorrect form input layout on small screens in the admin change form view (#32069).
• Fixed a regression in Django 3.1 that invalidated pre-Django 3.1 password reset tokens (#32130).
• Added support for `asgiref` 3.3 (#32128).
• Fixed a regression in Django 3.1 that caused incorrect textarea layout on medium-sized screens in the admin change form view with the sidebar open (#32127).
• Fixed a regression in Django 3.0.7 that didn’t use Subquery() aliases in the GROUP BY clause (#32152).

Django 3.1.2 release notes

October 1, 2020
Django 3.1.2 fixes several bugs in 3.1.1.

Bugfixes

• Fixed a bug in Django 3.1 where FileField instances with a callable storage were not correctly deconstructed (#31941).
• Fixed a regression in Django 3.1 where the QuerySet.ordered attribute returned incorrectly True for GROUP BY queries (e.g. annotate().values()) on models with Meta.ordering. A model’s Meta.ordering doesn’t affect such queries (#31990).
• Fixed a regression in Django 3.1 where a queryset would crash if it contained an aggregation and a Q object annotation (#32007).
• Fixed a bug in Django 3.1 where a test database was not synced during creation when using the MIGRATE test database setting (#32012).
• Fixed a django.contrib.admin.EmptyFieldListFilter crash when using on a GenericRelation (#32038).
• Fixed a regression in Django 3.1.1 where the admin changelist filter sidebar would not scroll for a long list of available filters (#31986).

Django 3.1.1 release notes

September 1, 2020
Django 3.1.1 fixes two security issues and several bugs in 3.1.

CVE-2020-24583: Incorrect permissions on intermediate-level directories on Python 3.7+

On Python 3.7+, FILE_UPLOAD_DIRECTORY_PERMISSIONS mode was not applied to intermediate-level directories created in the process of uploading files and to intermediate-level collected static directories when using the collectstatic management command.
You should review and manually fix permissions on existing intermediate-level directories.

CVE-2020-24584: Permission escalation in intermediate-level directories of the file system cache on Python 3.7+

On Python 3.7+, the intermediate-level directories of the file system cache had the system’s standard umask rather than 0o077 (no group or others permissions).
Bugfixes

- Fixed wrapping of translated action labels in the admin’s navigation sidebar for East Asian languages (#31853).
- Fixed wrapping of long model names in the admin’s navigation sidebar (#31854).
- Fixed encoding session data while upgrading multiple instances of the same project to Django 3.1 (#31864).
- Adjusted admin’s navigation sidebar template to reduce debug logging when rendering (#31865).
- Fixed a data loss possibility in the `select_for_update()`. When using related fields pointing to a proxy model in the `of` argument, the corresponding model was not locked (#31866).
- Fixed a data loss possibility, following a regression in Django 2.0, when copying model instances with a cached fields value (#31863).
- Fixed a regression in Django 3.1 that caused a crash when decoding an invalid session data (#31895).
- Reverted a deprecation in Django 3.1 that caused a crash when passing deprecated keyword arguments to a queryset in `TemplateView.get_context_data()` (#31877).
- Enforced thread sensitivity of the `MiddlewareMixin.process_request()` and `process_response()` hooks when in an async context (#31905).
- Fixed `__in` lookup on key transforms for `JSONField` with MariaDB, MySQL, Oracle, and SQLite (#31936).
- Fixed a regression in Django 3.1 that caused permission errors in `CommonPasswordValidator` and `settings.py` generated by the `startproject` command, when user didn’t have permissions to all intermediate directories in a Django installation path (#31912).
- Fixed detecting an async `get_response` callable in various built-in middlewares (#31928).
- Fixed a `QuerySet.order_by()` crash on PostgreSQL when ordering and grouping by `JSONField` with a custom `decoder` (#31956). As a consequence, fetching a `JSONField` with raw SQL now returns a string instead of pre-loaded data. You will need to explicitly call `json.loads()` in such cases.
- Fixed a `QuerySet.delete()` crash on MySQL, following a performance regression in Django 3.1 on MariaDB 10.3.2+, when filtering against an aggregate function (#31965).
- Fixed a `django.contrib.admin.EmptyFieldListFilter` crash when using on reverse relations (#31952).
- Prevented content overflowing in the admin changelist view when the navigation sidebar is enabled (#31901).

Django 3.1 release notes

August 4, 2020

Welcome to Django 3.1!

These release notes cover the new features, as well as some backwards incompatible changes you’ll want to be aware of when upgrading from Django 3.0 or earlier. We’ve dropped some features that have reached the end of their deprecation cycle, and we’ve begun the deprecation process for some features.

See the Upgrading Django to a newer version guide if you’re updating an existing project.

Python compatibility

Django 3.1 supports Python 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, and 3.9 (as of 3.1.3). We highly recommend and only officially support the latest release of each series.
What’s new in Django 3.1

Asynchronous views and middleware support

Django now supports a fully asynchronous request path, including:

- Asynchronous views
- Asynchronous middleware
- Asynchronous tests and test client

To get started with async views, you need to declare a view using `async def`:

```python
async def my_view(request):
    await asyncio.sleep(0.5)
    return HttpResponse('Hello, async world!')
```

All asynchronous features are supported whether you are running under WSGI or ASGI mode. However, there will be performance penalties using async code in WSGI mode. You can read more about the specifics in Asynchronous support documentation.

You are free to mix async and sync views, middleware, and tests as much as you want. Django will ensure that you always end up with the right execution context. We expect most projects will keep the majority of their views synchronous, and only have a select few running in async mode - but it is entirely your choice.

Django’s ORM, cache layer, and other pieces of code that do long-running network calls do not yet support async access. We expect to add support for them in upcoming releases. Async views are ideal, however, if you are doing a lot of API or HTTP calls inside your view, you can now natively do all those HTTP calls in parallel to considerably speed up your view’s execution.

Asynchronous support should be entirely backwards-compatible and we have tried to ensure that it has no speed regressions for your existing, synchronous code. It should have no noticeable effect on any existing Django projects.

JSONField for all supported database backends

Django now includes `models.JSONField` and `forms.JSONField` that can be used on all supported database backends. Both fields support the use of custom JSON encoders and decoders. The model field supports the introspection, lookups, and transforms that were previously PostgreSQL-only:

```python
from django.db import models

class ContactInfo(models.Model):
    data = models.JSONField()

ContactInfo.objects.create(data={
    'name': 'John',
    'cities': ['London', 'Cambridge'],
    'pets': {'dogs': ['Rufus', 'Meg']},
})
ContactInfo.objects.filter(
    data__name='John',
    data__pets__has_key='dogs',
    data__cities__contains='London',
).delete()
```
If your project uses `django.contrib.postgres.fields.JSONField`, plus the related form field and transforms, you should adjust to use the new fields, and generate and apply a database migration. For now, the old fields and transforms are left as a reference to the new ones and are deprecated as of this release.

**DEFAULT_HASHING_ALGORITHM settings**

The new `DEFAULT_HASHING_ALGORITHM` transitional setting allows specifying the default hashing algorithm to use for encoding cookies, password reset tokens in the admin site, user sessions, and signatures created by `django.core.signing.Signer` and `django.core.signing.dumps()`.

Support for SHA-256 was added in Django 3.1. If you are upgrading multiple instances of the same project to Django 3.1, you should set `DEFAULT_HASHING_ALGORITHM` to 'sha1' during the transition, in order to allow compatibility with the older versions of Django. Note that this requires Django 3.1.1+. Once the transition to 3.1 is complete you can stop overriding `DEFAULT_HASHING_ALGORITHM`.

This setting is deprecated as of this release, because support for tokens, cookies, sessions, and signatures that use SHA-1 algorithm will be removed in Django 4.0.

**Minor features**

**django.contrib.admin**

- The new `django.contrib.admin.EmptyFieldListFilter` for `ModelAdmin.list_filter` allows filtering on empty values (empty strings and nulls) in the admin changelist view.
- Filters in the right sidebar of the admin changelist view now contain a link to clear all filters.
- The admin now has a sidebar on larger screens for easier navigation. It is enabled by default but can be disabled by using a custom `AdminSite` and setting `AdminSite.enable_nav_sidebar` to `False`.

Rendering the sidebar requires access to the current request in order to set CSS and ARIA role affordances. This requires using `'django.template.context_processors.request'` in the `'context_processors'` option of `OPTIONS`.

- XRegExp is upgraded from version 2.0.0 to 3.2.0.
- jQuery is upgraded from version 3.4.1 to 3.5.1.
- Select2 library is upgraded from version 4.0.7 to 4.0.13.

**django.contrib.auth**

- The default iteration count for the PBKDF2 password hasher is increased from 180,000 to 216,000.
- The new `PASSWORD_RESET_TIMEOUT` setting allows defining the number of seconds a password reset link is valid for. This is encouraged instead of the deprecated `PASSWORD_RESET_TIMEOUT_DAYS` setting, which will be removed in Django 4.0.
- The password reset mechanism now uses the SHA-256 hashing algorithm. Support for tokens that use the old hashing algorithm remains until Django 4.0.
- `AbstractBaseUser.get_session_auth_hash()` now uses the SHA-256 hashing algorithm. Support for user sessions that use the old hashing algorithm remains until Django 4.0.
django.contrib.contenttypes

- The new `remove_stale_contenttypes --include-stale-apps` option allows removing stale content types from previously installed apps that have been removed from `INSTALLED_APPS`.

django.contrib.gis

- `relate` lookup is now supported on MariaDB.
- Added the `LinearRing.is_counterclockwise` property.
- `AsGeoJSON` is now supported on Oracle.
- Added the `AsWKB` and `AsWKT` functions.
- Added support for PostGIS 3 and GDAL 3.

django.contrib.humanize

- `intword` template filter now supports negative integers.

django.contrib.postgres

- The new `BloomIndex` class allows creating bloom indexes in the database. The new `BloomExtension` migration operation installs the `bloom` extension to add support for this index.
- `get_FOO_display()` now supports `ArrayField` and `RangeField`.
- The new `rangefield.lower_inc`, `rangefield.lower_inf`, `rangefield.upper_inc`, and `rangefield.upper_inf` lookups allow querying `RangeField` by a bound type.
- `rangefield.contained_by` now supports `SmallAutoField`, `AutoField`, `BigAutoField`, `SmallIntegerField`, and `DecimalField`.
- `SearchQuery` now supports 'websearch' search type on PostgreSQL 11+.
- `SearchQuery.value` now supports query expressions.
- The new `SearchHeadline` class allows highlighting search results.
- `search` lookup now supports query expressions.
- The new `cover_density` parameter of `SearchRank` allows ranking by cover density.
- The new `normalization` parameter of `SearchRank` allows rank normalization.
- The new `ExclusionConstraint.deferrable` attribute allows creating deferrable exclusion constraints.

django.contrib.sessions

- The `SESSION_COOKIE_SAMESITE` setting now allows 'None' (string) value to explicitly state that the cookie is sent with all same-site and cross-site requests.

django.contrib.staticfiles

- The `STATICFILES_DIRS` setting now supports `pathlib.Path`.

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Cache

- The `cache_control()` decorator and `patch_cache_control()` method now support multiple field names in the no-cache directive for the Cache-Control header, according to RFC 7234#section-5.2.2.2.
- `delete()` now returns `True` if the key was successfully deleted, `False` otherwise.

CSRF

- The `CSRF_COOKIE_SAMESITE` setting now allows 'None' (string) value to explicitly state that the cookie is sent with all same-site and cross-site requests.

Email

- The `EMAIL_FILE_PATH` setting, used by the `file email backend`, now supports `pathlib.Path`.

Error Reporting

- `django.views.debug.SafeExceptionReporterFilter` now filters sensitive values from `request.META` in exception reports.
- The new `SafeExceptionReporterFilter.cleansed_substitute` and `SafeExceptionReporterFilter.hidden_settings` attributes allow customization of sensitive settings and `request.META` filtering in exception reports.
- The technical 404 debug view now respects `DEFAULT_EXCEPTION_REPORTER_FILTER` when applying settings filtering.
- The new `DEFAULT_EXCEPTION_REPORTER` allows providing a `django.views.debug.ExceptionReporter` subclass to customize exception report generation. See Custom error reports for details.

File Storage

- `FileSystemStorage.save()` method now supports `pathlib.Path`.
- `FileField` and `ImageField` now accept a callable for `storage`. This allows you to modify the used storage at runtime, selecting different storages for different environments, for example.

Forms

- `ModelChoiceIterator`, used by `ModelChoiceField` and `ModelMultipleChoiceField`, now uses `ModelChoiceIteratorValue` that can be used by widgets to access model instances. See Iterating relationship choices for details.
- `django.forms.DateTimeField` now accepts dates in a subset of ISO 8601 datetime formats, including optional timezone, e.g. 2019-10-10T06:47, 2019-10-10T06:47:23+04:00, or 2019-10-10T06:47:23Z. The timezone will always be retained if provided, with timezone-aware datetimes being returned even when `USE_TZ` is `False`.

  Additionally, `DateTimeField` now uses `DATE_INPUT_FORMATS` in addition to `DATETIME_INPUT_FORMATS` when converting a field input to a datetime value.
• `MultiWidget.widgets` now accepts a dictionary which allows customizing subwidget name attributes.

• The new `BoundField.widget_type` property can be used to dynamically adjust form rendering based upon the widget type.

**Internationalization**

• The `LANGUAGE_COOKIE_SAMESITE` setting now allows "None" (string) value to explicitly state that the cookie is sent with all same-site and cross-site requests.

• Added support and translations for the Algerian Arabic, Igbo, Kyrgyz, Tajik, and Turkmen languages.

**Management Commands**

• The new `check --database` option allows specifying database aliases for running the database system checks. Previously these checks were enabled for all configured `DATABASES` by passing the `database` tag to the command.

• The new `migrate --check` option makes the command exit with a non-zero status when unapplied migrations are detected.

• The new `returncode` argument for `CommandError` allows customizing the exit status for management commands.

• The new `dbshell -- ARGUMENTS` option allows passing extra arguments to the command-line client for the database.

• The `flush` and `sqlflush` commands now include SQL to reset sequences on SQLite.

**Models**

• The new `ExtractIsoWeekDay` function extracts ISO-8601 week days from `DateField` and `DateTimeField`, and the new `iso_week_day` lookup allows querying by an ISO-8601 day of week.

• `QuerySet.explain()` now supports:
  – TREE format on MySQL 8.0.16+,
  – analyze option on MySQL 8.0.18+ and MariaDB.

• Added `PositiveBigIntegerField` which acts much like a `PositiveIntegerField` except that it only allows values under a certain (database-dependent) limit. Values from 0 to 9223372036854775807 are safe in all databases supported by Django.

• The new `RESTRICT` option for `on_delete` argument of `ForeignKey` and `OneToOneField` emulates the behavior of the SQL constraint `ON DELETE RESTRICT`.

• `CheckConstraint.check` now supports boolean expressions.

• The `RelatedManager.add()`, `create()`, and `set()` methods now accept callables as values in the `through_defaults` argument.

• The new `is_dst` parameter of the `QuerySet.datetimes()` determines the treatment of nonexistent and ambiguous datetimes.

• The new `F` expression `bitxor()` method allows bitwise XOR operation.

• `QuerySet.bulk_create()` now sets the primary key on objects when using MariaDB 10.5+.
• The `DatabaseOperations.sql_flush()` method now generates more efficient SQL on MySQL by using `DELETE` instead of `TRUNCATE` statements for tables which don’t require resetting sequences.
• SQLite functions are now marked as `deterministic` on Python 3.8+. This allows using them in check constraints and partial indexes.
• The new `UniqueConstraint.deferrable` attribute allows creating deferrable unique constraints.

Pagination

• `Paginator` can now be iterated over to yield its pages.

Requests and Responses

• If `ALLOWED_HOSTS` is empty and `DEBUG=True`, subdomains of localhost are now allowed in the `Host` header, e.g. `static.localhost`.
• `HttpResponse.set_cookie()` and `HttpResponse.set_signed_cookie()` now allow using `samesite='None'` (string) to explicitly state that the cookie is sent with all same-site and cross-site requests.
• The new `HttpRequest.accepts()` method returns whether the request accepts the given MIME type according to the `Accept` HTTP header.

Security

• The `SECURE_REFERRER_POLICY` setting now defaults to `'same-origin'`. With this configured, `SecurityMiddleware` sets the `Referrer Policy` header to same-origin on all responses that do not already have it. This prevents the `Referer` header being sent to other origins. If you need the previous behavior, explicitly set `SECURE_REFERRER_POLICY` to `None`.
• The default algorithm of `django.core.signing.Signer`, `django.core.signing.loads()`, and `django.core.signing.dumps()` is changed to the SHA-256. Support for signatures made with the old SHA-1 algorithm remains until Django 4.0.
  Also, the new `algorithm` parameter of the `Signer` allows customizing the hashing algorithm.

Templates

• The renamed `translate` and `blocktranslate` template tags are introduced for internationalization in template code. The older `trans` and `blocktrans` template tags aliases continue to work, and will be retained for the foreseeable future.
• The `include` template tag now accepts iterables of template names.

Tests

• `SimpleTestCase` now implements the `debug()` method to allow running a test without collecting the result and catching exceptions. This can be used to support running tests under a debugger.
• The new `MIGRATE` test database setting allows disabling of migrations during a test database creation.
• Django test runner now supports a `test --buffer` option to discard output for passing tests.
• `DiscoverRunner` now skips running the system checks on databases not `referenced by tests`. 
• *TransactionTest*Case teardown is now faster on MySQL due to `flush` command improvements. As a side effect the latter doesn’t automatically reset sequences on teardown anymore. Enable *TransactionTest*Case.*reset_sequences* if your tests require this feature.

**URLs**

- *Path converters* can now raise `ValueError in to_url()` to indicate no match when reversing URLs.

**Utilities**

- `filepath_to_uri()` now supports `pathlib.Path`.
- `parse_duration()` now supports comma separators for decimal fractions in the ISO 8601 format.
- `parse_datetime()`, `parse_duration()`, and `parse_time()` now support comma separators for milliseconds.

**Miscellaneous**

- The SQLite backend now supports `pathlib.Path` for the `NAME` setting.
- The `settings.py` generated by the `startproject` command now uses `pathlib.Path` instead of `os.path` for building filesystem paths.
- The `TIME_ZONE` setting is now allowed on databases that support time zones.

**Backwards incompatible changes in 3.1**

**Database backend API**

This section describes changes that may be needed in third-party database backends.

- `DatabaseOperations.fetch_returned_insert_columns()` now requires an additional `returning_params` argument.
- `connection.timezone` property is now 'UTC' by default, or the `TIME_ZONE` when `USE_TZ` is True on databases that support time zones. Previously, it was `None` on databases that support time zones.
- `connection._nodb_connection` property is changed to the `connection._nodb_cursor()` method and now returns a context manager that yields a cursor and automatically closes the cursor and connection upon exiting the `with` statement.
- `DatabaseClient.runshell()` now requires an additional `parameters` argument as a list of extra arguments to pass on to the command-line client.
- The `sequences` positional argument of `DatabaseOperations.sql_flush()` is replaced by the boolean keyword-only argument `reset_sequences`. If True, the sequences of the truncated tables will be reset.
- The `allow_cascade` argument of `DatabaseOperations.sql_flush()` is now a keyword-only argument.
- The `using` positional argument of `DatabaseOperations.execute_sql_flush()` is removed. The method now uses the database of the called instance.
• Third-party database backends must implement support for JSONField or set DatabaseFeatures.
supports_json_field to False. If storing primitives is not supported, set DatabaseFeatures.
supports_primitives_in_json_field to False. If there is a true datatype for
JSON, set DatabaseFeatures.has_native_json_field to True. If jsonfield.
contains and jsonfield.contained_by are not supported, set DatabaseFeatures.
supports_json_field_contains to False.

• Third party database backends must implement introspection for JSONField or set
can_introspect_json_field to False.

Dropped support for MariaDB 10.1

Upstream support for MariaDB 10.1 ends in October 2020. Django 3.1 supports MariaDB 10.2 and higher.

contrib.admin browser support

The admin no longer supports the legacy Internet Explorer browser. See the admin FAQ for details on supported
browsers.

AbstractUser.first_name max_length increased to 150

A migration for django.contrib.auth.models.User.first_name is included. If you have a custom user
model inheriting from AbstractUser, you’ll need to generate and apply a database migration for your user model.
If you want to preserve the 30 character limit for first names, use a custom form:

```python
from django import forms
from django.contrib.auth.forms import UserChangeForm

class MyUserChangeForm(UserChangeForm):
    first_name = forms.CharField(max_length=30, required=False)
```

If you wish to keep this restriction in the admin when editing users, set UserAdmin.form to use this form:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.admin import UserAdmin
from django.contrib.auth.models import User

class MyUserAdmin(UserAdmin):
    form = MyUserChangeForm

admin.site.unregister(User)
admin.site.register(User, MyUserAdmin)
```

Miscellaneous

• The cache keys used by cache and generated by make_template_fragment_key() are different from
the keys generated by older versions of Django. After upgrading to Django 3.1, the first request to any previously
cached template fragment will be a cache miss.

• The logic behind the decision to return a redirection fallback or a 204 HTTP response from the
set_language() view is now based on the Accept HTTP header instead of the X-Requested-With
HTTP header presence.
• The compatibility imports of `django.core.exceptions.EmptyResultSet` in `django.db.models.query`, `django.db.models.sql`, and `django.db.models.sql.datastructures` are removed.

• The compatibility import of `django.core.exceptions.FieldDoesNotExist` in `django.db.models.fields` is removed.

• The compatibility imports of `django.forms.utils.pretty_name()` and `django.forms.bindfield.BoundField` in `django.forms.forms` are removed.

• The compatibility imports of `Context`, `ContextPopException`, and `RequestContext` in `django.template.base` are removed.

• The compatibility import of `django.contrib.admin.helpers.ACTION_CHECKBOX_NAME` in `django.contrib.admin` is removed.

• The `STATIC_URL` and `MEDIA_URL` settings set to relative paths are now prefixed by the server-provided value of `SCRIPT_NAME` (or `/` if not set). This change should not affect settings set to valid URLs or absolute paths.

• `ConditionalGetMiddleware` no longer adds the `ETag` header to responses with an empty `content`.

• `django.utils.decorators.classproperty()` decorator is made public and moved to `django.utils.functional.classproperty()`.

• `floatformat` template filter now outputs (positive) 0 for negative numbers which round to zero.

• `Meta.ordering` and `Meta.unique_together` options on models in `django.contrib` modules that were formerly tuples are now lists.

• The admin calendar widget now handles two-digit years according to the Open Group Specification, i.e. values between 69 and 99 are mapped to the previous century, and values between 0 and 68 are mapped to the current century.

• Date-only formats are removed from the default list for `DATETIME_INPUT_FORMATS`.

• The `FileInput` widget no longer renders with the `required` HTML attribute when initial data exists.

• The undocumented `django.views.debug.ExceptionReporterFilter` class is removed. As per the `Custom error reports` documentation, classes to be used with `DEFAULT_EXCEPTION_REPORTER_FILTER` need to inherit from `django.views.debug.SafeExceptionReporterFilter`.

• The cache timeout set by `cache_page()` decorator now takes precedence over the `max-age` directive from the Cache-Control header.

• Providing a non-local remote field in the `ForeignKey.to_field` argument now raises `FieldError`.

• `SECURE_REFERRER_POLICY` now defaults to 'same-origin'. See the `What’s New Security section` above for more details.

• `check` management command now runs the database system checks only for database aliases specified using `check --database` option.

• `migrate` management command now runs the database system checks only for a database to migrate.

• The admin CSS classes `row1` and `row2` are removed in favor of `:nth-child(odd)` and `:nth-child(even)` pseudo-classes.

• The `make_password()` function now requires its argument to be a string or bytes. Other types should be explicitly cast to one of these.

• The undocumented `version` parameter to the `AsKML` function is removed.

• `JSON and YAML serializers`, used by `dumpdata`, now dump all data with Unicode by default. If you need the previous behavior, pass `ensure_ascii=True` to JSON serializer, or `allow_unicode=False` to YAML serializer.
• The auto-reloader no longer monitors changes in built-in Django translation files.

• The minimum supported version of `mysqlclient` is increased from 1.3.13 to 1.4.0.

• The undocumented `django.contrib.postgres.forms.InvalidJSONInput` and `django.contrib.postgres.forms.JSONString` are moved to `django.forms.fields`.

• The undocumented `django.contrib.postgres.fields.jsonb.JsonAdapter` class is removed.

• The `{% localize off %}` tag and `unlocalize` filter no longer respect `DECIMAL_SEPARATOR` setting.

• The minimum supported version of `asgiref` is increased from 3.2 to 3.2.10.

• The `Media` class now renders `<script>` tags without the `type` attribute to follow WHATWG recommendations.

• `ModelChoiceIterator`, used by `ModelChoiceField` and `ModelMultipleChoiceField`, now yields 2-tuple choices containing `ModelChoiceIteratorValue` instances as the first value element in each choice. In most cases this proxies transparently, but if you need the field value itself, use the `ModelChoiceIteratorValue.value` attribute instead.

### Features deprecated in 3.1

#### PostgreSQL JSONField

`django.contrib.postgres.fields.JSONField` and `django.contrib.postgres.forms.JSONField` are deprecated in favor of `models.JSONField` and `forms.JSONField`.

The undocumented `django.contrib.postgres.fields.jsonb.KeyTransform` and `django.contrib.postgres.fields.jsonb.KeyTextTransform` are also deprecated in favor of the transforms in `django.db.models.fields.json`.

The new `JSONField`, `KeyTransform`, and `KeyTextTransform` can be used on all supported database back-ends.

#### Miscellaneous

• `PASSWORD_RESET_TIMEOUT_DAYS` setting is deprecated in favor of `PASSWORD_RESET_TIMEOUT`.

• The undocumented usage of the `isnull` lookup with non-boolean values as the right-hand side is deprecated, use `True` or `False` instead.

• The barely documented `django.db.models.query_utils.InvalidQuery` exception class is deprecated in favor of `FieldDoesNotExist` and `FieldError`.

• The `django-admin.py` entry point is deprecated in favor of `django-admin`.

• The `HttpRequest.is_ajax()` method is deprecated as it relied on a jQuery-specific way of signifying AJAX calls, while current usage tends to use the JavaScript `Fetch API`. Depending on your use case, you can either write your own AJAX detection method, or use the new `HttpRequest.accepts()` method if your code depends on the client `Accept HTTP header`.

If you are writing your own AJAX detection method, `request.is_ajax()` can be reproduced exactly as `request.headers.get('x-requested-with') == 'XMLHttpRequest'`.

• Passing `None` as the first argument to `django.utils.deprecation.MiddlewareMixin.__init__()` is deprecated.

• The encoding format of cookies values used by `CookieStorage` is different from the format generated by older versions of Django. Support for the old format remains until Django 4.0.
• The encoding format of sessions is different from the format generated by older versions of Django. Support for the old format remains until Django 4.0.

• The purely documentational *providing_args* argument for *Signal* is deprecated. If you rely on this argument as documentation, you can move the text to a code comment or docstring.

• Calling *django.utils.crypto.get_random_string()* without a length argument is deprecated.

• The list message for *ModelMultipleChoiceField* is deprecated in favor of *invalid_list*.

• Calling *django.utils.crypto.get_random_string()* without a length argument is deprecated.

• The NullBooleanField model field is deprecated in favor of BooleanField(null=True).

• *django.conf.urls.url()* alias of *django.urls.re_path()* is deprecated.

• The {% ifequal %} and {% ifnotequal %} template tags are deprecated in favor of {% if %}. {% if %} covers all use cases, but if you need to continue using these tags, they can be extracted from Django to a module and included as a built-in tag in the 'builtins' option in OPTIONS.

• DEFAULT_HASHING_ALGORITHM transitional setting is deprecated.

**Features removed in 3.1**

These features have reached the end of their deprecation cycle and are removed in Django 3.1.

See *Features deprecated in 2.2* for details on these changes, including how to remove usage of these features.

• *django.utils.timezone.FixedOffset* is removed.

• *django.core.paginator.QuerySetPaginator* is removed.

• A model's *Meta.ordering* doesn’t affect GROUP BY queries.

• *django.contrib.postgres.fields.FloatRangeField* and *django.contrib.postgres.forms.FloatRangeField* are removed.

• The FILE_CHARSET setting is removed.

• *django.contrib.staticfiles.storage.CachedStaticFilesStorage* is removed.

• The RemoteUserBackend.configure_user() method requires request as the first positional argument.

• Support for SimpleTestCase.allow_database_queries and TransactionTestCase.multi_db is removed.

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**Django 3.0.11 release notes**

*November 2, 2020*

Django 3.0.11 fixes a regression in 3.0.7 and adds compatibility with Python 3.9.

**Bugfixes**

• Fixed a regression in Django 3.0.7 that didn’t use Subquery() aliases in the GROUP BY clause (#32152).
Django 3.0.10 release notes

September 1, 2020

Django 3.0.10 fixes two security issues and two data loss bugs in 3.0.9.

CVE-2020-24583: Incorrect permissions on intermediate-level directories on Python 3.7+

On Python 3.7+, `FILE_UPLOAD_DIRECTORY_PERMISSIONS` mode was not applied to intermediate-level directories created in the process of uploading files and to intermediate-level collected static directories when using the `collectstatic` management command.

You should review and manually fix permissions on existing intermediate-level directories.

CVE-2020-24584: Permission escalation in intermediate-level directories of the file system cache on Python 3.7+

On Python 3.7+, the intermediate-level directories of the file system cache had the system’s standard umask rather than `0o077` (no group or others permissions).

Bugfixes

- Fixed a data loss possibility in the `select_for_update()` function. When using related fields pointing to a proxy model in the `of` argument, the corresponding model was not locked (#31866).
- Fixed a data loss possibility, following a regression in Django 2.0, when copying model instances with a cached fields value (#31863).

Django 3.0.9 release notes

August 3, 2020

Django 3.0.9 fixes several bugs in 3.0.8.

Bugfixes

- Allowed setting the SameSite cookie flag in `HttpResponse.delete_cookie()` (#31790).
- Fixed crash when sending emails to addresses with display names longer than 75 chars on Python 3.6.11+, 3.7.8+, and 3.8.4+ (#31784).

Django 3.0.8 release notes

July 1, 2020

Django 3.0.8 fixes several bugs in 3.0.7.
Bugfixes

- Fixed messages of InvalidCacheKey exceptions and CacheKeyWarning warnings raised by cache key validation (#31654).
- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0.7 that caused a queryset crash when grouping by a many-to-one relationship (#31660).
- Reallowed, following a regression in Django 3.0, non-expressions having a filterable attribute to be used as the right-hand side in queryset filters (#31664).
- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0.2 that caused a migration crash on PostgreSQL when adding a foreign key to a model with a namespaced db_table (#31735).
- Added compatibility for cx_Oracle 8 (#31751).

Django 3.0.7 release notes

June 3, 2020

Django 3.0.7 fixes two security issues and several bugs in 3.0.6.

CVE-2020-13254: Potential data leakage via malformed memcached keys

In cases where a memcached backend does not perform key validation, passing malformed cache keys could result in a key collision, and potential data leakage. In order to avoid this vulnerability, key validation is added to the memcached cache backends.

CVE-2020-13596: Possible XSS via admin ForeignKeyRawIdWidget

Query parameters for the admin ForeignKeyRawIdWidget were not properly URL encoded, posing an XSS attack vector. ForeignKeyRawIdWidget now ensures query parameters are correctly URL encoded.

Bugfixes

- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0 by restoring the ability to use field lookups in Meta.ordering (#31538).
- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0 where QuerySet.values() and values_list() crashed if a queryset contained an aggregation and a subquery annotation (#31566).
- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0 where aggregates used wrong annotations when a queryset has multiple sub-queries annotations (#31568).
- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0 where QuerySet.values() and values_list() crashed if a queryset contained an aggregation and an Exists() annotation on Oracle (#31584).
- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0 where all resolved Subquery() expressions were considered equal (#31607).
- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0.5 that affected translation loading for apps providing translations for territorial language variants as well as a generic language, where the project has different plural equations for the language (#31570).
- Tracking a jQuery security release, upgraded the version of jQuery used by the admin from 3.4.1 to 3.5.1.
Django 3.0.6 release notes

May 4, 2020
Django 3.0.6 fixes a bug in 3.0.5.

Bugfixes

- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0 that caused a crash when filtering a Subquery() annotation of a queryset containing a single related field against a SimpleLazyObject (#31420).

Django 3.0.5 release notes

April 1, 2020
Django 3.0.5 fixes several bugs in 3.0.4.

Bugfixes

- Added the ability to handle .po files containing different plural equations for the same language (#30439).
- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0 where QuerySet.values() and values_list() crashed if a queryset contained an aggregation and Subquery() annotation that collides with a field name (#31377).

Django 3.0.4 release notes

March 4, 2020
Django 3.0.4 fixes a security issue and several bugs in 3.0.3.

CVE-2020-9402: Potential SQL injection via tolerance parameter in GIS functions and aggregates on Oracle

GIS functions and aggregates on Oracle were subject to SQL injection, using a suitably crafted tolerance.

Bugfixes

- Fixed a data loss possibility when using caching from async code (#31253).
- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0 that caused a file response using a temporary file to be closed incorrectly (#31240).
- Fixed a data loss possibility in the select_for_update(). When using related fields or parent link fields with Multi-table inheritance in the of argument, the corresponding models were not locked (#31246).
- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0 that caused misplacing parameters in logged SQL queries on Oracle (#31271).
- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0.3 that caused misplacing parameters of SQL queries when subtracting DateField or DateTimeField expressions on MySQL (#31312).
- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0 that didn’t include subqueries spanning multivalued relations in the GROUP BY clause (#31150).
**Django 3.0.3 release notes**

*February 3, 2020*

Django 3.0.3 fixes a security issue and several bugs in 3.0.2.

**CVE-2020-7471: Potential SQL injection via StringAgg(delimiter)**

*StringAgg* aggregation function was subject to SQL injection, using a suitably crafted *delimiter*.

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0 that caused a crash when subtracting *DateField*, *DateTimeField*, or *TimeField* from a *Subquery()* annotation (#31133).
- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0 where *QuerySet.values()* and *values_list()* crashed if a queryset contained an aggregation and *Exists()* annotation (#31136).
- Relaxed the system check added in Django 3.0 to reallow use of a sublanguage in the *LANGUAGE_CODE* setting, when a base language is available in Django but the sublanguage is not (#31141).
- Added support for using enumeration types *TextChoices*, *IntegerChoices*, and *Choices* in templates (#31154).
- Fixed a system check to ensure the *max_length* attribute fits the longest choice, when a named group contains only non-string values (#31155).
- Fixed a regression in Django 2.2 that caused a crash of *ArrayAgg* and *StringAgg* with *filter* argument when used in a *Subquery* (#31097).
- Fixed a regression in Django 2.2.7 that caused *get_FOO_display()* to work incorrectly when overriding inherited choices (#31124).
- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0 that caused a crash of *QuerySet.prefetch_related()* for *GenericForeignKey* with a custom *ContentType* foreign key (#31190).

**Django 3.0.2 release notes**

*January 2, 2020*

Django 3.0.2 fixes several bugs in 3.0.1.

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0 that didn’t include columns referenced by a *Subquery()* in the *GROUP BY* clause (#31094).
- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0 where *QuerySet.exists()* crashed if a queryset contained an aggregation over a *Subquery()* (#31109).
- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0 that caused a migration crash on PostgreSQL 10+ when adding a foreign key and changing data in the same migration (#31106).
- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0 where loading fixtures crashed for models defining a *default* for the primary key (#31071).
Django 3.0.1 release notes

*December 18, 2019*

Django 3.0.1 fixes a security issue and several bugs in 3.0.

**CVE-2019-19844: Potential account hijack via password reset form**

By submitting a suitably crafted email address making use of Unicode characters, that compared equal to an existing user email when lower-cased for comparison, an attacker could be sent a password reset token for the matched account.

In order to avoid this vulnerability, password reset requests now compare the submitted email using the stricter, recommended algorithm for case-insensitive comparison of two identifiers from Unicode Technical Report 36, section 2.11.2(B)(2). Upon a match, the email containing the reset token will be sent to the email address on record rather than the submitted address.

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0 by restoring the ability to use Django inside Jupyter and other environments that force an async context, by adding an option to disable Async safety mechanism with DJANGO_ALLOW_ASYNC_UNSAFE environment variable (#31056).
- Fixed a regression in Django 3.0 where RegexPattern, used by re_path(), returned positional arguments to be passed to the view when all optional named groups were missing (#31061).
- Reallowed, following a regression in Django 3.0, Window expressions to be used in conditions outside of queryset filters, e.g. in When conditions (#31060).
- Fixed a data loss possibility in SplitArrayField. When using with ArrayField(BooleanField()), all values after the first True value were marked as checked instead of preserving passed values (#31073).

**Django 3.0 release notes**

*December 2, 2019*

Welcome to Django 3.0!

These release notes cover the new features, as well as some backwards incompatible changes you’ll want to be aware of when upgrading from Django 2.2 or earlier. We’ve dropped some features that have reached the end of their deprecation cycle, and we’ve begun the deprecation process for some features.

See the Upgrading Django to a newer version guide if you’re updating an existing project.

**Python compatibility**

Django 3.0 supports Python 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, and 3.9 (as of 3.0.11). We highly recommend and only officially support the latest release of each series.

The Django 2.2.x series is the last to support Python 3.5.
Third-party library support for older version of Django

Following the release of Django 3.0, we suggest that third-party app authors drop support for all versions of Django prior to 2.2. At that time, you should be able to run your package’s tests using `python -Wd` so that deprecation warnings appear. After making the deprecation warning fixes, your app should be compatible with Django 3.0.

What’s new in Django 3.0

MariaDB support

Django now officially supports MariaDB 10.1 and higher. See MariaDB notes for more details.

ASGI support

Django 3.0 begins our journey to making Django fully async-capable by providing support for running as an ASGI application.

This is in addition to our existing WSGI support. Django intends to support both for the foreseeable future. Async features will only be available to applications that run under ASGI, however.

At this stage async support only applies to the outer ASGI application. Internally everything remains synchronous. Asynchronous middleware, views, etc. are not yet supported. You can, however, use ASGI middleware around Django’s application, allowing you to combine Django with other ASGI frameworks.

There is no need to switch your applications over unless you want to start experimenting with asynchronous code, but we have documentation on deploying with ASGI if you want to learn more.

Note that as a side-effect of this change, Django is now aware of asynchronous event loops and will block you calling code marked as “async unsafe” - such as ORM operations - from an asynchronous context. If you were using Django from async code before, this may trigger if you were doing it incorrectly. If you see a SynchronousOnlyOperation error, then closely examine your code and move any database operations to be in a synchronous child thread.

Exclusion constraints on PostgreSQL

The new ExclusionConstraint class enable adding exclusion constraints on PostgreSQL. Constraints are added to models using the Meta.constraints option.

Filter expressions

Expressions that output BooleanField may now be used directly in QuerySet filters, without having to first annotate and then filter against the annotation.

Enumerations for model field choices

Custom enumeration types TextChoices, IntegerChoices, and Choices are now available as a way to define Field.choices. TextChoices and IntegerChoices types are provided for text and integer fields. The Choices class allows defining a compatible enumeration for other concrete data types. These custom enumeration types support human-readable labels that can be translated and accessed via a property on the enumeration or its members. See Enumeration types for more details and examples.
Minor features

django.contrib.admin

- Added support for the admin_order_field attribute on properties in ModelAdmin.list_display.
- The new ModelAdmin.get_inlines() method allows specifying the inlines based on the request or model instance.
- Select2 library is upgraded from version 4.0.3 to 4.0.7.
- jQuery is upgraded from version 3.3.1 to 3.4.1.

django.contrib.auth

- The new reset_url_token attribute in PasswordResetConfirmView allows specifying a token parameter displayed as a component of password reset URLs.
- Added BaseBackend class to ease customization of authentication backends.
- Added get_user_permissions() method to mirror the existing get_group_permissions() method.
- Added HTML autocomplete attribute to widgets of username, email, and password fields in django.contrib.auth.forms for better interaction with browser password managers.
- createsuperuser now falls back to environment variables for password and required fields, when a corresponding command line argument isn’t provided in non-interactive mode.
- REQUIRED_FIELDS now supports ManyToManyFields.
- The new UserManager.with_perm() method returns users that have the specified permission.
- The default iteration count for the PBKDF2 password hasher is increased from 150,000 to 180,000.

django.contrib.gis

- Allowed MySQL spatial lookup functions to operate on real geometries. Previous support was limited to bounding boxes.
- Added the GeometryDistance function, supported on PostGIS.
- Added support for the furlong unit in Distance.
- The GEOIP_PATH setting now supports pathlib.Path.
- The GeoIP2 class now accepts pathlib.Path path.

django.contrib.postgres

- The new RangeOperators helps to avoid typos in SQL operators that can be used together with RangeField.
- The new RangeBoundary expression represents the range boundaries.
- The new AddIndexConcurrently and RemoveIndexConcurrently classes allow creating and dropping indexes CONCURRENTLY on PostgreSQL.
django.contrib.sessions

- The new `get_session_cookie_age()` method allows dynamically specifying the session cookie age.

django.contrib.syndication

- Added the `language` class attribute to the `django.contrib.syndication.views.Feed` to customize a feed language. The default value is `get_language()` instead of `LANGUAGE_CODE`.

Cache

- `add_never_cache_headers()` and `never_cache()` now add the `private` directive to Cache-Control headers.

File Storage

- The new `Storage.get_alternative_name()` method allows customizing the algorithm for generating filenames if a file with the uploaded name already exists.

Forms

- Formsets may control the widget used when ordering forms via `can_order` by setting the `ordering_widget` attribute or overriding `get_ordering_widget()`.

Internationalization

- Added the `LANGUAGE_COOKIE_HTTPONLY`, `LANGUAGE_COOKIE_SAMESITE`, and `LANGUAGE_COOKIE_SECURE` settings to set the HttpOnly, SameSite, and Secure flags on language cookies. The default values of these settings preserve the previous behavior.
- Added support and translations for the Uzbek language.

Logging

- The new `reporter_class` parameter of `AdminEmailHandler` allows providing an `django.views.debug.ExceptionReporter` subclass to customize the traceback text sent to site `ADMINS` when `DEBUG` is `False`.

Management Commands

- The new `compilemessages --ignore` option allows ignoring specific directories when searching for `.po` files to compile.
- `showmigrations --list` now shows the applied datetimes when `--verbosity` is 2 and above.
- On PostgreSQL, `dbshell` now supports client-side TLS certificates.
- `inspectdb` now introspects `OneToOneField` when a foreign key has a unique or primary key constraint.
• The new **--skip-checks** option skips running system checks prior to running the command.

• The **startapp --template** and **startproject --template** options now support templates stored in XZ archives (.tar.xz, .txz) and LZMA archives (.tar.lzma, .tlz).

Models

• Added hash database functions **MD5**, **SHA1**, **SHA224**, **SHA256**, **SHA384**, and **SHA512**.

• Added the **Sign** database function.

• The new **is_dst** parameter of the **Trunc** database functions determines the treatment of nonexistent and ambiguous datetimes.

• **connection.queries** now shows COPY ... TO statements on PostgreSQL.

• **FilePathField** now accepts a callable for **path**.

• Allowed symmetrical intermediate table for self-referential **ManyToManyField**.

• The **name** attributes of **CheckConstraint**, **UniqueConstraint**, and **Index** now support app label and class interpolation using the '$(app_label)s' and '$(class)s' placeholders.

• The new **Field.descriptor_class** attribute allows model fields to customize the get and set behavior by overriding their descriptors.

• **Avg** and **Sum** now support the distinct argument.

• Added **SmallAutoField** which acts much like an **AutoField** except that it only allows values under a certain (database-dependent) limit. Values from 1 to 32767 are safe in all databases supported by Django.

• **AutoField**, **BigAutoField**, and **SmallAutoField** now inherit from **IntegerField**, **BigIntegerField** and **SmallIntegerField** respectively. System checks and validators are now also properly inherited.

• **FilePathField.upload_to** now supports **pathlib.Path**.

• **CheckConstraint** is now supported on MySQL 8.0.16+.

• The new **allows_group_by_selected_pks_on_model()** method of django.db.backends.base.BaseDatabaseFeatures allows optimization of GROUP BY clauses to require only the selected models’ primary keys. By default, it’s supported only for managed models on PostgreSQL.

To enable the GROUP BY primary key-only optimization for unmanaged models, you have to subclass the PostgreSQL database engine, overriding the features class **allows_group_by_selected_pks_on_model()** method as you require. See **Subclassing the built-in database backends** for an example.

Requests and Responses

• Allowed **HttpResponse** to be initialized with **memoryview** content.

• For use in, for example, Django templates, **HttpRequest.headers** now allows lookups using underscores (e.g. **user_agent**) in place of hyphens.
Security

- **X_FRAME_OPTIONS** now defaults to 'DENY'. In older versions, the **X_FRAME_OPTIONS** setting defaults to 'SAMEORIGIN'. If your site uses frames of itself, you will need to explicitly set **X_FRAME_OPTIONS** = 'SAMEORIGIN' for them to continue working.

- **SECURE_CONTENT_TYPE_NOSNIFF** now defaults to True. With this enabled, **SecurityMiddleware** sets the **X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff** header on all responses that do not already have it.

- **SecurityMiddleware** can now send the **Referrer-Policy** header.

Tests

- The new test Client argument **raise_request_exception** allows controlling whether or not exceptions raised during the request should also be raised in the test. The value defaults to True for backwards compatibility. If it is False and an exception occurs, the test client will return a 500 response with the attribute **exc_info**, a tuple providing information of the exception that occurred.

- Tests and test cases to run can be selected by test name pattern using the new **test -k** option.

- HTML comparison, as used by **assertHTMLEqual()**, now treats text, character references, and entity references that refer to the same character as equivalent.

- Django test runner now supports headless mode for selenium tests on supported browsers. Add the --headless option to enable this mode.

- Django test runner now supports --start-at and --start-after options to run tests starting from a specific top-level module.

- Django test runner now supports a --pdb option to spawn a debugger at each error or failure.

Backwards incompatible changes in 3.0

**Model.save() when providing a default for the primary key**

**Model.save()** no longer attempts to find a row when saving a new Model instance and a default value for the primary key is provided, and always performs a single INSERT query. In older Django versions, **Model.save()** performed either an INSERT or an UPDATE based on whether or not the row exists.

This makes calling **Model.save()** while providing a default primary key value equivalent to passing **force_insert=True** to model's **save()**. Attempts to use a new **Model** instance to update an existing row will result in an IntegrityError.

In order to update an existing model for a specific primary key value, use the **update_or_create()** method or **QuerySet.filter(pk=...).update(...)** instead. For example:

```python
>>> MyModel.objects.update_or_create(pk=existing_pk, defaults={'name': 'new name'})
>>> MyModel.objects.filter(pk=existing_pk).update(name='new name')
```

Database backend API

This section describes changes that may be needed in third-party database backends.

- The second argument of **DatabaseIntrospection.get_geometry_type()** is now the row description instead of the column name.
• `DatabaseIntrospection.get_field_type()` may no longer return tuples.

• If the database can create foreign keys in the same SQL statement that adds a field, add `SchemaEditor.sql_create_column_inline_fk` with the appropriate SQL; otherwise, set `DatabaseFeatures.can_create_inline_fk = False`.

• `DatabaseFeatures.can_return_id_from_insert` and `can_return_ids_from_bulk_insert` are renamed to `can_return_columns_from_insert` and `can_return_rows_from_bulk_insert`.

• Database functions now handle `datetime.timezone` formats when created using `datetime.timedelta` instances (e.g. `timezone(timedelta(hours=5))`, which would output 'UTC+05:00'). Third-party backends should handle this format when preparing `DateTimeField` in `datetime_cast_date_sql()`, `datetime_extract_sql()`, etc.

• Entries for `AutoField`, `BigAutoField`, and `SmallAutoField` are added to `DatabaseOperations.integer_field_ranges` to support the integer range validators on these field types. Third-party backends may need to customize the default entries.

• `DatabaseOperations.fetch_returned_insert_id()` is replaced by `fetch_returned_insert_columns()` which returns a list of values returned by the `INSERT ... RETURNING` statement, instead of a single value.

• `DatabaseOperations.return_insert_id()` is replaced by `return_insert_columns()` that accepts a `fields` argument, which is an iterable of fields to be returned after insert. Usually this is only the auto-generated primary key.

`django.contrib.admin`

• Admin’s model history change messages now prefers more readable field labels instead of field names.

`django.contrib.gis`

• Support for PostGIS 2.1 is removed.

• Support for SpatiaLite 4.1 and 4.2 is removed.

• Support for GDAL 1.11 and GEOS 3.4 is removed.

Dropped support for PostgreSQL 9.4

Upstream support for PostgreSQL 9.4 ends in December 2019. Django 3.0 supports PostgreSQL 9.5 and higher.

Dropped support for Oracle 12.1

Upstream support for Oracle 12.1 ends in July 2021. Django 2.2 will be supported until April 2022. Django 3.0 officially supports Oracle 12.2 and 18c.

Removed private Python 2 compatibility APIs

While Python 2 support was removed in Django 2.0, some private APIs weren’t removed from Django so that third party apps could continue using them until the Python 2 end-of-life.

Since we expect apps to drop Python 2 compatibility when adding support for Django 3.0, we’re removing these APIs at this time.
• `django.test.utils.str_prefix()` - Strings don’t have ‘u’ prefixes in Python 3.
• `django.test.utils.patch_logger()` - Use `unittest.TestCase.assertLogs()` instead.
• `django.utils.lru_cache.lru_cache()` - Alias of `functools.lru_cache()`.
• `django.utils.decorators.available_attrs()` - This function returns `functools.WRAPPER_ASSIGNMENTS`.
• `django.utils._os.abspathu()` - Alias of `os.path.abspath()`.
• `django.utils._os.upath()` and `npath()` - These functions do nothing on Python 3.
• `django.utils.six` - Remove usage of this vendored library or switch to `six`.
• `django.utils.encoding.python_2_unicode_compatible()` - Alias of `six.python_2_unicode_compatible()`.
• `django.utils.functional.curry()` - Use `functools.partial()` or `functools.partialmethod`. See 5b1c389603a353625ae1603.
• `django.utils.safestring.SafeBytes` - Unused since Django 2.0.

New default value for the FILE_UPLOAD_PERMISSIONS setting

In older versions, the `FILE_UPLOAD_PERMISSIONS` setting defaults to `None`. With the default `FILE_UPLOAD_HANDLERS`, this results in uploaded files having different permissions depending on their size and which upload handler is used.

`FILE_UPLOAD_PERMISSIONS` now defaults to `0o644` to avoid this inconsistency.

New default values for security settings

To make Django projects more secure by default, some security settings now have more secure default values:

• `X_FRAME_OPTIONS` now defaults to 'DENY'.
• `SECURE_CONTENT_TYPE_NOSNIFF` now defaults to `True`.

See the What’s New Security section above for more details on these changes.

Miscellaneous

• `ContentType.__str__()` now includes the model’s `app_label` to disambiguate models with the same name in different apps.
• Because accessing the language in the session rather than in the cookie is deprecated, `LocaleMiddleware` no longer looks for the user’s language in the session and `django.contrib.auth.logout()` no longer preserves the session’s language after logout.
• `django.utils.html.escape()` now uses `html.escape()` to escape HTML. This converts ‘’ to `&#x27;` instead of the previous equivalent decimal code `&#39;`.
• The `django-admin test -k` option now works as the `unittest -k` option rather than as a shortcut for `--keepdb`.
• Support for `pywatchman < 1.2.0` is removed.
• `urlencode()` now encodes iterable values as they are when `doseq=False`, rather than iterating them, bringing it into line with the standard library `urllib.parse.urlencode()` function.

• `intword` template filter now translates 1.0 as a singular phrase and all other numeric values as plural. This may be incorrect for some languages.

• Assigning a value to a model’s `ForeignKey` or `OneToOneField` ‘_id’ attribute now unsets the corresponding field. Accessing the field afterwards will result in a query.

• `patch_vary_headers()` now handles an asterisk ‘*’ according to RFC 7231#section-7.1.4, i.e. if a list of header field names contains an asterisk, then the Vary header will consist of a single asterisk ‘*’.

• On MySQL 8.0.16+, `PositiveIntegerField` and `PositiveSmallIntegerField` now include a check constraint to prevent negative values in the database.

• `alias=None` is added to the signature of `Expression.get_group_by_cols()`.

• RegexPattern, used by `re_path()`, no longer returns keyword arguments with None values to be passed to the view for the optional named groups that are missing.

**Features deprecated in 3.0**

`django.utils.encoding.force_text()` and `smart_text()`

The `smart_text()` and `force_text()` aliases (since Django 2.0) of `smart_str()` and `force_str()` are deprecated. Ignore this deprecation if your code supports Python 2 as the behavior of `smart_str()` and `force_str()` is different there.

**Miscellaneous**

• `django.utils.http.urlquote()`, `urlquote_plus()`, `urlunquote()`, and `urlunquote_plus()` are deprecated in favor of the functions that they’re aliases for: `urllib.parse.quote()`, `quote_plus()`, `unquote()`, and `unquote_plus()`.

• `django.utils.translation.ugettext()`, `ugettext_lazy()`, `ugettext_noop()`, `ungettext()`, and `ungettext_lazy()` are deprecated in favor of the functions that they’re aliases for: `django.utils.translation.gettext()`, `gettext_lazy()`, `gettext_noop()`, `ngettext()`, and `ngettext_lazy()`.

• To limit creation of sessions and hence favor some caching strategies, `django.views.i18n.set_language()` will stop setting the user’s language in the session in Django 4.0. Since Django 2.1, the language is always stored in the `LANGUAGE_COOKIE_NAME` cookie.

• `django.utils.text.unescape_entities()` is deprecated in favor of `html.unescape()`.

• To avoid possible confusion as to effective scope, the private internal utility `is_safe_url()` is renamed to `url_has_allowed_host_and_scheme()`. That a URL has an allowed host and scheme doesn’t in general imply that it’s “safe”. It may still be quoted incorrectly, for example. Ensure to also use `iri_to_uri()` on the path component of untrusted URLs.

**Features removed in 3.0**

These features have reached the end of their deprecation cycle and are removed in Django 3.0.

See **Features deprecated in 2.0** for details on these changes, including how to remove usage of these features.
• The `django.db.backends.postgresql_psycopg2` module is removed.
• `django.shortcuts.render_to_response()` is removed.
• The `DEFAULT_CONTENT_TYPE` setting is removed.
• `HttpRequest.xreadlines()` is removed.
• Support for the `context` argument of `Field.from_db_value()` and `Expression.convert_value()` is removed.
• The `field_name` keyword argument of `QuerySet.earliest()` and `latest()` is removed.

See `Features deprecated in 2.1` for details on these changes, including how to remove usage of these features.

• The `ForceRHR` GIS function is removed.
• `django.utils.http.cookie_date()` is removed.
• The `staticfiles` and `admin_static` template tag libraries are removed.
• `django.contrib.staticfiles.templatetags.staticfiles.static()` is removed.

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**Django 2.2.17 release notes**

*November 2, 2020*

Django 2.2.17 adds compatibility with Python 3.9.

**Django 2.2.16 release notes**

*September 1, 2020*

Django 2.2.16 fixes two security issues and two data loss bugs in 2.2.15.

**CVE-2020-24583: Incorrect permissions on intermediate-level directories on Python 3.7+**

On Python 3.7+, `FILE_UPLOAD_DIRECTORY_PERMISSIONS` mode was not applied to intermediate-level directories created in the process of uploading files and to intermediate-level collected static directories when using the `collectstatic` management command.

You should review and manually fix permissions on existing intermediate-level directories.

**CVE-2020-24584: Permission escalation in intermediate-level directories of the file system cache on Python 3.7+**

On Python 3.7+, the intermediate-level directories of the file system cache had the system’s standard umask rather than `0o077` (no group or others permissions).
Bugfixes

- Fixed a data loss possibility in the `select_for_update()`. When using related fields pointing to a proxy model in the `of` argument, the corresponding model was not locked (#31866).
- Fixed a data loss possibility, following a regression in Django 2.0, when copying model instances with a cached fields value (#31863).

Django 2.2.15 release notes

August 3, 2020

Django 2.2.15 fixes two bugs in 2.2.14.

Bugfixes

- Allowed setting the `SameSite` cookie flag in `HttpResponse.delete_cookie()` (#31790).
- Fixed crash when sending emails to addresses with display names longer than 75 chars on Python 3.6.11+, 3.7.8+, and 3.8.4+ (#31784).

Django 2.2.14 release notes

July 1, 2020

Django 2.2.14 fixes a bug in 2.2.13.

Bugfixes

- Fixed messages of `InvalidCacheKey` exceptions and `CacheKeyWarning` warnings raised by cache key validation (#31654).

Django 2.2.13 release notes

June 3, 2020

Django 2.2.13 fixes two security issues and a regression in 2.2.12.

CVE-2020-13254: Potential data leakage via malformed memcached keys

In cases where a memcached backend does not perform key validation, passing malformed cache keys could result in a key collision, and potential data leakage. In order to avoid this vulnerability, key validation is added to the memcached cache backends.

CVE-2020-13596: Possible XSS via admin `ForeignKeyRawIdWidget`

Query parameters for the admin `ForeignKeyRawIdWidget` were not properly URL encoded, posing an XSS attack vector. `ForeignKeyRawIdWidget` now ensures query parameters are correctly URL encoded.
Bugfixes

- Fixed a regression in Django 2.2.12 that affected translation loading for apps providing translations for territorial language variants as well as a generic language, where the project has different plural equations for the language (#31570).
- Tracking a jQuery security release, upgraded the version of jQuery used by the admin from 3.3.1 to 3.5.1.

Django 2.2.12 release notes

April 1, 2020

Django 2.2.12 fixes a bug in 2.2.11.

Bugfixes

- Added the ability to handle .po files containing different plural equations for the same language (#30439).

Django 2.2.11 release notes

March 4, 2020

Django 2.2.11 fixes a security issue and a data loss bug in 2.2.10.

CVE-2020-9402: Potential SQL injection via tolerance parameter in GIS functions and aggregates on Oracle

GIS functions and aggregates on Oracle were subject to SQL injection, using a suitably crafted tolerance.

Bugfixes

- Fixed a data loss possibility in the select_for_update(). When using related fields or parent link fields with Multi-table inheritance in the of argument, the corresponding models were not locked (#31246).

Django 2.2.10 release notes

February 3, 2020

Django 2.2.10 fixes a security issue in 2.2.9.

CVE-2020-7471: Potential SQL injection via StringAgg(delimiter)

StringAgg aggregation function was subject to SQL injection, using a suitably crafted delimiter.

Django 2.2.9 release notes

December 18, 2019

Django 2.2.9 fixes a security issue and a data loss bug in 2.2.8.
CVE-2019-19844: Potential account hijack via password reset form

By submitting a suitably crafted email address making use of Unicode characters, that compared equal to an existing user email when lower-cased for comparison, an attacker could be sent a password reset token for the matched account.

In order to avoid this vulnerability, password reset requests now compare the submitted email using the stricter, recommended algorithm for case-insensitive comparison of two identifiers from Unicode Technical Report 36, section 2.11.2(B)(2). Upon a match, the email containing the reset token will be sent to the email address on record rather than the submitted address.

Bugfixes

• Fixed a data loss possibility in `SplitArrayField`. When using with `ArrayField(BooleanField())`, all values after the first `True` value were marked as checked instead of preserving passed values (#31073).

Django 2.2.8 release notes

December 2, 2019

Django 2.2.8 fixes a security issue, several bugs in 2.2.7, and adds compatibility with Python 3.8.


Since Django 2.1, a Django model admin displaying a parent model with related model inlines, where the user has view-only permissions to a parent model but edit permissions to the inline model, would display a read-only view of the parent model but editable forms for the inline.

Submitting these forms would not allow direct edits to the parent model, but would trigger the parent model’s `save()` method, and cause pre and post-save signal handlers to be invoked. This is a privilege escalation as a user who lacks permission to edit a model should not be able to trigger its save-related signals.

To resolve this issue, the permission handling code of the Django admin interface has been changed. Now, if a user has only the “view” permission for a parent model, the entire displayed form will not be editable, even if the user has permission to edit models included in inlines.

This is a backwards-incompatible change, and the Django security team is aware that some users of Django were depending on the ability to allow editing of inlines in the admin form of an otherwise view-only parent model.

Given the complexity of the Django admin, and in-particular the permissions related checks, it is the view of the Django security team that this change was necessary: that it is not currently feasible to maintain the existing behavior whilst escaping the potential privilege escalation in a way that would avoid a recurrence of similar issues in the future, and that would be compatible with Django’s `safe by default` philosophy.

For the time being, developers whose applications are affected by this change should replace the use of inlines in read-only parents with custom forms and views that explicitly implement the desired functionality. In the longer term, adding a documented, supported, and properly-tested mechanism for partially-editable multi-model forms to the admin interface may occur in Django itself.

Bugfixes

• Fixed a data loss possibility in the admin changelist view when a custom `formset’s prefix` contains regular expression special characters, e.g. ‘$’ (#31031).
• Fixed a regression in Django 2.2.1 that caused a crash when migrating permissions for proxy models with a multiple database setup if the default entry was empty (#31021).
• Fixed a data loss possibility in the `select_for_update()`. When using 'self' in the of argument with `multi-table inheritance`, a parent model was locked instead of the queryset’s model (#30953).

**Django 2.2.7 release notes**

*November 4, 2019*

Django 2.2.7 fixes several bugs in 2.2.6.

**Bugfixes**

• Fixed a crash when using a `contains`, `contained_by`, `has_key`, `has_keys`, or `has_any_keys` lookup on `JSONField`, if the right or left hand side of an expression is a key transform (#30826).
• Prevented `migrate --plan` from showing that `RunPython` operations are irreversible when `reverse_code` callables don’t have docstrings or when showing a forward migration plan (#30870).
• Fixed migrations crash on PostgreSQL when adding an `Index` with fields ordering and `opclasses` (#30903).
• Restored the ability to override `get_FOO_display()` (#30931).

**Django 2.2.6 release notes**

*October 1, 2019*

Django 2.2.6 fixes several bugs in 2.2.5.

**Bugfixes**

• Fixed migrations crash on SQLite when altering a model containing partial indexes (#30754).
• Fixed a regression in Django 2.2.4 that caused a crash when filtering with a `Subquery()` annotation of a queryset containing `JSONField` or `HStoreField` (#30769).

**Django 2.2.5 release notes**

*September 2, 2019*

Django 2.2.5 fixes several bugs in 2.2.4.

**Bugfixes**

• Relaxed the system check added in Django 2.2 for models to reallow use of the same `db_table` by multiple models when database routers are installed (#30673).
• Fixed crash of `KeyTransform()` for `JSONField` and `HStoreField` when using on expressions with params (#30672).
• Fixed a regression in Django 2.2 where `ModelAdmin.list_filter` choices to foreign objects don’t respect a model’s `Meta.ordering` (#30449).
Django 2.2.4 release notes

August 1, 2019

Django 2.2.4 fixes security issues and several bugs in 2.2.3.

CVE-2019-14232: Denial-of-service possibility in django.utils.text.Truncator

If django.utils.text.Truncator's chars() and words() methods were passed the html=True argument, they were extremely slow to evaluate certain inputs due to a catastrophic backtracking vulnerability in a regular expression. The chars() and words() methods are used to implement the truncatechars_html and truncatewords_html template filters, which were thus vulnerable.

The regular expressions used by Truncator have been simplified in order to avoid potential backtracking issues. As a consequence, trailing punctuation may now at times be included in the truncated output.

CVE-2019-14233: Denial-of-service possibility in strip_tags()

Due to the behavior of the underlying HTMLParser, django.utils.html.strip_tags() would be extremely slow to evaluate certain inputs containing large sequences of nested incomplete HTML entities. The strip_tags() method is used to implement the corresponding striptags template filter, which was thus also vulnerable.

strip_tags() now avoids recursive calls to HTMLParser when progress removing tags, but necessarily incomplete HTML entities, stops being made.

Remember that absolutely NO guarantee is provided about the results of strip_tags() being HTML safe. So NEVER mark safe the result of a strip_tags() call without escaping it first, for example with django.utils.html.escape().

CVE-2019-14234: SQL injection possibility in key and index lookups for JSONField/HStoreField

Key and index lookups for JSONField and key lookups for HStoreField were subject to SQL injection, using a suitably crafted dictionary, with dictionary expansion, as the **kwargs passed to QuerySet. filter().

CVE-2019-14235: Potential memory exhaustion in django.utils.encoding.uri_to_iri()

If passed certain inputs, django.utils.encoding.uri_to_iri() could lead to significant memory usage due to excessive recursion when re-percent-encoding invalid UTF-8 octet sequences.

uri_to_iri() now avoids recursion when re-percent-encoding invalid UTF-8 octet sequences.

Bugfixes

- Fixed a regression in Django 2.2 when ordering a QuerySet.union(), intersection(), or difference() by a field type present more than once results in the wrong ordering being used (#30628).
- Fixed a migration crash on PostgreSQL when adding a check constraint with a contains lookup on DateRangeField or DateTimeRangeField, if the right hand side of an expression is the same type (#30621).
• Fixed a regression in Django 2.2 where auto-reloader crashes if a file path contains nulls characters ('\x00') (#30506).

• Fixed a regression in Django 2.2 where auto-reloader crashes if a translation directory cannot be resolved (#30647).

Django 2.2.3 release notes

July 1, 2019

Django 2.2.3 fixes a security issue and several bugs in 2.2.2. Also, the latest string translations from Transifex are incorporated.

CVE-2019-12781: Incorrect HTTP detection with reverse-proxy connecting via HTTPS

When deployed behind a reverse-proxy connecting to Django via HTTPS, `django.http.HttpRequest.scheme` would incorrectly detect client requests made via HTTP as using HTTPS. This entails incorrect results for `is_secure()`, and `build_absolute_uri()`, and that HTTP requests would not be redirected to HTTPS in accordance with `SECURE_SSL_REDIRECT`.

HttpRequest.scheme now respects `SECURE_PROXY_SSL_HEADER`, if it is configured, and the appropriate header is set on the request, for both HTTP and HTTPS requests.

If you deploy Django behind a reverse-proxy that forwards HTTP requests, and that connects to Django via HTTPS, be sure to verify that your application correctly handles code paths relying on `scheme`, `is_secure()`, `build_absolute_uri()`, and `SECURE_SSL_REDIRECT`.

Bugfixes

• Fixed a regression in Django 2.2 where `Avg`, `StdDev`, and `Variance` crash with filter argument (#30542).

• Fixed a regression in Django 2.2.2 where auto-reloader crashes with `AttributeError`, e.g. when using `ipdb` (#30588).

Django 2.2.2 release notes

June 3, 2019

Django 2.2.2 fixes security issues and several bugs in 2.2.1.

CVE-2019-12308: AdminURLFieldWidget XSS

The clickable “Current URL” link generated by `AdminURLFieldWidget` displayed the provided value without validating it as a safe URL. Thus, an unvalidated value stored in the database, or a value provided as a URL query parameter payload, could result in an clickable JavaScript link.

`AdminURLFieldWidget` now validates the provided value using `URLValidator` before displaying the clickable link. You may customize the validator by passing a `validator_class` kwarg to `AdminURLFieldWidget.__init__()`, e.g. when using `formfieldOverrides`.
Patched bundled jQuery for CVE-2019-11358: Prototype pollution

jQuery before 3.4.0, mishandles \texttt{jQuery.extend(true,{},...)} because of \texttt{Object.prototype} pollution. If an unsanitized source object contained an enumerable \texttt{__proto__} property, it could extend the native \texttt{Object.prototype}.

The bundled version of jQuery used by the Django admin has been patched to allow for the \texttt{select2} library’s use of \texttt{jQuery.extend()}. 

Bugfixes

- Fixed a regression in Django 2.2 that stopped Show/Hide toggles working on dynamically added admin inlines (#30459).
- Fixed a regression in Django 2.2 where deprecation message crashes if \texttt{Meta.ordering} contains an expression (#30463).
- Fixed a regression in Django 2.2.1 where \texttt{SearchVector} generates SQL with a redundant \texttt{Coalesce} call (#30488).
- Fixed a regression in Django 2.2 where auto-reloader doesn’t detect changes in \texttt{manage.py} file when using \texttt{StatReloader} (#30479).
- Fixed crash of \texttt{ArrayAgg} and \texttt{StringAgg} with \texttt{ordering} argument when used in a \texttt{Subquery} (#30315).
- Fixed a regression in Django 2.2 that caused a crash of auto-reloader when an exception with custom signature is raised (#30516).
- Fixed a regression in Django 2.2.1 where auto-reloader unnecessarily reloads translation files multiple times when using \texttt{StatReloader} (#30523).

Django 2.2.1 release notes

\textit{May 1, 2019}

Django 2.2.1 fixes several bugs in 2.2.

Bugfixes

- Fixed a regression in Django 2.1 that caused the incorrect quoting of database user password when using \texttt{dbshell} on Oracle (#30307).
- Added compatibility for \texttt{psycopg2} 2.8 (#30331).
- Fixed a regression in Django 2.2 that caused a crash when loading the template for the technical 500 debug page (#30324).
- Fixed crash of \texttt{ordering} argument in \texttt{ArrayAgg} and \texttt{StringAgg} when it contains an expression with \texttt{params} (#30332).
- Fixed a regression in Django 2.2 that caused a single instance fast-delete to not set the primary key to \texttt{None} (#30330).
- Prevented \texttt{makemigrations} from generating infinite migrations for check constraints and partial indexes when \texttt{condition} contains a \texttt{range} object (#30350).
- Reverted an optimization in Django 2.2 (#29725) that caused the inconsistent behavior of \texttt{count()} and \texttt{exists()} on a reverse many-to-many relationship with a custom manager (#30325).
• Fixed a regression in Django 2.2 where Paginator crashes if object_list is a queryset ordered or aggregated over a nested JSONField key transform (#30335).

• Fixed a regression in Django 2.2 where IntegerField validation of database limits crashes if limit_value attribute in a custom validator is callable (#30328).

• Fixed a regression in Django 2.2 where SearchVector generates SQL that is not indexable (#30385).

• Fixed a regression in Django 2.2 that caused an exception to be raised when a custom error handler could not be imported (#30318).

• Relaxed the system check added in Django 2.2 for the admin app’s dependencies to reallow use of SessionMiddleware subclasses, rather than requiring django.contrib.sessions to be in INSTALLED_APPS (#30312).

• Increased the default timeout when using Watchman to 5 seconds to prevent falling back to StatReloader on larger projects and made it customizable via the DJANGO_WATCHMAN_TIMEOUT environment variable (#30361).

• Fixed a regression in Django 2.2 that caused a crash when migrating permissions for proxy models if the target permissions already existed. For example, when a permission had been created manually or a model had been migrated from concrete to proxy (#30351).

• Fixed a regression in Django 2.2 that caused a crash of runserver when URLConf modules raised exceptions (#30323).

• Fixed a regression in Django 2.2 where changes were not reliably detected by auto-reloader when using StatReloader (#30323).

• Fixed a migration crash on Oracle and PostgreSQL when adding a check constraint with a contains, startswith, or endswith lookup (or their case-insensitive variant) (#30408).

• Fixed a migration crash on Oracle and SQLite when adding a check constraint with condition contains | (OR) operator (#30412).

Django 2.2 release notes

April 1, 2019

Welcome to Django 2.2!

These release notes cover the new features, as well as some backwards incompatible changes you’ll want to be aware of when upgrading from Django 2.1 or earlier. We’ve begun the deprecation process for some features.

See the Upgrading Django to a newer version guide if you’re updating an existing project.

Django 2.2 is designated as a long-term support release. It will receive security updates for at least three years after its release. Support for the previous LTS, Django 1.11, will end in April 2020.

Python compatibility

Django 2.2 supports Python 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8 (as of 2.2.8), and 3.9 (as of 2.2.17). We highly recommend and only officially support the latest release of each series.

What’s new in Django 2.2
Constraints

The new CheckConstraint and UniqueConstraint classes enable adding custom database constraints. Constraints are added to models using the Meta.constraints option.

Minor features

django.contrib.admin

- Added a CSS class to the column headers of TabularInline.

django.contrib.auth

- The HttpRequest is now passed as the first positional argument to RemoteUserBackend.configure_user(), if it accepts it.

django.contrib.gis

- Added Oracle support for the Envelope function.
- Added SpatiaLite support for the coveredby and covers lookups.

django.contrib.postgres

- The new ordering argument for ArrayAgg and StringAgg determines the ordering of the aggregated elements.
- The new BTreeIndex, HashIndex and SpGistIndex classes allow creating B-Tree, hash, and SP-GiST indexes in the database.
- BrinIndex now has the autosummarize parameter.
- The new search_type parameter of SearchQuery allows searching for a phrase or raw expression.

django.contrib.staticfiles

- Added path matching to the collectstatic --ignore option so that patterns like /vendor/*.js can be used.

Database backends

- Added result streaming for QuerySet.iterator() on SQLite.

Generic Views

- The new View.setup hook initializes view attributes before calling dispatch(). It allows mixins to setup instance attributes for reuse in child classes.
Internationalization

- Added support and translations for the Armenian language.

Management Commands

- The new `--force-color` option forces colorization of the command output.
- `inspectdb` now creates models for foreign tables on PostgreSQL.
- `inspectdb --include-views` now creates models for materialized views on Oracle and PostgreSQL.
- The new `inspectdb --include-partitions` option allows creating models for partition tables on PostgreSQL. In older versions, models are created child tables instead the parent.
- `inspectdb` now introspects `DurationField` for Oracle and PostgreSQL, and `AutoField` for SQLite.
- On Oracle, `dbshell` is wrapped with `rlwrap`, if available. `rlwrap` provides a command history and editing of keyboard input.
- The new `makemigrations --no-header` option avoids writing header comments in generated migration file(s). This option is also available for `squashmigrations`.
- `runserver` can now use Watchman to improve the performance of watching a large number of files for changes.

Migrations

- The new `migrate --plan` option prints the list of migration operations that will be performed.
- `NoneType` can now be serialized in migrations.
- You can now register custom serializers for migrations.

Models

- Added support for PostgreSQL operator classes (`Index.opclasses`).
- Added support for partial indexes (`Index.condition`).
- Added the `NullIf` and `Reverse` database functions, as well as many math database functions.
- Setting the new `ignore_conflicts` parameter of `QuerySet.bulk_create()` to True tells the database to ignore failure to insert rows that fail uniqueness constraints or other checks.
- The new `ExtractIsoYear` function extracts ISO-8601 week-numbering years from `DateField` and `DateTimeField`, and the new `iso_year` lookup allows querying by an ISO-8601 week-numbering year.
- The new `QuerySet.bulk_update()` method allows efficiently updating specific fields on multiple model instances.
- Django no longer always starts a transaction when a single query is being performed, such as `Model.save()`, `QuerySet.update()`, and `Model.delete()`. This improves the performance of autocommit by reducing the number of database round trips.
- Added SQLite support for the `StdDev` and `Variance` functions.
• The handling of DISTINCT aggregation is added to the `Aggregate` class. Adding `allow_distinct = True` as a class attribute on `Aggregate` subclasses allows a `distinct` keyword argument to be specified on initialization to ensure that the aggregate function is only called for each distinct value of expressions.

• The `RelatedManager.add()`, `create()`, `remove()`, `set()`, `get_or_create()`, and `update_or_create()` methods are now allowed on many-to-many relationships with intermediate models. The new `through_defaults` argument is used to specify values for new intermediate model instance(s).

Requests and Responses

• Added `HttpRequest.headers` to allow simple access to a request’s headers.

Serialization

• You can now deserialize data using natural keys containing `forward references` by passing `handle_forward_references=True` to `serializers.deserialize()`. Additionally, `loaddata` handles forward references automatically.

Tests

• The new `SimpleTestCase.assertURLEqual()` assertion checks for a given URL, ignoring the ordering of the query string. `assertRedirects()` uses the new assertion.

• The test `Client` now supports automatic JSON serialization of list and tuple data when `content_type='application/json'`.

• The new `ORACLE_MANAGED_FILES` test database setting allows using Oracle Managed Files (OMF) tablespaces.

• Deferrable database constraints are now checked at the end of each `TestCase` test on SQLite 3.20+, just like on other backends that support deferrable constraints. These checks aren’t implemented for older versions of SQLite because they would require expensive table introspection there.

• `DiscoverRunner` now skips the setup of databases not referenced by tests.

URLs

• The new `ResolverMatch.route` attribute stores the route of the matching URL pattern.

Validators

• `MaxValueValidator`, `MinValueValidator`, `MinLengthValidator`, and `MaxLengthValidator` now accept a callable `limit_value`.

Backwards incompatible changes in 2.2

Database backend API

This section describes changes that may be needed in third-party database backends.
• Third-party database backends must implement support for table check constraints or set `DatabaseFeatures.supports_table_check_constraints` to `False`.

• Third-party database backends must implement support for ignoring constraints or uniqueness errors while inserting or set `DatabaseFeatures.supports_ignore_conflicts` to `False`.

• Third-party database backends must implement introspection for `DurationField` or set `DatabaseFeatures.can_introspect_duration_field` to `False`.

• `DatabaseFeatures.uses_savepoints` now defaults to `True`.

• Third-party database backends must implement support for partial indexes or set `DatabaseFeatures.supports_partial_indexes` to `False`.

• `DatabaseIntrospection.table_name_converter()` and `column_name_converter()` are removed. Third-party database backends may need to instead implement `DatabaseIntrospection.identifier_converter()`. In that case, the constraint names that `DatabaseIntrospection.get_constraints()` returns must be normalized by `identifier_converter()`.

• SQL generation for indexes is moved from `Index` to `SchemaEditor` and these `SchemaEditor` methods are added:
  - `_create_primary_key_sql()` and `_delete_primary_key_sql()`
  - `_delete_index_sql()` (to pair with `_create_index_sql()`)
  - `_delete_unique_sql` (to pair with `_create_unique_sql()`)
  - `_delete_fk_sql()` (to pair with `_create_fk_sql()`)
  - `_create_check_sql()` and `_delete_check_sql()`

• The third argument of `DatabaseWrapper.__init__()`, `allow_thread_sharing`, is removed.

**Admin actions are no longer collected from base ModelAdmin classes**

For example, in older versions of Django:

```python
from django.contrib import admin

class BaseAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    actions = ['a']

class SubAdmin(BaseAdmin):
    actions = ['b']
```

SubAdmin would have actions 'a' and 'b'.

Now `actions` follows standard Python inheritance. To get the same result as before:

```python
class SubAdmin(BaseAdmin):
    actions = BaseAdmin.actions + ['b']
```

**django.contrib.gis**

• Support for GDAL 1.9 and 1.10 is dropped.
**TransactionTestCase serialized data loading**

Initial data migrations are now loaded in `TransactionTestCase` at the end of the test, after the database flush. In older versions, this data was loaded at the beginning of the test, but this prevents the `test --keepdb` option from working properly (the database was empty at the end of the whole test suite). This change shouldn’t have an impact on your tests unless you’ve customized `TransactionTestCase`'s internals.

**sqlparse is required dependency**

To simplify a few parts of Django’s database handling, `sqlparse 0.2.2+` is now a required dependency. It’s automatically installed along with Django.

**cached_property aliases**

In usage like:

```python
from django.utils.functional import cached_property

class A:
    @cached_property
def base(self):
        return ...

    alias = base
```

`alias` is not cached. Where the problem can be detected (Python 3.6 and later), such usage now raises `TypeError: Cannot assign the same cached_property to two different names ('base' and 'alias').`

Use this instead:

```python
import operator
class A:
    ...

    alias = property(operator.attrgetter('base'))
```

**Permissions for proxy models**

Permissions for proxy models are now created using the content type of the proxy model rather than the content type of the concrete model. A migration will update existing permissions when you run `migrate`.

In the admin, the change is transparent for proxy models having the same `app_label` as their concrete model. However, in older versions, users with permissions for a proxy model with a different `app_label` than its concrete model couldn’t access the model in the admin. That’s now fixed, but you might want to audit the permissions assignments for such proxy models ([add|view|change|delete]_myproxy) prior to upgrading to ensure the new access is appropriate.

Finally, proxy model permission strings must be updated to use their own `app_label`. For example, for `app.MyProxyModel` inheriting from `other_app.ConcreteModel`, update `user.has_perm('other_app.add_myproxymodel')` to `user.has_perm('app.add_myproxymodel')`. 
Merging of form Media assets

Form Media assets are now merged using a topological sort algorithm, as the old pairwise merging algorithm is insufficient for some cases. CSS and JavaScript files which don’t include their dependencies may now be sorted incorrectly (where the old algorithm produced results correctly by coincidence).

Audit all Media classes for any missing dependencies. For example, widgets depending on django.jQuery must specify js=['admin/js/jquery.init.js', ...] when declaring form media assets.

Miscellaneous

- To improve readability, the UUIDField form field now displays values with dashes, e.g. 550e8400-e29b-41d4-a716-446655440000 instead of 550e8400e29b41d4a716446655440000.
- On SQLite, PositiveIntegerField and PositiveSmallIntegerField now include a check constraint to prevent negative values in the database. If you have existing invalid data and run a migration that recreates a table, you’ll see CHECK constraint failed.
- For consistency with WSGI servers, the test client now sets the Content-Length header to a string rather than an integer.
- The return value of django.utils.text.slugify() is no longer marked as HTML safe.
- The default truncation character used by the urllizetrunc, truncatechars, truncatechars_html, truncatewords, and truncatewords_html template filters is now the real ellipsis character (…) instead of 3 dots. You may have to adapt some test output comparisons.
- Support for bytestring paths in the template filesystem loader is removed.
- django.utils.http.urlsafe_base64_encode() now returns a string instead of a bytestring, and django.utils.http.urlsafe_base64_decode() may no longer be passed a bytestring.
- Support for cx_Oracle < 6.0 is removed.
- The minimum supported version of mysqlclient is increased from 1.3.7 to 1.3.13.
- The minimum supported version of SQLite is increased from 3.7.15 to 3.8.3.
- In an attempt to provide more semantic query data, NullBooleanSelect now renders <option> values of unknown, true, and false instead of 1, 2, and 3. For backwards compatibility, the old values are still accepted as data.
- Group.name max_length is increased from 80 to 150 characters.
- Tests that violate deferrable database constraints now error when run on SQLite 3.20+, just like on other back-ends that support such constraints.
- To catch usage mistakes, the test Client and django.utils.httpurlencode() now raise TypeError if None is passed as a value to encode because None can’t be encoded in GET and POST data. Either pass an empty string or omit the value.
- The ping_google management command now defaults to https instead of http for the sitemap’s URL. If your site uses http, use the new ping_google --sitemap-uses-http option. If you use the ping_google() function, set the new sitemap_uses_https argument to False.
- runserver no longer supports pyinotify (replaced by Watchman).
- The Avg, StdDev, and Variance aggregate functions now return a Decimal instead of a float when the input is Decimal.
• Tests will fail on SQLite if apps without migrations have relations to apps with migrations. This has been a documented restriction since migrations were added in Django 1.7, but it fails more reliably now. You’ll see tests failing with errors like no such table: `<app_label>_<model>`. This was observed with several third-party apps that had models in tests without migrations. You must add migrations for such models.

• Providing an integer in the key argument of the `cache.delete()` or `cache.get()` now raises `ValueError`.

• Plural equations for some languages are changed, because the latest versions from Transifex are incorporated.

**Note:** The ability to handle `.po` files containing different plural equations for the same language was added in Django 2.2.12.

## Features deprecated in 2.2

### Model Meta.ordering will no longer affect GROUP BY queries

A model's `Meta.ordering` affecting GROUP BY queries (such as `.annotate().values()`) is a common source of confusion. Such queries now issue a deprecation warning with the advice to add an `order_by()` to retain the current query. `Meta.ordering` will be ignored in such queries starting in Django 3.1.

### Miscellaneous

• `django.utils.timezone.FixedOffset` is deprecated in favor of `datetime.timezone`.

• The undocumented `QuerySetPaginator` alias of `django.core.paginator.Paginator` is deprecated.

• The `FloatRangeField` model and form fields in `django.contrib.postgres` are deprecated in favor of a new name, `DecimalRangeField`, to match the underlying `numrange` data type used in the database.

• The `FILE_CHARSET` setting is deprecated. Starting with Django 3.1, files read from disk must be UTF-8 encoded.

• `django.contrib.staticfiles.storage.CachedStaticFilesStorage` is deprecated due to the intractable problems that it has. Use `ManifestStaticFilesStorage` or a third-party cloud storage instead.

• `RemoteUserBackend.configure_user()` is now passed `request` as the first positional argument, if it accepts it. Support for overrides that don’t accept it will be removed in Django 3.1.

• The `SimpleTestCase.allow_database_queries`, `TransactionTestCase.multi_db`, and `TestCase.multi_db` attributes are deprecated in favor of `SimpleTestCase.databases`, `TransactionTestCase.databases`, and `TestCase.databases`. These new attributes allow databases dependencies to be declared in order to prevent unexpected queries against non-default databases to leak state between tests. The previous behavior of `allow_database_queries=True` and `multi_db=True` can be achieved by setting `databases='__all__'`.

## 9.1.4 2.1 release

**Django 2.1.15 release notes**

*December 2, 2019*
Django 2.1.15 fixes a security issue and a data loss bug in 2.1.14.

**CVE-2019-19118: Privilege escalation in the Django admin.**

Since Django 2.1, a Django model admin displaying a parent model with related model inlines, where the user has view-only permissions to a parent model but edit permissions to the inline model, would display a read-only view of the parent model but editable forms for the inline.

Submitting these forms would not allow direct edits to the parent model, but would trigger the parent model’s `save()` method, and cause pre and post-save signal handlers to be invoked. This is a privilege escalation as a user who lacks permission to edit a model should not be able to trigger its save-related signals.

To resolve this issue, the permission handling code of the Django admin interface has been changed. Now, if a user has only the “view” permission for a parent model, the entire displayed form will not be editable, even if the user has permission to edit models included in inlines.

This is a backwards-incompatible change, and the Django security team is aware that some users of Django were depending on the ability to editing inlines in the admin form of an otherwise view-only parent model.

Given the complexity of the Django admin, and in particular the permissions related checks, it is the view of the Django security team that this change was necessary: that it is not currently feasible to maintain the existing behavior whilst escaping the potential privilege escalation in a way that would avoid a recurrence of similar issues in the future, and that would be compatible with Django’s *safe by default* philosophy.

For the time being, developers whose applications are affected by this change should replace the use of inlines in read-only parents with custom forms and views that explicitly implement the desired functionality. In the longer term, adding a documented, supported, and properly-tested mechanism for partially-editable multi-model forms to the admin interface may occur in Django itself.

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed a data loss possibility in the `select_for_update()`. When using `self` in the `of` argument with multi-table inheritance, a parent model was locked instead of the queryset’s model (#30953).

**Django 2.1.14 release notes**

*November 4, 2019*

Django 2.1.14 fixes a regression in 2.1.13.

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed a crash when using `contains`, `contained_by`, `has_key`, `has_keys`, or `has_any_keys` lookup on `JSONField`, if the right or left hand side of an expression is a key transform (#30826).

**Django 2.1.13 release notes**

*October 1, 2019*

Django 2.1.13 fixes a regression in 2.1.11.
Bugfixes

• Fixed a crash when filtering with a Subquery() annotation of a queryset containing JSONField or HStoreField (#30769).

Django 2.1.12 release notes

September 2, 2019

Django 2.1.12 fixes a regression in 2.1.11.

Bugfixes

• Fixed crash of KeyTransform() for JSONField and HStoreField when using on expressions with params (#30672).

Django 2.1.11 release notes

August 1, 2019

Django 2.1.11 fixes security issues in 2.1.10.

CVE-2019-14232: Denial-of-service possibility in django.utils.text.Truncator

If django.utils.text.Truncator’s chars() and words() methods were passed the html=True argument, they were extremely slow to evaluate certain inputs due to a catastrophic backtracking vulnerability in a regular expression. The chars() and words() methods are used to implement the truncatechars_html and truncatetwords_html template filters, which were thus vulnerable.

The regular expressions used by Truncator have been simplified in order to avoid potential backtracking issues. As a consequence, trailing punctuation may now at times be included in the truncated output.

CVE-2019-14233: Denial-of-service possibility in strip_tags()

Due to the behavior of the underlying HTMLParser, django.utils.html.strip_tags() would be extremely slow to evaluate certain inputs containing large sequences of nested incomplete HTML entities. The strip_tags() method is used to implement the corresponding striptags template filter, which was thus also vulnerable.

strip_tags() now avoids recursive calls to HTMLParser when progress removing tags, but necessarily incomplete HTML entities, stops being made.

Remember that absolutely NO guarantee is provided about the results of strip_tags() being HTML safe. So NEVER mark safe the result of a strip_tags() call without escaping it first, for example with django.utils.html.escape().

CVE-2019-14234: SQL injection possibility in key and index lookups for JSONField/HStoreField

Key and index lookups for JSONField and key lookups for HStoreField were subject to SQL injection, using a suitably crafted dictionary, with dictionary expansion, as the **kwargs passed to QuerySet.filter().
CVE-2019-14235: Potential memory exhaustion in `django.utils.encoding.uri_to_iri()`

If passed certain inputs, `django.utils.encoding.uri_to_iri()` could lead to significant memory usage due to excessive recursion when re-percent-encoding invalid UTF-8 octet sequences.

`uri_to_iri()` now avoids recursion when re-percent-encoding invalid UTF-8 octet sequences.

Django 2.1.10 release notes

July 1, 2019

Django 2.1.10 fixes a security issue in 2.1.9.

CVE-2019-12781: Incorrect HTTP detection with reverse-proxy connecting via HTTPS

When deployed behind a reverse-proxy connecting to Django via HTTPS, `django.http.HttpRequest.scheme` would incorrectly detect client requests made via HTTP as using HTTPS. This entails incorrect results for `is_secure()`, and `build_absolute_uri()`, and that HTTP requests would not be redirected to HTTPS in accordance with `SECURE_SSL_REDIRECT`.

`HttpRequest.scheme` now respects `SECURE_PROXY_SSL_HEADER`, if it is configured, and the appropriate header is set on the request, for both HTTP and HTTPS requests.

If you deploy Django behind a reverse-proxy that forwards HTTP requests, and that connects to Django via HTTPS, be sure to verify that your application correctly handles code paths relying on `scheme`, `is_secure()`, `build_absolute_uri()`, and `SECURE_SSL_REDIRECT`.

Django 2.1.9 release notes

June 3, 2019

Django 2.1.9 fixes security issues in 2.1.8.

CVE-2019-12308: AdminURLFieldWidget XSS

The clickable “Current URL” link generated by `AdminURLFieldWidget` displayed the provided value without validating it as a safe URL. Thus, an unvalidated value stored in the database, or a value provided as a URL query parameter payload, could result in an clickable JavaScript link.

`AdminURLFieldWidget` now validates the provided value using `URLValidator` before displaying the clickable link. You may customize the validator by passing a `validator_class` kwarg to `AdminURLFieldWidget.__init__()`, e.g. when using `formfield_overrides`.

Patched bundled jQuery for CVE-2019-11358: Prototype pollution

jQuery before 3.4.0, mishandles `jQuery.extend(true, {}, ...) because of Object.prototype pollution. If an unsanitized source object contained an enumerable `__proto__` property, it could extend the native `Object.prototype`.

The bundled version of jQuery used by the Django admin has been patched to allow for the `select2` library’s use of `jQuery.extend()`. 
**Django 2.1.8 release notes**

*April 1, 2019*

Django 2.1.8 fixes a bug in 2.1.7.

**Bugfixes**

- Prevented admin inlines for a `ManyToManyField`'s implicit through model from being editable if the user only has the view permission (#30289).

**Django 2.1.7 release notes**

*February 11, 2019*

Django 2.1.7 fixes a packaging error in 2.1.6.

**Bugfixes**

- Corrected packaging error from 2.1.6 (#30175).

**Django 2.1.6 release notes**

*February 11, 2019*

Django 2.1.6 fixes a security issue and a bug in 2.1.5.

**CVE-2019-6975: Memory exhaustion in `django.utils.numberformat.format()`**

If `django.utils.numberformat.format()` – used by `contrib.admin` as well as the `floatformat`, `filesizeformat`, and `intcomma` templates filters – received a `Decimal` with a large number of digits or a large exponent, it could lead to significant memory usage due to a call to `'{:f}'.format()`.

To avoid this, decimals with more than 200 digits are now formatted using scientific notation.

**Bugfixes**

- Made the `obj` argument of `InlineModelAdmin.has_add_permission()` optional to restore backwards compatibility with third-party code that doesn’t provide it (#30097).

**Django 2.1.5 release notes**

*January 4, 2019*

Django 2.1.5 fixes a security issue and several bugs in 2.1.4.
CVE-2019-3498: Content spoofing possibility in the default 404 page

An attacker could craft a malicious URL that could make spoofed content appear on the default page generated by the `django.views.defaults.page_not_found()` view.

The URL path is no longer displayed in the default 404 template and the `request_path` context variable is now quoted to fix the issue for custom templates that use the path.

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed compatibility with mysqlclient 1.3.14 (#30013).
- Fixed a schema corruption issue on SQLite 3.26+. You might have to drop and rebuild your SQLite database if you applied a migration while using an older version of Django with SQLite 3.26 or later (#29182).
- Prevented SQLite schema alterations while foreign key checks are enabled to avoid the possibility of schema corruption (#30023).
- Fixed a regression in Django 2.1.4 (which enabled keep-alive connections) where request body data isn’t properly consumed for such connections (#30015).
- Fixed a regression in Django 2.1.4 where `InlineModelAdmin.has_change_permission()` is incorrectly called with a non-None `obj` argument during an object add (#30050).

**Django 2.1.4 release notes**

*December 3, 2018*

Django 2.1.4 fixes several bugs in 2.1.3.

**Bugfixes**

- Corrected the default password list that `CommonPasswordValidator` uses by lowercasing all passwords to match the format expected by the validator (#29952).
- Prevented repetitive calls to `geos_version_tuple()` in the `WKBWriter` class in an attempt to fix a random crash involving `LooseVersion` (#29959).
- Fixed keep-alive support in `runserver` after it was disabled to fix another issue in Django 2.0 (#29849).
- Fixed admin view-only change form crash when using `ModelAdmin.prepopulated_fields` (#29929).
- Fixed “Please correct the errors below” error message when editing an object in the admin if the user only has the “view” permission on inlines (#29930).

**Django 2.1.3 release notes**

*November 1, 2018*

Django 2.1.3 fixes several bugs in 2.1.2.
Bugfixes

- Fixed a regression in Django 2.0 where combining `Q` objects with `__in` lookups and lists crashed (#29838).
- Fixed a regression in Django 1.11 where `django-admin shell` may hang on startup (#29774).
- Fixed a regression in Django 2.0 where test databases aren’t reused with `manage.py test --keepdb` on MySQL (#29827).
- Fixed a regression where cached foreign keys that use `to_field` were incorrectly cleared in `Model.save()` (#29896).
- Fixed a regression in Django 2.0 where `FileSystemStorage` crashes with `FileExistsError` if concurrent saves try to create the same directory (#29890).

Django 2.1.2 release notes

October 1, 2018

Django 2.1.2 fixes a security issue and several bugs in 2.1.1. Also, the latest string translations from Transifex are incorporated.

CVE-2018-16984: Password hash disclosure to “view only” admin users

If an admin user has the change permission to the user model, only part of the password hash is displayed in the change form. Admin users with the view (but not change) permission to the user model were displayed the entire hash. While it’s typically infeasible to reverse a strong password hash, if your site uses weaker password hashing algorithms such as MD5 or SHA1, it could be a problem.

Bugfixes

- Fixed a regression where nonexistent joins in `F()` no longer raised `FieldError` (#29727).
- Fixed a regression where files starting with a tilde or underscore weren’t ignored by the migrations loader (#29749).
- Made migrations detect changes to `Meta.default_related_name` (#29755).
- Added compatibility for `cx_Oracle` 7 (#29759).
- Fixed a regression in Django 2.0 where unique index names weren’t quoted (#29778).
- Fixed a regression where sliced queries with multiple columns with the same name crashed on Oracle 12.1 (#29630).
- Fixed a crash when a user with the view (but not change) permission made a POST request to an admin user change form (#29809).

Django 2.1.1 release notes

August 31, 2018

Django 2.1.1 fixes several bugs in 2.1.
Bugfixes

- Fixed a race condition in `QuerySet.update_or_create()` that could result in data loss (#29499).
- Fixed a regression where `QueryDict.urlencode()` crashed if the dictionary contains a non-string value (#29627).
- Fixed a regression in Django 2.0 where using `manage.py test --keepdb` fails on PostgreSQL if the database exists and the user doesn’t have permission to create databases (#29613).
- Fixed a regression in Django 2.0 where combining `Q` objects with `__in` lookups and lists crashed (#29643).
- Fixed translation failure of `DurationField`’s “overflow” error message (#29623).
- Fixed a regression where the admin change form crashed if the user doesn’t have the ‘add’ permission to a model that uses `TabularInline` (#29637).
- Fixed a regression where a `related_query_name` reverse accessor wasn’t set up when a `GenericRelation` is declared on an abstract base model (#29653).
- Fixed the test client’s JSON serialization of a request data dictionary for structured content type suffixes (#29662).
- Made the admin change view redirect to the changelist view after a POST if the user has the ‘view’ permission (#29663).
- Fixed admin change view crash for view-only users if the form has an extra form field (#29682).
- Fixed a regression in Django 2.0.5 where `QuerySet.values()` or `values_list()` after combining querysets with `extra()` with `union()`, `difference()`, or `intersection()` crashed due to mismatching columns (#29694).
- Fixed crash if `InlineModelAdmin.has_add_permission()` doesn’t accept the `obj` argument (#29723).

Django 2.1 release notes

August 1, 2018

Welcome to Django 2.1!

These release notes cover the new features, as well as some backwards incompatible changes you’ll want to be aware of when upgrading from Django 2.0 or earlier. We’ve dropped some features that have reached the end of their deprecation cycle, and we’ve begun the deprecation process for some features.

See the Upgrading Django to a newer version guide if you’re updating an existing project.

Python compatibility

Django 2.1 supports Python 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7. Django 2.0 is the last version to support Python 3.4. We highly recommend and only officially support the latest release of each series.

What’s new in Django 2.1

Model “view” permission

A “view” permission is added to the model `Meta.default_permissions`. The new permissions will be created automatically when running `migrate`. 
This allows giving users read-only access to models in the admin. `ModelAdmin.has_view_permission()` is new. The implementation is backwards compatible in that there isn’t a need to assign the “view” permission to allow users who have the “change” permission to edit objects.

There are a couple of backwards incompatible considerations.

**Minor features**

**django.contrib.admin**

- `ModelAdmin.search_fields` now accepts any lookup such as `field__exact`.
- jQuery is upgraded from version 2.2.3 to 3.3.1.
- The new `ModelAdmin.delete_queryset()` method allows customizing the deletion process of the “delete selected objects” action.
- You can now override the default admin site.
- The new `ModelAdmin.sortable_by` attribute and `ModelAdmin.get_sortable_by()` method allow limiting the columns that can be sorted in the change list page.
- The `admin_order_field` attribute for elements in `ModelAdmin.list_display` may now be a query expression.
- The new `ModelAdmin.get_deleted_objects()` method allows customizing the deletion process of the delete view and the “delete selected” action.
- The `actions.html`, `change_list_results.html`, `date_hierarchy.html`, `pagination.html`, `prepopulated_fields_js.html`, `search_form.html`, and `submit_line.html` templates can now be overridden per app or per model (besides overridden globally).
- The admin change list and change form object tools can now be overridden per app, per model, or globally with `change_list_object_tools.html` and `change_form_object_tools.html` templates.
- `InlineModelAdmin.has_add_permission()` is now passed the parent object as the second positional argument, `obj`.
- Admin actions may now specify permissions to limit their availability to certain users.

**django.contrib.auth**

- `createsuperuser` now gives a prompt to allow bypassing the `AUTH_PASSWORD_VALIDATORS` checks.

**django.contrib.gis**

- The new `GEOSGeometry.buffer_with_style()` method is a version of buffer() that allows customizing the style of the buffer.
- `OpenLayersWidget` is now based on OpenLayers 4.6.5 (previously 3.20.1).

**django.contrib.sessions**

- Added the `SESSION_COOKIE_SAMESITE` setting to set the SameSite cookie flag on session cookies.
Cache

- The *local-memory cache backend* now uses a least-recently-used (LRU) culling strategy rather than a pseudo-random one.
- The new `touch()` method of the *low-level cache API* updates the timeout of cache keys.

CSRF

- Added the `CSRF_COOKIE_SAMESITE` setting to set the `SameSite` cookie flag on CSRF cookies.

Forms

- The widget for `ImageField` now renders with the HTML attribute `accept="image/*"`.

Internationalization

- Added the `get_supported_language_variant()` function.
- Untranslated strings for territorial language variants now use the translations of the generic language. For example, untranslated `pt_BR` strings use `pt` translations.

Management Commands

- The new `inspectdb --include-views` option allows creating models for database views.
- The `BaseCommand` class now uses a custom help formatter so that the standard options like `--verbosity` or `--settings` appear last in the help output, giving a more prominent position to subclassed command’s options.

Migrations

- Added support for serialization of `functools.partialmethod` objects.
- To support frozen environments, migrations may be loaded from `.pyc` files.

Models

- Models can now use `__init_subclass__()` from PEP 487.
- A `BinaryField` may now be set to `editable=True` if you wish to include it in model forms.
- A number of new text database functions are added: `Chr`, `Left`, `LPad`, `LTrim`, `Ord`, `Repeat`, `Replace`, `Right`, `RPad`, `RTrim`, and `Trim`.
- The new `TruncWeek` function truncates `DateField` and `DateTimeField` to the Monday of a week.
- Query expressions can now be negated using a minus sign.
- `QuerySet.order_by()` and `distinct(*fields)` now support using field transforms.
- `BooleanField` can now be `null=True`. This is encouraged instead of `NullBooleanField`, which will likely be deprecated in the future.
• The new `QuerySet.explain()` method displays the database’s execution plan of a queryset’s query.
• `QuerySet.raw()` now supports `prefetch_related()`.

Requests and Responses

• Added `HttpRequest.get_full_path_info()`.
• Added the `samesite` argument to `HttpResponse.set_cookie()` to allow setting the SameSite cookie flag.
• The new `as_attachment` argument for `FileResponse` sets the `Content-Disposition` header to make the browser ask if the user wants to download the file. `FileResponse` also tries to set the `Content-Type` and `Content-Length` headers where appropriate.

Templates

• The new `json_script` filter safely outputs a Python object as JSON, wrapped in a `<script>` tag, ready for use with JavaScript.

Tests

• Added test `Client` support for 307 and 308 redirects.
• The test `Client` now serializes a request data dictionary as JSON if `content_type='application/json'`. You can customize the JSON encoder with test client’s `json_encoder` parameter.
• The new `SimpleTestCase.assertWarnsMessage()` method is a simpler version of `assertWarnsRegex()`.

Backwards incompatible changes in 2.1

Database backend API

This section describes changes that may be needed in third-party database backends.

• To adhere to PEP 249, exceptions where a database doesn’t support a feature are changed from `NotImplementedError` to `django.db.NotSupportedError`.
• Renamed the `allow_sliced_subqueries` database feature flag to `allow_sliced_subqueries_with_in`.
• `DatabaseOperations.distinct_sql()` now requires an additional `params` argument and returns a tuple of SQL and parameters instead of an SQL string.
• `DatabaseFeatures.introspected_boolean_field_type` is changed from a method to a property.

django.contrib.gis

• Support for SpatiaLite 4.0 is removed.
Dropped support for MySQL 5.5

The end of upstream support for MySQL 5.5 is December 2018. Django 2.1 supports MySQL 5.6 and higher.

Dropped support for PostgreSQL 9.3

The end of upstream support for PostgreSQL 9.3 is September 2018. Django 2.1 supports PostgreSQL 9.4 and higher.

Removed BCryptPasswordHasher from the default PASSWORD_HASHERS setting

If you used bcrypt with Django 1.4 or 1.5 (before BCryptSHA256PasswordHasher was added in Django 1.6), you might have some passwords that use the BCryptPasswordHasher hasher.

You can check if that’s the case like this:

```python
from django.contrib.auth import get_user_model
User = get_user_model()
User.objects.filter(password__startswith='bcrypt$$')
```

If you want to continue to allow those passwords to be used, you’ll have to define the PASSWORD_HASHERS setting (if you don’t already) and include 'django.contrib.auth.hashers.BCryptPasswordHasher'.

Moved wrap_label widget template context variable

To fix the lack of <label> when using RadioSelect and CheckboxSelectMultiple with MultiWidget, the wrap_label context variable now appears as an attribute of each option. For example, in a custom input_option.html template, change {% if wrap_label %} to {% if widget.wrap_label %}.

SameSite cookies

The cookies used for django.contrib.sessions, django.contrib.messages, and Django’s CSRF protection now set the SameSite flag to Lax by default. Browsers that respect this flag won’t send these cookies on cross-origin requests. If you rely on the old behavior, set the SESSION_COOKIE_SAMESITE and/or CSRF_COOKIE_SAMESITE setting to None.

Considerations for the new model “view” permission

Custom admin forms need to take the view-only case into account

With the new “view” permission, existing custom admin forms may raise errors when a user doesn’t have the change permission because the form might access nonexistent fields. Fix this by overriding ModelAdmin.get_form() and checking if the user has the “change” permissions and returning the default form if not:

```python
class MyAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    def get_form(self, request, obj=None, **kwargs):
        if not self.has_change_permission(request, obj):
            return super().get_form(request, obj, **kwargs)
        return CustomForm
```
New default view permission could allow unwanted access to admin views

If you have a custom permission with a codename of the form `view_<modelname>`, the new view permission handling in the admin will allow view access to the changelist and detail pages for those models. If this is unwanted, you must change your custom permission codename.

Miscellaneous

- The minimum supported version of `mysqlclient` is increased from 1.3.3 to 1.3.7.
- Support for SQLite < 3.7.15 is removed.
- The date format of `Set-Cookie`'s `Expires` directive is changed to follow [RFC 7231#section-7.1.1.1](https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7231#section-7.1.1.1) instead of Netscape’s cookie standard. Hyphens present in dates like `Tue, 25-Dec-2018 22:26:13 GMT` are removed. This change should be merely cosmetic except perhaps for antiquated browsers that don’t parse the new format.
- `allowed_hosts` is now a required argument of private API `django.utils.http.is_safe_url()`.
- The `multiple` attribute rendered by the `SelectMultiple` widget now uses HTML5 boolean syntax rather than XHTML’s `multiple="multiple"`.
- HTML rendered by form widgets no longer includes a closing slash on void elements, e.g. `<br>`. This is incompatible within XHTML, although some widgets already used aspects of HTML5 such as boolean attributes.
- The value of `SelectDateWidget`'s `empty options` is changed from 0 to an empty string, which mainly may require some adjustments in tests that compare HTML.
- `User.has_usable_password()` and the `is_password_usable()` function no longer return `False` if the password is `None` or an empty string, or if the password uses a hasher that’s not in the `PASSWORD_HASHERS` setting. This undocumented behavior was a regression in Django 1.6 and prevented users with such passwords from requesting a password reset. Audit your code to confirm that your usage of these APIs don’t rely on the old behavior.
- Since migrations are now loaded from `.pyc` files, you might need to delete them if you’re working in a mixed Python 2 and Python 3 environment.
- Using `None` as a `JSONField` lookup value now matches objects that have the specified key and a null value rather than objects that don’t have the key.
- The admin CSS class `field-box` is renamed to `fieldBox` to prevent conflicts with the class given to model fields named “box”.
- Since the admin’s `actions.html`, `change_list_results.html`, `date_hierarchy.html`, `pagination.html`, `prepopulated_fields_js.html`, `search_form.html`, and `submit_line.html` templates can now be overridden per app or per model, you may need to rename existing templates with those names that were written for a different purpose.
- `QuerySet.raw()` now caches its results like regular querysets. Use `iterator()` if you don’t want caching.
- The database router `allow_relation()` method is called in more cases. Improperly written routers may need to be updated accordingly.
- Translations are no longer deactivated before running management commands. If your custom command requires translations to be deactivated (for example, to insert untranslated content into the database), use the new `@no_translations` decorator.
- Management commands no longer allow the abbreviated forms of the `--settings` and `--pythonpath` arguments.
• The private `django.db.models.sql.constants.QUERY_TERMS` constant is removed. The `get_lookup()` and `get_lookups()` methods of the `Lookup Registration API` may be suitable alternatives. Compared to the `QUERY_TERMS` constant, they allow your code to also account for any custom lookups that have been registered.

• Compatibility with `py-bcrypt` is removed as it’s unmaintained. Use `bcrypt` instead.

**Features deprecated in 2.1**

**Miscellaneous**

• The `ForceRHR` GIS function is deprecated in favor of the new `ForcePolygonCW` function.

• `django.utils.http.cookie_date()` is deprecated in favor of `http_date()`, which follows the format of the latest RFC.

• `{% load staticfiles %}` and `{% load admin_static %}` are deprecated in favor of `{% load static %}`, which works the same.

• `django.contrib.staticfiles.templatetags.static()` is deprecated in favor of `django.templatetags.static.static()`.

• Support for `InlineModelAdmin.has_add_permission()` methods that don’t accept `obj` as the second positional argument will be removed in Django 3.0.

**Features removed in 2.1**

These features have reached the end of their deprecation cycle and are removed in Django 2.1. See **Features deprecated in 1.11** for details, including how to remove usage of these features.

• `contrib.auth.views.login()`, `logout()`, `password_change()`, `password_change_done()`, `password_reset()`, `password_reset_done()`, `password_reset_confirm()`, and `password_reset_complete()` are removed.

• The `extra_context` parameter of `contrib.auth.views.logout_then_login()` is removed.

• `django.test.runner.setup_databases()` is removed.

• `django.utils.translation.string_concat()` is removed.

• `django.core.cache.backends.memcached.PyLibMCCache` no longer supports passing `pylibmc` behavior settings as top-level attributes of `OPTIONS`.

• The `host` parameter of `django.utils.http.is_safe_url()` is removed.

• Silencing of exceptions raised while rendering the `{% include %}` template tag is removed.

• `DatabaseIntrospection.get_indexes()` is removed.

• The `authenticate()` method of authentication backends requires `request` as the first positional argument.

• The `django.db.models.permalink()` decorator is removed.

• The `USE_ETAGS` setting is removed. `CommonMiddleware` and `django.utils.cache.patch_response_headers()` no longer set ETags.

• The `Model._meta.has_auto_field` attribute is removed.

• `url()`’s support for inline flags in regular expression groups `((?i), (?L), (?m), (?s), and (?u))` is removed.
• Support for Widget.render() methods without the renderer argument is removed.

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Django 2.0.13 release notes

*February 12, 2019*

Django 2.0.13 fixes a regression in 2.0.12/2.0.11.

**Bugfixes**

• Fixed crash in django.utils.numberformat.format_number() when the number has over 200 digits (#30177).

Django 2.0.12 release notes

*February 11, 2019*

Django 2.0.12 fixes a packaging error in 2.0.11.

**Bugfixes**

• Corrected packaging error from 2.0.11 (#30175).

Django 2.0.11 release notes

*February 11, 2019*

Django 2.0.11 fixes a security issue in 2.0.10.

**CVE-2019-6975: Memory exhaustion in django.utils.numberformat.format()**

If django.utils.numberformat.format() – used by contrib.admin as well as the floatformat, filesizeformat, and intcomma templates filters – received a Decimal with a large number of digits or a large exponent, it could lead to significant memory usage due to a call to '{:f}'.format().

To avoid this, decimals with more than 200 digits are now formatted using scientific notation.

Django 2.0.10 release notes

*January 4, 2019*

Django 2.0.10 fixes a security issue and several bugs in 2.0.9.
CVE-2019-3498: Content spoofing possibility in the default 404 page

An attacker could craft a malicious URL that could make spoofed content appear on the default page generated by the `django.views.defaults.page_not_found()` view.

The URL path is no longer displayed in the default 404 template and the `request_path` context variable is now quoted to fix the issue for custom templates that use the path.

Bugfixes

• Prevented repetitive calls to `geos_version_tuple()` in the `WKBWriter` class in an attempt to fix a random crash involving `LooseVersion` since Django 2.0.6 (#29959).

• Fixed a schema corruption issue on SQLite 3.26+. You might have to drop and rebuild your SQLite database if you applied a migration while using an older version of Django with SQLite 3.26 or later (#29182).

• Prevented SQLite schema alterations while foreign key checks are enabled to avoid the possibility of schema corruption (#30023).

Django 2.0.9 release notes

October 1, 2018

Django 2.0.9 fixes a data loss bug in 2.0.8.

Bugfixes

• Fixed a race condition in `QuerySet.update_or_create()` that could result in data loss (#29499).

Django 2.0.8 release notes

August 1, 2018

Django 2.0.8 fixes a security issue and several bugs in 2.0.7.

CVE-2018-14574: Open redirect possibility in `CommonMiddleware`

If the `CommonMiddleware` and the `APPEND_SLASH` setting are both enabled, and if the project has a URL pattern that accepts any path ending in a slash (many content management systems have such a pattern), then a request to a maliciously crafted URL of that site could lead to a redirect to another site, enabling phishing and other attacks.

`CommonMiddleware` now escapes leading slashes to prevent redirects to other domains.

Bugfixes

• Fixed a regression in Django 2.0.7 that broke the `regex` lookup on MariaDB (even though MariaDB isn’t officially supported) (#29544).

• Fixed a regression where `django.template.Template` crashed if the `template_string` argument is lazy (#29617).

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Django 2.0.7 release notes

July 2, 2018

Django 2.0.7 fixes several bugs in 2.0.6.

Bugfixes

- Fixed admin changelist crash when using a query expression without `asc()` or `desc()` in the page’s ordering (#29428).
- Fixed admin check crash when using a query expression in `ModelAdmin.ordering` (#29428).
- Fixed `__regex` and `__iregex` lookups with MySQL 8 (#29451).
- Fixed migrations crash with namespace packages on Python 3.7 (#28814).

Django 2.0.6 release notes

June 1, 2018

Django 2.0.6 fixes several bugs in 2.0.5.

Bugfixes

- Fixed a regression that broke custom template filters that use decorators (#29400).
- Fixed detection of custom URL converters in included patterns (#29415).
- Fixed a regression that added an unnecessary subquery to the `GROUP BY` clause on MySQL when using a `RawSQL` annotation (#29416).
- Fixed `WKBWriter.write()` and `write_hex()` for empty polygons on GEOS 3.6.1+ (#29460).
- Fixed a regression in Django 1.10 that could result in large memory usage when making edits using `ModelAdmin.list_editable` (#28462).

Django 2.0.5 release notes

May 1, 2018

Django 2.0.5 fixes several bugs in 2.0.4.

Bugfixes

- Corrected the import paths that `inspectdb` generates for `django.contrib.postgres` fields (#29307).
- Fixed a regression in Django 1.11.8 where altering a field with a unique constraint may drop and rebuild more foreign keys than necessary (#29193).
- Fixed crashes in `django.contrib.admindocs` when a view is a callable object, such as `django.contrib.syndication.views.Feed` (#29296).
- Fixed a regression in Django 2.0.4 where `QuerySet.values()` or `values_list()` after combining an annotated and unannotated queryset with `union()`, `difference()`, or `intersection()` crashed due to mismatching columns (#29286).
Django 2.0.4 release notes

April 2, 2018
Django 2.0.4 fixes several bugs in 2.0.3.

Bugfixes

• Fixed a crash when filtering with an `Exists()` annotation of a queryset containing a single field (#29195).
• Fixed admin autocomplete widget’s translations for zh-hans and zh-hant languages (#29213).
• Corrected admin’s autocomplete widget to add a space after custom classes (#29221).
• Fixed `PasswordResetConfirmView` crash when using a user model with a `UUIDField` primary key and the reset URL contains an encoded primary key value that decodes to an invalid UUID (#29206).
• Fixed a regression in Django 1.11.8 where combining two annotated `values_list()` querysets with `union()`, `difference()`, or `intersection()` crashed due to mismatching columns (#29229).
• Fixed a regression in Django 1.11 where an empty choice could be initially selected for the `SelectMultiple` and `CheckboxSelectMultiple` widgets (#29273).
• Fixed a regression in Django 2.0 where `OpenLayersWidget` deserialization ignored the widget map’s SRID and assumed 4326 (WGS84) (#29116).

Django 2.0.3 release notes

March 6, 2018
Django 2.0.3 fixes two security issues and several bugs in 2.0.2. Also, the latest string translations from Transifex are incorporated.

CVE-2018-7536: Denial-of-service possibility in `urlize` and `urlizetrunc` template filters

The `django.utils.html.urlize()` function was extremely slow to evaluate certain inputs due to catastrophic backtracking vulnerabilities in two regular expressions. The `urlize()` function is used to implement the `urlize` and `urlizetrunc` template filters, which were thus vulnerable.

The problematic regular expressions are replaced with parsing logic that behaves similarly.

CVE-2018-7537: Denial-of-service possibility in `truncatechars_html` and `truncatewords_html` template filters

If `django.utils.text.Truncator`’s `chars()` and `words()` methods were passed the `html=True` argument, they were extremely slow to evaluate certain inputs due to a catastrophic backtracking vulnerability in a regular expression. The `chars()` and `words()` methods are used to implement the `truncatechars_html` and `truncatewords_html` template filters, which were thus vulnerable.

The backtracking problem in the regular expression is fixed.
Bugfixes

- Fixed a regression that caused sliced `QuerySet.distinct().order_by()` followed by `count()` to crash (#29108).
- Prioritized the datetime and time input formats without `%f` for the Thai locale to fix the admin time picker widget displaying “undefined” (#29109).
- Fixed crash with `QuerySet.order_by(Exists(...))` (#29118).
- Made `Q.deconstruct()` deterministic with multiple keyword arguments (#29125). You may need to modify `Q`’s in existing migrations, or accept an autogenerated migration.
- Fixed a regression where a `When()` expression with a list argument crashes (#29166).
- Fixed crash when using a `Window()` expression in a subquery (#29172).
- Fixed `AbstractBaseUser.normalize_username()` crash if the username argument isn’t a string (#29176).

Django 2.0.2 release notes

February 1, 2018

Django 2.0.2 fixes a security issue and several bugs in 2.0.1.

CVE-2018-6188: Information leakage in `AuthenticationForm`

A regression in Django 1.11.8 made `AuthenticationForm` run its `confirm_login_allowed()` method even if an incorrect password is entered. This can leak information about a user, depending on what messages `confirm_login_allowed()` raises. If `confirm_login_allowed()` isn’t overridden, an attacker enter an arbitrary username and see if that user has been set to `is_active=False`. If `confirm_login_allowed()` is overridden, more sensitive details could be leaked.

This issue is fixed with the caveat that `AuthenticationForm` can no longer raise the “This account is inactive.” error if the authentication backend rejects inactive users (the default authentication backend, `ModelBackend`, has done that since Django 1.10). This issue will be revisited for Django 2.1 as a fix to address the caveat will likely be too invasive for inclusion in older versions.

Bugfixes

- Fixed hidden content at the bottom of the “The install worked successfully!” page for some languages (#28885).
- Fixed incorrect foreign key nullification if a model has two foreign keys to the same model and a target model is deleted (#29016).
- Fixed regression in the use of `QuerySet.values_list(..., flat=True)` followed by `annotate()` (#29067).
- Fixed a regression where a queryset that annotates with geometry objects crashes (#29054).
- Fixed a regression where `contrib.auth.authenticate()` crashes if an authentication backend doesn’t accept `request` and a later one does (#29071).
- Fixed a regression where `makemigrations` crashes if a migrations directory doesn’t have an `__init__.py` file (#29091).
- Fixed crash when entering an invalid uuid in `ModelAdmin.raw_id_fields` (#29094).
Django 2.0.1 release notes

January 1, 2018

Django 2.0.1 fixes several bugs in 2.0.

Bugfixes

- Fixed a regression in Django 1.11 that added newlines between MultiWidget’s subwidgets (#28890).
- Fixed incorrect class-based model index name generation for models with quoted db_table (#28876).
- Fixed incorrect foreign key constraint name for models with quoted db_table (#28876).
- Fixed a regression in caching of a GenericForeignKey when the referenced model instance uses more than one level of multi-table inheritance (#28856).
- Reallowed filtering a queryset with GeometryField=None (#28896).
- Corrected admin check to allow a OneToOneField in ModelAdmin autocomplete_fields (#28898).
- Fixed a regression on SQLite where DecimalField returned a result with trailing zeros in the fractional part truncated (#28915).
- Fixed crash in the testserver command startup (#28941).
- Fixed crash when coercing a translatable URL pattern to str (#28947).
- Fixed crash on SQLite when renaming a field in a model referenced by a ManyToManyField (#28884).
- Fixed a crash when chaining values() or values_list() after QuerySet.select_for_update(of=(...)) (#28944).
- Fixed admin changelist crash when using a query expression in the page’s ordering (#28958).

Django 2.0 release notes

December 2, 2017

Welcome to Django 2.0!

These release notes cover the new features, as well as some backwards incompatible changes you’ll want to be aware of when upgrading from Django 1.11 or earlier. We’ve dropped some features that have reached the end of their deprecation cycle, and we’ve begun the deprecation process for some features.

This release starts Django’s use of a loose form of semantic versioning, but there aren’t any major backwards incompatible changes that might be expected of a 2.0 release. Upgrading should be a similar amount of effort as past feature releases.

See the Upgrading Django to a newer version guide if you’re updating an existing project.

Python compatibility

Django 2.0 supports Python 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7. We highly recommend and only officially support the latest release of each series.

The Django 1.11.x series is the last to support Python 2.7.
Django 2.0 will be the last release series to support Python 3.4. If you plan a deployment of Python 3.4 beyond the end-of-life for Django 2.0 (April 2019), stick with Django 1.11 LTS (supported until April 2020) instead. Note, however, that the end-of-life for Python 3.4 is March 2019.

**Third-party library support for older version of Django**

Following the release of Django 2.0, we suggest that third-party app authors drop support for all versions of Django prior to 1.11. At that time, you should be able to run your package’s tests using `python -Wd` so that deprecation warnings do appear. After making the deprecation warning fixes, your app should be compatible with Django 2.0.

**What's new in Django 2.0**

**Simplified URL routing syntax**

The new `django.urls.path()` function allows a simpler, more readable URL routing syntax. For example, this example from previous Django releases:

```
url(r'^articles/(?P<year>\[0-9\]{4})/$', views.year_archive),
```

could be written as:

```
path('articles/<int:year>/', views.year_archive),
```

The new syntax supports type coercion of URL parameters. In the example, the view will receive the `year` keyword argument as an integer rather than as a string. Also, the URLs that will match are slightly less constrained in the rewritten example. For example, the year 10000 will now match since the year integers aren’t constrained to be exactly four digits long as they are in the regular expression.

The `django.conf.urls.url()` function from previous versions is now available as `django.urls.re_path()`. The old location remains for backwards compatibility, without an imminent deprecation. The old `django.conf.urls.include()` function is now importable from `django.urls` so you can use from `django.urls import include, path, re_path` in your URLconfs.

The `URL dispatcher` document is rewritten to feature the new syntax and provide more details.

**Mobile-friendly `contrib.admin`**

The admin is now responsive and supports all major mobile devices. Older browsers may experience varying levels of graceful degradation.

**Window expressions**

The new `Window` expression allows adding an `OVER` clause to querysets. You can use `window functions` and `aggregate functions` in the expression.

**Minor features**
The new `ModelAdmin.autocomplete_fields` attribute and `ModelAdmin.get_autocomplete_fields()` method allow using a Select2 search widget for ForeignKey and ManyToManyField.

The default iteration count for the PBKDF2 password hasher is increased from 36,000 to 100,000.

MySQL support for the `AsGeoJSON` function, `GeoHash` function, `IsValid` function, `isvalid` lookup, and `distance lookups`.

Added the `Azimuth` and `LineLocatePoint` functions, supported on PostGIS and SpatiaLite.

Any `GEOSGeometry` imported from GeoJSON now has its SRID set.

Added the `OSMWidget.default_zoom` attribute to customize the map’s default zoom level.

Made metadata readable and editable on rasters through the `metadata`, `info`, and `metadata` attributes.

Allowed passing driver-specific creation options to `GDALRaster` objects using `papsz_options`.

Allowed creating `GDALRaster` objects in GDAL’s internal virtual filesystem. Rasters can now be `created from` and `converted to binary data` in-memory.

The new `GDALBand.color_interp()` method returns the color interpretation for the band.

The new `distinct` argument for `ArrayAgg` determines if concatenated values will be distinct.

The new `RandomUUID` database function returns a version 4 UUID. It requires use of PostgreSQL’s `pgcrypto` extension which can be activated using the new `CryptoExtension` migration operation.

`django.contrib.postgres.indexes.GinIndex` now supports the `fastupdate` and `gin_pending_list_limit` parameters.

The new `GistIndex` class allows creating GiST indexes in the database. The new `BtreeGistExtension` migration operation installs the `btree_gist` extension to add support for operator classes that aren’t built-in.

`inspectdb` can now introspect `JSONField` and various `RangeField`s (`django.contrib.postgres` must be in `INSTALLED_APPS`).

Added the `protocol` keyword argument to the `GenericSitemap` constructor.

`cache.set_many()` now returns a list of keys that failed to be inserted. For the built-in backends, failed inserts can only happen on memcached.
File Storage

• `File.open()` can be used as a context manager, e.g. `with file.open() as f:`.

Forms

• The new `date_attrs` and `time_attrs` arguments for `SplitDateTimeWidget` and `SplitHiddenDateTimeWidget` allow specifying different HTML attributes for the `DateInput` and `TimeInput` (or hidden) subwidgets.

• The new `Form.errors.get_json_data()` method returns form errors as a dictionary suitable for including in a JSON response.

Generic Views

• The new `ContextMixin.extra_context` attribute allows adding context in `View.as_view()`.

Management Commands

• `inspectdb` now translates MySQL’s unsigned integer columns to `PositiveIntegerField` or `PositiveSmallIntegerField`.

• The new `makemessages --add-location` option controls the comment format in PO files.

• `loaddata` can now `read from stdin`.

• The new `diffsettings --output` option allows formatting the output in a unified diff format.

• On Oracle, `inspectdb` can now introspect `AutoField` if the column is created as an identity column.

• On MySQL, `dbshell` now supports client-side TLS certificates.

Migrations

• The new `squashmigrations --squashed-name` option allows naming the squashed migration.

Models

• The new `StrIndex` database function finds the starting index of a string inside another string.

• On Oracle, `AutoField` and `BigAutoField` are now created as identity columns.

• The new `chunk_size` parameter of `QuerySet.iterator()` controls the number of rows fetched by the Python database client when streaming results from the database. For databases that don’t support server-side cursors, it controls the number of results Django fetches from the database adapter.

• `QuerySet.earliest()`, `QuerySet.latest()`, and `Meta.get_latest_by` now allow ordering by several fields.

• Added the `ExtractQuarter` function to extract the quarter from `DateField` and `DateTimeField`, and exposed it through the `quarter` lookup.

• Added the `TruncQuarter` function to truncate `DateField` and `DateTimeField` to the first day of a quarter.
• Added the `db_tablespace` parameter to class-based indexes.

• If the database supports a native duration field (Oracle and PostgreSQL), `Extract` now works with `DurationField`.

• Added the `of` argument to `QuerySet.select_for_update()`, supported on PostgreSQL and Oracle, to lock only rows from specific tables rather than all selected tables. It may be helpful particularly when `select_for_update()` is used in conjunction with `select_related()`.

• The new `field_name` parameter of `QuerySet.in_bulk()` allows fetching results based on any unique model field.

• `CursorWrapper.callproc()` now takes an optional dictionary of keyword parameters, if the backend supports this feature. Of Django's built-in backends, only Oracle supports it.

• The new `connection.execute_wrapper()` method allows installing wrappers around execution of database queries.

• The new `filter` argument for built-in aggregates allows adding different conditionals to multiple aggregations over the same fields or relations.

• Added support for expressions in `Meta.ordering`.

• The new `named` parameter of `QuerySet.values_list()` allows fetching results as named tuples.

• The new `FilteredRelation` class allows adding an ON clause to queryset objects.

### Pagination

• Added `Paginator.get_page()` to provide the documented pattern of handling invalid page numbers.

### Requests and Responses

• The `runserver` Web server supports HTTP 1.1.

### Templates

• To increase the usefulness of `Engine.get_default()` in third-party apps, it now returns the first engine if multiple `DjangoTemplates` engines are configured in `TEMPLATES` rather than raising `ImproperlyConfigured`.

• Custom template tags may now accept keyword-only arguments.

### Tests

• Added threading support to `LiveServerTestCase`.

• Added settings that allow customizing the test tablespace parameters for Oracle: `DATAFILE_SIZE`, `DATAFILE_TMP_SIZE`, `DATAFILE_EXTSIZE`, and `DATAFILE_TMP_EXTSIZE`.

### Validators

• The new `ProhibitNullCharactersValidator` disallows the null character in the input of the `CharField` form field and its subclasses. Null character input was observed from vulnerability scanning.
tools. Most databases silently discard null characters, but psycopg2 2.7+ raises an exception when trying to save a null character to a char/text field with PostgreSQL.

Backwards incompatible changes in 2.0

Removed support for bytestrings in some places

To support native Python 2 strings, older Django versions had to accept both bytestrings and Unicode strings. Now that Python 2 support is dropped, bytestrings should only be encountered around input/output boundaries (handling of binary fields or HTTP streams, for example). You might have to update your code to limit bytestring usage to a minimum, as Django no longer accepts bytestrings in certain code paths. Python’s -b option may help detect that mistake in your code.

For example, reverse() now uses str() instead of force_text() to coerce the args and kwargs it receives, prior to their placement in the URL. For bytestrings, this creates a string with an undesired b prefix as well as additional quotes (str(b'foo') is "b'foo'"). To adapt, call decode() on the bytestring before passing it to reverse().

Database backend API

This section describes changes that may be needed in third-party database backends.

- The DatabaseOperations.datetime_cast_date_sql(), datetime_cast_time_sql(), datetime_trunc_sql(), datetime_extract_sql(), and date_interval_sql() methods now return only the SQL to perform the operation instead of SQL and a list of parameters.

- Third-party database backends should add a DatabaseWrapper.display_name attribute with the name of the database that your backend works with. Django may use it in various messages, such as in system checks.

- The first argument of SchemaEditor._alter_column_type_sql() is now model rather than table.

- The first argument of SchemaEditor._create_index_name() is now table_name rather than model.

- To enable FOR UPDATE OF support, set DatabaseFeatures.has_select_for_update_of = True. If the database requires that the arguments to OF be columns rather than tables, set DatabaseFeatures.select_for_update_of_column = True.

- To enable support for Window expressions, set DatabaseFeatures.supports_over_clause to True. You may need to customize the DatabaseOperations.window_start_rows_start_end() and/or window_start_range_start_end() methods.

- Third-party database backends should add a DatabaseOperations.cast_char_field_without_max_length attribute with the database data type that will be used in the Cast function for a CharField if the max_length argument isn’t provided.

- The first argument of DatabaseCreation._clone_test_db() and get_test_db_clone_settings() is now suffix rather than number (in case you want to rename the signatures in your backend for consistency). django.test also now passes those values as strings rather than as integers.

- Third-party database backends should add a DatabaseIntrospection.get_sequences() method based on the stub in BaseDatabaseIntrospection.
Dropped support for Oracle 11.2

The end of upstream support for Oracle 11.2 is Dec. 2020. Django 1.11 will be supported until April 2020 which almost reaches this date. Django 2.0 officially supports Oracle 12.1+

Default MySQL isolation level is read committed

MySQL’s default isolation level, repeatable read, may cause data loss in typical Django usage. To prevent that and for consistency with other databases, the default isolation level is now read committed. You can use the DATABASES setting to use a different isolation level, if needed.

AbstractUser.last_name max_length increased to 150

A migration for django.contrib.auth.models.User.last_name is included. If you have a custom user model inheriting from AbstractUser, you’ll need to generate and apply a database migration for your user model.

If you want to preserve the 30 character limit for last names, use a custom form:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.forms import UserChangeForm

class MyUserChangeForm(UserChangeForm):
    last_name = forms.CharField(max_length=30, required=False)
```

If you wish to keep this restriction in the admin when editing users, set UserAdmin.form to use this form:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.admin import UserAdmin
from django.contrib.auth.models import User

class MyUserAdmin(UserAdmin):
    form = MyUserChangeForm

admin.site.unregister(User)
admin.site.register(User, MyUserAdmin)
```

QuerySet.reverse() and last() are prohibited after slicing

Calling QuerySet.reverse() or last() on a sliced queryset leads to unexpected results due to the slice being applied after reordering. This is now prohibited, e.g.:

```python
>>> Model.objects.all()[:2].reverse()
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...
TypeError: Cannot reverse a query once a slice has been taken.
```

Form fields no longer accept optional arguments as positional arguments

To help prevent runtime errors due to incorrect ordering of form field arguments, optional arguments of built-in form fields are no longer accepted as positional arguments. For example:

```python
forms.IntegerField(25, 10)
```
raises an exception and should be replaced with:

```python
forms.IntegerField(max_value=25, min_value=10)
```

**call_command() validates the options it receives**

call_command() now validates that the argument parser of the command being called defines all of the options passed to `call_command()`.

For custom management commands that use options not created using `parser.add_argument()`, add a `stealth_options` attribute on the command:

```python
class MyCommand(BaseCommand):
    stealth_options = ('option_name', ...)
```

**Indexes no longer accept positional arguments**

For example:

```python
models.Index(["headline", "-pub_date"], 'index_name')
```

raises an exception and should be replaced with:

```python
models.Index(fields=['headline', '-pub_date'], name='index_name')
```

**Foreign key constraints are now enabled on SQLite**

This will appear as a backwards-incompatible change (IntegrityError: FOREIGN KEY constraint failed) if attempting to save an existing model instance that’s violating a foreign key constraint.

Foreign keys are now created with `DEFERRABLE INITIALLY DEFERRED` instead of `DEFERRABLE IMMEDIATE`. Thus, tables may need to be rebuilt to recreate foreign keys with the new definition, particularly if you’re using a pattern like this:

```python
from django.db import transaction

with transaction.atomic():
    Book.objects.create(author_id=1)
    Author.objects.create(id=1)
```

If you don’t recreate the foreign key as `DEFERRED`, the first `create()` would fail now that foreign key constraints are enforced.

Backup your database first! After upgrading to Django 2.0, you can then rebuild tables using a script similar to this:

```python
from django.apps import apps
from django.db import connection

for app in apps.get_app_configs():
    for model in app.get_models(include_auto_created=True):
        if model._meta.managed and not (model._meta.proxy or model._meta.swapped):
            for base in model.__bases__:
                if hasattr(base, '__meta__'):
```

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This script hasn’t received extensive testing and needs adaption for various cases such as multiple databases. Feel free to contribute improvements.

In addition, because of a table alteration limitation of SQLite, it’s prohibited to perform RenameModel and RenameField operations on models or fields referenced by other models in a transaction. In order to allow migrations containing these operations to be applied, you must set the Migration.atomic attribute to False.

**Miscellaneous**

- The SessionAuthenticationMiddleware class is removed. It provided no functionality since session authentication is unconditionally enabled in Django 1.10.

- The default HTTP error handlers (handler404, etc.) are now callables instead of dotted Python path strings. Django favors callable references since they provide better performance and debugging experience.

- RedirectView no longer silences NoReverseMatch if the pattern_name doesn’t exist.

- When USE_L10N is off, FloatField and DecimalField now respect DECIMAL_SEPARATOR and THOUSAND_SEPARATOR during validation. For example, with the settings:

```python
USE_L10N = False
USE_THOUSAND_SEPARATOR = True
DECIMAL_SEPARATOR = ','
THOUSAND_SEPARATOR = '.'
```

an input of "1.345" is now converted to 1345 instead of 1.345.

- Subclasses of AbstractBaseUser are no longer required to implement get_short_name() and get_full_name(). (The base implementations that raise NotImplementedError are removed.) django.contrib.admin uses these methods if implemented but doesn’t require them. Third-party apps that use these methods may want to adopt a similar approach.

- The FIRST_DAY_OF_WEEK and NUMBER_GROUPING format settings are now kept as integers in JavaScript and JSON i18n view outputs.

- assertNumQueries() now ignores connection configuration queries. Previously, if a test opened a new database connection, those queries could be included as part of the assertNumQueries() count.

- The default size of the Oracle test tablespace is increased from 20M to 50M and the default autoextend size is increased from 10M to 25M.

- To improve performance when streaming large result sets from the database, QuerySet.iterator() now fetches 2000 rows at a time instead of 100. The old behavior can be restored using the chunk_size parameter. For example:

```python
Book.objects.iterator(chunk_size=100)
```

- Providing unknown package names in the packages argument of the JavaScriptCatalog view now raises ValueError instead of passing silently.

- A model instance’s primary key now appears in the default Model.__str__() method, e.g. Question object (1).
- **makemigrations** now detects changes to the model field `limit_choices_to` option. Add this to your existing migrations or accept an auto-generated migration for fields that use it.

- Performing queries that require *automatic spatial transformations* now raises `NotImplementedError` on MySQL instead of silently using non-transformed geometries.

- `django.core.exceptions.DjangoRuntimeWarning` is removed. It was only used in the cache backend as an intermediate class in `CacheKeyWarning`'s inheritance of `RuntimeWarning`.

- Renamed `BaseExpression._output_field` to `output_field`. You may need to update custom expressions.

- In older versions, forms and formsets combine their `Media` with widget `Media` by concatenating the two. The combining now tries to *preserve the relative order of elements in each list*. `MediaOrderConflictWarning` is issued if the order can’t be preserved.

- `django.contrib.gis.gdal.OGRException` is removed. It’s been an alias for `GDALException` since Django 1.8.

- Support for GEOS 3.3.x is dropped.

- The way data is selected for `GeometryField` is changed to improve performance, and in raw SQL queries, those fields must now be wrapped in `connection.ops.select`. See the *Raw queries note* in the GIS tutorial for an example.

### Features deprecated in 2.0

**context argument of Field.from_db_value() and Expression.convert_value()**

The *context* argument of `Field.from_db_value()` and `Expression.convert_value()` is unused as it’s always an empty dictionary. The signature of both methods is now:

```python
(self, value, expression, connection)
```

instead of:

```python
(self, value, expression, connection, context)
```

Support for the old signature in custom fields and expressions remains until Django 3.0.

### Miscellaneous

- The `django.db.backends.postgresql_psycopg2` module is deprecated in favor of `django.db.backends.postgresql`. It’s been an alias since Django 1.9. This only affects code that imports from the module directly. The `DATABASES` setting can still use `'django.db.backends.postgresql_psycopg2'`, though you can simplify that by using the `'django.db.backends.postgresql'` name added in Django 1.9.

- `django.shortcuts.render_to_response()` is deprecated in favor of `django.shortcuts.render()`. `render()` takes the same arguments except that it also requires a request.

- The `DEFAULT_CONTENT_TYPE` setting is deprecated. It doesn’t interact well with third-party apps and is obsolete since HTML5 has mostly superseded XHTML.

- `HttpRequest.xreadlines()` is deprecated in favor of iterating over the request.
• The `field_name` keyword argument to `QuerySet.earliest()` and `QuerySet.latest()` is deprecated in favor of passing the field names as arguments. Write `.earliest('pub_date')` instead of `.earliest(field_name='pub_date')`.

Features removed in 2.0

These features have reached the end of their deprecation cycle and are removed in Django 2.0.

See `Features deprecated in 1.9` for details on these changes, including how to remove usage of these features.

• The `weak` argument to `django.dispatch.signals.Signal.disconnect()` is removed.

• `django.db.backends.base.BaseDatabaseOperations.check_aggregate_support()` is removed.

• The `django.forms.extras` package is removed.

• The `assignment_tag` helper is removed.

• The `host` argument to `SimpleTestCase.assertsRedirects()` is removed. The compatibility layer which allows absolute URLs to be considered equal to relative ones when the path is identical is also removed.

• `Field.rel` and `Field.remote_field.to` are removed.

• The `on_delete` argument for `ForeignKey` and `OneToOneField` is now required in models and migrations. Consider squashing migrations so that you have fewer of them to update.

• `django.db.models.fields.add_lazy_relation()` is removed.

• When time zone support is enabled, database backends that don’t support time zones no longer convert aware datetimes to naive values in UTC anymore when such values are passed as parameters to SQL queries executed outside of the ORM, e.g. with `cursor.execute()`.

• `django.contrib.auth.tests.utils.skipIfCustomUser()` is removed.

• The `GeoManager` and `GeoQuerySet` classes are removed.

• The `django.contrib.gis.geoip` module is removed.

• The `supports_recursion` check for template loaders is removed from:
  - `django.template.engine.Engine.find_template()`
  - `django.template.loader_tags.ExtendsNode.find_template()`
  - `django.template.loaders.base.Loader.supports_recursion()`
  - `django.template.loaders.cached.Loader.supports_recursion()`

• The `load_template` and `load_template_sources` template loader methods are removed.

• The `template_dirs` argument for template loaders is removed:
  - `django.template.loaders.base.Loader.get_template()`
  - `django.template.loaders.cached.Loader.cache_key()`
  - `django.template.loaders.cached.Loader.get_template()`
  - `django.template.loaders.cached.Loader.get_template_sources()`
  - `django.template.loaders.filesystem.Loader.get_template_sources()`

• `django.template.loaders.base.Loader.__call__()` is removed.

• Support for custom error views that don’t accept an `exception` parameter is removed.
• The mime_type attribute of django.utils.feedgenerator.Atom1Feed and django.utils.feedgenerator.RssFeed is removed.
• The app_name argument to include() is removed.
• Support for passing a 3-tuple (including admin.site.urls) as the first argument to include() is removed.
• Support for setting a URL instance namespace without an application namespace is removed.
• Field._get_val_from_obj() is removed.
• django.template.loaders.eggs.Loader is removed.
• The current_app parameter to the contrib.auth function-based views is removed.
• The callable_obj keyword argument to SimpleTestCase.assertRaisesMessage() is removed.
• Support for the allow_tags attribute on ModelAdmin methods is removed.
• The enclosure keyword argument to SyndicationFeed.add_item() is removed.
• The django.template.loaders.LoaderOrigin and django.template.base.StringOrigin aliases for django.template.base.Origin are removed.

See Features deprecated in 1.10 for details on these changes.

• The makemigrations --exit option is removed.
• Support for direct assignment to a reverse foreign key or many-to-many relation is removed.
• The get_srid() and set_srid() methods of django.contrib.gis.geos.GEOSGeometry are removed.
• The get_x(), set_x(), get_y(), set_y(), get_z(), and set_z() methods of django.contrib.gis.geos.Point are removed.
• The get_coords() and set_coords() methods of django.contrib.gis.geos.Point are removed.
• The cascaded_union property of django.contrib.gis.geos.MultiPolygon is removed.
• django.utils.functional.allow_lazy() is removed.
• The shell --plain option is removed.
• The django.core.urlresolvers module is removed in favor of its new location, django.urls.
• CommaSeparatedIntegerField is removed, except for support in historical migrations.
• The template Context.has_key() method is removed.
• Support for the django.core.files.storage.Storage.accessed_time(), created_time(), and modified_time() methods is removed.
• Support for query lookups using the model name when Meta.default_related_name is set is removed.
• The MySQL __search lookup is removed.
• The shim for supporting custom related manager classes without a _apply_rel_filters() method is removed.
• Using User.is_authenticated() and User.is_anonymous() as methods rather than properties is no longer supported.
• The Model._meta.virtual_fields attribute is removed.
• The keyword arguments `virtual_only` in `Field.contribute_to_class()` and `virtual` in `Model._meta.add_field()` are removed.

• The `javascript_catalog()` and `json_catalog()` views are removed.

• `django.contrib.gis.utils.precision_wkt()` is removed.

• In multi-table inheritance, implicit promotion of a OneToOneField to a parent_link is removed.

• Support for Widget.__format_value() is removed.

• `TextField` methods `get_directory_name()` and `get_filename()` are removed.

• The `mark_for_escaping()` function and the classes it uses: `EscapeData`, `EscapeBytes`, `EscapeText`, `EscapeString`, and `EscapeUnicode` are removed.

• The escape filter now uses `django.utils.html.conditional_escape()`.

• `Manager.use_for_related_fields` is removed.

• Model Manager inheritance follows MRO inheritance rules. The requirement to use `Meta.manager_inheritance_from_future` to opt-in to the behavior is removed.

• Support for old-style middleware using `settings.MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES` is removed.

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Django 1.11.29 release notes

March 4, 2020

Django 1.11.29 fixes a security issue in 1.11.28.

CVE-2020-9402: Potential SQL injection via `tolerance` parameter in GIS functions and aggregates on Oracle

GIS functions and aggregates on Oracle were subject to SQL injection, using a suitably crafted `tolerance`.

Django 1.11.28 release notes

February 3, 2020

Django 1.11.28 fixes a security issue in 1.11.27.

CVE-2020-7471: Potential SQL injection via `StringAgg(delimiter)`

`StringAgg` aggregation function was subject to SQL injection, using a suitably crafted `delimiter`.

Django 1.11.27 release notes

December 18, 2019

Django 1.11.27 fixes a security issue and a data loss bug in 1.11.26.
CVE-2019-19844: Potential account hijack via password reset form

By submitting a suitably crafted email address making use of Unicode characters, that compared equal to an existing user email when lower-cased for comparison, an attacker could be sent a password reset token for the matched account.

In order to avoid this vulnerability, password reset requests now compare the submitted email using the stricter, recommended algorithm for case-insensitive comparison of two identifiers from Unicode Technical Report 36, section 2.11.2(B)(2). Upon a match, the email containing the reset token will be sent to the email address on record rather than the submitted address.

Bugfixes

• Fixed a data loss possibility in SplitArrayField. When using with ArrayField(BooleanField()), all values after the first True value were marked as checked instead of preserving passed values (#31073).

Django 1.11.26 release notes

November 4, 2019

Django 1.11.26 fixes a regression in 1.11.25.

Bugfixes

• Fixed a crash when using a contains, contained_by, has_key, has_keys, or has_any_keys lookup on JSONField, if the right or left hand side of an expression is a key transform (#30826).

Django 1.11.25 release notes

October 1, 2019

Django 1.11.25 fixes a regression in 1.11.23.

Bugfixes

• Fixed a crash when filtering with a Subquery() annotation of a queryset containing JSONField or HStoreField (#30769).

Django 1.11.24 release notes

September 2, 2019

Django 1.11.24 fixes a regression in 1.11.23.

Bugfixes

• Fixed crash of KeyTransform() for JSONField and HStoreField when using on expressions with params (#30672).
Django 1.11.23 release notes

August 1, 2019

Django 1.11.23 fixes security issues in 1.11.22.

CVE-2019-14232: Denial-of-service possibility in `django.utils.text.Truncator`

If `django.utils.text.Truncator`'s `chars()` and `words()` methods were passed the `html=True` argument, they were extremely slow to evaluate certain inputs due to a catastrophic backtracking vulnerability in a regular expression. The `chars()` and `words()` methods are used to implement the `truncatechars_html` and `truncatewords_html` template filters, which were thus vulnerable.

The regular expressions used by `Truncator` have been simplified in order to avoid potential backtracking issues. As a consequence, trailing punctuation may now at times be included in the truncated output.

CVE-2019-14233: Denial-of-service possibility in `strip_tags()`

Due to the behavior of the underlying `HTMLParser`, `django.utils.html.strip_tags()` would be extremely slow to evaluate certain inputs containing large sequences of nested incomplete HTML entities. The `strip_tags()` method is used to implement the corresponding `striptags` template filter, which was thus also vulnerable.

`strip_tags()` now avoids recursive calls to `HTMLParser` when progress removing tags, but necessarily incomplete HTML entities, stops being made.

Remember that absolutely NO guarantee is provided about the results of `strip_tags()` being HTML safe. So NEVER mark safe the result of a `strip_tags()` call without escaping it first, for example with `django.utils.html.escape()`.

CVE-2019-14234: SQL injection possibility in key and index lookups for `JSONField/HStoreField`

Key and index lookups for `JSONField` and key lookups for `HStoreField` were subject to SQL injection, using a suitably crafted dictionary, with dictionary expansion, as the **kwargs passed to `QuerySet.filter()`.

CVE-2019-14235: Potential memory exhaustion in `django.utils.encoding.uri_to_iri()`

If passed certain inputs, `django.utils.encoding.uri_to_iri()` could lead to significant memory usage due to excessive recursion when re-percent-encoding invalid UTF-8 octet sequences.

`uri_to_iri()` now avoids recursion when re-percent-encoding invalid UTF-8 octet sequences.

Django 1.11.22 release notes

July 1, 2019

Django 1.11.22 fixes a security issue in 1.11.21.
CVE-2019-12781: Incorrect HTTP detection with reverse-proxy connecting via HTTPS

When deployed behind a reverse-proxy connecting to Django via HTTPS, `django.http.HttpRequest.scheme` would incorrectly detect client requests made via HTTP as using HTTPS. This entails incorrect results for `is_secure()` and `build_absolute_uri()`, and that HTTP requests would not be redirected to HTTPS in accordance with `SECURE_SSL_REDIRECT`.

HttpRequest.scheme now respects `SECURE_PROXY_SSL_HEADER`, if it is configured, and the appropriate header is set on the request, for both HTTP and HTTPS requests.

If you deploy Django behind a reverse-proxy that forwards HTTP requests, and that connects to Django via HTTPS, be sure to verify that your application correctly handles code paths relying on `scheme`, `is_secure()`, `build_absolute_uri()`, and `SECURE_SSL_REDIRECT`.

Django 1.11.21 release notes

*June 3, 2019*

Django 1.11.21 fixes a security issue in 1.11.20.

CVE-2019-12308: AdminURLFieldWidget XSS

The clickable “Current URL” link generated by `AdminURLFieldWidget` displayed the provided value without validating it as a safe URL. Thus, an unvalidated value stored in the database, or a value provided as a URL query parameter payload, could result in an clickable JavaScript link.

`AdminURLFieldWidget` now validates the provided value using `URLValidator` before displaying the clickable link. You may customize the validator by passing a `validator_class` kwarg to `AdminURLFieldWidget.__init__()`, e.g. when using `formfield_overrides`.

Django 1.11.20 release notes

*February 11, 2019*

Django 1.11.20 fixes a packaging error in 1.11.19.

Bugfixes

- Corrected packaging error from 1.11.19 (#30175).

Django 1.11.19 release notes

*February 11, 2019*

Django 1.11.19 fixes a security issue in 1.11.18.

CVE-2019-6975: Memory exhaustion in `django.utils.numberformat.format()`

If `django.utils.numberformat.format()` – used by `contrib.admin` as well as the `floatformat`, `filesizeformat`, and `intcomma` templates filters – received a `Decimal` with a large number of digits or a large exponent, it could lead to significant memory usage due to a call to `'{:f}'.format()`.
To avoid this, decimals with more than 200 digits are now formatted using scientific notation.

**Django 1.11.18 release notes**

*January 4, 2019*

Django 1.11.18 fixes a security issue in 1.11.17.

**CVE-2019-3498: Content spoofing possibility in the default 404 page**

An attacker could craft a malicious URL that could make spoofed content appear on the default page generated by the `django.views.defaults.page_not_found()` view.

The URL path is no longer displayed in the default 404 template and the `request_path` context variable is now quoted to fix the issue for custom templates that use the path.

**Django 1.11.17 release notes**

*December 3, 2018*

Django 1.11.17 fixes several bugs in 1.11.16 and adds compatibility with Python 3.7.

**Bugfixes**

- Prevented repetitive calls to `geos_version_tuple()` in the `WKBWriter` class in an attempt to fix a random crash involving `LooseVersion` since Django 1.11.14 (#29959).

**Django 1.11.16 release notes**

*October 1, 2018*

Django 1.11.16 fixes a data loss bug in 1.11.15.

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed a race condition in `QuerySet.update_or_create()` that could result in data loss (#29499).

**Django 1.11.15 release notes**

*August 1, 2018*

Django 1.11.15 fixes a security issue in 1.11.14.

**CVE-2018-14574: Open redirect possibility in `CommonMiddleware`**

If the `CommonMiddleware` and the `APPEND_SLASH` setting are both enabled, and if the project has a URL pattern that accepts any path ending in a slash (many content management systems have such a pattern), then a request to a maliciously crafted URL of that site could lead to a redirect to another site, enabling phishing and other attacks.

`CommonMiddleware` now escapes leading slashes to prevent redirects to other domains.
Django 1.11.14 release notes

July 2, 2018

Django 1.11.14 fixes several bugs in 1.11.13.

Bugfixes

- Fixed `WKBWriter.write()` and `write_hex()` for empty polygons on GEOS 3.6.1+ (#29460).
- Fixed a regression in Django 1.10 that could result in large memory usage when making edits using `ModelAdmin.list_editable` (#28462).

Django 1.11.13 release notes

May 1, 2018

Django 1.11.13 fixes several bugs in 1.11.12.

Bugfixes

- Fixed a regression in Django 1.11.8 where altering a field with a unique constraint may drop and rebuild more foreign keys than necessary (#29193).
- Fixed crashes in `django.contrib.admindocs` when a view is a callable object, such as `django.contrib.syndication.views.Feed` (#29296).
- Fixed a regression in Django 1.11.12 where `QuerySet.values()` or `values_list()` after combining an annotated and unannotated queryset with `union()`, `difference()`, or `intersection()` crashed due to mismatching columns (#29286).

Django 1.11.12 release notes

April 2, 2018

Django 1.11.12 fixes two bugs in 1.11.11.

Bugfixes

- Fixed a regression in Django 1.11.8 where combining two annotated `values_list()` querysets with `union()`, `difference()`, or `intersection()` crashed due to mismatching columns (#29229).
- Fixed a regression in Django 1.11 where an empty choice could be initially selected for the `SelectMultiple` and `CheckboxSelectMultiple` widgets (#29273).

Django 1.11.11 release notes

March 6, 2018

Django 1.11.11 fixes two security issues in 1.11.10.
CVE-2018-7536: Denial-of-service possibility in urlize and urlizetrunc template filters

The django.utils.html.urlize() function was extremely slow to evaluate certain inputs due to catastrophic backtracking vulnerabilities in two regular expressions. The urlize() function is used to implement the urlize and urlizetrunc template filters, which were thus vulnerable.

The problematic regular expressions are replaced with parsing logic that behaves similarly.

CVE-2018-7537: Denial-of-service possibility in truncatechars_html and truncatewords_html template filters

If django.utils.text.Truncator’s chars() and words() methods were passed the html=True argument, they were extremely slow to evaluate certain inputs due to a catastrophic backtracking vulnerability in a regular expression. The chars() and words() methods are used to implement the truncatechars_html and truncatewords_html template filters, which were thus vulnerable.

The backtracking problem in the regular expression is fixed.

Django 1.11.10 release notes

February 1, 2018

Django 1.11.10 fixes a security issue and several bugs in 1.11.9.

CVE-2018-6188: Information leakage in AuthenticationForm

A regression in Django 1.11.8 made AuthenticationForm run its confirm_login_allowed() method even if an incorrect password is entered. This can leak information about a user, depending on what messages confirm_login_allowed() raises. If confirm_login_allowed() isn’t overridden, an attacker enter an arbitrary username and see if that user has been set to is_active=False. If confirm_login_allowed() is overridden, more sensitive details could be leaked.

This issue is fixed with the caveat that AuthenticationForm can no longer raise the “This account is inactive.” error if the authentication backend rejects inactive users (the default authentication backend, ModelBackend, has done that since Django 1.10). This issue will be revisited for Django 2.1 as a fix to address the caveat will likely be too invasive for inclusion in older versions.

Bugfixes

• Fixed incorrect foreign key nullification if a model has two foreign keys to the same model and a target model is deleted (#29016).
• Fixed a regression where contrib.auth.authenticate() crashes if an authentication backend doesn’t accept request and a later one does (#29071).
• Fixed crash when entering an invalid uuid in ModelAdmin.raw_id_fields (#29094).

Django 1.11.9 release notes

January 1, 2018

Django 1.11.9 fixes several bugs in 1.11.8.
Bugfixes

- Fixed a regression in Django 1.11 that added newlines between MultiWidget’s subwidgets (#28890).
- Fixed incorrect class-based model index name generation for models with quoted db_table (#28876).
- Fixed incorrect foreign key constraint name for models with quoted db_table (#28876).
- Fixed a regression in caching of a GenericForeignKey when the referenced model instance uses more than one level of multi-table inheritance (#28856).

Django 1.11.8 release notes

December 2, 2017

Django 1.11.8 fixes several bugs in 1.11.7.

Bugfixes

- Reallowed, following a regression in Django 1.10, AuthenticationForm to raise the inactive user error when using ModelBackend (#28645).
- Added support for QuerySet.values() and values_list() for union(), difference(), and intersection() queries (#28781).
- Fixed incorrect index name truncation when using a namespaced db_table (#28792).
- Made QuerySet.iterator() use server-side cursors on PostgreSQL after values() and values_list() (#28817).
- Fixed crash on SQLite and MySQL when ordering by a filtered subquery that uses nulls_first or nulls_last (#28848).
- Made query lookups for CICharField, CIEmailField, and CITextField use a citext cast (#28702).
- Fixed a regression in caching of a GenericForeignKey when the referenced model instance uses multi-table inheritance (#28856).
- Fixed “Cannot change column ‘x’: used in a foreign key constraint” crash on MySQL with a sequence of AlterField and/or RenameField operations in a migration (#28305).

Django 1.11.7 release notes

November 1, 2017

Django 1.11.7 fixes several bugs in 1.11.6.

Bugfixes

- Prevented cache.get_or_set() from caching None if the default argument is a callable that returns None (#28601).
- Fixed the Basque DATE_FORMAT string (#28710).
- Made QuerySet.reverse() affect nulls_first and nulls_last (#28722).
- Fixed unquoted table names in Subquery SQL when using OuterRef (#28689).
Django 1.11.6 release notes

October 5, 2017

Django 1.11.6 fixes several bugs in 1.11.5.

Bugfixes

• Made the CharField form field convert whitespace-only values to the empty_value when strip is enabled (#28555).

• Fixed crash when using the name of a model’s autogenerated primary key (id) in an Index’s fields (#28597).

• Fixed a regression in Django 1.9 where a custom view error handler such as handler404 that accesses csrf_token could cause CSRF verification failures on other pages (#28488).

Django 1.11.5 release notes

September 5, 2017

Django 1.11.5 fixes a security issue and several bugs in 1.11.4.

CVE-2017-12794: Possible XSS in traceback section of technical 500 debug page

In older versions, HTML autoescaping was disabled in a portion of the template for the technical 500 debug page. Given the right circumstances, this allowed a cross-site scripting attack. This vulnerability shouldn’t affect most production sites since you shouldn’t run with DEBUG = True (which makes this page accessible) in your production settings.

Bugfixes

• Fixed GEOS version parsing if the version has a commit hash at the end (new in GEOS 3.6.2) (#28441).

• Added compatibility for cx_Oracle 6 (#28498).

• Fixed select widget rendering when option values are tuples (#28502).

• Django 1.11 inadvertently changed the sequence and trigger naming scheme on Oracle. This causes errors on INSERTs for some tables if ‘use_returning_into’: False is in the OPTIONS part of DATABASES. The pre-1.11 naming scheme is now restored. Unfortunately, it necessarily requires an update to Oracle tables created with Django 1.11.[1-4]. Use the upgrade script in #28451 comment 8 to update sequence and trigger names to use the pre-1.11 naming scheme.

• Added POST request support to LogoutView, for equivalence with the function-based logout() view (#28513).

• Omitted pages_per_range from BrinIndex.deconstruct() if it’s None (#25809).

• Fixed a regression where SelectDateWidget localized the years in the select box (#28530).

• Fixed a regression in 1.11.4 where runserver crashed with non-Unicode system encodings on Python 2 + Windows (#28487).
• Fixed a regression in Django 1.10 where changes to a ManyToManyField weren’t logged in the admin change history (#27998) and prevented ManyToManyField initial data in model forms from being affected by subsequent model changes (#28543).

• Fixed non-deterministic results or an AssertionError crash in some queries with multiple joins (#26522).

• Fixed a regression in contrib.auth’s login() and logout() views where they ignored positional arguments (#28550).

Django 1.11.4 release notes

August 1, 2017

Django 1.11.4 fixes several bugs in 1.11.3.

Bugfixes

• Fixed a regression in 1.11.3 on Python 2 where non-ASCII format values for date/time widgets results in an empty value in the widget’s HTML (#28355).

• Fixed QuerySet.union() and difference() when combining with a queryset raising EmptyResultSet (#28378).

• Fixed a regression in pickling of LazyObject on Python 2 when the wrapped object doesn’t have __reduce__() (#28389).

• Fixed crash in runserver’s autoreload with Python 2 on Windows with non-str environment variables (#28174).

• Corrected Field.has_changed() to return False for disabled form fields: BooleanField, MultipleChoiceField, MultiValueField, FileField, ModelChoiceField, and ModelMultipleChoiceField.

• Fixed QuerySet.count() for union(),difference(), and intersection() queries. (#28399).

• Fixed ClearableFileInput rendering as a subwidget of MultiWidget (#28414). Custom clearable_file_input.html widget templates will need to adapt for the fact that context values checkbox_name, checkbox_id, is_initial, input_text, initial_text, and clear_checkbox_label are now attributes of widget rather than appearing in the top-level context.

• Fixed queryset crash when using a GenericRelation to a proxy model (#28418).

Django 1.11.3 release notes

July 1, 2017

Django 1.11.3 fixes several bugs in 1.11.2.

Bugfixes

• Removed an incorrect deprecation warning about a missing renderer argument if a Widget.render() method accepts **kwargs (#28265).

• Fixed a regression causing Model.__init__() to crash if a field has an instance only descriptor (#28269).

• Fixed an incorrect DisallowedModelAdminLookup exception when using a nested reverse relation in list_filter (#28262).
- Fixed admin’s FieldListFilter.get_queryset() crash on invalid input (#28202).
- Fixed invalid HTML for a required AdminFileWidget (#28278).
- Fixed model initialization to set the name of class-based model indexes for models that only inherit models. Model (#28282).
- Fixed crash in admin’s inlines when a model has an inherited non-editable primary key (#27967).
- Fixed QuerySet.union(), intersection(), and difference() when combining with an EmptyQuerySet (#28293).
- Prevented Paginator’s unordered object list warning from evaluating a QuerySet (#28284).
- Fixed the value of redirect_field_name in LoginView’s template context. It’s now an empty string (as it is for the original function-based login() view) if the corresponding parameter isn’t sent in a request (in particular, when the login page is accessed directly) (#28229).
- Prevented attribute values in the django/forms/widgets/attrs.html template from being localized so that numeric attributes (e.g. max and min) of NumberInput work correctly (#28303).
- Removed casting of the option value to a string in the template context of the CheckboxSelectMultiple, NullBooleanSelect, RadioSelect, SelectMultiple, and Select widgets (#28176). In Django 1.11.1, casting was added in Python to avoid localization of numeric values in Django templates, but this made some use cases more difficult. Casting is now done in the template using the |stringformat:'s' filter.
- Prevented a primary key alteration from adding a foreign key constraint if db_constraint=False (#28298).
- Fixed UnboundLocalError crash in RenameField with nonexistent field (#28350).
- Fixed a regression preventing a model field’s limit_choices_to from being evaluated when a ModelForm is instantiated (#28345).

**Django 1.11.2 release notes**

*June 1, 2017*

Django 1.11.2 adds a minor feature and fixes several bugs in 1.11.1. Also, the latest string translations from Transifex are incorporated.

**Minor feature**

The new LiveServerTestCase.port attribute reallows the use case of binding to a specific port following the bind to port zero change in Django 1.11.

**Bugfixes**

- Added detection for GDAL 2.1 and 2.0, and removed detection for unsupported versions 1.7 and 1.8 (#28181).
- Changed contrib.gis to raise ImproperlyConfigured rather than GDALException if gdal isn’t installed, to allow third-party apps to catch that exception (#28178).
- Fixed django.utils.http.is_safe_url() crash on invalid IPv6 URLs (#28142).
- Fixed regression causing pickling of model fields to crash (#28188).
- Fixed django.contrib.auth.authenticate() when multiple authentication backends don’t accept a positional request argument (#28207).
• Fixed introspection of index field ordering on PostgreSQL (#28197).
• Fixed a regression where Model._state.adding wasn’t set correctly on multi-table inheritance parent models after saving a child model (#28210).
• Allowed DjangoJSONEncoder to serialize django.utils.deprecation.CallableBool (#28230).
• Relaxed the validation added in Django 1.11 of the fields in the defaults argument of QuerySet.get_or_create() and update_or_create() to reallow settable model properties (#28222).
• Fixed MultipleObjectMixinpaginate_queryset() crash on Python 2 if the InvalidPage message contains non-ASCII (#28204).
• Prevented Subquery from adding an unnecessary CAST which resulted in invalid SQL (#28199).
• Corrected detection of GDAL 2.1 on Windows (#28181).
• Made date-based generic views return a 404 rather than crash when given an out of range date (#28209).
• Fixed a regression where file_move_safe() crashed when moving files to a CIFS mount (#28170).
• Moved the ImageField file extension validation added in Django 1.11 from the model field to the form field to reallow the use case of storing images without an extension (#28242).

Django 1.11.1 release notes

May 6, 2017

Django 1.11.1 adds a minor feature and fixes several bugs in 1.11.

Allowed disabling server-side cursors on PostgreSQL

The change in Django 1.11 to make QuerySet.iterator() use server-side cursors on PostgreSQL prevents running Django with PgBouncer in transaction pooling mode. To reallow that, use the DISABLE_SERVER_SIDE_CURSORS setting in DATABASES.

See Transaction pooling and server-side cursors for more discussion.

Bugfixes

• Made migrations respect Index's name argument. If you created a named index with Django 1.11, makemigrations will create a migration to recreate the index with the correct name (#28051).
• Fixed a crash when using a __icontains lookup on a ArrayField (#28038).
• Fixed a crash when using a two-tuple in EmailMessage's attachments argument (#28042).
• Fixed QuerySet.filter() crash when it references the name of a OneToOneField primary key (#28047).
• Fixed empty POST data table appearing instead of “No POST data” in HTML debug page (#28079).
• Restored BoundFields without any choices evaluating to True (#28058).
• Prevented SessionBase.cycle_key() from losing session data if _session_cache isn’t populated (#28066).
• Fixed layout of ReadOnlyPasswordHashWidget (used in the admin’s user change page) (#28097).
• Allowed prefetch calls on managers with custom ModelIterable subclasses (#28096).
Django 1.11 release notes

April 4, 2017

Welcome to Django 1.11!

These release notes cover the new features, as well as some backwards incompatible changes you’ll want to be aware of when upgrading from Django 1.10 or older versions. We’ve begun the deprecation process for some features.

See the Upgrading Django to a newer version guide if you’re updating an existing project.

Django 1.11 is designated as a long-term support release. It will receive security updates for at least three years after its release. Support for the previous LTS, Django 1.8, will end in April 2018.

9.1. Final releases
Python compatibility

Django 1.11 requires Python 2.7, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, or 3.7 (as of 1.11.17). We **highly recommend** and only officially support the latest release of each series.

The Django 1.11.x series is the last to support Python 2. The next major release, Django 2.0, will only support Python 3.4+.

Deprecating warnings are no longer loud by default

Unlike older versions of Django, Django’s own deprecation warnings are no longer displayed by default. This is consistent with Python’s default behavior.

This change allows third-party apps to support both Django 1.11 LTS and Django 1.8 LTS without having to add code to avoid deprecation warnings.

Following the release of Django 2.0, we suggest that third-party app authors drop support for all versions of Django prior to 1.11. At that time, you should be able run your package’s tests using `python -Wd` so that deprecation warnings do appear. After making the deprecation warning fixes, your app should be compatible with Django 2.0.

What’s new in Django 1.11

Class-based model indexes

The new `django.db.models.indexes` module contains classes which ease creating database indexes. Indexes are added to models using the `Meta.indexes` option.

The `Index` class creates a b-tree index, as if you used `db_index` on the model field or `index_together` on the model `Meta` class. It can be subclassed to support different index types, such as `GinIndex`. It also allows defining the order (ASC/DESC) for the columns of the index.

Template-based widget rendering

To ease customizing widgets, form widget rendering is now done using the template system rather than in Python. See *The form rendering API*.

You may need to adjust any custom widgets that you’ve written for a few *backwards incompatible changes*.

Subquery expressions

The new `Subquery` and `Exists` database expressions allow creating explicit subqueries. Subqueries may refer to fields from the outer queryset using the `OuterRef` class.

Minor features

django.contrib.admin

- `ModelAdmin.date_hierarchy` can now reference fields across relations.
- The new `ModelAdmin.get_exclude()` hook allows specifying the exclude fields based on the request or model instance.
• The `popup_response.html` template can now be overridden per app, per model, or by setting the `ModelAdmin.popup_response_template` attribute.

**django.contrib.auth**

• The default iteration count for the PBKDF2 password hasher is increased by 20%.

• The `LoginView` and `LogoutView` class-based views supersede the deprecated `login()` and `logout()` function-based views.

• The `PasswordChangeView`, `PasswordChangeDoneView`, `PasswordResetView`, `PasswordResetDoneView`, `PasswordResetConfirmView`, and `PasswordResetCompleteView` class-based views supersede the deprecated `password_change()`, `password_change_done()`, `password_reset()`, `password_reset_done()`, `password_reset_confirm()`, and `password_reset_complete()` function-based views.

• The new `post_reset_login` attribute for `PasswordResetConfirmView` allows automatically logging in a user after a successful password reset. If you have multiple `AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS` configured, use the `post_reset_login_backend` attribute to choose which one to use.

• To avoid the possibility of leaking a password reset token via the HTTP Referer header (for example, if the reset page includes a reference to CSS or JavaScript hosted on another domain), the `PasswordResetConfirmView` (but not the deprecated `password_reset_confirm()` function-based view) stores the token in a session and redirects to itself to present the password change form to the user without the token in the URL.

• `update_session_auth_hash()` now rotates the session key to allow a password change to invalidate stolen session cookies.

• The new `success_url_allowed_hosts` attribute for `LoginView` and `LogoutView` allows specifying a set of hosts that are safe for redirecting after login and logout.

• Added password validators `help_text` to `UserCreationForm`.

• The `HttpRequest` is now passed to `authenticate()` which in turn passes it to the authentication backend if it accepts a `request` argument.

• The `user_login_failed()` signal now receives a `request` argument.

• `PasswordResetForm` supports custom user models that use an email field named something other than 'email'. Set `CustomUser.EMAIL_FIELD` to the name of the field.

• `get_user_model()` can now be called at import time, even in modules that define models.

**django.contrib.contenttypes**

• When stale content types are detected in the `remove_stale_contenttypes` command, there’s now a list of related objects such as `auth.Permissions` that will also be deleted. Previously, only the content types were listed (and this prompt was after `migrate` rather than in a separate command).

**django.contrib.gis**

• The new `GEOSGeometry.from_gml()` and `OGRGeometry.from_gml()` methods allow creating geometries from GML.

• Added support for the `dwithin` lookup on SpatiaLite.
• The `Area` function, `Distance` function, and distance lookups now work with geodetic coordinates on Spatialite.

• The OpenLayers-based form widgets now use OpenLayers.js from https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com which is more suitable for production use than the old https://openlayers.org/ source. They are also updated to use OpenLayers 3.

• PostGIS migrations can now change field dimensions.

• Added the ability to pass the `size`, `shape`, and `offset` parameters when creating `GDALRaster` objects.

• Added SpatiaLite support for the `IsValid` function, `MakeValid` function, and `isvalid` lookup.

• Added Oracle support for the `AsGML` function, `BoundingCircle` function, `IsValid` function, and `isvalid` lookup.

`django.contrib.postgres`

• The new `distinct` argument for `StringAgg` determines if concatenated values will be distinct.

• The new `GinIndex` and `BrinIndex` classes allow creating GIN and BRIN indexes in the database.

• `JSONField` accepts a new `encoder` parameter to specify a custom class to encode data types not supported by the standard encoder.

• The new `CIText` mixin and `CITextExtension` migration operation allow using PostgreSQL's citext extension for case-insensitive lookups. Three fields are provided: `CICharField`, `CIEmailField`, and `CITextField`.

• The new `JSONBAgg` allows aggregating values as a JSON array.

• The `HStoreField` (model field) and `HStoreField` (form field) allow storing null values.

`Cache`

• Memcached backends now pass the contents of `OPTIONS` as keyword arguments to the client constructors, allowing for more advanced control of client behavior. See the `cache arguments` documentation for examples.

• Memcached backends now allow defining multiple servers as a comma-delimited string in `LOCATION`, for convenience with third-party services that use such strings in environment variables.

`CSRF`

• Added the `CSRF_USE_SESSIONS` setting to allow storing the CSRF token in the user's session rather than in a cookie.

`Database backends`

• Added the `skip_locked` argument to `QuerySet.select_for_update()` on PostgreSQL 9.5+ and Oracle to execute queries with `FOR UPDATE SKIP LOCKED`.

• Added the `TEST['TEMPLATE']` setting to let PostgreSQL users specify a template for creating the test database.

• `QuerySet.iterator()` now uses server-side cursors on PostgreSQL. This feature transfers some of the worker memory load (used to hold query results) to the database and might increase database memory usage.
• Added MySQL support for the 'isolation_level' option in OPTIONS to allow specifying the transaction isolation level. To avoid possible data loss, it's recommended to switch from MySQL's default level, repeatable read, to read committed.

• Added support for cx_Oracle 5.3.

Email

• Added the EMAIL_USE_LOCALTIME setting to allow sending SMTP date headers in the local time zone rather than in UTC.

• EmailMessage.attach() and attach_file() now fall back to MIME type application/octet-stream when binary content that can’t be decoded as UTF-8 is specified for a text/* attachment.

File Storage

• To make it wrappable by io.TextIOWrapper, File now has the readable(), writable(), and seekable() methods.

Forms

• The new empty_value attribute on CharField, EmailField, RegexField, SlugField, and URLField allows specifying the Python value to use to represent "empty".

• The new Form.get_initial_for_field() method returns initial data for a form field.

Internationalization

• Number formatting and the NUMBER_GROUPING setting support non-uniform digit grouping.

Management Commands

• The new loaddata --exclude option allows excluding models and apps while loading data from fixtures.

• The new diffsettings --default option allows specifying a settings module other than Django’s default settings to compare against.

• app_labels arguments now limit the showmigrations --plan output.

Migrations

• Added support for serialization of uuid.UUID objects.

Models

• Added support for callable values in the defaults argument of QuerySet.update_or_create() and get_or_create().

• ImageField now has a default validate_image_file_extension validator. (This validator moved to the form field in Django 1.11.2.)
• Added support for time truncation to `Trunc` functions.

• Added the `ExtractWeek` function to extract the week from `DateField` and `DateTimeField` and exposed it through the `week` lookup.

• Added the `TruncTime` function to truncate `DateTimeField` to its time component and exposed it through the `time` lookup.

• Added support for expressions in `QuerySet.values()` and `values_list()`.

• Added support for query expressions on lookups that take multiple arguments, such as `range`.

• You can now use the `unique=True` option with `FileField`.

• Added the `nulls_first` and `nulls_last` parameters to `Expression.asc()` and `desc()` to control the ordering of null values.

• The new `F` expression `bitleftshift()` and `bitrightshift()` methods allow bitwise shift operations.

• Added `QuerySet.union()`, `intersection()`, and `difference()`.

Requests and Responses

• Added `QueryDict.fromkeys()`.

• `CommonMiddleware` now sets the `Content-Length` response header for non-streaming responses.

• Added the `SECURE_HSTS_PRELOAD` setting to allow appending the `preload` directive to the `Strict-Transport-Security` header.

• `ConditionalGetMiddleware` now adds the `ETag` header to responses.

Serialization

• The new `django.core.serializers.base.Serializer.stream_class` attribute allows subclasses to customize the default stream.

• The encoder used by the `JSON serializer` can now be customized by passing a `cls` keyword argument to the `serializers.serialize()` function.

• `DjangoJSONEncoder` now serializes `timedelta` objects (used by `DurationField`).

Templates

• `mark_safe()` can now be used as a decorator.

• The `Jinja2` template backend now supports context processors by setting the `context_processors` option in `OPTIONS`.

• The `regroup` tag now returns namedtuples instead of dictionaries so you can unpack the group object directly in a loop, e.g. `{% for grouper, list in regrouped %}`.

• Added a `resetcycle` template tag to allow resetting the sequence of the `cycle` template tag.

• You can now specify specific directories for a particular `filesystem.Loader`.
Django Documentation, Release 3.1.5.dev

Tests

- Added `DiscoverRunner.get_test_runner_kwargs()` to allow customizing the keyword arguments passed to the test runner.
- Added the `test --debug-mode` option to help troubleshoot test failures by setting the `DEBUG` setting to `True`.
- The new `django.test.utils.setup_databases()` (moved from `django.test.runner`) and `teardown_databases()` functions make it easier to build custom test runners.
- Added support for `unittest.TestCase.subTest()`'s when using the `test --parallel` option.
- `DiscoverRunner` now runs the system checks at the start of a test run. Override the `DiscoverRunner.runChecks()` method if you want to disable that.

Validators

- Added `FileExtensionValidator` to validate file extensions and `validate_image_file_extension` to validate image files.

Backwards incompatible changes in 1.11

django.contrib.gis

- To simplify the codebase and because it's easier to install than when `contrib.gis` was first released, `GDAL` is now a required dependency for GeoDjango. In older versions, it's only required for SQLite.
- `contrib.gis.maps` is removed as it interfaces with a retired version of the Google Maps API and seems to be unmaintained. If you're using it, let us know.
- The `GEOSGeometry` equality operator now also compares SRID.
- The OpenLayers-based form widgets now use OpenLayers 3, and the `gis/openlayers.html` and `gis/openlayers-osm.html` templates have been updated. Check your project if you subclass these widgets or extend the templates. Also, the new widgets work a bit differently than the old ones. Instead of using a toolbar in the widget, you click to draw, click and drag to move the map, and click and drag a point/vertex/corner to move it.
- Support for SpatiaLite < 4.0 is dropped.
- Support for GDAL 1.7 and 1.8 is dropped.
- The widgets in `contrib.gis.forms.widgets` and the admin’s `OpenLayersWidget` use the `form rendering API` rather than `loader.render_to_string()`. If you're using a custom widget template, you'll need to be sure your form renderer can locate it. For example, you could use the `TemplatesSetting` renderer.

django.contrib.staticfiles

- `collectstatic` may now fail during post-processing when using a hashed static files storage if a reference loop exists (e.g. 'foo.css' references 'bar.css' which itself references 'foo.css') or if the chain of files referencing other files is too deep to resolve in several passes. In the latter case, increase the number of passes using `ManifestStaticFilesStorage.max_post_process_passes`.

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• When using ManifestStaticFilesStorage, static files not found in the manifest at runtime now raise a `ValueError` instead of returning an unchanged path. You can revert to the old behavior by setting `ManifestStaticFilesStorage.manifest_strict` to `False`.

Database backend API

This section describes changes that may be needed in third-party database backends.

• The `DatabaseOperations.time_trunc_sql()` method is added to support `TimeField` truncation. It accepts a `lookup_type` and `field_name` arguments and returns the appropriate SQL to truncate the given time field `field_name` to a time object with only the given specificity. The `lookup_type` argument can be either 'hour', 'minute', or 'second'.

• The `DatabaseOperations.datetime_cast_time_sql()` method is added to support the `time` lookup. It accepts a `field_name` and `tzname` arguments and returns the SQL necessary to cast a datetime value to time value.

• To enable `FOR UPDATE SKIP LOCKED` support, set `DatabaseFeatures.has_select_for_update_skip_locked = True`.

• The new `DatabaseFeatures.supports_index_column_ordering` attribute specifies if a database allows defining ordering for columns in indexes. The default value is `True` and the `DatabaseIntrospection.get_constraints()` method should include an 'orders' key in each of the returned dictionaries with a list of 'ASC' and/or 'DESC' values corresponding to the ordering of each column in the index.

• `inspectdb` no longer calls `DatabaseIntrospection.get_indexes()` which is deprecated. Custom database backends should ensure all types of indexes are returned by `DatabaseIntrospection.get_constraints()`.

• Renamed the `ignores_quoted_identifier_case` feature to `ignores_table_name_case` to more accurately reflect how it is used.

• The `name` keyword argument is added to the `DatabaseWrapper.create_cursor(self, name=None)` method to allow usage of server-side cursors on backends that support it.

Dropped support for PostgreSQL 9.2 and PostGIS 2.0

Upstream support for PostgreSQL 9.2 ends in September 2017. As a consequence, Django 1.11 sets PostgreSQL 9.3 as the minimum version it officially supports.

Support for PostGIS 2.0 is also removed as PostgreSQL 9.2 is the last version to support it.

Also, the minimum supported version of psycopg2 is increased from 2.4.5 to 2.5.4.

`LiveServerTestCase` binds to port zero

Rather than taking a port range and iterating to find a free port, `LiveServerTestCase` binds to port zero and relies on the operating system to assign a free port. The `DJANGO_LIVE_TEST_SERVER_ADDRESS` environment variable is no longer used, and as it’s also no longer used, the `manage.py test --liveserver` option is removed.

If you need to bind `LiveServerTestCase` to a specific port, use the `port` attribute added in Django 1.11.2.
Protection against insecure redirects in `django.contrib.auth` and i18n views

`LoginView`, `LogoutView` (and the deprecated function-based equivalents), and `set_language()` protect users from being redirected to non-HTTPS `next` URLs when the app is running over HTTPS.

`QuerySet.get_or_create()` and `update_or_create()` validate arguments

To prevent typos from passing silently, `get_or_create()` and `update_or_create()` check that their arguments are model fields. This should be backwards-incompatible only in the fact that it might expose a bug in your project.

`pytz` is a required dependency and support for `settings.TIME_ZONE = None` is removed

To simplify Django’s timezone handling, `pytz` is now a required dependency. It’s automatically installed along with Django.

Support for `settings.TIME_ZONE = None` is removed as the behavior isn’t commonly used and is questionably useful. If you want to automatically detect the timezone based on the system timezone, you can use `tzlocal`:

```python
from tzlocal import get_localzone
TIME_ZONE = get_localzone().zone
```

This works similar to `settings.TIME_ZONE = None` except that it also sets `os.environ['TZ']`. Let us know if there’s a use case where you find you can’t adapt your code to set a `TIME_ZONE`.

HTML changes in admin templates

`<p class="help">` is replaced with a `<div>` tag to allow including lists inside help text.

Read-only fields are wrapped in `<div class="readonly">...</div>` instead of `<p>...</p>` to allow any kind of HTML as the field’s content.

Changes due to the introduction of template-based widget rendering

Some undocumented classes in `django.forms.widgets` are removed:

- `SubWidget`
- `RendererMixin, ChoiceFieldRenderer, RadioFieldRenderer, CheckboxFieldRenderer`
- `ChoiceInput, RadioChoiceInput, CheckboxChoiceInput`

The undocumented `Select.render_option()` method is removed.

The `Widget.format_output()` method is removed. Use a custom widget template instead.

Some widget values, such as `<select>` options, are now localized if `settings.USE_L10N=True`. You could revert to the old behavior with custom widget templates that uses the `localize` template tag to turn off localization.
**django.template.backends.django.Template.render() prohibits non-dict context**

For compatibility with multiple template engines, `django.template.backends.django.Template.render()` (returned from high-level template loader APIs such as `loader.get_template()`) must receive a dictionary of context rather than `Context` or `RequestContext`. If you were passing either of the two classes, pass a dictionary instead – doing so is backwards-compatible with older versions of Django.

**Model state changes in migration operations**

To improve the speed of applying migrations, rendering of related models is delayed until an operation that needs them (e.g. `RunPython`). If you have a custom operation that works with model classes or model instances from the `from_state` argument in `database_forwards()` or `database_backwards()`, you must render model states using the `clear_delayed_apps_cache()` method as described in *writing your own migration operation*.

**Server-side cursors on PostgreSQL**

The change to make `QuerySet.iterator()` use server-side cursors on PostgreSQL prevents running Django with PgBouncer in transaction pooling mode. To reallow that, use the `DISABLE_SERVER_SIDE_CURSORS` setting (added in Django 1.11.1) in `DATABASES`.

See *Transaction pooling and server-side cursors* for more discussion.

**Miscellaneous**

- If no items in the feed have a `pubdate` or `updateddate` attribute, `SyndicationFeed.latest_post_date()` now returns the current UTC date/time, instead of a datetime without any timezone information.
- CSRF failures are logged to the `django.security.csrf` logger instead of `django.request`.
- `ALLOWED_HOSTS` validation is no longer disabled when running tests. If your application includes tests with custom host names, you must include those host names in `ALLOWED_HOSTS`. See *Tests and multiple host names*.
- Using a foreign key’s id (e.g. `field_id` in `ModelAdmin.list_display`) displays the related object’s ID. Remove the `_id` suffix if you want the old behavior of the string representation of the object.
- In model forms, `CharField` with `null=True` now saves `NULL` for blank values instead of empty strings.
- On Oracle, `Model.validate_unique()` no longer checks empty strings for uniqueness as the database interprets the value as `NULL`.
- If you subclass `AbstractUser` and override `clean()`, be sure it calls `super().BaseUserManager.normalize_email()` is called in a new `AbstractUser.clean()` method so that normalization is applied in cases like model form validation.
- `EmailField` and `URLField` no longer accept the `strip` keyword argument. Remove it because it doesn’t have an effect in older versions of Django as these fields always strip whitespace.
- The `checked` and `selected` attribute rendered by form widgets now uses HTML5 boolean syntax rather than XHTML’s `checked='checked'` and `selected='selected'`.
- `RelatedManager.add()`, `remove()`, `clear()`, and `set()` now clear the `prefetch_related()` cache.
• To prevent possible loss of saved settings, `setup_test_environment()` now raises an exception if called a second time before calling `teardown_test_environment()`.

• The undocumented `DateTimeAwareJSONEncoder` alias for `DjangoJSONEncoder` (renamed in Django 1.0) is removed.

• The cached template loader is now enabled if `OPTIONS['loaders']` isn’t specified and `OPTIONS['debug']` is False (the latter option defaults to the value of `DEBUG`). This could be backwards-incompatible if you have some template tags that aren’t thread safe.

• The prompt for stale content type deletion no longer occurs after running the `migrate` command. Use the new `remove_stale_contenttypes` command instead.

• The admin’s widget for `IntegerField` uses type="number" rather than type="text".

• Conditional HTTP headers are now parsed and compared according to the RFC 7232 Conditional Requests specification rather than the older RFC 2616.

• `patch_response_headers()` no longer adds a Last-Modified header. According to the RFC 7234#section-4.2.2, this header is useless alongside other caching headers that provide an explicit expiration time, e.g. Expires or Cache-Control. `UpdateCacheMiddleware` and `add_never_cache_headers()` call `patch_response_headers()` and therefore are also affected by this change.

• In the admin templates, `<p class="help">` is replaced with a `<div>` tag to allow including lists inside help text.

• `ConditionalGetMiddleware` no longer sets the Date header as Web servers set that header. It also no longer sets the Content-Length header as this is now done by `CommonMiddleware`.

  If you have a middleware that modifies a response’s content and appears before `CommonMiddleware` in the `MIDDLEWARE` or `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES` settings, you must reorder your middleware so that responses aren’t modified after Content-Length is set, or have the response modifying middleware reset the Content-Length header.

• `get_model()` and `get_models()` now raise `AppRegistryNotReady` if they’re called before models of all applications have been loaded. Previously they only required the target application’s models to be loaded and thus could return models without all their relations set up. If you need the old behavior of `get_model()`, set the `require_ready` argument to False.

• The unused `BaseCommand.can_import_settings` attribute is removed.

• The undocumented `django.utils.functional.lazy_property` is removed.

• For consistency with non-multipart requests, `MultiPartParser.parse()` now leaves `request.POST` immutable. If you’re modifying that `QueryDict`, you must now first copy it, e.g. `request.POST.copy()`.

• Support for `cx_Oracle < 5.2` is removed.

• Support for IPython < 1.0 is removed from the `shell` command.

• The signature of private API `Widget.build_attrs()` changed from `extra_attrs=None, **kwargs to base_attrs, extra_attrs=None`.

• File-like objects (e.g., `StringIO` and `BytesIO`) uploaded to an `ImageField` using the test client now require a `name` attribute with a value that passes the `validate_image_file_extension` validator. See the note in `Client.post()`.

• `FileField` now moves rather than copies the file it receives. With the default file upload settings, files larger than `FILE_UPLOAD_MAX_MEMORY_SIZE` now have the same permissions as temporary files (often 0o600) rather than the system’s standard umask (often 0o6644). Set the `FILE_UPLOAD_PERMISSIONS` if you need the same permission regardless of file size.
Features deprecated in 1.11

models.permalink() decorator

Use `django.urls.reverse()` instead. For example:

```python
from django.db import models

class MyModel(models.Model):
    ...

    @models.permalink
    def url(self):
        return ('guitarist_detail', [self.slug])
```

becomes:

```python
from django.db import models
from django.urls import reverse

class MyModel(models.Model):
    ...

    def url(self):
        return reverse('guitarist_detail', args=[self.slug])
```

Miscellaneous

- `contrib.auth`'s `login()` and `logout()` function-based views are deprecated in favor of new class-based views `LoginView` and `LogoutView`.

- The unused `extra_context` parameter of `contrib.auth.views.logout_then_login()` is deprecated.

- `contrib.auth`'s `password_change()`, `password_change_done()`, `password_reset()`, `password_reset_done()`, `password_reset_confirm()`, and `password_reset_complete()` function-based views are deprecated in favor of new class-based views `PasswordChangeView`, `PasswordChangeDoneView`, `PasswordResetView`, `PasswordResetDoneView`, `PasswordResetConfirmView`, and `PasswordResetCompleteView`.

- `django.test.runner.setup_databases()` is moved to `django.test.utils.setup_databases()`. The old location is deprecated.

- `django.utils.translation.string_concat()` is deprecated in favor of `django.utils.text.format_lazy()`. `string_concat(*strings)` can be replaced by `format_lazy('{}' * len(strings), *strings)`.

- For the `PyLibMCCache` cache backend, passing `pylibmc` behavior settings as top-level attributes of `OPTIONS` is deprecated. Set them under a `behaviors` key within `OPTIONS` instead.

- The `host` parameter of `django.utils.http.is_safe_url()` is deprecated in favor of the new `allowed_hosts` parameter.

- Silencing exceptions raised while rendering the `{% include %}` template tag is deprecated as the behavior is often more confusing than helpful. In Django 2.1, the exception will be raised.
• DatabaseIntrospection.get_indexes() is deprecated in favor of DatabaseIntrospection.get_constraints().

• authenticate() now passes a request argument to the authenticate() method of authentication backends. Support for methods that don’t accept request as the first positional argument will be removed in Django 2.1.

• The USE_ETAGS setting is deprecated in favor of ConditionalGetMiddleware which now adds the ETag header to responses regardless of the setting. CommonMiddleware and django.utils.cache.patch_response_headers() will no longer set ETags when the deprecation ends.

• Model._meta.has_auto_field is deprecated in favor of checking if Model._meta.auto_field is not None.

• Using regular expression groups with ilmsu# in url() is deprecated. The only group that’s useful is (?i) for case-insensitive URLs, however, case-insensitive URLs aren’t a good practice because they create multiple entries for search engines, for example. An alternative solution could be to create a handler404 that looks for uppercase characters in the URL and redirects to a lowercase equivalent.

• The renderer argument is added to the Widget.render() method. Methods that don’t accept that argument will work through a deprecation period.

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Django 1.10.8 release notes

September 5, 2017

Django 1.10.8 fixes a security issue in 1.10.7.

CVE-2017-12794: Possible XSS in traceback section of technical 500 debug page

In older versions, HTML autoescaping was disabled in a portion of the template for the technical 500 debug page. Given the right circumstances, this allowed a cross-site scripting attack. This vulnerability shouldn’t affect most production sites since you shouldn’t run with DEBUG = True (which makes this page accessible) in your production settings.

Django 1.10.7 release notes

April 4, 2017

Django 1.10.7 fixes two security issues and a bug in 1.10.6.

CVE-2017-7233: Open redirect and possible XSS attack via user-supplied numeric redirect URLs

Django relies on user input in some cases (e.g. django.contrib.auth.views.login() and i18n) to redirect the user to an “on success” URL. The security check for these redirects (namely django.utils.http.is_safe_url()) considered some numeric URLs (e.g. http://999999999) “safe” when they shouldn’t be.

Also, if a developer relies on is_safe_url() to provide safe redirect targets and puts such a URL into a link, they could suffer from an XSS attack.

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CVE-2017-7234: Open redirect vulnerability in `django.views.static.serve()`

A maliciously crafted URL to a Django site using the `serve()` view could redirect to any other domain. The view no longer does any redirects as they don’t provide any known, useful functionality.

Note, however, that this view has always carried a warning that it is not hardened for production use and should be used only as a development aid.

**Bugfixes**

- Made admin’s `RelatedFieldWidgetWrapper` use the wrapped widget’s `value_omitted_from_data()` method (#27905).
- Fixed model form default fallback for `SelectMultiple` (#27993).

**Django 1.10.6 release notes**

*March 1, 2017*

Django 1.10.6 fixes several bugs in 1.10.5.

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed `ClearableFileInput`’s “Clear” checkbox on model form fields where the model field has a default (#27805).
- Fixed `RequestDataTooBig` and `TooManyFieldsSent` exceptions crashing rather than generating a bad request response (#27820).
- Fixed a crash on Oracle and PostgreSQL when subtracting `DurationField` or `IntegerField` from `DateField` (#27828).
- Fixed query expression date subtraction accuracy on PostgreSQL for differences larger than a month (#27856).
- Fixed a `GDALException` raised by `GDALClose` on GDAL ≥ 2.0 (#27479).

**Django 1.10.5 release notes**

*January 4, 2017*

Django 1.10.5 fixes several bugs in 1.10.4.

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed a crash in the debug view if `request.user` can’t be retrieved, such as if the database is unavailable (#27567).
- Fixed occasional missing plural forms in `JavaScriptCatalog` (#27418).
- Fixed a regression in the `timesince` and `timeuntil` filters that caused incorrect results for dates in a leap year (#27637).
- Fixed a regression where `collectstatic` overwrote newer files in remote storages (#27658).
**Django 1.10.4 release notes**

*December 1, 2016*

Django 1.10.4 fixes several bugs in 1.10.3.

**Bugfixes**

- Quoted the Oracle test user’s password in queries to fix the “ORA-00922: missing or invalid option” error when the password starts with a number or special character (#27420).
- Fixed incorrect `app_label / model_name` arguments for `allow_migrate()` in `makemigrations` migration consistency checks (#27461).
- Made `Model.delete(keep_parents=True)` preserve parent reverse relationships in multi-table inheritance (#27407).
- Fixed a `QuerySet.update()` crash on SQLite when updating a `DateTimeField` with an `F()` expression and a `timedelta` (#27544).
- Prevented `LocaleMiddleware` from redirecting on URLs that should return 404 when using `prefix_default_language=False` (#27402).
- Prevented an unnecessary index from being created on an InnoDB `ForeignKey` when the field was added after the model was created (#27558).

**Django 1.10.3 release notes**

*November 1, 2016*

Django 1.10.3 fixes two security issues and several bugs in 1.10.2.

**User with hardcoded password created when running tests on Oracle**

When running tests with an Oracle database, Django creates a temporary database user. In older versions, if a password isn’t manually specified in the database settings `TEST` dictionary, a hardcoded password is used. This could allow an attacker with network access to the database server to connect.

This user is usually dropped after the test suite completes, but not when using the `manage.py test --keepdb` option or if the user has an active session (such as an attacker’s connection).

A randomly generated password is now used for each test run.

**DNS rebinding vulnerability when DEBUG=True**

Older versions of Django don’t validate the `Host` header against `settings.ALLOWED_HOSTS` when `settings.DEBUG=True`. This makes them vulnerable to a DNS rebinding attack.

While Django doesn’t ship a module that allows remote code execution, this is at least a cross-site scripting vector, which could be quite serious if developers load a copy of the production database in development or connect to some production services for which there’s no development instance, for example. If a project uses a package like the `django-debug-toolbar`, then the attacker could execute arbitrary SQL, which could be especially bad if the developers connect to the database with a superuser account.

`settings.ALLOWED_HOSTS` is now validated regardless of `DEBUG`. For convenience, if `ALLOWED_HOSTS` is empty and `DEBUG=True`, the following variations of localhost are allowed `['localhost', '127.0.0.1', `
'::1']. If your local settings file has your production ALLOWED_HOSTS value, you must now omit it to get those fallback values.

**Bugfixes**

- Allowed User.is_authenticated and User.is_anonymous properties to be tested for set membership (#27309).
- Fixed a performance regression when running migrate in projects with RenameModel operations (#27279).
- Added model_name to the allow_migrate() calls in makemigrations (#27200).
- Made the JavaScriptCatalog view respect the packages argument; previously it was ignored (#27374).
- Fixed QuerySet.bulk_create() on PostgreSQL when the number of objects is a multiple plus one of batch_size (#27385).
- Prevented i18n_patterns() from using too much of the URL as the language to fix a use case for prefix_default_language=False (#27063).
- Replaced a possibly incorrect redirect from SessionMiddleware when a session is destroyed in a concurrent request with a SuspiciousOperation to indicate that the request can’t be completed (#27363).

**Django 1.10.2 release notes**

*October 1, 2016*

Django 1.10.2 fixes several bugs in 1.10.1.

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed a crash in MySQL database validation where SELECT @@sql_mode doesn’t return a result (#27180).
- Allowed combining contrib.postgres.search.SearchQuery with more than one & or | operators (#27143).
- Disabled system check for URL patterns beginning with a ‘/’ when APPEND_SLASH=False (#27238).
- Fixed model form default fallback for CheckboxSelectMultiple, MultiWidget, FileInput, SplitDateTimeWidget, SelectDateWidget, and SplitArrayWidget (#27186). Custom widgets affected by this issue should implement value_omitted_from_data().
- Fixed a crash in runserver logging during a “Broken pipe” error (#27271).
- Fixed a regression where unchanged localized date/time fields were listed as changed in the admin’s model history messages (#27302).

**Django 1.10.1 release notes**

*September 1, 2016*

Django 1.10.1 fixes several bugs in 1.10.
Bugfixes

- Fixed a crash in MySQL connections where `SELECT @@SQL_AUTO_IS_NULL` doesn't return a result (#26991).
- Allowed `User.is_authenticated` and `User.is_anonymous` properties to be compared using `==`, `!=`, and `|` (#26988, #27154).
- Removed the broken `BaseCommand.usage()` method which was for `optparse` support (#27000).
- Fixed a checks framework crash with an empty `Meta.default_permissions` (#26997).
- Fixed a regression in the number of queries when using `RadioSelect` with a `ModelChoiceField` form field (#27001).
- Fixed a crash if `request.META['CONTENT_LENGTH']` is an empty string (#27005).
- Fixed the `isnull` lookup on a `ForeignKey` with its `to_field` pointing to a `CharField` or pointing to a `CharField` defined with `primary_key=True` (#26983).
- Prevented the migrate command from raising `InconsistentMigrationHistory` in the presence of unapplied squashed migrations (#27004).
- Fixed a regression in `Client.force_login()` which required specifying a backend rather than automatically using the first one if multiple backends are configured (#27027).
- Made `QuerySet.bulk_create()` properly initialize model instances on backends, such as PostgreSQL, that support returning the IDs of the created records so that many-to-many relationships can be used on the new objects (#27026).
- Fixed crash of `django.views.static.serve()` with `show_indexes` enabled (#26973).
- Fixed `ClearableFileInput` to avoid the required HTML attribute when initial data exists (#27037).
- Fixed annotations with database functions when combined with lookups on PostGIS (#27014).
- Reallowed the `{% for %}` tag to unpack any iterable (#27058).
- Made `makemigrations` skip inconsistent history checks on non-default databases if database routers aren’t in use or if no apps can be migrated to the database (#27054, #27110, #27142).
- Removed duplicated managers in `Model._meta.managers` (#27073).
- Fixed `contrib.admindocs` crash when a view is in a class, such as some of the admin views (#27018).
- Reverted a few admin checks that checked `field.many_to_many` back to `isinstance(field, models.ManyToManyField)` since it turned out the checks weren’t suitable to be generalized like that (#26998).
- Added the database alias to the `InconsistentMigrationHistory` message raised by `makemigrations` and `migrate` (#27089).
- Fixed the creation of `ContentType` and `Permission` objects for models of applications without migrations when calling the `migrate` command with no migrations to apply (#27044).
- Included the already applied migration state changes in the `Apps` instance provided to the `pre_migrate` signal receivers to allow `ContentType` renaming to be performed on model rename (#27100).
- Reallowed subclassing `UserCreationForm` without `USERNAME_FIELD` in `Meta.fields` (#27111).
- Fixed a regression in model forms where model fields with a `default` that didn’t appear in POST data no longer used the `default` (#27039).
Django 1.10 release notes

August 1, 2016

Welcome to Django 1.10!

These release notes cover the new features, as well as some backwards incompatible changes you’ll want to be aware of when upgrading from Django 1.9 or older versions. We’ve dropped some features that have reached the end of their deprecation cycle, and we’ve begun the deprecation process for some features.

See the Upgrading Django to a newer version guide if you’re updating an existing project.

Python compatibility

Like Django 1.9, Django 1.10 requires Python 2.7, 3.4, or 3.5. We highly recommend and only officially support the latest release of each series.

What’s new in Django 1.10

Full text search for PostgreSQL

django.contrib.postgres now includes a collection of database functions to allow the use of the full text search engine. You can search across multiple fields in your relational database, combine the searches with other lookups, use different language configurations and weightings, and rank the results by relevance.

It also now includes trigram support, using the trigram_similar lookup, and the TrigramSimilarity and TrigramDistance expressions.

New-style middleware

A new style of middleware is introduced to solve the lack of strict request/response layering of the old-style of middleware described in DEP 0005. You’ll need to adapt old, custom middleware and switch from the MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES setting to the new MIDDLEWARE setting to take advantage of the improvements.

Official support for Unicode usernames

The User model in django.contrib.auth originally only accepted ASCII letters and numbers in usernames. Although it wasn’t a deliberate choice, Unicode characters have always been accepted when using Python 3.

The username validator now explicitly accepts Unicode characters by default on Python 3 only.

Custom user models may use the new ASCIIUsernameValidator or UnicodeUsernameValidator.

Minor features

django.contrib.admin

- For sites running on a subpath, the default URL for the "View site" link at the top of each admin page will now point to request.META['SCRIPT_NAME'] if set, instead of /.
- The success message that appears after adding or editing an object now contains a link to the object’s change form.
• All inline JavaScript is removed so you can enable the Content-Security-Policy HTTP header if you wish.
• The new InlineModelAdmin.classes attribute allows specifying classes on inline fieldsets. Inlines with a collapse class will be initially collapsed and their header will have a small “show” link.
• If a user doesn’t have the add permission, the object-tools block on a model’s changelist will now be rendered (without the add button). This makes it easier to add custom tools in this case.
• The LogEntry model now stores change messages in a JSON structure so that the message can be dynamically translated using the current active language. A new LogEntry.get_change_message() method is now the preferred way of retrieving the change message.
• Selected objects for fields in ModelAdmin.raw_id_fields now have a link to object’s change form.
• Added “No date” and “Has date” choices for DateFieldListFilter if the field is nullable.
• The jQuery library embedded in the admin is upgraded from version 2.1.4 to 2.2.3.

django.contrib.auth
• Added support for the Argon2 password hash. It’s recommended over PBKDF2, however, it’s not the default as it requires a third-party library.
• The default iteration count for the PBKDF2 password hasher has been increased by 25%. This backwards compatible change will not affect users who have subclassed django.contrib.auth.hashers.PBKDF2PasswordHasher to change the default value.
• The django.contrib.auth.views.logout() view sends “no-cache” headers to prevent an issue where Safari caches redirects and prevents a user from being able to log out.
• Added the optional backend argument to django.contrib.auth.login() to allow using it without credentials.
• The new LOGOUT_REDIRECT_URL setting controls the redirect of the django.contrib.auth.views.logout() view, if the view doesn’t get a next_page argument.
• The new redirect_authenticated_user parameter for the django.contrib.auth.views.login() view allows redirecting authenticated users visiting the login page.
• The new AllowAllUsersModelBackend and AllowAllUsersRemoteUserBackend ignore the value of User.is_active, while ModelBackend and RemoteUserBackend now reject inactive users.

django.contrib.gis
• Distance lookups now accept expressions as the distance value parameter.
• The new GEOSGeometry.unary_union property computes the union of all the elements of this geometry.
• Added the GEOSGeometry.covers() binary predicate.
• Added the GDALBand.statistics() method and mean and std attributes.
• Added support for the MakeLine aggregate and GeoHash function on SpatiaLite.
• Added support for the Difference, Intersection, and SymDifference functions on MySQL.
• Added support for instantiating empty GEOS geometries.
• The new trim and precision properties of WKTWriter allow controlling output of the fractional part of the coordinates in WKT.

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• Added the `LineString.closed` and `MultiLineString.closed` properties.

• The `GeoJSON serializer` now outputs the primary key of objects in the `properties` dictionary if specific fields aren’t specified.

• The ability to replicate input data on the `GDALBand.data()` method was added. Band data can now be updated with repeated values efficiently.

• Added database functions `IsValid` and `MakeValid`, as well as the `isvalid` lookup, all for PostGIS. This allows filtering and repairing invalid geometries on the database side.

• Added raster support for all `spatial lookups`.

`django.contrib.postgres`

• For convenience, `HStoreField` now casts its keys and values to strings.

`django.contrib.sessions`

• The `clearsessions` management command now removes file-based sessions.

`django.contrib.sites`

• The `Site` model now supports `natural keys`.

`django.contrib.staticfiles`

• The `static` template tag now uses `django.contrib.staticfiles` if it’s in `INSTALLED_APPS`. This is especially useful for third-party apps which can now always use `{% load static %}` (instead of `{% load staticfiles %}` or `{% load static from staticfiles %}`) and not worry about whether or not the `staticfiles` app is installed.

• You can `more easily customize` the `collectstatic --ignore` option with a custom `AppConfig`.

**Cache**

• The file-based cache backend now uses the highest pickling protocol.

**CSRF**

• The default `CSRF_FAILURE_VIEW`, `views.csrf.csrf_failure()` now accepts an optional `template_name` parameter, defaulting to `'403_csrf.html'`, to control the template used to render the page.

• To protect against `BREACH` attacks, the CSRF protection mechanism now changes the form token value on every request (while keeping an invariant secret which can be used to validate the different tokens).
Database backends

- Temporal data subtraction was unified on all backends.
- If the database supports it, backends can set `DatabaseFeatures.can_return_ids_from_bulk_insert=True` and implement `DatabaseOperations.fetch_returned_insert_ids()` to set primary keys on objects created using `QuerySet.bulk_create()`.
- Added keyword arguments to the `as_sql()` methods of various expressions (Func, When, Case, and OrderBy) to allow database backends to customize them without mutating `self`, which isn’t safe when using different database backends. See the `arg_joiner` and `**extra_context` parameters of `Func.as_sql()` for an example.

File Storage

- Storage backends now present a timezone-aware API with new methods `get_accessed_time()`, `get_created_time()`, and `get_modified_time()`. They return a timezone-aware `datetime` if `USE_TZ` is True and a naive `datetime` in the local timezone otherwise.
- The new `Storage.generate_filename()` method makes it easier to implement custom storages that don’t use the `os.path` calls previously in `FileField`.

Forms

- Form and widget `Media` is now served using `django.contrib.staticfiles` if installed.
- The `<input>` tag rendered by `CharField` now includes a `minlength` attribute if the field has a `min_length`.
- Required form fields now have the `required` HTML attribute. Set the new `Form.use_required_attribute` attribute to `False` to disable it. The `required` attribute isn’t included on forms of formsets because the browser validation may not be correct when adding and deleting formsets.

Generic Views

- The `View` class can now be imported from `django.views`.

Internationalization

- The `i18n_patterns()` helper function can now be used in a root URLConf specified using `request.urlconf`.
- By setting the new `prefix_default_language` parameter for `i18n_patterns()` to `False`, you can allow accessing the default language without a URL prefix.
- `set_language()` now returns a 204 status code (No Content) for AJAX requests when there is no `next` parameter in `POST` or `GET`.
- The `JavaScriptCatalog` and `JSONCatalog` class-based views supersede the deprecated `javascript_catalog()` and `json_catalog()` function-based views. The new views are almost equivalent to the old ones except that by default the new views collect all JavaScript strings in the `djangojs` translation domain from all installed apps rather than only the JavaScript strings from `LOCALE_PATHS`.  

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Management Commands

- `call_command()` now returns the value returned from the `command.handle()` method.
- The new `check --fail-level` option allows specifying the message level that will cause the command to exit with a non-zero status.
- The new `makemigrations --check` option makes the command exit with a non-zero status when model changes without migrations are detected.
- `makemigrations` now displays the path to the migration files that it generates.
- The `shell --interface` option now accepts `python` to force use of the “plain” Python interpreter.
- The new `shell --command` option lets you run a command as Django and exit, instead of opening the interactive shell.
- Added a warning to `dumpdata` if a proxy model is specified (which results in no output) without its concrete parent.
- The new `BaseCommand.requires_migrations_checks` attribute may be set to `True` if you want your command to print a warning, like `runserver` does, if the set of migrations on disk don’t match the migrations in the database.
- To assist with testing, `call_command()` now accepts a command object as the first argument.
- The `shell` command supports tab completion on systems using `libedit`, e.g. macOS.
- The `inspectdb` command lets you choose what tables should be inspected by specifying their names as arguments.

Migrations

- Added support for serialization of `enum.Enum` objects.
- Added the `elidable` argument to the `RunSQL` and `RunPython` operations to allow them to be removed when squashing migrations.
- Added support for `non-atomic migrations` by setting the `atomic` attribute on a `Migration`.
- The `migrate` and `makemigrations` commands now `check for a consistent migration history`. If they find some unapplied dependencies of an applied migration, `InconsistentMigrationHistory` is raised.
- The `pre_migrate()` and `post_migrate()` signals now dispatch their migration plan and apps.

Models

- Reverse foreign keys from proxy models are now propagated to their concrete class. The reverse relation attached by a `ForeignKey` pointing to a proxy model is now accessible as a descriptor on the proxied model class and may be referenced in queryset filtering.
- The new `Field.rel_db_type()` method returns the database column data type for fields such as `ForeignKey` and `OneToOneField` that point to another field.
- The `arity` class attribute is added to `Func`. This attribute can be used to set the number of arguments the function accepts.
- Added `BigAutoField` which acts much like an `AutoField` except that it is guaranteed to fit numbers from 1 to 9223372036854775807.
- `QuerySet.in_bulk()` may be called without any arguments to return all objects in the queryset.
• `related_query_name` now supports app label and class interpolation using the '%(app_label)s' and '%(class)s' strings.

• Allowed overriding model fields inherited from abstract base classes.

• The `prefetch_related_objects()` function is now a public API.

• `QuerySet.bulk_create()` sets the primary key on objects when using PostgreSQL.

• Added the `Cast` database function.

• A proxy model may now inherit multiple proxy models that share a common non-abstract parent class.

• Added `Extract` functions to extract datetime components as integers, such as year and hour.

• Added `Trunc` functions to truncate a date or datetime to a significant component. They enable queries like sales-per-day or sales-per-hour.

• `Model.__init__()` now sets values of virtual fields from its keyword arguments.

• The new `Meta.base_manager_name` and `Meta.default_manager_name` options allow controlling the `_base_manager` and `_default_manager`, respectively.

Requests and Responses

• Added `request.user` to the debug view.

• Added `HttpResponse` methods `readable()` and `seekable()` to make an instance a stream-like object and allow wrapping it with `io.TextIOWrapper`.

• Added the `HttpRequest.content_type` and `content_params` attributes which are parsed from the `CONTENT_TYPE` header.

• The parser for `request.COOKIES` is simplified to better match the behavior of browsers. `request.COOKIES` may now contain cookies that are invalid according to RFC 6265 but are possible to set via `document.cookie`.

Serialization

• The `django.core.serializers.json.DjangoJSONEncoder` now knows how to serialize lazy strings, typically used for translatable content.

Templates

• Added the `autoescape` option to the `DjangoTemplates` backend and the `Engine` class.

• Added the `is` and `is not` comparison operators to the `if` tag.

• Allowed `dictsort` to order a list of lists by an element at a specified index.

• The `debug()` context processor contains queries for all database aliases instead of only the default alias.

• Added relative path support for string arguments of the `extends` and `include` template tags.
Tests

- To better catch bugs, *TestCase* now checks deferrable database constraints at the end of each test.
- Tests and test cases can be *marked with tags* and run selectively with the new `test --tag` and `test --exclude-tag` options.
- You can now login and use sessions with the test client even if `django.contrib.sessions` is not in `INSTALLED_APPS`.

URLs

- An addition in `django.setup()` allows URL resolving that happens outside of the request/response cycle (e.g. in management commands and standalone scripts) to take `FORCE_SCRIPT_NAME` into account when it is set.

Validators

- `URLValidator` now limits the length of domain name labels to 63 characters and the total length of domain names to 253 characters per RFC 1034.
- `int_list_validator()` now accepts an optional `allow_negative` boolean parameter, defaulting to `False`, to allow negative integers.

Backwards incompatible changes in 1.10

**Warning:** In addition to the changes outlined in this section, be sure to review the *Features removed in 1.10* for the features that have reached the end of their deprecation cycle and therefore been removed. If you haven’t updated your code within the deprecation timeline for a given feature, its removal may appear as a backwards incompatible change.

Database backend API

- GIS’s `AreaField` uses an unspecified underlying numeric type that could in practice be any numeric Python type. `decimal.Decimal` values retrieved from the database are now converted to `float` to make it easier to combine them with values used by the GIS libraries.
- In order to enable temporal subtraction you must set the `supports_temporal_subtraction` database feature flag to `True` and implement the `DatabaseOperations.subtract_temporals()` method. This method should return the SQL and parameters required to compute the difference in microseconds between the `lhs` and `rhs` arguments in the datatype used to store `DurationField`.

**select_related()** prohibits non-relational fields for nested relations

Django 1.8 added validation for non-relational fields in `select_related()`:

```python
>>> Book.objects.select_related('title')
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
FieldError: Non-relational field given in select_related: 'title'
```
But it didn’t prohibit nested non-relation fields as it does now:

```python
>>> Book.objects.select_related('author__name')
Traceback (most recent call last):
...  
FieldError: Non-relational field given in select_related: 'name'
```

```
_meta.get_fields() returns consistent reverse fields for proxy models
```

Before Django 1.10, the `get_fields()` method returned different reverse fields when called on a proxy model compared to its proxied concrete class. This inconsistency was fixed by returning the full set of fields pointing to a concrete class or one of its proxies in both cases.

```
AbstractUser.username max_length increased to 150
```

A migration for `django.contrib.auth.models.User.username` is included. If you have a custom user model inheriting from `AbstractUser`, you’ll need to generate and apply a database migration for your user model.

We considered an increase to 254 characters to more easily allow the use of email addresses (which are limited to 254 characters) as usernames but rejected it due to a MySQL limitation. When using the `utf8mb4` encoding (recommended for proper Unicode support), MySQL can only create unique indexes with 191 characters by default. Therefore, if you need a longer length, please use a custom user model.

If you want to preserve the 30 character limit for usernames, use a custom form when creating a user or changing usernames:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.forms import UserCreationForm
class MyUserCreationForm(UserCreationForm):
    username = forms.CharField(
        max_length=30,
        help_text='Required. 30 characters or fewer. Letters, digits and @/./+/-/_ only.',
    )
```

If you wish to keep this restriction in the admin, set `UserAdmin.add_form` to use this form:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.admin import UserAdmin as BaseUserAdmin
from django.contrib.auth.models import User
class UserAdmin(BaseUserAdmin):
    add_form = MyUserCreationForm
admin.site.unregister(User)
admin.site.register(User, UserAdmin)
```

```
Dropped support for PostgreSQL 9.1
```

Upstream support for PostgreSQL 9.1 ends in September 2016. As a consequence, Django 1.10 sets PostgreSQL 9.2 as the minimum version it officially supports.
runserver output goes through logging

Request and response handling of the runserver command is sent to the django.server logger instead of to sys.stderr. If you disable Django’s logging configuration or override it with your own, you’ll need to add the appropriate logging configuration if you want to see that output:

```python
formatters': {
    'django.server': {
        '()': 'django.utils.log.ServerFormatter',
        'format': '[%(server_time)s] %(message)s',
    },
},
'handlers': {
    'django.server': {
        'level': 'INFO',
        'class': 'logging.StreamHandler',
        'formatter': 'django.server',
    },
},
'loggers': {
    'django.server': {
        'handlers': ['django.server'],
        'level': 'INFO',
        'propagate': False,
    },
}
```

auth.CustomUser and auth.ExtensionUser test models were removed

Since the introduction of migrations for the contrib apps in Django 1.8, the tables of these custom user test models were not created anymore making them unusable in a testing context.

Apps registry is no longer auto-populated when unpickling models outside of Django

The apps registry is no longer auto-populated when unpickling models. This was added in Django 1.7.2 as an attempt to allow unpickling models outside of Django, such as in an RQ worker, without calling django.setup(), but it creates the possibility of a deadlock. To adapt your code in the case of RQ, you can provide your own worker script that calls django.setup().

Removed null assignment check for non-null foreign key fields

In older versions, assigning None to a non-nullable ForeignKey or OneToOneField raised ValueError('Cannot assign None: "model.field" does not allow null values.'). For consistency with other model fields which don’t have a similar check, this check is removed.

Removed weak password hashers from the default PASSWORD_HASHERS setting

Django 0.90 stored passwords as unsalted MD5. Django 0.91 added support for salted SHA1 with automatic upgrade of passwords when a user logs in. Django 1.4 added PBKDF2 as the default password hasher.
If you have an old Django project with MD5 or SHA1 (even salted) encoded passwords, be aware that these can be cracked fairly easily with today’s hardware. To make Django users acknowledge continued use of weak hashers, the following hashers are removed from the default `PASSWORD_HASHERS` setting:

```
'django.contrib.auth.hashers.SHA1PasswordHasher'
'django.contrib.auth.hashers.MD5PasswordHasher'
'django.contrib.auth.hashers.UnsaltedSHA1PasswordHasher'
'django.contrib.auth.hashers.UnsaltedMD5PasswordHasher'
'django.contrib.auth.hashers.CryptPasswordHasher'
```

Consider using a wrapped password hasher to strengthen the hashes in your database. If that’s not feasible, add the `PASSWORD_HASHERS` setting to your project and add back any hashers that you need.

You can check if your database has any of the removed hashers like this:

```
from django.contrib.auth import get_user_model
User = get_user_model()

# Unsalted MD5/SHA1:
User.objects.filter(password__startswith='md5$$')
User.objects.filter(password__startswith='sha1$$')

# Salted MD5/SHA1:
User.objects.filter(password__startswith='md5$').exclude(password__startswith='md5$$')
User.objects.filter(password__startswith='sha1$').exclude(password__startswith='sha1$$')

# Crypt hasher:
User.objects.filter(password__startswith='crypt$$')
```

**Field.get_prep_lookup() and Field.get_db_prep_lookup() methods are removed**

If you have a custom field that implements either of these methods, register a custom lookup for it. For example:

```
from django.db.models import Field
from django.db.models.lookups import Exact

class MyField(Field):
    ...

class MyFieldExact(Exact):
    def get_prep_lookup(self):
        # do_custom_stuff_for_myfield
        ....

MyField.register_lookup(MyFieldExact)
```

**django.contrib.gis**

- Support for SpatiaLite < 3.0 and GEOS < 3.3 is dropped.
• The `add_postgis_srs()` backwards compatibility alias for `django.contrib.gis.utils.add_srs_entry()` is removed.

• On Oracle/GIS, the `Area` aggregate function now returns a `float` instead of `decimal.Decimal`. (It’s still wrapped in a measure of square meters.)

• The default `GEOSGeometry` representation (WKT output) is trimmed by default. That is, instead of `POINT (23.0000000000000000 5.5000000000000000)`, you’ll get `POINT (23 5.5)`.

**Maximum size of a request body and the number of GET/POST parameters is limited**

Two new settings help mitigate denial-of-service attacks via large requests:

• `DATA_UPLOAD_MAX_MEMORY_SIZE` limits the size that a request body may be. File uploads don’t count towards this limit.

• `DATA_UPLOAD_MAX_NUMBER_FIELDS` limits the number of GET/POST parameters that are parsed.

Applications that receive unusually large form posts may need to tune these settings.

**Miscellaneous**

• The `repr()` of a `QuerySet` is wrapped in `<QuerySet>` to disambiguate it from a plain list when debugging.

• `utils.version.get_version()` returns PEP 440 compliant release candidate versions (e.g. ‘1.10rc1’ instead of ‘1.10c1’).

• CSRF token values are now required to be strings of 64 alphanumerics; values of 32 alphanumerics, as set by older versions of Django by default, are automatically replaced by strings of 64 characters. Other values are considered invalid. This should only affect developers or users who replace these tokens.

• The `LOGOUT_URL` setting is removed as Django hasn’t made use of it since pre-1.0. If you use it in your project, you can add it to your project’s settings. The default value was ‘/accounts/logout/’.

• Objects with a `close()` method such as files and generators passed to `HttpResponse` are now closed immediately instead of when the WSGI server calls `close()` on the response.

• A redundant `transaction.atomic()` call in `QuerySet.update_or_create()` is removed. This may affect query counts tested by `TransactionTestCase.assertNumQueries()`.

• Support for `skip_validation` in `BaseCommand.execute(**options)` is removed. Use `skip_checks` (added in Django 1.7) instead.

• `loaddata` now raises a `CommandError` instead of showing a warning when the specified fixture file is not found.

• Instead of directly accessing the `LogEntry.change_message` attribute, it’s now better to call the `LogEntry.get_change_message()` method which will provide the message in the current language.

• The default error views now raise `TemplateDoesNotExist` if a nonexistent `template_name` is specified.

• The unused `choices` keyword argument of the `Select` and `SelectMultiple` widgets’ `render()` method is removed. The `choices` argument of the `render_options()` method is also removed, making `selected_choices` the first argument.

• Tests that violate deferrable database constraints will now error when run on a database that supports deferrable constraints.
• Built-in management commands now use indexing of keys in `options`, e.g. `options['verbosity']`, instead of `options.get()` and no longer perform any type coercion. This could be a problem if you’re calling commands using `Command.execute()` (which bypasses the argument parser that sets a default value) instead of `call_command()`. Instead of calling `Command.execute()`, pass the command object as the first argument to `call_command()`.

• `ModelBackend` and `RemoteUserBackend` now reject inactive users. This means that inactive users can’t login and will be logged out if they are switched from `is_active=True` to `False`. If you need the previous behavior, use the new `AllowAllUsersModelBackend` or `AllowAllUsersRemoteUserBackend` in `AUTHENTICATION_BACKENDS` instead.

• In light of the previous change, the test client’s `login()` method no longer always rejects inactive users but instead delegates this decision to the authentication backend. `force_login()` also delegates the decision to the authentication backend, so if you’re using the default backends, you need to use an active user.

• `django.views.i18n.set_language()` may now return a 204 status code for AJAX requests.

• The `base_field` attribute of `RangeField` is now a type of field, not an instance of a field. If you have created a custom subclass of `RangeField`, you should change the `base_field` attribute.

• Middleware classes are now initialized when the server starts rather than during the first request.

• If you override `is_authenticated()` or `is_anonymous()` in a custom user model, you must convert them to attributes or properties as described in the deprecation note.

• When using `ModelAdmin.save_as=True`, the “Save as new” button now redirects to the change view for the new object instead of to the model’s changelist. If you need the previous behavior, set the new `ModelAdmin.save_as_continue` attribute to `False`.

• Required form fields now have the `required` HTML attribute. Set the `Form.use_required_attribute` attribute to `False` to disable it. You could also add the `novalidate` attribute to `<form>` if you don’t want browser validation. To disable the required attribute on custom widgets, override the `Widget.use_required_attribute()` method.

• The WSGI handler no longer removes content of responses from HEAD requests or responses with a `status_code` of 100-199, 204, or 304. Most Web servers already implement this behavior. Responses retrieved using the Django test client continue to have these “response fixes” applied.

• `Model.__init__()` now receives `django.db.models.DEFERRED` as the value of deferred fields.

• The `Model._deferred` attribute is removed as dynamic model classes when using `QuerySet.defer()` and `only()` is removed.

• `Storage.save()` no longer replaces '\\' with '/\'. This behavior is moved to `FileSystemStorage` since this is a storage specific implementation detail. Any Windows user with a custom storage implementation that relies on this behavior will need to implement it in the custom storage’s `save()` method.

• Private `FileField` methods `get_directory_name()` and `get_filename()` are no longer called (and are now deprecated) which is a backwards incompatible change for users overriding those methods on custom fields. To adapt such code, override `FileField.generate_filename()` or `Storage.generate_filename()` instead. It might be possible to use `upload_to` also.

• The subject of mail sent by `AdminEmailHandler` is no longer truncated at 989 characters. If you were counting on a limited length, truncate the subject yourself.

• Private expressions `django.db.models.expressions.Date` and `DateTime` are removed. The new `Trunc` expressions provide the same functionality.

• The `_base_manager` and `_default_manager` attributes are removed from model instances. They remain accessible on the model class.
• Accessing a deleted field on a model instance, e.g. after `del obj.field`, reloads the field’s value instead of raising `AttributeError`.

• If you subclass `AbstractBaseUser` and override `clean()`, be sure it calls `super()`. `AbstractBaseUser.normalize_username()` is called in a new `AbstractBaseUser.clean()` method.

• Private API `django.forms.models.model_to_dict()` returns a queryset rather than a list of primary keys for `ManyToManyField`.

• If `django.contrib.staticfiles` is installed, the `static` template tag uses the `staticfiles` storage to construct the URL rather than simply joining the value with `STATIC_ROOT`. The new approach encodes the URL, which would be backwards-incompatible in cases such as including a fragment in a path, e.g. `{% static 'img.svg#fragment' %}`, since the # is encoded as `%23`. To adapt, move the fragment outside the template tag: `{% static 'img.svg' %}#fragment`.

• When `USE_L10N` is True, localization is now applied for the `date` and `time` filters when no format string is specified. The `DATE_FORMAT` and `TIME_FORMAT` specifiers from the active locale are used instead of the settings of the same name.

**Features deprecated in 1.10**

**Direct assignment to a reverse foreign key or many-to-many relation**

Instead of assigning related objects using direct assignment:

```
>>> new_list = [obj1, obj2, obj3]
>>> e.related_set = new_list
```

Use the `set()` method added in Django 1.9:

```
>>> e.related_set.set([obj1, obj2, obj3])
```

This prevents confusion about an assignment resulting in an implicit save.

**Non-timezone-aware Storage API**

The old, non-timezone-aware methods `accessed_time()`, `created_time()`, and `modified_time()` are deprecated in favor of the new `get_*_time()` methods.

Third-party storage backends should implement the new methods and mark the old ones as deprecated. Until then, the new `get_*_time()` methods on the base `Storage` class convert `datetimes` from the old methods as required and emit a deprecation warning as they do so.

Third-party storage backends may retain the old methods as long as they wish to support earlier versions of Django.

**`django.contrib.gis`**

• The `get_srid()` and `set_srid()` methods of `GEOSGeometry` are deprecated in favor of the `srid` property.

• The `get_x()`, `set_x()`, `get_y()`, `set_y()`, `get_z()`, and `set_z()` methods of `Point` are deprecated in favor of the `x`, `y`, and `z` properties.

• The `get_coords()` and `set_coords()` methods of `Point` are deprecated in favor of the `tuple` property.
• The `cascaded_union` property of `MultiPolygon` is deprecated in favor of the `unary_union` property.
• The `django.contrib.gis.utils.precision_wkt()` function is deprecated in favor of `WKTWriter`.

CommaSeparatedIntegerField model field

CommaSeparatedIntegerField is deprecated in favor of CharField with the `validate_comma_separated_integer_list()` validator:

```python
from django.core.validators import validate_comma_separated_integer_list
from django.db import models

class MyModel(models.Model):
    numbers = models.CharField(..., validators=[validate_comma_separated_integer_list])
```

If you’re using Oracle, CharField uses a different database field type (NVARCHAR2) than CommaSeparatedIntegerField (VARCHAR2). Depending on your database settings, this might imply a different encoding, and thus a different length (in bytes) for the same contents. If your stored values are longer than the 4000 byte limit of NVARCHAR2, you should use TextField (NCLOB) instead. In this case, if you have any queries that group by the field (e.g. annotating the model with an aggregation or using `distinct()`) you’ll need to change them (to defer the field).

Using a model name as a query lookup when `default_related_name` is set

Assume the following models:

```python
from django.db import models

class Foo(models.Model):
    pass

class Bar(models.Model):
    foo = models.ForeignKey(Foo)

class Meta:
    default_related_name = 'bars'
```

In older versions, `default_related_name` couldn’t be used as a query lookup. This is fixed and support for the old lookup name is deprecated. For example, since `default_related_name` is set in model `Bar`, instead of using the model name `bar` as the lookup:

```python
>>> bar = Bar.objects.get(pk=1)
>>> Foo.objects.get(bar=bar)
```

use the `default_related_name` `bars`:

```python
>>> Foo.objects.get(bars=bar)
```

__search query lookup

The `search` lookup, which supports MySQL only and is extremely limited in features, is deprecated. Replace it with a custom lookup:
```
from django.db import models

class Search(models.Lookup):
    lookup_name = 'search'

    def as_mysql(self, compiler, connection):
        lhs, lhs_params = self.process_lhs(compiler, connection)
        rhs, rhs_params = self.process_rhs(compiler, connection)
        params = lhs_params + rhs_params
        return 'MATCH (%s) AGAINST (%s IN BOOLEAN MODE)' % (lhs, rhs), params

models.CharField.register_lookup(Search)
models.TextField.register_lookup(Search)
```

**Using User.is_authenticated() and User.is_anonymous() as methods**

The `is_authenticated()` and `is_anonymous()` methods of `AbstractBaseUser` and `AnonymousUser` classes are now properties. They will still work as methods until Django 2.0, but all usage in Django now uses attribute access.

For example, if you use `AuthenticationMiddleware` and want to know whether the user is currently logged-in you would use:

```python
if request.user.is_authenticated:
    ... # Do something for logged-in users.
else:
    ... # Do something for anonymous users.
```

instead of `request.user.is_authenticated()`.

This change avoids accidental information leakage if you forget to call the method, e.g.:

```python
if request.user.is_authenticated:
    return sensitive_information
```

If you override these methods in a custom user model, you must change them to properties or attributes.

Django uses a `CallableBool` object to allow these attributes to work as both a property and a method. Thus, until the deprecation period ends, you cannot compare these properties using the `is` operator. That is, the following won’t work:

```python
if request.user.is_authenticated is True:
    ...
```

**Custom manager classes available through prefetch_related must define a _apply_rel_filters() method**

If you defined a custom manager class available through `prefetch_related()` you must make sure it defines a `_apply_rel_filters()` method.

This method must accept a `QuerySet` instance as its single argument and return a filtered version of the queryset for the model instance the manager is bound to.
The “escape” half of `django.utils.safestring`

The `mark_for_escaping()` function and the classes it uses: `EscapeData`, `EscapeBytes`, `EscapeText`, `EscapeString`, and `EscapeUnicode` are deprecated.

As a result, the “lazy” behavior of the `escape` filter (where it would always be applied as the last filter no matter where in the filter chain it appeared) is deprecated. The filter will change to immediately apply `conditional_escape()` in Django 2.0.

`Manager.use_for_related_fields` and inheritance changes

`Manager.use_for_related_fields` is deprecated in favor of setting `Meta.base_manager_name` on the model.

Model `Manager` inheritance will follow MRO inheritance rules in Django 2.0, changing the current behavior where managers defined on non-abstract base classes aren’t inherited by child classes. A deprecating warning with instructions on how to adapt your code is raised if you have any affected managers. You’ll either redeclare a manager from an abstract model on the child class to override the manager from the concrete model, or you’ll set the model’s `Meta.manager_inheritance_from_future=True` option to opt-in to the new inheritance behavior.

During the deprecation period, `use_for_related_fields` will be honored and raise a warning, even if a `base_manager_name` is set. This allows third-party code to preserve legacy behavior while transitioning to the new API. The warning can be silenced by setting `silence_use_for_related_fields_deprecation=True` on the manager.

Miscellaneous

- The `makemigrations --exit` option is deprecated in favor of the `makemigrations --check` option.
- `django.utils.functional.allow_lazy()` is deprecated in favor of the new `keep_lazy()` function which can be used with a more natural decorator syntax.
- The `shell --plain` option is deprecated in favor of `-i python` or `--interface python`.
- Importing from the `django.core.urlresolvers` module is deprecated in favor of its new location, `django.urls`.
- The template `Context.has_key()` method is deprecated in favor of `in`.
- The private attribute `virtual_fields` of `Model._meta` is deprecated in favor of `private_fields`.
- The private keyword arguments `virtual_only` in `Field.contribute_to_class()` and `virtual` in `Model._meta.add_field()` are deprecated in favor of `private_only` and `private`, respectively.
- The `javascript_catalog()` and `json_catalog()` views are deprecated in favor of class-based views `JavaScriptCatalog` and `JSONCatalog`.
- In multi-table inheritance, implicit promotion of a `OneToOneField` to a `parent_link` is deprecated. Add `parent_link=True` to such fields.
- The private API `Widget._format_value()` is made public and renamed to `format_value()`. The old name will work through a deprecation period.
- Private `FileField` methods `get_directory_name()` and `get_filename()` are deprecated in favor of performing this work in `Storage.generate_filename()`.
- Old-style middleware that uses `settings.MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES` are deprecated. Adapt old, custom middleware and use the new `MIDDLEWARE` setting.
Features removed in 1.10

These features have reached the end of their deprecation cycle and are removed in Django 1.10. See *Features deprecated in 1.8* for details, including how to remove usage of these features.

- Support for calling a SQLCompiler directly as an alias for calling its quote_name_unless_alias method is removed.
- The cycle and firstof template tags are removed from the future template tag library.
- django.conf.urls.patterns() is removed.
- Support for the prefix argument to django.conf.urls.i18n.i18n_patterns() is removed.
- SimpleTestCase.urls is removed.
- Using an incorrect count of unpacked values in the for template tag raises an exception rather than failing silently.
- The ability to reverse() URLs using a dotted Python path is removed.
- The ability to use a dotted Python path for the LOGIN_URL and LOGIN_REDIRECT_URL settings is removed.
- Support for optparse is dropped for custom management commands.
- The class django.core.management.NoArgsCommand is removed.
- django.core.context_processors module is removed.
- django.db.models.sql.aggregates module is removed.
- django.contrib.gis.db.models.sql.aggregates module is removed.
- The following methods and properties of django.db.sql.query.Query are removed:
  - Properties: aggregates and aggregate_select
  - Methods: add_aggregate, set_aggregate_mask, and append_aggregate_mask.
- django.template.resolve_variable is removed.
- The following private APIs are removed from django.db.models.options.Options (Model._meta):
  - get_field_by_name()
  - get_all_field_names()
  - get_fields_with_model()
  - get_concrete_fields_with_model()
  - get_m2m_with_model()
  - get_all_related_objects()
  - get_all_related_objects_with_model()
  - get_all_related_many_to_many_objects()
  - get_all_related_m2m_objects_with_model()
- The error_message argument of django.forms.RegexField is removed.
- The unordered_list filter no longer supports old style lists.
- Support for string view arguments to url() is removed.
• The backward compatible shim to rename `django.forms.Form._has_changed()` to `has_changed()` is removed.
• The `removetags` template filter is removed.
• The `remove_tags()` and `strip_entities()` functions in `django.utils.html` is removed.
• The `is_admin_site` argument to `django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset()` is removed.
• `django.db.models.field.subclassing.SubfieldBase` is removed.
• `django.utils.checksums` is removed.
• The `original_content_type_id` attribute on `django.contrib.admin.helpers.InlineAdminForm` is removed.
• The backwards compatibility shim to allow `FormMixin.get_form()` to be defined with no default value for its `form_class` argument is removed.
• The following settings are removed, and you must upgrade to the `TEMPLATES` setting:
  
  – `ALLOWED_INCLUDE_ROOTS`
  – `TEMPLATE_CONTEXT_PROCESSORS`
  – `TEMPLATE_DEBUG`
  – `TEMPLATE_DIRS`
  – `TEMPLATE_LOADERS`
  – `TEMPLATE_STRING_IF_INVALID`
• The backwards compatibility alias `django.template.loader.BaseLoader` is removed.
• Django template objects returned by `get_template()` and `select_template()` no longer accept a `Context` in their `render()` method.
• Template response APIs enforce the use of `dict` and backend-dependent template objects instead of `Context` and `Template` respectively.
• The `current_app` parameter for the following function and classes is removed:
  
  – `django.shortcuts.render()`
  – `django.template.Context()`
  – `django.template.RequestContext()`
  – `django.template.response.TemplateResponse()`
• The `dictionary` and `context_instance` parameters for the following functions are removed:
  
  – `django.shortcuts.render()`
  – `django.shortcuts.render_to_response()`
  – `django.template.loader.render_to_string()`
• The `dirs` parameter for the following functions is removed:
  
  – `django.template.loader.get_template()`
  – `django.template.loader.select_template()`
  – `django.shortcuts.render()`
  – `django.shortcuts.render_to_response()`
• Session verification is enabled regardless of whether or not 'django.contrib.auth.middleware.SessionAuthenticationMiddleware' is in MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES. SessionAuthenticationMiddleware no longer has any purpose and can be removed from MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES. It’s kept as a stub until Django 2.0 as a courtesy for users who don’t read this note.

• Private attribute django.db.models.Field.related is removed.

• The --list option of the migrate management command is removed.

• The ssi template tag is removed.

• Support for the = comparison operator in the if template tag is removed.

• The backwards compatibility shims to allow Storage.get_available_name() and Storage.save() to be defined without a max_length argument are removed.

• Support for the legacy %(<foo>)s syntax in ModelFormMixin.success_url is removed.

• GeoQuerySet aggregate methods collect(), extent(), extent3d(), make_line(), and unionagg() are removed.

• The ability to specify ContentType.name when creating a content type instance is removed.

• Support for the old signature of allow_migrate is removed.

• Support for the syntax of {% cycle %} that uses comma-separated arguments is removed.

• The warning that Signer issued when given an invalid separator is now a ValueError.

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Django 1.9.13 release notes

April 4, 2017

Django 1.9.13 fixes two security issues and a bug in 1.9.12. This is the final release of the 1.9.x series.

CVE-2017-7233: Open redirect and possible XSS attack via user-supplied numeric redirect URLs

Django relies on user input in some cases (e.g. django.contrib.auth.views.login() and i18n) to redirect the user to an “on success” URL. The security check for these redirects (namely django.utils.http.is_safe_url()) considered some numeric URLs (e.g. http:999999999) “safe” when they shouldn’t be.

Also, if a developer relies on is_safe_url() to provide safe redirect targets and puts such a URL into a link, they could suffer from an XSS attack.

CVE-2017-7234: Open redirect vulnerability in django.views.static.serve()

A maliciously crafted URL to a Django site using the serve() view could redirect to any other domain. The view no longer does any redirects as they don’t provide any known, useful functionality.

Note, however, that this view has always carried a warning that it is not hardened for production use and should be used only as a development aid.
Bugfixes

- Fixed a regression in the timesince and timeuntil filters that caused incorrect results for dates in a leap year (#27637).

Django 1.9.12 release notes

December 1, 2016

Django 1.9.12 fixes a regression in 1.9.11.

Bugfixes

- Quoted the Oracle test user’s password in queries to fix the “ORA-00922: missing or invalid option” error when the password starts with a number or special character (#27420).

Django 1.9.11 release notes

November 1, 2016

Django 1.9.11 fixes two security issues in 1.9.10.

User with hardcoded password created when running tests on Oracle

When running tests with an Oracle database, Django creates a temporary database user. In older versions, if a password isn’t manually specified in the database settings TEST dictionary, a hardcoded password is used. This could allow an attacker with network access to the database server to connect.

This user is usually dropped after the test suite completes, but not when using the manage.py test --keepdb option or if the user has an active session (such as an attacker’s connection).

A randomly generated password is now used for each test run.

DNS rebinding vulnerability when DEBUG=True

Older versions of Django don’t validate the Host header against settings.ALLOWED_HOSTS when settings.DEBUG=True. This makes them vulnerable to a DNS rebinding attack.

While Django doesn’t ship a module that allows remote code execution, this is at least a cross-site scripting vector, which could be quite serious if developers load a copy of the production database in development or connect to some production services for which there’s no development instance, for example. If a project uses a package like the django-debug-toolbar, then the attacker could execute arbitrary SQL, which could be especially bad if the developers connect to the database with a superuser account.

settings.ALLOWED_HOSTS is now validated regardless of DEBUG. For convenience, if ALLOWED_HOSTS is empty and DEBUG=True, the following variations of localhost are allowed ['localhost', '127.0.0.1', '::1']. If your local settings file has your production ALLOWED_HOSTS value, you must now omit it to get those fallback values.
Django 1.9.10 release notes

September 26, 2016

Django 1.9.10 fixes a security issue in 1.9.9.

CSRF protection bypass on a site with Google Analytics

An interaction between Google Analytics and Django’s cookie parsing could allow an attacker to set arbitrary cookies leading to a bypass of CSRF protection.

The parser for request.COOKIES is simplified to better match the behavior of browsers and to mitigate this attack. request.COOKIES may now contain cookies that are invalid according to RFC 6265 but are possible to set via document.cookie.

Django 1.9.9 release notes

August 1, 2016

Django 1.9.9 fixes several bugs in 1.9.8.

Bugfixes

- Fixed invalid HTML in template postmortem on the debug page (#26938).
- Fixed some GIS database function crashes on MySQL 5.7 (#26657).

Django 1.9.8 release notes

July 18, 2016

Django 1.9.8 fixes a security issue and several bugs in 1.9.7.

XSS in admin’s add/change related popup

Unsafe usage of JavaScript’s Element.innerHTML could result in XSS in the admin’s add/change related popup. Element.textContent is now used to prevent execution of the data.

The debug view also used innerHTML. Although a security issue wasn’t identified there, out of an abundance of caution it’s also updated to use textContent.

Bugfixes

- Fixed missing varchar/text_pattern_ops index on CharField and TextField respectively when using AddField on PostgreSQL (#26889).
- Fixed makemessages crash on Python 2 with non-ASCII file names (#26897).
Django 1.9.7 release notes

June 4, 2016

Django 1.9.7 fixes several bugs in 1.9.6.

Bugfixes

- Removed the need for the request context processor on the admin login page to fix a regression in 1.9 (#26558).
- Fixed translation of password validators’ help_text in forms (#26544).
- Fixed a regression causing the cached template loader to crash when using lazy template names (#26603).
- Fixed on_commit callbacks execution order when callbacks make transactions (#26627).
- Fixed HStoreField to raise a ValidationError instead of crashing on non-dictionary JSON input (#26672).
- Fixed dbshell crash on PostgreSQL with an empty database name (#26698).
- Fixed a regression in queries on a OneToOneField that has to_field and primary_key=True (#26667).

Django 1.9.6 release notes

May 2, 2016

Django 1.9.6 fixes several bugs in 1.9.5.

Bugfixes

- Added support for relative path redirects to the test client and to SimpleTestCase.assertRedirects() because Django 1.9 no longer converts redirects to absolute URIs (#26428).
- Fixed TimeField microseconds round-tripping on MySQL and SQLite (#26498).
- Prevented makemigrations from generating infinite migrations for a model field that references a functools.partial(#) (#26475).
- Fixed a regression where SessionBase.pop() returned None rather than raising a KeyError for nonexistent values (#26520).
- Fixed a regression causing the cached template loader to crash when using template names starting with a dash (#26536).
- Restored conversion of an empty string to null when saving values of GenericIPAddressField on SQLite and MySQL (#26557).
- Fixed a makemessages regression where temporary .py extensions were leaked in source file paths (#26341).

Django 1.9.5 release notes

April 1, 2016

Django 1.9.5 fixes several bugs in 1.9.4.
Bugfixes

- Made MultiPartParser ignore filenames that normalize to an empty string to fix crash in MemoryFileUploadHandler on specially crafted user input (#26325).
- Fixed a race condition in BaseCache.get_or_set () (#26332). It now returns the default value instead of False if there’s an error when trying to add the value to the cache.
- Fixed data loss on SQLite where DurationField values with fractional seconds could be saved as None (#26324).
- The forms in contrib.auth no longer strip trailing and leading whitespace from the password fields (#26334). The change requires users who set their password to something with such whitespace after a site updated to Django 1.9 to reset their password. It provides backwards-compatibility for earlier versions of Django.
- Fixed a memory leak in the cached template loader (#26306).
- Fixed a regression that caused collectstatic --clear to fail if the storage doesn’t implement path () (#26297).
- Fixed a crash when using a reverse lookup with a subquery when a ForeignKey has a to_field set to something other than the primary key (#26373).
- Fixed a regression in CommonMiddleware that caused spurious warnings in logs on requests missing a trailing slash (#26293).
- Restored the functionality of the admin’s raw_id_fields in list_editable (#26387).
- Fixed a regression with abstract model inheritance and explicit parent links (#26413).
- Fixed a migrations crash on SQLite when renaming the primary key of a model containing a ForeignKey to 'self' (#26384).
- Fixed JSONField inadvertently escaping its contents when displaying values after failed form validation (#25532).

Django 1.9.4 release notes

March 5, 2016

Django 1.9.4 fixes a regression on Python 2 in the 1.9.3 security release where utils.http.is_safe_url () crashes on bytestring URLs (#26308).

Django 1.9.3 release notes

March 1, 2016

Django 1.9.3 fixes two security issues and several bugs in 1.9.2.

CVE-2016-2512: Malicious redirect and possible XSS attack via user-supplied redirect URLs containing basic auth

Django relies on user input in some cases (e.g. django.contrib.auth.views.login () and i18n) to redirect the user to an “on success” URL. The security check for these redirects (namely django.utils.http.is_safe_url ()) considered some URLs with basic authentication credentials “safe” when they shouldn’t be.

For example, a URL like http://mysite.example.com\@attacker.com would be considered safe if the request’s host is http://mysite.example.com, but redirecting to this URL sends the user to attacker.com.
Also, if a developer relies on `is_safe_url()` to provide safe redirect targets and puts such a URL into a link, they could suffer from an XSS attack.

**CVE-2016-2513: User enumeration through timing difference on password hasher work factor upgrade**

In each major version of Django since 1.6, the default number of iterations for the `PBKDF2PasswordHasher` and its subclasses has increased. This improves the security of the password as the speed of hardware increases, however, it also creates a timing difference between a login request for a user with a password encoded in an older number of iterations and login request for a nonexistent user (which runs the default hasher’s default number of iterations since Django 1.6).

This only affects users who haven’t logged in since the iterations were increased. The first time a user logs in after an iterations increase, their password is updated with the new iterations and there is no longer a timing difference.

The new `BasePasswordHasher.harden_runtime()` method allows hashers to bridge the runtime gap between the work factor (e.g. iterations) supplied in existing encoded passwords and the default work factor of the hasher. This method is implemented for `PBKDF2PasswordHasher` and `BCryptPasswordHasher`. The number of rounds for the latter hasher hasn’t changed since Django 1.4, but some projects may subclass it and increase the work factor as needed.

A warning will be emitted for any *third-party password hashers that don’t implement* a `harden_runtime()` method.

If you have different password hashes in your database (such as SHA1 hashes from users who haven’t logged in since the default hasher switched to PBKDF2 in Django 1.4), the timing difference on a login request for these users may be even greater and this fix doesn’t remedy that difference (or any difference when changing hashers). You may be able to *upgrade those hashes* to prevent a timing attack for that case.

**Bugfixes**

- Skipped URL checks (new in 1.9) if the `ROOT_URLCONF` setting isn’t defined (#26155).
- Fixed a crash on PostgreSQL that prevented using `TIME_ZONE=None` and `USE_TZ=False` (#26177).
- Added system checks for query name clashes of hidden relationships (#26162).
- Fixed a regression for cases where `ForeignObject.get_extra_descriptor_filter()` returned a `Q` object (#26153).
- Fixed regression with an `_in=qs` lookup for a `ForeignKey` with `to_field` set (#26196).
- Made `forms.FileField` and `utils.translation.lazy_number()` picklable (#26122).
- Fixed `RangeField` and `ArrayField` serialization with `None` values (#26215).
- Fixed a crash when filtering by a `Decimal` in `RawQuery` (#26219).
- Reallowed dashes in top-level domain names of URLs checked by `URLValidator` to fix a regression in Django 1.8 (#26204).
- Fixed some crashing deprecation shims in `SimpleTemplateResponse` that regressed in Django 1.9 (#26253).
- Fixed `BoundField` to reallow slices of subwidgets (#26267).
- Changed the admin’s “permission denied” message in the login template to use `get_username` instead of `username` to support custom user models (#26231).
• Fixed a crash when passing a nonexistent template name to the cached template loader’s `load_template()` method (#26280).
• Prevented `ContentTypeManager` instances from sharing their cache (#26286).
• Reverted a change in Django 1.9.2 (#25858) that prevented relative lazy relationships defined on abstract models to be resolved according to their concrete model’s `app_label` (#26186).

Django 1.9.2 release notes

February 1, 2016

Django 1.9.2 fixes a security regression in 1.9 and several bugs in 1.9.1. It also makes a small backwards incompatible change that hopefully doesn’t affect any users.

Security issue: User with “change” but not “add” permission can create objects for ModelAdmin’s with `save_as=True`

If a `ModelAdmin` uses `save_as=True` (not the default), the admin provides an option when editing objects to “Save as new”. A regression in Django 1.9 prevented that form submission from raising a “Permission Denied” error for users without the “add” permission.

Backwards incompatible change: `.py-tpl` files rewritten in project/app templates

The addition of some Django template language syntax to the default app template in Django 1.9 means those files now have some invalid Python syntax. This causes difficulties for packaging systems that unconditionally byte-compile *.py files.

To remedy this, a `.py-tpl` suffix is now used for the project and app template files included in Django. The `.py-tpl` suffix is replaced with `.py` by the `startproject` and `startapp` commands. For example, a template with the filename `manage.py-tpl` will be created as `manage.py`.

Please file a ticket if you have a custom project template containing `.py-tpl` files and find this behavior problematic.

Bugfixes

• Fixed a regression in `ConditionalGetMiddleware` causing If-None-Match checks to always return HTTP 200 (#26024).
• Fixed a regression that caused the “user-tools” items to display on the admin’s logout page (#26035).
• Fixed a crash in the translations system when the current language has no translations (#26046).
• Fixed a regression that caused the incorrect day to be selected when opening the admin calendar widget for timezone from GMT+0100 to GMT+1200 (#24980).
• Fixed a regression in the admin’s edit related model popup that caused an escaped value to be displayed in the select dropdown of the parent window (#25997).
• Fixed a regression in 1.8.8 causing incorrect index handling in migrations on PostgreSQL when adding `db_index=True` or `unique=True` to a `CharField` or `TextField` that already had the other specified, or when removing one of them from a field that had both, or when adding `unique=True` to a field already listed in `unique_together` (#26034).
• Fixed a regression where defining a relation on an abstract model’s field using a string model name without an app_label no longer resolved that reference to the abstract model’s app if using that model in another application (#25858).

• Fixed a crash when destroying an existing test database on MySQL or PostgreSQL (#26096).

• Fixed CSRF cookie check on POST requests when USE_X_FORWARDED_PORT=True (#26094).

• Fixed a QuerySet.order_by() crash when ordering by a relational field of a ManyToManyField through model (#26092).

• Fixed a regression that caused an exception when making database queries on SQLite with more than 2000 parameters when DEBUG is True on distributions that increase the SQLITE_MAX_VARIABLE_NUMBER compile-time limit to over 2000, such as Debian (#26063).

• Fixed a crash when using a reverse OneToOneField in ModelAdmin.readonly_fields (#26060).

• Fixed a crash when calling the migrate command in a test case with the available_apps attribute pointing to an application with migrations disabled using the MIGRATION_MODULES setting (#26135).

• Restored the ability for testing and debugging tools to determine the template from which a node came from, even during template inheritance or inclusion. Prior to Django 1.9, debugging tools could access the template origin from the node via Node.token.source[0]. This was an undocumented, private API. The origin is now available directly on each node using the Node.origin attribute (#25848).

• Fixed a regression in Django 1.8.5 that broke copying a SimpleLazyObject with copy.copy() (#26122).

• Always included geometry_field in the GeoJSON serializer output regardless of the fields parameter (#26138).

• Fixed the contrib.gis map widgets when using USE_THOUSAND_SEPARATOR=True (#20415).

• Made invalid forms display the initial of values of their disabled fields (#26129).

Django 1.9.1 release notes

January 2, 2016
Django 1.9.1 fixes several bugs in 1.9.

Bugfixes

• Fixed BaseCache.get_or_set() with the DummyCache backend (#25840).

• Fixed a regression in FormMixin causing forms to be validated twice (#25548, #26018).

• Fixed a system check crash with nested ArrayFields (#25867).

• Fixed a state bug when migrating a SeparateDatabaseAndState operation backwards (#25969).

• Fixed a regression in CommonMiddleware causing If-None-Match checks to always return HTTP 200 (#25900).

• Fixed missing varchar/text_pattern_ops index on CharField and TextField respectively when using AlterField on PostgreSQL (#25412).

• Fixed admin’s delete confirmation page’s summary counts of related objects (#25883).

• Added from __future__ import unicode_literals to the default apps.py created by startapp on Python 2 (#25909). Add this line to your own apps.py files created using Django 1.9 if you want your migrations to work on both Python 2 and Python 3.
• Prevented `QuerySet.delete()` from crashing on MySQL when querying across relations (#25882).
• Fixed evaluation of zero-length slices of `QuerySet.values()` (#25894).
• Fixed a state bug when using an `AlterModelManagers` operation (#25852).
• Fixed `TypedChoiceField` change detection with nullable fields (#25942).
• Fixed incorrect timezone warnings in custom admin templates that don’t have a `data-admin-utc-offset` attribute in the `body` tag. (#25845).
• Fixed a regression which prevented using a language not in Django’s default language list (`LANGUAGES`) (#25915).
• Avoided hiding some exceptions, like an invalid `INSTALLED_APPS` setting, behind `AppRegistryNotReady` when starting `runserver` (#25510). This regression appeared in 1.8.5 as a side effect of fixing #24704 and by mistake the fix wasn’t applied to the `stable/1.9.x` branch.
• Fixed `migrate --fake-initial` detection of many-to-many tables (#25922).
• Restored the functionality of the admin’s `list_editable` add and change buttons (#25903).
• Fixed `isnull` query lookup for `ForeignObject` (#25972).
• Fixed a regression in the admin which ignored line breaks in read-only fields instead of converting them to `<br>` (#25465).
• Fixed incorrect object reference in `SingleObjectMixin.get_context_object_name()` (#26006).
• Made `loaddata` skip disabling and enabling database constraints when it doesn’t load any fixtures (#23372).
• Restored `contrib.auth` hashers compatibility with `py-bcrypt` (#26016).
• Fixed a crash in `QuerySet.values()/values_list()` after an `annotate()` and `order_by()` when `values()/values_list()` includes a field not in the `order_by()` (#25316).

Django 1.9 release notes

December 1, 2015

Welcome to Django 1.9!

These release notes cover the new features, as well as some backwards incompatible changes you’ll want to be aware of when upgrading from Django 1.8 or older versions. We’ve dropped some features that have reached the end of their deprecation cycle, and we’ve begun the deprecation process for some features.

See the Upgrading Django to a newer version guide if you’re updating an existing project.

Python compatibility

Django 1.9 requires Python 2.7, 3.4, or 3.5. We highly recommend and only officially support the latest release of each series.

The Django 1.8 series is the last to support Python 3.2 and 3.3.

What’s new in Django 1.9
Performing actions after a transaction commit

The new `on_commit()` hook allows performing actions after a database transaction is successfully committed. This is useful for tasks such as sending notification emails, creating queued tasks, or invalidating caches.

This functionality from the `django-transaction-hooks` package has been integrated into Django.

Password validation

Django now offers password validation to help prevent the usage of weak passwords by users. The validation is integrated in the included password change and reset forms and is simple to integrate in any other code. Validation is performed by one or more validators, configured in the new `AUTH_PASSWORD_VALIDATORS` setting.

Four validators are included in Django, which can enforce a minimum length, compare the password to the user’s attributes like their name, ensure passwords aren’t entirely numeric, or check against an included list of common passwords. You can combine multiple validators, and some validators have custom configuration options. For example, you can choose to provide a custom list of common passwords. Each validator provides a help text to explain its requirements to the user.

By default, no validation is performed and all passwords are accepted, so if you don’t set `AUTH_PASSWORD_VALIDATORS`, you will not see any change. In new projects created with the default `startproject` template, a simple set of validators is enabled. To enable basic validation in the included auth forms for your project, you could set, for example:

```python
AUTH_PASSWORD_VALIDATORS = [
    {'NAME': 'django.contrib.auth.password_validation.UserAttributeSimilarityValidator'},
    {'NAME': 'django.contrib.auth.password_validation.MinimumLengthValidator'},
    {'NAME': 'django.contrib.auth.password_validation.CommonPasswordValidator'},
    {'NAME': 'django.contrib.auth.password_validation.NumericPasswordValidator'},
]
```

See *Password validation* for more details.

Permission mixins for class-based views

Django now ships with the mixins `AccessMixin`, `LoginRequiredMixin`, `PermissionRequiredMixin`, and `UserPassesTestMixin` to provide the functionality of the `django.contrib.auth.decorators` for class-based views. These mixins have been taken from, or are at least inspired by, the `django-braces` project.

There are a few differences between Django’s and `django-braces`’ implementation, though:

- The `raise_exception` attribute can only be `True` or `False`. Custom exceptions or callables are not supported.
- The `handle_no_permission()` method does not take a `request` argument. The current request is available in `self.request`. 
• The custom `test_func()` of `UserPassesTestMixin` does not take a `user` argument. The current user is available in `self.request.user`.

• The `permission_required` attribute supports a string (defining one permission) or a list/tuple of strings (defining multiple permissions) that need to be fulfilled to grant access.

• The new `permission_denied_message` attribute allows passing a message to the `PermissionDenied` exception.

**New styling for contrib.admin**

The admin sports a modern, flat design with new SVG icons which look perfect on HiDPI screens. It still provides a fully-functional experience to YUI’s A-grade browsers. Older browser may experience varying levels of graceful degradation.

**Running tests in parallel**

The `test` command now supports a `--parallel` option to run a project’s tests in multiple processes in parallel. Each process gets its own database. You must ensure that different test cases don’t access the same resources. For instance, test cases that touch the filesystem should create a temporary directory for their own use.

This option is enabled by default for Django’s own test suite provided:

- the OS supports it (all but Windows)
- the database backend supports it (all the built-in backends but Oracle)

**Minor features**

**django.contrib.admin**

• Admin views now have `model_admin` or `admin_site` attributes.

• The URL of the admin change view has been changed (was at /admin/<app>/<model>/<pk>/ by default and is now at /admin/<app>/<model>/<pk>/change/). This should not affect your application unless you have hardcoded admin URLs. In that case, replace those links by reversing admin URLs instead. Note that the old URL still redirects to the new one for backwards compatibility, but it may be removed in a future version.

• `ModelAdmin.get_list_select_related()` was added to allow changing the `select_related()` values used in the admin’s changelist query based on the request.

• The `available_apps` context variable, which lists the available applications for the current user, has been added to the `AdminSite.each_context()` method.

• `AdminSite.empty_value_display` and `ModelAdmin.empty_value_display` were added to override the display of empty values in admin change list. You can also customize the value for each field.

• Added jQuery events when an inline form is added or removed on the change form page.

• The time picker widget includes a “6 p.m” option for consistency of having predefined options every 6 hours.

• JavaScript slug generation now supports Romanian characters.
django.contrib.admindocs

- The model section of the admindocs now also describes methods that take arguments, rather than ignoring them.

django.contrib.auth

- The default iteration count for the PBKDF2 password hasher has been increased by 20%. This backwards compatible change will not affect users who have subclassed django.contrib.auth.hashers.PBKDF2PasswordHasher to change the default value.
- The BCryptSHA256PasswordHasher will now update passwords if its rounds attribute is changed.
- AbstractBaseUser and BaseUserManager were moved to a new django.contrib.auth.base_user module so that they can be imported without including django.contrib.auth in INSTALLED_APPS (doing so raised a deprecation warning in older versions and is no longer supported in Django 1.9).
- The permission argument of permission_required() accepts all kinds of iterables, not only list and tuples.
- The new PersistentRemoteUserMiddleware makes it possible to use REMOTE_USER for setups where the header is only populated on login pages instead of every request in the session.
- The django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset() view accepts an extra_email_context parameter.

django.contrib.contenttypes

- It’s now possible to use order_with_respect_to with a GenericForeignKey.

django.contrib.gis

- All GeoQuerySet methods have been deprecated and replaced by equivalent database functions. As soon as the legacy methods have been replaced in your code, you should even be able to remove the special GeoManager from your GIS-enabled classes.
- The GDAL interface now supports instantiating file-based and in-memory GDALRaster objects from raw data. Setters for raster properties such as projection or pixel values have been added.
- For PostGIS users, the new RasterField allows storing GDALRaster objects. It supports automatic spatial index creation and reprojection when saving a model. It does not yet support spatial querying.
- The new GDALRaster.warp() method allows warping a raster by specifying target raster properties such as origin, width, height, or pixel size (amongst others).
- The new GDALRaster.transform() method allows transforming a raster into a different spatial reference system by specifying a target srid.
- The new GeoIP2 class allows using MaxMind’s GeoLite2 databases which includes support for IPv6 addresses.
- The default OpenLayers library version included in widgets has been updated from 2.13 to 2.13.1.
django.contrib.postgres

- Added support for the `rangefield.contained_by` lookup for some built in fields which correspond to the range fields.
- Added `JSONField`.
- Added PostgreSQL specific aggregation functions.
- Added the `TransactionNow` database function.

django.contrib.sessions

- The session model and `SessionStore` classes for the `db` and `cached_db` backends are refactored to allow a custom database session backend to build upon them. See *Extending database-backed session engines* for more details.

django.contrib.sites

- `get_current_site()` now handles the case where `request.get_host()` returns `domain:port`, e.g. `example.com:80`. If the lookup fails because the host does not match a record in the database and the host has a port, the port is stripped and the lookup is retried with the domain part only.

django.contrib.syndication

- Support for multiple enclosures per feed item has been added. If multiple enclosures are defined on a RSS feed, an exception is raised as RSS feeds, unlike Atom feeds, do not support multiple enclosures per feed item.

Cache

- `django.core.cache.backends.base.BaseCache` now has a `get_or_set()` method.
- `django.views.decorators.cache.never_cache()` now sends more persuasive headers (added `no-cache, no-store, must-revalidate` to `Cache-Control`) to better prevent caching. This was also added in Django 1.8.8.

CSRF

- The request header’s name used for CSRF authentication can be customized with `CSRF_HEADER_NAME`.
- The CSRF referer header is now validated against the `CSRF_COOKIE_DOMAIN` setting if set. See *How it works* for details.
- The new `CSRF_TRUSTED_ORIGINS` setting provides a way to allow cross-origin unsafe requests (e.g. POST) over HTTPS.

Database backends

- The PostgreSQL backend (`django.db.backends.postgresql_psycopg2`) is also available as `django.db.backends.postgresql`. The old name will continue to be available for backwards compatibility.
File Storage

- `Storage.get_valid_name()` is now called when the `upload_to` is a callable.
- `File` now has the `seekable()` method when using Python 3.

Forms

- `ModelForm` accepts the new `Meta` option `field_classes` to customize the type of the fields. See `Overriding the default fields` for details.
- You can now specify the order in which form fields are rendered with the `field_order` attribute, the `field_order` constructor argument, or the `order_fields()` method.
- A form prefix can be specified inside a form class, not only when instantiating a form. See `Prefixes for forms` for details.
- You can now specify `keyword arguments` that you want to pass to the constructor of forms in a formset.
- `SlugField` now accepts an `allow_unicode` argument to allow Unicode characters in slugs.
- `CharField` now accepts a `strip` argument to strip input data of leading and trailing whitespace. As this defaults to `True` this is different behavior from previous releases.
- Form fields now support the `disabled` argument, allowing the field widget to be displayed disabled by browsers.
- It’s now possible to customize bound fields by overriding a field’s `get_bound_field()` method.

Generic Views

- Class-based views generated using `as_view()` now have `view_class` and `view_initkwargs` attributes.
- `method_decorator()` can now be used with a list or tuple of decorators. It can also be used to `decorate classes instead of methods`.

Internationalization

- The `django.views.i18n.set_language()` view now properly redirects to `translated URLs`, when available.
- The `django.views.i18n.javascript_catalog()` view now works correctly if used multiple times with different configurations on the same page.
- The `django.utils.timezone.make_aware()` function gained an `is_dst` argument to help resolve ambiguous times during DST transitions.
- You can now use locale variants supported by gettext. These are usually used for languages which can be written in different scripts, for example Latin and Cyrillic (e.g. `be@latin`).
- Added the `django.views.i18n.json_catalog()` view to help build a custom client-side i18n library upon Django translations. It returns a JSON object containing a translations catalog, formatting settings, and a plural rule.
- Added the `name_translated` attribute to the object returned by the `get_language_info` template tag. Also added a corresponding template filter: `language_name_translated`. 
You can now run `compilemessages` from the root directory of your project and it will find all the app message files that were created by `makemessages`.

`makemessages` now calls xgettext once per locale directory rather than once per translatable file. This speeds up localization builds.

`blocktrans` supports assigning its output to a variable using `asvar`.

Two new languages are available: Colombian Spanish and Scottish Gaelic.

Management Commands

- The new `sendtestemail` command lets you send a test email to easily confirm that email sending through Django is working.

- To increase the readability of the SQL code generated by `sqlmigrate`, the SQL code generated for each migration operation is preceded by the operation’s description.

- The `dumpdata` command output is now deterministically ordered. Moreover, when the `--output` option is specified, it also shows a progress bar in the terminal.

- The `createcachetable` command now has a `--dry-run` flag to print out the SQL rather than execute it.

- The `startapp` command creates an `apps.py` file. Since it doesn’t use `default_app_config` (a discouraged API), you must specify the app config’s path, e.g. `'polls.apps.PollsConfig'`, in `INSTALLED_APPS` for it to be used (instead of just `'polls'`).

- When using the PostgreSQL backend, the `dbshell` command can connect to the database using the password from your settings file (instead of requiring it to be manually entered).

- The `django` package may be run as a script, i.e. `python -m django`, which will behave the same as `django-admin`.

- Management commands that have the `--noinput` option now also take `--no-input` as an alias for that option.

Migrations

- Initial migrations are now marked with an `initial = True` class attribute which allows `migrate --fake-initial` to more easily detect initial migrations.

- Added support for serialization of `functools.partial` and `LazyObject` instances.

- When supplying `None` as a value in `MIGRATION_MODULES`, Django will consider the app an app without migrations.

- When applying migrations, the “Rendering model states” step that’s displayed when running `migrate` with verbosity 2 or higher now computes only the states for the migrations that have already been applied. The model states for migrations being applied are generated on demand, drastically reducing the amount of required memory.

  However, this improvement is not available when unapplying migrations and therefore still requires the precomputation and storage of the intermediate migration states.

  This improvement also requires that Django no longer supports mixed migration plans. Mixed plans consist of a list of migrations where some are being applied and others are being unapplied. This was never officially supported and never had a public API that supports this behavior.

- The `squashmigrations` command now supports specifying the starting migration from which migrations will be squashed.
Models

- `QuerySet.bulk_create()` now works on proxy models.
- Database configuration gained a `TIME_ZONE` option for interacting with databases that store datetimes in local time and don’t support time zones when `USE_TZ` is True.
- Added the `RelatedManager.set()` method to the related managers created by `ForeignKey`, `GenericForeignKey`, and `ManyToManyField`.
- The `add()` method on a reverse foreign key now has a bulk parameter to allow executing one query regardless of the number of objects being added rather than one query per object.
- Added the `keep_parents` parameter to `Model.delete()` to allow deleting only a child’s data in a model that uses multi-table inheritance.
- `Model.delete()` and `QuerySet.delete()` return the number of objects deleted.
- Added a system check to prevent defining both `Meta.ordering` and `order_with_respect_to` on the same model.
- Date and time lookups can be chained with other lookups (such as `exact`, `gt`, `lt`, etc.). For example: `Entry.objects.filter(pub_date__month__gt=6)`.
- Time lookups (hour, minute, second) are now supported by `TimeField` for all database backends. Support for backends other than SQLite was added but undocumented in Django 1.7.
- You can specify the `output_field` parameter of the `Avg` aggregate in order to aggregate over non-numeric columns, such as `DurationField`.
- Added the `date` lookup to `DateTimeField` to allow querying the field by only the date portion.
- Added the `Greatest` and `Least` database functions.
- Added the `Now` database function, which returns the current date and time.
- `Transform` is now a subclass of `Func()` which allows `Transforms` to be used on the right hand side of an expression, just like regular `Funcs`. This allows registering some database functions like `Length`, `Lower`, and `Upper` as transforms.
- `SlugField` now accepts an `allow_unicode` argument to allow Unicode characters in slugs.
- Added support for referencing annotations in `QuerySet.distinct()`.
- `connection.queries` shows queries with substituted parameters on SQLite.
- `Query expressions` can now be used when creating new model instances using `save()`, `create()`, and `bulk_create()`.

Requests and Responses

- Unless `HttpResponse.reason_phrase` is explicitly set, it now is determined by the current value of `HttpResponse.status_code`. Modifying the value of `status_code` outside of the constructor will also modify the value of `reason_phrase`.
- The debug view now shows details of chained exceptions on Python 3.
- The default 40x error views now accept a second positional parameter, the exception that triggered the view.
- View error handlers now support `TemplateResponse`, commonly used with class-based views.
- Exceptions raised by the `render()` method are now passed to the `process_exception()` method of each middleware.
• Request middleware can now set HttpRequest.urlconf to None to revert any changes made by previous middleware and return to using the ROOT_URLCONF.

• The DISALLOWED_USER_AGENTS check in CommonMiddleware now raises a PermissionDenied exception as opposed to returning an HttpResponseForbidden so that handler403 is invoked.

• Added HttpRequest.get_port() to fetch the originating port of the request.

• Added the json_dumps_params parameter to JsonResponse to allow passing keyword arguments to the json.dumps() call used to generate the response.

• The BrokenLinkEmailsMiddleware now ignores 404s when the referer is equal to the requested URL. To circumvent the empty referer check already implemented, some Web bots set the referer to the requested URL.

Templates

• Template tags created with the simple_tag() helper can now store results in a template variable by using the as argument.

• Added a Context.setdefault() method.

• The django.template logger was added and includes the following messages:
  – A DEBUG level message for missing context variables.
  – A WARNING level message for uncaught exceptions raised during the rendering of an {% include %} when debug mode is off (helpful since {% include %} silences the exception and returns an empty string).

• The firstof template tag supports storing the output in a variable using ‘as’.

• Context.update() can now be used as a context manager.

• Django template loaders can now extend templates recursively.

• The debug page template postmortem now include output from each engine that is installed.

• Debug page integration for custom template engines was added.

• The DjangoTemplates backend gained the ability to register libraries and builtins explicitly through the template OPTIONS.

• The timesince and timeuntil filters were improved to deal with leap years when given large time spans.

• The include tag now caches parsed templates objects during template rendering, speeding up reuse in places such as for loops.

Tests

• Added the json() method to test client responses to give access to the response body as JSON.

• Added the force_login() method to the test client. Use this method to simulate the effect of a user logging into the site while skipping the authentication and verification steps of login().

URLs

• Regular expression lookaround assertions are now allowed in URL patterns.
• The application namespace can now be set using an `app_name` attribute on the included module or object. It can also be set by passing a 2-tuple of `<list of patterns>, <application namespace>` as the first argument to `include()`.

• System checks have been added for common URL pattern mistakes.

**Validators**

• Added `django.core.validators.int_list_validator()` to generate validators of strings containing integers separated with a custom character.

• `EmailValidator` now limits the length of domain name labels to 63 characters per RFC 1034.

• Added `validate_unicode_slug()` to validate slugs that may contain Unicode characters.

**Backwards incompatible changes in 1.9**

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**Warning:** In addition to the changes outlined in this section, be sure to review the Features removed in 1.9 for the features that have reached the end of their deprecation cycle and therefore been removed. If you haven’t updated your code within the deprecation timeline for a given feature, its removal may appear as a backwards incompatible change.

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**Database backend API**

• A couple of new tests rely on the ability of the backend to introspect column defaults (returning the result as `Field.default`). You can set the `can_introspect_default` database feature to False if your backend doesn’t implement this. You may want to review the implementation on the backends that Django includes for reference (#24245).

• Registering a global adapter or converter at the level of the DB-API module to handle time zone information of `datetime` values passed as query parameters or returned as query results on databases that don’t support time zones is discouraged. It can conflict with other libraries.

  The recommended way to add a time zone to `datetime` values fetched from the database is to register a converter for `DateTimeField` in `DatabaseOperations.get_db_converters()`.

  The `needs_datetime_string_cast` database feature was removed. Database backends that set it must register a converter instead, as explained above.

• The `DatabaseOperations.value_to_db_<type>()` methods were renamed to `adapt_<type>field_value()` to mirror the `convert_<type>field_value()` methods.

• To use the new date lookup, third-party database backends may need to implement the `DatabaseOperations.datetime_cast_date_sql()` method.

• The `DatabaseOperations.time_extract_sql()` method was added. It calls the existing `date_extract_sql()` method. This method is overridden by the SQLite backend to add time lookups (hour, minute, second) to `TimeField`, and may be needed by third-party database backends.

• The `DatabaseOperations.datetime_cast_sql()` method (not to be confused with `DatabaseOperations.datetime_cast_date_sql()` mentioned above) has been removed. This method served to format dates on Oracle long before 1.0, but hasn’t been overridden by any core backend in years and hasn’t been called anywhere in Django’s code or tests.
• In order to support test parallelization, you must implement the `DatabaseCreation._clone_test_db()` method and set `DatabaseFeatures.can_clone_databases = True`. You may have to adjust `DatabaseCreation.get_test_db_clone_settings()`.

**Default settings that were tuples are now lists**

The default settings in `django.conf.global_settings` were a combination of lists and tuples. All settings that were formerly tuples are now lists.

**is_usable attribute on template loaders is removed**

Django template loaders previously required an `is_usable` attribute to be defined. If a loader was configured in the template settings and this attribute was `False`, the loader would be silently ignored. In practice, this was only used by the egg loader to detect if setuptools was installed. The `is_usable` attribute is now removed and the egg loader instead fails at runtime if setuptools is not installed.

**Related set direct assignment**

Direct assignment of related objects in the ORM used to perform a `clear()` followed by a call to `add()`. This caused needlessly large data changes and prevented using the `m2m_changed` signal to track individual changes in many-to-many relations.

Direct assignment now relies on the new `set()` method on related managers which by default only processes changes between the existing related set and the one that’s newly assigned. The previous behavior can be restored by replacing direct assignment by a call to `set()` with the keyword argument `clear=True`.

`ModelForm`, and therefore `ModelAdmin`, internally rely on direct assignment for many-to-many relations and as a consequence now use the new behavior.

**Filesystem-based template loaders catch more specific exceptions**

When using the `filesystem.Loader` or `app_directories.Loader` template loaders, earlier versions of Django raised a `TemplateDoesNotExist` error if a template source existed but was unreadable. This could happen under many circumstances, such as if Django didn’t have permissions to open the file, or if the template source was a directory. Now, Django only silences the exception if the template source does not exist. All other situations result in the original `IOError` being raised.

**HTTP redirects no longer forced to absolute URIs**

Relative redirects are no longer converted to absolute URIs. RFC 2616 required the `Location` header in redirect responses to be an absolute URI, but it has been superseded by RFC 7231 which allows relative URIs in `Location`, recognizing the actual practice of user agents, almost all of which support them.

Consequently, the expected URLs passed to `assertRedirects` should generally no longer include the scheme and domain part of the URLs. For example, `self.assertRedirects(response, 'http://testserver/some-url/')` should be replaced by `self.assertRedirects(response, '/some-url/')` (unless the redirection specifically contained an absolute URL).

In the rare case that you need the old behavior (discovered with an ancient version of Apache with `mod_scgi` that interprets a relative redirect as an “internal redirect”), you can restore it by writing a custom middleware:
class LocationHeaderFix(object):
    def process_response(self, request, response):
        if 'Location' in response:
            response['Location'] = request.build_absolute_uri(response['Location'])
        return response

Dropped support for PostgreSQL 9.0

Upstream support for PostgreSQL 9.0 ended in September 2015. As a consequence, Django 1.9 sets 9.1 as the minimum PostgreSQL version it officially supports.

Dropped support for Oracle 11.1

Upstream support for Oracle 11.1 ended in August 2015. As a consequence, Django 1.9 sets 11.2 as the minimum Oracle version it officially supports.

Bulk behavior of add() method of related managers

To improve performance, the add() methods of the related managers created by ForeignKey and GenericForeignKey changed from a series of Model.save() calls to a single QuerySet.update() call. The change means that pre_save and post_save signals aren’t sent anymore. You can use the bulk=False keyword argument to revert to the previous behavior.

Template LoaderOrigin and StringOrigin are removed

In previous versions of Django, when a template engine was initialized with debug as True, an instance of django.template.loader.LoaderOrigin or django.template.base.StringOrigin was set as the origin attribute on the template object. These classes have been combined into Origin and is now always set regardless of the engine debug setting. For a minimal level of backwards compatibility, the old class names will be kept as aliases to the new Origin class until Django 2.0.

Changes to the default logging configuration

To make it easier to write custom logging configurations, Django’s default logging configuration no longer defines django.request and django.security loggers. Instead, it defines a single django logger, filtered at the INFO level, with two handlers:

- console: filtered at the INFO level and only active if DEBUG=True.
- mail_admins: filtered at the ERROR level and only active if DEBUG=False.

If you aren’t overriding Django’s default logging, you should see minimal changes in behavior, but you might see some new logging to the runserver console, for example.

If you are overriding Django’s default logging, you should check to see how your configuration merges with the new defaults.
HttpRequest details in error reporting

It was redundant to display the full details of the HttpRequest each time it appeared as a stack frame variable in the HTML version of the debug page and error email. Thus, the HTTP request will now display the same standard representation as other variables (repr(request)). As a result, the ExceptionReporterFilter.get_request_repr() method and the undocumented django.http.build_request_repr() function were removed.

The contents of the text version of the email were modified to provide a traceback of the same structure as in the case of AJAX requests. The traceback details are rendered by the ExceptionReporter.get_traceback_text() method.

Removal of time zone aware global adapters and converters for datetimes

Django no longer registers global adapters and converters for managing time zone information on datetime values sent to the database as query parameters or read from the database in query results. This change affects projects that meet all the following conditions:

- The USE_TZ setting is True.
- The database is SQLite, MySQL, Oracle, or a third-party database that doesn’t support time zones. In doubt, you can check the value of connection.features.supports_timezones.
- The code queries the database outside of the ORM, typically with cursor.execute(sql, params).

If you’re passing aware datetime parameters to such queries, you should turn them into naive datetimes in UTC:

```
from django.utils import timezone
param = timezone.make_naive(param, timezone.utc)
```

If you fail to do so, the conversion will be performed as in earlier versions (with a deprecation warning) up until Django 1.11. Django 2.0 won’t perform any conversion, which may result in data corruption.

If you’re reading datetime values from the results, they will be naive instead of aware. You can compensate as follows:

```
from django.utils import timezone
value = timezone.make_aware(value, timezone.utc)
```

You don’t need any of this if you’re querying the database through the ORM, even if you’re using raw() queries. The ORM takes care of managing time zone information.

Template tag modules are imported when templates are configured

The DjangoTemplates backend now performs discovery on installed template tag modules when instantiated. This update enables libraries to be provided explicitly via the 'libraries' key of OPTIONS when defining a DjangoTemplates backend. Import or syntax errors in template tag modules now fail early at instantiation time rather than when a template with a {% load %} tag is first compiled.

django.template.base.add_to_builtins() is removed

Although it was a private API, projects commonly used add_to_builtins() to make template tags and filters available without using the {% load %} tag. This API has been formalized. Projects should now define built-in libraries via the 'builtins' key of OPTIONS when defining a DjangoTemplates backend.
**simple_tag now wraps tag output in conditional_escape**

In general, template tags do not autoescape their contents, and this behavior is documented. For tags like `inclusion_tag`, this is not a problem because the included template will perform autoescaping. For `assignment_tag()`, the output will be escaped when it is used as a variable in the template.

For the intended use cases of `simple_tag`, however, it is very easy to end up with incorrect HTML and possibly an XSS exploit. For example:

```python
@register
def greeting(takes_context=True):
    return "Hello {0}".format(context['request'].user.first_name)
```

In older versions of Django, this will be an XSS issue because `user.first_name` is not escaped.

In Django 1.9, this is fixed: if the template context has `autoescape=True` set (the default), then `simple_tag` will wrap the output of the tag function with `conditional_escape()`.

To fix your `simple_tag`s, it is best to apply the following practices:

- Any code that generates HTML should use either the template system or `format_html()`.
- If the output of a `simple_tag` needs escaping, use `escape()` or `conditional_escape()`.
- If you are absolutely certain that you are outputting HTML from a trusted source (e.g. a CMS field that stores HTML entered by admins), you can mark it as such using `mark_safe()`.

Tags that follow these rules will be correct and safe whether they are run on Django 1.9+ or earlier.

**Paginator.page_range**

`Paginator.page_range` is now an iterator instead of a list.

In versions of Django previous to 1.8, `Paginator.page_range` returned a list in Python 2 and a `range` in Python 3. Django 1.8 consistently returned a list, but an iterator is more efficient.

Existing code that depends on list specific features, such as indexing, can be ported by converting the iterator into a list using `list()`.

**Implicit QuerySet __in lookup removed**

In earlier versions, queries such as:

```python
Model.objects.filter(related_id__in=RelatedModel.objects.all())
```

would implicitly convert to:

```python
Model.objects.filter(related_id__in=RelatedModel.objects.all())
```

resulting in SQL like "related_id IN (SELECT id FROM ...)".

This implicit `__in` no longer happens so the “IN” SQL is now “=”, and if the subquery returns multiple results, at least some databases will throw an error.
**contrib.admin browser support**

The admin no longer supports Internet Explorer 8 and below, as these browsers have reached end-of-life.

CSS and images to support Internet Explorer 6 and 7 have been removed. PNG and GIF icons have been replaced with SVG icons, which are not supported by Internet Explorer 8 and earlier.

The jQuery library embedded in the admin has been upgraded from version 1.11.2 to 2.1.4. jQuery 2.x has the same API as jQuery 1.x, but does not support Internet Explorer 6, 7, or 8, allowing for better performance and a smaller file size. If you need to support IE8 and must also use the latest version of Django, you can override the admin’s copy of jQuery with your own by creating a Django application with this structure:

```
app/static/admin/js/vendor/
  jquery.js
  jquery.min.js
```

**SyntaxError when installing Django setuptools 5.5.x**

When installing Django 1.9 or 1.9.1 with setuptools 5.5.x, you’ll see:

```
Compiling django/conf/app_template/apps.py ...
  File "django/conf/app_template/apps.py", line 4
    class {{ camel_case_app_name }}Config(AppConfig):
      ^
  SyntaxError: invalid syntax

Compiling django/conf/app_template/models.py ...
  File "django/conf/app_template/models.py", line 1
    {{ unicode_literals }}from django.db import models
      ^
  SyntaxError: invalid syntax
```

It’s safe to ignore these errors (Django will still install just fine), but you can avoid them by upgrading setuptools to a more recent version. If you’re using pip, you can upgrade pip using `python -m pip install -U pip` which will also upgrade setuptools. This is resolved in later versions of Django as described in the Django 1.9.2 release notes.

**Miscellaneous**

- The jQuery static files in `contrib.admin` have been moved into a `vendor/jquery` subdirectory.
- The text displayed for null columns in the admin changelist `list_display` cells has changed from `(None)` (or its translated equivalent) to `–` (a dash).
- `django.http.responses.REASON_PHRASES` and `django.core.handlers.wsgi.STATUS_CODE_TEXT` have been removed. Use Python’s stdlib instead: `http.client.responses` for Python 3 and `httplib.responses` for Python 2.
- `ValuesQuerySet` and `ValuesListQuerySet` have been removed.
- The `admin/base.html` template no longer sets `window.__admin_media_prefix__` or `window.__admin_utc_offset__`. Image references in JavaScript that used that value to construct absolute URLs have been moved to CSS for easier customization. The UTC offset is stored on a data attribute of the `<body>` tag.
• CommaSeparatedIntegerField validation has been refined to forbid values like ',', ','1', and '1,,, 2'.

• Form initialization was moved from the ProcessFormView.get() method to the new FormMixin.
  get_context_data() method. This may be backwards incompatible if you have overridden the
  get_context_data() method without calling super().

• Support for PostGIS 1.5 has been dropped.

• The django.contrib.sites.models.Site.domain field was changed to be unique.

• In order to enforce test isolation, database queries are not allowed by default in SimpleTestCase tests
  anymore. You can disable this behavior by setting the allow_database_queries class attribute to True
  on your test class.

• ResolverMatch.app_name was changed to contain the full namespace path in the case of nested names-
  spaces. For consistency with ResolverMatch.namespace, the empty value is now an empty string instead
  of None.

• For security hardening, session keys must be at least 8 characters.

• Private function django.utils.functional.total_ordering() has been removed. It contained a
  workaround for a functools.total_ordering() bug in Python versions older than 2.7.3.

• XML serialization (either through dumpdata or the syndication framework) used to output any characters
  it received. Now if the content to be serialized contains any control characters not allowed in the XML 1.0
  standard, the serialization will fail with a ValueError.

• CharField now strips input of leading and trailing whitespace by default. This can be disabled by setting the
  new strip argument to False.

• Template text that is translated and uses two or more consecutive percent signs, e.g. "%%", may have a new
  msgid after makemessages is run (most likely the translation will be marked fuzzy). The new msgid will
  be marked ", python-format".

• If neither request.current_app nor Context.current_app are set, the url template tag will now
  use the namespace of the current request. Set request.current_app to None if you don’t want to use a
  namespace hint.

• The SILENCED_SYSTEM_CHECKS setting now silences messages of all levels. Previously, messages of
  ERROR level or higher were printed to the console.

• The FlatPage.enable_comments field is removed from the FlatPageAdmin as it’s unused by the
  application. If your project or a third-party app makes use of it, create a custom ModelAdmin to add it back.

• The return value of setup_databases() and the first argument of teardown_databases() changed.
  They used to be (old_names, mirrors) tuples. Now they’re just the first item, old_names.

• By default LiveServerTestCase attempts to find an available port in the 8081-8179 range instead of just
  trying port 8081.

• The system checks for ModelAdmin now check instances rather than classes.

• The private API to apply mixed migration plans has been dropped for performance reasons. Mixed plans consist
  of a list of migrations where some are being applied and others are being unapplied.

• The related model object descriptor classes in django.db.models.fields.related (private API) are
  moved from the related module to related_descriptors and renamed as follows:
    – ReverseSingleRelatedObjectDescriptor is ForwardManyToOneDescriptor
    – SingleRelatedObjectDescriptor is ReverseOneToOneDescriptor
    – ForeignRelatedObjectsDescriptor is ReverseManyToManyDescriptor
ManyRelatedObjectsDescriptor is ManyToManyDescriptor

- If you implement a custom `handler404` view, it must return a response with an HTTP 404 status code. Use `HttpResponseNotFound` or pass `status=404` to the `HttpResponse`. Otherwise, `APPEND_SLASH` won’t work correctly with `DEBUG=False`.

Features deprecated in 1.9

`assignment_tag()`

Django 1.4 added the `assignment_tag` helper to ease the creation of template tags that store results in a template variable. The `simple_tag()` helper has gained this same ability, making the `assignment_tag` obsolete. Tags that use `assignment_tag` should be updated to use `simple_tag`.

`{% cycle %}` syntax with comma-separated arguments

The `cycle` tag supports an inferior old syntax from previous Django versions:

```python
{% cycle row1, row2, row3 %}
```

Its parsing caused bugs with the current syntax, so support for the old syntax will be removed in Django 1.10 following an accelerated deprecation.

**ForeignKey and OneToOneField on_delete argument**

In order to increase awareness about cascading model deletion, the `on_delete` argument of `ForeignKey` and `OneToOneField` will be required in Django 2.0.

Update models and existing migrations to explicitly set the argument. Since the default is `models.CASCADE`, add `on_delete=models.CASCADE` to all `ForeignKey` and `OneToOneField`s that don’t use a different option. You can also pass it as the second positional argument if you don’t care about compatibility with older versions of Django.

**Field.rel changes**

`Field.rel` and its methods and attributes have changed to match the related fields API. The `Field.rel` attribute is renamed to `remote_field` and many of its methods and attributes are either changed or renamed.

The aim of these changes is to provide a documented API for relation fields.

**GeoManager and GeoQuerySet custom methods**

All custom `GeoQuerySet` methods (`area()`, `distance()`, `gml()`, ...) have been replaced by equivalent geographic expressions in annotations (see in new features). Hence the need to set a custom `GeoManager` to GIS-enabled models is now obsolete. As soon as your code doesn’t call any of the deprecated methods, you can simply remove the `objects = GeoManager()` lines from your models.
**Template loader APIs have changed**

Django template loaders have been updated to allow recursive template extending. This change necessitated a new template loader API. The old `load_template()` and `load_template_sources()` methods are now deprecated. Details about the new API can be found in the template loader documentation.

**Passing a 3-tuple or an app_name to include()**

The instance namespace part of passing a tuple as an argument to `include()` has been replaced by passing the `namespace` argument to `include()`. For example:

```python
polls_patterns = [  
    url(...),  
]
urlpatterns = [  
    url(r'^polls/', include((polls_patterns, 'polls', 'author-polls'))),
]
```

becomes:

```python
polls_patterns = ([  
    url(...),  
], 'polls')  # 'polls' is the app_name
urlpatterns = [  
    url(r'^polls/', include(polls_patterns, namespace='author-polls')),
]
```

The `app_name` argument to `include()` has been replaced by passing a 2-tuple (as above), or passing an object or module with an `app_name` attribute (as below). If the `app_name` is set in this new way, the `namespace` argument is no longer required. It will default to the value of `app_name`. For example, the URL patterns in the tutorial are changed from:

**Listing 1: mysite/urls.py**

```python
urlpatterns = [  
    url(r'^polls/', include('polls.urls', namespace="polls")),
    ...
]
```

to:

**Listing 2: mysite/urls.py**

```python
urlpatterns = [  
    url(r'^polls/', include('polls.urls')),  
    # 'namespace="polls"' removed
    ...
]
```
Listing 3: polls/urls.py

```python
app_name = 'polls'  # added
urlpatterns = [...]  
```

This change also means that the old way of including an AdminSite instance is deprecated. Instead, pass admin.site.urls directly to django.conf.urls.url():

Listing 4: urls.py

```python
from django.conf.urls import url
from django.contrib import admin

urlpatterns = [
    url(r'^admin/', admin.site.urls),
]
```

**URL application namespace required if setting an instance namespace**

In the past, an instance namespace without an application namespace would serve the same purpose as the application namespace, but it was impossible to reverse the patterns if there was an application namespace with the same name. Includes that specify an instance namespace require that the included URLconf sets an application namespace.

**current_app parameter to contrib.auth views**

All views in django.contrib.auth.views have the following structure:

```python
def view(request, ..., current_app=None, ...):
    ...
    if current_app is not None:
        request.current_app = current_app
    return TemplateResponse(request, template_name, context)
```

As of Django 1.8, current_app is set on the request object. For consistency, these views will require the caller to set current_app on the request instead of passing it in a separate argument.

**django.contrib.gis.geoip**

The django.contrib.gis.geoip2 module supersedes django.contrib.gis.geoip. The new module provides a similar API except that it doesn’t provide the legacy GeoIP-Python API compatibility methods.

**Miscellaneous**

- The `weak` argument to django.dispatch.signals.Signal.disconnect() has been deprecated as it has no effect.
• The `check_aggregate_support()` method of `django.db.backends.base.BaseDatabaseOperations` has been deprecated and will be removed in Django 2.0. The more general `check_expression_support()` should be used instead.

• `django.forms.extras` is deprecated. You can find `SelectDateWidget` in `django.forms.widgets` (or simply `django.forms`) instead.

• Private API `django.db.models.fields.add_lazy_relation()` is deprecated.

• The `django.contrib.auth.tests.utils.skipIfCustomUser()` decorator is deprecated. With the test discovery changes in Django 1.6, the tests for `django.contrib` apps are no longer run as part of the user’s project. Therefore, the `@skipIfCustomUser` decorator is no longer needed to decorate tests in `django.contrib.auth`.

• If you customized some error handlers, the view signatures with only one request parameter are deprecated. The views should now also accept a second exception positional parameter.

• The `django.utils.feedgenerator.Atom1Feed.mime_type` and `django.utils.feedgenerator.RssFeed.mime_type` attributes are deprecated in favor of `content_type`.

• `Signer` now issues a warning if an invalid separator is used. This will become an exception in Django 1.10.

• `django.db.models.Field._get_val_from_obj()` is deprecated in favor of `Field.value_from_object()`.

• `django.template.loaders.eggs.Loader` is deprecated as distributing applications as eggs is not recommended.

• The `callable_obj` keyword argument to `SimpleTestCase.assertRaisesMessage()` is deprecated. Pass the callable as a positional argument instead.

• The `allow_tags` attribute on methods of `ModelAdmin` has been deprecated. Use `format_html()`, `format_html_join()`, or `mark_safe()` when constructing the method’s return value instead.

• The `enclosure` keyword argument to `SyndicationFeed.add_item()` is deprecated. Use the new `enclosures` argument which accepts a list of `Enclosure` objects instead of a single one.

• The `django.template.loader.LoaderOrigin` and `django.template.base.StringOrigin` aliases for `django.template.base.Origin` are deprecated.

Features removed in 1.9

These features have reached the end of their deprecation cycle and are removed in Django 1.9. See `Features deprecated in 1.7` for details, including how to remove usage of these features.

• `django.utils.dictconfig` is removed.

• `django.utils.importlib` is removed.

• `django.utils.tzinfo` is removed.

• `django.utils.unittest` is removed.

• The `syncdb` command is removed.

• `django.db.models.signals.pre_syncdb` and `django.db.models.signals.post_syncdb` is removed.

• Support for `allow_syncdb` on database routers is removed.

• Automatic syncing of apps without migrations is removed. Migrations are compulsory for all apps unless you pass the `migrate --run-syncdb` option.
• The SQL management commands for apps without migrations, sql, sqlall, sqlclear, sqldropindexes, and sqlinxes, are removed.

• Support for automatic loading of initial_data fixtures and initial SQL data is removed.

• All models need to be defined inside an installed application or declare an explicit app_label. Furthermore, it isn’t possible to import them before their application is loaded. In particular, it isn’t possible to import models inside the root package of an application.

• The model and form IPAddressField is removed. A stub field remains for compatibility with historical migrations.

• AppCommand.handle_app() is no longer supported.

• RequestSite and get_current_site() are no longer importable from django.contrib.sites.models.

• FastCGI support via the runfcgi management command is removed.

• django.utils.datastructures.SortedDict is removed.

• ModelAdmin.declared_fieldsets is removed.

• The util modules that provided backwards compatibility are removed:
  - django.contrib.admin.util
  - django.contrib.gis.db.backends.util
  - django.db.backends.util
  - django.forms.util

• ModelAdmin.get_formsets is removed.

• The backward compatible shims introduced to rename the BaseMemcachedCache._get_memcache_timeout() method to get_backend_timeout() is removed.

• The --natural and -n options for dumpdata are removed.

• The use_natural_keys argument for serializers.serialize() is removed.

• Private API django.forms.forms.get_declared_fields() is removed.

• The ability to use a SplitDateTimeWidget with DateTimeField is removed.

• The WSGIRequest.REQUEST property is removed.

• The class django.utils.datastructures.MergeDict is removed.

• The zh-cn and zh-tw language codes are removed.

• The internal django.utils.functional.memoize() is removed.

• django.core.cache.get_cache is removed.

• django.db.models.loading is removed.

• Passing callable arguments to querysets is no longer possible.

• BaseCommand.requires_model_validation is removed in favor of requires_system_checks. Admin validators is replaced by admin checks.

• The ModelAdmin.validator_class and default_validator_class attributes are removed.

• ModelAdmin.validate() is removed.

• django.db.backends.DatabaseValidation.validate_field is removed in favor of the check_field method.
• The `validate` management command is removed.

• `django.utils.module_loading.import_by_path` is removed in favor of `django.utils.module_loading.import_string`.

• `ssi` and `url` template tags are removed from the `future` template tag library.

• `django.utils.text.jsontext_quote()` is removed.

• Database test settings as independent entries in the database settings, prefixed by `TEST_`, are no longer supported.

• The `cache_choices` option to `ModelChoiceField` and `ModelMultipleChoiceField` is removed.

• The default value of the `RedirectView.permanent` attribute has changed from `True` to `False`.

• `django.contrib.sitemaps.FlatPageSitemap` is removed in favor of `django.contrib.flatpages.sitemaps.FlatPageSitemap`.

• Private API `django.test.utils.TestTemplateLoader` is removed.

• The `django.contrib.contenttypes.generic` module is removed.

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Django 1.8.19 release notes

March 6, 2018

Django 1.8.19 fixes two security issues in 1.18.18.

CVE-2018-7536: Denial-of-service possibility in `urlize` and `urlizetrunc` template filters

The `django.utils.html.urlize()` function was extremely slow to evaluate certain inputs due to a catastrophic backtracking vulnerability in a regular expression. The `urlize()` function is used to implement the `urlize` and `urlizetrunc` template filters, which were thus vulnerable.

The problematic regular expression is replaced with parsing logic that behaves similarly.

CVE-2018-7537: Denial-of-service possibility in `truncatechars_html` and `truncatewords_html` template filters

If `django.utils.text.Truncator.chars()` and `words()` methods were passed the `html=True` argument, they were extremely slow to evaluate certain inputs due to a catastrophic backtracking vulnerability in a regular expression. The `chars()` and `words()` methods are used to implement the `truncatechars_html` and `truncatewords_html` template filters, which were thus vulnerable.

The backtracking problem in the regular expression is fixed.

Django 1.8.18 release notes

April 4, 2017

Django 1.8.18 fixes two security issues in 1.8.17.
CVE-2017-7233: Open redirect and possible XSS attack via user-supplied numeric redirect URLs

Django relies on user input in some cases (e.g. `django.contrib.auth.views.login()` and i18n) to redirect the user to an “on success” URL. The security check for these redirects (namely `django.utils.http.is_safe_url()`) considered some numeric URLs (e.g. `http:999999999`) “safe” when they shouldn’t be.

Also, if a developer relies on `is_safe_url()` to provide safe redirect targets and puts such a URL into a link, they could suffer from an XSS attack.

CVE-2017-7234: Open redirect vulnerability in `django.views.static.serve()`

A maliciously crafted URL to a Django site using the `serve()` view could redirect to any other domain. The view no longer does any redirects as they don’t provide any known, useful functionality.

Note, however, that this view has always carried a warning that it is not hardened for production use and should be used only as a development aid.

Django 1.8.17 release notes

December 1, 2016

Django 1.8.17 fixes a regression in 1.8.16.

Bugfixes

- Quoted the Oracle test user’s password in queries to fix the “ORA-00922: missing or invalid option” error when the password starts with a number or special character (#27420).

Django 1.8.16 release notes

November 1, 2016

Django 1.8.16 fixes two security issues in 1.8.15.

User with hardcoded password created when running tests on Oracle

When running tests with an Oracle database, Django creates a temporary database user. In older versions, if a password isn’t manually specified in the database settings `TEST` dictionary, a hardcoded password is used. This could allow an attacker with network access to the database server to connect.

This user is usually dropped after the test suite completes, but not when using the `manage.py test --keepdb` option or if the user has an active session (such as an attacker’s connection).

A randomly generated password is now used for each test run.

DNS rebinding vulnerability when `DEBUG=True`

Older versions of Django don’t validate the `Host` header against `settings.ALLOWED_HOSTS` when `settings.DEBUG=True`. This makes them vulnerable to a DNS rebinding attack.

While Django doesn’t ship a module that allows remote code execution, this is at least a cross-site scripting vector, which could be quite serious if developers load a copy of the production database in development or connect to some
production services for which there’s no development instance, for example. If a project uses a package like the django-debug-toolbar, then the attacker could execute arbitrary SQL, which could be especially bad if the developers connect to the database with a superuser account.

settings.ALLOWED_HOSTS is now validated regardless of DEBUG. For convenience, if ALLOWED_HOSTS is empty and DEBUG=True, the following variations of localhost are allowed ['localhost', '127.0.0.1', '::1']. If your local settings file has your production ALLOWED_HOSTS value, you must now omit it to get those fallback values.

**Django 1.8.15 release notes**

*September 26, 2016*

Django 1.8.15 fixes a security issue in 1.8.14.

**CSRF protection bypass on a site with Google Analytics**

An interaction between Google Analytics and Django’s cookie parsing could allow an attacker to set arbitrary cookies leading to a bypass of CSRF protection.

The parser for request.COOKIES is simplified to better match the behavior of browsers and to mitigate this attack. request.COOKIES may now contain cookies that are invalid according to RFC 6265 but are possible to set via document.cookie.

**Django 1.8.14 release notes**

*July 18, 2016*

Django 1.8.14 fixes a security issue and a bug in 1.8.13.

**XSS in admin’s add/change related popup**

Unsafe usage of JavaScript’s Element.innerHTML could result in XSS in the admin’s add/change related popup. Element.textContent is now used to prevent execution of the data.

The debug view also used innerHTML. Although a security issue wasn’t identified there, out of an abundance of caution it’s also updated to use textContent.

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed missing varchar/text_pattern_ops index on CharField and TextField respectively when using AddField on PostgreSQL (#26889).

**Django 1.8.13 release notes**

*May 2, 2016*

Django 1.8.13 fixes several bugs in 1.8.12.
**Bugfixes**

- Fixed `TimeField` microseconds round-tripping on MySQL and SQLite (#26498).
- Restored conversion of an empty string to null when saving values of `GenericIPAddressField` on SQLite and MySQL (#26557).

**Django 1.8.12 release notes**

*April 1, 2016*

Django 1.8.12 fixes several bugs in 1.8.11.

**Bugfixes**

- Made `MultiPartParser` ignore filenames that normalize to an empty string to fix crash in `MemoryFileUploadHandler` on specially crafted user input (#26325).
- Fixed data loss on SQLite where `DurationField` values with fractional seconds could be saved as `None` (#26324).
- Restored the functionality of the admin’s `raw_id_fields` in `list_editable` (#26387).

**Django 1.8.11 release notes**

*March 5, 2016*

Django 1.8.11 fixes a regression on Python 2 in the 1.8.10 security release where `utils.http.is_safe_url()` crashes on bytestring URLs (#26308).

**Django 1.8.10 release notes**

*March 1, 2016*

Django 1.8.10 fixes two security issues and several bugs in 1.8.9.

**CVE-2016-2512: Malicious redirect and possible XSS attack via user-supplied redirect URLs containing basic auth**

Django relies on user input in some cases (e.g. `django.contrib.auth.views.login()` and `i18n`) to redirect the user to an “on success” URL. The security check for these redirects (namely `django.utils.http.is_safe_url()`) considered some URLs with basic authentication credentials “safe” when they shouldn’t be.

For example, a URL like `http://mysite.example.com\@attacker.com` would be considered safe if the request’s host is `http://mysite.example.com`, but redirecting to this URL sends the user to `attacker.com`. Also, if a developer relies on `is_safe_url()` to provide safe redirect targets and puts such a URL into a link, they could suffer from an XSS attack.
CVE-2016-2513: User enumeration through timing difference on password hasher work factor upgrade

In each major version of Django since 1.6, the default number of iterations for the `PBKDF2PasswordHasher` and its subclasses has increased. This improves the security of the password as the speed of hardware increases, however, it also creates a timing difference between a login request for a user with a password encoded in an older number of iterations and login request for a nonexistent user (which runs the default hasher’s default number of iterations since Django 1.6).

This only affects users who haven’t logged in since the iterations were increased. The first time a user logs in after an iterations increase, their password is updated with the new iterations and there is no longer a timing difference.

The new `BasePasswordHasher.harden_runtime()` method allows hashers to bridge the runtime gap between the work factor (e.g. iterations) supplied in existing encoded passwords and the default work factor of the hasher. This method is implemented for `PBKDF2PasswordHasher` and `BCryptPasswordHasher`. The number of rounds for the latter hasher hasn’t changed since Django 1.4, but some projects may subclass it and increase the work factor as needed.

A warning will be emitted for any third-party password hashers that don’t implement a `harden_runtime()` method.

If you have different password hashes in your database (such as SHA1 hashes from users who haven’t logged in since the default hasher switched to PBKDF2 in Django 1.4), the timing difference on a login request for these users may be even greater and this fix doesn’t remedy that difference (or any difference when changing hashers). You may be able to upgrade those hashes to prevent a timing attack for that case.

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed a crash on PostgreSQL that prevented using `TIME_ZONE=None` and `USE_TZ=False` (#26177).
- Added system checks for query name clashes of hidden relationships (#26162).
- Made `forms.FileField` and `utils.translation.lazy_number()` picklable (#26212).
- Fixed `RangeField` and `ArrayField` serialization with `None` values (#26215).
- Reallowed dashes in top-level domain names of URLs checked by `URLValidator` to fix a regression in Django 1.8 (#26204).
- Fixed `BoundField` to reallow slices of subwidgets (#26267).
- Prevented `ContentTypeManager` instances from sharing their cache (#26286).

**Django 1.8.9 release notes**

*February 1, 2016*

Django 1.8.9 fixes several bugs in 1.8.8.

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed a regression that caused the “user-tools” items to display on the admin’s logout page (#26035).
- Fixed a crash in the translations system when the current language has no translations (#26046).
- Fixed a regression that caused the incorrect day to be selected when opening the admin calendar widget for timezones from GMT+0100 to GMT+1200 (#24980).
• Fixed a regression in 1.8.8 causing incorrect index handling in migrations on PostgreSQL when adding `db_index=True` or `unique=True` to a `CharField` or `TextField` that already had the other specified, or when removing one of them from a field that had both, or when adding `unique=True` to a field already listed in `unique_together` (#26034).

• Fixed a crash when using an `__in` lookup inside a `Case` expression (#26071).

• Fixed a crash when using a reverse `OneToOneField` in `ModelAdmin.readonly_fields` (#26060).

• Fixed a regression in Django 1.8.5 that broke copying a `SimpleLazyObject` with `copy.copy()` (#26122).

• Fixed the `contrib.gis` map widgets when using `USE_THOUSAND_SEPARATOR=True` (#20415).

Django 1.8.8 release notes

January 2, 2016

Django 1.8.8 fixes several bugs in 1.8.7.

Python 3.2 users, please be advised that we’ve decided to drop support for Python 3.2 in Django 1.8.x at the end of 2016. We won’t break things intentionally after that, but we won’t test subsequent releases against Python 3.2 either. Upstream support for Python 3.2 ends February 2016 so we don’t find much value in providing security updates for a version of Python that could be insecure. To read more about the decision and to let us know if this will be problematic for you, please read the django-developers thread.

Bugfixes

• Fixed incorrect `unique_together` field name generation by `inspectdb` (#25274).

• Corrected `__len` query lookup on `ArrayField` for empty arrays (#25772).

• Restored the ability to use custom formats from `formats.py` with `django.utils.formats.get_format()` and the `date` template filter (#25812).

• Fixed a state bug when migrating a `SeparateDatabaseAndState` operation backwards (#25896).

• Fixed missing `varchar/text_pattern_ops` index on `CharField` and `TextField` respectively when using `AlterField` on PostgreSQL (#25412).

• Fixed a state bug when using an `AlterModelManagers` operation (#25852).

• Fixed a regression which prevented using a language not in Django’s default language list (`LANGUAGES`) (#25915).

• `django.views.decorators.cache.never_cache()` now sends more persuasive headers (added `no-cache`, `no-store`, `must-revalidate` to `Cache-Control`) to better prevent caching (#13008). This fixes a problem where a page refresh in Firefox cleared the selected entries in the admin’s `filter_horizontal` and `filter_vertical` widgets, which could result in inadvertent data loss if a user didn’t notice that and then submitted the form (#22955).

• Fixed a regression in the admin which ignored line breaks in read-only fields instead of converting them to `<br>` (#25465).

• Made `loaddata` skip disabling and enabling database constraints when it doesn’t load any fixtures (#23372).

• Fixed a crash in `QuerySet.values()/values_list()` after an `annotate()` and `order_by()` when `values()/values_list()` includes a field not in the `order_by()` (#25316).
Django 1.8.7 release notes

November 24, 2015

Django 1.8.7 fixes a security issue and several bugs in 1.8.6.

Additionally, Django’s vendored version of six, django.utils.six, has been upgraded to the latest release (1.10.0).

Fixed settings leak possibility in date template filter

If an application allows users to specify an unvalidated format for dates and passes this format to the date filter, e.g. {{ last Updated|date:user_date_format }}, then a malicious user could obtain any secret in the application’s settings by specifying a settings key instead of a date format. e.g. "SECRET_KEY" instead of "j/m/Y".

To remedy this, the underlying function used by the date template filter, django.utils.formats.get_format(), now only allows accessing the date/time formatting settings.

Bugfixes

- Fixed a crash of the debug view during the autumn DST change when USE_TZ is False and pytz is installed.
- Fixed a regression in 1.8.6 that caused database routers without an allow_migrate() method to crash (#25686).
- Fixed a regression in 1.8.6 by restoring the ability to use Manager objects for the queryset argument of ModelChoiceField(#25683).
- Fixed a regression in 1.8.6 that caused an application with South migrations in the migrations directory to fail (#25618).
- Fixed a data loss possibility with Prefetch if to_attr is set to a ManyToManyField (#25693).
- Fixed a regression in 1.8 by making gettext() once again return UTF-8 bytestrings on Python 2 if the input is a bytestring (#25720).
- Fixed serialization of DateRangeField and DateTimeRangeField (#24937).
- Fixed the exact lookup of ArrayField (#25666).
- Fixed Model.refresh_from_db() updating of ForeignKey fields with on_delete=models.SET_NULL (#25715).
- Fixed a duplicate query regression in 1.8 on proxied model deletion (#25685).
- Fixed set_FOO_order() crash when the ForeignKey of a model with order_with_respect_to references a model with a OneToOneField primary key (#25786).
- Fixed incorrect validation for PositiveIntegerField and PositiveSmallIntegerField on MySQL resulting in values greater than 4294967295 or 65535, respectively, passing validation and being silently truncated by the database (#25767).

Django 1.8.6 release notes

November 4, 2015

Django 1.8.6 adds official support for Python 3.5 and fixes several bugs in 1.8.5.

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Bugfixes

• Fixed a regression causing ModelChoiceField to ignore prefetch_related() on its queryset (#25496).

• Allowed “mode=memory” in SQLite test database name if supported (#12118).

• Fixed system check crash on ForeignKey to abstract model (#25503).

• Fixed incorrect queries when you have multiple ManyToManyFields on different models that have the same field name, point to the same model, and have their reverse relations disabled (#25545).

• Allowed filtering over a RawSQL annotation (#25506).

• Made the Concat database function idempotent on SQLite (#25517).

• Avoided a confusing stack trace when starting runserver with an invalid INSTALLED_APPS setting (#25510). This regression appeared in 1.8.5 as a side effect of fixing #24704.

• Made deferred models use their proxied model’s _meta.apps for caching and retrieval (#25563). This prevents any models generated in data migrations using QuerySet.defer() from leaking to test and application code.

• Fixed a typo in the name of the strictly_above PostGIS lookup (#25592).

• Fixed crash with contrib.postgres.forms.SplitArrayField and IntegerField on invalid value (#25597).

• Added a helpful error message when Django and South migrations exist in the same directory (#25618).

• Fixed a regression in URLValidator that allowed URLs with consecutive dots in the domain section (like http://example..com/) to pass (#25620).

• Fixed a crash with GenericRelation and BaseModelAdmin.to_field_allowed (#25622).

Django 1.8.5 release notes

October 3, 2015

Django 1.8.5 fixes several bugs in 1.8.4.

Bugfixes

• Made the development server’s autoreload more robust (#24704).

• Fixed AssertionError in some delete queries with a model containing a field that is both a foreign and primary key (#24951).

• Fixed AssertionError in some complex queries (#24525).

• Fixed a migrations crash with GenericForeignKey (#25040).

• Made translation.override() clear the overridden language when a translation isn’t initially active (#25295).

• Fixed crash when using a value in ModelAdmin.list_display that clashed with a reverse field on the model (#25299).

• Fixed autocompletion for options of non-argparse management commands (#25372).

• Alphabetized ordering of imports in from django.db import migrations, models statement in newly created migrations (#25384).
• Fixed migrations crash on MySQL when adding a text or a blob field with an unhashable default (#25393).
• Changed Count queries to execute COUNT(*) instead of COUNT('*') as versions of Django before 1.8 did (#25377). This may fix a performance regression on some databases.
• Fixed custom queryset chaining with values() and values_list() (#20625).
• Moved the unsaved model instance assignment data loss check on reverse relations to Model.save() (#25160).
• Readded inline foreign keys to form instances when validating model formsets (#25431).
• Allowed using ORM write methods after disabling autocommit with set_autocommit(False) (#24921).
• Fixed the manage.py test --keepdb option on Oracle (#25421).
• Fixed incorrect queries with multiple many-to-many fields on a model with the same ‘to’ model and with related_name set to ‘+’ (#24505, #25486).
• Fixed pickling a SimpleLazyObject wrapping a model (#25389).

Django 1.8.4 release notes

August 18, 2015

Django 1.8.4 fixes a security issue and several bugs in 1.8.3.

Denial-of-service possibility in logout() view by filling session store

Previously, a session could be created when anonymously accessing the django.contrib.auth.views.logout() view (provided it wasn’t decorated with login_required() as done in the admin). This could allow an attacker to easily create many new session records by sending repeated requests, potentially filling up the session store or causing other users’ session records to be evicted.

The SessionMiddleware has been modified to no longer create empty session records, including when SESSION_SAVE_EVERY_REQUEST is active.

Bugfixes

• Added the ability to serialize values from the newly added UUIDField (#25019).
• Added a system check warning if the old TEMPLATE_* settings are defined in addition to the new TEMPLATES setting.
• Fixed QuerySet.raw() so InvalidQuery is not raised when using the db_column name of a ForeignKey field with primary_key=True (#12768).
• Prevented an exception in TestCase.setUpTestData() from leaking the transaction (#25176).
• Fixed has_changed() method in contrib.postgres.forms.HStoreField(#25215, #25233).
• Fixed the recording of squashed migrations when running the migrate command (#25231).
• Moved the unsaved model instance assignment data loss check to Model.save() to allow easier usage of in-memory models (#25160).
• Prevented varchar_patterns_ops and text_patterns_ops indexes for ArrayField(#25180).
Django 1.8.3 release notes

July 8, 2015

Django 1.8.3 fixes several security issues and bugs in 1.8.2.

Also, `django.utils.deprecation.RemovedInDjango20Warning` was renamed to `RemovedInDjango110Warning` as the version roadmap was revised to 1.9, 1.10, 1.11 (LTS), 2.0 (drops Python 2 support). For backwards compatibility, `RemovedInDjango20Warning` remains as an importable alias.

Denial-of-service possibility by filling session store

In previous versions of Django, the session backends created a new empty record in the session storage anytime `request.session` was accessed and there was a session key provided in the request cookies that didn’t already have a session record. This could allow an attacker to easily create many new session records simply by sending repeated requests with unknown session keys, potentially filling up the session store or causing other users’ session records to be evicted.

The built-in session backends now create a session record only if the session is actually modified; empty session records are not created. Thus this potential DoS is now only possible if the site chooses to expose a session-modifying view to anonymous users.

As each built-in session backend was fixed separately (rather than a fix in the core sessions framework), maintainers of third-party session backends should check whether the same vulnerability is present in their backend and correct it if so.

Header injection possibility since validators accept newlines in input

Some of Django’s built-in validators (`EmailValidator`, most seriously) didn’t prohibit newline characters (due to the usage of `\` instead of `\Z` in the regular expressions). If you use values with newlines in HTTP response or email headers, you can suffer from header injection attacks. Django itself isn’t vulnerable because `HttpResponse` and the mail sending utilities in `django.core.mail` prohibit newlines in HTTP and SMTP headers, respectively. While the validators have been fixed in Django, if you’re creating HTTP responses or email messages in other ways, it’s a good idea to ensure that those methods prohibit newlines as well. You might also want to validate that any existing data in your application doesn’t contain unexpected newlines.

`validate_ipv4_address()`, `validate_slug()`, and `URLValidator` are also affected, however, as of Django 1.6 the `GenericIPAddressField`, `IPAddressField`, `SlugField`, and `URLField` form fields which use these validators all strip the input, so the possibility of newlines entering your data only exists if you are using these validators outside of the form fields.

The undocumented, internally unused `validate_integer()` function is now stricter as it validates using a regular expression instead of simply casting the value using `int()` and checking if an exception was raised.

Denial-of-service possibility in URL validation

`URLValidator` included a regular expression that was extremely slow to evaluate against certain invalid inputs. This regular expression has been simplified and optimized.

Bugfixes

- Fixed `BaseRangeField.prepare_value()` to use each `base_field`’s `prepare_value()` method (#24841).
• Fixed crash during `makemigrations` if a migrations module either is missing `__init__.py` or is a file (#24848).
• Fixed `QuerySet.exists()` returning incorrect results after annotation with `Count()` (#24835).
• Corrected `HStoreField.has_changed()` (#24844).
• Reverted an optimization to the CSRF template context processor which caused a regression (#24836).
• Fixed a regression which caused template context processors to overwrite variables set on a `RequestContext` after it’s created (#24847).
• Prevented the loss of null/not null column properties during field renaming of MySQL databases (#24817).
• Fixed a crash when using a reverse one-to-one relation in `ModelAdmin.list_display` (#24851).
• Fixed quoting of SQL when renaming a field to `AutoField` in PostgreSQL (#24892).
• Fixed lack of unique constraint when changing a field from `primary_key=True` to `unique=True` (#24893).
• Fixed queryset pickling when using `prefetch_related()` after deleting objects (#24831).
• Allowed using `choices` longer than 1 day with `DurationField` (#24897).
• Fixed a crash when loading squashed migrations from two apps with a dependency between them, where the dependent app’s replaced migrations are partially applied (#24895).
• Fixed recording of applied status for squashed (replacement) migrations (#24628).
• Fixed queryset annotations when using `Case` expressions with `exclude()` (#24833).
• Corrected join promotion for multiple `Case` expressions. Annotating a query with multiple `Case` expressions could unexpectedly filter out results (#24924).
• Fixed usage of transforms in subqueries (#24744).
• Fixed `SimpleTestCase.assertRaisesMessage()` on Python 2.7.10 (#24903).
• Provided better backwards compatibility for the `verbosity` argument in `optparse` management commands by casting it to an integer (#24769).
• Fixed `prefetch_related()` on databases other than PostgreSQL for models using UUID primary keys (#24912).
• Fixed removing `unique_together` constraints on MySQL (#24972).
• Fixed crash when uploading images with MIME types that Pillow doesn’t detect, such as bitmap, in `forms.ImageField` (#24948).
• Fixed a regression when deleting a model through the admin that has a `GenericRelation` with a `related_query_name` (#24940).
• Reallowed non-ASCII values for `ForeignKey.related_name` on Python 3 by fixing the false positive system check (#25016).
• Fixed inline forms that use a parent object that has a `UUIDField` primary key and a child object that has an `AutoField` primary key (#24958).
• Fixed a regression in the `unordered_list` template filter on certain inputs (#25031).
• Fixed a regression in `URLValidator` that invalidated Punycode TLDs (#25059).
• Improved `pyinotifyrunserver` polling (#23882).
Django 1.8.2 release notes

May 20, 2015

Django 1.8.2 fixes a security issue and several bugs in 1.8.1.

Fixed session flushing in the cached_db backend

A change to session.flush() in the cached_db session backend in Django 1.8 mistakenly sets the session key to an empty string rather than None. An empty string is treated as a valid session key and the session cookie is set accordingly. Any users with an empty string in their session cookie will use the same session store. session.flush() is called by django.contrib.auth.logout() and, more seriously, by django.contrib.auth.login() when a user switches accounts. If a user is logged in and logs in again to a different account (without logging out) the session is flushed to avoid reuse. After the session is flushed (and its session key becomes '') the account details are set on the session and the session is saved. Any users with an empty string in their session cookie will now be logged into that account.

Bugfixes

- Fixed check for template engine alias uniqueness (#24685).
- Fixed crash when reusing the same Case instance in a query (#24752).
- Corrected join promotion for Case expressions. For example, annotating a query with a Case expression could unexpectedly filter out results (#24766).
- Fixed negated Q objects in expressions. Cases like Case(When(~Q(friends__age__lte=30))) tried to generate a subquery which resulted in a crash (#24705).
- Fixed incorrect GROUP BY clause generation on MySQL when the query’s model has a self-referential foreign key (#24748).
- Implemented ForeignKey.get_db_prep_value() so that ForeignKeys pointing to UUIDField and inheritance on models with UUIDField primary keys work correctly (#24698, #24712).
- Fixed isnull lookup for HStoreField (#24751).
- Fixed a MySQL crash when a migration removes a combined index (unique_together or index_together) containing a foreign key (#24757).
- Fixed session cookie deletion when using SESSION_COOKIE_DOMAIN (#24799).
- On PostgreSQL, when no access is granted for the postgres database, Django now falls back to the default database when it normally requires a “no database” connection (#24791).
- Fixed display of contrib.admin's ForeignKey widget when it’s used in a row with other fields (#24784).

Django 1.8.1 release notes

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Django 1.8.1 fixes several bugs in 1.8 and includes some optimizations in the migrations framework.
Bugfixes

- Added support for serializing `timedelta` objects in migrations (#24566).
- Restored proper parsing of the `testserver` command’s positional arguments (fixture names) (#24571).
- Prevented `TypeError` in translation functions `check_for_language()` and `get_language_bidi()` when translations are deactivated (#24569).
- Fixed `squashmigrations` command when using `SeparateDatabaseAndState` (#24278).
- Stripped microseconds from `datetime` values when using an older version of the MySQLdb DB API driver as it does not support fractional seconds (#24584).
- Fixed a migration crash when altering `ManyToManyFields` (#24513).
- Fixed a crash with `QuerySet.update()` on foreign keys to one-to-one fields (#24578).
- Fixed a regression in the model detail view of `admindocs` when a model has a reverse foreign key relation (#24624).
- Prevented arbitrary file inclusions in `admindocs` (#24625).
- Fixed a crash with `QuerySet.update()` on foreign keys to instances with `uuid` primary keys (#24611).
- Fixed database introspection with SQLite 3.8.9 (released April 8, 2015) (#24637).
- Updated `urlpatterns` examples generated by `startproject` to remove usage of referencing views by dotted path in `django.conf.urls.url()` which is deprecated in Django 1.8 (#24635).
- Fixed queries where an expression was referenced in `order_by()`, but wasn’t part of the select clause. An example query is `qs.annotate(foo=F('field')).values('pk').order_by('foo')` (#24615).
- Fixed a database table name quoting regression (#24605).
- Prevented the loss of `null/not null` column properties during field alteration of MySQL databases (#24595).
- Fixed JavaScript path of `contrib.admin`’s related field widget when using alternate static file storages (#24655).
- Fixed a migration crash when adding new relations to models (#24573).
- Fixed a migration crash when applying migrations with model managers on Python 3 that were generated on Python 2 (#24701).
- Restored the ability to use iterators as queryset filter arguments (#24719).
- Fixed a migration crash when renaming the target model of a many-to-many relation (#24725).
- Removed flushing of the test database with `test --keepdb`, which prevented apps with data migrations from using the option (#24729).
- Fixed `makemessages` crash in some locales (#23271).
- Fixed help text positioning of `contrib.admin` fields that use the `ModelAdmin.filter_horizontal` and `filter_vertical` options (#24676).
- Fixed `AttributeError: function 'GDALAllRegister' not found` error when initializing `contrib.gis` on Windows.

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Optimizations

- Changed `ModelState` to deepcopy fields instead of deconstructing and reconstructing (#24591). This speeds up the rendering of model states and reduces memory usage when running `manage.py migrate` (although other changes in this release may negate any performance benefits).

Django 1.8 release notes

April 1, 2015

Welcome to Django 1.8!

These release notes cover the new features, as well as some backwards incompatible changes you’ll want to be aware of when upgrading from Django 1.7 or older versions. We’ve also begun the deprecation process for some features, and some features have reached the end of their deprecation process and have been removed.

See the Upgrading Django to a newer version guide if you’re updating an existing project.

Django 1.8 has been designated as Django’s second long-term support release. It will receive security updates for at least three years after its release. Support for the previous LTS, Django 1.4, will end 6 months from the release date of Django 1.8.

Python compatibility

Django 1.8 requires Python 2.7, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, or 3.5. We highly recommend and only officially support the latest release of each series.

Django 1.8 is the first release to support Python 3.5.

Due to the end of upstream support for Python 3.2 in February 2016, we won’t test Django 1.8.x on Python 3.2 after the end of 2016.

What’s new in Django 1.8

Model._meta API

Django now has a formalized API for `Model._meta`, providing an officially supported way to retrieve fields and filter fields based on their attributes.

The `Model._meta` object has been part of Django since the days of pre-0.96 “Magic Removal” – it just wasn’t an official, stable API. In recognition of this, we’ve endeavored to maintain backwards-compatibility with the old API endpoint where possible. However, API endpoints that aren’t part of the new official API have been deprecated and will eventually be removed.

Multiple template engines

Django 1.8 defines a stable API for integrating template backends. It includes built-in support for the Django template language and for Jinja2. It supports rendering templates with multiple engines within the same project. Learn more about the new features in the topic guide and check the upgrade instructions in older versions of the documentation.
Security enhancements

Several features of the django-secure third-party library have been integrated into Django. `django.middleware.security.SecurityMiddleware` provides several security enhancements to the request/response cycle. The new `check --deploy` option allows you to check your production settings file for ways to increase the security of your site.

New PostgreSQL specific functionality

Django now has a module with extensions for PostgreSQL specific features, such as `ArrayField`, `HStoreField`, `Range Fields`, and `unaccent` lookup. A full breakdown of the features is available in the documentation.

New data types

- Django now has a `UUIDField` for storing universally unique identifiers. It is stored as the native `uuid` data type on PostgreSQL and as a fixed length character field on other backends. There is a corresponding form field.
- Django now has a `DurationField` for storing periods of time - modeled in Python by `timedelta`. It is stored in the native `interval` data type on PostgreSQL, as a `INTERVAL DAY(9) TO SECOND(6)` on Oracle, and as a `bigint` of microseconds on other backends. Date and time related arithmetic has also been improved on all backends. There is a corresponding form field.

Query Expressions, Conditional Expressions, and Database Functions

*Query Expressions* allow you to create, customize, and compose complex SQL expressions. This has enabled annotate to accept expressions other than aggregates. Aggregates are now able to reference multiple fields, as well as perform arithmetic, similar to `F()` objects. `order_by()` has also gained the ability to accept expressions.

*Conditional Expressions* allow you to use `if ... elif ... else` logic within queries.

A collection of database functions is also included with functionality such as `Coalesce`, `Concat`, and `Substr`.

**TestCase data setup**

*TestCase* has been refactored to allow for data initialization at the class level using transactions and savepoints. Database backends which do not support transactions, like MySQL with the MyISAM storage engine, will still be able to run these tests but won’t benefit from the improvements. Tests are now run within two nested `atomic()` blocks: one for the whole class and one for each test.

- The class method `TestCase.setUpTestData()` adds the ability to setup test data at the class level. Using this technique can speed up the tests as compared to using `setUp()`.
- Fixture loading within `TestCase` is now performed once for the whole `TestCase`.

Minor features

**django.contrib.admin**

- `ModelAdmin` now has a `has_module_permission()` method to allow limiting access to the module on the admin index page.
• *InlineModelAdmin* now has an attribute *show_change_link* that supports showing a link to an inline object’s change form.

• Use the new *django.contrib.admin.RelatedOnlyFieldListFilter* in *ModelAdmin.list_filter* to limit the *list_filter* choices to foreign objects which are attached to those from the *ModelAdmin*.

• The *ModelAdmin.delete_view()* displays a summary of objects to be deleted on the deletion confirmation page.

• The jQuery library embedded in the admin has been upgraded to version 1.11.2.

• You can now specify *AdminSite.site_url* in order to display a link to the front-end site.

• You can now specify *ModelAdmin.show_full_result_count* to control whether or not the full count of objects should be displayed on a filtered admin page.

• The *AdminSite.password_change()* method now has an *extra_context* parameter.

• You can now control who may login to the admin site by overriding only *AdminSite.has_permission()* and *AdminSite.login_form*. The base.html template has a new block *usertools* which contains the user-specific header. A new context variable *has_permission*, which gets its value from *has_permission()*, indicates whether the user may access the site.

• Foreign key dropdowns now have buttons for changing or deleting related objects using a popup.

**django.contrib.admindocs**

• reStructuredText is now parsed in model docstrings.

**django.contrib.auth**

• Authorization backends can now raise *PermissionDenied* in *has_perm()* and *has_module_perms()* to short-circuit permission checking.

• *PasswordResetForm* now has a method *send_mail()* that can be overridden to customize the mail to be sent.

• The *max_length* of *Permission.name* has been increased from 50 to 255 characters. Please run the database migration.

• *USERNAME_FIELD* and *REQUIRED_FIELDS* now supports *ForeignKeys*.

• The default iteration count for the PBKDF2 password hasher has been increased by 33%. This backwards compatible change will not affect users who have subclassed *django.contrib.auth.hashers.PBKDF2PasswordHasher* to change the default value.

**django.contrib.gis**

• A new *GeoJSON serializer* is now available.

• It is now allowed to include a subquery as a geographic lookup argument, for example `City.objects.filter(point__within=Country.objects.filter(continent='Africa')).values('mpoly')`.

• The SpatiaLite backend now supports *Collect* and *Extent* aggregates when the database version is 3.0 or later.
• The PostGIS 2 CREATE EXTENSION postgis and the SpatiaLite SELECT InitSpatialMetaData initialization commands are now automatically run by migrate.
• The GDAL interface now supports retrieving properties of raster (image) data file.
• Compatibility shims for SpatialRefSys and GeometryColumns changed in Django 1.2 have been removed.
• All GDAL-related exceptions are now raised with GDALException. The former OGRException has been kept for backwards compatibility but should not be used any longer.

django.contrib.sessions

• Session cookie is now deleted after flush() is called.

django.contrib.sitemaps

• The new Sitemap.i18n attribute allows you to generate a sitemap based on the LANGUAGES setting.

django.contrib.sites

• get_current_site() will now lookup the current site based on request.get_host() if the SITE_ID setting is not defined.
• The default Site created when running migrate now respects the SITE_ID setting (instead of always using pk=1).

Cache

• The incr() method of the django.core.cache.backends.locmem.LocMemCache backend is now thread-safe.

Cryptography

• The max_age parameter of the django.core.signing.TimestampSigner.unsign() method now also accepts a datetime.timedelta object.

Database backends

• The MySQL backend no longer strips microseconds from datetime values as MySQL 5.6.4 and up supports fractional seconds depending on the declaration of the datetime field (when DATETIME includes fractional precision greater than 0). New datetime database columns created with Django 1.8 and MySQL 5.6.4 and up will support microseconds. See the MySQL database notes for more details.
• The MySQL backend no longer creates explicit indexes for foreign keys when using the InnoDB storage engine, as MySQL already creates them automatically.
• The Oracle backend no longer defines the connection_persists_old_columns feature as True. Instead, Oracle will now include a cache busting clause when getting the description of a table.
Email

- *Email backends* now support the context manager protocol for opening and closing connections.
- The SMTP email backend now supports *keyfile* and *certfile* authentication with the `EMAIL_SSL_CERTFILE` and `EMAIL_SSL_KEYFILE` settings.
- The SMTP `EmailBackend` now supports setting the `timeout` parameter with the `EMAIL_TIMEOUT` setting.
- `EmailMessage` and `EmailMultiAlternatives` now support the `reply_to` parameter.

File Storage

- `Storage.get_available_name()` and `Storage.save()` now take a `max_length` argument to implement storage-level maximum filename length constraints. Filenames exceeding this argument will get truncated. This prevents a database error when appending a unique suffix to a long filename that already exists on the storage. See the *deprecation note* about adding this argument to your custom storage classes.

Forms

- Form widgets now render attributes with a value of `True` or `False` as HTML5 boolean attributes.
- The new `has_error()` method allows checking if a specific error has happened.
- If `required_css_class` is defined on a form, then the `<label>` tags for required fields will have this class present in its attributes.
- The rendering of non-field errors in unordered lists `<ul>`) now includes `nonfield` in its list of classes to distinguish them from field-specific errors.
- `Field` now accepts a `label_suffix` argument, which will override the form’s `label_suffix`. This enables customizing the suffix on a per-field basis — previously it wasn’t possible to override a form’s `label_suffix` while using shortcuts such as `{{ form.as_p }}` in templates.
- `SelectDateWidget` now accepts an `empty_label` argument, which will override the top list choice label when `DateField` is not required.
- After an `ImageField` has been cleaned and validated, the `UploadedFile` object will have an additional `image` attribute containing the Pillow `Image` instance used to check if the file was a valid image. It will also update `UploadedFile.content_type` with the image’s content type as determined by Pillow.
- You can now pass a callable that returns an iterable of choices when instantiating a `ChoiceField`.

Generic Views

- Generic views that use `MultipleObjectMixin` may now specify the ordering applied to the `queryset` by setting `ordering` or overriding `get_ordering()`.
- The new `SingleObjectMixin.query_pk_and_slug` attribute allows changing the behavior of `get_object()` so that it’ll perform its lookup using both the primary key and the slug.
- The `get_form()` method doesn’t require a `form_class` to be provided anymore. If not provided, `form_class` defaults to `get_form_class()`.
- Placeholders in `ModelFormMixin.success_url` now support the Python `str.format()` syntax. The legacy `%(<foo>)s` syntax is still supported but will be removed in Django 1.10.
Internationalization

- `FORMAT_MODULE_PATH` can now be a list of strings representing module paths. This allows importing several format modules from different reusable apps. It also allows overriding those custom formats in your main Django project.

Logging

- The `django.utils.log.AdminEmailHandler` class now has a `send_mail()` method to make it more subclass friendly.

Management Commands

- Database connections are now always closed after a management command called from the command line has finished doing its job.
- Commands from alternate package formats like eggs are now also discovered.
- The new `dumpdata --output` option allows specifying a file to which the serialized data is written.
- The new `makemessages --exclude` and `compilemessages --exclude` options allow excluding specific locales from processing.
- `compilemessages` now has a `--use-fuzzy` or `-f` option which includes fuzzy translations into compiled files.
- `loaddata --ignorenonexistent` option now ignores data for models that no longer exist.
- `runserver` now uses daemon threads for faster reloading.
- `inspectdb` now outputs `Meta.unique_together`. It is also able to introspect `AutoField` for MySQL and PostgreSQL databases.
- When calling management commands with options using `call_command()`, the option name can match the command line option name (without the initial dashes) or the final option destination variable name, but in either case, the resulting option received by the command is now always the `dest` name specified in the command option definition (as long as the command uses the `argparse` module).
- The `dbshell` command now supports MySQL's optional SSL certificate authority setting (`--ssl-ca`).
- The new `makemigrations --name` allows giving the migration(s) a custom name instead of a generated one.
- The `loaddata` command now prevents repeated fixture loading. If `FIXTURE_DIRS` contains duplicates or a default fixture directory path (`app_name/fixtures`), an exception is raised.
- The new `makemigrations --exit` option allows exiting with an error code if no migrations are created.
- The new `showmigrations` command allows listing all migrations and their dependencies in a project.

Middleware

- The `CommonMiddleware.response_redirect_class` attribute allows you to customize the redirects issued by the middleware.
- A debug message will be logged to the `django.request` logger when a middleware raises a `MiddlewareNotUsed` exception in `DEBUG` mode.
Migrations

- The RunSQL operation can now handle parameters passed to the SQL statements.
- It is now possible to have migrations (most probably data migrations) for applications without models.
- Migrations can now serialize model managers as part of the model state.
- A generic mechanism to handle the deprecation of model fields was added.
- The RunPython.noop() and RunSQL.noop class method/attribute were added to ease in making RunPython and RunSQL operations reversible.
- The migration operations RunPython and RunSQL now call the allow_migrate() method of database routers. The router can use the newly introduced app_label and hints arguments to make a routing decision. To take advantage of this feature you need to update the router to the new allow_migrate signature, see the deprecation section for more details.

Models

- Django now logs at most 9000 queries in connections.queries, in order to prevent excessive memory usage in long-running processes in debug mode.
- There is now a model Meta option to define a default related name for all relational fields of a model.
- Pickling models and querysets across different versions of Django isn’t officially supported (it may work, but there’s no guarantee). An extra variable that specifies the current Django version is now added to the pickled state of models and querysets, and Django raises a RuntimeWarning when these objects are unpickled in a different version than the one in which they were pickled.
- Added Model.from_db() which Django uses whenever objects are loaded using the ORM. The method allows customizing model loading behavior.
- extra(select={...}) now allows you to escape a literal %s sequence using %%s.
- Custom Lookups can now be registered using a decorator pattern.
- The new Transform.bilateral attribute allows creating bilateral transformations. These transformations are applied to both lhs and rhs when used in a lookup expression, providing opportunities for more sophisticated lookups.
- SQL special characters (, %, _) are now escaped properly when a pattern lookup (e.g. contains, startswith, etc.) is used with an F() expression as the right-hand side. In those cases, the escaping is performed by the database, which can lead to somewhat complex queries involving nested REPLACE function calls.
- You can now refresh model instances by using Model.refresh_from_db().
- You can now get the set of deferred fields for a model using Model.get_deferred_fields().
- Model field default’s are now used when primary key field’s are set to None.

Signals

- Exceptions from the (receiver, exception) tuples returned by Signal.send_robust() now have their traceback attached as a __traceback__ attribute.
- The environ argument, which contains the WSGI environment structure from the request, was added to the request_started signal.
• You can now import the `setting_changed()` signal from `django.core.signals` to avoid loading `django.test` in non-test situations. Django no longer does so itself.

System Check Framework

• `register` can now be used as a function.

Templates

• `urlize` now supports domain-only links that include characters after the top-level domain (e.g. djangoproject.com/ and djangoproject.com/download/).
• `urlize` doesn’t treat exclamation marks at the end of a domain or its query string as part of the URL (the URL in e.g. 'djangoproject.com! is djangoproject.com)
• Added a `locmem.Loader` class that loads Django templates from a Python dictionary.
• The `now` tag can now store its output in a context variable with the usual syntax: `{% now 'j n Y' as varname %}

Requests and Responses

• WSGIRequest now respects paths starting with `//`.
• The `HttpRequest.build_absolute_uri()` method now handles paths starting with `//` correctly.
• If `DEBUG` is `True` and a request raises a `SuspiciousOperation`, the response will be rendered with a detailed error page.
• The `query_string` argument of `QueryDict` is now optional, defaulting to `None`, so a blank `QueryDict` can now be instantiated with `QueryDict()` instead of `QueryDict(None)` or `QueryDict('')`.
• The `GET` and `POST` attributes of an `HttpRequest` object are now `QueryDict` s rather than dictionaries, and the `FILES` attribute is now a `MultiValueDict`. This brings this class into line with the documentation and with WSGIRequest.
• The `HttpResponse.charset` attribute was added.
• WSGIRequestHandler now follows RFC in converting URI to IRI, using `uri_to_iri()`.
• The `HttpRequest.get_full_path()` method now escapes unsafe characters from the path portion of a Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) properly.
• `HttpResponse` now implements a few additional methods like `getvalue()` so that instances can be used as stream objects.
• The new `HttpResponse.setdefault()` method allows setting a header unless it has already been set.
• You can use the new `FileResponse` to stream files.
• The `condition()` decorator for conditional view processing now supports the `If-unmodified-since` header.

Tests

• The `RequestFactory.trace()` and `Client.trace()` methods were implemented, allowing you to create TRACE requests in your tests.
• The count argument was added to assertTemplateUsed(). This allows you to assert that a template was rendered a specific number of times.

• The new assertJSONNotEqual() assertion allows you to test that two JSON fragments are not equal.

• Added options to the test command to preserve the test database (--keepdb), to run the test cases in reverse order (--reverse), and to enable SQL logging for failing tests (--debug-sql).

• Added the resolver_match attribute to test client responses.

• Added several settings that allow customization of test tablespace parameters for Oracle: DATAFILE, DATAFILE_TMP, DATAFILE_MAXSIZE and DATAFILE_TMP_MAXSIZE.

• The override_settings() decorator can now affect the master router in DATABASE_ROUTERS.

• Added test client support for file uploads with file-like objects.

• A shared cache is now used when testing with an SQLite in-memory database when using Python 3.4+ and SQLite 3.7.13+. This allows sharing the database between threads.

Validator

• URLValidator now supports IPv6 addresses, Unicode domains, and URLs containing authentication data.

Backwards incompatible changes in 1.8

Warning: In addition to the changes outlined in this section, be sure to review the deprecation plan for any features that have been removed. If you haven’t updated your code within the deprecation timeline for a given feature, its removal may appear as a backwards incompatible change.

Related object operations are run in a transaction

Some operations on related objects such as add() or direct assignment ran multiple data modifying queries without wrapping them in transactions. To reduce the risk of data corruption, all data modifying methods that affect multiple related objects (i.e. add(), remove(), clear(), and direct assignment) now perform their data modifying queries from within a transaction, provided your database supports transactions.

This has one backwards incompatible side effect, signal handlers triggered from these methods are now executed within the method’s transaction and any exception in a signal handler will prevent the whole operation.

Assigning unsaved objects to relations raises an error

Note: To more easily allow in-memory usage of models, this change was reverted in Django 1.8.4 and replaced with a check during model.save(). For example:

```python
>>> book = Book.objects.create(name="Django")
>>> book.author = Author(name="John")
>>> book.save()
Traceback (most recent call last):
...:
ValueError: save() prohibited to prevent data loss due to unsaved related object 'author'.
```
A similar check on assignment to reverse one-to-one relations was removed in Django 1.8.5.

Assigning unsaved objects to a ForeignKey, GenericForeignKey, and OneToOneField now raises a ValueError.

Previously, the assignment of an unsaved object would be silently ignored. For example:

```python
>>> book = Book.objects.create(name="Django")
>>> book.author = Author(name="John")
>>> book.save()
>>> book.author.save()

Now, an error will be raised to prevent data loss:

```python
>>> book.author = Author(name="john")
Traceback (most recent call last):
 ... ValueError: Cannot assign "<Author: John>": "Author" instance isn't saved in the_˓
˓database.
```

If you require allowing the assignment of unsaved instances (the old behavior) and aren’t concerned about the data loss possibility (e.g. you never save the objects to the database), you can disable this check by using the ForeignKey. allow_unsaved_instance_assignment attribute. (This attribute was removed in 1.8.4 as it’s no longer relevant.)

Management commands that only accept positional arguments

If you have written a custom management command that only accepts positional arguments and you didn’t specify the args command variable, you might get an error like Error: unrecognized arguments: ..., as variable parsing is now based on argparse which doesn’t implicitly accept positional arguments. You can make your command backwards compatible by simply setting the args class variable. However, if you don’t have to keep compatibility with older Django versions, it’s better to implement the new add_arguments() method as described in Writing custom django-admin commands.

Custom test management command arguments through test runner

The method to add custom arguments to the test management command through the test runner has changed. Previously, you could provide an option_list class variable on the test runner to add more arguments (à la optparse). Now to implement the same behavior, you have to create an add_arguments(cls, parser) class method on the test runner and call parser.add_argument to add any custom arguments, as parser is now an argparse.ArgumentParser instance.

Model check ensures auto-generated column names are within limits specified by database

A field name that’s longer than the column name length supported by a database can create problems. For example, with MySQL you’ll get an exception trying to create the column, and with PostgreSQL the column name is truncated by the database (you may see a warning in the PostgreSQL logs).

A model check has been introduced to better alert users to this scenario before the actual creation of database tables.
If you have an existing model where this check seems to be a false positive, for example on PostgreSQL where the name was already being truncated, simply use `db_column` to specify the name that’s being used.

The check also applies to the columns generated in an implicit `ManyToManyField.through` model. If you run into an issue there, use `through` to create an explicit model and then specify `db_column` on its column(s) as needed.

**Query relation lookups now check object types**

Querying for model lookups now checks if the object passed is of correct type and raises a `ValueError` if not. Previously, Django didn’t care if the object was of correct type; it just used the object’s related field attribute (e.g. `id`) for the lookup. Now, an error is raised to prevent incorrect lookups:

```
>>> book = Book.objects.create(name="Django")
>>> book = Book.objects.filter(author=book)
Traceback (most recent call last):
...,
ValueError: Cannot query "<Book: Django>": Must be "Author" instance.
```

**select_related() now checks given fields**

`select_related()` now validates that the given fields actually exist. Previously, nonexistent fields were silently ignored. Now, an error is raised:

```
>>> book = Book.objects.select_related('nonexistent_field')
Traceback (most recent call last):
...,
FieldError: Invalid field name(s) given in select_related: 'nonexistent_field'
```

The validation also makes sure that the given field is relational:

```
>>> book = Book.objects.select_related('name')
Traceback (most recent call last):
...,
FieldError: Non-relational field given in select_related: 'name'
```

**Default `EmailField.max_length` increased to 254**

The old default 75 character `max_length` was not capable of storing all possible RFC3696/5321-compliant email addresses. In order to store all possible valid email addresses, the `max_length` has been increased to 254 characters. You will need to generate and apply database migrations for your affected models (or add `max_length=75` if you wish to keep the length on your current fields). A migration for `django.contrib.auth.models.User.email` is included.

**Support for PostgreSQL versions older than 9.0**

The end of upstream support periods was reached in July 2014 for PostgreSQL 8.4. As a consequence, Django 1.8 sets 9.0 as the minimum PostgreSQL version it officially supports.

This also includes dropping support for PostGIS 1.3 and 1.4 as these versions are not supported on versions of PostgreSQL later than 8.4.
Django also now requires the use of Psycopg2 version 2.4.5 or higher (or 2.5+ if you want to use `django.contrib.postgres`).

## Support for MySQL versions older than 5.5

The end of upstream support periods was reached in January 2012 for MySQL 5.0 and December 2013 for MySQL 5.1. As a consequence, Django 1.8 sets 5.5 as the minimum MySQL version it officially supports.

## Support for Oracle versions older than 11.1

The end of upstream support periods was reached in July 2010 for Oracle 9.2, January 2012 for Oracle 10.1, and July 2013 for Oracle 10.2. As a consequence, Django 1.8 sets 11.1 as the minimum Oracle version it officially supports.

## Specific privileges used instead of roles for tests on Oracle

Earlier versions of Django granted the CONNECT and RESOURCE roles to the test user on Oracle. These roles have been deprecated, so Django 1.8 uses the specific underlying privileges instead. This changes the privileges required of the main user for running tests (unless the project is configured to avoid creating a test user). The exact privileges required now are detailed in `Oracle notes`.

### `AbstractUser.last_login` allows null values

The `AbstractUser.last_login` field now allows null values. Previously, it defaulted to the time when the user was created which was misleading if the user never logged in. If you are using the default user (`django.contrib.auth.models.User`), run the database migration included in `contrib.auth`.

If you are using a custom user model that inherits from `AbstractUser`, you’ll need to run `makemigrations` and generate a migration for your app that contains that model. Also, if wish to set `last_login` to NULL for users who haven’t logged in, you can run this query:

```python
from django.db import models
from django.contrib.auth import get_user_model
from django.contrib.auth.models import AbstractBaseUser

UserModel = get_user_model()
if issubclass(UserModel, AbstractBaseUser):
    UserModel._default_manager.filter(
        last_login=models.F('date_joined')
    ).update(last_login=None)
```

### `django.contrib.gis`

- Support for GEOS 3.1 and GDAL 1.6 has been dropped.
- Support for SpatiaLite < 2.4 has been dropped.
- GIS-specific lookups have been refactored to use the `django.db.models.Lookup` API.
- The default `str` representation of `GEOSGeometry` objects has been changed from WKT to EWKT format (including the SRID). As this representation is used in the serialization framework, that means that `dumpdata` output will now contain the SRID value of geometry objects.
Priority of context processors for TemplateResponse brought in line with render

The TemplateResponse constructor is designed to be a drop-in replacement for the render() function. However, it had a slight incompatibility, in that for TemplateResponse, context data from the passed in context dictionary could be shadowed by context data returned from context processors, whereas for render it was the other way around. This was a bug, and the behavior of render is more appropriate, since it allows the globally defined context processors to be overridden locally in the view. If you were relying on the fact context data in a TemplateResponse could be overridden using a context processor, you will need to change your code.

Overriding setUpClass / tearDownClass in test cases

The decorators override_settings() and modify_settings() now act at the class level when used as class decorators. As a consequence, when overriding setUpClass() or tearDownClass(), the super implementation should always be called.

Removal of django.contrib.formtools

The formtools contrib app has been moved to a separate package and the relevant documentation pages have been updated or removed.

The new package is available on GitHub and on PyPI.

Database connection reloading between tests

Django previously closed database connections between each test within a TestCase. This is no longer the case as Django now wraps the whole TestCase within a transaction. If some of your tests relied on the old behavior, you should have them inherit from TransactionTestCase instead.

Cleanup of the django.template namespace

If you’ve been relying on private APIs exposed in the django.template module, you may have to import them from django.template.base instead.

Also private APIs django.template.base.compile_string(), django.template.loader.find_template(), and django.template.loader.get_template_from_string() were removed.

model attribute on private model relations

In earlier versions of Django, on a model with a reverse foreign key relationship (for example), model._meta.get_all_related_objects() returned the relationship as a django.db.models.related.RelatedObject with the model attribute set to the source of the relationship. Now, this method returns the relationship as django.db.models.fields.related.ManyToOneRel (private API RelatedObject has been removed), and the model attribute is set to the target of the relationship instead of the source. The source model is accessible on the related_model attribute instead.

Consider this example from the tutorial in Django 1.8:
>>> p = Poll.objects.get(pk=1)
>>> p._meta.get_all_related_objects()
[<ManyToOneRel: polls.choice>]
>>> p._meta.get_all_related_objects()[0].model
<class 'polls.models.Poll'>
>>> p._meta.get_all_related_objects()[0].related_model
<class 'polls.models.Choice'>

and compare it to the behavior on older versions:

>>> p._meta.get_all_related_objects()
[<RelatedObject: polls:choice related to poll>]
>>> p._meta.get_all_related_objects()[0].model
<class 'polls.models.Choice'>

To access the source model, you can use a pattern like this to write code that will work with both Django 1.8 and older versions:

```python
for relation in opts.get_all_related_objects():
    to_model = getattr(relation, 'related_model', relation.model)
```

Also note that `get_all_related_objects()` is deprecated in 1.8.

**Database backend API**

The following changes to the database backend API are documented to assist those writing third-party backends in updating their code:

- **BaseDatabaseXXX** classes have been moved to `django.db.backends.base`. Please import them from the new locations:

```python
from django.db.backends.base.base import BaseDatabaseWrapper
from django.db.backends.base.client import BaseDatabaseClient
from django.db.backends.base.creation import BaseDatabaseCreation
from django.db.backends.base.features import BaseDatabaseFeatures
from django.db.backends.base.introspection import BaseDatabaseIntrospection
from django.db.backends.base.introspection import FieldInfo, TableInfo
from django.db.backends.base.operations import BaseDatabaseOperations
from django.db.backends.base.schema import BaseDatabaseSchemaEditor
from django.db.backends.base.validation import BaseDatabaseValidation
```

- The `data_types`, `data_types_suffix`, and `data_type_check_constraints` attributes have moved from the `DatabaseCreation` class to `DatabaseWrapper`.

- The `SQLCompiler.as_sql()` method now takes a `subquery` parameter (#24164).

- The `BaseDatabaseOperations.date_interval_sql()` method now only takes a `timedelta` parameter.

**django.contrib.admin**

- `AdminSite` no longer takes an `app_name` argument and its `app_name` attribute has been removed. The application name is always `admin` (as opposed to the instance name which you can still customize using `AdminSite(name="...")`).

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• The `ModelAdmin.get_object()` method (private API) now takes a third argument named `from_field` in order to specify which field should match the provided `object_id`.

• The `ModelAdmin.response_delete()` method now takes a second argument named `obj_id` which is the serialized identifier used to retrieve the object before deletion.

**Default autoescaping of functions in `django.template.defaultfilters`**

In order to make built-in template filters that output HTML “safe by default” when calling them in Python code, the following functions in `django.template.defaultfilters` have been changed to automatically escape their input value:

- `join`
- `linebreaksbr`
- `linebreaks_filter`
- `linenumbers`
- `unordered_list`
- `urlize`
- `urlizetrunc`

You can revert to the old behavior by specifying `autoescape=False` if you are passing trusted content. This change doesn’t have any effect when using the corresponding filters in templates.

**Miscellaneous**

- `connections.queries` is now a read-only attribute.
- Database connections are considered equal only if they’re the same object. They aren’t hashable any more.
- `GZipMiddleware` used to disable compression for some content types when the request is from Internet Explorer, in order to work around a bug in IE6 and earlier. This behavior could affect performance on IE7 and later. It was removed.
- `URLField.to_python` no longer adds a trailing slash to pathless URLs.
- The `length` template filter now returns 0 for an undefined variable, rather than an empty string.
- `ForeignKey.default_error_message['invalid']` has been changed from '%(model)s instance with pk %(pk)r does not exist.' to '%(model)s instance with %(field)s %(value)r does not exist.' If you are using this message in your own code, please update the list of interpolated parameters. Internally, Django will continue to provide the `pk` parameter in `params` for backwards compatibility.
- `UserCreationForm.error_messages['duplicate_username']` is no longer used. If you wish to customize that error message, override it on the form using the 'unique' key in `Meta.error_messages['username']` or, if you have a custom form field for 'username', using the 'unique' key in its `error_messages` argument.
- The block `usertools` in the `base.html` template of `django.contrib.admin` now requires the `has_permission` context variable to be set. If you have any custom admin views that use this template, update them to pass `AdminSite.has_permission()` as this new variable’s value or simply include `AdminSite.each_context(request)` in the context.
• Internal changes were made to the `ClearableFileInput` widget to allow more customization. The undocumented `url_markup_template` attribute was removed in favor of `template_with_initial`.

• For consistency with other major vendors, the en_GB locale now has Monday as the first day of the week.

• Seconds have been removed from any locales that had them in `TIME_FORMAT`, `DATETIME_FORMAT`, or `SHORT_DATETIME_FORMAT`.

• The default max size of the Oracle test tablespace has increased from 300M (or 200M, before 1.7.2) to 500M.

• `reverse()` and `reverse_lazy()` now return Unicode strings instead of bytestrings.

• The `CacheClass` shim has been removed from all cache backends. These aliases were provided for backwards compatibility with Django 1.3. If you are still using them, please update your project to use the real class name found in the `BACKEND` key of the `CACHES` setting.

• By default, `call_command()` now always skips the check framework (unless you pass `skip_checks=False`).

• When iterating over lines, `File` now uses universal newlines. The following are recognized as ending a line: the Unix end-of-line convention '\n', the Windows convention '\r\n', and the old Macintosh convention '\r'.

• The Memcached cache backends `MemcachedCache` and `PyLibMCCache` will delete a key if `set()` fails. This is necessary to ensure the `cache_db` session store always fetches the most current session data.

• Private APIs `override_template_loaders` and `override_with_test_loader` in `django.test.utils` were removed. Override `TEMPLATES` with `override_settings` instead.

• Warnings from the MySQL database backend are no longer converted to exceptions when `DEBUG` is True.

• `HttpRequest` now has a simplified `repr` (e.g. `<WSGIRequest: GET '/somepath/'>`). This won’t change the behavior of the `SafeExceptionReporterFilter` class.

• Class-based views that use `ModelFormMixin` will raise an `ImproperlyConfigured` exception when both the `fields` and `form_class` attributes are specified. Previously, `fields` was silently ignored.

• When following redirects, the test client now raises `RedirectCycleError` if it detects a loop or hits a maximum redirect limit (rather than passing silently).

• Translatable strings set as the `default` parameter of the field are cast to concrete strings later, so the return type of `Field.get_default()` is different in some cases. There is no change to default values which are the result of a callable.

• `GenericIPAddressField.empty_strings_allowed` is now False. Database backends that interpret empty strings as null (only Oracle among the backends that Django includes) will no longer convert null values back to an empty string. This is consistent with other backends.

• When the `BaseCommand.leave_locale_alone` attribute is False, translations are now deactivated instead of forcing the “en-us” locale. In the case your models contained non-English strings and you counted on English translations to be activated in management commands, this will not happen any longer. It might be that new database migrations are generated (once) after migrating to 1.8.

• `django.utils.translation.get_language()` now returns None instead of `LANGUAGE_CODE` when translations are temporarily deactivated.

• When a translation doesn’t exist for a specific literal, the fallback is now taken from the `LANGUAGE_CODE` language (instead of from the untranslated `msgid` message).

• The `name` field of `django.contrib.contenttypes.models.ContentType` has been removed by a migration and replaced by a property. That means it’s not possible to query or filter a `ContentType` by this field any longer.

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Be careful if you upgrade to Django 1.8 and skip Django 1.7. If you run `manage.py migrate --fake`, this migration will be skipped and you’ll see a `RuntimeError: Error creating new content types` exception because the name column won’t be dropped from the database. Use `manage.py migrate --fake-initial` to fake only the initial migration instead.

- The new `migrate --fake-initial` option allows faking initial migrations. In 1.7, initial migrations were always automatically faked if all tables created in an initial migration already existed.

- An app without migrations with a ForeignKey to an app with migrations may now result in a foreign key constraint error when migrating the database or running tests. In Django 1.7, this could fail silently and result in a missing constraint. To resolve the error, add migrations to the app without them.

Features deprecated in 1.8

Selected methods in `django.db.models.options.Options`

As part of the formalization of the `Model._meta API` (from the `django.db.models.options.Options` class), a number of methods have been deprecated and will be removed in Django 1.10:

- `get_all_field_names()`
- `get_all_related_objects()`
- `get_all_related_objects_with_model()`
- `get_all_related_many_to_many_objects()`
- `get_all_related_m2m_objects_with_model()`
- `get_concrete_fields_with_model()`
- `get_field_by_name()`
- `get_fields_with_model()`
- `get_m2m_with_model()`

Loading `cycle` and `firstof` template tags from future library

Django 1.6 introduced `{% load cycle from future %}` and `{% load firstof from future %}` syntax for forward compatibility of the `cycle` and `firstof` template tags. This syntax is now deprecated and will be removed in Django 1.10. You can simply remove the `{% load ... from future %}` tags.

`django.conf.urls.patterns()`

In the olden days of Django, it was encouraged to reference views as strings in `urlpatterns`:

```python
urlpatterns = patterns('',
    url('^$', 'myapp.views.myview'),
)
```

and Django would magically import `myapp.views.myview` internally and turn the string into a real function reference. In order to reduce repetition when referencing many views from the same module, the `patterns()` function takes a required initial `prefix` argument which is prepended to all views-as-strings in that set of `urlpatterns`:
In the modern era, we have updated the tutorial to instead recommend importing your views module and referencing your view functions (or classes) directly. This has a number of advantages, all deriving from the fact that we are using normal Python in place of “Django String Magic”: the errors when you mistype a view name are less obscure, IDEs can help with autocompletion of view names, etc.

So these days, the above use of the `prefix arg is much more likely to be written (and is better written) as:

```python
from myapp import views
urlpatterns = patterns('',
    url('^$', views.myview),
    url('^other/$', views.otherview),
)
```

Thus `patterns()` serves little purpose and is a burden when teaching new users (answering the newbie’s question “why do I need this empty string as the first argument to `patterns()`?”). For these reasons, we are deprecating it. Updating your code is as simple as ensuring that `urlpatterns` is a list of `django.conf.urls.url()` instances. For example:

```python
from django.conf.urls import url
from myapp import views
urlpatterns = [
    url('^$', views.myview),
    url('^other/$', views.otherview),
]
```

### Passing a string as view to `django.conf.urls.url()`

Related to the previous item, referencing views as strings in the `url()` function is deprecated. Pass the callable view as described in the previous section instead.

### Template-related settings

As a consequence of the multiple template engines refactor, several settings are deprecated in favor of `TEMPLATES`:

- `ALLOWED_INCLUDE_ROOTS`
- `TEMPLATE_CONTEXT_PROCESSORS`
- `TEMPLATE_DEBUG`
- `TEMPLATE_DIRS`
- `TEMPLATE_LOADERS`
- `TEMPLATE_STRING_IF_INVALID`
django.core.context_processors

Built-in template context processors have been moved to django.template.context_processors.

django.test.SimpleTestCase.urls

The attribute SimpleTestCase.urls for specifying URLconf configuration in tests has been deprecated and will be removed in Django 1.10. Use @override_settings(ROOT_URLCONF=...) instead.

prefix argument to i18n_patterns()

Related to the previous item, the prefix argument to django.conf.urls.i18n.i18n_patterns() has been deprecated. Simply pass a list of django.conf.urls.url() instances instead.

Using an incorrect count of unpacked values in the for template tag

Using an incorrect count of unpacked values in for tag will raise an exception rather than fail silently in Django 1.10.

Passing a dotted path to reverse() and url

Reversing URLs by Python path is an expensive operation as it causes the path being reversed to be imported. This behavior has also resulted in a security issue. Use named URL patterns for reversing instead.

If you are using django.contrib.sitemaps, add the name argument to the url that references django.contrib.sitemaps.views.sitemap():

```python
from django.contrib.sitemaps.views import sitemap

url(r'^sitemap\.(xml)$', sitemap, {'sitemaps': sitemaps},
    name='django.contrib.sitemaps.views.sitemap')
```

to ensure compatibility when reversing by Python path is removed in Django 1.10.

Similarly for GIS sitemaps, add name='django.contrib.gis.sitemaps.views.kml' or name='django.contrib.gis.sitemaps.views.kmz'.

If you are using a Python path for the LOGIN_URL or LOGIN_REDIRECT_URL setting, use the name of the url() instead.

Aggregate methods and modules

The django.db.models.sql.aggregates and django.contrib.gis.db.models.sql.aggregates modules (both private API), have been deprecated as django.db.models.aggregates and django.contrib.gis.db.models.aggregates are now also responsible for SQL generation. The old modules will be removed in Django 1.10.

If you were using the old modules, see Query Expressions for instructions on rewriting custom aggregates using the new stable API.

The following methods and properties of django.db.models.sql.query.Query have also been deprecated and the backwards compatibility shims will be removed in Django 1.10:
• Query.aggregates, replaced by annotations.
• Query.aggregate_select, replaced by annotation_select.
• Query.add_aggregate(), replaced by add_annotation().
• Query.set_aggregate_mask(), replaced by set_annotation_mask().
• Query.append_aggregate_mask(), replaced by append_annotation_mask().

**Extending management command arguments through `Command.option_list`**

Management commands now use `argparse` instead of `optparse` to parse command-line arguments passed to commands. This also means that the way to add custom arguments to commands has changed: instead of extending the `option_list` class list, you should now override the `add_arguments()` method and add arguments through `argparse.add_argument()`. See *this example* for more details.

**django.core.management.NoArgsCommand**

The class `NoArgsCommand` is now deprecated and will be removed in Django 1.10. Use `BaseCommand` instead, which takes no arguments by default.

**Listing all migrations in a project**

The `--list` option of the `migrate` management command is deprecated and will be removed in Django 1.10. Use `showmigrations` instead.

**cache_choices option of ModelChoiceField and ModelMultipleChoiceField**

`ModelChoiceField` and `ModelMultipleChoiceField` took an undocumented, untested option `cache_choices`. This cached querysets between multiple renderings of the same `Form` object. This option is subject to an accelerated deprecation and will be removed in Django 1.9.

**django.template.resolve_variable()**

The function has been informally marked as “Deprecated” for some time. Replace `resolve_variable(path, context)` with `django.template.Variable(path).resolve(context)`.

**django.contrib.webdesign**

It provided the `lorem` template tag which is now included in the built-in tags. Simply remove 'django.contrib.webdesign' from `INSTALLED_APPS` and `{% load webdesign %}` from your templates.

**error_message argument to django.forms.RegexField**

It provided backwards compatibility for pre-1.0 code, but its functionality is redundant. Use `Field.error_messages['invalid']` instead.
Old unordered_list syntax

An older (pre-1.0), more restrictive and verbose input format for the unordered_list template filter has been deprecated:

```
['States', [['Kansas', [[], ['Topeka', []]]], ['Illinois', []]]
```

Using the new syntax, this becomes:

```
['States', ['Kansas', ['Lawrence', 'Topeka'], 'Illinois']]
```

django.forms.Field._has_changed()

Rename this method to has_changed() by removing the leading underscore. The old name will still work until Django 1.10.

django.utils.html.remove_tags() and removetags template filter

django.utils.html.remove_tags() as well as the template filter removetags have been deprecated as they cannot guarantee safe output. Their existence is likely to lead to their use in security-sensitive contexts where they are not actually safe.

The unused and undocumented django.utils.html.strip_entities() function has also been deprecated.

is_admin_site argument to django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset()

It’s a legacy option that should no longer be necessary.

SubfieldBase

django.db.models.fields.subclassing.SubfieldBase has been deprecated and will be removed in Django 1.10. Historically, it was used to handle fields where type conversion was needed when loading from the database, but it was not used in .values() calls or in aggregates. It has been replaced with from_db_value().

The new approach doesn’t call the to_python() method on assignment as was the case with SubfieldBase. If you need that behavior, reimplement the Creator class from Django’s source code in your project.

django.utils.checksums

The django.utils.checksums module has been deprecated and will be removed in Django 1.10. The functionality it provided (validating checksum using the Luhn algorithm) was undocumented and not used in Django. The module has been moved to the django-localflavor package (version 1.1+).

InlineAdminForm.original_content_type_id

The original_content_type_id attribute on InlineAdminForm has been deprecated and will be removed in Django 1.10. Historically, it was used to construct the “view on site” URL. This URL is now accessible using the absolute_url attribute of the form.
django.views.generic.edit.FormMixin.get_form()’s form_class argument

FormMixin subclasses that override the get_form() method should make sure to provide a default value for the form_class argument since it’s now optional.

Rendering templates loaded by get_template() with a Context

The return type of get_template() has changed in Django 1.8: instead of a django.template.Template, it returns a Template instance whose exact type depends on which backend loaded it.

Both classes provide a render() method, however, the former takes a django.template.Context as an argument while the latter expects a dict. This change is enforced through a deprecation path for Django templates.

All this also applies to select_template().

Template and Context classes in template responses

Some methods of SimpleTemplateResponse and TemplateResponse accepted django.template.Context and django.template.Template objects as arguments. They should now receive dict and backend-dependent template objects respectively.

This also applies to the return types if you have subclassed either template response class.

Check the template response API documentation for details.

current_app argument of template-related APIs

The following functions and classes will no longer accept a current_app parameter to set an URL namespace in Django 1.10:

- django.shortcuts.render()
- django.template.Context()
- django.template.RequestContext()
- django.template.response.TemplateResponse()

Set request.current_app instead, where request is the first argument to these functions or classes. If you’re using a plain Context, use a RequestContext instead.

dictionary and context_instance arguments of rendering functions

The following functions will no longer accept the dictionary and context_instance parameters in Django 1.10:

- django.shortcuts.render()
- django.shortcuts.render_to_response()
- django.template.loader.render_to_string()

Use the context parameter instead. When dictionary is passed as a positional argument, which is the most common idiom, no changes are needed.

If you’re passing a Context in context_instance, pass a dict in the context parameter instead. If you’re passing a RequestContext, pass the request separately in the request parameter.
**dirs argument of template-finding functions**

The following functions will no longer accept a dirs parameter to override TEMPLATE_DIRS in Django 1.10:

- `django.template.loader.get_template()`
- `django.template.loader.select_template()`
- `django.shortcuts.render()`
- `django.shortcuts.render_to_response()`

The parameter didn’t work consistently across different template loaders and didn’t work for included templates.

**django.template.loader.BaseLoader**

django.template.loader.BaseLoader was renamed to `django.template.loaders.base.Loader`. If you’ve written a custom template loader that inherits BaseLoader, you must inherit Loader instead.

**django.test.utils.TestTemplateLoader**

Private API `django.test.utils.TestTemplateLoader` is deprecated in favor of `django.template.loaders.locmem.Loader` and will be removed in Django 1.9.

**Support for the max_length argument on custom Storage classes**

Storage subclasses should add `max_length=None` as a parameter to `get_available_name()` and/or `save()` if they override either method. Support for storages that do not accept this argument will be removed in Django 1.10.

**qn replaced by compiler**

In previous Django versions, various internal ORM methods (mostly `as_sql` methods) accepted a `qn` (for “quote name”) argument, which was a reference to a function that quoted identifiers for sending to the database. In Django 1.8, that argument has been renamed to `compiler` and is now a full `SQLCompiler` instance. For backwards-compatibility, calling a `SQLCompiler` instance performs the same name-quoting that the `qn` function used to. However, this backwards-compatibility shim is immediately deprecated: you should rename your `qn` arguments to `compiler`, and call `compiler.quote_name_unless_alias(...)` where you previously called `qn(...)`.  

**Default value of RedirectView.permanent**

The default value of the `RedirectView.permanent` attribute will change from `True` to `False` in Django 1.9.

**Using AuthenticationMiddleware Without SessionAuthenticationMiddleware**

django.contrib.auth.middleware.SessionAuthenticationMiddleware was added in Django 1.7. In Django 1.7.2, its functionality was moved to `auth.get_user()` and, for backwards compatibility, enabled only if `"django.contrib.auth.middleware.SessionAuthenticationMiddleware"` appears in `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES`. 
In Django 1.10, session verification will be enabled regardless of whether or not `SessionAuthenticationMiddleware` is enabled (at which point `SessionAuthenticationMiddleware` will have no significance). You can add it to your `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES` sometime before then to opt-in. Please read the upgrade considerations first.

```python
django.contrib.sitemaps.FlatPageSitemap
```

`django.contrib.sitemaps.FlatPageSitemap` has moved to `django.contrib.flatpages.sitemaps.FlatPageSitemap`. The old import location is deprecated and will be removed in Django 1.9.

```python
Model Field.related
```

Private attribute `django.db.models.Field.related` is deprecated in favor of `Field.rel`. The latter is an instance of `django.db.models.fields.related.ForeignObjectRel` which replaces `django.db.models.related.ForeignKey`. The `django.db.models.related` module has been removed and the `Field.related` attribute will be removed in Django 1.10.

```python
ssi template tag
```

The `ssi` template tag allows files to be included in a template by absolute path. This is of limited use in most deployment situations, and the `include` tag often makes more sense. This tag is now deprecated and will be removed in Django 1.10.

```python
= as comparison operator in if template tag
```

Using a single equals sign with the `{% if %}` template tag for equality testing was undocumented and untested. It’s now deprecated in favor of `==`.

```python
%(<foo>)s syntax in ModelFormMixin.success_url
```

The legacy `%(<foo>)s` syntax in `ModelFormMixin.success_url` is deprecated and will be removed in Django 1.10.

```python
GeoQuerySet aggregate methods
```

The `collect()`, `extent()`, `extent3d()`, `make_line()`, and `unionagg()` aggregate methods are deprecated and should be replaced by their function-based aggregate equivalents (`Collect`, `Extent`, `Extent3D`, `MakeLine`, and `Union`).

```python
Signature of the allow_migrate router method
```

The signature of the `allow_migrate()` method of database routers has changed from `allow_migrate(db, model)` to `allow_migrate(db, app_label, model_name=None, **hints)`.

When `model_name` is set, the value that was previously given through the `model` positional argument may now be found inside the `hints` dictionary under the key 'model'.

After switching to the new signature the router will also be called by the `RunPython` and `RunSQL` operations.
Features removed in 1.8

These features have reached the end of their deprecation cycle and are removed in Django 1.8. See Features deprecated in 1.6 for details, including how to remove usage of these features.

- **django.contrib.comments** is removed.

- The following transaction management APIs are removed:
  - TransactionMiddleware
  - the decorators and context managers autocommit, commit_on_success, and commit_manually, defined in django.db.transaction
  - the functions commit_unless_managed and rollback_unless_managed, also defined in django.db.transaction
  - the TRANSACTIONS_MANAGED setting

- The cycle and firstof template tags auto-escape their arguments.

- The SEND_BROKEN_LINK_EMAILS setting is removed.

- **django.middleware.doc.XViewMiddleware** is removed.

- The Model._meta.module_name alias is removed.

- The backward compatible shims introduced to rename get_query_set and similar queryset methods are removed. This affects the following classes: BaseModelAdmin, ChangeList, BaseCommentNode, GenericForeignKey, Manager, SingleRelatedObjectDescriptor and ReverseSingleRelatedObjectDescriptor.

- The backward compatible shims introduced to rename the attributes ChangeList.root_query_set and ChangeList.query_set are removed.

- **django.views.defaults.shortcut** and **django.conf.urls.shortcut** are removed.

- Support for the Python Imaging Library (PIL) module is removed.

- The following private APIs are removed:
  - django.db.backend
  - django.db.close_connection()
  - django.db.backends.creation.BaseDatabaseCreation.set_autocommit()
  - django.db.transaction.is_managed()
  - django.db.transaction.managed()

- **django.forms.widgets.RadioInput** is removed.

- The module django.test.simple and the class django.test.simple.DjangoTestSuiteRunner are removed.

- The module django.test.__doctest is removed.

- The CACHE_MIDDLEWARE_ANONYMOUS_ONLY setting is removed. This change affects both django.middleware.cache.CacheMiddleware and django.middleware.cache.UpdateCacheMiddleware despite the lack of a deprecation warning in the latter class.

- Usage of the hard-coded Hold down “Control”, or “Command” on a Mac, to select more than one. string to override or append to user-provided help_text in forms for ManyToMany model fields is not performed by Django anymore either at the model or forms layer.

- The Model._meta.get_(add|change|delete)_permission methods are removed.
• The session key `django_language` is no longer read for backwards compatibility.

• Geographic Sitemaps are removed (`django.contrib.gis.sitemaps.views.index` and `django.contrib.gis.sitemaps.views.sitemap`).

• `django.utils.html.fix_ampersands`, the `fix_ampersands` template filter, and `django.utils.html.clean_html` are removed.

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**Django 1.7.11 release notes**

*November 24, 2015*

Django 1.7.11 fixes a security issue and a data loss bug in 1.7.10.

**Fixed settings leak possibility in `date` template filter**

If an application allows users to specify an unvalidated format for dates and passes this format to the `date` filter, e.g. `{{ last_updated|date:user_date_format }}`, then a malicious user could obtain any secret in the application’s settings by specifying a settings key instead of a date format, e.g. "SECRET_KEY" instead of "j/m/Y".

To remedy this, the underlying function used by the `date` template filter, `django.utils.formats.get_format()`, now only allows accessing the date/time formatting settings.

**Bugfixes**

• Fixed a data loss possibility with `Prefetch` if `to_attr` is set to a `ManyToManyField` (#25693).

**Django 1.7.10 release notes**

*August 18, 2015*

Django 1.7.10 fixes a security issue in 1.7.9.

**Denial-of-service possibility in `logout()` view by filling session store**

Previously, a session could be created when anonymously accessing the `django.contrib.auth.views.logout()` view (provided it wasn’t decorated with `login_required()` as done in the admin). This could allow an attacker to easily create many new session records by sending repeated requests, potentially filling up the session store or causing other users’ session records to be evicted.

The `SessionMiddleware` has been modified to no longer create empty session records, including when `SESSION_SAVE_EVERY_REQUEST` is active.

Additionally, the `contrib.sessions.backends.base.SessionBase.flush()` and `cache_db.SessionStore.flush()` methods have been modified to avoid creating a new empty session. Maintainers of third-party session backends should check if the same vulnerability is present in their backend and correct it if so.
Django 1.7.9 release notes

July 8, 2015

Django 1.7.9 fixes several security issues and bugs in 1.7.8.

Denial-of-service possibility by filling session store

In previous versions of Django, the session backends created a new empty record in the session storage anytime `request.session` was accessed and there was a session key provided in the request cookies that didn’t already have a session record. This could allow an attacker to easily create many new session records simply by sending repeated requests with unknown session keys, potentially filling up the session store or causing other users’ session records to be evicted.

The built-in session backends now create a session record only if the session is actually modified; empty session records are not created. Thus this potential DoS is now only possible if the site chooses to expose a session-modifying view to anonymous users.

As each built-in session backend was fixed separately (rather than a fix in the core sessions framework), maintainers of third-party session backends should check whether the same vulnerability is present in their backend and correct it if so.

Header injection possibility since validators accept newlines in input

Some of Django’s built-in validators (`EmailValidator`, most seriously) didn’t prohibit newline characters (due to the usage of `\$` instead of `\Z` in the regular expressions). If you use values with newlines in HTTP response or email headers, you can suffer from header injection attacks. Django itself isn’t vulnerable because `HttpResponse` and the mail sending utilities in `django.core.mail` prohibit newlines in HTTP and SMTP headers, respectively. While the validators have been fixed in Django, if you’re creating HTTP responses or email messages in other ways, it’s a good idea to ensure that those methods prohibit newlines as well. You might also want to validate that any existing data in your application doesn’t contain unexpected newlines.

`validate_ipv4_address()`, `validate_slug()`, and `URLValidator` are also affected, however, as of Django 1.6 the `GenericIPAddressField`, `IPAddressField`, `SlugField`, and `URLField` form fields which use these validators all strip the input, so the possibility of newlines entering your data only exists if you are using these validators outside of the form fields.

The undocumented, internally unused `validate_integer()` function is now stricter as it validates using a regular expression instead of simply casting the value using `int()` and checking if an exception was raised.

Bugfixes

- Prevented the loss of null/not null column properties during field renaming of MySQL databases (#24817).
- Fixed `SimpleTestCase.assertRaisesMessage()` on Python 2.7.10 (#24903).

Django 1.7.8 release notes

May 1, 2015

Django 1.7.8 fixes:

- Database introspection with SQLite 3.8.9 (released April 8, 2015) (#24637).
Django 1.7.7 release notes

March 18, 2015

Django 1.7.7 fixes several bugs and security issues in 1.7.6.

Denial-of-service possibility with strip_tags()

Last year strip_tags() was changed to work iteratively. The problem is that the size of the input it’s processing can increase on each iteration which results in an infinite loop in strip_tags(). This issue only affects versions of Python that haven’t received a bugfix in HTMLParser; namely Python < 2.7.7 and 3.3.5. Some operating system vendors have also backported the fix for the Python bug into their packages of earlier versions.

To remedy this issue, strip_tags() will now return the original input if it detects the length of the string it’s processing increases. Remember that absolutely NO guarantee is provided about the results of strip_tags() being HTML safe. So NEVER mark safe the result of a strip_tags() call without escaping it first, for example with escape().

Mitigated possible XSS attack via user-supplied redirect URLs

Django relies on user input in some cases (e.g. django.contrib.auth.views.login() and i18n) to redirect the user to an “on success” URL. The security checks for these redirects (namely django.utils.http.is_safe_url()) accepted URLs with leading control characters and so considered URLs like \x08javascript:... safe. This issue doesn’t affect Django currently, since we only put this URL into the Location response header and browsers seem to ignore JavaScript there. Browsers we tested also treat URLs prefixed with control characters such as %08//example.com as relative paths so redirection to an unsafe target isn’t a problem either.

However, if a developer relies on is_safe_url() to provide safe redirect targets and puts such a URL into a link, they could suffer from an XSS attack as some browsers such as Google Chrome ignore control characters at the start of a URL in an anchor href.

Bugfixes

• Fixed renaming of classes in migrations where renaming a subclass would cause incorrect state to be recorded for objects that referenced the superclass (#24354).

• Stopped writing migration files in dry run mode when merging migration conflicts. When makemigrations --merge is called with verbosity=3 the migration file is written to stdout (#24427).

Django 1.7.6 release notes

March 9, 2015

Django 1.7.6 fixes a security issue and several bugs in 1.7.5.
Mitigated an XSS attack via properties in `ModelAdmin.readonly_fields`

The `ModelAdmin.readonly_fields` attribute in the Django admin allows displaying model fields and model attributes. While the former were correctly escaped, the latter were not. Thus untrusted content could be injected into the admin, presenting an exploitation vector for XSS attacks.

In this vulnerability, every model attribute used in `readonly_fields` that is not an actual model field (e.g. a property) will fail to be escaped even if that attribute is not marked as safe. In this release, autoescaping is now correctly applied.

Bugfixes

- Fixed crash when coercing `ManyRelatedManager` to a string (#24352).
- Fixed a bug that prevented migrations from adding a foreign key constraint when converting an existing field to a foreign key (#24447).

Django 1.7.5 release notes

February 25, 2015

Django 1.7.5 fixes several bugs in 1.7.4.

Bugfixes

- Reverted a fix that prevented a migration crash when unapplying `contrib.contenttypes`'s or `contrib.auth`'s first migration (#24075) due to severe impact on the test performance (#24251) and problems in multi-database setups (#24298).
- Fixed a regression that prevented custom fields inheriting from `ManyToManyField` from being recognized in migrations (#24236).
- Fixed crash in `contrib.sites` migrations when a default database isn’t used (#24332).
- Added the ability to set the isolation level on PostgreSQL with psycopg2 ≥ 2.4.2 (#24318). It was advertised as a new feature in Django 1.6 but it didn’t work in practice.
- Formats for the Azerbaijani locale (`az`) have been added.

Django 1.7.4 release notes

January 27, 2015

Django 1.7.4 fixes several bugs in 1.7.3.

Bugfixes

- Fixed a migration crash when unapplying `contrib.contenttypes`'s or `contrib.auth`'s first migration (#24075).
- Made the migration’s `RenameModel` operation rename `ManyToManyField` tables (#24135).
- Fixed a migration crash on MySQL when migrating from a `OneToOneField` to a `ForeignKey` (#24163).
• Prevented the `static.serve` view from producing `ResourceWarning`s in certain circumstances (security fix regression, #24193).

• Fixed schema check for `ManyToManyField` to look for internal type instead of checking class instance, so you can write custom m2m-like fields with the same behavior. (#24104).

Django 1.7.3 release notes

January 13, 2015

Django 1.7.3 fixes several security issues and bugs in 1.7.2.

WSGI header spoofing via underscore/dash conflation

When HTTP headers are placed into the WSGI environ, they are normalized by converting to uppercase, converting all dashes to underscores, and prepending `HTTP_`. For instance, a header `X-Auth-User` would become `HTTP_X_AUTH_USER` in the WSGI environ (and thus also in Django’s `request.META` dictionary).

Unfortunately, this means that the WSGI environ cannot distinguish between headers containing dashes and headers containing underscores: `X-Auth-User` and `X-Auth_User` both become `HTTP_X_AUTH_USER`. This means that if a header is used in a security-sensitive way (for instance, passing authentication information along from a front-end proxy), even if the proxy carefully strips any incoming value for `X-Auth-User`, an attacker may be able to provide an `X-Auth_User` header (with underscore) and bypass this protection.

In order to prevent such attacks, both Nginx and Apache 2.4+ strip all headers containing underscores from incoming requests by default. Django’s built-in development server now does the same. Django’s development server is not recommended for production use, but matching the behavior of common production servers reduces the surface area for behavior changes during deployment.

Mitigated possible XSS attack via user-supplied redirect URLs

Django relies on user input in some cases (e.g. `django.contrib.auth.views.login()` and `i18n`) to redirect the user to an “on success” URL. The security checks for these redirects (namely `django.utils.http.is_safe_url()`) didn’t strip leading whitespace on the tested URL and as such considered URLs like \njavascript:... safe. If a developer relied on `is_safe_url()` to provide safe redirect targets and put such a URL into a link, they could suffer from a XSS attack. This bug doesn’t affect Django currently, since we only put this URL into the Location response header and browsers seem to ignore JavaScript there.

Denial-of-service attack against `django.views.static.serve`

In older versions of Django, the `django.views.static.serve()` view read the files it served one line at a time. Therefore, a big file with no newlines would result in memory usage equal to the size of that file. An attacker could exploit this and launch a denial-of-service attack by simultaneously requesting many large files. This view now reads the file in chunks to prevent large memory usage.

Note, however, that this view has always carried a warning that it is not hardened for production use and should be used only as a development aid. Now may be a good time to audit your project and serve your files in production using a real front-end web server if you are not doing so.
**Database denial-of-service with ModelMultipleChoiceField**

Given a form that uses ModelMultipleChoiceField and show_hidden_initial=True (not a documented API), it was possible for a user to cause an unreasonable number of SQL queries by submitting duplicate values for the field’s data. The validation logic in ModelMultipleChoiceField now deduplicates submitted values to address this issue.

**Bugfixes**

- The default iteration count for the PBKDF2 password hasher has been increased by 25%. This part of the normal major release process was inadvertently omitted in 1.7. This backwards compatible change will not affect users who have subclassed django.contrib.auth.hashers.PBKDF2PasswordHasher to change the default value.
- Fixed a crash in the CSRF middleware when handling non-ASCII referer header (#23815).
- Fixed a crash in the django.contrib.auth.redirect_to_login view when passing a reverse_lazy() result on Python 3 (#24097).
- Added correct formats for Greek (el) (#23967).
- Fixed a migration crash when unapplying a migration where multiple operations interact with the same model (#24110).

**Django 1.7.2 release notes**

January 2, 2015

Django 1.7.2 fixes several bugs in 1.7.1.

Additionally, Django’s vendored version of six, django.utils.six, has been upgraded to the latest release (1.9.0).

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed migration’s renaming of auto-created many-to-many tables when changing Meta.db_table (#23630).
- Fixed a migration crash when adding an explicit id field to a model on SQLite (#23702).
- Added a warning for duplicate models when a module is reloaded. Previously a RuntimeError was raised every time two models clashed in the app registry. (#23621).
- Prevented flush from loading initial data for migrated apps (#23699).
- Fixed a makemessages regression in 1.7.1 when STATIC_ROOT has the default None value (#23717).
- Added GeoDjango compatibility with mysqlclient database driver.
- Fixed MySQL 5.6+ crash with GeometryFields in migrations (#23719).
- Fixed a migration crash when removing a field that is referenced in AlterIndexTogether or AlterUniqueTogether (#23614).
- Updated the first day of the week in the Ukrainian locale to Monday.
- Added support for transactional spatial metadata initialization on SpatiaLite 4.1+ (#23152).
- Fixed a migration crash that prevented changing a nullable field with a default to non-nullable with the same default (#23738).
• Fixed a migration crash when adding GeometryFields with `blank=True` on PostGIS (#23731).
• Allowed usage of `DateTimeField()` as `Transform.output_field` (#23420).
• Fixed a migration serializing bug involving `float("nan")` and `float("inf")` (#23770).
• Fixed a regression where custom form fields having a `queryset` attribute but no `limit_choices_to` could not be used in a `ModelForm` (#23795).
• Fixed a custom field type validation error with MySQL backend when `db_type` returned `None` (#23761).
• Fixed a migration crash when a field is renamed that is part of an `index_together` (#23859).
• Fixed `squashmigrations` to respect the `--no-optimize` parameter (#23799).
• Made `RenameModel` reversible (#22248).
• Avoided unnecessary rollbacks of migrations from other apps when migrating backwards (#23410).
• Fixed a rare query error when using deeply nested subqueries (#23605).
• Fixed a crash in migrations when deleting a field that is part of an `index/unique_together` constraint (#23794).
• Fixed `django.core.files.File.__repr__()` when the file’s name contains Unicode characters (#23888).
• Added missing context to the admin’s `delete_selected` view that prevented custom site header, etc. from appearing (#23898).
• Fixed a regression with dynamically generated inlines and allowed field references in the admin (#23754).
• Fixed an infinite loop bug for certain cyclic migration dependencies, and made the error message for cyclic dependencies much more helpful.
• Added missing `index_together` handling for SQLite (#23880).
• Fixed a crash when `RunSQL` SQL content was collected by the schema editor, typically when using `sqlmigrate` (#23909).
• Fixed a regression in `contrib.admin add/change views` which caused some `ModelAdmin` methods to receive the incorrect `obj` value (#23934).
• Fixed `runserver` crash when socket error message contained Unicode characters (#23946).
• Fixed serialization of `type` when adding a `deconstruct()` method (#23950).
• Prevented the `django.contrib.auth.middleware.SessionAuthenticationMiddleware` from setting a "Vary: Cookie" header on all responses (#23939).
• Fixed a crash when adding `blank=True` to `TextField()` on MySQL (#23920).
• Fixed index creation by the migration infrastructure, particularly when dealing with PostgreSQL specific `{text|varchar}_pattern_ops` indexes (#23954).
• Fixed bug in `makemigrations` that created broken migration files when dealing with multiple table inheritance and inheriting from more than one model (#23956).
• Fixed a crash when a `MultiValueField` has invalid data (#23674).
• Fixed a crash in the admin when using “Save as new” and also deleting a related inline (#23857).
• Always converted `related_name` to text (Unicode), since that is required on Python 3 for interpolation. Removed conversion of `related_name` to text in migration deconstruction (#23455 and #23982).
• Enlarged the sizes of tablespaces which are created by default for testing on Oracle (the main tablespace was increased from 200M to 300M and the temporary tablespace from 100M to 150M). This was required to accommodate growth in Django’s own test suite (#23969).

• Fixed `timesince` filter translations in Korean (#23989).

• Fixed the SQLite `SchemaEditor` to properly add defaults in the absence of a user specified `default`. For example, a `CharField` with `blank=True` didn’t set existing rows to an empty string which resulted in a crash when adding the NOT NULL constraint (#23987).

• `makemigrations` no longer prompts for a default value when adding `TextField()` or `CharField()` without a default (#23405).

• Fixed a migration crash when adding `order_with_respect_to` to a table with existing rows (#23983).

• Restored the `pre_migrate` signal if all apps have migrations (#23975).

• Made admin system checks run for custom `AdminSite` (#23497).

• Ensured the app registry is fully populated when unpickling models. When an external script (like a queueing infrastructure) reloads pickled models, it could crash with an `AppRegistryNotReady` exception (#24007).

• Added quoting to field indexes in the SQL generated by migrations to prevent a crash when the index name requires it (#24015).

• Added `datetime.time` support to migrations questioner (#23998).

• Fixed admindocs crash on apps installed as eggs (#23525).

• Changed migrations autodetector to generate an `AlterModelOptions` operation instead of `DeleteModel` and `CreateModel` operations when changing `Meta.managed`. This prevents data loss when changing `managed` from `False` to `True` and vice versa (#24037).

• Enabled the `sqlsequencereset` command on apps with migrations (#24054).

• Added tablespace SQL to apps with migrations (#24051).

• Corrected `contrib.sites` default site creation in a multiple database setup (#24000).

• Restored support for objects that aren’t `str` or `bytes` in `django.utils.safestring.mark_for_escaping()` on Python 3.

• Supported strings escaped by third-party libraries with the `__html__` convention in the template engine (#23831).

• Prevented extraneous `DROP DEFAULT` SQL in migrations (#23581).

• Restored the ability to use more than five levels of subqueries (#23758).

• Fixed crash when `ValidationError` is initialized with a `ValidationError` that is initialized with a dictionary (#24008).

• Prevented a crash on apps without migrations when running `migrate --list` (#23366).

**Django 1.7.1 release notes**

*October 22, 2014*

Django 1.7.1 fixes several bugs in 1.7.
Bugfixes

- Allowed related many-to-many fields to be referenced in the admin (#23604).
- Added a more helpful error message if you try to migrate an app without first creating the `contenttypes` table (#22411).
- Modified migrations dependency algorithm to avoid possible infinite recursion.
- Fixed a `UnicodeDecodeError` when the `flush` error message contained Unicode characters (#22882).
- Reinstate missing `CHECK` SQL clauses which were omitted on some backends when not using migrations (#23416).
- Fixed serialization of `type` objects in migrations (#22951).
- Allowed inline and hidden references to admin fields (#23431).
- The `@deconstructible` decorator now fails with a `ValueError` if the decorated object cannot automatically be imported (#23418).
- Fixed a typo in an `inlineformset_factory()` error message that caused a crash (#23451).
- Restored the ability to use `ABSOLUTE_URL_OVERRIDES` with the `auth.User` model (#11775). As a side effect, the setting now adds a `get_absolute_url()` method to any model that appears in `ABSOLUTE_URL_OVERRIDES` but doesn’t define `get_absolute_url()`.
- Avoided masking some `ImportError` exceptions during application loading (#22920).
- Empty `index_together` or `unique_together` model options no longer results in infinite migrations (#23452).
- Fixed crash in `contrib.sitemaps` if `lastmod` returned a date rather than a datetime (#23403).
- Allowed migrations to work with `app_labels` that have the same last part (e.g. `django.contrib.auth` and `vendor.auth`) (#23483).
- Restored the ability to deep copy `F` objects (#23492).
- Formats for Welsh (`cy`) and several Chinese locales (`zh_CN`, `zh_Hans`, `zh_Hant` and `zh_TW`) have been added. Formats for Macedonian have been fixed (trailing dot removed, #23532).
- Added quoting of constraint names in the SQL generated by migrations to prevent crash with uppercase characters in the name (#23065).
- Fixed renaming of models with a self-referential many-to-many field (ManyToManyField('self')) (#23503).
- Added the `get_extra()`, `get_max_num()`, and `get_min_num()` hooks to `GenericInlineModelAdmin` (#23539).
- Made `migrations.RunSQL` no longer require percent sign escaping. This is now consistent with `cursor.execute()` (#23426).
- Made the `SERIALIZE` entry in the `TEST` dictionary usable (#23421).
- Fixed bug in migrations that prevented foreign key constraints to unmanaged models with a custom primary key (#23415).
- Added `SchemaEditor` for MySQL GIS backend so that spatial indexes will be created for apps with migrations (#23538).
- Added `SchemaEditor` for Oracle GIS backend so that spatial metadata and indexes will be created for apps with migrations (#23537).
• Coerced the `related_name` model field option to Unicode during migration generation to generate migrations that work with both Python 2 and 3 (#23455).

• Fixed `MigrationWriter` to handle builtin types without imports (#23560).

• Fixed `deepcopy` on `ErrorList` (#23594).

• Made the `admindocs` view to browse view details check if the view specified in the URL exists in the URL-conf. Previously it was possible to import arbitrary packages from the Python path. This was not considered a security issue because `admindocs` is only accessible to staff users (#23601).

• Fixed `UnicodeDecodeError` crash in `AdminEmailHandler` with non-ASCII characters in the request (#23593).

• Fixed missing `get_or_create` and `update_or_create` on related managers causing `IntegrityError` (#23611).

• Made `urlsafe_base64_decode()` return the proper type (bytestring) on Python 3 (#23333).

• Added a prompt to the migrations questioner when removing the null constraint from a field to prevent an `IntegrityError` on existing NULL rows (#23609).

• Fixed generic relations in `ModelAdmin.list_filter` (#23616).

• Restored RFC compliance for the SMTP backend on Python 3 (#23063).

• Fixed a crash while parsing cookies containing invalid content (#23638).

• The system check framework now raises error `models.E020` when the class method `Model.check()` is unreachable (#23615).

• Made the Oracle test database creation drop the test user in the event of an unclean exit of a previous test run (#23649).

• Fixed `makemigrations` to detect changes to `Meta.db_table` (#23629).

• Fixed a regression when feeding the Django test client with an empty data string (#21740).

• Fixed a regression in `makemessages` where static files were unexpectedly ignored (#23583).

Django 1.7 release notes

*September 2, 2014*

Welcome to Django 1.7!

These release notes cover the new features, as well as some backwards incompatible changes you’ll want to be aware of when upgrading from Django 1.6 or older versions. We’ve begun the deprecation process for some features, and some features have reached the end of their deprecation process and have been removed.

Python compatibility

Django 1.7 requires Python 2.7, 3.2, 3.3, or 3.4. We highly recommend and only officially support the latest release of each series.

The Django 1.6 series is the last to support Python 2.6. Django 1.7 is the first release to support Python 3.4.

This change should affect only a small number of Django users, as most operating-system vendors today are shipping Python 2.7 or newer as their default version. If you’re still using Python 2.6, however, you’ll need to stick to Django
1.6 until you can upgrade your Python version. Per our support policy, Django 1.6 will continue to receive security support until the release of Django 1.8.

What’s new in Django 1.7

Schema migrations

Django now has built-in support for schema migrations. It allows models to be updated, changed, and deleted by creating migration files that represent the model changes and which can be run on any development, staging or production database.

Migrations are covered in their own documentation, but a few of the key features are:

- `syncdb` has been deprecated and replaced by `migrate`. Don’t worry - calls to `syncdb` will still work as before.
- A new `makemigrations` command provides an easy way to autodetect changes to your models and make migrations for them.
- `django.db.models.signals.pre_syncdb` and `django.db.models.signals.post_syncdb` have been deprecated, to be replaced by `pre_migrate` and `post_migrate` respectively. These new signals have slightly different arguments. Check the documentation for details.
- The `allow_syncdb` method on database routers is now called `allow_migrate`, but still performs the same function. Routers with `allow_syncdb` methods will still work, but that method name is deprecated and you should change it as soon as possible (nothing more than renaming is required).
- `initial_data` fixtures are no longer loaded for apps with migrations; if you want to load initial data for an app, we suggest you create a migration for your application and define a `RunPython` or `RunSQL` operation in the `operations` section of the migration.
- Test rollback behavior is different for apps with migrations; in particular, Django will no longer emulate rollbacks on non-transactional databases or inside `TransactionTestCase` unless specifically requested.
- It is not advised to have apps without migrations depend on (have a `ForeignKey` or `ManyToManyField` to) apps with migrations.

App-loading refactor

Historically, Django applications were tightly linked to models. A singleton known as the “app cache” dealt with both installed applications and models. The models module was used as an identifier for applications in many APIs.

As the concept of Django applications matured, this code showed some shortcomings. It has been refactored into an “app registry” where models modules no longer have a central role and where it’s possible to attach configuration data to applications.

Improvements thus far include:

- Applications can run code at startup, before Django does anything else, with the `ready()` method of their configuration.
- Application labels are assigned correctly to models even when they’re defined outside of `models.py`. You don’t have to set `app_label` explicitly any more.
- It is possible to omit `models.py` entirely if an application doesn’t have any models.
- Applications can be relabeled with the `label` attribute of application configurations, to work around label conflicts.
• The name of applications can be customized in the admin with the `verbose_name` of application configurations.

• The admin automatically calls `autodiscover()` when Django starts. You can consequently remove this line from your URLconf.

• Django imports all application configurations and models as soon as it starts, through a deterministic and straightforward process. This should make it easier to diagnose import issues such as import loops.

**New method on Field subclasses**

To help power both schema migrations and to enable easier addition of composite keys in future releases of Django, the `Field` API now has a new required method: `deconstruct()`.

This method takes no arguments, and returns a tuple of four items:

- `name`: The field’s attribute name on its parent model, or `None` if it is not part of a model
- `path`: A dotted, Python path to the class of this field, including the class name.
- `args`: Positional arguments, as a list
- `kwargs`: Keyword arguments, as a dict

These four values allow any field to be serialized into a file, as well as allowing the field to be copied safely, both essential parts of these new features.

This change should not affect you unless you write custom Field subclasses; if you do, you may need to reimplement the `deconstruct()` method if your subclass changes the method signature of `__init__` in any way. If your field just inherits from a built-in Django field and doesn’t override `__init__`, no changes are necessary.

If you do need to override `deconstruct()`, a good place to start is the built-in Django fields (`django/db/models(fields/__init__.py)`) as several fields, including `DecimalField` and `DateField`, override it and show how to call the method on the superclass and simply add or remove extra arguments.

This also means that all arguments to fields must themselves be serializable; to see what we consider serializable, and to find out how to make your own classes serializable, read the migration serialization documentation.

**Calling custom QuerySet methods from the Manager**

Historically, the recommended way to make reusable model queries was to create methods on a custom Manager class. The problem with this approach was that after the first method call, you’d get back a QuerySet instance and couldn’t call additional custom manager methods.

Though not documented, it was common to work around this issue by creating a custom QuerySet so that custom methods could be chained; but the solution had a number of drawbacks:

- The custom QuerySet and its custom methods were lost after the first call to `values()` or `values_list()`.
- Writing a custom Manager was still necessary to return the custom QuerySet class and all methods that were desired on the Manager had to be proxied to the QuerySet. The whole process went against the DRY principle.

The `QuerySet.as_manager()` class method can now directly create Manager with QuerySet methods:

```python
class FoodQuerySet(models.QuerySet):
    def pizzas(self):
        return self.filter(kind='pizza')
```

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def vegetarian(self):
    return self.filter(vegetarian=True)

class Food(models.Model):
    kind = models.CharField(max_length=50)
    vegetarian = models.BooleanField(default=False)
    objects = FoodQuerySet.as_manager()

Food.objects.pizzas().vegetarian()

Using a custom manager when traversing reverse relations

It is now possible to specify a custom manager when traversing a reverse relationship:

class Blog(models.Model):
    pass

class Entry(models.Model):
    blog = models.ForeignKey(Blog)

    objects = models.Manager()  # Default Manager
    entries = EntryManager()  # Custom Manager

b = Blog.objects.get(id=1)
b.entry_set(manager='entries').all()

New system check framework

We’ve added a new System check framework for detecting common problems (like invalid models) and providing hints for resolving those problems. The framework is extensible so you can add your own checks for your own apps and libraries.

To perform system checks, you use the check management command. This command replaces the older validate management command.

New Prefetch object for advanced prefetch_related operations.

The new Prefetch object allows customizing prefetch operations.

You can specify the QuerySet used to traverse a given relation or customize the storage location of prefetch results.

This enables things like filtering prefetched relations, calling select_related() from a prefetched relation, or prefetching the same relation multiple times with different querysets. See prefetch_related() for more details.

Admin shortcuts support time zones

The “today” and “now” shortcuts next to date and time input widgets in the admin are now operating in the current time zone. Previously, they used the browser time zone, which could result in saving the wrong value when it didn’t match the current time zone on the server.
In addition, the widgets now display a help message when the browser and server time zone are different, to clarify how the value inserted in the field will be interpreted.

**Using database cursors as context managers**

Prior to Python 2.7, database cursors could be used as a context manager. The specific backend’s cursor defined the behavior of the context manager. The behavior of magic method lookups was changed with Python 2.7 and cursors were no longer usable as context managers.

Django 1.7 allows a cursor to be used as a context manager. That is, the following can be used:

```python
with connection.cursor() as c:
    c.execute(...)
```

instead of:

```python
c = connection.cursor()
try:
    c.execute(...)
finally:
    c.close()
```

**Custom lookups**

It is now possible to write custom lookups and transforms for the ORM. Custom lookups work just like Django’s built-in lookups (e.g. `lte`, `icontains`) while transforms are a new concept.

The `django.db.models.Lookup` class provides a way to add lookup operators for model fields. As an example it is possible to add `day_lte` operator for `DateFields`.

The `django.db.models.Transform` class allows transformations of database values prior to the final lookup. For example it is possible to write a `year` transform that extracts year from the field’s value. Transforms allow for chaining. After the `year` transform has been added to `DateField` it is possible to filter on the transformed value, for example `qs.filter(author__birthdate__year__lte=1981)`.

For more information about both custom lookups and transforms refer to the custom lookups documentation.

**Improvements to Form error handling**

`Form.add_error()`

Previously there were two main patterns for handling errors in forms:

- Raising a `ValidationError` from within certain functions (e.g. `Field.clean()`, `Form.clean_<fieldname>()`, or `Form.clean()` for non-field errors.)

- Fiddling with `Form._errors` when targeting a specific field in `Form.clean()` or adding errors from outside of a “clean” method (e.g. directly from a view).

Using the former pattern was straightforward since the form can guess from the context (i.e. which method raised the exception) where the errors belong and automatically process them. This remains the canonical way of adding errors when possible. However the latter was fiddly and error-prone, since the burden of handling edge cases fell on the user.
The new `add_error()` method allows adding errors to specific form fields from anywhere without having to worry about the details such as creating instances of `django.forms.utils.ErrorList` or dealing with `Form.cleaned_data`. This new API replaces manipulating `Form._errors` which now becomes a private API.

See *Cleaning and validating fields that depend on each other* for an example using `Form.add_error()`.

### Error metadata

The `ValidationError` constructor accepts metadata such as error `code` or `params` which are then available for interpolating into the error message (see *Raising ValidationError* for more details); however, before Django 1.7 those metadata were discarded as soon as the errors were added to `Form.errors`.

`Form.errors` and `django.forms.utils.ErrorList` now store the `ValidationError` instances so these metadata can be retrieved at any time through the new `Form.errors.as_data` method.

The retrieved `ValidationError` instances can then be identified thanks to their error `code` which enables things like rewriting the error’s message or writing custom logic in a view when a given error is present. It can also be used to serialize the errors in a custom format such as XML.

The new `Form.errors.as_json()` method is a convenience method which returns error messages along with error codes serialized as JSON. `as_json()` uses `as_data()` and gives an idea of how the new system could be extended.

### Error containers and backward compatibility

Heavy changes to the various error containers were necessary in order to support the features above, specifically `Form.errors`, `django.forms.utils.ErrorList`, and the internal storages of `ValidationError`. These containers which used to store error strings now store `ValidationError` instances and public APIs have been adapted to make this as transparent as possible, but if you’ve been using private APIs, some of the changes are backwards incompatible; see *ValidationError constructor and internal storage* for more details.

### Minor features

**`django.contrib.admin`**

- You can now implement `site_header`, `site_title`, and `index_title` attributes on a custom `AdminSite` in order to easily change the admin site’s page title and header text. No more needing to override templates!
- Buttons in `django.contrib.admin` now use the `border-radius` CSS property for rounded corners rather than GIF background images.
- Some admin templates now have `app-<app_name>` and `model-<model_name>` classes in their `<body>` tag to allow customizing the CSS per app or per model.
- The admin changelist cells now have a `field-<field_name>` class in the HTML to enable style customizations.
- The admin’s search fields can now be customized per-request thanks to the new `django.contrib.admin.ModelAdmin.get_search_fields()` method.
- The `ModelAdmin.get_fields()` method may be overridden to customize the value of `ModelAdmin.fields`.
- In addition to the existing `admin.site.register` syntax, you can use the new `register()` decorator to register a `ModelAdmin`.

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• You may specify `ModelAdmin.list_display_links = None` to disable links on the change list page grid.

• You may now specify `ModelAdmin.view_on_site` to control whether or not to display the “View on site” link.

• You can specify a descending ordering for a `ModelAdmin.list_display` value by prefixing the `admin_order_field` value with a hyphen.

• The `ModelAdmin.get_changeform_initial_data()` method may be overridden to define custom behavior for setting initial change form data.

**django.contrib.auth**

• Any `**kwargs` passed to `email_user()` are passed to the underlying `send_mail()` call.

• The `permission_required()` decorator can take a list of permissions as well as a single permission.

• You can override the new `AuthenticationForm.confirm_login_allowed()` method to more easily customize the login policy.

• `django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset()` takes an optional `html_email_template_name` parameter used to send a multipart HTML email for password resets.

• The `AbstractBaseUser.get_session_auth_hash()` method was added and if your `AUTH_USER_MODEL` inherits from `AbstractBaseUser`, changing a user’s password now invalidates old sessions if the `django.contrib.auth.middleware.SessionAuthenticationMiddleware` is enabled. See `Session invalidation on password change` for more details.

**django.contrib.formtools**

• Calls to `WizardView.done()` now include a `form_dict` to allow easier access to forms by their step name.

**django.contrib.gis**

• The default OpenLayers library version included in widgets has been updated from 2.11 to 2.13.

• Prepared geometries now also support the `crosses`, `disjoint`, `overlaps`, `touches` and `within` predicates, if GEOS 3.3 or later is installed.

**django.contrib.messages**

• The backends for `django.contrib.messages` that use cookies, will now follow the `SESSION_COOKIE_SECURE` and `SESSION_COOKIE_HTTPONLY` settings.

• The `messages context processor` now adds a dictionary of default levels under the name `DEFAULT_MESSAGE_LEVELS`.

• `Message` objects now have a `level_tag` attribute that contains the string representation of the message level.
django.contrib.redirects

- RedirectFallbackMiddleware has two new attributes (response_gone_class and response_redirect_class) that specify the types of HttpResponse instances the middleware returns.

django.contrib.sessions

- The "django.contrib.sessions.backends.cached_db" session backend now respects SESSION_CACHE_ALIAS. In previous versions, it always used the default cache.

django.contrib.sitemaps

- The sitemap framework now makes use of lastmod to set a Last-Modified header in the response. This makes it possible for the ConditionalGetMiddleware to handle conditional GET requests for sitemaps which set lastmod.

django.contrib.sites

- The new django.contrib.sites.middleware.CurrentSiteMiddleware allows setting the current site on each request.

django.contrib.staticfiles

- The static files storage classes may be subclassed to override the permissions that collected static files and directories receive by setting the file_permissions_mode and directory_permissions_mode parameters. See collectstatic for example usage.
- The CachedStaticFilesStorage backend gets a sibling class called ManifestStaticFilesStorage that doesn’t use the cache system at all but instead a JSON file called staticfiles.json for storing the mapping between the original file name (e.g. css/styles.css) and the hashed file name (e.g. css/styles.55e7cbb9ba48.css). The staticfiles.json file is created when running the collectstatic management command and should be a less expensive alternative for remote storages such as Amazon S3.
  See the ManifestStaticFilesStorage docs for more information.
- findstatic now accepts verbosity flag level 2, meaning it will show the relative paths of the directories it searched. See findstatic for example output.

django.contrib.syndication

- The Atom1Feed syndication feed’s updated element now utilizes updateddate instead of pubdate, allowing the published element to be included in the feed (which relies on pubdate).
Cache

- Access to caches configured in CACHES is now available via django.core.cache.caches. This dict-like object provides a different instance per thread. It supersedes django.core.cache.get_cache() which is now deprecated.

- If you instantiate cache backends directly, be aware that they aren’t thread-safe any more, as django.core.cache.caches now yields different instances per thread.

- Defining the TIMEOUT argument of the CACHES setting as None will set the cache keys as “non-expiring” by default. Previously, it was only possible to pass timeout=None to the cache backend’s set() method.

Cross Site Request Forgery

- The CSRF_COOKIE_AGE setting facilitates the use of session-based CSRF cookies.

Email

- send_mail() now accepts an html_message parameter for sending a multipart text/plain and text/html email.

- The SMTP EmailBackend now accepts a timeout parameter.

File Storage

- File locking on Windows previously depended on the PyWin32 package; if it wasn’t installed, file locking failed silently. That dependency has been removed, and file locking is now implemented natively on both Windows and Unix.

File Uploads

- The new UploadedFile.content_type_extra attribute contains extra parameters passed to the content-type header on a file upload.

- The new FILE_UPLOAD_DIRECTORY_PERMISSIONS setting controls the file system permissions of directories created during file upload, like FILE_UPLOAD_PERMISSIONS does for the files themselves.

- The FileField.upload_to attribute is now optional. If it is omitted or given None or an empty string, a subdirectory won’t be used for storing the uploaded files.

- Uploaded files are now explicitly closed before the response is delivered to the client. Partially uploaded files are also closed as long as they are named file in the upload handler.

- Storage.get_available_name() now appends an underscore plus a random 7 character alphanumeric string (e.g. "_x3alghe"), rather than iterating through an underscore followed by a number (e.g. "_1", "_2", etc.) to prevent a denial-of-service attack. This change was also made in the 1.6.6, 1.5.9, and 1.4.14 security releases.
Forms

- The `<label>` and `<input>` tags rendered by `RadioSelect` and `CheckboxSelectMultiple` when looping over the radio buttons or checkboxes now include `for` and `id` attributes, respectively. Each radio button or checkbox includes an `id_for_label` attribute to output the element’s ID.
- The `<textarea>` tags rendered by `Textarea` now include a `maxlength` attribute if the `TextField` model field has a `max_length`.
- `Field.choices` now allows you to customize the “empty choice” label by including a tuple with an empty string or `None` for the key and the custom label as the value. The default blank option "----------" will be omitted in this case.
- `MultiValueField` allows optional subfields by setting the `require_all_fields` argument to `False`. The required attribute for each individual field will be respected, and a new incomplete validation error will be raised when any required fields are empty.
- The `clean()` method on a form no longer needs to return `self.cleaned_data`. If it does return a changed dictionary then that will still be used.
- After a temporary regression in Django 1.6, it’s now possible again to make `TypedChoiceField` coerce method return an arbitrary value.
- `SelectDateWidget.months` can be used to customize the wording of the months displayed in the select widget.
- The `min_num` and `validate_min` parameters were added to `formset_factory()` to allow validating a minimum number of submitted forms.
- The metaclasses used by `Form` and `ModelForm` have been reworked to support more inheritance scenarios. The previous limitation that prevented inheriting from both `Form` and `ModelForm` simultaneously have been removed as long as `ModelForm` appears first in the MRO.
- It’s now possible to remove a field from a `Form` when subclassing by setting the name to `None`.
- It’s now possible to customize the error messages for `ModelForm`’s `unique`, `unique_for_date`, and `unique_together` constraints. In order to support `unique_together` or any other `NON_FIELD_ERROR`, `ModelForm` now looks for the `NON_FIELD_ERROR` key in the `error_messages` dictionary of the `ModelForm`’s inner `Meta` class. See `considerations regarding model’s error_messages` for more details.

Internationalization

- The `django.middleware.locale.LocaleMiddleware.response_redirect_class` attribute allows you to customize the redirects issued by the middleware.
- The `LocaleMiddleware` now stores the user’s selected language with the session key `_language`. This should only be accessed using the `LANGUAGE_SESSION_KEY` constant. Previously it was stored with the key `django_language` and the `LANGUAGE_SESSION_KEY` constant did not exist, but keys reserved for Django should start with an underscore. For backwards compatibility `django_language` is still read from in 1.7. Sessions will be migrated to the new key as they are written.
- The `blocktrans` tag now supports a `trimmed` option. This option will remove newline characters from the beginning and the end of the content of the `{% blocktrans %}` tag, replace any whitespace at the beginning and end of a line and merge all lines into one using a space character to separate them. This is quite useful for indenting the content of a `{% blocktrans %}` tag without having the indentation characters end up in the corresponding entry in the PO file, which makes the translation process easier.
• When you run `makemessages` from the root directory of your project, any extracted strings will now be automatically distributed to the proper app or project message file. See *Localization: how to create language files* for details.

• The `makemessages` command now always adds the `--previous` command line flag to the `msgmerge` command, keeping previously translated strings in po files for fuzzy strings.

• The following settings to adjust the language cookie options were introduced: `LANGUAGE_COOKIE_AGE`, `LANGUAGE_COOKIE_DOMAIN` and `LANGUAGE_COOKIE_PATH`.

• Added *Format localization* for Esperanto.

### Management Commands

• The new `--no-color` option for `django-admin` disables the colorization of management command output.

• The new `dumpdata --natural-foreign` and `dumpdata --natural-primary` options, and the new `use_natural_foreign_keys` and `use_natural_primary_keys` arguments for `serializers.serialize()` allow the use of natural primary keys when serializing.

• It is no longer necessary to provide the cache table name or the `--database` option for the `createcachetable` command. Django takes this information from your settings file. If you have configured multiple caches or multiple databases, all cache tables are created.

• The `runserver` command received several improvements:
  – On Linux systems, if `pyinotify` is installed, the development server will reload immediately when a file is changed. Previously, it polled the filesystem for changes every second. That caused a small delay before reloads and reduced battery life on laptops.
  – In addition, the development server automatically reloads when a translation file is updated, i.e. after running `compilemessages`.
  – All HTTP requests are logged to the console, including requests for static files or `favicon.ico` that used to be filtered out.

• Management commands can now produce syntax colored output under Windows if the ANSICON third-party tool is installed and active.

• `collectstatic` command with symlink option is now supported on Windows NT 6 (Windows Vista and newer).

• Initial SQL data now works better if the `sqlparse` Python library is installed.

Note that it’s deprecated in favor of the `RunSQL` operation of migrations, which benefits from the improved behavior.

### Models

• The `QuerySet.update_or_create()` method was added.

• The new `default_permissions` model `Meta` option allows you to customize (or disable) creation of the default add, change, and delete permissions.

• Explicit `OneToOneField` for *Multi-table inheritance* are now discovered in abstract classes.

• It is now possible to avoid creating a backward relation for `OneToOneField` by setting its `related_name` to `'*'` or ending it with `'*'`.

• `F expressions` support the power operator (`**`).
• The `remove()` and `clear()` methods of the related managers created by `ForeignKey` and `GenericForeignKey` now accept the `bulk` keyword argument to control whether or not to perform operations in bulk (i.e. using `QuerySet.update()`). Defaults to `True`.

• It is now possible to use `None` as a query value for the `iexact` lookup.

• It is now possible to pass a callable as value for the attribute `limit_choices_to` when defining a `ForeignKey` or `ManyToManyField`.

• Calling `only()` and `defer()` on the result of `QuerySet.values()` now raises an error (before that, it would either result in a database error or incorrect data).

• You can use a single list for `index_together` (rather than a list of lists) when specifying a single set of fields.

• Custom intermediate models having more than one foreign key to any of the models participating in a many-to-many relationship are now permitted, provided you explicitly specify which foreign keys should be used by setting the new `ManyToManyField.through_fields` argument.

• Assigning a model instance to a non-relation field will now throw an error. Previously this used to work if the field accepted integers as input as it took the primary key.

• Integer fields are now validated against database backend specific min and max values based on their `internal_type`. Previously model field validation didn’t prevent values out of their associated column data type range from being saved resulting in an integrity error.

• It is now possible to explicitly `order_by()` a relation `_id` field by using its attribute name.

**Signals**

• The `enter` argument was added to the `setting_changed` signal.

• The model signals can be now be connected to using a `str` of the `'app_label.ModelName'` form – just like related fields – to lazily reference their senders.

**Templates**

• The `Context.push()` method now returns a context manager which automatically calls `pop()` upon exiting the `with` statement. Additionally, `push()` now accepts parameters that are passed to the `dict` constructor used to build the new context level.

• The new `Context.flatten()` method returns a Context’s stack as one flat dictionary.

• Context objects can now be compared for equality (internally, this uses `Context.flatten()` so the internal structure of each Context’s stack doesn’t matter as long as their flattened version is identical).

• The `widthratio` template tag now accepts an "as" parameter to capture the result in a variable.

• The `include` template tag will now also accept anything with a `render()` method (such as a `Template`) as an argument. String arguments will be looked up using `get_template()` as always.

• It is now possible to `include` templates recursively.

• Template objects now have an origin attribute set when `TEMPLATE_DEBUG` is `True`. This allows template origins to be inspected and logged outside of the `django.template` infrastructure.

• `TypeError` exceptions are no longer silenced when raised during the rendering of a template.

• The following functions now accept a `dirs` parameter which is a list or tuple to override `TEMPLATE_DIRS`:
  - `django.template.loader.get_template()`
- django.template.loader.select_template()
- django.shortcuts.render()
- django.shortcuts.render_to_response()

- The time filter now accepts timezone-related format specifiers 'e', 'O', 'T', and 'Z' and is able to digest time-zone-aware datetime instances performing the expected rendering.
- The cache tag will now try to use the cache called “template_fragments” if it exists and fall back to using the default cache otherwise. It also now accepts an optional using keyword argument to control which cache it uses.
- The new truncatechars_html filter truncates a string to be no longer than the specified number of characters, taking HTML into account.

Requests and Responses

- The new HttpRequest.scheme attribute specifies the scheme of the request (http or https normally).
- The shortcut redirect() now supports relative URLs.
- The new JsonResponse subclass of HttpResponse helps easily create JSON-encoded responses.

Tests

- DiscoverRunner has two new attributes, test_suite and test_runner, which facilitate overriding the way tests are collected and run.
- The fetch_redirect_response argument was added to assertRedirects(). Since the test client can’t fetch externals URLs, this allows you to use assertRedirects with redirects that aren’t part of your Django app.
- Correct handling of scheme when making comparisons in assertRedirects().
- The secure argument was added to all the request methods of Client. If True, the request will be made through HTTPS.
- assertNumQueries() now prints out the list of executed queries if the assertion fails.
- The WSGIRequest instance generated by the test handler is now attached to the django.test.Response.wsgi_request attribute.
- The database settings for testing have been collected into a dictionary named TEST.

Utilities

- Improved strip_tags() accuracy (but it still cannot guarantee an HTML-safe result, as stated in the documentation).

Validators

- RegexValidator now accepts the optional flags and Boolean inverse_match arguments. The inverse_match attribute determines if the ValidationError should be raised when the regular expression pattern matches (True) or does not match (False, by default) the provided value. The flags attribute sets the flags used when compiling a regular expression string.
• **URLValidator** now accepts an optional `schemes` argument which allows customization of the accepted URI schemes (instead of the defaults `http(s)` and `ftp(s)`).

• `validate_email()` now accepts addresses with IPv6 literals, like `example@[2001:db8::1]`, as specified in RFC 5321.

### Backwards incompatible changes in 1.7

**Warning:** In addition to the changes outlined in this section, be sure to review the deprecation plan for any features that have been removed. If you haven’t updated your code within the deprecation timeline for a given feature, its removal may appear as a backwards incompatible change.

#### allow_syncdb / allow_migrate

While Django will still look at `allow_syncdb` methods even though they should be renamed to `allow_migrate`, there is a subtle difference in which models get passed to these methods.

For apps with migrations, `allow_migrate` will now get passed historical models, which are special versioned models without custom attributes, methods or managers. Make sure your `allow_migrate` methods are only referring to fields or other items in `model._meta`.

#### initial_data

Apps with migrations will not load `initial_data` fixtures when they have finished migrating. Apps without migrations will continue to load these fixtures during the phase of `migrate` which emulates the old `syncdb` behavior, but any new apps will not have this support.

Instead, you are encouraged to load initial data in migrations if you need it (using the `RunPython` operation and your model classes); this has the added advantage that your initial data will not need updating every time you change the schema.

Additionally, like the rest of Django’s old `syncdb` code, `initial_data` has been started down the deprecation path and will be removed in Django 1.9.

#### deconstruct() and serializability

Django now requires all Field classes and all of their constructor arguments to be serializable. If you modify the constructor signature in your custom Field in any way, you’ll need to implement a deconstruct() method; we’ve expanded the custom field documentation with instructions on implementing this method.

The requirement for all field arguments to be serializable means that any custom class instances being passed into Field constructors - things like custom Storage subclasses, for instance - need to have a deconstruct method defined on them as well, though Django provides a handy class decorator that will work for most applications.

### App-loading changes

#### Start-up sequence

Django 1.7 loads application configurations and models as soon as it starts. While this behavior is more straightforward and is believed to be more robust, regressions cannot be ruled out. See [Troubleshooting](#) for solutions to some problems.
you may encounter.

**Standalone scripts**

If you’re using Django in a plain Python script — rather than a management command — and you rely on the `DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE` environment variable, you must now explicitly initialize Django at the beginning of your script with:

```python
>>> import django
>>> django.setup()
```

Otherwise, you will hit an `AppRegistryNotReady` exception.

**WSGI scripts**

Until Django 1.3, the recommended way to create a WSGI application was:

```python
import django.core.handlers.wsgi
application = django.core.handlers.wsgi.WSGIHandler()
```

In Django 1.4, support for WSGI was improved and the API changed to:

```python
from django.core.wsgi import get_wsgi_application
application = get_wsgi_application()
```

If you’re still using the former style in your WSGI script, you need to upgrade to the latter, or you will hit an `AppRegistryNotReady` exception.

**App registry consistency**

It is no longer possible to have multiple installed applications with the same label. In previous versions of Django, this didn’t always work correctly, but didn’t crash outright either.

If you have two apps with the same label, you should create an `AppConfig` for one of them and override its `label` there. You should then adjust your code wherever it references this application or its models with the old label.

It isn’t possible to import the same model twice through different paths any more. As of Django 1.6, this may happen only if you’re manually putting a directory and a subdirectory on `PYTHONPATH`. Refer to the section on the new project layout in the 1.4 release notes for migration instructions.

You should make sure that:

- All models are defined in applications that are listed in `INSTALLED_APPS` or have an explicit `app_label`.
- Models aren’t imported as a side-effect of loading their application. Specifically, you shouldn’t import models in the root module of an application nor in the module that define its configuration class.

Django will enforce these requirements as of version 1.9, after a deprecation period.

**Subclassing AppCommand**

Subclasses of `AppCommand` must now implement a `handle_app_config()` method instead of `handle_app()`. This method receives an `AppConfig` instance instead of a models module.
Introspecting applications

Since `INSTALLED_APPS` now supports application configuration classes in addition to application modules, you should review code that accesses this setting directly and use the app registry (`django.apps.apps`) instead.

The app registry has preserved some features of the old app cache. Even though the app cache was a private API, obsolete methods and arguments will be removed through a standard deprecation path, with the exception of the following changes that take effect immediately:

- `get_model` raises `LookupError` instead of returning `None` when no model is found.
- The only_installed argument of `get_model` and `get_models` no longer exists, nor does the seed_cache argument of `get_model`.

Management commands and order of `INSTALLED_APPS`

When several applications provide management commands with the same name, Django loads the command from the application that comes first in `INSTALLED_APPS`. Previous versions loaded the command from the application that came last.

This brings discovery of management commands in line with other parts of Django that rely on the order of `INSTALLED_APPS`, such as static files, templates, and translations.

ValidationError constructor and internal storage

The behavior of the `ValidationError` constructor has changed when it receives a container of errors as an argument (e.g. a list or an `ErrorList`):

- It converts any strings it finds to instances of `ValidationError` before adding them to its internal storage.
- It doesn’t store the given container but rather copies its content to its own internal storage; previously the container itself was added to the `ValidationError` instance and used as internal storage.

This means that if you access the `ValidationError` internal storages, such as `error_list`; `error_dict`; or the return value of `update_error_dict()` you may find instances of `ValidationError` where you would have previously found strings.

Also if you directly assigned the return value of `update_error_dict()` to `Form._errors` you may inadvertently add list instances where `ErrorList` instances are expected. This is a problem because unlike a simple list, an `ErrorList` knows how to handle instances of `ValidationError`.

Most use-cases that warranted using these private APIs are now covered by the newly introduced `Form.add_error()` method:

```python
# Old pattern:
try:
    # ...
except ValidationError as e:
    self._errors = e.update_error_dict(self._errors)

# New pattern:
try:
    # ...
except ValidationError as e:
    self.add_error(None, e)
```
If you need both Django <= 1.6 and 1.7 compatibility you can’t use `Form.add_error()` since it wasn’t available before Django 1.7, but you can use the following workaround to convert any list into `ErrorList`:

```python
try:
    # ...
except ValidationError as e:
    self._errors = e.update_error_dict(self._errors)

# Additional code to ensure `ErrorDict` is exclusively composed of `ErrorList` instances.
for field, error_list in self._errors.items():
    if not isinstance(error_list, self.error_class):
        self._errors[field] = self.error_class(error_list)
```

**Behavior of LocMemCache regarding pickle errors**

An inconsistency existed in previous versions of Django regarding how pickle errors are handled by different cache backends. `django.core.cache.backends.locmem.LocMemCache` used to fail silently when such an error occurs, which is inconsistent with other backends and leads to cache-specific errors. This has been fixed in Django 1.7, see #21200 for more details.

**Cache keys are now generated from the request’s absolute URL**

Previous versions of Django generated cache keys using a request’s path and query string but not the scheme or host. If a Django application was serving multiple subdomains or domains, cache keys could collide. In Django 1.7, cache keys vary by the absolute URL of the request including scheme, host, path, and query string. For example, the URL portion of a cache key is now generated from `https://www.example.com/path/to/?key=val` rather than `/path/to/?key=val`. The cache keys generated by Django 1.7 will be different from the keys generated by older versions of Django. After upgrading to Django 1.7, the first request to any previously cached URL will be a cache miss.

**Passing None to Manager.db_manager()**

In previous versions of Django, it was possible to use `db_manager(using=None)` on a model manager instance to obtain a manager instance using default routing behavior, overriding any manually specified database routing. In Django 1.7, a value of `None` passed to `db_manager` will produce a router that retains any manually assigned database routing – the manager will not be reset. This was necessary to resolve an inconsistency in the way routing information cascaded over joins. See #13724 for more details.

**pytz may be required**

If your project handles datetimes before 1970 or after 2037 and Django raises a `ValueError` when encountering them, you will have to install `pytz`. You may be affected by this problem if you use Django’s time zone-related date formats or `django.contrib.ssyndication`.

**remove() and clear() methods of related managers**

The `remove()` and `clear()` methods of the related managers created by `ForeignKey`, `GenericForeignKey`, and `ManyToManyField` suffered from a number of issues. Some operations ran multiple data modifying queries...
without wrapping them in a transaction, and some operations didn’t respect default filtering when it was present (i.e.
when the default manager on the related model implemented a custom `get_queryset()`).

Fixing the issues introduced some backward incompatible changes:

- The default implementation of `remove()` for `ForeignKey` related managers changed from a series of
`Model.save()` calls to a single `QuerySet.update()` call. The change means that `pre_save` and
`post_save` signals aren’t sent anymore. You can use the `bulk=False` keyword argument to revert to the
previous behavior.

- The `remove()` and `clear()` methods for `GenericForeignKey` related managers now perform bulk
delete. The `Model.delete()` method isn’t called on each instance anymore. You can use the `bulk=False`
keyword argument to revert to the previous behavior.

- The `remove()` and `clear()` methods for `ManyToManyField` related managers perform nested queries
when filtering is involved, which may or may not be an issue depending on your database and your data itself.
See this note for more details.

Admin login redirection strategy

Historically, the Django admin site passed the request from an unauthorized or unauthenticated user directly to the
login view, without HTTP redirection. In Django 1.7, this behavior changed to conform to a more traditional workflow
where any unauthorized request to an admin page will be redirected (by HTTP status code 302) to the login page, with
the `next` parameter set to the referring path. The user will be redirected there after a successful login.

Note also that the admin login form has been updated to not contain the `this_is_the_login_form` field (now
unused) and the `ValidationError` code has been set to the more regular `invalid_login` key.

`select_for_update()` requires a transaction

Historically, queries that use `select_for_update()` could be executed in autocommit mode, outside of a trans-
action. Before Django 1.6, Django’s automatic transactions mode allowed this to be used to lock records until the next
write operation. Django 1.6 introduced database-level autocommit; since then, execution in such a context voids the
effect of `select_for_update()`. It is, therefore, assumed now to be an error and raises an exception.

This change was made because such errors can be caused by including an app which expects global transactions (e.g.
`ATOMIC_REQUESTS` set to True), or Django’s old autocommit behavior, in a project which runs without them; and
further, such errors may manifest as data-corruption bugs. It was also made in Django 1.6.3.

This change may cause test failures if you use `select_for_update()` in a test class which is a subclass of
`TransactionTestCase` rather than `TestCase`.

Contrib middleware removed from default `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES`

The `app-loading refactor` deprecated using models from apps which are not part of the `INSTALLED_APPS`
setting. This exposed an incompatibility between the default `INSTALLED_APPS` and `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES` in
the global defaults (django.conf.global_settings). To bring these settings in sync and prevent depre-
cation warnings when doing things like testing reusable apps with minimal settings, `SessionMiddleware`,
`AuthenticationMiddleware`, and `MessageMiddleware` were removed from the defaults. These classes
will still be included in the default settings generated by `startproject`. Most projects will not be affected by this
change but if you were not previously declaring the `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES` in your project settings and relying on
the global default you should ensure that the new defaults are in line with your project’s needs. You should also check
for any code that accesses `django.conf.global_settings.MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES` directly.
The django.core.files.uploadhandler.FileUploadHandler.new_file() method is now passed an additional content_type_extra parameter. If you have a custom FileUploadHandler that implements new_file(), be sure it accepts this new parameter.

ModelFormSets no longer delete instances when save(commit=False) is called. See can_delete for instructions on how to manually delete objects from deleted forms.

Loading empty fixtures emits a RuntimeError rather than raising CommandError.

django.contrib.staticfiles.views.serve() will now raise an Http404 exception instead of ImproperlyConfigured when DEBUG is False. This change removes the need to conditionally add the view to your root URLconf, which in turn makes it safe to reverse by name. It also removes the ability for visitors to generate spurious HTTP 500 errors by requesting static files that don’t exist or haven’t been collected yet.

The django.db.models.Model.__eq__() method is now defined in a way where instances of a proxy model and its base model are considered equal when primary keys match. Previously only instances of exact same class were considered equal on primary key match.

The django.db.models.Model.__eq__() method has changed such that two Model instances without primary key values won’t be considered equal (unless they are the same instance).

The django.db.models.Model.__hash__() method will now raise TypeError when called on an instance without a primary key value. This is done to avoid mutable __hash__ values in containers.

AutoField columns in SQLite databases will now be created using the AUTOINCREMENT option, which guarantees monotonetic increments. This will cause primary key numbering behavior to change on SQLite, becoming consistent with most other SQL databases. This will only apply to newly created tables. If you have a database created with an older version of Django, you will need to migrate it to take advantage of this feature. For example, you could do the following:

1) Use dumpdata to save your data.
2) Rename the existing database file (keep it as a backup).
3) Run migrate to create the updated schema.
4) Use loaddata to import the fixtures you exported in (1).

django.contrib.auth.models(AbstractUser) no longer defines a get_absolute_url() method. The old definition returned "/users/%s/" % urlquote(self.username) which was arbitrary since applications may or may not define such a url in urlpatterns. Define a get_absolute_url() method on your own custom user object or use ABSOLUTE_URL_OVERRIDES if you want a URL for your user.

The static asset-serving functionality of the django.test.LiveServerTestCase class has been simplified: Now it’s only able to serve content already present in STATIC_ROOT when tests are run. The ability to transparently serve all the static assets (similarly to what one gets with DEBUG = True at development-time) has been moved to a new class that lives in the staticfiles application (the one actually in charge of such feature): django.contrib.staticfiles.testing.StaticLiveServerTestCase. In other words, LiveServerTestCase itself is less powerful but at the same time has less magic.

Rationale behind this is removal of dependency of non-contrib code on contrib applications.

The old cache URI syntax (e.g. "locmem://") is no longer supported. It still worked, even though it was not documented or officially supported. If you’re still using it, please update to the current CACHES syntax.

The default ordering of Form fields in case of inheritance has changed to follow normal Python MRO. Fields are now discovered by iterating through the MRO in reverse with the topmost class coming last. This only
affects you if you relied on the default field ordering while having fields defined on both the current class and on a parent Form.

- The required argument of SelectDateWidget has been removed. This widget now respects the form field’s is_required attribute like other widgets.

- Widget.is_hidden is now a read-only property, getting its value by introspecting the presence of input_type == 'hidden'.

- select_related() now chains in the same way as other similar calls like prefetch_related. That is, select_related('foo', 'bar') is equivalent to select_related('foo').select_related('bar'). Previously the latter would have been equivalent to select_related('bar').

- GeoDjango dropped support for GEOS < 3.1.

- The init_connection_state method of database backends now executes in autocommit mode (unless you set AUTOCOMMIT to False). If you maintain a custom database backend, you should check that method.

- The django.db.backends.BaseDatabaseFeatures.allows_primary_key_0 attribute has been renamed to allows_auto_pk_0 to better describe it. It's True for all database backends included with Django except MySQL which does allow primary keys with value 0. It only forbids autoincrement primary keys with value 0.

- Shadowing model fields defined in a parent model has been forbidden as this creates ambiguity in the expected model behavior. In addition, clashing fields in the model inheritance hierarchy result in a system check error. For example, if you use multi-inheritance, you need to define custom primary key fields on parent models, otherwise the default id fields will clash. See Multiple inheritance for details.

- django.utils.translation.parse_accept_lang_header() now returns lowercase locales, instead of the case as it was provided. As locales should be treated case-insensitive this allows us to speed up locale detection.

- django.utils.translation.get_language_from_path() and django.utils.translation.trans_real.get_supported_language_variant() now no longer have a supported argument.

- The shortcut view in django.contrib.contenttypes.views now supports protocol-relative URLs (e.g. //example.com).

- GenericRelation now supports an optional related_query_name argument. Setting related_query_name adds a relation from the related object back to the content type for filtering, ordering and other query operations.

- When running tests on PostgreSQL, the USER will need read access to the built-in postgres database. This is in lieu of the previous behavior of connecting to the actual non-test database.

- As part of the System check framework, fields, models, and model managers all implement a check() method that is registered with the check framework. If you have an existing method called check() on one of these objects, you will need to rename it.

- As noted above in the “Cache” section of “Minor Features”, defining the TIMEOUT argument of the CACHES setting as None will set the cache keys as “non-expiring”. Previously, with the memcache backend, a TIMEOUT of 0 would set non-expiring keys, but this was inconsistent with the set-and-expire (i.e. no caching) behavior of set("key", "value", timeout=0). If you want non-expiring keys, please update your settings to use None instead of 0 as the latter now designates set-and-expire in the settings as well.

- The sql* management commands now respect the allow_migrate() method of DATABASE_ROUTERS. If you have models synced to non-default databases, use the --database flag to get SQL for those models (previously they would always be included in the output).
• Decoding the query string from URLs now falls back to the ISO-8859-1 encoding when the input is not valid UTF-8.

• With the addition of the `django.contrib.auth.middleware.SessionAuthenticationMiddleware` to the default project template (pre-1.7.2 only), a database must be created before accessing a page using `runserver`.

• The addition of the `schemes` argument to `URLValidator` will appear as a backwards-incompatible change if you were previously using a custom regular expression to validate schemes. Any scheme not listed in `schemes` will fail validation, even if the regular expression matches the given URL.

Features deprecated in 1.7

`django.core.cache.get_cache`

django.core.cache.get_cache has been supplanted by `django.core.cache.caches`.

`django.utils.dictconfig/django.utils.importlib`

django.utils.dictconfig and django.utils.importlib were copies of respectively `logging.config` and `importlib` provided for Python versions prior to 2.7. They have been deprecated.

`django.utils.module_loading.import_by_path`

The current `django.utils.module_loading.import_by_path` function catches `AttributeError`, `ImportError`, and `ValueError` exceptions, and re-raises `ImproperlyConfigured`. Such exception masking makes it needlessly hard to diagnose circular import problems, because it makes it look like the problem comes from inside Django. It has been deprecated in favor of `import_string()`.

`django.utils.tzinfo`

django.utils.tzinfo provided two `tzinfo` subclasses, `LocalTimezone` and `FixedOffset`. They’ve been deprecated in favor of more correct alternatives provided by `django.utils.timezone`, `django.utils.timezone.get_default_timezone()` and `django.utils.timezone.get_fixed_timezone()`.

`django.utils.unittest`

django.utils.unittest provided uniform access to the `unittest2` library on all Python versions. Since `unittest2` became the standard library’s `unittest` module in Python 2.7, and Django 1.7 drops support for older Python versions, this module isn’t useful anymore. It has been deprecated. Use `unittest` instead.

`django.utils.datastructures.SortedDict`

As `OrderedDict` was added to the standard library in Python 2.7, `SortedDict` is no longer needed and has been deprecated.

The two additional, deprecated methods provided by `SortedDict` (`insert()` and `value_for_index()`) have been removed. If you relied on these methods to alter structures like form fields, you should now treat these `OrderedDict`s as immutable objects and override them to change their content.
For example, you might want to override `MyFormClass.base_fields` (although this attribute isn’t considered a public API) to change the ordering of fields for all `MyFormClass` instances; or similarly, you could override `self.fields` from inside `MyFormClass.__init__()`, to change the fields for a particular form instance. For example (from Django itself):

```python
PasswordChangeForm.base_fields = OrderedDict((
    (k, PasswordChangeForm.base_fields[k])
    for k in ['old_password', 'new_password1', 'new_password2']
)
```

### Custom SQL location for models package

Previously, if models were organized in a package (`myapp/models/`) rather than simply `myapp/models.py`, Django would look for initial SQL data in `myapp/models/sql/`. This bug has been fixed so that Django will search `myapp/sql/` as documented. After this issue was fixed, migrations were added which deprecates initial SQL data. Thus, while this change still exists, the deprecation is irrelevant as the entire feature will be removed in Django 1.9.

### Reorganization of `django.contrib.sites`

django.contrib.sites provides reduced functionality when it isn’t in `INSTALLED_APPS`. The app-loading refactor adds some constraints in that situation. As a consequence, two objects were moved, and the old locations are deprecated:

- `RequestSite` now lives in `django.contrib.sites.requests`.
- `get_current_site()` now lives in `django.contrib.sites.shortcuts`.

### declared_fieldsets attribute on ModelAdmin

`ModelAdmin.declared_fieldsets` has been deprecated. Despite being a private API, it will go through a regular deprecation path. This attribute was mostly used by methods that bypassed `ModelAdmin.get_fieldsets()` but this was considered a bug and has been addressed.

### Reorganization of `django.contrib.contenttypes`

Since `django.contrib.contenttypes.generic` defined both admin and model related objects, an import of this module could trigger unexpected side effects. As a consequence, its contents were split into `contenttypes` submodules and the `django.contrib.contenttypes.generic` module is deprecated:

- `GenericForeignKey` and `GenericRelation` now live in `fields`.
- `BaseGenericInlineFormSet` and `generic_inlineformset_factory()` now live in `forms`.
- `GenericInlineModelAdmin`, `GenericStackedInline` and `GenericTabularInline` now live in `admin`.

### syncdb

The `syncdb` command has been deprecated in favor of the new `migrate` command. `migrate` takes the same arguments as `syncdb` used to plus a few more, so it’s safe to just change the name you’re calling and nothing else.
util modules renamed to utils

The following instances of util.py in the Django codebase have been renamed to utils.py in an effort to unify all util and utils references:

• django.contrib.admin.util
• django.contrib.gis.db.backends.util
• django.db.backends.util
• django.forms.util

get_formsets method on ModelAdmin

ModelAdmin.get_formsets has been deprecated in favor of the new get_formsets_with_inlines(), in order to better handle the case of selectively showing inlines on a ModelAdmin.

IPAddressField

The django.db.models.IPAddressField and django.forms.IPAddressField fields have been deprecated in favor of django.db.models.GenericIPAddressField and django.forms.GenericIPAddressField.

BaseMemcachedCache._get_memcache_timeout method

The BaseMemcachedCache._get_memcache_timeout() method has been renamed to get_backend_timeout(). Despite being a private API, it will go through the normal deprecation.

Natural key serialization options

The --natural and -n options for dumpdata have been deprecated. Use dumpdata --natural-foreign instead.

Similarly, the use_natural_keys argument for serializers.serialize() has been deprecated. Use use_natural_foreign_keys instead.

Merging of POST and GET arguments into WSGIRequest.REQUEST

It was already strongly suggested that you use GET and POST instead of REQUEST, because the former are more explicit. The property REQUEST is deprecated and will be removed in Django 1.9.

django.utils.datastructures.MergeDict class

MergeDict exists primarily to support merging POST and GET arguments into a REQUEST property on WSGIRequest. To merge dictionaries, use dict.update() instead. The class MergeDict is deprecated and will be removed in Django 1.9.
**Language codes zh-cn, zh-tw and fy-nl**

The currently used language codes for Simplified Chinese zh-cn, Traditional Chinese zh-tw and (Western) Frysian fy-nl are deprecated and should be replaced by the language codes zh-hans, zh-hant and fy respectively. If you use these language codes, you should rename the locale directories and update your settings to reflect these changes. The deprecated language codes will be removed in Django 1.9.

**django.utils.functional.memoize function**

The function memoize is deprecated and should be replaced by the functools.lru_cache decorator (available from Python 3.2 onwards).

Django ships a backport of this decorator for older Python versions and it's available at django.utils.lru_cache. The deprecated function will be removed in Django 1.9.

**Geo Sitemaps**

Google has retired support for the Geo Sitemaps format. Hence Django support for Geo Sitemaps is deprecated and will be removed in Django 1.8.

**Passing callable arguments to queryset methods**

Callable arguments for querysets were an undocumented feature that was unreliable. It’s been deprecated and will be removed in Django 1.9.

Callable arguments were evaluated when a queryset was constructed rather than when it was evaluated, thus this feature didn’t offer any benefit compared to evaluating arguments before passing them to queryset and created confusion that the arguments may have been evaluated at query time.

**ADMIN_FOR setting**

The ADMIN_FOR feature, part of the admindocs, has been removed. You can remove the setting from your configuration at your convenience.

**SplitDateTimeWidget With DateTimeField**

SplitDateTimeWidget support in DateTimeField is deprecated, use SplitDateTimeWidget with SplitDateTimeField instead.

**validate**

The validate management command is deprecated in favor of the check command.

**django.core.management.BaseCommand**

requires_model_validation is deprecated in favor of a new requires_system_checks flag. If the latter flag is missing, then the value of the former flag is used. Defining both requires_system_checks and requires_model_validation results in an error.
The check() method has replaced the old validate() method.

**ModelAdmin validators**

The ModelAdmin.validator_class and default_validator_class attributes are deprecated in favor of the new checks_class attribute.

The ModelAdmin.validate() method is deprecated in favor of ModelAdmin.check().

The django.contrib.admin.validation module is deprecated.

**django.db.backends.DatabaseValidation.validate_field**

This method is deprecated in favor of a new check_field method. The functionality required by check_field() is the same as that provided by validate_field(), but the output format is different. Third-party database backends needing this functionality should provide an implementation of check_field().

**Loading ssi and url template tags from future library**

Django 1.3 introduced {% load ssi from future %} and {% load url from future %} syntax for forward compatibility of the ssi and url template tags. This syntax is now deprecated and will be removed in Django 1.9. You can simply remove the {% load ... from future %} tags.

**django.utils.text.javascript_quote**

javascript_quote() was an undocumented function present in django.utils.text. It was used internally in the javascript_catalog() view whose implementation was changed to make use of json.dumps() instead. If you were relying on this function to provide safe output from untrusted strings, you should use django.utils.html.escapejs or the escapejs template filter. If all you need is to generate valid JavaScript strings, you can simply use json.dumps().

**fix_ampersands utils method and template filter**

The django.utils.html.fix_ampersands method and the fix_ampersands template filter are depreciated, as the escaping of ampersands is already taken care of by Django’s standard HTML escaping features. Combining this with fix_ampersands would either result in double escaping, or, if the output is assumed to be safe, a risk of introducing XSS vulnerabilities. Along with fix_ampersands, django.utils.html.clean_html is depreciated, an undocumented function that calls fix_ampersands. As this is an accelerated depreciation, fix_ampersands and clean_html will be removed in Django 1.8.

**Reorganization of database test settings**

All database settings with a TEST_ prefix have been depreciated in favor of entries in a TEST dictionary in the database settings. The old settings will be supported until Django 1.9. For backwards compatibility with older versions of Django, you can define both versions of the settings as long as they match.
**FastCGI support**

FastCGI support via the `runfcgi` management command will be removed in Django 1.9. Please deploy your project using WSGI.

**Moved objects in contrib.sites**

Following the app-loading refactor, two objects in `django.contrib.sites.models` needed to be moved because they must be available without importing `django.contrib.sites.models` when `django.contrib.sites` isn’t installed. Import `RequestSite` from `django.contrib.sites.requests` and `get_current_site()` from `django.contrib.sites.shortcuts`. The old import locations will work until Django 1.9.

```python
django.forms.forms.get_declared_fields()
```

Django no longer uses this functional internally. Even though it’s a private API, it’ll go through the normal deprecation cycle.

**Private Query Lookup APIs**

Private APIs `django.db.models.sql.where.WhereNode.make_atom()` and `django.db.models.sql.where.Constraint` are deprecated in favor of the new `custom lookups API`.

**Features removed in 1.7**

These features have reached the end of their deprecation cycle and are removed in Django 1.7. See *Features deprecated in 1.5* for details, including how to remove usage of these features.

- `django.utils.simplejson` is removed.
- `django.utils.itercompat.product` is removed.
- `INSTALLED_APPS` and `TEMPLATE_DIRS` are no longer corrected from a plain string into a tuple.
- `HttpResponse`, `SimpleTemplateResponse`, `TemplateResponse`, `render_to_response()`, `index()`, and `sitemap()` no longer take a mimetype argument
- `HttpResponse` immediately consumes its content if it’s an iterator.
- The `AUTH_PROFILE_MODULE` setting, and the `get_profile()` method on the User model are removed.
- The `cleanup` management command is removed.
- The `daily_cleanup.py` script is removed.
- `select_related()` no longer has a depth keyword argument.
- The `get_warnings_state() / restore_warnings_state()` functions from `django.test.utils` and the `save_warnings_state() / restore_warnings_state()` `django.test.*TestCase` are removed.
- The `check_for_test_cookie` method in `AuthenticationForm` is removed.
- The version of `django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset_confirm()` that supports base36 encoded user IDs (`django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset_confirm_uidb36`) is removed.

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Django 1.6.11 release notes

March 18, 2015

Django 1.6.11 fixes two security issues in 1.6.10.

Denial-of-service possibility with strip_tags()

Last year strip_tags() was changed to work iteratively. The problem is that the size of the input it’s processing can increase on each iteration which results in an infinite loop in strip_tags(). This issue only affects versions of Python that haven’t received a bugfix in HTMLParser; namely Python < 2.7.7 and 3.3.5. Some operating system vendors have also backported the fix for the Python bug into their packages of earlier versions.

To remedy this issue, strip_tags() will now return the original input if it detects the length of the string it’s processing increases. Remember that absolutely NO guarantee is provided about the results of strip_tags() being HTML safe. So NEVER mark safe the result of a strip_tags() call without escaping it first, for example with escape().

Mitigated possible XSS attack via user-supplied redirect URLs

Django relies on user input in some cases (e.g. django.contrib.auth.views.login() and i18n) to redirect the user to an “on success” URL. The security checks for these redirects (namely django.utils.http.is_safe_url()) accepted URLs with leading control characters and so considered URLs like %08javascript:... safe. This issue doesn’t affect Django currently, since we only put this URL into the Location response header and browsers seem to ignore JavaScript there. Browsers we tested also treat URLs pre-fixed with control characters such as %08//example.com as relative paths so redirection to an unsafe target isn’t a problem either.

However, if a developer relies on is_safe_url() to provide safe redirect targets and puts such a URL into a link, they could suffer from an XSS attack as some browsers such as Google Chrome ignore control characters at the start of a URL in an anchor href.

Django 1.6.10 release notes

January 13, 2015

Django 1.6.10 fixes several security issues in 1.6.9.

WSGI header spoofing via underscore/dash conflation

When HTTP headers are placed into the WSGI environ, they are normalized by converting to uppercase, converting all dashes to underscores, and prepending HTTP_. For instance, a header X-Auth-User would become HTTP_X_AUTH_USER in the WSGI environ (and thus also in Django’s request.META dictionary).

Unfortunately, this means that the WSGI environ cannot distinguish between headers containing dashes and headers containing underscores: X-Auth-User and X-Auth_User both become HTTP_X_AUTH_USER. This means that if a header is used in a security-sensitive way (for instance, passing authentication information along from a front-end
proxy), even if the proxy carefully strips any incoming value for X-Auth-User, an attacker may be able to provide an X-Auth_User header (with underscore) and bypass this protection.

In order to prevent such attacks, both Nginx and Apache 2.4+ strip all headers containing underscores from incoming requests by default. Django’s built-in development server now does the same. Django’s development server is not recommended for production use, but matching the behavior of common production servers reduces the surface area for behavior changes during deployment.

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Django relies on user input in some cases (e.g. `django.contrib.auth.views.login()` and `i18n`) to redirect the user to an “on success” URL. The security checks for these redirects (namely `django.utils.http.is_safe_url()`) didn’t strip leading whitespace on the tested URL and as such considered URLs like \njavascript:... safe. If a developer relied on `is_safe_url()` to provide safe redirect targets and put such a URL into a link, they could suffer from a XSS attack. This bug doesn’t affect Django currently, since we only put this URL into the `Location` response header and browsers seem to ignore JavaScript there.

**Denial-of-service attack against `django.views.static.serve`**

In older versions of Django, the `django.views.static.serve()` view read the files it served one line at a time. Therefore, a big file with no newlines would result in memory usage equal to the size of that file. An attacker could exploit this and launch a denial-of-service attack by simultaneously requesting many large files. This view now reads the file in chunks to prevent large memory usage.

Note, however, that this view has always carried a warning that it is not hardened for production use and should be used only as a development aid. Now may be a good time to audit your project and serve your files in production using a real front-end web server if you are not doing so.

**Database denial-of-service with `ModelMultipleChoiceField`**

Given a form that uses `ModelMultipleChoiceField` and `show_hidden_initial=True` (not a documented API), it was possible for a user to cause an unreasonable number of SQL queries by submitting duplicate values for the field’s data. The validation logic in `ModelMultipleChoiceField` now deduplicates submitted values to address this issue.

**Django 1.6.9 release notes**

*January 2, 2015*

Django 1.6.9 fixes a regression in the 1.6.6 security release.

Additionally, Django’s vendored version of six, `django.utils.six`, has been upgraded to the latest release (1.9.0).

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed a regression with dynamically generated inlines and allowed field references in the admin (#23754).
Django Documentation, Release 3.1.5.dev

Django 1.6.8 release notes

October 22, 2014

Django 1.6.8 fixes a couple regressions in the 1.6.6 security release.

Bugfixes

• Allowed related many-to-many fields to be referenced in the admin (#23604).
• Allowed inline and hidden references to admin fields (#23431).

Django 1.6.7 release notes

September 2, 2014

Django 1.6.7 fixes several bugs in 1.6.6, including a regression related to a security fix in that release.

Bugfixes

• Allowed inherited and m2m fields to be referenced in the admin (#23329).
• Fixed a crash when using QuerySet.defer() with select_related() (#23370).

Django 1.6.6 release notes

August 20, 2014

Django 1.6.6 fixes several security issues and bugs in 1.6.5.

reverse() could generate URLs pointing to other hosts

In certain situations, URL reversing could generate scheme-relative URLs (URLs starting with two slashes), which could unexpectedly redirect a user to a different host. An attacker could exploit this, for example, by redirecting users to a phishing site designed to ask for user's passwords.

To remedy this, URL reversing now ensures that no URL starts with two slashes (/_), replacing the second slash with its URL encoded counterpart (%2F). This approach ensures that semantics stay the same, while making the URL relative to the domain and not to the scheme.

File upload denial-of-service

Before this release, Django’s file upload handing in its default configuration may degrade to producing a huge number of os.stat() system calls when a duplicate filename is uploaded. Since stat() may invoke IO, this may produce a huge data-dependent slowdown that slowly worsens over time. The net result is that given enough time, a user with the ability to upload files can cause poor performance in the upload handler, eventually causing it to become very slow simply by uploading 0-byte files. At this point, even a slow network connection and few HTTP requests would be all that is necessary to make a site unavailable.

We’ve remedied the issue by changing the algorithm for generating file names if a file with the uploaded name already exists. Storage.get_available_name() now appends an underscore plus a random 7 character alphanumeric
RemoteUserMiddleware session hijacking

When using the RemoteUserMiddleware and the RemoteUserBackend, a change to the REMOTE_USER header between requests without an intervening logout could result in the prior user’s session being co-opted by the subsequent user. The middleware now logs the user out on a failed login attempt.

Data leakage via query string manipulation in contrib.admin

In older versions of Django it was possible to reveal any field’s data by modifying the “popup” and “to_field” parameters of the query string on an admin change form page. For example, requesting a URL like /admin/auth/user/?_popup=1&t=password and viewing the page’s HTML allowed viewing the password hash of each user. While the admin requires users to have permissions to view the change form pages in the first place, this could leak data if you rely on users having access to view only certain fields on a model.

To address the issue, an exception will now be raised if a to_field value that isn’t a related field to a model that has been registered with the admin is specified.

Bugfixes

- Corrected email and URL validation to reject a trailing dash (#22579).
- Prevented indexes on PostgreSQL virtual fields (#22514).
- Prevented edge case where values of FK fields could be initialized with a wrong value when an inline model formset is created for a relationship defined to point to a field other than the PK (#13794).
- Restored pre_delete signals for GenericRelation cascade deletion (#22998).
- Fixed transaction handling when specifying non-default database in createcachetable and flush (#23089).
- Fixed the “ORA-01843: not a valid month” errors when using Unicode with older versions of Oracle server (#20292).
- Restored bug fix for sending Unicode email with Python 2.6.5 and below (#19107).
- Prevented UnicodeDecodeError in runserver with non-UTF-8 and non-English locale (#23265).
- Fixed JavaScript errors while editing multi-geometry objects in the OpenLayers widget (#23137, #23293).
- Prevented a crash on Python 3 with query strings containing unencoded non-ASCII characters (#22996).

Django 1.6.5 release notes

May 14, 2014

Django 1.6.5 fixes two security issues and several bugs in 1.6.4.
Issue: Caches may incorrectly be allowed to store and serve private data

In certain situations, Django may allow caches to store private data related to a particular session and then serve that data to requests with a different session, or no session at all. This can lead to information disclosure and can be a vector for cache poisoning.

When using Django sessions, Django will set a Vary: Cookie header to ensure caches do not serve cached data to requests from other sessions. However, older versions of Internet Explorer (most likely only Internet Explorer 6, and Internet Explorer 7 if run on Windows XP or Windows Server 2003) are unable to handle the Vary header in combination with many content types. Therefore, Django would remove the header if the request was made by Internet Explorer.

To remedy this, the special behavior for these older Internet Explorer versions has been removed, and the Vary header is no longer stripped from the response. In addition, modifications to the Cache-Control header for all Internet Explorer requests with a Content-Disposition header have also been removed as they were found to have similar issues.

Issue: Malformed redirect URLs from user input not correctly validated

The validation for redirects did not correctly validate some malformed URLs, which are accepted by some browsers. This allows a user to be redirected to an unsafe URL unexpectedly.

Django relies on user input in some cases (e.g. django.contrib.auth.views.login(), django.contrib.comments, and i18n) to redirect the user to an “on success” URL. The security checks for these redirects (namely django.utils.http.is_safe_url()) did not correctly validate some malformed URLs, such as http:\\\djangoproject.com, which are accepted by some browsers with more liberal URL parsing.

To remedy this, the validation in is_safe_url() has been tightened to be able to handle and correctly validate these malformed URLs.

Bugfixes

• Made the year_lookup_bounds_for_datetime_field Oracle backend method Python 3 compatible (#22551).
• Fixed pgettext_lazy crash when receiving bytestring content on Python 2 (#22565).
• Fixed the SQL generated when filtering by a negated Q object that contains a F object. (#22429).
• Avoided overwriting data fetched by select_related() in certain cases which could cause minor performance regressions (#22508).

Django 1.6.4 release notes

April 28, 2014

Django 1.6.4 fixes several bugs in 1.6.3.

Bugfixes

• Added backwards compatibility support for the django.contrib.messages cookie format of Django 1.4 and earlier to facilitate upgrading to 1.6 from 1.4 (#22426).
• Restored the ability to reverse() views created using functools.partial() (#22486).
• Fixed the object_id of the LogEntry that’s created after a user password change in the admin (#22515).

Django 1.6.3 release notes

April 21, 2014

Django 1.6.3 fixes several bugs in 1.6.2, including three security issues, and makes one backwards-incompatible change:

Unexpected code execution using reverse()

Django’s URL handling is based on a mapping of regex patterns (representing the URLs) to callable views, and Django’s own processing consists of matching a requested URL against those patterns to determine the appropriate view to invoke.

Django also provides a convenience function – reverse() – which performs this process in the opposite direction. The reverse() function takes information about a view and returns a URL which would invoke that view. Use of reverse() is encouraged for application developers, as the output of reverse() is always based on the current URL patterns, meaning developers do not need to change other code when making changes to URLs.

One argument signature for reverse() is to pass a dotted Python path to the desired view. In this situation, Django will import the module indicated by that dotted path as part of generating the resulting URL. If such a module has import-time side effects, those side effects will occur.

Thus it is possible for an attacker to cause unexpected code execution, given the following conditions:

1. One or more views are present which construct a URL based on user input (commonly, a “next” parameter in a querystring indicating where to redirect upon successful completion of an action).

2. One or more modules are known to an attacker to exist on the server’s Python import path, which perform code execution with side effects on importing.

To remedy this, reverse() will now only accept and import dotted paths based on the view-containing modules listed in the project’s URL pattern configuration, so as to ensure that only modules the developer intended to be imported in this fashion can or will be imported.

Caching of anonymous pages could reveal CSRF token

Django includes both a caching framework and a system for preventing cross-site request forgery (CSRF) attacks. The CSRF-protection system is based on a random nonce sent to the client in a cookie which must be sent by the client on future requests and, in forms, a hidden value which must be submitted back with the form.

The caching framework includes an option to cache responses to anonymous (i.e., unauthenticated) clients.

When the first anonymous request to a given page is by a client which did not have a CSRF cookie, the cache framework will also cache the CSRF cookie and serve the same nonce to other anonymous clients who do not have a CSRF cookie. This can allow an attacker to obtain a valid CSRF cookie value and perform attacks which bypass the check for the cookie.

To remedy this, the caching framework will no longer cache such responses. The heuristic for this will be:

1. If the incoming request did not submit any cookies, and
2. If the response did send one or more cookies, and
3. If the Vary: Cookie header is set on the response, then the response will not be cached.
MySQL typecasting

The MySQL database is known to “typecast” on certain queries; for example, when querying a table which contains string values, but using a query which filters based on an integer value, MySQL will first silently coerce the strings to integers and return a result based on that.

If a query is performed without first converting values to the appropriate type, this can produce unexpected results, similar to what would occur if the query itself had been manipulated.

Django’s model field classes are aware of their own types and most such classes perform explicit conversion of query arguments to the correct database-level type before querying. However, three model field classes did not correctly convert their arguments:

- FilePathField
- GenericIPAddressField
- IPAddressField

These three fields have been updated to convert their arguments to the correct types before querying.

Additionally, developers of custom model fields are now warned via documentation to ensure their custom field classes will perform appropriate type conversions, and users of the raw() and extra() query methods – which allow the developer to supply raw SQL or SQL fragments – will be advised to ensure they perform appropriate manual type conversions prior to executing queries.

select_for_update() requires a transaction

Historically, queries that use select_for_update() could be executed in autocommit mode, outside of a transaction. Before Django 1.6, Django’s automatic transactions mode allowed this to be used to lock records until the next write operation. Django 1.6 introduced database-level autocommit; since then, execution in such a context voids the effect of select_for_update(). It is, therefore, assumed now to be an error and raises an exception.

This change was made because such errors can be caused by including an app which expects global transactions (e.g. ATOMIC_REQUESTS set to True), or Django’s old autocommit behavior, in a project which runs without them; and further, such errors may manifest as data-corruption bugs.

This change may cause test failures if you use select_for_update() in a test class which is a subclass of TransactionTestCase rather than TestCase.

Other bugfixes and changes

- Content retrieved from the GeoIP library is now properly decoded from its default iso-8859-1 encoding (#21996).
- Fixed AttributeError when using bulk_create() with ForeignObject (#21566).
- Fixed crash of QuerySets that use F() + timedelta() when their query was compiled more once (#21643).
- Prevented custom widget class attribute of IntegerField subclasses from being overwritten by the code in their __init__ method (#22245).
- Improved strip_tags() accuracy (but it still cannot guarantee an HTML-safe result, as stated in the documentation).
- Fixed a regression in the django.contrib.gis SQL compiler for non-concrete fields (#22250).
- Fixed ModelAdmin.preserve_filters when running a site with a URL prefix (#21795).
• Fixed a crash in the `find_command` management utility when the `PATH` environment variable wasn’t set (#22256).

• Fixed `changepassword` on Windows (#22364).

• Avoided shadowing deadlock exceptions on MySQL (#22291).

• Wrapped database exceptions in `__set_autocommit` (#22321).

• Fixed atomicity when closing a database connection or when the database server disconnects (#21239 and #21202).

• Fixed regression in `prefetch_related` that caused the related objects query to include an unnecessary join (#21760).

Additionally, Django’s vendored version of six, `django.utils.six` has been upgraded to the latest release (1.6.1).

**Django 1.6.2 release notes**

*February 6, 2014*

This is Django 1.6.2, a bugfix release for Django 1.6. Django 1.6.2 fixes several bugs in 1.6.1:

• Prevented the base geometry object of a prepared geometry to be garbage collected, which could lead to crash Django (#21662).

• Fixed a crash when executing the `changepassword` command when the user object representation contained non-ASCII characters (#21627).

• The `collectstatic` command will raise an error rather than default to using the current working directory if `STATIC_ROOT` is not set. Combined with the `--clear` option, the previous behavior could wipe anything below the current working directory (#21581).

• Fixed mail encoding on Python 3.3.3+ (#21093).

• Fixed an issue where when `settings.DATABASES['default']['AUTOCOMMIT'] = False`, the connection wasn’t in autocommit mode but Django pretended it was.

• Fixed a regression in multiple-table inheritance `exclude()` queries (#21787).

• Added missing items to `django.utils.timezone.__all__` (#21880).

• Fixed a field misalignment issue with `select_related()` and model inheritance (#21413).

• Fixed join promotion for negated `AND` conditions (#21748).

• Oracle database introspection now works with boolean and float fields (#19884).

• Fixed an issue where lazy objects weren’t actually marked as safe when passed through `mark_safe()` and could end up being double-escaped (#21882).

Additionally, Django’s vendored version of six, `django.utils.six` has been upgraded to the latest release (1.5.2).

**Django 1.6.1 release notes**

*December 12, 2013*

This is Django 1.6.1, a bugfix release for Django 1.6. In addition to the bug fixes listed below, translations submitted since the 1.6 release are also included.
Bug fixes

- Fixed BCryptSHA256PasswordHasher with py-bcrypt and Python 3 (#21398).
- Fixed a regression that prevented a ForeignKey with a hidden reverse manager (related_name ending with ‘+’) from being used as a lookup for prefetch_related (#21410).
- Fixed Queryset.datetimes raising AttributeError in some situations (#21432).
- Fixed ModelBackend raising UnboundLocalError if get_user_model() raised an error (#21439).
- Fixed a regression that prevented editable GenericRelation subclasses from working in ModelForms (#21428).
- Added missing to_python method for ModelMultipleChoiceField which is required in Django 1.6 to properly detect changes from initial values (#21568).
- Fixed django.contrib.humanize translations where the Unicode sequence for the non-breaking space was returned verbatim (#21415).
- Fixed loaddata error when fixture file name contained any dots not related to file extensions (#21457) or when fixture path was relative but located in a subdirectory (#21551).
- Fixed display of inline instances in formsets when parent has 0 for primary key (#21472).
- Fixed a regression where custom querysets for foreign keys were overwritten if ModelAdmin had ordering set (#21405).
- Removed mention of a feature in the --locale/-l option of the makemessages and compilemessages commands that never worked as promised: Support of multiple locale names separated by commas. It’s still possible to specify multiple locales in one run by using the option multiple times (#21488, #17181).
- Fixed a regression that unnecessarily triggered settings configuration when importing get_wsgi_application (#21486).
- Fixed test client logout() method when using the cookie-based session backend (#21448).
- Fixed a crash when a GeometryField uses a non-geometric widget (#21496).
- Fixed password hash upgrade when changing the iteration count (#21535).
- Fixed a bug in the debug view when the URLconf only contains one element (#21530).
- Re-added missing search result count and reset link in changelist admin view (#21510).
- The current language is no longer saved to the session by LocaleMiddleware on every response, but rather only after a logout (#21473).
- Fixed a crash when executing runserver on non-English systems and when the formatted date in its output contained non-ASCII characters (#21358).
- Fixed a crash in the debug view after an exception occurred on Python ≥ 3.3 (#21443).
- Fixed a crash in ImageField on some platforms (Homebrew and RHEL6 reported) (#21555).
- Fixed a regression when using generic relations in ModelAdmin.list_filter (#21431).

Django 1.6 release notes

Note: Dedicated to Malcolm Tredinnick

On March 17, 2013, the Django project and the free software community lost a very dear friend and developer.
Malcolm was a long-time contributor to Django, a model community member, a brilliant mind, and a friend. His contributions to Django — and to many other open source projects — are nearly impossible to enumerate. Many on the core Django team had their first patches reviewed by him; his mentorship enriched us. His consideration, patience, and dedication will always be an inspiration to us.

This release of Django is for Malcolm.

– The Django Developers

November 6, 2013

Welcome to Django 1.6!

These release notes cover the new features, as well as some backwards incompatible changes you’ll want to be aware of when upgrading from Django 1.5 or older versions. We’ve also dropped some features, which are detailed in our deprecation plan, and we’ve begun the deprecation process for some features.

Python compatibility

Django 1.6, like Django 1.5, requires Python 2.6.5 or above. Python 3 is also officially supported. We highly recommend the latest minor release for each supported Python series (2.6.X, 2.7.X, 3.2.X, and 3.3.X).

Django 1.6 will be the final release series to support Python 2.6; beginning with Django 1.7, the minimum supported Python version will be 2.7.

Python 3.4 is not supported, but support will be added in Django 1.7.

What’s new in Django 1.6

Simplified default project and app templates

The default templates used by startproject and startapp have been simplified and modernized. The admin is now enabled by default in new projects; the sites framework no longer is. clickjacking prevention is now on and the database defaults to SQLite.

If the default templates don’t suit your tastes, you can use custom project and app templates.

Improved transaction management

Django’s transaction management was overhauled. Database-level autocommit is now turned on by default. This makes transaction handling more explicit and should improve performance. The existing APIs were deprecated, and new APIs were introduced, as described in the transaction management docs.

Persistent database connections

Django now supports reusing the same database connection for several requests. This avoids the overhead of re-establishing a connection at the beginning of each request. For backwards compatibility, this feature is disabled by default. See Persistent connections for details.
Discovery of tests in any test module

Django 1.6 ships with a new test runner that allows more flexibility in the location of tests. The previous runner (django.test.simple.DjangoTestSuiteRunner) found tests only in the models.py and tests.py modules of a Python package in INSTALLED_APPS.

The new runner (django.test.runner.DiscoverRunner) uses the test discovery features built into unittest2 (the version of unittest in the Python 2.7+ standard library, and bundled with Django). With test discovery, tests can be located in any module whose name matches the pattern test*.py.

In addition, the test labels provided to ./manage.py test to nominate specific tests to run must now be full Python dotted paths (or directory paths), rather than applabel.TestCase.test_method_name pseudo-paths. This allows running tests located anywhere in your codebase, rather than only in INSTALLED_APPS. For more details, see Testing in Django.

This change is backwards-incompatible; see the backwards-incompatibility notes.

Time zone aware aggregation

The support for time zones introduced in Django 1.4 didn’t work well with QuerySet.dates(): aggregation was always performed in UTC. This limitation was lifted in Django 1.6. Use QuerySet.datetimes() to perform time zone aware aggregation on a DateTimeField.

Support for savepoints in SQLite

Django 1.6 adds support for savepoints in SQLite, with some limitations.

BinaryField model field

A new django.db.models.BinaryField model field allows storage of raw binary data in the database.

GeoDjango form widgets

GeoDjango now provides form fields and widgets for its geo-specialized fields. They are OpenLayers-based by default, but they can be customized to use any other JS framework.

check management command added for verifying compatibility

A check management command was added, enabling you to verify if your current configuration (currently oriented at settings) is compatible with the current version of Django.

Model.save() algorithm changed

The Model.save() method now tries to directly UPDATE the database if the instance has a primary key value. Previously SELECT was performed to determine if UPDATE or INSERT were needed. The new algorithm needs only one query for updating an existing row while the old algorithm needed two. See Model.save() for more details.

In some rare cases the database doesn’t report that a matching row was found when doing an UPDATE. An example is the PostgreSQL ON UPDATE trigger which returns NULL. In such cases it is possible to set django.db.models.Options.select_on_save flag to force saving to use the old algorithm.
Minor features

- Authentication backends can raise PermissionDenied to immediately fail the authentication chain.
- The HttpOnly flag can be set on the CSRF cookie with CSRF_COOKIE_HTTPONLY.
- The assertQuerysetEqual() now checks for undefined order and raises ValueError if undefined order is spotted. The order is seen as undefined if the given QuerySet isn’t ordered and there are more than one ordered values to compare against.
- Added earliest() for symmetry with latest().
- In addition to year, month and day, the ORM now supports hour, minute and second lookups.
- Django now wraps all PEP 249 exceptions.
- The default widgets for EmailField, URLField, IntegerField, FloatField and DecimalField use the new type attributes available in HTML5 (type='email', type='url', type='number'). Note that due to erratic support of the number input type with localized numbers in current browsers, Django only uses it when numeric fields are not localized.
- The number argument for lazy plural translations can be provided at translation time rather than at definition time.
- For custom management commands: Verification of the presence of valid settings in commands that ask for it by using the BaseCommand.can_import_settings internal option is now performed independently from handling of the locale that should be active during the execution of the command. The latter can now be influenced by the new BaseCommand.leave_locale_alone internal option. See Management commands and locales for more details.
- The success_url of DeletionMixin is now interpolated with its object’s __dict__.
- HttpResponseRedirect and HttpResponsePermanentRedirect now provide an url attribute (equivalent to the URL the response will redirect to).
- The MemcachedCache cache backend now uses the latest pickle protocol available.
- Added SuccessMessageMixin which provides a success_message attribute for FormView based classes.
- Added the django.db.models.ForeignKey.db_constraint and django.db.models. ManyToManyField.db_constraint options.
- The jQuery library embedded in the admin has been upgraded to version 1.9.1.
- Syndication feeds (django.contrib.syndication) can now pass extra context through to feed templates using a new Feed.get_context_data() callback.
- The admin list columns have a column-<field_name> class in the HTML so the columns header can be styled with CSS, e.g. to set a column width.
- The isolation level can be customized under PostgreSQL.
- The blocktrans template tag now respects TEMPLATE_STRING_IF_INVALID for variables not present in the context, just like other template constructs.
- SimpleLazyObjects will now present more helpful representations in shell debugging situations.
- Generic GeometryField is now editable with the OpenLayers widget in the admin.
- The documentation contains a deployment checklist.
- The diffsettings command gained a --all option.
• `django.forms.fields.Field.__init__` now calls `super()`, allowing field mixins to implement `__init__()` methods that will reliably be called.

• The `validate_max` parameter was added to `BaseFormSet` and `formset_factory()`, and `ModelForm` and inline versions of the same. The behavior of validation for formsets with `max_num` was clarified. The previously undocumented behavior that hardened formsets against memory exhaustion attacks was documented, and the undocumented limit of the higher of 1000 or `max_num` forms was changed so it is always 1000 more than `max_num`.

• Added `BCryptSHA256PasswordHasher` to resolve the password truncation issue with bcrypt.

• Pillow is now the preferred image manipulation library to use with Django. PIL is pending deprecation (support to be removed in Django 1.8). To upgrade, you should first uninstall PIL, then install Pillow.

• `ModelForm` accepts several new `Meta` options.
  – Fields included in the `localized_fields` list will be localized (by setting `localize` on the form field).
  – The `labels`, `help_texts` and `error_messages` options may be used to customize the default fields, see `Overriding the default fields` for details.

• The `choices` argument to model fields now accepts an iterable of iterables instead of requiring an iterable of lists or tuples.

• The reason phrase can be customized in HTTP responses using `reason_phrase`.

• When giving the URL of the next page for `django.contrib.auth.views.logout()`, `django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset()`, `django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset_confirm()`, and `django.contrib.auth.views.password_change()`, you can now pass URL names and they will be resolved.

• The new `dumpdata --pks` option specifies the primary keys of objects to dump. This option can only be used with one model.

• Added `QuerySet` methods `first()` and `last()` which are convenience methods returning the first or last object matching the filters. Returns `None` if there are no objects matching.

• `View` and `RedirectView` now support HTTP PATCH method.

• `GenericForeignKey` now takes an optional `for_concrete_model` argument, which when set to `False` allows the field to reference proxy models. The default is `True` to retain the old behavior.

• The `LocaleMiddleware` now stores the active language in session if it is not present there. This prevents loss of language settings after session flush, e.g. logout.

• `SuspiciousOperation` has been differentiated into a number of subclasses, and each will log to a matching named logger under the `django.security` logging hierarchy. Along with this change, a `handler400` mechanism and default view are used whenever a `SuspiciousOperation` reaches the WSGI handler to return an `HttpResponseBadRequest`.

• The `DoesNotExist` exception now includes a message indicating the name of the attribute used for the lookup.

• The `get_or_create()` method no longer requires at least one keyword argument.

• The `SimpleTestCase` class includes a new assertion helper for testing formset errors: `assertFormsetError()`.

• The list of related fields added to a `QuerySet` by `select_related()` can be cleared using `select_related(None)`.

• The `get_extra()` and `get_max_num()` methods on `InlineModelAdmin` may be overridden to customize the extra and maximum number of inline forms.
• Formsets now have a `total_error_count()` method.

• `ModelForm` fields can now override error messages defined in model fields by using the `error_messages` argument of a Field’s constructor. To take advantage of this new feature with your custom fields, see the updated recommendation for raising a `ValidationError`.

• `ModelAdmin` now preserves filters on the list view after creating, editing or deleting an object. It’s possible to restore the previous behavior of clearing filters by setting the `preserve_filters` attribute to `False`.

• Added `FormMixin.get_prefix` (which returns `FormMixin.prefix` by default) to allow customizing the `prefix` of the form.

• Raw queries (`Manager.raw()` or `cursor.execute()`) can now use the “pyformat” parameter style, where placeholders in the query are given as `%(name)s` and the parameters are passed as a dictionary rather than a list (except on SQLite). This has long been possible (but not officially supported) on MySQL and PostgreSQL, and is now also available on Oracle.

• The default iteration count for the PBKDF2 password hasher has been increased by 20%. This backwards-compatible change will not affect existing passwords or users who have subclassed `django.contrib.auth.hashers.PBKDF2PasswordHasher` to change the default value. Passwords will be upgraded to use the new iteration count as necessary.

### Backwards incompatible changes in 1.6

**Warning:** In addition to the changes outlined in this section, be sure to review the deprecation plan for any features that have been removed. If you haven’t updated your code within the deprecation timeline for a given feature, its removal may appear as a backwards incompatible change.

#### New transaction management model

**Behavior changes**

Database-level autocommit is enabled by default in Django 1.6. While this doesn’t change the general spirit of Django’s transaction management, there are a few backwards-incompatibilities.

**Savepoints and `assertNumQueries`**

The changes in transaction management may result in additional statements to create, release or rollback savepoints. This is more likely to happen with SQLite, since it didn’t support savepoints until this release.

If tests using `assertNumQueries()` fail because of a higher number of queries than expected, check that the extra queries are related to savepoints, and adjust the expected number of queries accordingly.

**Autocommit option for PostgreSQL**

In previous versions, database-level autocommit was only an option for PostgreSQL, and it was disabled by default. This option is now ignored and can be removed.
New test runner

In order to maintain greater consistency with Python’s unittest module, the new test runner (django.test.runner.DiscoverRunner) does not automatically support some types of tests that were supported by the previous runner:

- Tests in models.py and tests/__init__.py files will no longer be found and run. Move them to a file whose name begins with test.
- Doctests will no longer be automatically discovered. To integrate doctests in your test suite, follow the recommendations in the Python documentation.

Django bundles a modified version of the doctest module from the Python standard library (in django.test._doctest) and includes some additional doctest utilities. These utilities are deprecated and will be removed in Django 1.8; doctest suites should be updated to work with the standard library’s doctest module (or converted to unittest-compatible tests).

If you wish to delay updates to your test suite, you can set your TEST_RUNNER setting to django.test.simple.DjangoTestSuiteRunner to fully restore the old test behavior. DjangoTestSuiteRunner is deprecated but will not be removed from Django until version 1.8.

Removal of django.contrib.gis.tests.GeoDjangoTestSuiteRunner GeoDjango custom test runner

This is for developers working on the GeoDjango application itself and related to the item above about changes in the test runners:

The django.contrib.gis.tests.GeoDjangoTestSuiteRunner test runner has been removed and the standalone GeoDjango tests execution setup it implemented isn’t supported anymore. To run the GeoDjango tests simply use the new DiscoverRunner and specify the django.contrib.gis app.

Custom user models in tests

The introduction of the new test runner has also slightly changed the way that test models are imported. As a result, any test that overrides AUTH_USER_MODEL to test behavior with one of Django’s test user models (django.contrib.auth.tests.custom_user.CustomUser and django.contrib.auth.tests.custom_user.ExtensionUser) must now explicitly import the User model in your test module:

```python
from django.contrib.auth.tests.custom_user import CustomUser

@override_settings(AUTH_USER_MODEL='auth.CustomUser')
class CustomUserFeatureTests(TestCase):
    def test_something(self):
        # Test code here ...
```

This import forces the custom user model to be registered. Without this import, the test will be unable to swap in the custom user model, and you will get an error reporting:

```
ImproperlyConfigured: AUTH_USER_MODEL refers to model 'auth.CustomUser' that has not been installed
```
Time zone-aware day, month, and week_day lookups

Django 1.6 introduces time zone support for `day`, `month`, and `week_day` lookups when `USE_TZ` is True. These lookups were previously performed in UTC regardless of the current time zone.

This requires time zone definitions in the database. If you’re using SQLite, you must install `pytz`. If you’re using MySQL, you must install `pytz` and load the time zone tables with `mysql_tzinfo_to_sql`.

Addition of `QuerySet.datetimes()`

When the time zone support added in Django 1.4 was active, `QuerySet.dates()` lookups returned unexpected results, because the aggregation was performed in UTC. To fix this, Django 1.6 introduces a new API, `QuerySet.datetimes()`. This requires a few changes in your code.

`QuerySet.dates()` returns date objects

`QuerySet.dates()` now returns a list of `date`. It used to return a list of `datetime`.
`QuerySet.datetimes()` returns a list of `datetime`.

`QuerySet.dates()` no longer usable on DateTimeField

`QuerySet.dates()` raises an error if it’s used on `DateTimeField` when time zone support is active. Use `QuerySet.datetimes()` instead.

date_hierarchy requires time zone definitions

The `date_hierarchy` feature of the admin now relies on `QuerySet.datetimes()` when it’s used on a `DateTimeField`.

This requires time zone definitions in the database when `USE_TZ` is True. Learn more.

date_list in generic views requires time zone definitions

For the same reason, accessing `date_list` in the context of a date-based generic view requires time zone definitions in the database when the view is based on a `DateTimeField` and `USE_TZ` is True. Learn more.

New lookups may clash with model fields

Django 1.6 introduces `hour`, `minute`, and `second` lookups on `DateTimeField`. If you had model fields called `hour`, `minute`, or `second`, the new lookups will clash with you field names. Append an explicit `exact` lookup if this is an issue.

BooleanField no longer defaults to False

When a `BooleanField` doesn’t have an explicit `default`, the implicit default value is `None`. In previous version of Django, it was `False`, but that didn’t represent accurately the lack of a value.
Code that relies on the default value being `False` may raise an exception when saving new model instances to the database, because `None` isn’t an acceptable value for a `BooleanField`. You should either specify `default=False` in the field definition, or ensure the field is set to `True` or `False` before saving the object.

Translations and comments in templates

Extraction of translations after comments

Extraction of translatable literals from templates with the `makemessages` command now correctly detects i18n constructs when they are located after a `#{}`-type comment on the same line. E.g.:

```
#{ A comment #}#{ trans "This literal was incorrectly ignored. Not anymore" #}
```

Location of translator comments

Comments for translators in templates specified using `#{}` need to be at the end of a line. If they are not, the comments are ignored and `makemessages` will generate a warning. For example:

```
#{ Translators: This is ignored #}#{ trans "Translate me" #}

{{ title }}#{ Translators: Extracted and associated with 'Welcome' below #}

<h1>{% trans "Welcome" %}</h1>
```

Quoting in `reverse()`

When reversing URLs, Django didn’t apply `django.utils.http.urlquote` to arguments before interpolating them in URL patterns. This bug is fixed in Django 1.6. If you worked around this bug by applying URL quoting before passing arguments to `reverse()`, this may result in double-quoting. If this happens, simply remove the URL quoting from your code. You will also have to replace special characters in URLs used in `assertRedirects()` with their encoded versions.

Storage of IP addresses in the comments app

The comments app now uses a `GenericIPAddressField` for storing commenters’ IP addresses, to support comments submitted from IPv6 addresses. Until now, it stored them in an `IPAddressField`, which is only meant to support IPv4. When saving a comment made from an IPv6 address, the address would be silently truncated on MySQL databases, and raise an exception on Oracle. You will need to change the column type in your database to benefit from this change.

For MySQL, execute this query on your project’s database:

```
ALTER TABLE django_comments MODIFY ip_address VARCHAR(39);
```

For Oracle, execute this query:

```
ALTER TABLE DJANGO_COMMENTS MODIFY (ip_address VARCHAR2(39));
```

If you do not apply this change, the behavior is unchanged: on MySQL, IPv6 addresses are silently truncated; on Oracle, an exception is generated. No database change is needed for SQLite or PostgreSQL databases.
Percent literals in `cursor.execute` queries

When you are running raw SQL queries through the `cursor.execute` method, the rule about doubling percent literals (\%) inside the query has been unified. Past behavior depended on the database backend. Now, across all backends, you only need to double literal percent characters if you are also providing replacement parameters. For example:

```python
# No parameters, no percent doubling
cursor.execute("SELECT foo FROM bar WHERE baz = \'30\%\'")

# Parameters passed, non-placeholders have to be doubled
cursor.execute("SELECT foo FROM bar WHERE baz = \'30\%\' and id = %s", [self.id])
```

SQLite users need to check and update such queries.

Help text of model form fields for ManyToManyField fields

HTML rendering of model form fields corresponding to `ManyToManyField` model fields used to get the hard-coded sentence:

> Hold down “Control”, or “Command” on a Mac, to select more than one.

(or its translation to the active locale) imposed as the help legend shown along them if neither `model` nor `form` `help_text` attributes were specified by the user (or this string was appended to any `help_text` that was provided).

Since this happened at the model layer, there was no way to prevent the text from appearing in cases where it wasn’t applicable such as form fields that implement user interactions that don’t involve a keyboard and/or a mouse.

Starting with Django 1.6, as an ad-hoc temporary backward-compatibility provision, the logic to add the “Hold down…” sentence has been moved to the model form field layer and modified to add the text only when the associated widget is `SelectMultiple` or selected subclasses.

The change can affect you in a backward incompatible way if you employ custom model form fields and/or widgets for `ManyToManyField` model fields whose UIs do rely on the automatic provision of the mentioned hard-coded sentence. These form field implementations need to adapt to the new scenario by providing their own handling of the `help_text` attribute.

Applications that use Django `model form` facilities together with Django built-in form `fields` and `widgets` aren’t affected but need to be aware of what’s described in *Munging of help text of model form fields for ManyToManyField fields* below.

QuerySet iteration

The `QuerySet` iteration was changed to immediately convert all fetched rows to `Model` objects. In Django 1.5 and earlier the fetched rows were converted to `Model` objects in chunks of 100.

Existing code will work, but the amount of rows converted to objects might change in certain use cases. Such usages include partially looping over a queryset or any usage which ends up doing `__bool__` or `__contains__`.

Notably most database backends did fetch all the rows in one go already in 1.5.

It is still possible to convert the fetched rows to `Model` objects lazily by using the `iterator()` method.

`BoundField.label_tag` now includes the form’s `label_suffix`

This is consistent with how methods like `Form.as_p` and `Form.as_ul` render labels.
If you manually render `label_tag` in your templates:

```python
{{ form.my_field.label_tag }}: {{ form.my_field }}
```

you’ll want to remove the colon (or whatever other separator you may be using) to avoid duplicating it when upgrading to Django 1.6. The following template in Django 1.6 will render identically to the above template in Django 1.5, except that the colon will appear inside the `<label>` element.

```python
{{ form.my_field.label_tag }} ({{ form.my_field }})
```

will render something like:

```html
<label for="id_my_field">My Field:</label> <input id="id_my_field" type="text" name="my_field" />
```

If you want to keep the current behavior of rendering `label_tag` without the `label_suffix`, instantiate the form `label_suffix=''. You can also customize the `label_suffix` on a per-field basis using the new `label_suffix` parameter on `label_tag()`.

### Admin views `_changelist_filters` GET parameter

To achieve preserving and restoring list view filters, admin views now pass around the `_changelist_filters` GET parameter. It’s important that you account for that change if you have custom admin templates or if your tests rely on the previous URLs. If you want to revert to the original behavior you can set the `preserve_filters` attribute to `False`.

#### `django.contrib.auth` password reset uses base 64 encoding of User PK

Past versions of Django used base 36 encoding of the User primary key in the password reset views and URLs (`django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset_confirm()`). Base 36 encoding is sufficient if the user primary key is an integer, however, with the introduction of custom user models in Django 1.5, that assumption may no longer be true.

`django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset_confirm()` has been modified to take a `uidb64` parameter instead of `uidb36`. If you are reversing this view, for example in a custom `password_reset_email.html` template, be sure to update your code.

A temporary shim for `django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset_confirm()` that will allow password reset links generated prior to Django 1.6 to continue to work has been added to provide backwards compatibility; this will be removed in Django 1.7. Thus, as long as your site has been running Django 1.6 for more than `PASSWORD_RESET_TIMEOUT_DAYS`, this change will have no effect. If not (for example, if you upgrade directly from Django 1.5 to Django 1.7), then any password reset links generated before you upgrade to Django 1.7 or later won’t work after the upgrade.

In addition, if you have any custom password reset URLs, you will need to update them by replacing `uidb36` with `uidb64` and the dash that follows that pattern with a slash. Also add `_\-` to the list of characters that may match the `uidb64` pattern.

For example:

```python
url(r'^reset/(?P<uidb36>[0-9A-Za-z]+)-(\?P<token>.+)/$','django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset_confirm',
    name='password_reset_confirm'),
```

becomes:

```python
url(r'^reset/(?P<uidb64>[0-9A-Za-z]+)-(\?P<token>.+)/$','django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset_confirm',
    name='password_reset_confirm'),
```
You may also want to add the shim to support the old style reset links. Using the example above, you would modify the existing URL by replacing `django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset_confirm` with `django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset_confirm_uidb36` and also remove the `name` argument so it doesn’t conflict with the new URL:

```python
define('^reset/(?P<uidb36>[0-9A-Za-z_\-]+)/(?P<token>.+)/$','
django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset_confirm_uidb36'),
```

You can remove this URL pattern after your app has been deployed with Django 1.6 for `PASSWORD_RESET_TIMEOUT_DAYS`.

### Default session serialization switched to JSON

Historically, `django.contrib.sessions` used `pickle` to serialize session data before storing it in the backend. If you’re using the signed cookie session backend and `SECRET_KEY` is known by an attacker (there isn’t an inherent vulnerability in Django that would cause it to leak), the attacker could insert a string into their session which, when unpickled, executes arbitrary code on the server. The technique for doing so is simple and easily available on the internet. Although the cookie session storage signs the cookie-stored data to prevent tampering, a `SECRET_KEY` leak immediately escalates to a remote code execution vulnerability.

This attack can be mitigated by serializing session data using JSON rather than `pickle`. To facilitate this, Django 1.5.3 introduced a new setting, `SESSION_SERIALIZER`, to customize the session serialization format. For backwards compatibility, this setting defaulted to using `pickle` in Django 1.5.3, but we’ve changed the default to JSON in 1.6. If you upgrade and switch from pickle to JSON, sessions created before the upgrade will be lost. While JSON serialization does not support all Python objects like `pickle` does, we highly recommend using JSON-serialized sessions. Be aware of the following when checking your code to determine if JSON serialization will work for your application:

- JSON requires string keys, so you will likely run into problems if you are using non-string keys in `request.session`.
- Setting session expiration by passing `datetime` values to `set_expiry()` will not work as `datetime` values are not serializable in JSON. You can use integer values instead.

See the [Session serialization documentation](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/1.6/topics/http/sessions/) for more details.

### Object Relational Mapper changes

Django 1.6 contains many changes to the ORM. These changes fall mostly in three categories:

1. Bug fixes (e.g. proper join clauses for generic relations, query combining, join promotion, and join trimming fixes)
2. Preparation for new features. For example the ORM is now internally ready for multicoloumn foreign keys.
3. General cleanup.

These changes can result in some compatibility problems. For example, some queries will now generate different table aliases. This can affect `QuerySet.extra()`. In addition some queries will now produce different results. An example is `exclude(condition)` where the condition is a complex one (referencing multijoins inside `Q objects`). In many cases the affected queries didn’t produce correct results in Django 1.5 but do now. Unfortunately there are also cases that produce different results, but neither Django 1.5 nor 1.6 produce correct results.
Finally, there have been many changes to the ORM internal APIs.

**Miscellaneous**

- The `django.db.models.query.EmptyQuerySet` can't be instantiated any more - it is only usable as a marker class for checking if `none()` has been called: `isinstance(qs.none(), EmptyQuerySet)`
- If your CSS/JavaScript code used to access HTML input widgets by type, you should review it as `type='text'` widgets might be now output as `type='email'`, `type='url'` or `type='number'` depending on their corresponding field type.
- Form field's `error_messages` that contain a placeholder should now always use a named placeholder ("Value '%(value)s' is too big" instead of "Value '%s' is too big"). See the corresponding field documentation for details about the names of the placeholders. The changes in 1.6 particularly affect `DecimalField` and `ModelMultipleChoiceField`.
- Some `error_messages` for `IntegerField`, `EmailField`, `IPAddressField`, `GenericIPAddressField`, and `SlugField` have been suppressed because they duplicated error messages already provided by validators tied to the fields.
- Due to a change in the form validation workflow, `TypedChoiceField` `coerce` method should always return a value present in the `choices` field attribute. That limitation should be lift again in Django 1.7.
- There have been changes in the way timeouts are handled in cache backends. Explicitly passing in `timeout=None` no longer results in using the default timeout. It will now set a non-expiring timeout. Passing 0 into the memcache backend no longer uses the default timeout, and now will set-and-expire-immediately the value.
- The `django.contrib.flatpages` app used to set custom HTTP headers for debugging purposes. This functionality was not documented and made caching ineffective so it has been removed, along with its generic implementation, previously available in `django.core.xheaders`.
- The `XViewMiddleware` has been moved from `django.middleware.doc` to `django.contrib.admindocs.middleware` because it is an implementation detail of admindocs, proven not to be reusable in general.
- `GenericIPAddressField` will now only allow `blank` values if `null` values are also allowed. Creating a `GenericIPAddressField` where `blank` is allowed but `null` is not will not trigger a model validation error because `blank` values are always stored as `null`. Previously, storing a `blank` value in a field which did not allow `null` would cause a database exception at runtime.
- If a `NoReverseMatch` exception is raised from a method when rendering a template, it is not silenced. For example, `{% obj.view_href %}` will cause template rendering to fail if `view_href()` raises `NoReverseMatch`. There is no change to the `{% url %}` tag, it causes template rendering to fail like always when `NoReverseMatch` is raised.
- `django.test.Client.logout()` now calls `django.contrib.auth.logout()` which will send the `user_logged_out()` signal.
- Authentication views are now reversed by name, not their locations in `django.contrib.auth.views`. If you are using the views without a name, you should update your `urlpatterns` to use `django.conf.urls.url()` with the name parameter. For example:

```python
url(r'^reset/done/$', 'django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset_complete', name='password_reset_complete')
```

becomes:

```python
url(r'^reset/done/$', 'django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset_complete', name='password_reset_complete')
```
• RedirectView now has a pattern_name attribute which allows it to choose the target by reversing the URL.

• In Django 1.4 and 1.5, a blank string was unintentionally not considered to be a valid password. This meant set_password() would save a blank password as an unusable password like set_unusable_password() does, and thus check_password() always returned False for blank passwords. This has been corrected in this release: blank passwords are now valid.

• The admin changelist_view previously accepted a pop GET parameter to signify it was to be displayed in a popup. This parameter has been renamed to _popup to be consistent with the rest of the admin views. You should update your custom templates if they use the previous parameter name.

• validate_email() now accepts email addresses with localhost as the domain.

• The new makemessages --keep-pot option prevents deleting the temporary .pot file generated before creating the .po file.

• The undocumented django.core.servers.basehttp.WSGIServerException has been removed. Use socket.error provided by the standard library instead. This change was also released in Django 1.5.5.

• The signature of django.views.generic.base.RedirectView.get_redirect_url() has changed and now accepts positional arguments as well (*args, **kwargs). Any unnamed captured group will now be passed to get_redirect_url() which may result in a TypeError if you don’t update the signature of your custom method.

Features deprecated in 1.6

Transaction management APIs

Transaction management was completely overhauled in Django 1.6, and the current APIs are deprecated:

• django.middleware.transaction.TransactionMiddleware
• django.db.transaction.autocommit
• django.db.transaction.commit_on_success
• django.db.transaction.commit_manually
• the TRANSACTIONS_MANAGED setting

django.contrib.comments

Django’s comment framework has been deprecated and is no longer supported. It will be available in Django 1.6 and 1.7, and removed in Django 1.8. Most users will be better served with a custom solution, or a hosted product like Disqus.

The code formerly known as django.contrib.comments is still available in an external repository.

Support for PostgreSQL versions older than 8.4

The end of upstream support periods was reached in December 2011 for PostgreSQL 8.2 and in February 2013 for 8.3. As a consequence, Django 1.6 sets 8.4 as the minimum PostgreSQL version it officially supports.

You’re strongly encouraged to use the most recent version of PostgreSQL available, because of performance improvements and to take advantage of the native streaming replication available in PostgreSQL 9.x.
Changes to `cycle` and `firstof`

The template system generally escapes all variables to avoid XSS attacks. However, due to an accident of history, the `cycle` and `firstof` tags render their arguments as-is.

Django 1.6 starts a process to correct this inconsistency. The `future` template library provides alternate implementations of `cycle` and `firstof` that autoescape their inputs. If you’re using these tags, you’re encouraged to include the following line at the top of your templates to enable the new behavior:

```
{% load cycle from future %}
```

or:

```
{% load firstof from future %}
```

The tags implementing the old behavior have been deprecated, and in Django 1.8, the old behavior will be replaced with the new behavior. To ensure compatibility with future versions of Django, existing templates should be modified to use the `future` versions.

If necessary, you can temporarily disable auto-escaping with `mark_safe()` or `{% autoescape off %}`.

**CACHE_MIDDLEWARE_ANONYMOUS_ONLY setting**

`CacheMiddleware` and `UpdateCacheMiddleware` used to provide a way to cache requests only if they weren’t made by a logged-in user. This mechanism was largely ineffective because the middleware correctly takes into account the `Vary: Cookie` HTTP header, and this header is being set on a variety of occasions, such as:

- accessing the session, or
- using CSRF protection, which is turned on by default, or
- using a client-side library which sets cookies, like Google Analytics.

This makes the cache effectively work on a per-session basis regardless of the `CACHE_MIDDLEWARE_ANONYMOUS_ONLY` setting.

**SEND_BROKEN_LINK_EMAILS setting**

`CommonMiddleware` used to provide basic reporting of broken links by email when `SEND_BROKEN_LINK_EMAILS` is set to `True`.

Because of intractable ordering problems between `CommonMiddleware` and `LocaleMiddleware`, this feature was split out into a new middleware: `BrokenLinkEmailsMiddleware`.

If you’re relying on this feature, you should add `'django.middleware.common.BrokenLinkEmailsMiddleware'` to your `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES` setting and remove `SEND_BROKEN_LINK_EMAILS` from your settings.

**_has_changed method on widgets**

If you defined your own form widgets and defined the `_has_changed` method on a widget, you should now define this method on the form field itself.
**module_name model_meta attribute**

Model._meta.module_name was renamed to model_name. Despite being a private API, it will go through a regular deprecation path.

**get_(add|change|delete)_permission model_meta methods**

Model._meta.get_(add|change|delete)_permission methods were deprecated. Even if they were not part of the public API they’ll also go through a regular deprecation path. You can replace them with django.contrib.auth.get_permission_codename('action', Model._meta) where 'action' is 'add', 'change', or 'delete'.

**get_query_set and similar methods renamed to get_queryset**

Methods that return a QuerySet such as Manager.get_query_set or ModelAdmin.queryset have been renamed to get_queryset.

If you are writing a library that implements, for example, a Manager.get_query_set method, and you need to support old Django versions, you should rename the method and conditionally add an alias with the old name:

```python
class CustomManager(models.Manager):
    def get_queryset(self):
        pass  # ...

    if django.VERSION < (1, 6):
        get_query_set = get_queryset

    # For Django >= 1.6, models.Manager provides a get_query_set fallback
    # that emits a warning when used.
```

If you are writing a library that needs to call the get_queryset method and must support old Django versions, you should write:

```python
get_queryset = (some_manager.get_query_set
    if hasattr(some_manager, 'get_query_set')
    else some_manager.get_queryset)
return get_queryset() # etc
```

In the general case of a custom manager that both implements its own get_queryset method and calls that method, and needs to work with older Django versions, and libraries that have not been updated yet, it is useful to define a get_queryset_compat method as below and use it internally to your manager:

```python
class YourCustomManager(models.Manager):
    def get_queryset(self):
        return YourCustomQuerySet() # for example

    if django.VERSION < (1, 6):
        get_query_set = get_queryset

    def active(self): # for example
        return self.get_queryset_compat().filter(active=True)

    def get_queryset_compat(self):
        get_queryset = (self.get_query_set
```

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This helps to minimize the changes that are needed, but also works correctly in the case of subclasses (such as `RelatedManagers` from Django 1.5) which might override either `get_query_set` or `get_queryset`.

**shortcut view and URLconf**

The **shortcut view** was moved from `django.views.defaults` to `django.contrib.contenttypes.views` shortly after the 1.0 release, but the old location was never deprecated. This oversight was corrected in Django 1.6 and you should now use the new location.

The **URLconf `django.conf.urls.shortcut`** was also deprecated. If you're including it in an URLconf, simply replace:

```python
(r'^prefix/', include('django.conf.urls.shortcut')),
```

with:

```python
(r'^prefix/(?P<content_type_id>\d+)/(?P<object_id>.*)/$', 'django.contrib.contenttypes.views.shortcut'),
```

**ModelForm without fields or exclude**

Previously, if you wanted a `ModelForm` to use all fields on the model, you could simply omit the `Meta.fields` attribute, and all fields would be used.

This can lead to security problems where fields are added to the model and, unintentionally, automatically become editable by end users. In some cases, particular with boolean fields, it is possible for this problem to be completely invisible. This is a form of Mass assignment vulnerability.

For this reason, this behavior is deprecated, and using the `Meta.exclude` option is strongly discouraged. Instead, all fields that are intended for inclusion in the form should be listed explicitly in the `fields` attribute.

If this security concern really does not apply in your case, there is a shortcut to explicitly indicate that all fields should be used - use the special value `"__all__"` for the fields attribute:

```python
class MyModelForm(ModelForm):
    class Meta:
        fields = "__all__"
        model = MyModel
```

If you have custom `ModelForms` that only need to be used in the admin, there is another option. The admin has its own methods for defining fields (fieldsets etc.), and so adding a list of fields to the `ModelForm` is redundant. Instead, simply omit the `Meta` inner class of the `ModelForm`, or omit the `Meta.model` attribute. Since the `ModelAdmin` subclass knows which model it is for, it can add the necessary attributes to derive a functioning `ModelForm`. This behavior also works for earlier Django versions.

**UpdateView and CreateView without explicit fields**

The generic views `CreateView` and `UpdateView`, and anything else derived from `ModelFormMixin`, are vulnerable to the security problem described in the section above, because they can automatically create a `ModelForm`
that uses all fields for a model.

For this reason, if you use these views for editing models, you must also supply the `fields` attribute (new in Django 1.6), which is a list of model fields and works in the same way as the `ModelForm Meta.fields` attribute. Alternatively, you can set the `form_class` attribute to a `ModelForm` that explicitly defines the fields to be used. Defining an `UpdateView` or `CreateView` subclass to be used with a model but without an explicit list of fields is deprecated.

**Munging of help text of model form fields for ManyToManyField fields**

All special handling of the `help_text` attribute of `ManyToManyField` model fields performed by standard model or model form fields as described in Help text of model form fields for ManyToManyField fields above is deprecated and will be removed in Django 1.8.

Help text of these fields will need to be handled either by applications, custom form fields or widgets, just like happens with the rest of the model field types.

### 9.1.12 1.5 release

**Django 1.5.12 release notes**

*January 2, 2015*

Django 1.5.12 fixes a regression in the 1.5.9 security release.

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed a regression with dynamically generated inlines and allowed field references in the admin (#23754).

**Django 1.5.11 release notes**

*October 22, 2014*

Django 1.5.11 fixes a couple regressions in the 1.5.9 security release.

**Bugfixes**

- Allowed related many-to-many fields to be referenced in the admin (#23604).
- Allowed inline and hidden references to admin fields (#23431).

**Django 1.5.10 release notes**

*September 2, 2014*

Django 1.5.10 fixes a regression in the 1.5.9 security release.

**Bugfixes**

- Allowed inherited and m2m fields to be referenced in the admin (#22486)
Django 1.5.9 release notes

August 20, 2014

Django 1.5.9 fixes several security issues in 1.5.8.

reverse() could generate URLs pointing to other hosts

In certain situations, URL reversing could generate scheme-relative URLs (URLs starting with two slashes), which could unexpectedly redirect a user to a different host. An attacker could exploit this, for example, by redirecting users to a phishing site designed to ask for user’s passwords.

To remedy this, URL reversing now ensures that no URL starts with two slashes (/!), replacing the second slash with its URL encoded counterpart (%2F). This approach ensures that semantics stay the same, while making the URL relative to the domain and not to the scheme.

File upload denial-of-service

Before this release, Django’s file upload handing in its default configuration may degrade to producing a huge number of os.stat() system calls when a duplicate filename is uploaded. Since stat() may invoke IO, this may produce a huge data-dependent slowdown that slowly worsens over time. The net result is that given enough time, a user with the ability to upload files can cause poor performance in the upload handler, eventually causing it to become very slow simply by uploading 0-byte files. At this point, even a slow network connection and few HTTP requests would be all that is necessary to make a site unavailable.

We’ve remedied the issue by changing the algorithm for generating file names if a file with the uploaded name already exists. Storage.get_available_name() now appends an underscore plus a random 7 character alphanumeric string (e.g. "_x3aigho"), rather than iterating through an underscore followed by a number (e.g. "_1", "_2", etc.).

RemoteUserMiddleware session hijacking

When using the RemoteUserMiddleware and the RemoteUserBackend, a change to the REMOTE_USER header between requests without an intervening logout could result in the prior user’s session being co-opted by the subsequent user. The middleware now logs the user out on a failed login attempt.

Data leakage via query string manipulation in contrib.admin

In older versions of Django it was possible to reveal any field’s data by modifying the “popup” and “to_field” parameters of the query string on an admin change form page. For example, requesting a URL like /admin/auth/user/?pop=1&t=password and viewing the page’s HTML allowed viewing the password hash of each user. While the admin requires users to have permissions to view the change form pages in the first place, this could leak data if you rely on users having access to view only certain fields on a model.

To address the issue, an exception will now be raised if a to_field value that isn’t a related field to a model that has been registered with the admin is specified.

Django 1.5.8 release notes

May 14, 2014

Django 1.5.8 fixes two security issues in 1.5.8.
Caches may incorrectly be allowed to store and serve private data

In certain situations, Django may allow caches to store private data related to a particular session and then serve that data to requests with a different session, or no session at all. This can lead to information disclosure and can be a vector for cache poisoning.

When using Django sessions, Django will set a `Vary: Cookie` header to ensure caches do not serve cached data to requests from other sessions. However, older versions of Internet Explorer (most likely only Internet Explorer 6, and Internet Explorer 7 if run on Windows XP or Windows Server 2003) are unable to handle the `Vary` header in combination with many content types. Therefore, Django would remove the header if the request was made by Internet Explorer.

To remedy this, the special behavior for these older Internet Explorer versions has been removed, and the `Vary` header is no longer stripped from the response. In addition, modifications to the `Cache-Control` header for all Internet Explorer requests with a `Content-Disposition` header have also been removed as they were found to have similar issues.

Malformed redirect URLs from user input not correctly validated

The validation for redirects did not correctly validate some malformed URLs, which are accepted by some browsers. This allows a user to be redirected to an unsafe URL unexpectedly.

Django relies on user input in some cases (e.g. `django.contrib.auth.views.login()`, `django.contrib.comments`, and `i18n`) to redirect the user to an “on success” URL. The security checks for these redirects (namely `django.utils.http.is_safe_url()`) did not correctly validate some malformed URLs, such as `http:\\\djangoproject.com`, which are accepted by some browsers with more liberal URL parsing.

To remedy this, the validation in `is_safe_url()` has been tightened to be able to handle and correctly validate these malformed URLs.

Django 1.5.7 release notes

April 28, 2014

Django 1.5.7 fixes a regression in the 1.5.6 security release.

Bugfixes

- Restored the ability to `reverse()` views created using `functools.partial()` (#22486).

Django 1.5.6 release notes

April 21, 2014

Django 1.5.6 fixes several bugs in 1.5.5, including three security issues.

Unexpected code execution using `reverse()`

Django’s URL handling is based on a mapping of regex patterns (representing the URLs) to callable views, and Django’s own processing consists of matching a requested URL against those patterns to determine the appropriate view to invoke.
Django also provides a convenience function — `reverse()` — which performs this process in the opposite direction. The `reverse()` function takes information about a view and returns a URL which would invoke that view. Use of `reverse()` is encouraged for application developers, as the output of `reverse()` is always based on the current URL patterns, meaning developers do not need to change other code when making changes to URLs.

One argument signature for `reverse()` is to pass a dotted Python path to the desired view. In this situation, Django will import the module indicated by that dotted path as part of generating the resulting URL. If such a module has import-time side effects, those side effects will occur.

Thus it is possible for an attacker to cause unexpected code execution, given the following conditions:

1. One or more views are present which construct a URL based on user input (commonly, a “next” parameter in a querystring indicating where to redirect upon successful completion of an action).
2. One or more modules are known to an attacker to exist on the server’s Python import path, which perform code execution with side effects on importing.

To remedy this, `reverse()` will now only accept and import dotted paths based on the view-containing modules listed in the project’s URL pattern configuration, so as to ensure that only modules the developer intended to be imported in this fashion can or will be imported.

### Caching of anonymous pages could reveal CSRF token

Django includes both a caching framework and a system for preventing cross-site request forgery (CSRF) attacks. The CSRF-protection system is based on a random nonce sent to the client in a cookie which must be sent by the client on future requests and, in forms, a hidden value which must be submitted back with the form.

The caching framework includes an option to cache responses to anonymous (i.e., unauthenticated) clients.

When the first anonymous request to a given page is by a client which did not have a CSRF cookie, the cache framework will also cache the CSRF cookie and serve the same nonce to other anonymous clients who do not have a CSRF cookie. This can allow an attacker to obtain a valid CSRF cookie value and perform attacks which bypass the check for the cookie.

To remedy this, the caching framework will no longer cache such responses. The heuristic for this will be:

1. If the incoming request did not submit any cookies, and
2. If the response did send one or more cookies, and
3. If the `Vary: Cookie` header is set on the response, then the response will not be cached.

### MySQL typecasting

The MySQL database is known to “typecast” on certain queries; for example, when querying a table which contains string values, but using a query which filters based on an integer value, MySQL will first silently coerce the strings to integers and return a result based on that.

If a query is performed without first converting values to the appropriate type, this can produce unexpected results, similar to what would occur if the query itself had been manipulated.

Django’s model field classes are aware of their own types and most such classes perform explicit conversion of query arguments to the correct database-level type before querying. However, three model field classes did not correctly convert their arguments:

- `FilePathField`
- `GenericIPAddressField`
- `IPAddressField`
These three fields have been updated to convert their arguments to the correct types before querying.

Additionally, developers of custom model fields are now warned via documentation to ensure their custom field classes will perform appropriate type conversions, and users of the `raw()` and `extra()` query methods – which allow the developer to supply raw SQL or SQL fragments – will be advised to ensure they perform appropriate manual type conversions prior to executing queries.

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed `ModelBackend` raising `UnboundLocalError` if `get_user_model()` raised an error (#21439).

Additionally, Django’s vendored version of six, `django.utils.six`, has been upgraded to the latest release (1.6.1).

**Django 1.5.5 release notes**

*October 23, 2013*

Django 1.5.5 fixes a couple security-related bugs and several other bugs in the 1.5 series.

**Readdressed denial-of-service via password hashers**

Django 1.5.4 imposes a 4096-byte limit on passwords in order to mitigate a denial-of-service attack through submission of bogus but extremely large passwords. In Django 1.5.5, we’ve reverted this change and instead improved the speed of our PBKDF2 algorithm by not rehashing the key on every iteration.

**Properly rotate CSRF token on login**

This behavior introduced as a security hardening measure in Django 1.5.2 did not work properly and is now fixed.

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed a data corruption bug with `datetime_safe.datetime.combine` (#21256).
- Fixed a Python 3 incompatibility in `django.utils.text.unescape_entities()` (#21185).
- Fixed a couple data corruption issues with `QuerySet` edge cases under Oracle and MySQL (#21203, #21126).
- Fixed crashes when using combinations of `annotate()`, `select_related()`, and `only()` (#16436).

**Backwards incompatible changes**

- The undocumented `django.core.servers.basehttp.WSGIServerException` has been removed. Use `socket.error` provided by the standard library instead.

**Django 1.5.4 release notes**

*September 14, 2013*

This is Django 1.5.4, the fourth release in the Django 1.5 series. It addresses two security issues and one bug.

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Denial-of-service via password hashers

In previous versions of Django, no limit was imposed on the plaintext length of a password. This allowed a denial-of-service attack through submission of bogus but extremely large passwords, tying up server resources performing the (expensive, and increasingly expensive with the length of the password) calculation of the corresponding hash.

As of 1.5.4, Django’s authentication framework imposes a 4096-byte limit on passwords, and will fail authentication with any submitted password of greater length.

Corrected usage of sensitive_post_parameters() in django.contrib.auth’s admin

The decoration of the add_view and user_change_password user admin views with sensitive_post_parameters() did not include method_decorator() (required since the views are methods) resulting in the decorator not being properly applied. This usage has been fixed and sensitive_post_parameters() will now throw an exception if it’s improperly used.

Bugfixes

• Fixed a bug that prevented a QuerySet that uses prefetch_related() from being pickled and unpickled more than once (the second pickling attempt raised an exception) (#21102).

Django 1.5.3 release notes

September 10, 2013

This is Django 1.5.3, the third release in the Django 1.5 series. It addresses one security issue and also contains an opt-in feature to enhance the security of django.contrib.sessions.

Directory traversal vulnerability in ssi template tag

In previous versions of Django it was possible to bypass the ALLOWED_INCLUDE_ROOTS setting used for security with the ssi template tag by specifying a relative path that starts with one of the allowed roots. For example, if ALLOWED_INCLUDE_ROOTS = ("/var/www",) the following would be possible:

{% ssi "/var/www/.../etc/passwd" %}

In practice this is not a very common problem, as it would require the template author to put the ssi file in a user-controlled variable, but it’s possible in principle.

Mitigating a remote-code execution vulnerability in django.contrib.sessions

django.contrib.sessions currently uses pickle to serialize session data before storing it in the backend. If you’re using the signed cookie session backend and SECRET_KEY is known by an attacker (there isn’t an inherent vulnerability in Django that would cause it to leak), the attacker could insert a string into their session which, when unpickled, executes arbitrary code on the server. The technique for doing so is simple and easily available on the internet. Although the cookie session storage signs the cookie-stored data to prevent tampering, a SECRET_KEY leak immediately escalates to a remote code execution vulnerability.

This attack can be mitigated by serializing session data using JSON rather than pickle. To facilitate this, Django 1.5.3 introduces a new setting, SESSION_SERIALIZER, to customize the session serialization format. For backwards compatibility, this setting defaults to using pickle. While JSON serialization does not support all Python
objects like pickle does, we highly recommend switching to JSON-serialized values. Also, as JSON requires string keys, you will likely run into problems if you are using non-string keys in request.session. See the Session serialization documentation for more details.

**Django 1.5.2 release notes**

*August 13, 2013*

This is Django 1.5.2, a bugfix and security release for Django 1.5.

**Mitigated possible XSS attack via user-supplied redirect URLs**

Django relies on user input in some cases (e.g. `django.contrib.auth.views.login()`, `django.contrib.comments`, and `i18n`) to redirect the user to an “on success” URL. The security checks for these redirects (namely `django.utils.http.is_safe_url()`) didn’t check if the scheme is `http(s)` and as such allowed `javascript:`... URLs to be entered. If a developer relied on `is_safe_url()` to provide safe redirect targets and put such a URL into a link, they could suffer from a XSS attack. This bug doesn’t affect Django currently, since we only put this URL into the Location response header and browsers seem to ignore JavaScript there.

**XSS vulnerability in django.contrib.admin**

If a URLField is used in Django 1.5, it displays the current value of the field and a link to the target on the admin change page. The display routine of this widget was flawed and allowed for XSS.

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed a crash with `prefetch_related()` (#19607) as well as some pickle regressions with `prefetch_related(#20157 and #20257).
- Fixed a regression in `django.contrib.gis` in the Google Map output on Python 3 (#20773).
- Made `DjangoTestSuiteRunner.setup_databases` properly handle aliases for the default database (#19940) and prevented `teardown_databases` from attempting to tear down aliases (#20681).
- Fixed the `django.core.cache.backends.memcached.MemcachedCache` backend’s `get_many()` method on Python 3 (#20722).
- Fixed `django.contrib.humanize` translation syntax errors. Affected languages: Mexican Spanish, Mongolian, Romanian, Turkish (#20695).
- Added support for wheel packages (#19252).
- The CSRF token now rotates when a user logs in.
- Some Python 3 compatibility fixes including #20212 and #20025.
- Fixed some rare cases where `get()` exceptions recursed infinitely (#20278).
- `makemessages` no longer crashes with `UnicodeDecodeError` (#20354).
- Fixed `geojson` detection with SpatiaLite.
- `assertContains()` once again works with binary content (#20237).
- Fixed `ManyToManyField` if it has a Unicode name parameter (#20207).
• Ensured that the WSGI request’s path is correctly based on the `SCRIPT_NAME` environment variable or the `FORCE_SCRIPT_NAME` setting, regardless of whether or not either has a trailing slash (#20169).

• Fixed an obscure bug with the `override_settings()` decorator. If you hit an `AttributeError: 'Settings' object has no attribute '_original_allowed_hosts'` exception, it’s probably fixed (#20636).

Django 1.5.1 release notes

March 28, 2013

This is Django 1.5.1, a bugfix release for Django 1.5. It’s completely backwards compatible with Django 1.5, but includes a handful of fixes.

The biggest fix is for a memory leak introduced in Django 1.5. Under certain circumstances, repeated iteration over querysets could leak memory - sometimes quite a bit of it. If you’d like more information, the details are in our ticket tracker (and in a related issue in Python itself).

If you’ve noticed memory problems under Django 1.5, upgrading to 1.5.1 should fix those issues.

Django 1.5.1 also includes a couple smaller fixes:

• Module-level warnings emitted during tests are no longer silently hidden (#18985).

• Prevented filtering on password hashes in the user admin (#20078).

Django 1.5 release notes

February 26, 2013

Welcome to Django 1.5!

These release notes cover the new features, as well as some backwards incompatible changes you’ll want to be aware of when upgrading from Django 1.4 or older versions. We’ve also dropped some features, which are detailed in our deprecation plan, and we’ve begun the deprecation process for some features.

Overview

The biggest new feature in Django 1.5 is the configurable User model. Before Django 1.5, applications that wanted to use Django’s auth framework (`django.contrib.auth`) were forced to use Django’s definition of a “user”. In Django 1.5, you can now swap out the User model for one that you write yourself. This could be a simple extension to the existing User model – for example, you could add a Twitter or Facebook ID field – or you could completely replace the User with one totally customized for your site.

Django 1.5 is also the first release with Python 3 support! We’re labeling this support “experimental” because we don’t yet consider it production-ready, but everything’s in place for you to start porting your apps to Python 3. Our next release, Django 1.6, will support Python 3 without reservations.

Other notable new features in Django 1.5 include:

• **Support for saving a subset of model’s fields** - `Model.save()` now accepts an `update_fields` argument, letting you specify which fields are written back to the database when you call `save()`. This can help in high-concurrency operations, and can improve performance.

• **Better support for streaming responses** via the new `StreamingHttpResponse` response class.

• **GeoDjango** now supports PostGIS 2.0.

• … and more; see below.
Wherever possible we try to introduce new features in a backwards-compatible manner per our API stability policy. However, as with previous releases, Django 1.5 ships with some minor backwards incompatible changes; people upgrading from previous versions of Django should read that list carefully.

One deprecated feature worth noting is the shift to “new-style” url tag. Prior to Django 1.3, syntax like `{% url myview %}` was interpreted incorrectly (Django considered “myview” to be a literal name of a view, not a template variable named `myview`). Django 1.3 and above introduced the `{% load url from future %}` syntax to bring in the corrected behavior where `myview` was seen as a variable.

The upshot of this is that if you are not using `{% load url from future %}` in your templates, you’ll need to change tags like `{% url myview %}` to `{% url "myview" %}`. If you were using `{% load url from future %}` you can simply remove that line under Django 1.5

**Python compatibility**

Django 1.5 requires Python 2.6.5 or above, though we highly recommend Python 2.7.3 or above. Support for Python 2.5 and below has been dropped.

This change should affect only a small number of Django users, as most operating-system vendors today are shipping Python 2.6 or newer as their default version. If you’re still using Python 2.5, however, you’ll need to stick to Django 1.4 until you can upgrade your Python version. Per our support policy, Django 1.4 will continue to receive security support until the release of Django 1.6.

Django 1.5 does not run on a Jython final release, because Jython’s latest release doesn’t currently support Python 2.6. However, Jython currently does offer an alpha release featuring 2.7 support, and Django 1.5 supports that alpha release.

**Python 3 support**

Django 1.5 introduces support for Python 3 - specifically, Python 3.2 and above. This comes in the form of a single codebase; you don’t need to install a different version of Django on Python 3. This means that you can write applications targeted for just Python 2, just Python 3, or single applications that support both platforms.

However, we’re labeling this support “experimental” for now: although it’s received extensive testing via our automated test suite, it’s received very little real-world testing. We’ve done our best to eliminate bugs, but we can’t be sure we covered all possible uses of Django.

Some features of Django aren’t available because they depend on third-party software that hasn’t been ported to Python 3 yet, including:

- the MySQL database backend (depends on MySQLdb)
- ImageField (depends on PIL)
- LiveServerTestCase (depends on Selenium WebDriver)

Further, Django’s more than a web framework; it’s an ecosystem of pluggable components. At this point, very few third-party applications have been ported to Python 3, so it’s unlikely that a real-world application will have all its dependencies satisfied under Python 3.

Thus, we’re recommending that Django 1.5 not be used in production under Python 3. Instead, use this opportunity to begin porting applications to Python 3. If you’re an author of a pluggable component, we encourage you to start porting now.

We plan to offer first-class, production-ready support for Python 3 in our next release, Django 1.6.
**What’s new in Django 1.5**

**Configurable User model**

In Django 1.5, you can now use your own model as the store for user-related data. If your project needs a username with more than 30 characters, or if you want to store user’s names in a format other than first name/last name, or you want to put custom profile information onto your User object, you can now do so.

If you have a third-party reusable application that references the User model, you may need to make some changes to the way you reference User instances. You should also document any specific features of the User model that your application relies upon.

See the documentation on custom user models for more details.

**Support for saving a subset of model’s fields**

The method `Model.save()` has a new keyword argument `update_fields`. By using this argument it is possible to save only a select list of model’s fields. This can be useful for performance reasons or when trying to avoid overwriting concurrent changes.

Deferred instances (those loaded by `.only()` or `.defer()`) will automatically save just the loaded fields. If any field is set manually after load, that field will also get updated on save.

See the `Model.save()` documentation for more details.

**Caching of related model instances**

When traversing relations, the ORM will avoid re-fetching objects that were previously loaded. For example, with the tutorial’s models:

```python
>>> first_poll = Poll.objects.all()[0]
>>> first_choice = first_poll.choice_set.all()[0]
>>> first_choice.poll is first_poll
True
```

In Django 1.5, the third line no longer triggers a new SQL query to fetch `first_choice.poll`; it was set by the second line.

For one-to-one relationships, both sides can be cached. For many-to-one relationships, only the single side of the relationship can be cached. This is particularly helpful in combination with `prefetch_related`.

**Explicit support for streaming responses**

Before Django 1.5, it was possible to create a streaming response by passing an iterator to `HttpResponse`. But this was unreliable: any middleware that accessed the `content` attribute would consume the iterator prematurely.

You can now explicitly generate a streaming response with the new `StreamingHttpResponse` class. This class exposes a `streaming_content` attribute which is an iterator.

Since `StreamingHttpResponse` does not have a `content` attribute, middleware that needs access to the response content must test for streaming responses and behave accordingly.
{% verbatim %}template tag{% endverbatim %}

To make it easier to deal with JavaScript templates which collide with Django’s syntax, you can now use the `verbatim` block tag to avoid parsing the tag’s content.

Retrieval of `ContentType` instances associated with proxy models

The methods `ContentTypeManager.get_for_model()` and `ContentTypeManager.get_for_models()` have a new keyword argument – respectively for `concrete_model` and `concrete_models`. By passing `False` using this argument it is now possible to retrieve the `ContentType` associated with proxy models.

New view variable in class-based views context

In all `generic class-based views` (or any class-based view inheriting from `ContextMixin`), the context dictionary contains a `view` variable that points to the `View` instance.

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- `LineString` and `MultiLineString` GEOS objects now support the `interpolate()` and `project()` methods (so-called linear referencing).
- The `wkb` and `hex` properties of `GEOSGeometry` objects preserve the Z dimension.
- Support for PostGIS 2.0 has been added and support for GDAL < 1.5 has been dropped.

New tutorials

Additions to the docs include a revamped `Tutorial 3` and a new `tutorial on testing`. A new section, “Advanced Tutorials”, offers `How to write reusable apps` as well as a step-by-step guide for new contributors in `Writing your first patch for Django`.

Minor features

Django 1.5 also includes several smaller improvements worth noting:

- The template engine now interprets `True`, `False` and `None` as the corresponding Python objects.
- `django.utils.timezone` provides a helper for converting aware datetimes between time zones. See `localtime()`.
- The generic views support OPTIONS requests.
- Management commands do not raise `SystemExit` any more when called by code from `call_command()`. Any exception raised by the command (mostly `CommandError`) is propagated.
  Moreover, when you output errors or messages in your custom commands, you should now use `self.stdout.write('message')` and `self.stderr.write('error')` (see the note on `management commands output`).
- The `dumpdata` management command outputs one row at a time, preventing out-of-memory errors when dumping large datasets.
• In the local flavor for Canada, “pq” was added to the acceptable codes for Quebec. It’s an old abbreviation.
• The receiver decorator is now able to connect to more than one signal by supplying a list of signals.
• In the admin, you can now filter users by groups which they are members of.
• `QuerySet.bulk_create()` now has a batch_size argument. By default the batch_size is unlimited except for SQLite where single batch is limited so that 999 parameters per query isn’t exceeded.
• The `LOGIN_URL` and `LOGIN_REDIRECT_URL` settings now also accept view function names and named URL patterns. This allows you to reduce configuration duplication. More information can be found in the `login_required()` documentation.
• Django now provides a mod_wsgi auth handler.
• The `QuerySet.delete()` and `Model.delete()` can now take fast-path in some cases. The fast-path allows for less queries and less objects fetched into memory. See `QuerySet.delete()` for details.
• An instance of `ResolverMatch` is stored on the request as `resolver_match`.
• By default, all logging messages reaching the `django` logger when `DEBUG` is `True` are sent to the console (unless you redefine the logger in your `LOGGING` setting).
• When using `RequestContext`, it is now possible to look up permissions by using `{% if 'someapp.someperm' in perms %}` in templates.
• It’s not required any more to have `404.html` and `500.html` templates in the root templates directory. Django will output some basic error messages for both situations when those templates are not found. It’s still recommended as good practice to provide those templates in order to present pretty error pages to the user.
• `django.contrib.auth` provides a new signal that is emitted whenever a user fails to login successfully. See `user_login_failed`.
• The new `loaddata --ignorenonexistent` option ignore data for fields that no longer exist.
• `assertXMLEqual()` and `assertXMLNotEqual()` new assertions allow you to test equality for XML content at a semantic level, without caring for syntax differences (spaces, attribute order, etc.).
• RemoteUserMiddleware now forces logout when the REMOTE_USER header disappears during the same browser session.
• The `cache-based session backend` can store session data in a non-default cache.
• Multi-column indexes can now be created on models. Read the `index_together` documentation for more information.
• During Django’s logging configuration verbose Deprecation warnings are enabled and warnings are captured into the logging system. Logged warnings are routed through the `console` logging handler, which by default requires `DEBUG` to be `True` for output to be generated. The result is that DeprecationWarnings should be printed to the console in development environments the way they have been in Python versions < 2.7.
• The API for `django.contrib.admin.ModelAdmin.message_user()` method has been modified to accept additional arguments adding capabilities similar to `django.contrib.messages.add_message()`. This is useful for generating error messages from admin actions.
• The admin’s list filters can now be customized per-request thanks to the new `django.contrib.admin.ModelAdmin.get_list_filter()` method.
Backwards incompatible changes in 1.5

**Warning:** In addition to the changes outlined in this section, be sure to review the deprecation plan for any features that have been removed. If you haven’t updated your code within the deprecation timeline for a given feature, its removal may appear as a backwards incompatible change.

ALLOWED_HOSTS required in production

The new ALLOWED_HOSTS setting validates the request’s Host header and protects against host-poisoning attacks. This setting is now required whenever DEBUG is False, or else django.http.HttpRequest.get_host() will raise SuspiciousOperation. For more details see the full documentation for the new setting.

Managers on abstract models

Abstract models are able to define a custom manager, and that manager will be inherited by any concrete models extending the abstract model. However, if you try to use the abstract model to call a method on the manager, an exception will now be raised. Previously, the call would have been permitted, but would have failed as soon as any database operation was attempted (usually with a “table does not exist” error from the database).

If you have functionality on a manager that you have been invoking using the abstract class, you should migrate that logic to a Python staticmethod or classmethod on the abstract class.

Context in year archive class-based views

For consistency with the other date-based generic views, YearArchiveView now passes year in the context as a datetime.date rather than a string. If you are using {{ year }} in your templates, you must replace it with {{ year|date:"Y" }}.

next_year and previous_year were also added in the context. They are calculated according to allow_empty and allow_future.

Context in year and month archive class-based views

YearArchiveView and MonthArchiveView were documented to provide a date_list sorted in ascending order in the context, like their function-based predecessors, but it actually was in descending order. In 1.5, the documented order was restored. You may want to add (or remove) the reversed keyword when you’re iterating on date_list in a template:

{% for date in date_list reversed %}

ArchiveIndexView still provides a date_list in descending order.

Context in TemplateView

For consistency with the design of the other generic views, TemplateView no longer passes a params dictionary into the context, instead passing the variables from the URLconf directly into the context.
Non-form data in HTTP requests

`request.POST` will no longer include data posted via HTTP requests with non form-specific content-types in the header. In prior versions, data posted with content-types other than `multipart/form-data` or `application/x-www-form-urlencoded` would still end up represented in the `request.POST` attribute. Developers wishing to access the raw POST data for these cases, should use the `request.body` attribute instead.

request_finished signal

Django used to send the `request_finished` signal as soon as the view function returned a response. This interacted badly with streaming responses that delay content generation.

This signal is now sent after the content is fully consumed by the WSGI gateway. This might be backwards incompatible if you rely on the signal being fired before sending the response content to the client. If you do, you should consider using middleware instead.

Note: Some WSGI servers and middleware do not always call close on the response object after handling a request, most notably uWSGI prior to 1.2.6 and Sentry’s error reporting middleware up to 2.0.7. In those cases the `request_finished` signal isn’t sent at all. This can result in idle connections to database and memcache servers.

OPTIONS, PUT and DELETE requests in the test client

Unlike GET and POST, these HTTP methods aren’t implemented by web browsers. Rather, they’re used in APIs, which transfer data in various formats such as JSON or XML. Since such requests may contain arbitrary data, Django doesn’t attempt to decode their body.

However, the test client used to build a query string for OPTIONS and DELETE requests like for GET, and a request body for PUT requests like for POST. This encoding was arbitrary and inconsistent with Django’s behavior when it receives the requests, so it was removed in Django 1.5.

If you were using the `data` parameter in an OPTIONS or a DELETE request, you must convert it to a query string and append it to the `path` parameter.

If you were using the `data` parameter in a PUT request without a `content_type`, you must encode your data before passing it to the test client and set the `content_type` argument.

System version of simplejson no longer used

As explained below, Django 1.5 deprecates `django.utils.simplejson` in favor of Python 2.6’s built-in `json` module. In theory, this change is harmless. Unfortunately, because of incompatibilities between versions of `simplejson`, it may trigger errors in some circumstances.

JSON-related features in Django 1.4 always used `django.utils.simplejson`. This module was actually:

- A system version of `simplejson`, if one was available (ie. `import simplejson` works), if it was more recent than Django’s built-in copy or it had the C speedups, or
- The `json` module from the standard library, if it was available (ie. Python 2.6 or greater), or
- A built-in copy of version 2.0.7 of `simplejson`.

In Django 1.5, those features use Python’s `json` module, which is based on version 2.0.9 of `simplejson`. 
There are no known incompatibilities between Django’s copy of version 2.0.7 and Python’s copy of version 2.0.9. However, there are some incompatibilities between other versions of simplejson:

- While the simplejson API is documented as always returning Unicode strings, the optional C implementation can return a bytestring. This was fixed in Python 2.7.

- simplejson.JSONEncoder gained a namedtuple_as_object keyword argument in version 2.2.

More information on these incompatibilities is available in ticket #18023.

The net result is that, if you have installed simplejson and your code uses Django’s serialization internals directly – for instance django.core.serializers.json.DjangoJSONEncoder, the switch from simplejson to json could break your code. (In general, changes to internals aren’t documented; we’re making an exception here.)

At this point, the maintainers of Django believe that using json from the standard library offers the strongest guarantee of backwards-compatibility. They recommend to use it from now on.

String types of hasher method parameters

If you have written a custom password hasher, your encode(), verify() or safe_summary() methods should accept Unicode parameters (password, salt or encoded). If any of the hashing methods need bytestrings, you can use the force_bytes() utility to encode the strings.

Validation of previous_page_number and next_page_number

When using object pagination, the previous_page_number() and next_page_number() methods of the Page object did not check if the returned number was inside the existing page range. It does check it now and raises an InvalidPage exception when the number is either too low or too high.

Behavior of autocommit database option on PostgreSQL changed

PostgreSQL’s autocommit option didn’t work as advertised previously. It did work for single transaction block, but after the first block was left the autocommit behavior was never restored. This bug is now fixed in 1.5. While this is only a bug fix, it is worth checking your applications behavior if you are using PostgreSQL together with the autocommit option.

Session not saved on 500 responses

Django’s session middleware will skip saving the session data if the response’s status code is 500.

Email checks on failed admin login

Prior to Django 1.5, if you attempted to log into the admin interface and mistakenly used your email address instead of your username, the admin interface would provide a warning advising that your email address was not your username. In Django 1.5, the introduction of custom user models has required the removal of this warning. This doesn’t change the login behavior of the admin site; it only affects the warning message that is displayed under one particular mode of login failure.
Changes in tests execution

Some changes have been introduced in the execution of tests that might be backward-incompatible for some testing setups:

Database flushing in `django.test.TransactionTestCase`

Previously, the test database was truncated before each test run in a `TransactionTestCase`. In order to be able to run unit tests in any order and to make sure they are always isolated from each other, `TransactionTestCase` will now reset the database after each test run instead.

No more implicit DB sequences reset

`TransactionTestCase` tests used to reset primary key sequences automatically together with the database flushing actions described above. This has been changed so no sequences are implicitly reset. This can cause `TransactionTestCase` tests that depend on hard-coded primary key values to break.

The new `reset_sequences` attribute can be used to force the old behavior for `TransactionTestCase` that might need it.

Ordering of tests

In order to make sure all `TestCase` code starts with a clean database, tests are now executed in the following order:

- First, all unit tests (including `unittest.TestCase`, `SimpleTestCase`, `TestCase` and `TransactionTestCase`) are run with no particular ordering guaranteed nor enforced among them.
- Then any other tests (e.g. doctests) that may alter the database without restoring it to its original state are run.

This should not cause any problems unless you have existing doctests which assume a `TransactionTestCase` executed earlier left some database state behind or unit tests that rely on some form of state being preserved after the execution of other tests. Such tests are already very fragile, and must now be changed to be able to run independently.

`cleaned_data` dictionary kept for invalid forms

The `cleaned_data` dictionary is now always present after form validation. When the form doesn’t validate, it contains only the fields that passed validation. You should test the success of the validation with the `is_valid()` method and not with the presence or absence of the `cleaned_data` attribute on the form.

Behavior of `syncdb` with multiple databases

`syncdb` now queries the database routers to determine if content types (when `contenttypes` is enabled) and permissions (when `auth` is enabled) should be created in the target database. Previously, it created them in the default database, even when another database was specified with the `--database` option.

If you use `syncdb` on multiple databases, you should ensure that your routers allow synchronizing content types and permissions to only one of them. See the docs on the `behavior of contrib apps with multiple databases` for more information.
XML deserializer will not parse documents with a DTD

In order to prevent exposure to denial-of-service attacks related to external entity references and entity expansion, the XML model deserializer now refuses to parse XML documents containing a DTD (DOCTYPE definition). Since the XML serializer does not output a DTD, this will not impact typical usage, only cases where custom-created XML documents are passed to Django's model deserializer.

Formsets default max_num

A (default) value of None for the max_num argument to a formset factory no longer defaults to allowing any number of forms in the formset. Instead, in order to prevent memory-exhaustion attacks, it now defaults to a limit of 1000 forms. This limit can be raised by explicitly setting a higher value for max_num.

Miscellaneous

- `django.forms.ModelMultipleChoiceField` now returns an empty QuerySet as the empty value instead of an empty list.
- `int_to_base36()` properly raises a `TypeError` instead of `ValueError` for non-integer inputs.
- The `slugify` template filter is now available as a standard Python function at `django.utils.text.slugify()`. Similarly, `remove_tags` is available at `django.utils.html.remove_tags()`.
- Uploaded files are no longer created as executable by default. If you need them to be executable by default, you can set `FILE_UPLOAD_PERMISSIONS` to your needs. The new default value is `0o666` (octal) and the current umask value is first masked out.
- The `F` expressions supported bitwise operators by `&` and `|`. These operators are now available using `.bitand()` and `.bitor()` instead. The removal of `&` and `|` was done to be consistent with `Q()` expressions and QuerySet combining where the operators are used as boolean AND and OR operators.
- In a `filter()` call, when `F` expressions contained lookups spanning multi-valued relations, they didn't always reuse the same relations as other lookups along the same chain. This was changed, and now `F()` expressions will always use the same relations as other lookups within the same `filter()` call.
- The `csrf_token` template tag is no longer enclosed in a `div`. If you need HTML validation against pre-HTML5 Strict DTDs, you should add a `div` around it in your pages.
- The template tags library `adminmedia`, which only contained the deprecated template tag `{% admin_media_prefix %}`, was removed. Attempting to load it with `{% load adminmedia %}` will fail. If your templates still contain that line you must remove it.
- Because of an implementation oversight, it was possible to use `django.contrib.redirects` without enabling `django.contrib.sites`. This isn’t allowed any longer. If you’re using `django.contrib.redirects`, make sure `INSTALLED_APPS` contains `django.contrib.sites`.
- `BoundField.label_tag` now escapes its contents argument. To avoid the HTML escaping, use `django.utils.safestring.mark_safe()` on the argument before passing it.
- Accessing reverse one-to-one relations fetched via `select_related()` now raises `DoesNotExist` instead of returning None.

Features deprecated in 1.5
**django.contrib.localflavor**

The localflavor contrib app has been split into separate packages. `django.contrib.localflavor` itself will be removed in Django 1.6, after an accelerated deprecation.

The new packages are available on GitHub. The core team cannot efficiently maintain these packages in the long term — it spans just a dozen countries at this time; similar to translations, maintenance will be handed over to interested members of the community.

**django.contrib.markup**

The markup contrib module has been deprecated and will follow an accelerated deprecation schedule. Direct use of Python markup libraries or 3rd party tag libraries is preferred to Django maintaining this functionality in the framework.

**AUTH_PROFILE_MODULE**

With the introduction of custom user models, there is no longer any need for a built-in mechanism to store user profile data.

You can still define user profiles models that have a one-to-one relation with the User model - in fact, for many applications needing to associate data with a User account, this will be an appropriate design pattern to follow. However, the `AUTH_PROFILE_MODULE` setting, and the `django.contrib.auth.models.User.get_profile()` method for accessing the user profile model, should not be used any longer.

**Streaming behavior of HttpResponse**

Django 1.5 deprecates the ability to stream a response by passing an iterator to `HttpResponse`. If you rely on this behavior, switch to `StreamingHttpResponse`. See Explicit support for streaming responses above.

In Django 1.7 and above, the iterator will be consumed immediately by `HttpResponse`.

**django.utils.simplejson**

Since Django 1.5 drops support for Python 2.5, we can now rely on the `json` module being available in Python’s standard library, so we’ve removed our own copy of `simplejson`. You should now import `json` instead of `django.utils.simplejson`.

Unfortunately, this change might have unwanted side-effects, because of incompatibilities between versions of `simplejson` – see the backwards-incompatible changes section. If you rely on features added to `simplejson` after it became Python’s `json`, you should import `simplejson` explicitly.

**django.utils.encoding.StrAndUnicode**

The `django.utils.encoding.StrAndUnicode` mix-in has been deprecated. Define a `__str__` method and apply the `django.utils.encoding.python_2_unicode_compatible` decorator instead.
**django.utils.itercompat.product**

The `django.utils.itercompat.product` function has been deprecated. Use the built-in `itertools.product()` instead.

**cleanup management command**

The `cleanup` management command has been deprecated and replaced by `clearsessions`.

**daily_cleanup.py script**

The undocumented `daily_cleanup.py` script has been deprecated. Use the `clearsessions` management command instead.

**depth keyword argument in select_related**

The `depth` keyword argument in `select_related()` has been deprecated. You should use field names instead.

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**Django 1.4.22 release notes**

*August 18, 2015*

Django 1.4.22 fixes a security issue in 1.4.21. It also fixes support with pip 7+ by disabling wheel support. Older versions of 1.4 would silently build a broken wheel when installed with those versions of pip.

**Denial-of-service possibility in logout() view by filling session store**

Previously, a session could be created when anonymously accessing the `django.contrib.auth.views.logout()` view (provided it wasn’t decorated with `login_required()` as done in the admin). This could allow an attacker to easily create many new session records by sending repeated requests, potentially filling up the session store or causing other users’ session records to be evicted.

The `SessionMiddleware` has been modified to no longer create empty session records, including when `SESSION_SAVE_EVERY_REQUEST` is active.

Additionally, the `contrib.sessions.backends.base.SessionBase.flush()` and `cache_db.SessionStore.flush()` methods have been modified to avoid creating a new empty session. Maintainers of third-party session backends should check if the same vulnerability is present in their backend and correct it if so.

**Django 1.4.21 release notes**

*July 8, 2015*

Django 1.4.21 fixes several security issues in 1.4.20.

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Denial-of-service possibility by filling session store

In previous versions of Django, the session backends created a new empty record in the session storage anytime request.session was accessed and there was a session key provided in the request cookies that didn’t already have a session record. This could allow an attacker to easily create many new session records simply by sending repeated requests with unknown session keys, potentially filling up the session store or causing other users’ session records to be evicted.

The built-in session backends now create a session record only if the session is actually modified; empty session records are not created. Thus this potential DoS is now only possible if the site chooses to expose a session-modifying view to anonymous users.

As each built-in session backend was fixed separately (rather than a fix in the core sessions framework), maintainers of third-party session backends should check whether the same vulnerability is present in their backend and correct it if so.

Header injection possibility since validators accept newlines in input

Some of Django’s built-in validators (EmailValidator, most seriously) didn’t prohibit newline characters (due to the usage of $ instead of \Z in the regular expressions). If you use values with newlines in HTTP response or email headers, you can suffer from header injection attacks. Django itself isn’t vulnerable because HttpResponse and the mail sending utilities in django.core.mail prohibit newlines in HTTP and SMTP headers, respectively. While the validators have been fixed in Django, if you’re creating HTTP responses or email messages in other ways, it’s a good idea to ensure that those methods prohibit newlines as well. You might also want to validate that any existing data in your application doesn’t contain unexpected newlines.

validate_ipv4_address(), validate_slug(), and URLValidator and their usage in the corresponding form fields GenericIPAddressField, IPAddressField, SlugField, and URLField are also affected.

The undocumented, internally unused validate_integer() function is now stricter as it validates using a regular expression instead of simply casting the value using int() and checking if an exception was raised.

Django 1.4.20 release notes

March 18, 2015

Django 1.4.20 fixes one security issue in 1.4.19.

Mitigated possible XSS attack via user-supplied redirect URLs

Django relies on user input in some cases (e.g. django.contrib.auth.views.login() and i18n) to redirect the user to an “on success” URL. The security checks for these redirects (namely django.utils.http.is_safe_url()) accepted URLs with leading control characters and so considered URLs like \x08javascript:... safe. This issue doesn’t affect Django currently, since we only put this URL into the Location response header and browsers seem to ignore JavaScript there. Browsers we tested also treat URLs prefixed with control characters such as %08//example.com as relative paths so redirection to an unsafe target isn’t a problem either.

However, if a developer relies on is_safe_url() to provide safe redirect targets and puts such a URL into a link, they could suffer from an XSS attack as some browsers such as Google Chrome ignore control characters at the start of a URL in an anchor href.
Django 1.4.19 release notes

January 27, 2015

Django 1.4.19 fixes a regression in the 1.4.18 security release.

Bugfixes

• **GZipMiddleware** now supports streaming responses. As part of the 1.4.18 security release, the `django.views.static.serve()` function was altered to stream the files it serves. Unfortunately, the `GZipMiddleware` consumed the stream prematurely and prevented files from being served properly (#24158).

Django 1.4.18 release notes

January 13, 2015

Django 1.4.18 fixes several security issues in 1.4.17 as well as a regression on Python 2.5 in the 1.4.17 release.

WSGI header spoofing via underscore/dash conflation

When HTTP headers are placed into the WSGI environ, they are normalized by converting to uppercase, converting all dashes to underscores, and prepending `HTTP_`. For instance, a header `X-Auth-User` would become `HTTP_X_AUTH_USER` in the WSGI environ (and thus also in Django’s `request.META` dictionary).

Unfortunately, this means that the WSGI environ cannot distinguish between headers containing dashes and headers containing underscores: `X-Auth-User` and `X-Auth_User` both become `HTTP_X_AUTH_USER`. This means that if a header is used in a security-sensitive way (for instance, passing authentication information along from a front-end proxy), even if the proxy carefully strips any incoming value for `X-Auth-User`, an attacker may be able to provide an `X-Auth_User` header (with underscore) and bypass this protection.

In order to prevent such attacks, both Nginx and Apache 2.4+ strip all headers containing underscores from incoming requests by default. Django’s built-in development server now does the same. Django’s development server is not recommended for production use, but matching the behavior of common production servers reduces the surface area for behavior changes during deployment.

Mitigated possible XSS attack via user-supplied redirect URLs

Django relies on user input in some cases (e.g., `django.contrib.auth.views.login()` and `i18n`) to redirect the user to an “on success” URL. The security checks for these redirects (namely `django.utils.http.is_safe_url()`) didn’t strip leading whitespace on the tested URL and as such considered URLs like `\njavascript:...` safe. If a developer relied on `is_safe_url()` to provide safe redirect targets and put such a URL into a link, they could suffer from an XSS attack. This bug doesn’t affect Django currently, since we only put this URL into the `Location` response header and browsers seem to ignore JavaScript there.

Denial-of-service attack against `django.views.static.serve`

In older versions of Django, the `django.views.static.serve()` view read the files it served one line at a time. Therefore, a big file with no newlines would result in memory usage equal to the size of that file. An attacker could exploit this and launch a denial-of-service attack by simultaneously requesting many large files. This view now reads the file in chunks to prevent large memory usage.

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Note, however, that this view has always carried a warning that it is not hardened for production use and should be used only as a development aid. Now may be a good time to audit your project and serve your files in production using a real front-end web server if you are not doing so.

**Bugfixes**

- To maintain compatibility with Python 2.5, Django’s vendored version of six, `django.utils.six`, has been downgraded to 1.8.0 which is the last version to support Python 2.5.

**Django 1.4.17 release notes**

*January 2, 2015*

Django 1.4.17 fixes a regression in the 1.4.14 security release.

Additionally, Django’s vendored version of six, `django.utils.six`, has been upgraded to the latest release (1.9.0).

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed a regression with dynamically generated inlines and allowed field references in the admin (#23754).

**Django 1.4.16 release notes**

*October 22, 2014*

Django 1.4.16 fixes a couple regressions in the 1.4.14 security release and a bug preventing the use of some GEOS versions with GeoDjango.

**Bugfixes**

- Allowed related many-to-many fields to be referenced in the admin (#23604).
- Allowed inline and hidden references to admin fields (#23431).
- Fixed parsing of the GEOS version string (#20036).

**Django 1.4.15 release notes**

*September 2, 2014*

Django 1.4.15 fixes a regression in the 1.4.14 security release.

**Bugfixes**

- Allowed inherited and m2m fields to be referenced in the admin (#22486)
**Django 1.4.14 release notes**

*August 20, 2014*

Django 1.4.14 fixes several security issues in 1.4.13.

**reverse() could generate URLs pointing to other hosts**

In certain situations, URL reversing could generate scheme-relative URLs (URLs starting with two slashes), which could unexpectedly redirect a user to a different host. An attacker could exploit this, for example, by redirecting users to a phishing site designed to ask for user’s passwords.

To remedy this, URL reversing now ensures that no URL starts with two slashes (//), replacing the second slash with its URL encoded counterpart (%2F). This approach ensures that semantics stay the same, while making the URL relative to the domain and not to the scheme.

**File upload denial-of-service**

Before this release, Django’s file upload handing in its default configuration may degrade to producing a huge number of os.stat() system calls when a duplicate filename is uploaded. Since stat() may invoke IO, this may produce a huge data-dependent slowdown that slowly worsens over time. The net result is that given enough time, a user with the ability to upload files can cause poor performance in the upload handler, eventually causing it to become very slow simply by uploading 0-byte files. At this point, even a slow network connection and few HTTP requests would be all that is necessary to make a site unavailable.

We’ve remedied the issue by changing the algorithm for generating file names if a file with the uploaded name already exists. Storage.get_available_name() now appends an underscore plus a random 7 character alphanumeric string (e.g. "_x3aigho"), rather than iterating through an underscore followed by a number (e.g. "_1", "_2", etc.).

**RemoteUserMiddleware session hijacking**

When using the RemoteUserMiddleware and the RemoteUserBackend, a change to the REMOTE_USER header between requests without an intervening logout could result in the prior user’s session being co-opted by the subsequent user. The middleware now logs the user out on a failed login attempt.

**Data leakage via query string manipulation in contrib.admin**

In older versions of Django it was possible to reveal any field’s data by modifying the “popup” and “to_field” parameters of the query string on an admin change form page. For example, requesting a URL like /admin/auth/user/?pop=1&t=password and viewing the page’s HTML allowed viewing the password hash of each user. While the admin requires users to have permissions to view the change form pages in the first place, this could leak data if you rely on users having access to view only certain fields on a model.

To address the issue, an exception will now be raised if a to_field value that isn’t a related field to a model that has been registered with the admin is specified.

**Django 1.4.13 release notes**

*May 14, 2014*

Django 1.4.13 fixes two security issues in 1.4.12.
Caches may incorrectly be allowed to store and serve private data

In certain situations, Django may allow caches to store private data related to a particular session and then serve that data to requests with a different session, or no session at all. This can lead to information disclosure and can be a vector for cache poisoning.

When using Django sessions, Django will set a `Vary: Cookie` header to ensure caches do not serve cached data to requests from other sessions. However, older versions of Internet Explorer (most likely only Internet Explorer 6, and Internet Explorer 7 if run on Windows XP or Windows Server 2003) are unable to handle the `Vary` header in combination with many content types. Therefore, Django would remove the header if the request was made by Internet Explorer.

To remedy this, the special behavior for these older Internet Explorer versions has been removed, and the `Vary` header is no longer stripped from the response. In addition, modifications to the `Cache-Control` header for all Internet Explorer requests with a `Content-Disposition` header have also been removed as they were found to have similar issues.

Malformed redirect URLs from user input not correctly validated

The validation for redirects did not correctly validate some malformed URLs, which are accepted by some browsers. This allows a user to be redirected to an unsafe URL unexpectedly.

Django relies on user input in some cases (e.g., `django.contrib.auth.views.login()`, `django.contrib.comments`, and `i18n`) to redirect the user to an “on success” URL. The security checks for these redirects (namely `django.utils.http.is_safe_url()`) did not correctly validate some malformed URLs, such as `http:\\\djangoproject.com`, which are accepted by some browsers with more liberal URL parsing.

To remedy this, the validation in `is_safe_url()` has been tightened to be able to handle and correctly validate these malformed URLs.

Django 1.4.12 release notes

April 28, 2014

Django 1.4.12 fixes a regression in the 1.4.11 security release.

Bugfixes

- Restored the ability to `reverse()` views created using `functools.partial()` (#22486).

Django 1.4.11 release notes

April 21, 2014

Django 1.4.11 fixes three security issues in 1.4.10. Additionally, Django’s vendored version of six, `django.utils.six`, has been upgraded to the latest release (1.6.1).

Unexpected code execution using `reverse()`

Django’s URL handling is based on a mapping of regex patterns (representing the URLs) to callable views, and Django’s own processing consists of matching a requested URL against those patterns to determine the appropriate view to invoke.
Django also provides a convenience function – `reverse()` – which performs this process in the opposite direction. The `reverse()` function takes information about a view and returns a URL which would invoke that view. Use of `reverse()` is encouraged for application developers, as the output of `reverse()` is always based on the current URL patterns, meaning developers do not need to change other code when making changes to URLs.

One argument signature for `reverse()` is to pass a dotted Python path to the desired view. In this situation, Django will import the module indicated by that dotted path as part of generating the resulting URL. If such a module has import-time side effects, those side effects will occur.

Thus it is possible for an attacker to cause unexpected code execution, given the following conditions:

1. One or more views are present which construct a URL based on user input (commonly, a “next” parameter in a querystring indicating where to redirect upon successful completion of an action).
2. One or more modules are known to an attacker to exist on the server’s Python import path, which perform code execution with side effects on importing.

To remedy this, `reverse()` will now only accept and import dotted paths based on the view-containing modules listed in the project’s URL pattern configuration, so as to ensure that only modules the developer intended to be imported in this fashion can or will be imported.

### Caching of anonymous pages could reveal CSRF token

Django includes both a caching framework and a system for preventing cross-site request forgery (CSRF) attacks. The CSRF-protection system is based on a random nonce sent to the client in a cookie which must be sent by the client on future requests and, in forms, a hidden value which must be submitted back with the form.

The caching framework includes an option to cache responses to anonymous (i.e., unauthenticated) clients.

When the first anonymous request to a given page is by a client which did not have a CSRF cookie, the cache framework will also cache the CSRF cookie and serve the same nonce to other anonymous clients who do not have a CSRF cookie. This can allow an attacker to obtain a valid CSRF cookie value and perform attacks which bypass the check for the cookie.

To remedy this, the caching framework will no longer cache such responses. The heuristic for this will be:

1. If the incoming request did not submit any cookies, and
2. If the response did send one or more cookies, and
3. If the `Vary: Cookie` header is set on the response, then the response will not be cached.

### MySQL typecasting

The MySQL database is known to “typecast” on certain queries; for example, when querying a table which contains string values, but using a query which filters based on an integer value, MySQL will first silently coerce the strings to integers and return a result based on that.

If a query is performed without first converting values to the appropriate type, this can produce unexpected results, similar to what would occur if the query itself had been manipulated.

Django’s model field classes are aware of their own types and most such classes perform explicit conversion of query arguments to the correct database-level type before querying. However, three model field classes did not correctly convert their arguments:

- `FilePathField`
- `GenericIPAddressField`
- `IPAddressField`

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These three fields have been updated to convert their arguments to the correct types before querying.

Additionally, developers of custom model fields are now warned via documentation to ensure their custom field classes will perform appropriate type conversions, and users of the `raw()` and `extra()` query methods – which allow the developer to supply raw SQL or SQL fragments – will be advised to ensure they perform appropriate manual type conversions prior to executing queries.

**Django 1.4.10 release notes**

*November 6, 2013*

Django 1.4.10 fixes a Python-compatibility bug in the 1.4 series.

**Python compatibility**

Django 1.4.9 inadvertently introduced issues with Python 2.5 compatibility. Django 1.4.10 restores Python 2.5 compatibility. This was issue #21362 in Django’s Trac.

**Django 1.4.9 release notes**

*October 23, 2013*

Django 1.4.9 fixes a security-related bug in the 1.4 series and one other data corruption bug.

**Readdressed denial-of-service via password hashers**

Django 1.4.8 imposes a 4096-byte limit on passwords in order to mitigate a denial-of-service attack through submission of bogus but extremely large passwords. In Django 1.4.9, we’ve reverted this change and instead improved the speed of our PBKDF2 algorithm by not rehashing the key on every iteration.

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed a data corruption bug with `datetime_safe.datetime.combine` (#21256).

**Django 1.4.8 release notes**

*September 14, 2013*

Django 1.4.8 fixes two security issues present in previous Django releases in the 1.4 series.

**Denial-of-service via password hashers**

In previous versions of Django, no limit was imposed on the plaintext length of a password. This allowed a denial-of-service attack through submission of bogus but extremely large passwords, tying up server resources performing the (expensive, and increasingly expensive with the length of the password) calculation of the corresponding hash.

As of 1.4.8, Django’s authentication framework imposes a 4096-byte limit on passwords and will fail authentication with any submitted password of greater length.
**Corrected usage of sensitive_post_parameters() in django.contrib.auth's admin**

The decoration of the `add_view` and `user_change_password` user admin views with `sensitive_post_parameters()` did not include `method_decorator()` (required since the views are methods) resulting in the decorator not being properly applied. This usage has been fixed and `sensitive_post_parameters()` will now throw an exception if it's improperly used.

**Django 1.4.7 release notes**

*September 10, 2013*

Django 1.4.7 fixes one security issue present in previous Django releases in the 1.4 series.

**Directory traversal vulnerability in ssi template tag**

In previous versions of Django it was possible to bypass the `ALLOWED_INCLUDE_ROOTS` setting used for security with the `ssi` template tag by specifying a relative path that starts with one of the allowed roots. For example, if `ALLOWED_INCLUDE_ROOTS = ('/var/www',)` the following would be possible:

```text
{% ssi '/var/www/../../etc/passwd' %}
```

In practice this is not a very common problem, as it would require the template author to put the `ssi` file in a user-controlled variable, but it's possible in principle.

**Django 1.4.6 release notes**

*August 13, 2013*

Django 1.4.6 fixes one security issue present in previous Django releases in the 1.4 series, as well as one other bug. This is the sixth bugfix/security release in the Django 1.4 series.

**Mitigated possible XSS attack via user-supplied redirect URLs**

Django relies on user input in some cases (e.g. `django.contrib.auth.views.login()`, `django.contrib.comments` and `i18n`) to redirect the user to an “on success” URL. The security checks for these redirects (namely `django.utils.http.is_safe_url()`) didn’t check if the scheme is `http(s)` and as such allowed `javascript:...` URLs to be entered. If a developer relied on `is_safe_url()` to provide safe redirect targets and put such a URL into a link, they could suffer from a XSS attack. This bug doesn’t affect Django currently, since we only put this URL into the `Location` response header and browsers seem to ignore JavaScript there.

**Bugfixes**

- Fixed an obscure bug with the `override_settings()` decorator. If you hit an `AttributeError: 'Settings' object has no attribute '_original_allowed_hosts'` exception, it’s probably fixed (#20636).
**Django 1.4.5 release notes**

*February 20, 2013*

Django 1.4.5 corrects a packaging problem with yesterday’s 1.4.4 release. The release contained stray .pyc files that caused “bad magic number” errors when running with some versions of Python. This releases corrects this, and also fixes a bad documentation link in the project template settings.py file generated by manage.py startproject.

**Django 1.4.4 release notes**

*February 19, 2013*

Django 1.4.4 fixes four security issues present in previous Django releases in the 1.4 series, as well as several other bugs and numerous documentation improvements. This is the fourth bugfix/security release in the Django 1.4 series.

**Host header poisoning**

Some parts of Django – independent of end-user-written applications – make use of full URLs, including domain name, which are generated from the HTTP Host header. Django’s documentation has for some time contained notes advising users on how to configure Web servers to ensure that only valid Host headers can reach the Django application. However, it has been reported to us that even with the recommended Web server configurations there are still techniques available for tricking many common Web servers into supplying the application with an incorrect and possibly malicious Host header.

For this reason, Django 1.4.4 adds a new setting, ALLOWED_HOSTS, containing an explicit list of valid host/domain names for this site. A request with a Host header not matching an entry in this list will raise SuspiciousOperation if request.get_host() is called. For full details see the documentation for the ALLOWED_HOSTS setting.

The default value for this setting in Django 1.4.4 is ['*'] (matching any host), for backwards-compatibility, but we strongly encourage all sites to set a more restrictive value.

This host validation is disabled when DEBUG is True or when running tests.

**XML deserialization**

The XML parser in the Python standard library is vulnerable to a number of attacks via external entities and entity expansion. Django uses this parser for deserializing XML-formatted database fixtures. This deserializer is not intended for use with untrusted data, but in order to err on the side of safety in Django 1.4.4 the XML deserializer refuses to parse an XML document with a DTD (DOCTYPE definition), which closes off these attack avenues.

These issues in the Python standard library are CVE-2013-1664 and CVE-2013-1665. More information available from the Python security team.

Django’s XML serializer does not create documents with a DTD, so this should not cause any issues with the typical round-trip from dumpdata to loaddata, but if you feed your own XML documents to the loaddata management command, you will need to ensure they do not contain a DTD.
Formset memory exhaustion

Previous versions of Django did not validate or limit the form-count data provided by the client in a formset’s management form, making it possible to exhaust a server’s available memory by forcing it to create very large numbers of forms.

In Django 1.4.4, all formsets have a strictly-enforced maximum number of forms (1000 by default, though it can be set higher via the max_num formset factory argument).

Admin history view information leakage

In previous versions of Django, an admin user without change permission on a model could still view the Unicode representation of instances via their admin history log. Django 1.4.4 now limits the admin history log view for an object to users with change permission for that model.

Other bugfixes and changes

- Prevented transaction state from leaking from one request to the next (#19707).
- Changed an SQL command syntax to be MySQL 4 compatible (#19702).
- Added backwards-compatibility with old unsalted MD5 passwords (#18144).
- Numerous documentation improvements and fixes.

Django 1.4.3 release notes

December 10, 2012

Django 1.4.3 addresses two security issues present in previous Django releases in the 1.4 series.

Please be aware that this security release is slightly different from previous ones. Both issues addressed here have been dealt with in prior security updates to Django. In one case, we have received ongoing reports of problems, and in the other we’ve chosen to take further steps to tighten up Django’s code in response to independent discovery of potential problems from multiple sources.

Host header poisoning

Several earlier Django security releases focused on the issue of poisoning the HTTP Host header, causing Django to generate URLs pointing to arbitrary, potentially-malicious domains.

In response to further input received and reports of continuing issues following the previous release, we’re taking additional steps to tighten Host header validation. Rather than attempt to accommodate all features HTTP supports here, Django’s Host header validation attempts to support a smaller, but far more common, subset:

- Hostnames must consist of characters [A-Za-z0-9] plus hyphen (‘-’) or dot (‘.’).
- IP addresses – both IPv4 and IPv6 – are permitted.
- Port, if specified, is numeric.

Any deviation from this will now be rejected, raising the exception django.core.exceptions.SuspiciousOperation.
Redirect poisoning

Also following up on a previous issue: in July of this year, we made changes to Django’s HTTP redirect classes, performing additional validation of the scheme of the URL to redirect to (since, both within Django’s own supplied applications and many third-party applications, accepting a user-supplied redirect target is a common pattern).

Since then, two independent audits of the code turned up further potential problems. So, similar to the Host-header issue, we are taking steps to provide tighter validation in response to reported problems (primarily with third-party applications, but to a certain extent also within Django itself). This comes in two parts:

1. A new utility function, `django.utils.http.is_safe_url`, is added; this function takes a URL and a hostname, and checks that the URL is either relative, or if absolute matches the supplied hostname. This function is intended for use whenever user-supplied redirect targets are accepted, to ensure that such redirects cannot lead to arbitrary third-party sites.

2. All of Django’s own built-in views – primarily in the authentication system – which allow user-supplied redirect targets now use `is_safe_url` to validate the supplied URL.

Django 1.4.2 release notes

October 17, 2012

This is the second security release in the Django 1.4 series.

Host header poisoning

Some parts of Django – independent of end-user-written applications – make use of full URLs, including domain name, which are generated from the HTTP Host header. Some attacks against this are beyond Django’s ability to control, and require the web server to be properly configured; Django’s documentation has for some time contained notes advising users on such configuration.

Django’s own built-in parsing of the Host header is, however, still vulnerable, as was reported to us recently. The Host header parsing in Django 1.3.3 and Django 1.4.1 – specifically, `django.http.HttpRequest.get_host()` – was incorrectly handling username/password information in the header. Thus, for example, the following Host header would be accepted by Django when running on “validsite.com”:

```
Host: validsite.com:random@evilsite.com
```

Using this, an attacker can cause parts of Django – particularly the password-reset mechanism – to generate and display arbitrary URLs to users.

To remedy this, the parsing in `HttpRequest.get_host()` is being modified; Host headers which contain potentially dangerous content (such as username/password pairs) now raise the exception `django.core.exceptions.SuspiciousOperation`.

Details of this issue were initially posted online as a security advisory.

Backwards incompatible changes

- The newly introduced `GenericIPAddressField` constructor arguments have been adapted to match those of all other model fields. The first two keyword arguments are now `verbose_name` and `name`. 

Other bugfixes and changes

- Subclass HTMLParser only for appropriate Python versions (#18239).
- Added batch_size argument to qs.bulk_create() (#17788).
- Fixed a small regression in the admin filters where wrongly formatted dates passed as url parameters caused an unhandled ValidationError (#18530).
- Fixed an endless loop bug when accessing permissions in templates (#18979)
- Fixed some Python 2.5 compatibility issues
- Fixed an issue with quoted filenames in Content-Disposition header (#19006)
- Made the context option in trans and blocktrans tags accept literals wrapped in single quotes (#18881).
- Numerous documentation improvements and fixes.

Django 1.4.1 release notes

July 30, 2012

This is the first security release in the Django 1.4 series, fixing several security issues in Django 1.4. Django 1.4.1 is a recommended upgrade for all users of Django 1.4.

For a full list of issues addressed in this release, see the security advisory.

Django 1.4 release notes

March 23, 2012

Welcome to Django 1.4!

These release notes cover the new features, as well as some backwards incompatible changes you’ll want to be aware of when upgrading from Django 1.3 or older versions. We’ve also dropped some features, which are detailed in our deprecation plan, and we’ve begun the deprecation process for some features.

Overview

The biggest new feature in Django 1.4 is support for time zones when handling date/times. When enabled, this Django will store date/times in UTC, use timezone-aware objects internally, and translate them to users’ local timezones for display.

If you’re upgrading an existing project to Django 1.4, switching to the timezone aware mode may take some care: the new mode disallows some rather sloppy behavior that used to be accepted. We encourage anyone who’s upgrading to check out the timezone migration guide and the timezone FAQ for useful pointers.

Other notable new features in Django 1.4 include:

- A number of ORM improvements, including SELECT FOR UPDATE support, the ability to bulk insert large datasets for improved performance, and QuerySet.prefetch_related, a method to batch-load related objects in areas where select_related() doesn’t work.
- Some nice security additions, including improved password hashing (featuring PBKDF2 and bcrypt support), new tools for cryptographic signing, several CSRF improvements, and simple clickjacking protection.
- An updated default project layout and manage.py that removes the “magic” from prior versions. And for those who don’t like the new layout, you can use custom project and app templates instead!
Support for in-browser testing frameworks (like Selenium).

... and a whole lot more; see below!

Wherever possible we try to introduce new features in a backwards-compatible manner per our API stability policy. However, as with previous releases, Django 1.4 ships with some minor backwards incompatible changes; people upgrading from previous versions of Django should read that list carefully.

Python compatibility

Django 1.4 has dropped support for Python 2.4. Python 2.5 is now the minimum required Python version. Django is tested and supported on Python 2.5, 2.6 and 2.7.

This change should affect only a small number of Django users, as most operating-system vendors today are shipping Python 2.5 or newer as their default version. If you’re still using Python 2.4, however, you’ll need to stick to Django 1.3 until you can upgrade. Per our support policy, Django 1.3 will continue to receive security support until the release of Django 1.5.

Django does not support Python 3.x at this time. At some point before the release of Django 1.4, we plan to publish a document outlining our full timeline for deprecating Python 2.x and moving to Python 3.x.

What’s new in Django 1.4

Support for time zones

In previous versions, Django used “naive” date/times (that is, date/times without an associated time zone), leaving it up to each developer to interpret what a given date/time “really means”. This can cause all sorts of subtle timezone-related bugs.

In Django 1.4, you can now switch Django into a more correct, time-zone aware mode. In this mode, Django stores date and time information in UTC in the database, uses time-zone-aware datetime objects internally and translates them to the end user’s time zone in templates and forms. Reasons for using this feature include:

- Customizing date and time display for users around the world.
- Storing datetimes in UTC for database portability and interoperability. (This argument doesn’t apply to PostgreSQL, because it already stores timestamps with time zone information in Django 1.3.)
- Avoiding data corruption problems around DST transitions.

Time zone support is enabled by default in new projects created with startproject. If you want to use this feature in an existing project, read the migration guide. If you encounter problems, there’s a helpful FAQ.

Support for in-browser testing frameworks

Django 1.4 supports integration with in-browser testing frameworks like Selenium. The new django.test.LiveServerTestCase base class lets you test the interactions between your site’s front and back ends more comprehensively. See the documentation for more details and concrete examples.

Updated default project layout and manage.py

Django 1.4 ships with an updated default project layout and manage.py file for the startproject management command. These fix some issues with the previous manage.py handling of Python import paths that caused double imports, trouble moving from development to deployment, and other difficult-to-debug path issues.
The previous `manage.py` called functions that are now deprecated, and thus projects upgrading to Django 1.4 should update their `manage.py`. (The old-style `manage.py` will continue to work as before until Django 1.6. In 1.5 it will raise `DeprecationWarning`).

The new recommended `manage.py` file should look like this:

```python
#!/usr/bin/env python
import os, sys

if __name__ == '__main__':
    os.environ.setdefault('DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE', '{{ project_name }}.settings')
    from django.core.management import execute_from_command_line
    execute_from_command_line(sys.argv)
```

`{{ project_name }}` should be replaced with the Python package name of the actual project.

If settings, URLconfs and apps within the project are imported or referenced using the project name prefix (e.g. `myproject.settings`, `ROOT_URLCONF = "myproject.urls"`, etc.), the new `manage.py` will need to be moved one directory up, so it is outside the project package rather than adjacent to `settings.py` and `urls.py`.

For instance, with the following layout:

```bash
manage.py
mysite/
    __init__.py
    settings.py
    urls.py
    myapp/
        __init__.py
        models.py
```

You could import `mysite.settings`, `mysite.urls`, and `mysite.myapp`, but not `settings`, `urls`, or `myapp` as top-level modules.

Anything imported as a top-level module can be placed adjacent to the new `manage.py`. For instance, to decouple “myapp” from the project module and import it as just `myapp`, place it outside the `mysite/` directory:

```bash
manage.py
myapp/
    __init__.py
    models.py
mysite/
    __init__.py
    settings.py
    urls.py
```

If the same code is imported inconsistently (some places with the project prefix, some places without it), the imports will need to be cleaned up when switching to the new `manage.py`.

**Custom project and app templates**

The `startapp` and `startproject` management commands now have a `--template` option for specifying a path or URL to a custom app or project template.

For example, Django will use the `/path/to/my_project_template` directory when you run the following command:
You can also now provide a destination directory as the second argument to both `startapp` and `startproject`:

```bash
django-admin.py startapp myapp /path/to/new/app
django-admin.py startproject myproject /path/to/new/project
```

For more information, see the `startapp` and `startproject` documentation.

### Improved WSGI support

The `startproject` management command now adds a `wsgi.py` module to the initial project layout, containing a simple WSGI application that can be used for deploying with WSGI app servers.

The built-in development server now supports using an externally-defined WSGI callable, which makes it possible to run `runserver` with the same WSGI configuration that is used for deployment. The new `WSGI_APPLICATION` setting lets you configure which WSGI callable `runserver` uses.

(The `runfcgi` management command also internally wraps the WSGI callable configured via `WSGI_APPLICATION`.)

#### SELECT FOR UPDATE support

Django 1.4 includes a `QuerySet.select_for_update()` method, which generates a SELECT ... FOR UPDATE SQL query. This will lock rows until the end of the transaction, meaning other transactions cannot modify or delete rows matched by a FOR UPDATE query.

For more details, see the documentation for `select_for_update()`.

#### Model.objects.bulk_create in the ORM

This method lets you create multiple objects more efficiently. It can result in significant performance increases if you have many objects.

Django makes use of this internally, meaning some operations (such as database setup for test suites) have seen a performance benefit as a result.

See the `bulk_create()` docs for more information.

#### QuerySet.prefetch_related

Similar to `select_related()` but with a different strategy and broader scope, `prefetch_related()` has been added to `QuerySet`. This method returns a new `QuerySet` that will prefetch each of the specified related lookups in a single batch as soon as the query begins to be evaluated. Unlike `select_related`, it does the joins in Python, not in the database, and supports many-to-many relationships, `GenericForeignKey` and more. This allows you to fix a very common performance problem in which your code ends up doing O(n) database queries (or worse) if objects on your primary `QuerySet` each have many related objects that you also need to fetch.
Improved password hashing

Django’s auth system (django.contrib.auth) stores passwords using a one-way algorithm. Django 1.3 uses the SHA1 algorithm, but increasing processor speeds and theoretical attacks have revealed that SHA1 isn’t as secure as we’d like. Thus, Django 1.4 introduces a new password storage system: by default Django now uses the PBKDF2 algorithm (as recommended by NIST). You can also easily choose a different algorithm (including the popular bcrypt algorithm). For more details, see How Django stores passwords.

HTML5 doctype

We’ve switched the admin and other bundled templates to use the HTML5 doctype. While Django will be careful to maintain compatibility with older browsers, this change means that you can use any HTML5 features you need in admin pages without having to lose HTML validity or override the provided templates to change the doctype.

List filters in admin interface

Prior to Django 1.4, the admin app let you specify change list filters by specifying a field lookup, but it didn’t allow you to create custom filters. This has been rectified with a simple API (previously used internally and known as “FilterSpec”). For more details, see the documentation for list_filter.

Multiple sort in admin interface

The admin change list now supports sorting on multiple columns. It respects all elements of the ordering attribute, and sorting on multiple columns by clicking on headers is designed to mimic the behavior of desktop GUIs. We also added a get_ordering() method for specifying the ordering dynamically (i.e., depending on the request).

New ModelAdmin methods

We added a save_related() method to ModelAdmin to ease customization of how related objects are saved in the admin.

Two other new ModelAdmin methods, get_list_display() and get_list_display_links() enable dynamic customization of fields and links displayed on the admin change list.

Admin inlines respect user permissions

Admin inlines now only allow those actions for which the user has permission. For ManyToMany relationships with an auto-created intermediate model (which does not have its own permissions), the change permission for the related model determines if the user has the permission to add, change or delete relationships.

Tools for cryptographic signing

Django 1.4 adds both a low-level API for signing values and a high-level API for setting and reading signed cookies, one of the most common uses of signing in Web applications.

See the cryptographic signing docs for more information.
Cookie-based session backend

Django 1.4 introduces a cookie-based session backend that uses the tools for *cryptography* to store the session data in the client’s browser.

**Warning:** Session data is signed and validated by the server, but it’s not encrypted. This means a user can view any data stored in the session but cannot change it. Please read the documentation for further clarification before using this backend.

See the [cookie-based session backend docs](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/1.4/topics/http/sessions/#cookie-based-sessions) for more information.

New form wizard

The previous `FormWizard` from `django.contrib.formtools` has been replaced with a new implementation based on the class-based views introduced in Django 1.3. It features a pluggable storage API and doesn’t require the wizard to pass around hidden fields for every previous step.

Django 1.4 ships with a session-based storage backend and a cookie-based storage backend. The latter uses the tools for *cryptography* also introduced in Django 1.4 to store the wizard’s state in the user’s cookies.

**reverse_lazy**

A lazily evaluated version of `reverse()` was added to allow using URL reversals before the project’s URLconf gets loaded.

Translating URL patterns

Django can now look for a language prefix in the URL pattern when using the new `i18n_patterns()` helper function. It’s also now possible to define translatable URL patterns using `django.utils.translation.ugettext_lazy()`. See Internationalization: in URL patterns for more information about the language prefix and how to internationalize URL patterns.

**Contextual translation support for `{% trans %}` and `{% blocktrans %}`**

The *contextual translation* support introduced in Django 1.3 via the `pgettext` function has been extended to the `trans` and `blocktrans` template tags using the new `context` keyword.

Customizable `SingleObjectMixin` URLConf kwargs

Two new attributes, `pk_url_kwarg` and `slug_url_kwarg`, have been added to `SingleObjectMixin` to enable the customization of URLConf keyword arguments used for single object generic views.

Assignment template tags

A new `assignment_tag` helper function was added to `template.Library` to ease the creation of template tags that store data in a specified context variable.
**args and **kwargs support for template tag helper functions

The `simple_tag`, `inclusion_tag` and newly introduced `assignment_tag` template helper functions may now accept any number of positional or keyword arguments. For example:

```python
@register.simple_tag
def my_tag(a, b, *args, **kwargs):
    warning = kwargs['warning']
    profile = kwargs['profile']

    return ...
```

Then, in the template, any number of arguments may be passed to the template tag. For example:

```html
{% my_tag 123 "abcd" book.title warning=message|lower profile=user.profile %}
```

No wrapping of exceptions in TEMPLATE_DEBUG mode

In previous versions of Django, whenever the `TEMPLATE_DEBUG` setting was `True`, any exception raised during template rendering (even exceptions unrelated to template syntax) were wrapped in `TemplateSyntaxError` and re-raised. This was done in order to provide detailed template source location information in the debug 500 page.

In Django 1.4, exceptions are no longer wrapped. Instead, the original exception is annotated with the source information. This means that catching exceptions from template rendering is now consistent regardless of the value of `TEMPLATE_DEBUG`, and there’s no need to catch and unwrap `TemplateSyntaxError` in order to catch other errors.

**truncatechars** template filter

This new filter truncates a string to be no longer than the specified number of characters. Truncated strings end with a translatable ellipsis sequence ("..."). See the documentation for `truncatechars` for more details.

**static** template tag

The `staticfiles` contrib app has a new `static` template tag to refer to files saved with the `STATICFILES_STORAGE` storage backend. It uses the storage backend’s `url` method and therefore supports advanced features such as serving files from a cloud service.

**CachedStaticFilesStorage** storage backend

The `staticfiles` contrib app now has a `django.contrib.staticfiles.storage.CachedStaticFilesStorage` backend that caches the files it saves (when running the `collectstatic` management command) by appending the MD5 hash of the file’s content to the filename. For example, the file `css/styles.css` would also be saved as `css/styles.55e7cab9ba48.css`.

**Simple clickjacking protection**

We’ve added a middleware to provide easy protection against clickjacking using the `X-Frame-Options` header. It’s not enabled by default for backwards compatibility reasons, but you’ll almost certainly want to enable it to help plug that security hole for browsers that support the header.

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CSRF improvements

We’ve made various improvements to our CSRF features, including the `ensure_csrf_cookie()` decorator, which can help with AJAX-heavy sites; protection for PUT and DELETE requests; and the `CSRF_COOKIE_SECURE` and `CSRF_COOKIE_PATH` settings, which can improve the security and usefulness of CSRF protection. See the [CSRF docs](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/csrf/) for more information.

Error report filtering

We added two function decorators, `sensitive_variables()` and `sensitive_post_parameters()`, to allow designating the local variables and POST parameters that may contain sensitive information and should be filtered out of error reports.

All POST parameters are now systematically filtered out of error reports for certain views (`login`, `password_reset_confirm`, `password_change` and `add_view` in `django.contrib.auth.views`, as well as `user_change_password` in the admin app) to prevent the leaking of sensitive information such as user passwords.

You can override or customize the default filtering by writing a custom filter. For more information see the docs on Filtering error reports.

Extended IPv6 support

Django 1.4 can now better handle IPv6 addresses with the new `GenericIPAddressField` model field, `GenericIPAddressField` form field and the validators `validate_ipv46_address` and `validate_ipv6_address`.

HTML comparisons in tests

The base classes in `django.test` now have some helpers to compare HTML without tripping over irrelevant differences in whitespace, argument quoting/ordering and closing of self-closing tags. You can either compare HTML directly with the new `assertHTMLEqual()` and `assertHTMLNotEqual()` assertions, or use the `html=True` flag with `assertContains()` and `assertNotContains()` to test whether the client’s response contains a given HTML fragment. See the [assertions documentation](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/testing/assertions/) for more.

Two new date format strings

Two new `date` formats were added for use in template filters, template tags and Format localization:

- `e` – the name of the timezone of the given datetime object
- `o` – the ISO 8601 year number

Please make sure to update your custom format files if they contain either `e` or `o` in a format string. For example a Spanish localization format previously only escaped the `d` format character:

```python
DATE_FORMAT = r'j \de F \de Y'
```

But now it needs to also escape `e` and `o`:

```python
DATE_FORMAT = r'j \d\e F \d\e Y'
```

For more information, see the [date documentation](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/i18n/formatting/).
Minor features

Django 1.4 also includes several smaller improvements worth noting:

- A more usable stacktrace in the technical 500 page. Frames in the stack trace that reference Django’s framework code are dimmed out, while frames in application code are slightly emphasized. This change makes it easier to scan a stacktrace for issues in application code.
- **Tablespace support** in PostgreSQL.
- Customizable names for `simple_tag()`.
- In the documentation, a helpful `security overview` page.
- The `django.contrib.auth.models.check_password` function has been moved to the `django.contrib.auth.hashers` module. Importing it from the old location will still work, but you should update your imports.
- The `collectstatic` management command now has a `--clear` option to delete all files at the destination before copying or linking the static files.
- It’s now possible to load fixtures containing forward references when using MySQL with the InnoDB database engine.
- A new 403 response handler has been added as `'django.views.defaults.permission_denied'`. You can set your own handler by setting the value of `django.conf.urls.handler403`. See the documentation about the 403 (HTTP Forbidden) view for more information.
- The `makemessages` command uses a new and more accurate lexer, `JsLex`, for extracting translatable strings from JavaScript files.
- The `trans` template tag now takes an optional `as` argument to be able to retrieve a translation string without displaying it but setting a template context variable instead.
- The `if` template tag now supports `{% elif %}` clauses.
- If your Django app is behind a proxy, you might find the new `SECURE_PROXY_SSL_HEADER` setting useful. It solves the problem of your proxy “eating” the fact that a request came in via HTTPS. But only use this setting if you know what you’re doing.
- A new, plain-text, version of the HTTP 500 status code internal error page served when `DEBUG` is `True` is now sent to the client when Django detects that the request has originated in JavaScript code. (`is_ajax()` is used for this.)

Like its HTML counterpart, it contains a collection of different pieces of information about the state of the application.

This should make it easier to read when debugging interaction with client-side JavaScript.

- Added the `makemessages --no-location` option.
- Changed the `locmem` cache backend to use `pickle.HIGHEST_PROTOCOL` for better compatibility with the other cache backends.
- Added support in the ORM for generating `SELECT` queries containing `DISTINCT ON`.

The `distinct()` `QuerySet` method now accepts an optional list of model field names. If specified, then the `DISTINCT` statement is limited to these fields. This is only supported in PostgreSQL.

For more details, see the documentation for `distinct()`.

- The admin login page will add a password reset link if you include a URL with the name `'admin_password_reset'` in your `urls.py`, so plugging in the built-in password reset mechanism and making it available is now much easier. For details, see **Adding a password reset feature.**
• The MySQL database backend can now make use of the savepoint feature implemented by MySQL version 5.0.3 or newer with the InnoDB storage engine.

• It’s now possible to pass initial values to the model forms that are part of both model formsets and inline model formsets as returned from factory functions `modelformset_factory` and `inlineformset_factory` respectively just like with regular formsets. However, initial values only apply to extra forms, i.e. those which are not bound to an existing model instance.

• The sitemaps framework can now handle HTTPS links using the new `Sitemap.protocol` class attribute.

• A new `django.test.SimpleTestCase` subclass of `unittest.TestCase` that’s lighter than `django.test.TestCase` and company. It can be useful in tests that don’t need to hit a database. See Hierarchy of Django unit testing classes.

Backwards incompatible changes in 1.4

SECRET_KEY setting is required

Running Django with an empty or known `SECRET_KEY` disables many of Django’s security protections and can lead to remote-code-execution vulnerabilities. No Django site should ever be run without a `SECRET_KEY`.

In Django 1.4, starting Django with an empty `SECRET_KEY` will raise a `DeprecationWarning`. In Django 1.5, it will raise an exception and Django will refuse to start. This is slightly accelerated from the usual deprecation path due to the severity of the consequences of running Django with no `SECRET_KEY`.

django.contrib.admin

The included administration app `django.contrib.admin` has for a long time shipped with a default set of static files such as JavaScript, images and stylesheets. Django 1.3 added a new contrib app `django.contrib.staticfiles` to handle such files in a generic way and defined conventions for static files included in apps.

Starting in Django 1.4, the admin’s static files also follow this convention, to make the files easier to deploy. In previous versions of Django, it was also common to define an `ADMIN_MEDIA_PREFIX` setting to point to the URL where the admin’s static files live on a Web server. This setting has now been deprecated and replaced by the more general setting `STATIC_URL`. Django will now expect to find the admin static files under the URL `<STATIC_URL>/admin/`.

If you’ve previously used a URL path for `ADMIN_MEDIA_PREFIX` (e.g. `/media/`) simply make sure `STATIC_URL` and `STATIC_ROOT` are configured and your Web server serves those files correctly. The development server continues to serve the admin files just like before. Read the static files howto for more details.

If your `ADMIN_MEDIA_PREFIX` is set to a specific domain (e.g. `http://media.example.com/admin/`), make sure to also set your `STATIC_URL` setting to the correct URL – for example, `http://media.example.com/`.

**Warning:** If you’re implicitly relying on the path of the admin static files within Django’s source code, you’ll need to update that path. The files were moved from `django/contrib/admin/media/` to `django/contrib/admin/static/admin/`.

Supported browsers for the admin

Django hasn’t had a clear policy on which browsers are supported by the admin app. Our new policy formalizes existing practices: YUI’s A-grade browsers should provide a fully-functional admin experience, with the notable exception of Internet Explorer 6, which is no longer supported.
Released over 10 years ago, IE6 imposes many limitations on modern Web development. The practical implications of this policy are that contributors are free to improve the admin without consideration for these limitations.

This new policy has no impact on sites you develop using Django. It only applies to the Django admin. Feel free to develop apps compatible with any range of browsers.

**Removed admin icons**

As part of an effort to improve the performance and usability of the admin’s change-list sorting interface and horizontal and vertical “filter” widgets, some icon files were removed and grouped into two sprite files.

Specifically: selector-add.gif, selector-addall.gif, selector-remove.gif, selector-removeall.gif, selector_stacked-add.gif and selector_stacked-remove.gif were combined into selector-icons.gif; and arrow-up.gif and arrow-down.gif were combined into sorting-icons.gif.

If you used those icons to customize the admin, then you’ll need to replace them with your own icons or get the files from a previous release.

**CSS class names in admin forms**

To avoid conflicts with other common CSS class names (e.g. “button”), we added a prefix (“field-”) to all CSS class names automatically generated from the form field names in the main admin forms, stacked inline forms and tabular inline cells. You’ll need to take that prefix into account in your custom style sheets or JavaScript files if you previously used plain field names as selectors for custom styles or JavaScript transformations.

**Compatibility with old signed data**

Django 1.3 changed the cryptographic signing mechanisms used in a number of places in Django. While Django 1.3 kept fallbacks that would accept hashes produced by the previous methods, these fallbacks are removed in Django 1.4.

So, if you upgrade to Django 1.4 directly from 1.2 or earlier, you may lose/invalidate certain pieces of data that have been cryptographically signed using an old method. To avoid this, use Django 1.3 first for a period of time to allow the signed data to expire naturally. The affected parts are detailed below, with 1) the consequences of ignoring this advice and 2) the amount of time you need to run Django 1.3 for the data to expire or become irrelevant.

- **contrib.sessions** data integrity check
  - Consequences: The user will be logged out, and session data will be lost.
  - Time period: Defined by `SESSION_COOKIE_AGE`.
- **contrib.auth** password reset hash
  - Consequences: Password reset links from before the upgrade will not work.
  - Time period: Defined by `PASSWORD_RESET_TIMEOUT_DAYS`.

Form-related hashes: these have a much shorter lifetime and are relevant only for the short window where a user might fill in a form generated by the pre-upgrade Django instance and try to submit it to the upgraded Django instance:

- **contrib.comments** form security hash
  - Consequences: The user will see the validation error “Security hash failed.”
  - Time period: The amount of time you expect users to take filling out comment forms.

- **FormWizard** security hash
– Consequences: The user will see an error about the form having expired and will be sent back to the first page of the wizard, losing the data entered so far.
– Time period: The amount of time you expect users to take filling out the affected forms.

• CSRF check
– Note: This is actually a Django 1.1 fallback, not Django 1.2, and it applies only if you’re upgrading from 1.1.
– Consequences: The user will see a 403 error with any CSRF-protected POST form.
– Time period: The amount of time you expect user to take filling out such forms.

• contrib.auth user password hash-upgrade sequence
– Consequences: Each user’s password will be updated to a stronger password hash when it’s written to the database in 1.4. This means that if you upgrade to 1.4 and then need to downgrade to 1.3, version 1.3 won’t be able to read the updated passwords.
– Remedy: Set `PASSWORD_HASHERS` to use your original password hashing when you initially upgrade to 1.4. After you confirm your app works well with Django 1.4 and you won’t have to roll back to 1.3, enable the new password hashes.

**django.contrib.flatpages**

Starting in 1.4, the `FlatpageFallbackMiddleware` only adds a trailing slash and redirects if the resulting URL refers to an existing flatpage. For example, requesting `/notaflatpageoravalidurl` in a previous version would redirect to `/notaflatpageoravalidurl/`, which would subsequently raise a 404. Requesting `/notaflatpageoravalidurl` now will immediately raise a 404.

Also, redirects returned by flatpages are now permanent (with 301 status code), to match the behavior of `CommonMiddleware`.

**Serialization of datetime and time**

As a consequence of time-zone support, and according to the ECMA-262 specification, we made changes to the JSON serializer:

- It includes the time zone for aware datetime objects. It raises an exception for aware time objects.
- It includes milliseconds for datetime and time objects. There is still some precision loss, because Python stores microseconds (6 digits) and JSON only supports milliseconds (3 digits). However, it’s better than discarding microseconds entirely.

We changed the XML serializer to use the ISO8601 format for datetimes. The letter T is used to separate the date part from the time part, instead of a space. Time zone information is included in the `[+-]HH:MM` format.

Though the serializers now use these new formats when creating fixtures, they can still load fixtures that use the old format.

**supports_timezone changed to False for SQLite**

The database feature `supports_timezone` used to be `True` for SQLite. Indeed, if you saved an aware datetime object, SQLite stored a string that included an UTC offset. However, this offset was ignored when loading the value back from the database, which could corrupt the data.
In the context of time-zone support, this flag was changed to False, and datetimes are now stored without time-zone information in SQLite. When USE_TZ is False, if you attempt to save an aware datetime object, Django raises an exception.

**MySQL-specific exceptions**

The MySQL backend historically has raised MySQLdb.OperationalError when a query triggered an exception. We’ve fixed this bug, and we now raise django.db.DatabaseError instead. If you were testing for MySQLdb.OperationalError, you’ll need to update your except clauses.

**Database connection’s thread-locality**

DatabaseWrapper objects (i.e. the connection objects referenced by django.db.connection and django.db.connections['some_alias']) used to be thread-local. They are now global objects in order to be potentially shared between multiple threads. While the individual connection objects are now global, the django.db.connections dictionary referencing those objects is still thread-local. Therefore if you just use the ORM or DatabaseWrapper.cursor() then the behavior is still the same as before. Note, however, that django.db.connection does not directly reference the default DatabaseWrapper object anymore and is now a proxy to access that object’s attributes. If you need to access the actual DatabaseWrapper object, use django.db.connections[DEFAULT_DB_ALIAS] instead.

As part of this change, all underlying SQLite connections are now enabled for potential thread-sharing (by passing the check_same_thread=False attribute to pysqlite). DatabaseWrapper however preserves the previous behavior by disabling thread-sharing by default, so this does not affect any existing code that purely relies on the ORM or on DatabaseWrapper.cursor().

Finally, while it’s now possible to pass connections between threads, Django doesn’t make any effort to synchronize access to the underlying backend. Concurrency behavior is defined by the underlying backend implementation. Check their documentation for details.

**COMMENTS_BANNED_USERS_GROUP setting**

Django’s comments has historically supported excluding the comments of a special user group, but we’ve never documented the feature properly and didn’t enforce the exclusion in other parts of the app such as the template tags. To fix this problem, we removed the code from the feed class.

If you rely on the feature and want to restore the old behavior, use a custom comment model manager to exclude the user group, like this:

```python
from django.conf import settings
from django.contrib.comments.managers import CommentManager

class BanningCommentManager(CommentManager):
    def get_query_set(self):
        qs = super().get_query_set()
        if getattr(settings, 'COMMENTS_BANNED_USERS_GROUP', None):
            where = ['user_id NOT IN (SELECT user_id FROM auth_user_groups WHERE group_id = %s)']
            params = [settings.COMMENTS_BANNED_USERS_GROUP]
            qs = qs.extra(where=where, params=params)
        return qs
```

Save this model manager in your custom comment app (e.g., in my_comments_app/managers.py) and add it your custom comment app model.

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from django.db import models
from django.contrib.comments.models import Comment
from my_comments_app.managers import BanningCommentManager

class CommentWithTitle(Comment):
    title = models.CharField(max_length=300)

    objects = BanningCommentManager()

IGNORABLE_404_STARTS and IGNORABLE_404_ENDS settings

Until Django 1.3, it was possible to exclude some URLs from Django’s 404 error reporting by adding prefixes to IGNORABLE_404_STARTS and suffixes to IGNORABLE_404_ENDS.

In Django 1.4, these two settings are superseded by IGNORABLE_404_URLS, which is a list of compiled regular expressions. Django won’t send an email for 404 errors on URLs that match any of them.

Furthermore, the previous settings had some rather arbitrary default values:

IGNORABLE_404_STARTS = ('/cgi-bin/', '/_vti_bin', '/_vti_inf')
IGNORABLE_404_ENDS = ('mail.pl', 'mailform.pl', 'mail.cgi', 'mailform.cgi',
                     'favicon.ico', '.php')

It’s not Django’s role to decide if your website has a legacy /cgi-bin/ section or a favicon.ico. As a consequence, the default values of IGNORABLE_404_URLS, IGNORABLE_404_STARTS, and IGNORABLE_404_ENDS are all now empty.

If you have customized IGNORABLE_404_STARTS or IGNORABLE_404_ENDS, or if you want to keep the old default value, you should add the following lines in your settings file:

import re
IGNORABLE_404_URLS = {
    # for each <prefix> in IGNORABLE_404_STARTS
    re.compile(r'^<prefix>$'),
    # for each <suffix> in IGNORABLE_404_ENDS
    re.compile(r'<suffix>$'),
}

Don’t forget to escape characters that have a special meaning in a regular expression, such as periods.

CSRF protection extended to PUT and DELETE

Previously, Django’s CSRF protection provided protection only against POST requests. Since use of PUT and DELETE methods in AJAX applications is becoming more common, we now protect all methods not defined as safe by RFC 2616 – i.e., we exempt GET, HEAD, OPTIONS and TRACE, and we enforce protection on everything else.

If you’re using PUT or DELETE methods in AJAX applications, please see the instructions about using AJAX and CSRF.
**Password reset view now accepts subject_template_name**

The `password_reset` view in `django.contrib.auth` now accepts a `subject_template_name` parameter, which is passed to the password save form as a keyword argument. If you are using this view with a custom password reset form, then you will need to ensure your form’s `save()` method accepts this keyword argument.

**django.core.template_loaders**

This was an alias to `django.template.loader` since 2005, and we’ve removed it without emitting a warning due to the length of the deprecation. If your code still referenced this, please use `django.template.loader` instead.

**django.db.models.fields.URLField.verify_exists**

This functionality has been removed due to intractable performance and security issues. Any existing usage of `verify_exists` should be removed.

**django.core.files.storage.Storage.open**

The `open` method of the base `Storage` class used to take an obscure parameter `mixin` that allowed you to dynamically change the base classes of the returned file object. This has been removed. In the rare case you relied on the `mixin` parameter, you can easily achieve the same by overriding the `open` method, like this:

```python
from django.core.files import File
from django.core.files.storage import FileSystemStorage

class Spam(File):
    """
    Spam, spam, spam, spam and spam.
    """
    def ham(self):
        return 'eggs'

class SpamStorage(FileSystemStorage):
    """
    A custom file storage backend.
    """
    def open(self, name, mode='rb'):
        return Spam(open(self.path(name), mode))
```

**YAML deserializer now uses `yaml.safe_load`**

`yaml.load` is able to construct any Python object, which may trigger arbitrary code execution if you process a YAML document that comes from an untrusted source. This feature isn’t necessary for Django’s YAML deserializer, whose primary use is to load fixtures consisting of simple objects. Even though fixtures are trusted data, the YAML deserializer now uses `yaml.safe_load` for additional security.
Session cookies now have the `httponly` flag by default

Session cookies now include the `httponly` attribute by default to help reduce the impact of potential XSS attacks. As a consequence of this change, session cookie data, including sessionid, is no longer accessible from JavaScript in many browsers. For strict backwards compatibility, use `SESSION_COOKIE_HTTPONLY = False` in your settings file.

The `urlize` filter no longer escapes every URL

When a URL contains a `%xx` sequence, where `xx` are two hexadecimal digits, `urlize` now assumes that the URL is already escaped and doesn’t apply URL escaping again. This is wrong for URLs whose unquoted form contains a `%xx` sequence, but such URLs are very unlikely to happen in the wild, because they would confuse browsers too.

`assertTemplateUsed` and `assertTemplateNotUsed` as context manager

It’s now possible to check whether a template was used within a block of code with `assertTemplateUsed()` and `assertTemplateNotUsed()`. And they can be used as a context manager:

```python
with self.assertTemplateUsed('index.html'):
    render_to_string('index.html')
with self.assertTemplateNotUsed('base.html'):
    render_to_string('index.html')
```

See the assertion documentation for more.

Database connections after running the test suite

The default test runner no longer restores the database connections after tests’ execution. This prevents the production database from being exposed to potential threads that would still be running and attempting to create new connections.

If your code relied on connections to the production database being created after tests’ execution, then you can restore the previous behavior by subclassing `DjangoTestRunner` and overriding its `teardown_databases()` method.

Output of `manage.py help`

`manage.py help` now groups available commands by application. If you depended on the output of this command – if you parsed it, for example – then you’ll need to update your code. To get a list of all available management commands in a script, use `manage.py help --commands` instead.

`extends` template tag

Previously, the `extends` tag used a buggy method of parsing arguments, which could lead to it erroneously considering an argument as a string literal when it wasn’t. It now uses `parser.compile_filter`, like other tags.

The internals of the tag aren’t part of the official stable API, but in the interests of full disclosure, the `ExtendsNode.__init__` definition has changed, which may break any custom tags that use this class.
Loading some incomplete fixtures no longer works

Prior to 1.4, a default value was inserted for fixture objects that were missing a specific date or datetime value when auto_now or auto_now_add was set for the field. This was something that should not have worked, and in 1.4 loading such incomplete fixtures will fail. Because fixtures are a raw import, they should explicitly specify all field values, regardless of field options on the model.

Development Server Multithreading

The development server is now is multithreaded by default. Use the runserver --nothreading option to disable the use of threading in the development server:

```
django-admin.py runserver --nothreading
```

Attributes disabled in markdown when safe mode set

Prior to Django 1.4, attributes were included in any markdown output regardless of safe mode setting of the filter. With version > 2.1 of the Python-Markdown library, an enable_attributes option was added. When the safe argument is passed to the markdown filter, both the safe_mode=True and enable_attributes=False options are set. If using a version of the Python-Markdown library less than 2.1, a warning is issued that the output is insecure.

FormMixin get_initial returns an instance-specific dictionary

In Django 1.3, the get_initial method of the django.views.generic.edit.FormMixin class was returning the class initial dictionary. This has been fixed to return a copy of this dictionary, so form instances can modify their initial data without messing with the class variable.

Features deprecated in 1.4

Old styles of calling cache_page decorator

Some legacy ways of calling cache_page() have been deprecated. Please see the documentation for the correct way to use this decorator.

Support for PostgreSQL versions older than 8.2

Django 1.3 dropped support for PostgreSQL versions older than 8.0, and we suggested using a more recent version because of performance improvements and, more importantly, the end of upstream support periods for 8.0 and 8.1 was near (November 2010).

Django 1.4 takes that policy further and sets 8.2 as the minimum PostgreSQL version it officially supports.

Request exceptions are now always logged

When we added logging support in Django in 1.3, the admin error email support was moved into the django.utils.log.AdminEmailHandler, attached to the 'django.request' logger. In order to maintain the established behavior of error emails, the 'django.request' logger was called only when DEBUG was False.
To increase the flexibility of error logging for requests, the 'django.request' logger is now called regardless of the value of `DEBUG`, and the default settings file for new projects now includes a separate filter attached to `django.utils.log.AdminEmailHandler` to prevent admin error emails in `DEBUG` mode:

```python
'filters': {
    'require_debug_false': {
        '()': 'django.utils.log.RequireDebugFalse'
    },
},
'handlers': {
    'mail_admins': {
        'level': 'ERROR',
        'filters': ['require_debug_false'],
        'class': 'django.utils.log.AdminEmailHandler'
    },
},
```

If your project was created prior to this change, your `LOGGING` setting will not include this new filter. In order to maintain backwards-compatibility, Django will detect that your 'mail_admins' handler configuration includes no 'filters' section and will automatically add this filter for you and issue a pending-deprecation warning. This will become a deprecation warning in Django 1.5, and in Django 1.6 the backwards-compatibility shim will be removed entirely.

The existence of any 'filters' key under the 'mail_admins' handler will disable this backward-compatibility shim and deprecation warning.

**django.conf.urls.defaults**

Until Django 1.3, the `include()`, `patterns()`, and `url()` functions, plus `handler404` and `handler500` were located in a `django.conf.urls.defaults` module.

In Django 1.4, they live in `django.conf.urls`.

**django.contrib.databrowse**

Databrowse has not seen active development for some time, and this does not show any sign of changing. There had been a suggestion for a GSOC project to integrate the functionality of databrowse into the admin, but no progress was made. While Databrowse has been deprecated, an enhancement of `django.contrib.admin` providing a similar feature set is still possible.

The code that powers Databrowse is licensed under the same terms as Django itself, so it’s available to be adopted by an individual or group as a third-party project.

**django.core.management.setup_environ**

This function temporarily modified `sys.path` in order to make the parent “project” directory importable under the old flat `startproject` layout. This function is now deprecated, as its path workarounds are no longer needed with the new `manage.py` and default project layout.

This function was never documented or part of the public API, but it was widely recommended for use in setting up a “Django environment” for a user script. These uses should be replaced by setting the `DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE` environment variable or using `django.conf.settings.configure()`.
**django.core.management.execute_manager**

This function was previously used by `manage.py` to execute a management command. It is identical to `django.core.management.execute_from_command_line`, except that it first calls `setup_environ`, which is now deprecated. As such, `execute_manager` is also deprecated; `execute_from_command_line` can be used instead. Neither of these functions is documented as part of the public API, but a deprecation path is needed due to use in existing `manage.py` files.

**is_safe and needs_autoescape attributes of template filters**

Two flags, `is_safe` and `needs_autoescape`, define how each template filter interacts with Django’s auto-escaping behavior. They used to be attributes of the filter function:

```python
@register.filter
def noop(value):
    return value
noop.is_safe = True
```

However, this technique caused some problems in combination with decorators, especially `@stringfilter`. Now, the flags are keyword arguments of `@register.filter`:

```python
@register.filter(is_safe=True)
def noop(value):
    return value
```

See [filters and auto-escaping](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/i18n/) for more information.

**Wildcard expansion of application names in INSTALLED_APPS**

Until Django 1.3, `INSTALLED_APPS` accepted wildcards in application names, like `django.contrib.*`. The expansion was performed by a filesystem-based implementation of `from <package> import *`. Unfortunately, this can’t be done reliably.

This behavior was never documented. Since it is unpythonic, it was removed in Django 1.4. If you relied on it, you must edit your settings file to list all your applications explicitly.

**HttpRequest.raw_post_data renamed to HttpRequest.body**

This attribute was confusingly named `HttpRequest.raw_post_data`, but it actually provided the body of the HTTP request. It’s been renamed to `HttpRequest.body`, and `HttpRequest.raw_post_data` has been deprecated.

**django.contrib.sitemaps bug fix with potential performance implications**

In previous versions, `Paginator` objects used in sitemap classes were cached, which could result in stale site maps. We’ve removed the caching, so each request to a site map now creates a new `Paginator` object and calls the `items()` method of the `Sitemap` subclass. Depending on what your `items()` method is doing, this may have a negative performance impact. To mitigate the performance impact, consider using the `caching framework` within your `Sitemap` subclass.
Versions of Python-Markdown earlier than 2.1

Versions of Python-Markdown earlier than 2.1 do not support the option to disable attributes. As a security issue, earlier versions of this library will not be supported by the markup contrib app in 1.5 under an accelerated deprecation timeline.

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Django 1.3.7 release notes

February 20, 2013

Django 1.3.7 corrects a packaging problem with yesterday’s 1.3.6 release.

The release contained stray .pyc files that caused “bad magic number” errors when running with some versions of Python. This releases corrects this, and also fixes a bad documentation link in the project template settings.py file generated by manage.py startproject.

Django 1.3.6 release notes

February 19, 2013

Django 1.3.6 fixes four security issues present in previous Django releases in the 1.3 series.

This is the sixth bugfix/security release in the Django 1.3 series.

Host header poisoning

Some parts of Django – independent of end-user-written applications – make use of full URLs, including domain name, which are generated from the HTTP Host header. Django’s documentation has for some time contained notes advising users on how to configure Web servers to ensure that only valid Host headers can reach the Django application. However, it has been reported to us that even with the recommended Web server configurations there are still techniques available for tricking many common Web servers into supplying the application with an incorrect and possibly malicious Host header.

For this reason, Django 1.3.6 adds a new setting, ALLOWED_HOSTS, which should contain an explicit list of valid host/domain names for this site. A request with a Host header not matching an entry in this list will raise SuspiciousOperation if request.get_host() is called. For full details see the documentation for the ALLOWED_HOSTS setting.

The default value for this setting in Django 1.3.6 is ['* '] (matching any host), for backwards-compatibility, but we strongly encourage all sites to set a more restrictive value.

This host validation is disabled when DEBUG is True or when running tests.

XML deserialization

The XML parser in the Python standard library is vulnerable to a number of attacks via external entities and entity expansion. Django uses this parser for deserializing XML-formatted database fixtures. The fixture deserializer is not intended for use with untrusted data, but in order to err on the side of safety in Django 1.3.6 the XML deserializer refuses to parse an XML document with a DTD (DOCTYPE definition), which closes off these attack avenues.

These issues in the Python standard library are CVE-2013-1664 and CVE-2013-1665. More information available from the Python security team.
Django’s XML serializer does not create documents with a DTD, so this should not cause any issues with the typical round-trip from dumpdata to loaddata, but if you feed your own XML documents to the loaddata management command, you will need to ensure they do not contain a DTD.

**Formset memory exhaustion**

Previous versions of Django did not validate or limit the form-count data provided by the client in a formset’s management form, making it possible to exhaust a server’s available memory by forcing it to create very large numbers of forms.

In Django 1.3.6, all formsets have a strictly-enforced maximum number of forms (1000 by default, though it can be set higher via the max_num formset factory argument).

**Admin history view information leakage**

In previous versions of Django, an admin user without change permission on a model could still view the Unicode representation of instances via their admin history log. Django 1.3.6 now limits the admin history log view for an object to users with change permission for that model.

**Django 1.3.5 release notes**

*December 10, 2012*

Django 1.3.5 addresses two security issues present in previous Django releases in the 1.3 series.

Please be aware that this security release is slightly different from previous ones. Both issues addressed here have been dealt with in prior security updates to Django. In one case, we have received ongoing reports of problems, and in the other we’ve chosen to take further steps to tighten up Django’s code in response to independent discovery of potential problems from multiple sources.

**Host header poisoning**

Several earlier Django security releases focused on the issue of poisoning the HTTP Host header, causing Django to generate URLs pointing to arbitrary, potentially-malicious domains.

In response to further input received and reports of continuing issues following the previous release, we’re taking additional steps to tighten Host header validation. Rather than attempt to accommodate all features HTTP supports here, Django’s Host header validation attempts to support a smaller, but far more common, subset:

- Hostnames must consist of characters [A-Za-z0-9] plus hyphen ('-') or dot ('.').
- IP addresses – both IPv4 and IPv6 – are permitted.
- Port, if specified, is numeric.

Any deviation from this will now be rejected, raising the exception `django.core.exceptions.SuspiciousOperation`.

**Redirect poisoning**

Also following up on a previous issue: in July of this year, we made changes to Django’s HTTP redirect classes, performing additional validation of the scheme of the URL to redirect to (since, both within Django’s own supplied applications and many third-party applications, accepting a user-supplied redirect target is a common pattern).
Since then, two independent audits of the code turned up further potential problems. So, similar to the Host-header issue, we are taking steps to provide tighter validation in response to reported problems (primarily with third-party applications, but to a certain extent also within Django itself). This comes in two parts:

1. A new utility function, `django.utils.http.is_safe_url`, is added; this function takes a URL and a hostname, and checks that the URL is either relative, or if absolute matches the supplied hostname. This function is intended for use whenever user-supplied redirect targets are accepted, to ensure that such redirects cannot lead to arbitrary third-party sites.

2. All of Django’s own built-in views – primarily in the authentication system – which allow user-supplied redirect targets now use `is_safe_url` to validate the supplied URL.

Django 1.3.4 release notes

October 17, 2012

This is the fourth release in the Django 1.3 series.

Host header poisoning

Some parts of Django – independent of end-user-written applications – make use of full URLs, including domain name, which are generated from the HTTP Host header. Some attacks against this are beyond Django’s ability to control, and require the web server to be properly configured; Django’s documentation has for some time contained notes advising users on such configuration.

Django’s own built-in parsing of the Host header is, however, still vulnerable, as was reported to us recently. The Host header parsing in Django 1.3.3 and Django 1.4.1 – specifically, `django.http.HttpRequest.get_host()` – was incorrectly handling username/password information in the header. Thus, for example, the following Host header would be accepted by Django when running on “validsite.com”:

```
Host: validsite.com:random@evilsite.com
```

Using this, an attacker can cause parts of Django – particularly the password-reset mechanism – to generate and display arbitrary URLs to users.

To remedy this, the parsing in `HttpRequest.get_host()` is being modified; Host headers which contain potentially dangerous content (such as username/password pairs) now raise the exception `django.core.exceptions.SuspiciousOperation`.

Details of this issue were initially posted online as a security advisory.

Django 1.3.3 release notes

August 1, 2012

Following Monday’s security release of Django 1.3.2, we began receiving reports that one of the fixes applied was breaking Python 2.4 compatibility for Django 1.3. Since Python 2.4 is a supported Python version for that release series, this release fixes compatibility with Python 2.4.

Django 1.3.2 release notes

July 30, 2012

This is the second security release in the Django 1.3 series, fixing several security issues in Django 1.3. Django 1.3.2 is a recommended upgrade for all users of Django 1.3.
For a full list of issues addressed in this release, see the security advisory.

**Django 1.3.1 release notes**

*September 9, 2011*

Welcome to Django 1.3.1!

This is the first security release in the Django 1.3 series, fixing several security issues in Django 1.3. Django 1.3.1 is a recommended upgrade for all users of Django 1.3.

For a full list of issues addressed in this release, see the security advisory.

**Django 1.3 release notes**

*March 23, 2011*

Welcome to Django 1.3!

Nearly a year in the making, Django 1.3 includes quite a few *new features* and plenty of bug fixes and improvements to existing features. These release notes cover the new features in 1.3, as well as some *backwards-incompatible changes* you’ll want to be aware of when upgrading from Django 1.2 or older versions.

**Overview**

Django 1.3’s focus has mostly been on resolving smaller, long-standing feature requests, but that hasn’t prevented a few fairly significant new features from landing, including:

- A framework for writing *class-based views*.
- Built-in support for *using Python’s logging facilities*.
- Contrib support for *easy handling of static files*.
- Django’s testing framework now supports (and ships with a copy of) *the unittest2 library*.

Wherever possible, new features are introduced in a backwards-compatible manner per our *API stability policy*. As a result of this policy, Django 1.3 *begins the deprecation process for some features*.

**Python compatibility**

The release of Django 1.2 was notable for having the first shift in Django’s Python compatibility policy; prior to Django 1.2, Django supported any 2.x version of Python from 2.3 up. As of Django 1.2, the minimum requirement was raised to Python 2.4.

Django 1.3 continues to support Python 2.4, but will be the final Django release series to do so; beginning with Django 1.4, the minimum supported Python version will be 2.5. A document outlining our full timeline for deprecating Python 2.x and moving to Python 3.x will be published shortly after the release of Django 1.3.

**What’s new in Django 1.3**
Class-based views

Django 1.3 adds a framework that allows you to use a class as a view. This means you can compose a view out of a collection of methods that can be subclassed and overridden to provide common views of data without having to write too much code.

Analogs of all the old function-based generic views have been provided, along with a completely generic view base class that can be used as the basis for reusable applications that can be easily extended.

See the documentation on class-based generic views for more details. There is also a document to help you convert your function-based generic views to class-based views.

Logging

Django 1.3 adds framework-level support for Python’s logging module. This means you can now easily configure and control logging as part of your Django project. A number of logging handlers and logging calls have been added to Django’s own code as well – most notably, the error emails sent on a HTTP 500 server error are now handled as a logging activity. See the documentation on Django’s logging interface for more details.

Extended static files handling

Django 1.3 ships with a new contrib app – django.contrib.staticfiles – to help developers handle the static media files (images, CSS, JavaScript, etc.) that are needed to render a complete web page.

In previous versions of Django, it was common to place static assets in MEDIA_ROOT along with user-uploaded files, and serve them both at MEDIA_URL. Part of the purpose of introducing the staticfiles app is to make it easier to keep static files separate from user-uploaded files. Static assets should now go in static/ subdirectories of your apps or in other static assets directories listed in STATICFILES_DIRS, and will be served at STATIC_URL.

See the reference documentation of the app for more details or learn how to manage static files.

unittest2 support

Python 2.7 introduced some major changes to the unittest library, adding some extremely useful features. To ensure that every Django project can benefit from these new features, Django ships with a copy of unittest2, a copy of the Python 2.7 unittest library, backported for Python 2.4 compatibility.

To access this library, Django provides the django.utils.unittest module alias. If you are using Python 2.7, or you have installed unittest2 locally, Django will map the alias to the installed version of the unittest library. Otherwise, Django will use its own bundled version of unittest2.

To take advantage of this alias, simply use:

```python
from django.utils import unittest
```

wherever you would have historically used:

```python
import unittest
```

If you want to continue to use the base unittest library, you can – you just won’t get any of the nice new unittest2 features.
**Transaction context managers**

Users of Python 2.5 and above may now use transaction management functions as context managers. For example:

```python
with transaction.autocommit():
    #...
```

**Configurable delete-cascade**

`ForeignKey` and `OneToOneField` now accept an `on_delete` argument to customize behavior when the referenced object is deleted. Previously, deletes were always cascaded; available alternatives now include set null, set default, set to any value, protect, or do nothing.

For more information, see the `on_delete` documentation.

**Contextual markers and comments for translatable strings**

For translation strings with ambiguous meaning, you can now use the `pgettext` function to specify the context of the string.

And if you just want to add some information for translators, you can also add special translator comments in the source.

For more information, see `Contextual markers and Comments for translators`.

**Improvements to built-in template tags**

A number of improvements have been made to Django’s built-in template tags:

- The `include` tag now accepts a `with` option, allowing you to specify context variables to the included template
- The `include` tag now accepts an `only` option, allowing you to exclude the current context from the included context
- The `with` tag now allows you to define multiple context variables in a single `with` block.
- The `load` tag now accepts a `from` argument, allowing you to load a single tag or filter from a library.

**TemplateResponse**

It can sometimes be beneficial to allow decorators or middleware to modify a response after it has been constructed by the view. For example, you may want to change the template that is used, or put additional data into the context.

However, you can’t (easily) modify the content of a basic `HttpResponse` after it has been constructed. To overcome this limitation, Django 1.3 adds a new `TemplateResponse` class. Unlike basic `HttpResponse` objects, `TemplateResponse` objects retain the details of the template and context that was provided by the view to compute the response. The final output of the response is not computed until it is needed, later in the response process.

For more details, see the documentation on the `TemplateResponse` class.
Caching changes

Django 1.3 sees the introduction of several improvements to the Django’s caching infrastructure.

Firstly, Django now supports multiple named caches. In the same way that Django 1.2 introduced support for multiple database connections, Django 1.3 allows you to use the new `CACHES` setting to define multiple named cache connections.

Secondly, versioning, site-wide prefixing and transformation have been added to the cache API.

Thirdly, cache key creation has been updated to take the request query string into account on GET requests.

Finally, support for pylibmc has been added to the memcached cache backend.

For more details, see the documentation on caching in Django.

Permissions for inactive users

If you provide a custom auth backend with `supports_inactive_user` set to `True`, an inactive User instance will check the backend for permissions. This is useful for further centralizing the permission handling. See the authentication docs for more details.

GeoDjango

The GeoDjango test suite is now included when running the Django test suite with `runtests.py` when using spatial database backends.

MEDIA_URL and STATIC_URL must end in a slash

Previously, the `MEDIA_URL` setting only required a trailing slash if it contained a suffix beyond the domain name.

A trailing slash is now required for `MEDIA_URL` and the new `STATIC_URL` setting as long as it is not blank. This ensures there is a consistent way to combine paths in templates.

Project settings which provide either of both settings without a trailing slash will now raise a PendingDeprecationWarning.

In Django 1.4 this same condition will raise DeprecationWarning, and in Django 1.5 will raise an ImproperlyConfigured exception.

Everything else

Django 1.1 and 1.2 added lots of big ticket items to Django, like multiple-database support, model validation, and a session-based messages framework. However, this focus on big features came at the cost of lots of smaller features.

To compensate for this, the focus of the Django 1.3 development process has been on adding lots of smaller, long standing feature requests. These include:

- Improved tools for accessing and manipulating the current `Site` object in the sites framework.
- A `RequestFactory` for mocking requests in tests.
- A new test assertion – `assertNumQueries()` – making it easier to test the database activity associated with a view.
- Support for lookups spanning relations in admin’s `list_filter`. 
• Support for `HttpOnly` cookies.

• `mail_admins()` and `mail_managers()` now support easily attaching HTML content to messages.

• `EmailMessage` now supports CC’s.

• Error emails now include more of the detail and formatting of the debug server error page.

• `simple_tag()` now accepts a `takes_context` argument, making it easier to write simple template tags that require access to template context.

• A new `render()` shortcut – an alternative to `django.shortcuts.render_to_response()` providing a `RequestContext` by default.

• Support for combining `F expressions` with `timedelta` values when retrieving or updating database values.

**Backwards-incompatible changes in 1.3**

**CSRF validation now applies to AJAX requests**

Prior to Django 1.2.5, Django’s CSRF-prevention system exempted AJAX requests from CSRF verification; due to security issues reported to us, however, all requests are now subjected to CSRF verification. Consult the Django CSRF documentation for details on how to handle CSRF verification in AJAX requests.

**Restricted filters in admin interface**

Prior to Django 1.2.5, the Django administrative interface allowed filtering on any model field or relation – not just those specified in `list_filter` – via query string manipulation. Due to security issues reported to us, however, query string lookup arguments in the admin must be for fields or relations specified in `list_filter` or `date_hierarchy`.

**Deleting a model doesn’t delete associated files**

In earlier Django versions, when a model instance containing a `FileField` was deleted, `FileField` took it upon itself to also delete the file from the backend storage. This opened the door to several data-loss scenarios, including rolled-back transactions and fields on different models referencing the same file. In Django 1.3, when a model is deleted the `FileField`'s `delete()` method won’t be called. If you need cleanup of orphaned files, you’ll need to handle it yourself (for instance, with a custom management command that can be run manually or scheduled to run periodically via e.g. cron).

**PasswordInput default rendering behavior**

The `PasswordInput` form widget, intended for use with form fields which represent passwords, accepts a boolean keyword argument `render_value` indicating whether to send its data back to the browser when displaying a submitted form with errors. Prior to Django 1.3, this argument defaulted to `True`, meaning that the submitted password would be sent back to the browser as part of the form. Developers who wished to add a bit of additional security by excluding that value from the redisplayed form could instantiate a `PasswordInput` passing `render_value=False`.

Due to the sensitive nature of passwords, however, Django 1.3 takes this step automatically; the default value of `render_value` is now `False`, and developers who want the password value returned to the browser on a submission with errors (the previous behavior) must now explicitly indicate this. For example:
class LoginForm(forms.Form):
    username = forms.CharField(max_length=100)
    password = forms.CharField(widget=forms.PasswordInput(render_value=True))

Clearable default widget for FileField

Django 1.3 now includes a `ClearableFileInput` form widget in addition to `FileInput`. `ClearableFileInput` renders with a checkbox to clear the field’s value (if the field has a value and is not required); `FileInput` provided no means for clearing an existing file from a `FileField`.

`ClearableFileInput` is now the default widget for a `FileField`, so existing forms including `FileField` without assigning a custom widget will need to account for the possible extra checkbox in the rendered form output. To return to the previous rendering (without the ability to clear the `FileField`), use the `FileInput` widget in place of `ClearableFileInput`. For instance, in a `ModelForm` for a hypothetical `Document` model with a `FileField` named `document`:

    from django import forms
    from myapp.models import Document

    class DocumentForm(forms.ModelForm):
        class Meta:
            model = Document
            widgets = {'document': forms.FileInput}

New index on database session table

Prior to Django 1.3, the database table used by the database backend for the `sessions` app had no index on the `expire_date` column. As a result, date-based queries on the session table – such as the query that is needed to purge old sessions – would be very slow if there were lots of sessions.

If you have an existing project that is using the database session backend, you don’t have to do anything to accommodate this change. However, you may get a significant performance boost if you manually add the new index to the session table. The SQL that will add the index can be found by running the `sqlindexes` admin command:

    python manage.py sqlindexes sessions

No more naughty words

Django has historically provided (and enforced) a list of profanities. The comments app has enforced this list of profanities, preventing people from submitting comments that contained one of those profanities.

Unfortunately, the technique used to implement this profanities list was woefully naive, and prone to the Scunthorpe problem. Improving the built-in filter to fix this problem would require significant effort, and since natural language processing isn’t the normal domain of a web framework, we have “fixed” the problem by making the list of prohibited words an empty list.

If you want to restore the old behavior, simply put a `PROFANITIES_LIST` setting in your settings file that includes the words that you want to prohibit (see the commit that implemented this change if you want to see the list of words that was historically prohibited). However, if avoiding profanities is important to you, you would be well advised to seek out a better, less naive approach to the problem.
Localflavor changes

Django 1.3 introduces the following backwards-incompatible changes to local flavors:

- **Canada (ca)** – The province “Newfoundland and Labrador” has had its province code updated to “NL”, rather than the older “NF”. In addition, the Yukon Territory has had its province code corrected to “YT”, instead of “YK”.
- **Indonesia (id)** – The province “Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam (NAD)” has been removed from the province list in favor of the new official designation “Aceh (ACE)”.  
- **United States of America (us)** – The list of “states” used by USStateField has expanded to include Armed Forces postal codes. This is backwards-incompatible if you were relying on USStateField not including them.

FormSet updates

In Django 1.3 FormSet creation behavior is modified slightly. Historically the class didn’t make a distinction between not being passed data and being passed empty dictionary. This was inconsistent with behavior in other parts of the framework. Starting with 1.3 if you pass in empty dictionary the FormSet will raise a ValidationError.

For example with a FormSet:

```python
>>> class ArticleForm(Forms):
...     title = CharField()
...     pub_date = DateField()
>>> ArticleFormSet = formset_factory(ArticleForm)
```

the following code will raise a ValidationError:

```python
>>> ArticleFormSet({})
Traceback (most recent call last):
  ...  ValidationError: [u'ManagementForm data is missing or has been tampered with']
```

if you need to instantiate an empty FormSet, don’t pass in the data or use None:

```python
>>> formset = ArticleFormSet()
>>> formset = ArticleFormSet(data=None)
```

Callables in templates

Previously, a callable in a template would only be called automatically as part of the variable resolution process if it was retrieved via attribute lookup. This was an inconsistency that could result in confusing and unhelpful behavior:

```python
>>> Template('{{ user.get_full_name }}').render(Context({'user': user}))  
'Joe Bloggs'
>>> Template('{{ full_name }}').render(Context({'full_name': user.get_full_name}))  
'&lt;bound method User.get_full_name of &lt;...'
```

This has been resolved in Django 1.3 - the result in both cases will be 'Joe Bloggs'. Although the previous behavior was not useful for a template language designed for web designers, and was never deliberately supported, it is possible that some templates may be broken by this change.

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Use of custom SQL to load initial data in tests

Django provides a custom SQL hooks as a way to inject hand-crafted SQL into the database synchronization process. One of the possible uses for this custom SQL is to insert data into your database. If your custom SQL contains INSERT statements, those insertions will be performed every time your database is synchronized. This includes the synchronization of any test databases that are created when you run a test suite.

However, in the process of testing the Django 1.3, it was discovered that this feature has never completely worked as advertised. When using database backends that don’t support transactions, or when using a TransactionTestCase, data that has been inserted using custom SQL will not be visible during the testing process.

Unfortunately, there was no way to rectify this problem without introducing a backwards incompatibility. Rather than leave SQL-inserted initial data in an uncertain state, Django now enforces the policy that data inserted by custom SQL will not be visible during testing.

This change only affects the testing process. You can still use custom SQL to load data into your production database as part of the syncdb process. If you require data to exist during test conditions, you should either insert it using test fixtures, or using the setUp() method of your test case.

Changed priority of translation loading

Work has been done to simplify, rationalize and properly document the algorithm used by Django at runtime to build translations from the different translations found on disk, namely:

For translatable literals found in Python code and templates (‘django’ gettext domain):

- Priorities of translations included with applications listed in the INSTALLED_APPS setting were changed. To provide a behavior consistent with other parts of Django that also use such setting (templates, etc.) now, when building the translation that will be made available, the apps listed first have higher precedence than the ones listed later.

- Now it is possible to override the translations shipped with applications by using the LOCALE_PATHS setting whose translations have now higher precedence than the translations of INSTALLED_APPS applications. The relative priority among the values listed in this setting has also been modified so the paths listed first have higher precedence than the ones listed later.

- The locale subdirectory of the directory containing the settings, that usually coincides with and is known as the project directory is being deprecated in this release as a source of translations. (the precedence of these translations is intermediate between applications and LOCALE_PATHS translations). See the corresponding deprecated features section of this document.

For translatable literals found in JavaScript code (‘djangojs’ gettext domain):

- Similarly to the ‘django’ domain translations: Overriding of translations shipped with applications by using the LOCALE_PATHS setting is now possible for this domain too. These translations have higher precedence than the translations of Python packages passed to the javascript_catalog() view. Paths listed first have higher precedence than the ones listed later.

- Translations under the locale subdirectory of the project directory have never been taken in account for JavaScript translations and remain in the same situation considering the deprecation of such location.

Transaction management

When using managed transactions – that is, anything but the default autocommit mode – it is important when a transaction is marked as “dirty”. Dirty transactions are committed by the commit_on_success decorator or the django.middleware.transaction.TransactionMiddleware, and commit_manually forces them
to be closed explicitly; clean transactions “get a pass”, which means they are usually rolled back at the end of a request when the connection is closed.

Until Django 1.3, transactions were only marked dirty when Django was aware of a modifying operation performed in them; that is, either some model was saved, some bulk update or delete was performed, or the user explicitly called `transaction.set_dirty()`. In Django 1.3, a transaction is marked dirty when any database operation is performed.

As a result of this change, you no longer need to set a transaction dirty explicitly when you execute raw SQL or use a data-modifying `SELECT`. However, you do need to explicitly close any read-only transactions that are being managed using `commit_manually()`. For example:

```python
@transaction.commit_manually
def my_view(request, name):
    obj = get_object_or_404(MyObject, name__iexact=name)
    return render_to_response('template', {'object':obj})
```

Prior to Django 1.3, this would work without error. However, under Django 1.3, this will raise a `TransactionManagementError` because the read operation that retrieves the `MyObject` instance leaves the transaction in a dirty state.

**No password reset for inactive users**

Prior to Django 1.3, inactive users were able to request a password reset email and reset their password. In Django 1.3 inactive users will receive the same message as a nonexistent account.

**Password reset view now accepts `from_email`**

The `django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset()` view now accepts a `from_email` parameter, which is passed to the `password_reset_form`'s `save()` method as a keyword argument. If you are using this view with a custom password reset form, then you will need to ensure your form’s `save()` method accepts this keyword argument.

**Features deprecated in 1.3**

Django 1.3 deprecates some features from earlier releases. These features are still supported, but will be gradually phased out over the next few release cycles.

Code taking advantage of any of the features below will raise a `PendingDeprecationWarning` in Django 1.3. This warning will be silent by default, but may be turned on using Python’s `warnings` module, or by running Python with a `-Wd` or `-Wall` flag.

In Django 1.4, these warnings will become a `DeprecationWarning`, which is not silent. In Django 1.5 support for these features will be removed entirely.

**See also:**

For more details, see the documentation [Django’s release process](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/master/releases/) and our [deprecation timeline](https://github.com/django/django/pull/2170).

**mod_python support**

The `mod_python` library has not had a release since 2007 or a commit since 2008. The Apache Foundation board voted to remove `mod_python` from the set of active projects in its version control repositories, and its lead developer has shifted all of his efforts toward the lighter, slimmer, more stable, and more flexible `mod_wsgi` backend.

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If you are currently using the mod_python request handler, you should redeploy your Django projects using another request handler. mod_wsgi is the request handler recommended by the Django project, but FastCGI is also supported. Support for mod_python deployment will be removed in Django 1.5.

**Function-based generic views**

As a result of the introduction of class-based generic views, the function-based generic views provided by Django have been deprecated. The following modules and the views they contain have been deprecated:

- django.views.generic.create_update
- django.views.generic.date_based
- django.views.generic.list_detail
- django.views.generic.simple

**Test client response template attribute**

Django’s test client returns Response objects annotated with extra testing information. In Django versions prior to 1.3, this included a template attribute containing information about templates rendered in generating the response: either None, a single Template object, or a list of Template objects. This inconsistency in return values (sometimes a list, sometimes not) made the attribute difficult to work with.

In Django 1.3 the template attribute is deprecated in favor of a new templates attribute, which is always a list, even if it has only a single element or no elements.

**DjangoTestRunner**

As a result of the introduction of support for unittest2, the features of django.test.simple. DjangoTestRunner (including fail-fast and Ctrl-C test termination) have been made redundant. In view of this redundancy, DjangoTestRunner has been turned into an empty placeholder class, and will be removed entirely in Django 1.5.

**Changes to url and ssi**

Most template tags will allow you to pass in either constants or variables as arguments – for example:

```%
{% extends "base.html" %}
```

allows you to specify a base template as a constant, but if you have a context variable templ that contains the value base.html:

```%
{% extends templ %}
```

is also legal.

However, due to an accident of history, the url and ssi are different. These tags use the second, quoteless syntax, but interpret the argument as a constant. This means it isn’t possible to use a context variable as the target of a url and ssi tag.
Django 1.3 marks the start of the process to correct this historical accident. Django 1.3 adds a new template library – `future` – that provides alternate implementations of the `url` and `ssi` template tags. This `future` library implements behavior that makes the handling of the first argument consistent with the handling of all other variables. So, an existing template that contains:

```text
{% url sample %}
```

should be replaced with:

```text
{% load url from future %}
{% url 'sample' %}
```

The tags implementing the old behavior have been deprecated, and in Django 1.5, the old behavior will be replaced with the new behavior. To ensure compatibility with future versions of Django, existing templates should be modified to use the new `future` libraries and syntax.

**Changes to the login methods of the admin**

In previous version the admin app defined login methods in multiple locations and ignored the almost identical implementation in the already used auth app. A side effect of this duplication was the missing adoption of the changes made in r12634 to support a broader set of characters for usernames.

This release refactors the admin’s login mechanism to use a subclass of the `AuthenticationForm` instead of a manual form validation. The previously undocumented method `'django.contrib.admin.sites.AdminSite.display_login_form'` has been removed in favor of a new `login_form` attribute.

**reset and sqlreset management commands**

Those commands have been deprecated. The `flush` and `sqlflush` commands can be used to delete everything. You can also use `ALTER TABLE` or `DROP TABLE` statements manually.

**GeoDjango**

- The function-based `TEST_RUNNER` previously used to execute the GeoDjango test suite, `django.contrib.gis.tests.run_gis_tests`, was deprecated for the class-based runner, `django.contrib.gis.tests.GeoDjangoTestSuiteRunner`.

- Previously, calling `transform()` would silently do nothing when GDAL wasn’t available. Now, a `GEOSException` is properly raised to indicate possible faulty application code. A warning is now raised if `transform()` is called when the SRID of the geometry is less than 0 or `None`.

**CZBirthNumberField.clean**

Previously this field’s `clean()` method accepted a second, gender, argument which allowed stronger validation checks to be made, however since this argument could never actually be passed from the Django form machinery it is now pending deprecation.

**CompatCookie**

Previously, `django.http` exposed an undocumented `CompatCookie` class, which was a bugfix wrapper around the standard library `SimpleCookie`. As the fixes are moving upstream, this is now deprecated - you should use...
from django.http import SimpleCookie instead.

**Loading of project-level translations**

This release of Django starts the deprecation process for inclusion of translations located under the so-called project path in the translation building process performed at runtime. The `LOCALE_PATHS` setting can be used for the same task by adding the filesystem path to a locale directory containing project-level translations to the value of that setting.

Rationale for this decision:

- The project path has always been a loosely defined concept (actually, the directory used for locating project-level translations is the directory containing the settings module) and there has been a shift in other parts of the framework to stop using it as a reference for location of assets at runtime.

- Detection of the locale subdirectory tends to fail when the deployment scenario is more complex than the basic one. e.g. it fails when the settings module is a directory (ticket #10765).

- There are potential strange development- and deployment-time problems like the fact that the project_dir/locale/subdir can generate spurious error messages when the project directory is added to the Python path (manage.py runserver does this) and then it clashes with the equally named standard library module, this is a typical warning message:

```
/usr/lib/python2.6/gettext.py:49: ImportWarning: Not importing directory '/path/to/project/locale': missing __init__.py.
import locale, copy, os, re, struct, sys
```

- This location wasn’t included in the translation building process for JavaScript literals. This deprecation removes such inconsistency.

**PermWrapper moved to django.contrib.auth.context_processors**

In Django 1.2, we began the process of changing the location of the auth context processor from `django.core.context_processors` to `django.contrib.auth.context_processors`. However, the PermWrapper support class was mistakenly omitted from that migration. In Django 1.3, the PermWrapper class has also been moved to `django.contrib.auth.context_processors`, along with the PermLookupDict support class. The new classes are functionally identical to their old versions; only the module location has changed.

**Removal of XMLField**

When Django was first released, Django included an XMLField that performed automatic XML validation for any field input. However, this validation function hasn’t been performed since the introduction of newforms, prior to the 1.0 release. As a result, XMLField as currently implemented is functionally indistinguishable from a simple TextField.

For this reason, Django 1.3 has fast-tracked the deprecation of XMLField – instead of a two-release deprecation, XMLField will be removed entirely in Django 1.4.

It’s easy to update your code to accommodate this change – just replace all uses of XMLField with TextField, and remove the schema_path keyword argument (if it is specified).
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Django 1.2.7 release notes

September 10, 2011

Welcome to Django 1.2.7!

This is the seventh bugfix/security release in the Django 1.2 series. It replaces Django 1.2.6 due to problems with the 1.2.6 release tarball. Django 1.2.7 is a recommended upgrade for all users of any Django release in the 1.2.X series.

For more information, see the release advisory.

Django 1.2.6 release notes

September 9, 2011

Welcome to Django 1.2.6!

This is the sixth bugfix/security release in the Django 1.2 series, fixing several security issues present in Django 1.2.5. Django 1.2.6 is a recommended upgrade for all users of any Django release in the 1.2.X series.

For a full list of issues addressed in this release, see the security advisory.

Django 1.2.5 release notes

Welcome to Django 1.2.5!

This is the fifth “bugfix” release in the Django 1.2 series, improving the stability and performance of the Django 1.2 codebase.

With four exceptions, Django 1.2.5 maintains backwards compatibility with Django 1.2.4. It also contains a number of fixes and other improvements. Django 1.2.5 is a recommended upgrade for any development or deployment currently using or targeting Django 1.2.

For full details on the new features, backwards incompatibilities, and deprecated features in the 1.2 branch, see the Django 1.2 release notes.

Backwards incompatible changes

CSRF exception for AJAX requests

Django includes a CSRF-protection mechanism, which makes use of a token inserted into outgoing forms. Middleware then checks for the token’s presence on form submission, and validates it.

Prior to Django 1.2.5, our CSRF protection made an exception for AJAX requests, on the following basis:

- Many AJAX toolkits add an X-Requested-With header when using XMLHttpRequest.
- Browsers have strict same-origin policies regarding XMLHttpRequest.
- In the context of a browser, the only way that a custom header of this nature can be added is with XMLHttpRequest.

Therefore, for ease of use, we did not apply CSRF checks to requests that appeared to be AJAX on the basis of the X-Requested-With header. The Ruby on Rails web framework had a similar exemption.

Recently, engineers at Google made members of the Ruby on Rails development team aware of a combination of browser plugins and redirects which can allow an attacker to provide custom HTTP headers on a request to any
website. This can allow a forged request to appear to be an AJAX request, thereby defeating CSRF protection which trusts the same-origin nature of AJAX requests.

Michael Koziarski of the Rails team brought this to our attention, and we were able to produce a proof-of-concept demonstrating the same vulnerability in Django’s CSRF handling.

To remedy this, Django will now apply full CSRF validation to all requests, regardless of apparent AJAX origin. This is technically backwards-incompatible, but the security risks have been judged to outweigh the compatibility concerns in this case.

Additionally, Django will now accept the CSRF token in the custom HTTP header X-CSRFTOKEN, as well as in the form submission itself, for ease of use with popular JavaScript toolkits which allow insertion of custom headers into all AJAX requests.

Please see the CSRF docs for example jQuery code that demonstrates this technique, ensuring that you are looking at the documentation for your version of Django, as the exact code necessary is different for some older versions of Django.

**FileField no longer deletes files**

In earlier Django versions, when a model instance containing a `FileField` was deleted, `FileField` took it upon itself to also delete the file from the backend storage. This opened the door to several potentially serious data-loss scenarios, including rolled-back transactions and fields on different models referencing the same file. In Django 1.2.5, `FileField` will never delete files from the backend storage. If you need cleanup of orphaned files, you’ll need to handle it yourself (for instance, with a custom management command that can be run manually or scheduled to run periodically via e.g. cron).

**Use of custom SQL to load initial data in tests**

Django provides a custom SQL hooks as a way to inject hand-crafted SQL into the database synchronization process. One of the possible uses for this custom SQL is to insert data into your database. If your custom SQL contains `INSERT` statements, those insertions will be performed every time your database is synchronized. This includes the synchronization of any test databases that are created when you run a test suite.

However, in the process of testing the Django 1.3, it was discovered that this feature has never completely worked as advertised. When using database backends that don’t support transactions, or when using a `TransactionTestCase`, data that has been inserted using custom SQL will not be visible during the testing process.

Unfortunately, there was no way to rectify this problem without introducing a backwards incompatibility. Rather than leave SQL-inserted initial data in an uncertain state, Django now enforces the policy that data inserted by custom SQL will not be visible during testing.

This change only affects the testing process. You can still use custom SQL to load data into your production database as part of the `syncdb` process. If you require data to exist during test conditions, you should either insert it using `test fixtures`, or using the `setUp()` method of your test case.

**ModelAdmin.lookup_allowed signature changed**

Django 1.2.4 introduced a method `lookup_allowed` on `ModelAdmin`, to cope with a security issue (changeset [15033]). Although this method was never documented, it seems some people have overridden `lookup_allowed`, especially to cope with regressions introduced by that changeset. While the method is still undocumented and not marked as stable, it may be helpful to know that the signature of this function has changed.
Welcome to Django 1.2.4!

This is the fourth “bugfix” release in the Django 1.2 series, improving the stability and performance of the Django 1.2 codebase.

With one exception, Django 1.2.4 maintains backwards compatibility with Django 1.2.3. It also contains a number of fixes and other improvements. Django 1.2.4 is a recommended upgrade for any development or deployment currently using or targeting Django 1.2.

For full details on the new features, backwards incompatibilities, and deprecated features in the 1.2 branch, see the Django 1.2 release notes.

Backwards incompatible changes

Restricted filters in admin interface

The Django administrative interface, `django.contrib.admin`, supports filtering of displayed lists of objects by fields on the corresponding models, including across database-level relationships. This is implemented by passing lookup arguments in the querystring portion of the URL, and options on the ModelAdmin class allow developers to specify particular fields or relationships which will generate automatic links for filtering.

One historically-undocumented and -unofficially-supported feature has been the ability for a user with sufficient knowledge of a model’s structure and the format of these lookup arguments to invent useful new filters on the fly by manipulating the querystring.

However, it has been demonstrated that this can be abused to gain access to information outside of an admin user’s permissions; for example, an attacker with access to the admin and sufficient knowledge of model structure and relations could construct query strings which – with repeated use of regular-expression lookups supported by the Django database API – expose sensitive information such as users’ password hashes.

To remedy this, `django.contrib.admin` will now validate that querystring lookup arguments either specify only fields on the model being viewed, or cross relations which have been explicitly allowed by the application developer using the pre-existing mechanism mentioned above. This is backwards-incompatible for any users relying on the prior ability to insert arbitrary lookups.

One new feature

Ordinarily, a point release would not include new features, but in the case of Django 1.2.4, we have made an exception to this rule.

One of the bugs fixed in Django 1.2.4 involves a set of circumstances whereby a running a test suite on a multiple database configuration could cause the original source database (i.e., the actual production database) to be dropped, causing catastrophic loss of data. In order to provide a fix for this problem, it was necessary to introduce a new setting – `TEST_DEPENDENCIES` – that allows you to define any creation order dependencies in your database configuration.

Most users – even users with multiple-database configurations – need not be concerned about the data loss bug, or the manual configuration of `TEST_DEPENDENCIES`. See the original problem report documentation on controlling the creation order of test databases for details.
GeoDjango

The function-based `TEST_RUNNER` previously used to execute the GeoDjango test suite, `django.contrib.gis.tests.run_gis_tests`, was finally deprecated in favor of a class-based test runner, `django.contrib.gis.tests.GeoDjangoTestSuiteRunner`, added in this release.

In addition, the GeoDjango test suite is now included when running the Django test suite with `runtests.py` and using spatial database backends.

Django 1.2.3 release notes

Django 1.2.3 fixed a couple of release problems in the 1.2.2 release and was released two days after 1.2.2.

This release corrects the following problems:

- The patch applied for the security issue covered in Django 1.2.2 caused issues with non-ASCII responses using CSRF tokens.
- The patch also caused issues with some forms, most notably the user-editing forms in the Django administrative interface.
- The packaging manifest did not contain the full list of required files.

Django 1.2.2 release notes

Welcome to Django 1.2.2!

This is the second “bugfix” release in the Django 1.2 series, improving the stability and performance of the Django 1.2 codebase.

Django 1.2.2 maintains backwards compatibility with Django 1.2.1, but contain a number of fixes and other improvements. Django 1.2.2 is a recommended upgrade for any development or deployment currently using or targeting Django 1.2.

For full details on the new features, backwards incompatibilities, and deprecated features in the 1.2 branch, see the Django 1.2 release notes.

One new feature

Ordinarily, a point release would not include new features, but in the case of Django 1.2.2, we have made an exception to this rule.

In order to test a bug fix that forms part of the 1.2.2 release, it was necessary to add a feature – the `enforce_csrf_checks` flag – to the test client. This flag forces the test client to perform full CSRF checks on forms. The default behavior of the test client hasn’t changed, but if you want to do CSRF checks with the test client, it is now possible to do so.

Django 1.2.1 release notes

Django 1.2.1 was released almost immediately after 1.2.0 to correct two small bugs: one was in the documentation packaging script, the other was a bug that affected datetime form field widgets when localization was enabled.
Django 1.2 release notes

May 17, 2010.

Welcome to Django 1.2!

Nearly a year in the making, Django 1.2 packs an impressive list of new features and lots of bug fixes. These release notes cover the new features, as well as important changes you’ll want to be aware of when upgrading from Django 1.1 or older versions.

Overview

Django 1.2 introduces several large, important new features, including:

- Support for multiple database connections in a single Django instance.
- Model validation inspired by Django’s form validation.
- Vastly improved protection against Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF).
- A new user “messages” framework with support for cookie- and session-based message for both anonymous and authenticated users.
- Hooks for object-level permissions, permissions for anonymous users, and more flexible username requirements.
- Customization of email sending via email backends.
- New “smart” if template tag which supports comparison operators.

These are just the highlights; full details and a complete list of features may be found below.

See also:

Django Advent covered the release of Django 1.2 with a series of articles and tutorials that cover some of the new features in depth.

Wherever possible these features have been introduced in a backwards-compatible manner per our API stability policy.

However, a handful of features have changed in ways that, for some users, will be backwards-incompatible. The big changes are:

- Support for Python 2.3 has been dropped. See the full notes below.
- The new CSRF protection framework is not backwards-compatible with the old system. Users of the old system will not be affected until the old system is removed in Django 1.4.

However, upgrading to the new CSRF protection framework requires a few important backwards-incompatible changes, detailed in CSRF Protection, below.

- Authors of custom Field subclasses should be aware that a number of methods have had a change in prototype, detailed under get_db_prep_*() methods on Field, below.

- The internals of template tags have changed somewhat; authors of custom template tags that need to store state (e.g. custom control flow tags) should ensure that their code follows the new rules for stateful template tags.

- The user_passes_test(), login_required(), and permission_required(), decorators from django.contrib.auth only apply to functions and no longer work on methods. There’s a simple one-line fix detailed below.

Again, these are just the big features that will affect the most users. Users upgrading from previous versions of Django are heavily encouraged to consult the complete list of backwards-incompatible changes and the list of deprecated features.
Python compatibility

While not a new feature, it’s important to note that Django 1.2 introduces the first shift in our Python compatibility policy since Django’s initial public debut. Previous Django releases were tested and supported on 2.x Python versions from 2.3 up; Django 1.2, however, drops official support for Python 2.3. As such, the minimum Python version required for Django is now 2.4, and Django is tested and supported on Python 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6, and will be supported on the as-yet-unreleased Python 2.7.

This change should affect only a small number of Django users, as most operating-system vendors today are shipping Python 2.4 or newer as their default version. If you’re still using Python 2.3, however, you’ll need to stick to Django 1.1 until you can upgrade; per our support policy, Django 1.1 will continue to receive security support until the release of Django 1.3.

A roadmap for Django’s overall 2.x Python support, and eventual transition to Python 3.x, is currently being developed, and will be announced prior to the release of Django 1.3.

What’s new in Django 1.2

Support for multiple databases

Django 1.2 adds the ability to use more than one database in your Django project. Queries can be issued at a specific database with the using() method on QuerySet objects. Individual objects can be saved to a specific database by providing a using argument when you call save().

Model validation

Model instances now have support for validating their own data, and both model and form fields now accept configurable lists of validators specifying reusable, encapsulated validation behavior. Note, however, that validation must still be performed explicitly. Simply invoking a model instance’s save() method will not perform any validation of the instance’s data.

Improved CSRF protection

Django now has much improved protection against Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) attacks. This type of attack occurs when a malicious website contains a link, a form button or some JavaScript that is intended to perform some action on your website, using the credentials of a logged-in user who visits the malicious site in their browser. A related type of attack, “login CSRF,” where an attacking site tricks a user’s browser into logging into a site with someone else’s credentials, is also covered.

Messages framework

Django now includes a robust and configurable messages framework with built-in support for cookie- and session-based messaging, for both anonymous and authenticated clients. The messages framework replaces the deprecated user message API and allows you to temporarily store messages in one request and retrieve them for display in a subsequent request (usually the next one).
Object-level permissions

A foundation for specifying permissions at the per-object level has been added. Although there is no implementation of this in core, a custom authentication backend can provide this implementation and it will be used by `django.contrib.auth.models.User`. See the `authentication docs` for more information.

Permissions for anonymous users

If you provide a custom auth backend with `supports_anonymous_user` set to True, AnonymousUser will check the backend for permissions, just like User already did. This is useful for centralizing permission handling - apps can always delegate the question of whether something is allowed or not to the authorization/authentication backend. See the `authentication docs` for more details.

Relaxed requirements for usernames

The built-in `User` model’s `username` field now allows a wider range of characters, including `@`, `+`, `.` and `-` characters.

Email backends

You can now configure the way that Django sends email. Instead of using SMTP to send all email, you can now choose a configurable email backend to send messages. If your hosting provider uses a sandbox or some other non-SMTP technique for sending mail, you can now construct an email backend that will allow Django’s standard `mail sending methods` to use those facilities.

This also makes it easier to debug mail sending. Django ships with backend implementations that allow you to send email to a `file`, to the `console`, or to `memory`. You can even configure all email to be `thrown away`.

“Smart” `if` tag

The `if` tag has been upgraded to be much more powerful. First, we’ve added support for comparison operators. No longer will you have to type:

```
{% ifnotequal a b %}
...
{% endifnotequal %}
```

You can now do this:

```
{% if a != b %}
...
{% endif %}
```

There’s really no reason to use `{% ifequal %}` or `{% ifnotequal %}` anymore, unless you’re the nostalgic type.

The operators supported are `==`, `!=`, `<`, `>`, `<=`, `>=`, `in` and `not in`, all of which work like the Python operators, in addition to `and`, `or` and `not`, which were already supported.

Also, filters may now be used in the `if` expression. For example:
Template caching

In previous versions of Django, every time you rendered a template, it would be reloaded from disk. In Django 1.2, you can use a cached template loader to load templates once, then cache the result for every subsequent render. This can lead to a significant performance improvement if your templates are broken into lots of smaller subtemplates (using the {% extends %} or {% include %} tags).

As a side effect, it is now much easier to support non-Django template languages.

Class-based template loaders

As part of the changes made to introduce Template caching and following a general trend in Django, the template loaders API has been modified to use template loading mechanisms that are encapsulated in Python classes as opposed to functions, the only method available until Django 1.1.

All the template loaders shipped with Django have been ported to the new API but they still implement the function-based API and the template core machinery still accepts function-based loaders (builtin or third party) so there is no immediate need to modify your TEMPLATE_LOADERS setting in existing projects, things will keep working if you leave it untouched up to and including the Django 1.3 release.

If you have developed your own custom template loaders we suggest to consider porting them to a class-based implementation because the code for backwards compatibility with function-based loaders starts its deprecation process in Django 1.2 and will be removed in Django 1.4. There is a description of the API these loader classes must implement in the template API reference and you can also examine the source code of the loaders shipped with Django.

Natural keys in fixtures

Fixtures can now refer to remote objects using Natural keys. This lookup scheme is an alternative to the normal primary-key based object references in a fixture, improving readability and resolving problems referring to objects whose primary key value may not be predictable or known.

Fast failure for tests

Both the test subcommand of django-admin.py and the runtests.py script used to run Django’s own test suite now support a --failfast option. When specified, this option causes the test runner to exit after encountering a failure instead of continuing with the test run. In addition, the handling of Ctrl-C during a test run has been improved to trigger a graceful exit from the test run that reports details of the tests that were run before the interruption.

BigIntegerField

Models can now use a 64-bit BigIntegerField type.
**Improved localization**

Django’s *internationalization framework* has been expanded with locale-aware formatting and form processing. That means, if enabled, dates and numbers on templates will be displayed using the format specified for the current locale. Django will also use localized formats when parsing data in forms. See *Format localization* for more details.

**readonly_fields in ModelAdmin**

`django.contrib.admin.ModelAdmin.readonly_fields` has been added to enable non-editable fields in add/change pages for models and inlines. Field and calculated values can be displayed alongside editable fields.

**Customizable syntax highlighting**

You can now use a `DJANGO_COLORS` environment variable to modify or disable the colors used by `django-admin.py` to provide *syntax highlighting*.

**Syndication feeds as views**

*Syndication feeds* can now be used directly as views in your `URLconf`. This means that you can maintain complete control over the URL structure of your feeds. Like any other view, feeds views are passed a `request` object, so you can do anything you would normally do with a view, like user based access control, or making a feed a named URL.

**GeoDjango**

The most significant new feature for *GeoDjango* in 1.2 is support for multiple spatial databases. As a result, the following *spatial database backends* are now included:

- `django.contrib.gis.db.backends.postgis`
- `django.contrib.gis.db.backends.mysql`
- `django.contrib.gis.db.backends.oracle`
- `django.contrib.gis.db.backends.spatialite`

GeoDjango now supports the rich capabilities added in the PostGIS 1.5 release. New features include support for the *geography type* and enabling of *distance queries* with non-point geometries on geographic coordinate systems.

Support for 3D geometry fields was added, and may be enabled by setting the `dim` keyword to 3 in your `GeometryField`. The `Extent3D` aggregate and `extent3d()` GeoQuerySet method were added as a part of this feature.

The `force_rhr()`, `reverse_geom()`, and `geohash()` GeoQuerySet methods are new.

The GEOS interface was updated to use thread-safe C library functions when available on the platform.

The GDAL interface now allows the user to set a `spatial_filter` on the features returned when iterating over a `Layer`.

Finally, *GeoDjango’s documentation* is now included with Django’s and is no longer hosted separately at geojango.org.
JavaScript-assisted handling of inline related objects in the admin

If a user has JavaScript enabled in their browser, the interface for inline objects in the admin now allows inline objects to be dynamically added and removed. Users without JavaScript-enabled browsers will see no change in the behavior of inline objects.

New now template tag format specifier characters: c and u

The argument to the now has gained two new format characters: c to specify that a datetime value should be formatted in ISO 8601 format, and u that allows output of the microseconds part of a datetime or time value.

These are also available in others parts like the date and time template filters, the humanize template tag library and the new format localization framework.

Backwards-incompatible changes in 1.2

Wherever possible the new features above have been introduced in a backwards-compatible manner per our API stability policy policy. This means that practically all existing code which worked with Django 1.1 will continue to work with Django 1.2; such code will, however, begin issuing warnings (see below for details).

However, a handful of features have changed in ways that, for some users, will be immediately backwards-incompatible. Those changes are detailed below.

CSRF Protection

We’ve made large changes to the way CSRF protection works, detailed in the CSRF documentation. Here are the major changes you should be aware of:

- CsrfResponseMiddleware and CsrfMiddleware have been deprecated and will be removed completely in Django 1.4, in favor of a template tag that should be inserted into forms.
- All contrib apps use a csrf_protect decorator to protect the view. This requires the use of the csrf_token template tag in the template. If you have used custom templates for contrib views, you MUST READ THE UPGRADE INSTRUCTIONS to fix those templates.

Documentation removed

The upgrade notes have been removed in current Django docs. Please refer to the docs for Django 1.3 or older to find these instructions.

- CsrfViewMiddleware is included in MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES by default. This turns on CSRF protection by default, so views that accept POST requests need to be written to work with the middleware. Instructions on how to do this are found in the CSRF docs.
- All of the CSRF has moved from contrib to core (with backwards compatible imports in the old locations, which are deprecated and will cease to be supported in Django 1.4).

get_db_prep_*() methods on Field

Prior to Django 1.2, a custom Field had the option of defining several functions to support conversion of Python values into database-compatible values. A custom field might look something like:
class CustomModelField(models.Field):
    # ...
    def db_type(self):
        # ...
    def get_db_prep_save(self, value):
        # ...
    def get_db_prep_value(self, value):
        # ...
    def get_db_prep_lookup(self, lookup_type, value):
        # ...

In 1.2, these three methods have undergone a change in prototype, and two extra methods have been introduced:

class CustomModelField(models.Field):
    # ...
    def db_type(self, connection):
        # ...
    def get_prep_value(self, value):
        # ...
    def get_prep_lookup(self, lookup_type, value):
        # ...
    def get_db_prep_save(self, value, connection):
        # ...
    def get_db_prep_value(self, value, connection, prepared=False):
        # ...
    def get_db_prep_lookup(self, self, lookup_type, value, connection, prepared=False):
        # ...

These changes are required to support multiple databases – `db_type` and `get_db_prep_*` can no longer make any assumptions regarding the database for which it is preparing. The `connection` argument now provides the preparation methods with the specific connection for which the value is being prepared.

The two new methods exist to differentiate general data-preparation requirements from requirements that are database-specific. The `prepared` argument is used to indicate to the database-preparation methods whether generic value preparation has been performed. If an unprepared (i.e., `prepared=False`) value is provided to the `get_db_prep_*()` calls, they should invoke the corresponding `get_prep_*()` calls to perform generic data preparation.

We’ve provided conversion functions that will transparently convert functions adhering to the old prototype into functions compatible with the new prototype. However, these conversion functions will be removed in Django 1.4, so you should upgrade your `Field` definitions to use the new prototype as soon as possible.

If your `get_db_prep_*()` methods made no use of the database connection, you should be able to upgrade by renaming `get_db_prep_value()` to `get_prep_value()` and `get_db_prep_lookup()` to `get_prep_lookup()`. If you require database specific conversions, then you will need to provide an implementation `get_db_prep_*` that uses the `connection` argument to resolve database-specific values.
Stateful template tags

Template tags that store rendering state on their `Node` subclass have always been vulnerable to thread-safety and other issues; as of Django 1.2, however, they may also cause problems when used with the new cached template loader.

All of the built-in Django template tags are safe to use with the cached loader, but if you’re using custom template tags that come from third party packages, or from your own code, you should ensure that the `Node` implementation for each tag is thread-safe. For more information, see template tag thread safety considerations.

You may also need to update your templates if you were relying on the implementation of Django’s template tags not being thread safe. The `cycle` tag is the most likely to be affected in this way, especially when used in conjunction with the `include` tag. Consider the following template fragment:

```django
{% for object in object_list %}
    {% include "subtemplate.html" %}
{% endfor %}
```

with a `subtemplate.html` that reads:

```django
{% cycle 'even' 'odd' %}
```

Using the non-thread-safe, pre-Django 1.2 renderer, this would output:

```
even odd even odd ...
```

Using the thread-safe Django 1.2 renderer, you will instead get:

```
even even even even ...
```

This is because each rendering of the `include` tag is an independent rendering. When the `cycle` tag was not thread safe, the state of the `cycle` tag would leak between multiple renderings of the same `include`. Now that the `cycle` tag is thread safe, this leakage no longer occurs.

user_passes_test, login_required and permission_required

django.contrib.auth.decorators provides the decorators `login_required`, `permission_required` and `user_passes_test`. Previously it was possible to use these decorators both on functions (where the first argument is ‘request’) and on methods (where the first argument is ‘self’, and the second argument is ‘request’). Unfortunately, flaws were discovered in the code supporting this: it only works in limited circumstances, and produces errors that are very difficult to debug when it does not work.

For this reason, the ‘auto adapt’ behavior has been removed, and if you are using these decorators on methods, you will need to manually apply `django.utils.decorators.method_decorator()` to convert the decorator to one that works with methods. For example, you would change code from this:

```python
class MyClass(object):
    @login_required
    def my_view(self, request):
        pass
```

to this:

```python
from django.utils.decorators import method_decorator
class MyClass(object):

    @method_decorator(login_required)
    def my_view(self, request):
        pass
```

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@method_decorator(login_required)
def my_view(self, request):
    pass

or:

from django.utils.decorators import method_decorator

login_required_m = method_decorator(login_required)

class MyClass(object):
    @login_required_m
def my_view(self, request):
        pass

For those of you who've been following the development trunk, this change also applies to other decorators introduced since 1.1, including csrf_protect, cache_control and anything created using decorator_fromMiddleware.

**if tag changes**

Due to new features in the *if* template tag, it no longer accepts ‘and’, ‘or’ and ‘not’ as valid variable names. Previously, these strings could be used as variable names. Now, the keyword status is always enforced, and template code such as `{% if not %}` or `{% if and %}` will throw a TemplateSyntaxError. Also, *in* is a new keyword and so is not a valid variable name in this tag.

**LazyObject**

LazyObject is an undocumented-but-often-used utility class used for lazily wrapping other objects of unknown type.

In Django 1.1 and earlier, it handled introspection in a non-standard way, depending on wrapped objects implementing a public method named get_all_members(). Since this could easily lead to name clashes, it has been changed to use the standard Python introspection method, involving __members__ and __dir__().

If you used LazyObject in your own code and implemented the get_all_members() method for wrapped objects, you’ll need to make a couple of changes:

First, if your class does not have special requirements for introspection (i.e., you have not implemented __getattr__() or other methods that allow for attributes not discoverable by normal mechanisms), you can simply remove the get_all_members() method. The default implementation on LazyObject will do the right thing.

If you have more complex requirements for introspection, first rename the get_all_members() method to __dir__(). This is the standard introspection method for Python 2.6 and above. If you require support for Python versions earlier than 2.6, add the following code to the class:

```python
__members__ = property(lambda self: self.__dir__())
```
Historically, the __dict__ attribute of a model instance has only contained attributes corresponding to the fields on a model.

In order to support multiple database configurations, Django 1.2 has added a _state attribute to object instances. This attribute will appear in __dict__ for a model instance. If your code relies on iterating over __dict__ to obtain a list of fields, you must now be prepared to handle or filter out the _state attribute.

Test runner exit status code

The exit status code of the test runners (tests/runtests.py and python manage.py test) no longer represents the number of failed tests, because a failure of 256 or more tests resulted in a wrong exit status code. The exit status code for the test runner is now 0 for success (no failing tests) and 1 for any number of test failures. If needed, the number of test failures can be found at the end of the test runner’s output.

Cookie encoding

To fix bugs with cookies in Internet Explorer, Safari, and possibly other browsers, our encoding of cookie values was changed so that the comma and semicolon are treated as non-safe characters, and are therefore encoded as \054 and \073 respectively. This could produce backwards incompatibilities, especially if you are storing comma or semicolon in cookies and have JavaScript code that parses and manipulates cookie values client-side.

ModelForm.is_valid() and ModelForm.errors

Much of the validation work for ModelForms has been moved down to the model level. As a result, the first time you call ModelForm.is_valid(), access ModelForm.errors or otherwise trigger form validation, your model will be cleaned in-place. This conversion used to happen when the model was saved. If you need an unmodified instance of your model, you should pass a copy to the ModelForm constructor.

BooleanField on MySQL

In previous versions of Django, a model’s BooleanField under MySQL would return its value as either 1 or 0, instead of True or False; for most people this wasn’t a problem because bool is a subclass of int in Python. In Django 1.2, however, BooleanField on MySQL correctly returns a real bool. The only time this should ever be an issue is if you were expecting the repr of a BooleanField to print 1 or 0.

Changes to the interpretation of max_num in FormSets

As part of enhancements made to the handling of FormSets, the default value and interpretation of the max_num parameter to the django.forms.formsets.formset_factory() and django.forms.models.modelformset_factory() functions has changed slightly. This change also affects the way the max_num argument is used for inline admin objects.

Previously, the default value for max_num was 0 (zero). FormSets then used the boolean value of max_num to determine if a limit was to be imposed on the number of generated forms. The default value of 0 meant that there was no default limit on the number of forms in a FormSet.

Starting with 1.2, the default value for max_num has been changed to None, and FormSets will differentiate between a value of None and a value of 0. A value of None indicates that no limit on the number of forms is to be imposed; a
value of 0 indicates that a maximum of 0 forms should be imposed. This doesn’t necessarily mean that no forms will be displayed – see the ModelFormSet documentation for more details.

If you were manually specifying a value of 0 for max_num, you will need to update your FormSet and/or admin definitions.

See also:

JavaScript-assisted handling of inline related objects in the admin

email_re

An undocumented regular expression for validating email addresses has been moved from django.form.fields to django.core.validators. You will need to update your imports if you are using it.

Features deprecated in 1.2

Finally, Django 1.2 deprecates some features from earlier releases. These features are still supported, but will be gradually phased out over the next few release cycles.

Code taking advantage of any of the features below will raise a PendingDeprecationWarning in Django 1.2. This warning will be silent by default, but may be turned on using Python’s warnings module, or by running Python with a -Wd or -Wall flag.

In Django 1.3, these warnings will become a DeprecationWarning, which is not silent. In Django 1.4 support for these features will be removed entirely.

See also:

For more details, see the documentation Django’s release process and our deprecation timeline.

Specifying databases

Prior to Django 1.2, Django used a number of settings to control access to a single database. Django 1.2 introduces support for multiple databases, and as a result the way you define database settings has changed.

Any existing Django settings file will continue to work as expected until Django 1.4. Until then, old-style database settings will be automatically translated to the new-style format.

In the old-style (pre 1.2) format, you had a number of DATABASE_ settings in your settings file. For example:

```python
DATABASE_NAME = 'test_db'
DATABASE_ENGINE = 'postgresql_psycopg2'
DATABASE_USER = 'myusername'
DATABASE_PASSWORD = 's3krit'
```

These settings are now in a dictionary named DATABASES. Each item in the dictionary corresponds to a single database connection, with the name 'default' describing the default database connection. The setting names have also been shortened. The previous sample settings would now look like this:

```python
DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        'NAME': 'test_db',
        'ENGINE': 'django.db.backends.postgresql_psycopg2',
        'USER': 'myusername',
        'PASSWORD': 's3krit',
    }
}
```

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This affects the following settings:

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These changes are also required if you have manually created a database connection using `DatabaseWrapper()` from your database backend of choice.

In addition to the change in structure, Django 1.2 removes the special handling for the built-in database backends. All database backends must now be specified by a fully qualified module name (i.e., `django.db.backends.postgresql_psycopg2`, rather than just `postgresql_psycopg2`).

**postgresql database backend**

The `psycopg1` library has not been updated since October 2005. As a result, the `postgresql` database backend, which uses this library, has been deprecated.

If you are currently using the `postgresql` backend, you should migrate to using the `postgresql_psycopg2` backend. To update your code, install the `psycopg2` library and change the `ENGINE` setting to use `django.db.backends.postgresql_psycopg2`.

**CSRF response-rewriting middleware**

`CsrfResponseMiddleware`, the middleware that automatically inserted CSRF tokens into POST forms in outgoing pages, has been deprecated in favor of a template tag method (see above), and will be removed completely in Django 1.4. `CsrfMiddleware`, which includes the functionality of `CsrfResponseMiddleware` and `CsrfViewMiddleware`, has likewise been deprecated.

Also, the CSRF module has moved from contrib to core, and the old imports are deprecated, as described in the upgrading notes.

**Documentation removed**

The upgrade notes have been removed in current Django docs. Please refer to the docs for Django 1.3 or older to find these instructions.
SMTPConnection

The SMTPConnection class has been deprecated in favor of a generic email backend API. Old code that explicitly instantiated an instance of an SMTPConnection:

```python
from django.core.mail import SMTPConnection
connection = SMTPConnection()
messages = get_notification_email()
connection.send_messages(messages)
```

...should now call `get_connection()` to instantiate a generic email connection:

```python
from django.core.mail import get_connection
connection = get_connection()
messages = get_notification_email()
connection.send_messages(messages)
```

Depending on the value of the `EMAIL_BACKEND` setting, this may not return an SMTP connection. If you explicitly require an SMTP connection with which to send email, you can explicitly request an SMTP connection:

```python
from django.core.mail import get_connection
connection = get_connection('django.core.mail.backends.smtp.EmailBackend')
messages = get_notification_email()
connection.send_messages(messages)
```

If your call to construct an instance of `SMTPConnection` required additional arguments, those arguments can be passed to the `get_connection()` call:

```python
connection = get_connection('django.core.mail.backends.smtp.EmailBackend', hostname='localhost', port=1234)
```

User Messages API

The API for storing messages in the user Message model (via `user.message_set.create`) is now deprecated and will be removed in Django 1.4 according to the standard release process.

To upgrade your code, you need to replace any instances of this:

```python
user.message_set.create('a message')
```

...with the following:

```python
from django.contrib import messages
messages.add_message(request, messages.INFO, 'a message')
```

Additionally, if you make use of the method, you need to replace the following:

```python
for message in user.get_and_delete_messages():
    ...
```

...with:

```python
from django.contrib import messages
for message in messages.get_messages(request):
    ...
```
For more information, see the full messages documentation. You should begin to update your code to use the new API immediately.

**Date format helper functions**

django.utils.translation.get_date_formats() and django.utils.translation.get_partial_date_formats() have been deprecated in favor of the appropriate calls to django.utils.formats.get_format(), which is locale-aware when USE_L10N is set to True, and falls back to default settings if set to False.

To get the different date formats, instead of writing this:

```python
from django.utils.translation import get_date_formats
date_format, datetime_format, time_format = get_date_formats()
```

...use:

```python
from django.utils import formats
date_format = formats.get_format('DATE_FORMAT')
datetime_format = formats.get_format('DATETIME_FORMAT')
time_format = formats.get_format('TIME_FORMAT')
```

Or, when directly formatting a date value:

```python
from django.utils import formats
value_formatted = formats.date_format(value, 'DATETIME_FORMAT')
```

The same applies to the globals found in django.forms.fields:

- DEFAULT_DATE_INPUT_FORMATS
- DEFAULT_TIME_INPUT_FORMATS
- DEFAULT_DATETIME_INPUT_FORMATS

Use django.utils.formats.get_format() to get the appropriate formats.

**Function-based test runners**

Django 1.2 changes the test runner tools to use a class-based approach. Old style function-based test runners will still work, but should be updated to use the new class-based runners.

**Feed in django.contrib.syndication.feeds**

The django.contrib.syndication.feeds.Feed class has been replaced by the django.contrib.syndication.views.Feed class. The old feeds.Feed class is deprecated, and will be removed in Django 1.4.

The new class has an almost identical API, but allows instances to be used as views. For example, consider the use of the old framework in the following URLconf:

```python
from django.conf.urls.defaults import *
from myproject.feeds import LatestEntries, LatestEntriesByCategory

feeds = {
```
Using the new Feed class, these feeds can be deployed directly as views:

```python
from django.conf.urls.defaults import *
from myproject.feeds import LatestEntries, LatestEntriesByCategory

urlpatterns = patterns('',
    # ...
    (r'^feeds/latest/$', LatestEntries()),
    (r'^feeds/categories/(?P<category_id>\d+)/$', LatestEntriesByCategory()),
    # ...
)
```

If you currently use the `feed()` view, the `LatestEntries` class would often not need to be modified apart from subclassing the new `Feed` class. The exception is if Django was automatically working out the name of the template to use to render the feed’s description and title elements (if you were not specifying the `title_template` and `description_template` attributes). You should ensure that you always specify `title_template` and `description_template` attributes, or provide `item_title()` and `item_description()` methods.

However, `LatestEntriesByCategory` uses the `get_object()` method with the `bits` argument to specify a specific category to show. In the new `Feed` class, `get_object()` method takes a request and arguments from the URL, so it would look like this:

```python
from django.contrib.syndication.views import Feed
from django.shortcuts import get_object_or_404
from myproject.models import Category

class LatestEntriesByCategory(Feed):
    def get_object(self, request, category_id):
        return get_object_or_404(Category, id=category_id)
    # ...
```

Additionally, the `get_feed()` method on `Feed` classes now take different arguments, which may impact you if you use the `Feed` classes directly. Instead of just taking an optional `url` argument, it now takes two arguments: the object returned by its own `get_object()` method, and the current request object.

To take into account `Feed` classes not being initialized for each request, the `__init__()` method now takes no arguments by default. Previously it would have taken the `slug` from the URL and the request object.

In accordance with RSS best practices, RSS feeds will now include an `atom:link` element. You may need to update your tests to take this into account.

For more information, see the full `syndication framework documentation`.  

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Technical message IDs

Up to version 1.1 Django used technical message IDs to provide localizers the possibility to translate date and time formats. They were translatable translation strings that could be recognized because they were all upper case (for example `DATETIME_FORMAT`, `DATE_FORMAT`, `TIME_FORMAT`). They have been deprecated in favor of the new Format localization infrastructure that allows localizers to specify that information in a `formats.py` file in the corresponding `django/conf/locale/<locale name>/` directory.

GeoDjango

To allow support for multiple databases, the GeoDjango database internals were changed substantially. The largest backwards-incompatible change is that the module `django.contrib.gis.db.backend` was renamed to `django.contrib.gis.db.backends`, where the full-fledged spatial database backends now exist. The following sections provide information on the most-popular APIs that were affected by these changes.

SpatialBackend

Prior to the creation of the separate spatial backends, the `django.contrib.gis.db.backend.SpatialBackend` object was provided as an abstraction to introspect on the capabilities of the spatial database. All of the attributes and routines provided by SpatialBackend are now a part of the `ops` attribute of the database backend.

The old module `django.contrib.gis.db.backend` is still provided for backwards-compatibility access to a SpatialBackend object, which is just an alias to the `ops` module of the default spatial database connection.

Users that were relying on undocumented modules and objects within `django.contrib.gis.db.backend`, rather the abstractions provided by SpatialBackend, are required to modify their code. For example, the following import which would work in 1.1 and below:

```
from django.contrib.gis.db.backend.postgis import PostGISAdaptor
```

Would need to be changed:

```
from django.db import connection
PostGISAdaptor = connection.ops.Adapter
```

SpatialRefSys and GeometryColumns models

In previous versions of GeoDjango, `django.contrib.gis.db.models` had SpatialRefSys and GeometryColumns models for querying the OGC spatial metadata tables `spatial_ref_sys` and `geometry_columns`, respectively.

While these aliases are still provided, they are only for the default database connection and exist only if the default connection is using a supported spatial database backend.

Note: Because the table structure of the OGC spatial metadata tables differs across spatial databases, the SpatialRefSys and GeometryColumns models can no longer be associated with the gis application name. Thus, no models will be returned when using the `get_models` method in the following example:

```
>>> from django.db.models import get_app, get_models
>>> get_models(get_app('gis'))
[]
```
To get the correct `SpatialRefSys` and `GeometryColumns` for your spatial database use the methods provided by the spatial backend:

```python
>>> from django.db import connections
>>> SpatialRefSys = connections['my_spatialite'].ops.spatial_ref_sys()
>>> GeometryColumns = connections['my_postgis'].ops.geometry_columns()
```

**Note:** When using the models returned from the `spatial_ref_sys()` and `geometry_columns()` method, you’ll still need to use the correct database alias when querying on the non-default connection. In other words, to ensure that the models in the example above use the correct database:

```python
sr_qs = SpatialRefSys.objects.using('my_spatialite').filter(...)
gc_qs = GeometryColumns.objects.using('my_postgis').filter(...)
```

## Language code no

The currently used language code for Norwegian Bokmål `no` is being replaced by the more common language code `nb`.

### Function-based template loaders

Django 1.2 changes the template loading mechanism to use a class-based approach. Old style function-based template loaders will still work, but should be updated to use the new class-based template loaders.

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### Django 1.1.4 release notes

Welcome to Django 1.1.4!

This is the fourth “bugfix” release in the Django 1.1 series, improving the stability and performance of the Django 1.1 codebase.

With one exception, Django 1.1.4 maintains backwards compatibility with Django 1.1.3. It also contains a number of fixes and other improvements. Django 1.1.4 is a recommended upgrade for any development or deployment currently using or targeting Django 1.1.

For full details on the new features, backwards incompatibilities, and deprecated features in the 1.1 branch, see the Django 1.1 release notes.

### Backwards incompatible changes

#### CSRF exception for AJAX requests

Django includes a CSRF-protection mechanism, which makes use of a token inserted into outgoing forms. Middleware then checks for the token’s presence on form submission, and validates it.

Prior to Django 1.2.5, our CSRF protection made an exception for AJAX requests, on the following basis:
Many AJAX toolkits add an X-Requested-With header when using XMLHttpRequest.

Browsers have strict same-origin policies regarding XMLHttpRequest.

In the context of a browser, the only way that a custom header of this nature can be added is with XMLHttpRequest.

Therefore, for ease of use, we did not apply CSRF checks to requests that appeared to be AJAX on the basis of the X-Requested-With header. The Ruby on Rails web framework had a similar exemption.

Recently, engineers at Google made members of the Ruby on Rails development team aware of a combination of browser plugins and redirects which can allow an attacker to provide custom HTTP headers on a request to any website. This can allow a forged request to appear to be an AJAX request, thereby defeating CSRF protection which trusts the same-origin nature of AJAX requests.

Michael Koziarski of the Rails team brought this to our attention, and we were able to produce a proof-of-concept demonstrating the same vulnerability in Django’s CSRF handling.

To remedy this, Django will now apply full CSRF validation to all requests, regardless of apparent AJAX origin. This is technically backwards-incompatible, but the security risks have been judged to outweigh the compatibility concerns in this case.

Additionally, Django will now accept the CSRF token in the custom HTTP header X-CSRF_TOKEN, as well as in the form submission itself, for ease of use with popular JavaScript toolkits which allow insertion of custom headers into all AJAX requests.

Please see the CSRF docs for example jQuery code that demonstrates this technique, ensuring that you are looking at the documentation for your version of Django, as the exact code necessary is different for some older versions of Django.

Django 1.1.3 release notes

Welcome to Django 1.1.3!

This is the third “bugfix” release in the Django 1.1 series, improving the stability and performance of the Django 1.1 codebase.

With one exception, Django 1.1.3 maintains backwards compatibility with Django 1.1.2. It also contains a number of fixes and other improvements. Django 1.1.2 is a recommended upgrade for any development or deployment currently using or targeting Django 1.1.

For full details on the new features, backwards incompatibilities, and deprecated features in the 1.1 branch, see the Django 1.1 release notes.

Backwards incompatible changes

Restricted filters in admin interface

The Django administrative interface, django.contrib.admin, supports filtering of displayed lists of objects by fields on the corresponding models, including across database-level relationships. This is implemented by passing lookup arguments in the querystring portion of the URL, and options on the ModelAdmin class allow developers to specify particular fields or relationships which will generate automatic links for filtering.

One historically-undocumented and -unofficially-supported feature has been the ability for a user with sufficient knowledge of a model’s structure and the format of these lookup arguments to invent useful new filters on the fly by manipulating the querystring.
However, it has been demonstrated that this can be abused to gain access to information outside of an admin user’s permissions; for example, an attacker with access to the admin and sufficient knowledge of model structure and relations could construct query strings which – with repeated use of regular-expression lookups supported by the Django database API – expose sensitive information such as users’ password hashes.

To remedy this, `django.contrib.admin` will now validate that querystring lookup arguments either specify only fields on the model being viewed, or cross relations which have been explicitly allowed by the application developer using the pre-existing mechanism mentioned above. This is backwards-incompatible for any users relying on the prior ability to insert arbitrary lookups.

**Django 1.1.2 release notes**

Welcome to Django 1.1.2!

This is the second “bugfix” release in the Django 1.1 series, improving the stability and performance of the Django 1.1 codebase.

Django 1.1.2 maintains backwards compatibility with Django 1.1.0, but contain a number of fixes and other improvements. Django 1.1.2 is a recommended upgrade for any development or deployment currently using or targeting Django 1.1.

For full details on the new features, backwards incompatibilities, and deprecated features in the 1.1 branch, see the *Django 1.1 release notes*.

**Backwards-incompatible changes in 1.1.2**

**Test runner exit status code**

The exit status code of the test runners (`tests/runtests.py` and `python manage.py test`) no longer represents the number of failed tests, since a failure of 256 or more tests resulted in a wrong exit status code. The exit status code for the test runner is now 0 for success (no failing tests) and 1 for any number of test failures. If needed, the number of test failures can be found at the end of the test runner’s output.

**Cookie encoding**

To fix bugs with cookies in Internet Explorer, Safari, and possibly other browsers, our encoding of cookie values was changed so that the characters comma and semi-colon are treated as non-safe characters, and are therefore encoded as `\054` and `\073` respectively. This could produce backwards incompatibilities, especially if you are storing comma or semi-colon in cookies and have JavaScript code that parses and manipulates cookie values client-side.

**One new feature**

Ordinarily, a point release would not include new features, but in the case of Django 1.1.2, we have made an exception to this rule. Django 1.2 (the next major release of Django) will contain a feature that will improve protection against Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) attacks. This feature requires the use of a new `csrf_token` template tag in all forms that Django renders.

To make it easier to support both 1.1.X and 1.2.X versions of Django with the same templates, we have decided to introduce the `csrf_token` template tag to the 1.1.X branch. In the 1.1.X branch, `csrf_token` does nothing - it has no effect on templates or form processing. However, it means that the same template will work with Django 1.2.
Welcome to Django 1.1!

Django 1.1 includes a number of nifty new features, lots of bug fixes, and an easy upgrade path from Django 1.0.

Backwards-incompatible changes in 1.1

Django has a policy of API stability. This means that, in general, code you develop against Django 1.0 should continue to work against 1.1 unchanged. However, we do sometimes make backwards-incompatible changes if they’re necessary to resolve bugs, and there are a handful of such (minor) changes between Django 1.0 and Django 1.1.

Before upgrading to Django 1.1 you should double-check that the following changes don’t impact you, and upgrade your code if they do.

Changes to constraint names

Django 1.1 modifies the method used to generate database constraint names so that names are consistent regardless of machine word size. This change is backwards incompatible for some users.

If you are using a 32-bit platform, you’re off the hook; you’ll observe no differences as a result of this change.

However, users on 64-bit platforms may experience some problems using the reset management command. Prior to this change, 64-bit platforms would generate a 64-bit, 16 character digest in the constraint name; for example:

```
ALTER TABLE myapp_sometable ADD CONSTRAINT object_id_refs_id_5e8f10c132091d1e FOREIGN KEY ...
```

Following this change, all platforms, regardless of word size, will generate a 32-bit, 8 character digest in the constraint name; for example:

```
ALTER TABLE myapp_sometable ADD CONSTRAINT object_id_refs_id_32091d1e FOREIGN KEY ...
```

As a result of this change, you will not be able to use the reset management command on any table made by a 64-bit machine. This is because the new generated name will not match the historically generated name; as a result, the SQL constructed by the reset command will be invalid.

If you need to reset an application that was created with 64-bit constraints, you will need to manually drop the old constraint prior to invoking reset.

Test cases are now run in a transaction

Django 1.1 runs tests inside a transaction, allowing better test performance (see test performance improvements for details).

This change is slightly backwards incompatible if existing tests need to test transactional behavior, if they rely on invalid assumptions about the test environment, or if they require a specific test case ordering.

For these cases, TransactionTestCase can be used instead. This is a just a quick fix to get around test case errors revealed by the new rollback approach; in the long-term tests should be rewritten to correct the test case.
Removed **SetRemoteAddrFromForwardedFor middleware**

For convenience, Django 1.0 included an optional middleware class – django.middleware.http.SetRemoteAddrFromForwardedFor – which updated the value of REMOTE_ADDR based on the HTTP X-Forwarded-For header commonly set by some proxy configurations.

It has been demonstrated that this mechanism cannot be made reliable enough for general-purpose use, and that (despite documentation to the contrary) its inclusion in Django may lead application developers to assume that the value of REMOTE_ADDR is “safe” or in some way reliable as a source of authentication.

While not directly a security issue, we’ve decided to remove this middleware with the Django 1.1 release. It has been replaced with a class that does nothing other than raise a DeprecationWarning.

If you’ve been relying on this middleware, the easiest upgrade path is:

- Examine the code as it existed before it was removed.
- Verify that it works correctly with your upstream proxy, modifying it to support your particular proxy (if necessary).
- Introduce your modified version of SetRemoteAddrFromForwardedFor as a piece of middleware in your own project.

**Names of uploaded files are available later**

In Django 1.0, files uploaded and stored in a model’s FileField were saved to disk before the model was saved to the database. This meant that the actual file name assigned to the file was available before saving. For example, it was available in a model’s pre-save signal handler.

In Django 1.1 the file is saved as part of saving the model in the database, so the actual file name used on disk cannot be relied on until after the model has been saved.

**Changes to how model formsets are saved**

In Django 1.1, BaseModelFormSet now calls ModelForm.save().

This is backwards-incompatible if you were modifying self.initial in a model formset’s __init__, or if you relied on the internal _total_form_count or _initial_form_count attributes of BaseFormSet. Those attributes are now public methods.

**Fixed the join filter’s escaping behavior**

The join filter no longer escapes the literal value that is passed in for the connector.

This is backwards incompatible for the special situation of the literal string containing one of the five special HTML characters. Thus, if you were writing {{ foo|join:"&" }}, you now have to write {{ foo|join:"&amp;" }}.

The previous behavior was a bug and contrary to what was documented and expected.

**Permanent redirects and the redirect_to() generic view**

Django 1.1 adds a permanent argument to the django.views.generic.simple.redirect_to() view. This is technically backwards-incompatible if you were using the redirect_to view with a format-string key called ‘permanent’, which is highly unlikely.
Features deprecated in 1.1

One feature has been marked as deprecated in Django 1.1:

- You should no longer use `AdminSite.root()` to register that admin views. That is, if your URLconf contains the line:

  ```python
  (r'^admin/(.*)', admin.site.root),
  ```

  You should change it to read:

  ```python
  (r'^admin/', include(admin.site.urls)),
  ```

You should begin to remove use of this feature from your code immediately.

`AdminSite.root` will raise a `PendingDeprecationWarning` if used in Django 1.1. This warning is hidden by default. In Django 1.2, this warning will be upgraded to a `DeprecationWarning`, which will be displayed loudly. Django 1.3 will remove `AdminSite.root()` entirely.

For more details on our deprecation policies and strategy, see Django’s release process.

What’s new in Django 1.1

Quite a bit: since Django 1.0, we’ve made 1,290 code commits, fixed 1,206 bugs, and added roughly 10,000 lines of documentation.

The major new features in Django 1.1 are:

ORM improvements

Two major enhancements have been added to Django’s object-relational mapper (ORM): aggregate support, and query expressions.

Aggregate support

It’s now possible to run SQL aggregate queries (i.e. `COUNT()`, `MAX()`, `MIN()`, etc.) from within Django’s ORM. You can choose to either return the results of the aggregate directly, or else annotate the objects in a `QuerySet` with the results of the aggregate query.

This feature is available as new `aggregate()` and `annotate()` methods, and is covered in detail in the ORM aggregation documentation.

Query expressions

Queries can now refer to another field on the query and can traverse relationships to refer to fields on related models. This is implemented in the new `F` object; for full details, including examples, consult the `F expressions documentation`.

Model improvements

A number of features have been added to Django’s model layer:
“Unmanaged” models

You can now control whether or not Django manages the life-cycle of the database tables for a model using the `managed` model option. This defaults to `True`, meaning that Django will create the appropriate database tables in `syncdb` and remove them as part of the `reset` command. That is, Django manages the database table’s lifecycle.

If you set this to `False`, however, no database table creating or deletion will be automatically performed for this model. This is useful if the model represents an existing table or a database view that has been created by some other means.

For more details, see the documentation for the `managed` option.

Proxy models

You can now create proxy models: subclasses of existing models that only add Python-level (rather than database-level) behavior and aren’t represented by a new table. That is, the new model is a proxy for some underlying model, which stores all the real data.

All the details can be found in the proxy models documentation. This feature is similar on the surface to unmanaged models, so the documentation has an explanation of how proxy models differ from unmanaged models.

Deferred fields

In some complex situations, your models might contain fields which could contain a lot of data (for example, large text fields), or require expensive processing to convert them to Python objects. If you know you don’t need those particular fields, you can now tell Django not to retrieve them from the database.

You’ll do this with the new queryset methods `defer()` and `only()`.

Testing improvements

A few notable improvements have been made to the testing framework.

Test performance improvements

Tests written using Django’s testing framework now run dramatically faster (as much as 10 times faster in many cases).

This was accomplished through the introduction of transaction-based tests: when using `django.test.TestCase`, your tests will now be run in a transaction which is rolled back when finished, instead of by flushing and re-populating the database. This results in an immense speedup for most types of unit tests. See the documentation for `TestCase` and `TransactionTestCase` for a full description, and some important notes on database support.

Test client improvements

A couple of small – but highly useful – improvements have been made to the test client:

- The test `Client` now can automatically follow redirects with the `follow` argument to `Client.get()` and `Client.post()`. This makes testing views that issue redirects simpler.
- It’s now easier to get at the template context in the response returned the test client: you’ll simply access the context as `request.context[key]`. The old way, which treats `request.context` as a list of contexts, one for each rendered template in the inheritance chain, is still available if you need it.
New admin features

Django 1.1 adds a couple of nifty new features to Django’s admin interface:

Editable fields on the change list

You can now make fields editable on the admin list views via the new list_editable admin option. These fields will show up as form widgets on the list pages, and can be edited and saved in bulk.

Admin “actions”

You can now define admin actions that can perform some action to a group of models in bulk. Users will be able to select objects on the change list page and then apply these bulk actions to all selected objects.
Django ships with one pre-defined admin action to delete a group of objects in one fell swoop.

Conditional view processing

Django now has much better support for conditional view processing using the standard ETag and Last-Modified HTTP headers. This means you can now easily short-circuit view processing by testing less-expensive conditions. For many views this can lead to a serious improvement in speed and reduction in bandwidth.

URL namespaces

Django 1.1 improves named URL patterns with the introduction of URL “namespaces.”
In short, this feature allows the same group of URLs, from the same application, to be included in a Django URLConf multiple times, with varying (and potentially nested) named prefixes which will be used when performing reverse resolution. In other words, reusable applications like Django’s admin interface may be registered multiple times without URL conflicts.
For full details, see the documentation on defining URL namespaces.

GeoDjango

In Django 1.1, GeoDjango (i.e. django.contrib.gis) has several new features:
• Support for SpatiaLite – a spatial database for SQLite – as a spatial backend.
• Geographic aggregates (Collect, Extent, MakeLine, Union) and F expressions.
• New GeoQuerySet methods: collect, geojson, and snap_to_grid.
• A new list interface methods for GEOSGeometry objects.
For more details, see the GeoDjango documentation.

Other improvements

Other new features and changes introduced since Django 1.0 include:
• The **CSRF protection middleware** has been split into two classes – `CsrfViewMiddleware` checks incoming requests, and `CsrfResponseMiddleware` processes outgoing responses. The combined `CsrfMiddleware` class (which does both) remains for backwards-compatibility, but using the split classes is now recommended in order to allow fine-grained control of when and where the CSRF processing takes place.

• `reverse()` and code which uses it (e.g., the `{% url %}` template tag) now works with URLs in Django’s administrative site, provided that the admin URLs are set up via `include(admin.site.urls)` (sending admin requests to the `admin.site.root` view still works, but URLs in the admin will not be “reversible” when configured this way).

• The `include()` function in Django URLconf modules can now accept sequences of URL patterns (generated by `patterns()`) in addition to module names.

• Instances of Django forms (see the [forms overview](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/forms/)) now have two additional methods, `hidden_fields()` and `visible_fields()`, which return the list of hidden – i.e., `<input type="hidden">` – and visible fields on the form, respectively.

• The `redirect_to` generic view now accepts an additional keyword argument `permanent`. If `permanent` is `True`, the view will emit an HTTP permanent redirect (status code 301). If `False`, the view will emit an HTTP temporary redirect (status code 302).

• A new database lookup type – `week_day` – has been added for `DateField` and `DateTimeField`. This type of lookup accepts a number between 1 (Sunday) and 7 (Saturday), and returns objects where the field value matches that day of the week. See the full list of lookup types for details.

• The `{% for %}` tag in Django’s template language now accepts an optional `{% empty %}` clause, to be displayed when `{% for %}` is asked to loop over an empty sequence. See the list of built-in template tags for examples of this.

• The `dumpdata` management command now accepts individual model names as arguments, allowing you to export the data just from particular models.

• There’s a new `safeseq` template filter which works just like `safe` for lists, marking each item in the list as safe.

• *Cache backends* now support `incr()` and `decr()` commands to increment and decrement the value of a cache key. On cache backends that support atomic increment/decrement – most notably, the memcached backend – these operations will be atomic, and quite fast.

• Django now can easily delegate authentication to the Web server via a new authentication backend that supports the standard `REMOTE_USER` environment variable used for this purpose.

• There’s a new `django.shortcuts.redirect()` function that makes it easier to issue redirects given an object, a view name, or a URL.

• The `postgresql_psycopg2` backend now supports native PostgreSQL autocommit. This is an advanced, PostgreSQL-specific feature, that can make certain read-heavy applications a good deal faster.

**What’s next?**

We’ll take a short break, and then work on Django 1.2 will begin – no rest for the weary! If you’d like to help, discussion of Django development, including progress toward the 1.2 release, takes place daily on the `django-developers` mailing list and in the #django-dev IRC channel on `irc.freenode.net`. Feel free to join the discussions!

Django’s online documentation also includes pointers on how to contribute to Django:

• *How to contribute to Django*

Contributions on any level – developing code, writing documentation or simply triaging tickets and helping to test proposed bug fixes – are always welcome and appreciated.
And that’s the way it is.

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Django 1.0.2 release notes

Welcome to Django 1.0.2!

This is the second “bugfix” release in the Django 1.0 series, improving the stability and performance of the Django 1.0 codebase. As such, Django 1.0.2 contains no new features (and, pursuant to our compatibility policy, maintains backwards compatibility with Django 1.0.0), but does contain a number of fixes and other improvements. Django 1.0.2 is a recommended upgrade for any development or deployment currently using or targeting Django 1.0.

Fixes and improvements in Django 1.0.2

The primary reason behind this release is to remedy an issue in the recently-released Django 1.0.1; the packaging scripts used for Django 1.0.1 omitted some directories from the final release package, including one directory required by django.contrib.gis and part of Django’s unit-test suite.

Django 1.0.2 contains updated packaging scripts, and the release package contains the directories omitted from Django 1.0.1. As such, this release contains all of the fixes and improvements from Django 1.0.1; see the Django 1.0.1 release notes for details.

Additionally, in the period since Django 1.0.1 was released:

- Updated Hebrew and Danish translations have been added.
- The default __repr__ method of Django models has been made more robust in the face of bad Unicode data coming from the __unicode__ method; rather than raise an exception in such cases, repr() will now contain the string “[Bad Unicode data]” in place of the invalid Unicode.
- A bug involving the interaction of Django’s SafeUnicode class and the MySQL adapter has been resolved; SafeUnicode instances (generated, for example, by template rendering) can now be assigned to model attributes and saved to MySQL without requiring an explicit intermediate cast to unicode.
- A bug affecting filtering on a nullable DateField in SQLite has been resolved.
- Several updates and improvements have been made to Django’s documentation.

Django 1.0.1 release notes

Welcome to Django 1.0.1!

This is the first “bugfix” release in the Django 1.0 series, improving the stability and performance of the Django 1.0 codebase. As such, Django 1.0.1 contains no new features (and, pursuant to our compatibility policy, maintains backwards compatibility with Django 1.0), but does contain a number of fixes and other improvements. Django 1.0.1 is a recommended upgrade for any development or deployment currently using or targeting Django 1.0.

Fixes and improvements in Django 1.0.1

Django 1.0.1 contains over two hundred fixes to the original Django 1.0 codebase; full details of every fix are available in the history of the 1.0.X branch, but here are some of the highlights:

- Several fixes in django.contrib.comments, pertaining to RSS feeds of comments, default ordering of comments and the XHTML and internationalization of the default templates for comments.
- Multiple fixes for Django’s support of Oracle databases, including pagination support for GIS QuerySets, more efficient slicing of results and improved introspection of existing databases.
- Several fixes for query support in the Django object-relational mapper, including repeated setting and resetting of ordering and fixes for working with INSERT-only queries.
- Multiple fixes for inline forms in formsets.
- Multiple fixes for unique and unique_together model constraints in automatically-generated forms.
- Fixed support for custom callable upload_to declarations when handling file uploads through automatically-generated forms.
- Fixed support for sorting an admin change list based on a callable attributes in list_display.
- A fix to the application of autoescaping for literal strings passed to the join template filter. Previously, literal strings passed to join were automatically escaped, contrary to the documented behavior for autoescaping and literal strings. Literal strings passed to join are no longer automatically escaped, meaning you must now manually escape them; this is an incompatibility if you were relying on this bug, but not if you were relying on escaping behaving as documented.
- Improved and expanded translation files for many of the languages Django supports by default.
- And as always, a large number of improvements to Django’s documentation, including both corrections to existing documents and expanded and new documentation.

**Django 1.0 release notes**

Welcome to Django 1.0!

We’ve been looking forward to this moment for over three years, and it’s finally here. Django 1.0 represents the largest milestone in Django’s development to date: a Web framework that a group of perfectionists can truly be proud of.

Django 1.0 represents over three years of community development as an Open Source project. Django’s received contributions from hundreds of developers, been translated into fifty languages, and today is used by developers on every continent and in every kind of job.

An interesting historical note: when Django was first released in July 2005, the initial released version of Django came from an internal repository at revision number 8825. Django 1.0 represents revision 8961 of our public repository. It seems fitting that our 1.0 release comes at the moment where community contributions overtake those made privately.

**Stability and forwards-compatibility**

The release of Django 1.0 comes with a promise of API stability and forwards-compatibility. In a nutshell, this means that code you develop against Django 1.0 will continue to work against 1.1 unchanged, and you should need to make only minor changes for any 1.X release.

See the API stability guide for full details.

**Backwards-incompatible changes**

Django 1.0 has a number of backwards-incompatible changes from Django 0.96. If you have apps written against Django 0.96 that you need to port, see our detailed porting guide:
Porting your apps from Django 0.96 to 1.0

Django 1.0 breaks compatibility with 0.96 in some areas. This guide will help you port 0.96 projects and apps to 1.0. The first part of this document includes the common changes needed to run with 1.0. If after going through the first part your code still breaks, check the section Less-common Changes for a list of a bunch of less-common compatibility issues.

See also:

The 1.0 release notes. That document explains the new features in 1.0 more deeply; the porting guide is more concerned with helping you quickly update your code.

Common changes

This section describes the changes between 0.96 and 1.0 that most users will need to make.

Use Unicode

Change string literals ('foo') into Unicode literals (u'foo'). Django now uses Unicode strings throughout. In most places, raw strings will continue to work, but updating to use Unicode literals will prevent some obscure problems.

See Unicode data for full details.

Models

Common changes to your models file:

Rename **maxlength to max_length**

Rename your `maxlength` argument to `max_length` (this was changed to be consistent with form fields):

Replace **__str__ with __unicode__**

Replace your model's `__str__` function with a `__unicode__` method, and make sure you `use Unicode` (u'foo') in that method.

Remove **prepopulated_from**

Remove the `prepopulated_from` argument on model fields. It's no longer valid and has been moved to the `ModelAdmin` class in `admin.py`. See the `admin`, below, for more details about changes to the admin.

Remove **core**

Remove the `core` argument from your model fields. It is no longer necessary, since the equivalent functionality (part of `inline editing`) is handled differently by the admin interface now. You don't have to worry about inline editing until you get to the `admin` section, below. For now, remove all references to `core`. 
Replace class Admin: with admin.py

Remove all your inner class Admin declarations from your models. They won’t break anything if you leave them, but they also won’t do anything. To register apps with the admin you’ll move those declarations to an admin.py file; see the admin below for more details.

See also:
A contributor to djangosnippets has written a script that’ll scan your models.py and generate a corresponding admin.py.

Example

Below is an example models.py file with all the changes you’ll need to make:

Old (0.96) models.py:

class Author(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=30)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=30)
    slug = models.CharField(max_length=60, prepopulate_from=('first_name', 'last_name'))

    class Admin:
        list_display = ['first_name', 'last_name']

    def __str__(self):
        return '%s %s' % (self.first_name, self.last_name)

New (1.0) models.py:

class Author(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=30)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=30)
    slug = models.CharField(max_length=60)

    def __unicode__(self):
        return u'%s %s' % (self.first_name, self.last_name)

New (1.0) admin.py:

from django.contrib import admin
from models import Author

class AuthorAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = ['first_name', 'last_name']
    prepopulated_fields = {
        'slug': ('first_name', 'last_name')
    }

admin.site.register(Author, AuthorAdmin)

The Admin

One of the biggest changes in 1.0 is the new admin. The Django administrative interface (django.contrib.admin) has been completely refactored; admin definitions are now completely decoupled from model definitions,
the framework has been rewritten to use Django’s new form-handling library and redesigned with extensibility and customization in mind.

Practically, this means you’ll need to rewrite all of your `class Admin` declarations. You’ve already seen in `models` above how to replace your `class Admin` with an `admin.site.register()` call in an `admin.py` file. Below are some more details on how to rewrite that `Admin` declaration into the new syntax.

**Use new inline syntax**

The new `edit_inline` options have all been moved to `admin.py`. Here’s an example:

**Old (0.96):**

```python
class Parent(models.Model):
    ...

class Child(models.Model):
    parent = models.ForeignKey(Parent, edit_inline=models.STACKED, num_in_admin=3)
```

**New (1.0):**

```python
class ChildInline(admin.StackedInline):
    model = Child
    extra = 3

class ParentAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    model = Parent
    inlines = [ChildInline]

admin.site.register(Parent, ParentAdmin)
```

See `InlineModelAdmin objects` for more details.

**Simplify fields, or use fieldsets**

The old `fields` syntax was quite confusing, and has been simplified. The old syntax still works, but you’ll need to use `fieldsets` instead.

**Old (0.96):**

```python
class ModelOne(models.Model):
    ...

    class Admin:
        fields = (None, {'fields': ('foo','bar')}),

class ModelTwo(models.Model):
    ...

    class Admin:
        fields = ('group1', ['fields': ('foo','bar'), 'classes': 'collapse']),
        ('group2', ['fields': ('spam','eggs'), 'classes': 'collapse wide'])
```
New (1.0):

```python
class ModelOneAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    fields = ('foo', 'bar')

class ModelTwoAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
    fieldsets = [
        ('group1', {'fields': ('foo','bar'), 'classes': 'collapse'}),
        ('group2', {'fields': ('spam','eggs'), 'classes': 'collapse wide'}),
    ]
```

See also:

- More detailed information about the changes and the reasons behind them can be found on the NewformsAdminBranch wiki page
- The new admin comes with a ton of new features; you can read about them in the admin documentation.

**URLs**

**Update your root urls.py**

If you’re using the admin site, you need to update your root urls.py.

Old (0.96) urls.py:

```python
from django.conf.urls.defaults import *

urlpatterns = patterns('',
    (r'^admin/', include('django.contrib.admin.urls')),
    # ... the rest of your URLs here ...
)
```

New (1.0) urls.py:

```python
from django.conf.urls.defaults import *

urlpatterns = patterns('',
    (r'^admin/(.*)', admin.site.root),
    # ... the rest of your URLs here ...
)
```

**Views**

**Use django.forms instead of newforms**

Replace django.newforms with django.forms – Django 1.0 renamed the newforms module (introduced in 0.96) to plain old forms. The oldforms module was also removed.
If you’re already using the newforms library, and you used our recommended import statement syntax, all you have to do is change your import statements.

Old:

```python
from django import newforms as forms
```

New:

```python
from django import forms
```

If you’re using the old forms system (formerly known as django.forms and django.oldforms), you’ll have to rewrite your forms. A good place to start is the forms documentation

**Handle uploaded files using the new API**

Replace use of uploaded files – that is, entries in request.FILES – as simple dictionaries with the new UploadedFile. The old dictionary syntax no longer works.

Thus, in a view like:

```python
def my_view(request):
    f = request.FILES['file_field_name']
    ...
```

…you’d need to make the following changes:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Old (0.96)</th>
<th>New (1.0)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>f['content']</td>
<td>f.read()</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>f['filename']</td>
<td>f.name</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>f['content-type']</td>
<td>f.content_type</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Work with file fields using the new API**

The internal implementation of django.db.models.FileField have changed. A visible result of this is that the way you access special attributes (URL, filename, image size, etc.) of these model fields has changed. You will need to make the following changes, assuming your model’s FileField is called myfile:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Old (0.96)</th>
<th>New (1.0)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>myfile.get_content_filename()</td>
<td>myfile.content.path</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>myfile.get_content_url()</td>
<td>myfile.content.url</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>myfile.get_content_size()</td>
<td>myfile.content.size</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>myfile.save_content_file()</td>
<td>myfile.content.save()</td>
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<tr>
<td>myfile.get_content_width()</td>
<td>myfile.content.width</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>myfile.get_content_height()</td>
<td>myfile.content.height</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note that the width and height attributes only make sense for ImageField fields. More details can be found in the model API documentation.
Use Paginator instead of ObjectPaginator

The ObjectPaginator in 0.96 has been removed and replaced with an improved version, `django.core.paginator.Paginator`.

Templates

Learn to love autoescaping

By default, the template system now automatically HTML-escapes the output of every variable. To learn more, see `Automatic HTML escaping`.

To disable auto-escaping for an individual variable, use the `safe` filter:

```
This will be escaped: {{ data }}
This will not be escaped: {{ data|safe }}
```

To disable auto-escaping for an entire template, wrap the template (or just a particular section of the template) in the `autoescape` tag:

```
{% autoescape off %}
   ... unescaped template content here ...
{% endautoescape %}
```

Less-common changes

The following changes are smaller, more localized changes. They should only affect more advanced users, but it’s probably worth reading through the list and checking your code for these things.

Signals

- Add `**kwargs` to any registered signal handlers.
- Connect, disconnect, and send signals via methods on the `Signal` object instead of through module methods in `django.dispatch.dispatcher`.
- Remove any use of the `Anonymous` and `Any` sender options; they no longer exist. You can still receive signals sent by any sender by using `sender=None`.
- Make any custom signals you’ve declared into instances of `django.dispatch.Signal` instead of anonymous objects.

Here’s quick summary of the code changes you’ll need to make:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Old (0.96)</th>
<th>New (1.0)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>def callback(sender)</code></td>
<td><code>def callback(sender, **kwargs)</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>sig = object()</code></td>
<td><code>sig = django.dispatch.Signal()</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>dispatcher.connect(callback, sig)</code></td>
<td><code>sig.connect(callback)</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>dispatcher.send(sig, sender)</code></td>
<td><code>sig.send(sender)</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>dispatcher.connect(callback, sig, sender=Any)</code></td>
<td><code>sig.connect(callback, sender=None)</code></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Comments

If you were using Django 0.96’s `django.contrib.comments` app, you’ll need to upgrade to the new comments app introduced in 1.0. See the upgrade guide for details.

Template tags

`spaceless` tag

The `spaceless` template tag now removes all spaces between HTML tags, instead of preserving a single space.

Local flavors

U.S. local flavor

django.contrib.localflavor.usa has been renamed to django.contrib.localflavor.us. This change was made to match the naming scheme of other local flavors. To migrate your code, all you need to do is change the imports.

Sessions

Getting a new session key

`SessionBase.get_new_session_key()` has been renamed to `_get_new_session_key()`. `get_new_session_object()` no longer exists.

Fixtures

Loading a row no longer calls `save()`

Previously, loading a row automatically ran the model’s `save()` method. This is no longer the case, so any fields (for example: timestamps) that were auto-populated by a `save()` now need explicit values in any fixture.

Settings

Better exceptions

The old `EnvironmentError` has split into an `ImportError` when Django fails to find the settings module and a `RuntimeError` when you try to reconfigure settings after having already used them.

`LOGIN_URL` has moved

The `LOGIN_URL` constant moved from `django.contrib.auth` into the settings module. Instead of using from `django.contrib.auth` import `LOGIN_URL` refer to `settings.LOGIN_URL`. 
**APPEND_SLASH behavior has been updated**

In 0.96, if a URL didn’t end in a slash or have a period in the final component of its path, and `APPEND_SLASH` was True, Django would redirect to the same URL, but with a slash appended to the end. Now, Django checks to see whether the pattern without the trailing slash would be matched by something in your URL patterns. If so, no redirection takes place, because it is assumed you deliberately wanted to catch that pattern.

For most people, this won’t require any changes. Some people, though, have URL patterns that look like this:

```
r'/some_prefix/(.*)$'
```

Previously, those patterns would have been redirected to have a trailing slash. If you always want a slash on such URLs, rewrite the pattern as:

```
r'/some_prefix/(.*/)$'
```

**Smaller model changes**

**Different exception from `get()`**

Managers now return a `MultipleObjectsReturned` exception instead of `AssertionError`:

Old (0.96):

```python
try:
    Model.objects.get(...)
except AssertionError:
    handle_the_error()
```

New (1.0):

```python
try:
    Model.objects.get(...)
except Model.MultipleObjectsReturned:
    handle_the_error()
```

**LazyDate has been fired**

The `LazyDate` helper class no longer exists.

Default field values and query arguments can both be callable objects, so instances of `LazyDate` can be replaced with a reference to `datetime.datetime.now`:

Old (0.96):

```python
class Article(models.Model):
    title = models.CharField(maxlength=100)
    published = models.DateField(default=LazyDate())
```

New (1.0):

```python
import datetime

class Article(models.Model):
```

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DecimalField is new, and FloatField is now a proper float

Old (0.96):

```python
class MyModel(models.Model):
    field_name = models.FloatField(max_digits=10, decimal_places=3)
```

New (1.0):

```python
class MyModel(models.Model):
    field_name = models.DecimalField(max_digits=10, decimal_places=3)
```

If you forget to make this change, you will see errors about FloatField not taking a `max_digits` attribute in `__init__`, because the new FloatField takes no precision-related arguments.

If you’re using MySQL or PostgreSQL, no further changes are needed. The database column types for DecimalField are the same as for the old FloatField.

If you’re using SQLite, you need to force the database to view the appropriate columns as decimal types, rather than floats. To do this, you’ll need to reload your data. Do this after you have made the change to using DecimalField in your code and updated the Django code.

**Warning: Back up your database first!**

For SQLite, this means making a copy of the single file that stores the database (the name of that file is the `DATABASE_NAME` in your settings.py file).

To upgrade each application to use a DecimalField, you can do the following, replacing `<app>` in the code below with each app’s name:

```
$ ./manage.py dumpdata --format=xml <app> > data-dump.xml
$ ./manage.py reset <app>
$ ./manage.py loaddata data-dump.xml
```

Notes:

1. It’s important that you remember to use XML format in the first step of this process. We are exploiting a feature of the XML data dumps that makes porting floats to decimals with SQLite possible.
2. In the second step you will be asked to confirm that you are prepared to lose the data for the application(s) in question. Say yes; we’ll restore this data in the third step.
3. DecimalField is not used in any of the apps shipped with Django prior to this change being made, so you do not need to worry about performing this procedure for any of the standard Django models.

If something goes wrong in the above process, just copy your backed up database file over the original file and start again.
Internationalization

`django.views.i18n.set_language()` now requires a POST request

Previously, a GET request was used. The old behavior meant that state (the locale used to display the site) could be changed by a GET request, which is against the HTTP specification’s recommendations. Code calling this view must ensure that a POST request is now made, instead of a GET. This means you can no longer use a link to access the view, but must use a form submission of some kind (e.g. a button).

`() is no longer in builtins

`() (the callable object whose name is a single underscore) is no longer monkeypatched into builtins – that is, it’s no longer available magically in every module.

If you were previously relying on `()` always being present, you should now explicitly import `ugettext` or `ugettext_lazy`, if appropriate, and alias it to `__` yourself:

```
from django.utils.translation import ugettext as __
```

HTTP request/response objects

Dictionary access to `HttpRequest`

`HttpRequest` objects no longer directly support dictionary-style access; previously, both GET and POST data were directly available on the `HttpRequest` object (e.g., you could check for a piece of form data by using if `'some_form_key' in request or by reading request['some_form_key']`. This is no longer supported; if you need access to the combined GET and POST data, use `request.REQUEST` instead.

It is strongly suggested, however, that you always explicitly look in the appropriate dictionary for the type of request you expect to receive (`request.GET` or `request.POST`); relying on the combined `request.REQUEST` dictionary can mask the origin of incoming data.

Accessing `HttpResponse` headers

`django.http.HttpResponse.headers` has been renamed to `__headers` and `HttpResponse` now supports containment checking directly. So use `if header in response:` instead of `if header in response.headers:`.

Generic relations

Generic relations have been moved out of core

The generic relation classes – `GenericForeignKey` and `GenericRelation` – have moved into the `django.contrib.contenttypes` module.

Testing
django.test.Client.login() has changed

Old (0.96):

```python
from django.test import Client
C = Client()
C.login('/path/to/login','myuser','mypassword')
```

New (1.0):

```python
# ... same as above, but then:
c.login(username='myuser', password='mypassword')
```

Management commands

Running management commands from your code

django.core.management has been greatly refactored.

Calls to management services in your code now need to use call_command. For example, if you have some test code that calls flush and load_data:

```python
from django.core import management
management.flush(verbosity=0, interactive=False)
management.load_data(["test_data"], verbosity=0)
```

...you’ll need to change this code to read:

```python
from django.core import management
management.call_command('flush', verbosity=0, interactive=False)
management.call_command('loaddata', 'test_data', verbosity=0)
```

Subcommands must now precede options

django-admin.py and manage.py now require subcommands to precede options. So:

```bash
$ django-admin.py --settings=foo.bar runserver
```

...no longer works and should be changed to:

```bash
$ django-admin.py runserver --settings=foo.bar
```

Syndication

Feed.__init__ has changed

The __init__() method of the syndication framework’s Feed class now takes an HttpRequest object as its second parameter, instead of the feed’s URL. This allows the syndication framework to work without requiring the sites framework. This only affects code that subclasses Feed and overrides the __init__() method, and code that calls Feed.__init__() directly.
Data structures

**SortedDictFromList is gone**

django.newforms.forms.SortedDictFromList was removed. django.utils.datastructures.SortedDict can now be instantiated with a sequence of tuples.

To update your code:

1. Use django.utils.datastructures.SortedDict wherever you were using django.newforms.forms.SortedDictFromList.

2. Because django.utils.datastructures.SortedDict.copy doesn’t return a deepcopy as SortedDictFromList.copy() did, you will need to update your code if you were relying on a deepcopy. Do this by using copy.deepcopy directly.

Database backend functions

**Database backend functions have been renamed**

Almost all of the database backend-level functions have been renamed and/or relocated. None of these were documented, but you’ll need to change your code if you’re using any of these functions, all of which are in django.db:

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A complete list of backwards-incompatible changes can be found at https://code.djangoproject.com/wiki/BackwardsIncompatibleChanges.

What’s new in Django 1.0

A lot!

Since Django 0.96, we’ve made over 4,000 code commits, fixed more than 2,000 bugs, and edited, added, or removed around 350,000 lines of code. We’ve also added 40,000 lines of new documentation, and greatly improved what was already there.

In fact, new documentation is one of our favorite features of Django 1.0, so we might as well start there. First, there’s a new documentation site:

- https://docs.djangoproject.com/

The documentation has been greatly improved, cleaned up, and generally made awesome. There’s now dedicated search, indexes, and more.

We can’t possibly document everything that’s new in 1.0, but the documentation will be your definitive guide. Anywhere you see something like:

This feature is new in Django 1.0

You’ll know that you’re looking at something new or changed.

The other major highlights of Django 1.0 are:

Re-factored admin application

The Django administrative interface (django.contrib.admin) has been completely refactored; admin definitions are now completely decoupled from model definitions (no more class Admin declaration in models!), rewritten to use Django’s new form-handling library (introduced in the 0.96 release as django.newforms, and now available as simply django.forms) and redesigned with extensibility and customization in mind. Full documentation for the admin application is available online in the official Django documentation:

See the admin reference for details

Improved Unicode handling

Django’s internals have been refactored to use Unicode throughout; this drastically simplifies the task of dealing with non-Western-European content and data in Django. Additionally, utility functions have been provided to ease interoperability with third-party libraries and systems which may or may not handle Unicode gracefully. Details are available in Django’s Unicode-handling documentation.

See Unicode data.
An improved ORM

Django’s object-relational mapper – the component which provides the mapping between Django model classes and your database, and which mediates your database queries – has been dramatically improved by a massive refactoring. For most users of Django this is backwards-compatible; the public-facing API for database querying underwent a few minor changes, but most of the updates took place in the ORM’s internals. A guide to the changes, including backwards-incompatible modifications and mentions of new features opened up by this refactoring, is available on the Django wiki.

Automatic escaping of template variables

To provide improved security against cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerabilities, Django’s template system now automatically escapes the output of variables. This behavior is configurable, and allows both variables and larger template constructs to be marked as safe (requiring no escaping) or unsafe (requiring escaping). A full guide to this feature is in the documentation for the autoescape tag.

django.contrib.gis (GeoDjango)

A project over a year in the making, this adds world-class GIS (Geographic Information Systems) support to Django, in the form of a contrib application. Its documentation is currently being maintained externally, and will be merged into the main Django documentation shortly. Huge thanks go to Justin Bronn, Jeremy Dunck, Brett Hoerner and Travis Pinney for their efforts in creating and completing this feature.

See http://geodjango.org/ for details.

Pluggable file storage

Django’s built-in FileField and ImageField now can take advantage of pluggable file-storage backends, allowing extensive customization of where and how uploaded files get stored by Django. For details, see the files documentation; big thanks go to Marty Alchin for putting in the hard work to get this completed.

Jython compatibility

Thanks to a lot of work from Leo Soto during a Google Summer of Code project, Django’s codebase has been refactored to remove incompatibilities with Jython, an implementation of Python written in Java, which runs Python code on the Java Virtual Machine. Django is now compatible with the forthcoming Jython 2.5 release.

Generic relations in forms and admin

Classes are now included in django.contrib.contenttypes which can be used to support generic relations in both the admin interface and in end-user forms. See the documentation for generic relations for details.

INSERT/UPDATE distinction

Although Django’s default behavior of having a model’s save() method automatically determine whether to perform an INSERT or an UPDATE at the SQL level is suitable for the majority of cases, there are occasional situations where forcing one or the other is useful. As a result, models can now support an additional parameter to save() which can force a specific operation.
See *Forcing an INSERT or UPDATE* for details.

**Split CacheMiddleware**

Django’s CacheMiddleware has been split into three classes: CacheMiddleware itself still exists and retains all of its previous functionality, but it is now built from two separate middleware classes which handle the two parts of caching (inserting into and reading from the cache) separately, offering additional flexibility for situations where combining these functions into a single middleware posed problems.

Full details, including updated notes on appropriate use, are in *the caching documentation.*

**Refactored django.contrib.comments**

As part of a Google Summer of Code project, Thejaswi Puthraya carried out a major rewrite and refactoring of Django’s bundled comment system, greatly increasing its flexibility and customizability.

**Removal of deprecated features**

A number of features and methods which had previously been marked as deprecated, and which were scheduled for removal prior to the 1.0 release, are no longer present in Django. These include imports of the form library from django.newforms (now located simply at django.forms), the form_for_model and form_for_instance helper functions (which have been replaced by ModelForm) and a number of deprecated features which were replaced by the dispatcher, file-uploading and file-storage refactorings introduced in the Django 1.0 alpha releases.

**Known issues**

We’ve done our best to make Django 1.0 as solid as possible, but unfortunately there are a couple of issues that we know about in the release.

**Multi-table model inheritance with to_field**

If you’re using *multiple table model inheritance*, be aware of this caveat: child models using a custom parent_link and to_field will cause database integrity errors. A set of models like the following are **not valid**:

```python
class Parent(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=10)
    other_value = models.IntegerField(unique=True)

class Child(Parent):
    father = models.OneToOneField(Parent, primary_key=True, to_field="other_value",
      parent_link=True)
    value = models.IntegerField()
```

This bug will be fixed in the next release of Django.
Caveats with support of certain databases

Django attempts to support as many features as possible on all database backends. However, not all database backends are alike, and in particular many of the supported database differ greatly from version to version. It’s a good idea to checkout our notes on supported database:

- MySQL notes
- SQLite notes
- Oracle notes

9.1.18 Pre-1.0 releases

Django version 0.96 release notes

Welcome to Django 0.96!

The primary goal for 0.96 is a cleanup and stabilization of the features introduced in 0.95. There have been a few small backwards-incompatible changes since 0.95, but the upgrade process should be fairly simple and should not require major changes to existing applications.

However, we’re also releasing 0.96 now because we have a set of backwards-incompatible changes scheduled for the near future. Once completed, they will involve some code changes for application developers, so we recommend that you stick with Django 0.96 until the next official release; then you’ll be able to upgrade in one step instead of needing to make incremental changes to keep up with the development version of Django.

Backwards-incompatible changes

The following changes may require you to update your code when you switch from 0.95 to 0.96:

MySQLdb version requirement

Due to a bug in older versions of the MySQLdb Python module (which Django uses to connect to MySQL databases), Django’s MySQL backend now requires version 1.2.1p2 or higher of MySQLdb, and will raise exceptions if you attempt to use an older version.

If you’re currently unable to upgrade your copy of MySQLdb to meet this requirement, a separate, backwards-compatible backend, called “mysql_old”, has been added to Django. To use this backend, change the DATABASE_ENGINE setting in your Django settings file from this:

```
DATABASE_ENGINE = "mysql"
```

to this:

```
DATABASE_ENGINE = "mysql_old"
```

However, we strongly encourage MySQL users to upgrade to a more recent version of MySQLdb as soon as possible. The “mysql_old” backend is provided only to ease this transition, and is considered deprecated; aside from any necessary security fixes, it will not be actively maintained, and it will be removed in a future release of Django.

Also, note that some features, like the new DATABASE_OPTIONS setting (see the databases documentation for details), are only available on the “mysql” backend, and will not be made available for “mysql_old”.

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Database constraint names changed

The format of the constraint names Django generates for foreign key references have changed slightly. These names are generally only used when it is not possible to put the reference directly on the affected column, so they are not always visible.

The effect of this change is that running `manage.py reset` and similar commands against an existing database may generate SQL with the new form of constraint name, while the database itself contains constraints named in the old form; this will cause the database server to raise an error message about modifying nonexistent constraints.

If you need to work around this, there are two methods available:

1. Redirect the output of `manage.py` to a file, and edit the generated SQL to use the correct constraint names before executing it.
2. Examine the output of `manage.py sqlall` to see the new-style constraint names, and use that as a guide to rename existing constraints in your database.

Name changes in `manage.py`

A few of the options to `manage.py` have changed with the addition of fixture support:

- There are new `dumpdata` and `loaddata` commands which, as you might expect, will dump and load data to/from the database. These commands can operate against any of Django’s supported serialization formats.
- The `sqlinitialdata` command has been renamed to `sqlcustom` to emphasize that `loaddata` should be used for data (and `sqlcustom` for other custom SQL – views, stored procedures, etc.).
- The vestigial `install` command has been removed. Use `syncdb`.

Backslash escaping changed

The Django database API now escapes backslashes given as query parameters. If you have any database API code that matches backslashes, and it was working before (despite the lack of escaping), you’ll have to change your code to “unescape” the slashes one level.

For example, this used to work:

```python
# Find text containing a single backslash
MyModel.objects.filter(text__contains='\\')
```

The above is now incorrect, and should be rewritten as:

```python
# Find text containing a single backslash
MyModel.objects.filter(text__contains='\')
```

 Removed ENABLE_PSYCO setting

The `ENABLE_PSYCO` setting no longer exists. If your settings file includes `ENABLE_PSYCO` it will have no effect; to use Psyco, we recommend writing a middleware class to activate it.
What's new in 0.96?

This revision represents over a thousand source commits and over four hundred bug fixes, so we can’t possibly catalog all the changes. Here, we describe the most notable changes in this release.

New forms library

django.newforms is Django’s new form-handling library. It’s a replacement for django.forms, the old form/manipulator/validation framework. Both APIs are available in 0.96, but over the next two releases we plan to switch completely to the new forms system, and deprecate and remove the old system.

There are three elements to this transition:

• We’ve copied the current django.forms to django.oldforms. This allows you to upgrade your code now rather than waiting for the backwards-incompatible change and rushing to fix your code after the fact. Just change your import statements like this:

```python
from django import forms  # 0.95-style
from django import oldforms as forms  # 0.96-style
```

• The next official release of Django will move the current django.newforms to django.forms. This will be a backwards-incompatible change, and anyone still using the old version of django.forms at that time will need to change their import statements as described above.

• The next release after that will completely remove django.oldforms.

Although the newforms library will continue to evolve, it’s ready for use for most common cases. We recommend that anyone new to form handling skip the old forms system and start with the new.

For more information about django.newforms, read the newforms documentation.

URLconf improvements

You can now use any callable as the callback in URLconfs (previously, only strings that referred to callables were allowed). This allows a much more natural use of URLconfs. For example, this URLconf:

```python
from django.conf.urls.defaults import *
urlpatterns = patterns('',
    ('^myview/$', 'mysite.myapp.views.myview')
)
```

can now be rewritten as:

```python
from django.conf.urls.defaults import *
from mysite.myapp.views import myview
urlpatterns = patterns('',
    ('^myview/$', myview)
)
```

One useful application of this can be seen when using decorators; this change allows you to apply decorators to views in your URLconf. Thus, you can make a generic view require login very easily:
from django.conf.urls.defaults import *
from django.contrib.auth.decorators import login_required
from django.views.generic.list_detail import object_list
from mysite.myapp.models import MyModel

info = {
    "queryset" : MyModel.objects.all(),
}

urlpatterns = patterns('',
    ('^myview/$', login_required(object_list), info)
)

Note that both syntaxes (strings and callables) are valid, and will continue to be valid for the foreseeable future.

The test framework

Django now includes a test framework so you can start transmuting fear into boredom (with apologies to Kent Beck). You can write tests based on doctest or unittest and test your views with a simple test client.

There is also new support for “fixtures” – initial data, stored in any of the supported serialization formats, that will be loaded into your database at the start of your tests. This makes testing with real data much easier.

See the testing documentation for the full details.

Improvements to the admin interface

A small change, but a very nice one: dedicated views for adding and updating users have been added to the admin interface, so you no longer need to worry about working with hashed passwords in the admin.

Thanks

Since 0.95, a number of people have stepped forward and taken a major new role in Django’s development. We’d like to thank these people for all their hard work:

- Russell Keith-Magee and Malcolm Tredinnick for their major code contributions. This release wouldn’t have been possible without them.
- Our new release manager, James Bennett, for his work in getting out 0.95.1, 0.96, and (hopefully) future release.
- Our ticket managers Chris Beaven (aka SmileyChris), Simon Greenhill, Michael Radziej, and Gary Wilson. They agreed to take on the monumental task of wrangling our tickets into nicely cataloged submission. Figuring out what to work on is now about a million times easier; thanks again, guys.
- Everyone who submitted a bug report, patch or ticket comment. We can’t possibly thank everyone by name – over 200 developers submitted patches that went into 0.96 – but everyone who’s contributed to Django is listed in AUTHORS.

Django version 0.95 release notes

Welcome to the Django 0.95 release.

This represents a significant advance in Django development since the 0.91 release in January 2006. The details of every change in this release would be too extensive to list in full, but a summary is presented below.
Suitability and API stability

This release is intended to provide a stable reference point for developers wanting to work on production-level applications that use Django.

However, it’s not the 1.0 release, and we’ll be introducing further changes before 1.0. For a clear look at which areas of the framework will change (and which ones will not change) before 1.0, see the api-stability.txt file, which lives in the docs/ directory of the distribution.

You may have a need to use some of the features that are marked as “subject to API change” in that document, but that’s OK with us as long as it’s OK with you, and as long as you understand APIs may change in the future.

Fortunately, most of Django’s core APIs won’t be changing before version 1.0. There likely won’t be as big of a change between 0.95 and 1.0 versions as there was between 0.91 and 0.95.

Changes and new features

The major changes in this release (for developers currently using the 0.91 release) are a result of merging the ‘magic-removal’ branch of development. This branch removed a number of constraints in the way Django code had to be written that were a consequence of decisions made in the early days of Django, prior to its open-source release. It’s now possible to write more natural, Pythonic code that works as expected, and there’s less “black magic” happening behind the scenes.

Aside from that, another main theme of this release is a dramatic increase in usability. We’ve made countless improvements in error messages, documentation, etc., to improve developers’ quality of life.

The new features and changes introduced in 0.95 include:

- Django now uses a more consistent and natural filtering interface for retrieving objects from the database.
- User-defined models, functions and constants now appear in the module namespace they were defined in. (Previously everything was magically transferred to the django.models.* namespace.)
- Some optional applications, such as the FlatPage, Sites and Redirects apps, have been decoupled and moved into django.contrib. If you don’t want to use these applications, you no longer have to install their database tables.
- Django now has support for managing database transactions.
- We’ve added the ability to write custom authentication and authorization backends for authenticating users against alternate systems, such as LDAP.
- We’ve made it easier to add custom table-level functions to models, through a new “Manager” API.
- It’s now possible to use Django without a database. This simply means that the framework no longer requires you to have a working database set up just to serve dynamic pages. In other words, you can just use URLconf/views on their own. Previously, the framework required that a database be configured, regardless of whether you actually used it.
- It’s now more explicit and natural to override save() and delete() methods on models, rather than needing to hook into the pre_save() and post_save() method hooks.
- Individual pieces of the framework now can be configured without requiring the setting of an environment variable. This permits use of, for example, the Django templating system inside other applications.
- More and more parts of the framework have been internationalized, as we’ve expanded internationalization (i18n) support. The Django codebase, including code and templates, has now been translated, at least in part, into 31 languages. From Arabic to Chinese to Hungarian to Welsh, it is now possible to use Django’s admin site in your native language.
The number of changes required to port from 0.91-compatible code to the 0.95 code base are significant in some cases. However, they are, for the most part, reasonably routine and only need to be done once. A list of the necessary changes is described in the Removing The Magic wiki page. There is also an easy checklist for reference when undertaking the porting operation.

Problem reports and getting help

Need help resolving a problem with Django? The documentation in the distribution is also available online at the Django website. The FAQ document is especially recommended, as it contains a number of issues that come up time and again.

For more personalized help, the django-users mailing list is a very active list, with more than 2,000 subscribers who can help you solve any sort of Django problem. We recommend you search the archives first, though, because many common questions appear with some regularity, and any particular problem may already have been answered.

Finally, for those who prefer the more immediate feedback offered by IRC, there’s a #django channel on irc.freenode.net that is regularly populated by Django users and developers from around the world. Friendly people are usually available at any hour of the day – to help, or just to chat.

Thanks for using Django!
The Django Team July 2006

9.2 Security releases

Whenever a security issue is disclosed via Django’s security policies, appropriate release notes are now added to all affected release series.

Additionally, an archive of disclosed security issues is maintained.

9.2.1 Archive of security issues

Django’s development team is strongly committed to responsible reporting and disclosure of security-related issues, as outlined in Django’s security policies.

As part of that commitment, we maintain the following historical list of issues which have been fixed and disclosed. For each issue, the list below includes the date, a brief description, the CVE identifier if applicable, a list of affected versions, a link to the full disclosure and links to the appropriate patch(es).

Some important caveats apply to this information:

- Lists of affected versions include only those versions of Django which had stable, security-supported releases at the time of disclosure. This means older versions (whose security support had expired) and versions which were in pre-release (alpha/beta/RC) states at the time of disclosure may have been affected, but are not listed.
- The Django project has on occasion issued security advisories, pointing out potential security problems which can arise from improper configuration or from other issues outside of Django itself. Some of these advisories have received CVEs; when that is the case, they are listed here, but as they have no accompanying patches or releases, only the description, disclosure and CVE will be listed.

Issues prior to Django’s security process

Some security issues were handled before Django had a formalized security process in use. For these, new releases may not have been issued at the time and CVEs may not have been assigned.
August 16, 2006 - CVE-2007-0404

Filename validation issue in translation framework. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 0.90 (patch)
- Django 0.91 (patch)
- Django 0.95 (patch) (released January 21 2007)

January 21, 2007 - CVE-2007-0405

Apparent “caching” of authenticated user. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 0.95 (patch)

Issues under Django’s security process

All other security issues have been handled under versions of Django’s security process. These are listed below.

October 26, 2007 - CVE-2007-5712

Denial-of-service via arbitrarily-large Accept-Language header. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 0.91 (patch)
- Django 0.95 (patch)
- Django 0.96 (patch)

May 14, 2008 - CVE-2008-2302

XSS via admin login redirect. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 0.91 (patch)
- Django 0.95 (patch)
- Django 0.96 (patch)
September 2, 2008 - CVE-2008-3909

CSRF via preservation of POST data during admin login. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 0.91 (patch)
- Django 0.95 (patch)
- Django 0.96 (patch)

July 28, 2009 - CVE-2009-2659

Directory-traversal in development server media handler. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 0.96 (patch)
- Django 1.0 (patch)

October 9, 2009 - CVE-2009-3965

Denial-of-service via pathological regular expression performance. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.0 (patch)
- Django 1.1 (patch)

September 8, 2010 - CVE-2010-3082

XSS via trusting unsafe cookie value. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.2 (patch)

December 22, 2010 - CVE-2010-4534

Information leakage in administrative interface. Full description
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Versions affected

- Django 1.1 (patch)
- Django 1.2 (patch)

December 22, 2010 - CVE-2010-4535

Denial-of-service in password-reset mechanism. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.1 (patch)
- Django 1.2 (patch)

February 8, 2011 - CVE-2011-0696

CSRF via forged HTTP headers. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.1 (patch)
- Django 1.2 (patch)

February 8, 2011 - CVE-2011-0697

XSS via unsanitized names of uploaded files. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.1 (patch)
- Django 1.2 (patch)

February 8, 2011 - CVE-2011-0698

Directory-traversal on Windows via incorrect path-separator handling. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.1 (patch)
- Django 1.2 (patch)
September 9, 2011 - CVE-2011-4136

Session manipulation when using memory-cache-backed session. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.2 (patch)
- Django 1.3 (patch)

September 9, 2011 - CVE-2011-4137

Denial-of-service via URLField.verify_exists. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.2 (patch)
- Django 1.3 (patch)

September 9, 2011 - CVE-2011-4138

Information leakage/arbitrary request issuance via URLField.verify_exists. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.2: (patch)
- Django 1.3: (patch)

September 9, 2011 - CVE-2011-4139

Host header cache poisoning. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.2 (patch)
- Django 1.3 (patch)

September 9, 2011 - CVE-2011-4140

Potential CSRF via Host header. Full description
Versions affected

This notification was an advisory only, so no patches were issued.

- Django 1.2
- Django 1.3

**July 30, 2012 - CVE-2012-3442**

XSS via failure to validate redirect scheme. Full description

**Versions affected**

- Django 1.3: (patch)
- Django 1.4: (patch)

**July 30, 2012 - CVE-2012-3443**

Denial-of-service via compressed image files. Full description

**Versions affected**

- Django 1.3: (patch)
- Django 1.4: (patch)

**July 30, 2012 - CVE-2012-3444**

Denial-of-service via large image files. Full description

**Versions affected**

- Django 1.3 (patch)
- Django 1.4 (patch)

**October 17, 2012 - CVE-2012-4520**

Host header poisoning. Full description

**Versions affected**

- Django 1.3 (patch)
- Django 1.4 (patch)
December 10, 2012 - No CVE 1

Additional hardening of Host header handling. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.3 (patch)
- Django 1.4 (patch)

December 10, 2012 - No CVE 2

Additional hardening of redirect validation. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.3: (patch)
- Django 1.4: (patch)

February 19, 2013 - No CVE

Additional hardening of Host header handling. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.3 (patch)
- Django 1.4 (patch)


Entity-based attacks against Python XML libraries. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.3 (patch)
- Django 1.4 (patch)

February 19, 2013 - CVE-2013-0305

Information leakage via admin history log. Full description
Versions affected

- Django 1.3 (patch)
- Django 1.4 (patch)

February 19, 2013 - CVE-2013-0306

Denial-of-service via formset `max_num` bypass. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.3 (patch)
- Django 1.4 (patch)

August 13, 2013 - CVE-2013-4249

XSS via admin trusting `URLField` values. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.5 (patch)

August 13, 2013 - CVE-2013-6044

Possible XSS via unvalidated URL redirect schemes. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.4 (patch)
- Django 1.5 (patch)

September 10, 2013 - CVE-2013-4315

Directory-traversal via `ssi` template tag. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.4 (patch)
- Django 1.5 (patch)

September 14, 2013 - CVE-2013-1443

Denial-of-service via large passwords. Full description
Versions affected

- Django 1.4 (patch and Python compatibility fix)
- Django 1.5 (patch)

April 21, 2014 - CVE-2014-0472

Unexpected code execution using \texttt{reverse()}. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.4 (patch)
- Django 1.5 (patch)
- Django 1.6 (patch)
- Django 1.7 (patch)

April 21, 2014 - CVE-2014-0473

Caching of anonymous pages could reveal CSRF token. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.4 (patch)
- Django 1.5 (patch)
- Django 1.6 (patch)
- Django 1.7 (patch)

April 21, 2014 - CVE-2014-0474

MySQL typecasting causes unexpected query results. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.4 (patch)
- Django 1.5 (patch)
- Django 1.6 (patch)
- Django 1.7 (patch)

May 18, 2014 - CVE-2014-1418

Caches may be allowed to store and serve private data. Full description
Versions affected

- Django 1.4 (patch)
- Django 1.5 (patch)
- Django 1.6 (patch)
- Django 1.7 (patch)

May 18, 2014 - CVE-2014-3730

Malformed URLs from user input incorrectly validated. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.4 (patch)
- Django 1.5 (patch)
- Django 1.6 (patch)
- Django 1.7 (patch)

August 20, 2014 - CVE-2014-0480

`reverse()` can generate URLs pointing to other hosts. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.4 (patch)
- Django 1.5 (patch)
- Django 1.6 (patch)
- Django 1.7 (patch)

August 20, 2014 - CVE-2014-0481

File upload denial of service. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.4 (patch)
- Django 1.5 (patch)
- Django 1.6 (patch)
- Django 1.7 (patch)
August 20, 2014 - CVE-2014-0482

RemoteUserMiddleware session hijacking. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.4 (patch)
- Django 1.5 (patch)
- Django 1.6 (patch)
- Django 1.7 (patch)

August 20, 2014 - CVE-2014-0483

Data leakage via querystring manipulation in admin. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.4 (patch)
- Django 1.5 (patch)
- Django 1.6 (patch)
- Django 1.7 (patch)

January 13, 2015 - CVE-2015-0219

WSGI header spoofing via underscore/dash conflation. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.4 (patch)
- Django 1.6 (patch)
- Django 1.7 (patch)

January 13, 2015 - CVE-2015-0220

Mitigated possible XSS attack via user-supplied redirect URLs. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.4 (patch)
- Django 1.6 (patch)
- Django 1.7 (patch)
January 13, 2015 - CVE-2015-0221

Denial-of-service attack against `django.views.static.serve()`. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.4 (patch)
- Django 1.6 (patch)
- Django 1.7 (patch)

January 13, 2015 - CVE-2015-0222

Database denial-of-service with `ModelMultipleChoiceField`. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.6 (patch)
- Django 1.7 (patch)

March 9, 2015 - CVE-2015-2241

XSS attack via properties in `ModelAdmin.readonly_fields`. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.7 (patch)
- Django 1.8 (patch)

March 18, 2015 - CVE-2015-2316

Denial-of-service possibility with `strip_tags()`. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.6 (patch)
- Django 1.7 (patch)
- Django 1.8 (patch)

March 18, 2015 - CVE-2015-2317

Mitigated possible XSS attack via user-supplied redirect URLs. Full description
Versions affected

- Django 1.4 (patch)
- Django 1.6 (patch)
- Django 1.7 (patch)
- Django 1.8 (patch)

May 20, 2015 - CVE-2015-3982

Fixed session flushing in the cached_db backend. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.8 (patch)

July 8, 2015 - CVE-2015-5143

Denial-of-service possibility by filling session store. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.8 (patch)
- Django 1.7 (patch)
- Django 1.4 (patch)

July 8, 2015 - CVE-2015-5144

Header injection possibility since validators accept newlines in input. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.8 (patch)
- Django 1.7 (patch)
- Django 1.4 (patch)

July 8, 2015 - CVE-2015-5145

Denial-of-service possibility in URL validation. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.8 (patch)
August 18, 2015 - CVE-2015-5963 / CVE-2015-5964

Denial-of-service possibility in logout() view by filling session store. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.8 (patch)
- Django 1.7 (patch)
- Django 1.4 (patch)

November 24, 2015 - CVE-2015-8213

Settings leak possibility in date template filter. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.8 (patch)
- Django 1.7 (patch)

February 1, 2016 - CVE-2016-2048

User with “change” but not “add” permission can create objects for ModelAdmin’s with save_as=True. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.9 (patch)

March 1, 2016 - CVE-2016-2512

Malicious redirect and possible XSS attack via user-supplied redirect URLs containing basic auth. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.9 (patch)
- Django 1.8 (patch)

March 1, 2016 - CVE-2016-2513

User enumeration through timing difference on password hasher work factor upgrade. Full description
Versions affected

- Django 1.9 (patch)
- Django 1.8 (patch)

July 18, 2016 - CVE-2016-6186

XSS in admin’s add/change related popup. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.9 (patch)
- Django 1.8 (patch)

September 26, 2016 - CVE-2016-7401

CSRF protection bypass on a site with Google Analytics. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.9 (patch)
- Django 1.8 (patch)

November 1, 2016 - CVE-2016-9013

User with hardcoded password created when running tests on Oracle. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.10 (patch)
- Django 1.9 (patch)
- Django 1.8 (patch)

November 1, 2016 - CVE-2016-9014

DNS rebinding vulnerability when \texttt{DEBUG=True}. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 1.10 (patch)
- Django 1.9 (patch)
- Django 1.8 (patch)
April 4, 2017 - CVE-2017-7233

Open redirect and possible XSS attack via user-supplied numeric redirect URLs. Full description

Versions affected

• Django 1.10 (patch)
• Django 1.9 (patch)
• Django 1.8 (patch)

April 4, 2017 - CVE-2017-7234

Open redirect vulnerability in django.views.static.serve(). Full description

Versions affected

• Django 1.10 (patch)
• Django 1.9 (patch)
• Django 1.8 (patch)

September 5, 2017 - CVE-2017-12794

Possible XSS in traceback section of technical 500 debug page. Full description

Versions affected

• Django 1.11 (patch)
• Django 1.10 (patch)

February 1, 2018 - CVE-2018-6188

Information leakage in AuthenticationForm. Full description

Versions affected

• Django 2.0 (patch)
• Django 1.11 (patch)

March 6, 2018 - CVE-2018-7536

Denial-of-service possibility in urlize and urlizetrunc template filters. Full description

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March 6, 2018 - CVE-2018-7537

Denial-of-service possibility in `truncatechars_html` and `truncatewords_html` template filters. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 2.0 (patch)
- Django 1.11 (patch)
- Django 1.8 (patch)

August 1, 2018 - CVE-2018-14574

Open redirect possibility in `CommonMiddleware`. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 2.1 (patch)
- Django 2.0 (patch)
- Django 1.11 (patch)

October 1, 2018 - CVE-2018-16984

Password hash disclosure to “view only” admin users. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 2.1 (patch)

January 4, 2019 - CVE-2019-3498

Content spoofing possibility in the default 404 page. Full description
Versions affected

- Django 2.1 (patch)
- Django 2.0 (patch)
- Django 1.11 (patch)

February 11, 2019 - CVE-2019-6975

Memory exhaustion in `django.utils.numberformat.format()`. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 2.1 (patch)
- Django 2.0 (patch and correction)
- Django 1.11 (patch)

June 3, 2019 - CVE-2019-11358

Prototype pollution in bundled jQuery. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 2.2 (patch)
- Django 2.1 (patch)

June 3, 2019 - CVE-2019-12308

XSS via “Current URL” link generated by `AdminURLFieldWidget`. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 2.2 (patch)
- Django 2.1 (patch)
- Django 1.11 (patch)

July 1, 2019 - CVE-2019-12781

Incorrect HTTP detection with reverse-proxy connecting via HTTPS. Full description

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Versions affected

- Django 2.2 (patch)
- Django 2.1 (patch)
- Django 1.11 (patch)

August 1, 2019 - CVE-2019-14232

Denial-of-service possibility in `django.utils.text.Truncator`. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 2.2 (patch)
- Django 2.1 (patch)
- Django 1.11 (patch)

August 1, 2019 - CVE-2019-14233

Denial-of-service possibility in `strip_tags()`. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 2.2 (patch)
- Django 2.1 (patch)
- Django 1.11 (patch)

August 1, 2019 - CVE-2019-14234

SQL injection possibility in key and index lookups for `JSONField/HStoreField`. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 2.2 (patch)
- Django 2.1 (patch)
- Django 1.11 (patch)

August 1, 2019 - CVE-2019-14235

Potential memory exhaustion in `django.utils.encoding.uri_to_iri()`. Full description
Versions affected

- Django 2.2 (patch)
- Django 2.1 (patch)
- Django 1.11 (patch)

December 2, 2019 - CVE-2019-19118

Privilege escalation in the Django admin. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 3.0 (patch)
- Django 2.2 (patch)
- Django 2.1 (patch)

December 18, 2019 - CVE-2019-19844

Potential account hijack via password reset form. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 3.0 (patch)
- Django 2.2 (patch)
- Django 1.11 (patch)

February 3, 2020 - CVE-2020-7471

Potential SQL injection via `StringAgg(delimiter)`. Full description

Versions affected

- Django 3.0 (patch)
- Django 2.2 (patch)
- Django 1.11 (patch)

March 4, 2020 - CVE-2020-9402

Potential SQL injection via `tolerance` parameter in GIS functions and aggregates on Oracle. Full description
**Django Documentation, Release 3.1.5.dev**

**Versions affected**

- Django 3.0 (patch)
- Django 2.2 (patch)
- Django 1.11 (patch)

**June 3, 2020 - CVE-2020-13254**

Potential data leakage via malformed memcached keys. [Full description]

**Versions affected**

- Django 3.0 (patch)
- Django 2.2 (patch)

**June 3, 2020 - CVE-2020-13596**

Possible XSS via admin ForeignKeyRawIdWidget. [Full description]

**Versions affected**

- Django 3.0 (patch)
- Django 2.2 (patch)

**September 1, 2020 - CVE-2020-24583**

Incorrect permissions on intermediate-level directories on Python 3.7+. [Full description]

**Versions affected**

- Django 3.1 (patch)
- Django 3.0 (patch)
- Django 2.2 (patch)

**September 1, 2020 - CVE-2020-24584**

Permission escalation in intermediate-level directories of the file system cache on Python 3.7+. [Full description]
Versions affected

- Django 3.1 (patch)
- Django 3.0 (patch)
- Django 2.2 (patch)
CHAPTER 10

Django internals

Documentation for people hacking on Django itself. This is the place to go if you’d like to help improve Django or learn about how Django is managed.

10.1 Contributing to Django

Django is a community that lives on its volunteers. As it keeps growing, we always need more people to help others. As soon as you learn Django, you can contribute in many ways:

• Join the Django forum. This forum is a place for discussing the Django framework and applications and projects that use it. This is also a good place to ask and answer any questions related to installing, using, or contributing to Django.

• Join the django-users mailing list and answer questions. This mailing list has a huge audience, and we really want to maintain a friendly and helpful atmosphere. If you’re new to the Django community, you should read the posting guidelines.

• Join the #django IRC channel on Freenode and answer questions. By explaining Django to other users, you’re going to learn a lot about the framework yourself.

• Blog about Django. We syndicate all the Django blogs we know about on the community page; if you’d like to see your blog on that page you can register it here.

• Contribute to open-source Django projects, write some documentation, or release your own code as an open-source pluggable application. The ecosystem of pluggable applications is a big strength of Django, help us build it!

If you think working with Django is fun, wait until you start working on it. We’re passionate about helping Django users make the jump to contributing members of the community, so there are several ways you can help Django’s development:

• Report bugs in our ticket tracker.

• Join the django-developers mailing list and share your ideas for how to improve Django. We’re always open to suggestions. You can also interact on the #django-dev IRC channel.
• **Submit patches** for new and/or fixed behavior. If you’re looking for a way to get started contributing to Django, read the *Writing your first patch for Django* tutorial and have a look at the *easy pickings* tickets. The *Patch review checklist* will also be helpful.

• **Improve the documentation** or write unit tests.

• **Triage tickets and review patches** created by other users.

Really, ANYONE can do something to help make Django better and greater!

Browse the following sections to find out how:

### 10.1.1 Advice for new contributors

New contributor and not sure what to do? Want to help but just don’t know how to get started? This is the section for you.

#### Basic tools and workflow

If you are new to contributing to Django, the *Writing your first patch for Django* tutorial will give you an introduction to the tools and the workflow.

#### First steps

Start with these steps to discover Django’s development process.

• **Triage tickets**

  If an unreviewed ticket reports a bug, try and reproduce it. If you can reproduce it and it seems valid, make a note that you confirmed the bug and accept the ticket. Make sure the ticket is filed under the correct component area. Consider writing a patch that adds a test for the bug’s behavior, even if you don’t fix the bug itself. See more at *How can I help with triaging?*

• **Look for tickets that are accepted and review patches to build familiarity with the codebase and the process**

  Mark the appropriate flags if a patch needs docs or tests. Look through the changes a patch makes, and keep an eye out for syntax that is incompatible with older but still supported versions of Python. *Run the tests* and make sure they pass. Where possible and relevant, try them out on a database other than SQLite. Leave comments and feedback!

• **Keep old patches up to date**

  Oftentimes the codebase will change between a patch being submitted and the time it gets reviewed. Make sure it still applies cleanly and functions as expected. Updating a patch is both useful and important! See more on *Submitting patches.*

• **Write some documentation**

  Django’s documentation is great but it can always be improved. Did you find a typo? Do you think that something should be clarified? Go ahead and suggest a documentation patch! See also the guide on *Writing documentation.*

*Note:* The reports page contains links to many useful Trac queries, including several that are useful for triaging tickets and reviewing patches as suggested above.
• **Sign the Contributor License Agreement**

The code that you write belongs to you or your employer. If your contribution is more than one or two lines of code, you need to sign the CLA. See the Contributor License Agreement FAQ for a more thorough explanation.

**Guidelines**

As a newcomer on a large project, it’s easy to experience frustration. Here’s some advice to make your work on Django more useful and rewarding.

• **Pick a subject area that you care about, that you are familiar with, or that you want to learn about**

You don’t already have to be an expert on the area you want to work on; you become an expert through your ongoing contributions to the code.

• **Analyze tickets’ context and history**

Trac isn’t an absolute; the context is just as important as the words. When reading Trac, you need to take into account who says things, and when they were said. Support for an idea two years ago doesn’t necessarily mean that the idea will still have support. You also need to pay attention to who hasn’t spoken – for example, if an experienced contributor hasn’t been recently involved in a discussion, then a ticket may not have the support required to get into Django.

• **Start small**

It’s easier to get feedback on a little issue than on a big one. See the easy pickings.

• **If you’re going to engage in a big task, make sure that your idea has support first**

This means getting someone else to confirm that a bug is real before you fix the issue, and ensuring that there’s consensus on a proposed feature before you go implementing it.

• **Be bold! Leave feedback!**

Sometimes it can be scary to put your opinion out to the world and say “this ticket is correct” or “this patch needs work”, but it’s the only way the project moves forward. The contributions of the broad Django community ultimately have a much greater impact than that of any one person. We can’t do it without you!

• **Err on the side of caution when marking things Ready For Check-in**

If you’re really not certain if a ticket is ready, don’t mark it as such. Leave a comment instead, letting others know your thoughts. If you’re mostly certain, but not completely certain, you might also try asking on IRC to see if someone else can confirm your suspicions.

• **Wait for feedback, and respond to feedback that you receive**

Focus on one or two tickets, see them through from start to finish, and repeat. The shotgun approach of taking on lots of tickets and letting some fall by the wayside ends up doing more harm than good.

• **Be rigorous**

When we say “PEP 8, and must have docs and tests”, we mean it. If a patch doesn’t have docs and tests, there had better be a good reason. Arguments like “I couldn't find any existing tests of this feature” don’t carry much weight–while it may be true, that means you have the extra-important job of writing the very first tests for that feature, not that you get a pass from writing tests altogether.

**FAQ**

1. **This ticket I care about has been ignored for days/weeks/months! What can I do to get it committed?**
First off, it’s not personal. Django is entirely developed by volunteers (except the Django fellow), and sometimes folks just don’t have time. The best thing to do is to send a gentle reminder to the django-developers mailing list asking for review on the ticket, or to bring it up in the #django-dev IRC channel.

2. I’m sure my ticket is absolutely 100% perfect, can I mark it as RFC myself?

Short answer: No. It’s always better to get another set of eyes on a ticket. If you’re having trouble getting that second set of eyes, see question 1, above.

10.1.2 Reporting bugs and requesting features

Important: Please report security issues only to security@djangoproject.com. This is a private list only open to long-time, highly trusted Django developers, and its archives are not public. For further details, please see our security policies.

Otherwise, before reporting a bug or requesting a new feature on the ticket tracker, consider these points:

- Check that someone hasn’t already filed the bug or feature request by searching or running custom queries in the ticket tracker.
- Don’t use the ticket system to ask support questions. Use the django-users list or the #django IRC channel for that.
- Don’t reopen issues that have been marked “wontfix” without finding consensus to do so on django-developers.
- Don’t use the ticket tracker for lengthy discussions, because they’re likely to get lost. If a particular ticket is controversial, please move the discussion to django-developers.

Reporting bugs

Well-written bug reports are incredibly helpful. However, there’s a certain amount of overhead involved in working with any bug tracking system so your help in keeping our ticket tracker as useful as possible is appreciated. In particular:

- Do read the FAQ to see if your issue might be a well-known question.
- Do ask on django-users or #django first if you’re not sure if what you’re seeing is a bug.
- Do write complete, reproducible, specific bug reports. You must include a clear, concise description of the problem, and a set of instructions for replicating it. Add as much debug information as you can: code snippets, test cases, exception backtraces, screenshots, etc. A nice small test case is the best way to report a bug, as it gives us a helpful way to confirm the bug quickly.
- Don’t post to django-developers only to announce that you have filed a bug report. All the tickets are mailed to another list, django-updates, which is tracked by developers and interested community members; we see them as they are filed.

To understand the lifecycle of your ticket once you have created it, refer to Triaging tickets.

Reporting user interface bugs and features

If your bug or feature request touches on anything visual in nature, there are a few additional guidelines to follow:

- Include screenshots in your ticket which are the visual equivalent of a minimal testcase. Show off the issue, not the crazy customizations you’ve made to your browser.
• If the issue is difficult to show off using a still image, consider capturing a *brief* screencast. If your software permits it, capture only the relevant area of the screen.

• If you’re offering a patch which changes the look or behavior of Django’s UI, you **must** attach before *and* after screenshots/screencasts. Tickets lacking these are difficult for triagers to assess quickly.

• Screenshots don’t absolve you of other good reporting practices. Make sure to include URLs, code snippets, and step-by-step instructions on how to reproduce the behavior visible in the screenshots.

• Make sure to set the UI/UX flag on the ticket so interested parties can find your ticket.

**Requesting features**

We’re always trying to make Django better, and your feature requests are a key part of that. Here are some tips on how to make a request most effectively:

• Make sure the feature actually requires changes in Django’s core. If your idea can be developed as an independent application or module — for instance, you want to support another database engine — we’ll probably suggest that you develop it independently. Then, if your project gathers sufficient community support, we may consider it for inclusion in Django.

• First request the feature on the **django-developers** list, not in the ticket tracker. It’ll get read more closely if it’s on the mailing list. This is even more important for large-scale feature requests. We like to discuss any big changes to Django’s core on the mailing list before actually working on them.

• Describe clearly and concisely what the missing feature is and how you’d like to see it implemented. Include example code (non-functional is OK) if possible.

• Explain *why* you’d like the feature. Explaining a minimal use case will help others understand where it fits in, and if there are already other ways of achieving the same thing.

If there’s a consensus agreement on the feature, then it’s appropriate to create a ticket. Include a link the discussion on **django-developers** in the ticket description.

As with most open-source projects, code talks. If you are willing to write the code for the feature yourself or, even better, if you’ve already written it, it’s much more likely to be accepted. Fork Django on GitHub, create a feature branch, and show us your work!

See also: *Documenting new features.*

**How we make decisions**

Whenever possible, we strive for a rough consensus. To that end, we’ll often have informal votes on **django-developers** about a feature. In these votes we follow the voting style invented by Apache and used on Python itself, where votes are given as +1, +0, -0, or -1. Roughly translated, these votes mean:

• +1: “I love the idea and I’m strongly committed to it.”

• +0: “Sounds OK to me.”

• -0: “I’m not thrilled, but I won’t stand in the way.”

• -1: “I strongly disagree and would be very unhappy to see the idea turn into reality.”

Although these votes on **django-developers** are informal, they’ll be taken very seriously. After a suitable voting period, if an obvious consensus arises we’ll follow the votes.

However, consensus is not always possible. If consensus cannot be reached, or if the discussion towards a consensus fizzles out without a concrete decision, the decision may be deferred to the *technical board.*

Internally, the technical board will use the same voting mechanism. A proposition will be considered carried if:
• There are at least three “+1” votes from members of the technical board.
• There is no “-1” vote from any member of the technical board.

Votes should be submitted within a week.

Since this process allows any technical board member to veto a proposal, a “-1” vote should be accompanied by an explanation of what it would take to convert that “-1” into at least a “+0”.

Votes on technical matters should be announced and held in public on the django-developers mailing list.

### 10.1.3 Triaging tickets

Django uses Trac for managing the work on the code base. Trac is a community-tended garden of the bugs people have found and the features people would like to see added. As in any garden, sometimes there are weeds to be pulled and sometimes there are flowers and vegetables that need picking. We need your help to sort out one from the other, and in the end we all benefit together.

Like all gardens, we can aspire to perfection but in reality there’s no such thing. Even in the most pristine garden there are still snails and insects. In a community garden there are also helpful people who – with the best of intentions – fertilize the weeds and poison the roses. It’s the job of the community as a whole to self-manage, keep the problems to a minimum, and educate those coming into the community so that they can become valuable contributing members.

Similarly, while we aim for Trac to be a perfect representation of the state of Django’s progress, we acknowledge that this will not happen. By distributing the load of Trac maintenance to the community, we accept that there will be mistakes. Trac is “mostly accurate”, and we give allowances for the fact that sometimes it will be wrong. That’s okay. We’re perfectionists with deadlines.

We rely on the community to keep participating, keep tickets as accurate as possible, and raise issues for discussion on our mailing lists when there is confusion or disagreement.

Django is a community project, and every contribution helps. We can’t do this without you!

**Triage workflow**

Unfortunately, not all bug reports and feature requests in the ticket tracker provide all the required details. A number of tickets have patches, but those patches don’t meet all the requirements of a good patch.

One way to help out is to triage tickets that have been created by other users.

Most of the workflow is based around the concept of a ticket’s triage stages. Each stage describes where in its lifetime a given ticket is at any time. Along with a handful of flags, this attribute easily tells us what and who each ticket is waiting on.

Since a picture is worth a thousand words, let’s start there:
We’ve got two roles in this diagram:

- **Committers**: people with commit access who are responsible for making the final decision to merge a patch.
- **Ticket triagers**: anyone in the Django community who chooses to become involved in Django’s development process. Our Trac installation is intentionally left open to the public, and anyone can triage tickets. Django is a community project, and we encourage *triage by the community*.

By way of example, here we see the lifecycle of an average ticket:

- Alice creates a ticket and sends an incomplete pull request (no tests, incorrect implementation).
- Bob reviews the pull request, marks the ticket as “Accepted”, “needs tests”, and “patch needs improvement”, and leaves a comment telling Alice how the patch could be improved.
- Alice updates the pull request, adding tests (but not changing the implementation). She removes the two flags.
- Charlie reviews the pull request and resets the “patch needs improvement” flag with another comment about improving the implementation.
- Alice updates the pull request, fixing the implementation. She removes the “patch needs improvement” flag.
- Daisy reviews the pull request and marks the ticket as “Ready for checkin”.
- Jacob, a committer, reviews the pull request and merges it.

Some tickets require much less feedback than this, but then again some tickets require much much more.

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Triage stages

Below we describe in more detail the various stages that a ticket may flow through during its lifetime.

Unreviewed

The ticket has not been reviewed by anyone who felt qualified to make a judgment about whether the ticket contained a valid issue, a viable feature, or ought to be closed for any of the various reasons.

Accepted

The big gray area! The absolute meaning of “accepted” is that the issue described in the ticket is valid and is in some stage of being worked on. Beyond that there are several considerations:

- **Accepted + No Flags**
  The ticket is valid, but no one has submitted a patch for it yet. Often this means you could safely start writing a patch for it. This is generally more true for the case of accepted bugs than accepted features. A ticket for a bug that has been accepted means that the issue has been verified by at least one triager as a legitimate bug - and should probably be fixed if possible. An accepted new feature may only mean that one triager thought the feature would be good to have, but this alone does not represent a consensus view or imply with any certainty that a patch will be accepted for that feature. Seek more feedback before writing an extensive patch if you are in doubt.

- **Accepted + Has Patch**
  The ticket is waiting for people to review the supplied patch. This means downloading the patch and trying it out, verifying that it contains tests and docs, running the test suite with the included patch, and leaving feedback on the ticket.

- **Accepted + Has Patch + Needs …**
  This means the ticket has been reviewed, and has been found to need further work. “Needs tests” and “Needs documentation” are self-explanatory. “Patch needs improvement” will generally be accompanied by a comment on the ticket explaining what is needed to improve the code.

Ready For Checkin

The ticket was reviewed by any member of the community other than the person who supplied the patch and found to meet all the requirements for a commit-ready patch. A committer now needs to give the patch a final review prior to being committed. See the New contributors’ FAQ for “My ticket has been in RFC forever! What should I do?”

Someday/Maybe

This stage isn’t shown on the diagram. It’s used sparingly to keep track of high-level ideas or long term feature requests.

These tickets are uncommon and overall less useful since they don’t describe concrete actionable issues. They are enhancement requests that we might consider adding someday to the framework if an excellent patch is submitted. They are not a high priority.
Other triage attributes

A number of flags, appearing as checkboxes in Trac, can be set on a ticket:

Has patch

This means the ticket has an associated patch. These will be reviewed to see if the patch is “good”.

The following three fields (Needs documentation, Needs tests, Patch needs improvement) apply only if a patch has been supplied.

Needs documentation

This flag is used for tickets with patches that need associated documentation. Complete documentation of features is a prerequisite before we can check them into the codebase.

Needs tests

This flags the patch as needing associated unit tests. Again, this is a required part of a valid patch.

Patch needs improvement

This flag means that although the ticket has a patch, it’s not quite ready for checkin. This could mean the patch no longer applies cleanly, there is a flaw in the implementation, or that the code doesn’t meet our standards.

Easy pickings

Tickets that would require small, easy, patches.

Type

Tickets should be categorized by type between:

- New Feature  For adding something new.
- Bug  For when an existing thing is broken or not behaving as expected.
- Cleanup/optimization  For when nothing is broken but something could be made cleaner, better, faster, stronger.

Component

Tickets should be classified into components indicating which area of the Django codebase they belong to. This makes tickets better organized and easier to find.
Severity

The `severity` attribute is used to identify blockers, that is, issues which should get fixed before releasing the next version of Django. Typically those issues are bugs causing regressions from earlier versions or potentially causing severe data losses. This attribute is quite rarely used and the vast majority of tickets have a severity of “Normal”.

Version

It is possible to use the `version` attribute to indicate in which version the reported bug was identified.

UI/UX

This flag is used for tickets that relate to User Interface and User Experiences questions. For example, this flag would be appropriate for user-facing features in forms or the admin interface.

Cc

You may add your username or email address to this field to be notified when new contributions are made to the ticket.

Keywords

With this field you may label a ticket with multiple keywords. This can be useful, for example, to group several tickets of a same theme. Keywords can either be comma or space separated. Keyword search finds the keyword string anywhere in the keywords. For example, clicking on a ticket with the keyword “form” will yield similar tickets tagged with keywords containing strings such as “formset”, “modelformset”, and “ManagementForm”.

Closing Tickets

When a ticket has completed its useful lifecycle, it’s time for it to be closed. Closing a ticket is a big responsibility, though. You have to be sure that the issue is really resolved, and you need to keep in mind that the reporter of the ticket may not be happy to have their ticket closed (unless it’s fixed!). If you’re not certain about closing a ticket, leave a comment with your thoughts instead.

If you do close a ticket, you should always make sure of the following:

- Be certain that the issue is resolved.
- Leave a comment explaining the decision to close the ticket.
- If there is a way they can improve the ticket to reopen it, let them know.
- If the ticket is a duplicate, reference the original ticket. Also cross-reference the closed ticket by leaving a comment in the original one – this allows to access more related information about the reported bug or requested feature.
- **Be polite.** No one likes having their ticket closed. It can be frustrating or even discouraging. The best way to avoid turning people off from contributing to Django is to be polite and friendly and to offer suggestions for how they could improve this ticket and other tickets in the future.

A ticket can be resolved in a number of ways:

- **fixed** Used once a patch has been rolled into Django and the issue is fixed.
• **invalid** Used if the ticket is found to be incorrect. This means that the issue in the ticket is actually the result of a user error, or describes a problem with something other than Django, or isn’t a bug report or feature request at all (for example, some new users submit support queries as tickets).

• **wontfix** Used when someone decides that the request isn’t appropriate for consideration in Django. Sometimes a ticket is closed as “wontfix” with a request for the reporter to start a discussion on the django-developers mailing list if they feel differently from the rationale provided by the person who closed the ticket. Other times, a mailing list discussion precedes the decision to close a ticket. Always use the mailing list to get a consensus before reopening tickets closed as “wontfix”.

• **duplicate** Used when another ticket covers the same issue. By closing duplicate tickets, we keep all the discussion in one place, which helps everyone.

• **worksforme** Used when the ticket doesn’t contain enough detail to replicate the original bug.

• **needsinfo** Used when the ticket does not contain enough information to replicate the reported issue but is potentially still valid. The ticket should be reopened when more information is supplied.

If you believe that the ticket was closed in error – because you’re still having the issue, or it’s popped up somewhere else, or the triagers have made a mistake – please reopen the ticket and provide further information. Again, please do not reopen tickets that have been marked as “wontfix” and bring the issue to django-developers instead.

### How can I help with triaging?

The triage process is primarily driven by community members. Really, ANYONE can help.

To get involved, start by creating an account on Trac. If you have an account but have forgotten your password, you can reset it using the password reset page.

Then, you can help out by:

• Closing “Unreviewed” tickets as “invalid”, “worksforme”, or “duplicate”, or “wontfix”.

• Closing “Unreviewed” tickets as “needsinfo” when the description is too sparse to be actionable, or when they’re feature requests requiring a discussion on django-developers.

• Correcting the “Needs tests”, “Needs documentation”, or “Has patch” flags for tickets where they are incorrectly set.

• Setting the “Easy pickings” flag for tickets that are small and relatively straightforward.

• Set the type of tickets that are still uncategorized.

• Checking that old tickets are still valid. If a ticket hasn’t seen any activity in a long time, it’s possible that the problem has been fixed but the ticket hasn’t yet been closed.

• Identifying trends and themes in the tickets. If there are a lot of bug reports about a particular part of Django, it may indicate we should consider refactoring that part of the code. If a trend is emerging, you should raise it for discussion (referencing the relevant tickets) on django-developers.

• Verify if patches submitted by other users are correct. If they are correct and also contain appropriate documentation and tests then move them to the “Ready for Checkin” stage. If they are not correct then leave a comment to explain why and set the corresponding flags (“Patch needs improvement”, “Needs tests” etc.).

**Note:** The Reports page contains links to many useful Trac queries, including several that are useful for triaging tickets and reviewing patches as suggested above.

You can also find more [Advice for new contributors](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/tracking/).
• Please don’t promote your own tickets to “Ready for checkin”. You may mark other people’s tickets which you’ve reviewed as “Ready for checkin”, but you should get at minimum one other community member to review a patch that you submit.

• Please don’t reverse a decision without posting a message to django-developers to find consensus.

• If you’re unsure if you should be making a change, don’t make the change but instead leave a comment with your concerns on the ticket, or post a message to django-developers. It’s okay to be unsure, but your input is still valuable.

Bisecting a regression

A regression is a bug that’s present in some newer version of Django but not in an older one. An extremely helpful piece of information is the commit that introduced the regression. Knowing the commit that caused the change in behavior helps identify if the change was intentional or if it was an inadvertent side-effect. Here’s how you can determine this.

Begin by writing a regression test for Django’s test suite for the issue. For example, we’ll pretend we’re debugging a regression in migrations. After you’ve written the test and confirmed that it fails on the latest master, put it in a separate file that you can run standalone. For our example, we’ll pretend we created tests/migrations/test_regression.py, which can be run with:

```
$ ./runtests.py migrations.test_regression
```

Next, we mark the current point in history as being “bad” since the test fails:

```
$ git bisect bad
You need to start by "git bisect start" do you want me to do it for you [Y/n]? y
```

Now, we need to find a point in git history before the regression was introduced (i.e. a point where the test passes). Use something like `git checkout HEAD~100` to checkout an earlier revision (100 commits earlier, in this case). Check if the test fails. If so, mark that point as “bad” (`git bisect bad`), then checkout an earlier revision and recheck. Once you find a revision where your test passes, mark it as “good”:

```
$ git bisect good
Bisecting: X revisions left to test after this (roughly Y steps)
...
```

Now we’re ready for the fun part: using `git bisect run` to automate the rest of the process:

```
$ git bisect run tests/runtests.py migrations.test_regression
```

You should see `git bisect` use a binary search to automatically checkout revisions between the good and bad commits until it finds the first “bad” commit where the test fails.

Now, report your results on the Trac ticket, and please include the regression test as an attachment. When someone writes a fix for the bug, they’ll already have your test as a starting point.

10.1.4 Writing code

So you’d like to write some code to improve Django. Awesome! Browse the following sections to find out how to give your code patches the best chances to be included in Django core:
Coding style

Please follow these coding standards when writing code for inclusion in Django.

Python style

- Please conform to the indentation style dictated in the .editorconfig file. We recommend using a text editor with EditorConfig support to avoid indentation and whitespace issues. The Python files use 4 spaces for indentation and the HTML files use 2 spaces.

- Unless otherwise specified, follow PEP 8.

Use flake8 to check for problems in this area. Note that our setup.cfg file contains some excluded files (deprecated modules we don’t care about cleaning up and some third-party code that Django vendors) as well as some excluded errors that we don’t consider as gross violations. Remember that PEP 8 is only a guide, so respect the style of the surrounding code as a primary goal.

An exception to PEP 8 is our rules on line lengths. Don’t limit lines of code to 79 characters if it means the code looks significantly uglier or is harder to read. We allow up to 119 characters as this is the width of GitHub code review; anything longer requires horizontal scrolling which makes review more difficult. This check is included when you run flake8. Documentation, comments, and docstrings should be wrapped at 79 characters, even though PEP 8 suggests 72.

- Use four spaces for indentation.

- Use four space hanging indentation rather than vertical alignment:

```python
raise AttributeError(
    'Here is a multiline error message '
    'shortened for clarity.'
)
```

Instead of:

```python
raise AttributeError('Here is a multiline error message '
    'shortened for clarity. ')
```

This makes better use of space and avoids having to realign strings if the length of the first line changes.

- Use single quotes for strings, or a double quote if the string contains a single quote. Don’t waste time doing unrelated refactoring of existing code to conform to this style.

- String variable interpolation may use %-formatting, f-strings, or str.format() as appropriate, with the goal of maximizing code readability.

Final judgments of readability are left to the Merger’s discretion. As a guide, f-strings should use only plain variable and property access, with prior local variable assignment for more complex cases:

```python
# Allowed
f'hello {user}'
f'hello {user.name}'
# Allowed with local variable assignment
f'hello {self.user.name}'

# Disallowed
f'hello {get_user()}'
f'you are {user.age * 365.25} days old'
```

(continues on next page)
user = get_user()
\f'hello {user}'
user_days_old = user.age * 365.25
\f'you are {user_days_old} days old'

f-strings should not be used for any string that may require translation, including error and logging messages. In general format() is more verbose, so the other formatting methods are preferred.

Don’t waste time doing unrelated refactoring of existing code to adjust the formatting method.

• Avoid use of “we” in comments, e.g. “Loop over” rather than “We loop over”.

• Use underscores, not camelCase, for variable, function and method names (i.e. poll.get_unique_voters(), not poll.getUniqueVoters()).

• Use InitialCaps for class names (or for factory functions that return classes).

• In docstrings, follow the style of existing docstrings and PEP 257.

• In tests, use assertRaisesMessage() and assertWarnsMessage() instead of assertRaises() and assertWarns() so you can check the exception or warning message. Use assertRaisesRegex() and assertWarnsRegex() only if you need regular expression matching.

Use assertIs(..., True/False) for testing boolean values, rather than assertTrue() and assertFalse(), so you can check the actual boolean value, not the truthiness of the expression.

• In test docstrings, state the expected behavior that each test demonstrates. Don’t include preambles such as “Tests that” or “Ensures that”.

Reserve ticket references for obscure issues where the ticket has additional details that can’t be easily described in docstrings or comments. Include the ticket number at the end of a sentence like this:

```python
def test_foo():
    """
    A test docstring looks like this (#123456).
    """
    ...
```

Imports

• Use isort to automate import sorting using the guidelines below.

Quick start:

```bash
$ python -m pip install isort >= 5.1.0
$ isort --rc .
```

This runs isort recursively from your current directory, modifying any files that don’t conform to the guidelines. If you need to have imports out of order (to avoid a circular import, for example) use a comment like this:

```python
import module  # isort:skip
```

• Put imports in these groups: future, standard library, third-party libraries, other Django components, local Django component, try/excepts. Sort lines in each group alphabetically by the full module name. Place all import module statements before from module import objects in each section. Use absolute imports for other Django components and relative imports for local components.
• On each line, alphabetize the items with the upper case items grouped before the lowercase items.

• Break long lines using parentheses and indent continuation lines by 4 spaces. Include a trailing comma after the last import and put the closing parenthesis on its own line.

Use a single blank line between the last import and any module level code, and use two blank lines above the first function or class.

For example (comments are for explanatory purposes only):

```python
# future
from __future__ import unicode_literals

# standard library
import json
from itertools import chain

# third-party
import bcrypt

# Django
from django.http import Http404
from django.http.response import (Http404, HttpResponse, HttpResponseNotAllowed, StreamingHttpResponse, cookie,
)

# local Django
from .models import LogEntry

# try/except
try:
    import yaml
except ImportError:
    yaml = None

CONSTANT = 'foo'

class Example:
    # ...
```

• Use convenience imports whenever available. For example, do this:

```python
from django.views import View
```

instead of:

```python
from django.views.generic.base import View
```

**Template style**

• In Django template code, put one (and only one) space between the curly brackets and the tag contents.

Do this:
View style

- In Django views, the first parameter in a view function should be called `request`.

Do this:
```python
def my_view(request, foo):
    # ...
```

Don’t do this:
```python
def my_view(req, foo):
    # ...
```

Model style

- Field names should be all lowercase, using underscores instead of camelCase.

Do this:
```python
class Person(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=20)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=40)
```

Don’t do this:
```python
class Person(models.Model):
    FirstName = models.CharField(max_length=20)
    Last_Name = models.CharField(max_length=40)
```

- The `class Meta` should appear after the fields are defined, with a single blank line separating the fields and the class definition.

Do this:
```python
class Person(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=20)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=40)

    class Meta:
        verbose_name_plural = 'people'
```

Don’t do this:
```python
class Person(models.Model):
    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=20)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=40)

    class Meta:
        verbose_name_plural = 'people'
```
Don’t do this, either:

```python
class Person(models.Model):
    class Meta:
        verbose_name_plural = 'people'

    first_name = models.CharField(max_length=20)
    last_name = models.CharField(max_length=40)
```

- The order of model inner classes and standard methods should be as follows (noting that these are not all required):
  - All database fields
  - Custom manager attributes
  - class Meta
  - def __str__()
  - def save()
  - def get_absolute_url()
  - Any custom methods

- If choices is defined for a given model field, define each choice as a list of tuples, with an all-uppercase name as a class attribute on the model. Example:

```python
class MyModel(models.Model):
    DIRECTION_UP = 'U'
    DIRECTION_DOWN = 'D'
    DIRECTION_CHOICES = [
        (DIRECTION_UP, 'Up'),
        (DIRECTION_DOWN, 'Down'),
    ]
```

**Use of django.conf.settings**

Modules should not in general use settings stored in `django.conf.settings` at the top level (i.e. evaluated when the module is imported). The explanation for this is as follows:

Manual configuration of settings (i.e. not relying on the `DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE` environment variable) is allowed and possible as follows:

```python
from django.conf import settings
settings.configure({}, SOME_SETTING='foo')
```

However, if any setting is accessed before the `settings.configure` line, this will not work. (Internally, `settings` is a `LazyObject` which configures itself automatically when the settings are accessed if it has not already been configured).

So, if there is a module containing some code as follows:

```python
from django.conf import settings
from django.urls import get_callable

default_foo_view = get_callable(settings.FOO_VIEW)
```
... then importing this module will cause the settings object to be configured. That means that the ability for third parties to import the module at the top level is incompatible with the ability to configure the settings object manually, or makes it very difficult in some circumstances.

Instead of the above code, a level of laziness or indirection must be used, such as `django.utils.functional.LazyObject.django.utils.functional.lazy()` or `lambda`.

**Miscellaneous**

- Mark all strings for internationalization; see the [i18n documentation](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/i18n/) for details.
- Remove `import` statements that are no longer used when you change code. `flake8` will identify these imports for you. If an unused import needs to remain for backwards-compatibility, mark the end of with `# NOQA` to silence the `flake8` warning.
- Systematically remove all trailing whitespaces from your code as those add unnecessary bytes, add visual clutter to the patches and can also occasionally cause unnecessary merge conflicts. Some IDE’s can be configured to automatically remove them and most VCS tools can be set to highlight them in diff outputs.
- Please don’t put your name in the code you contribute. Our policy is to keep contributors’ names in the `AUTHORS` file distributed with Django – not scattered throughout the codebase itself. Feel free to include a change to the `AUTHORS` file in your patch if you make more than a single trivial change.

**JavaScript style**

For details about the JavaScript code style used by Django, see *JavaScript*.

**Unit tests**

Django comes with a test suite of its own, in the `tests` directory of the code base. It’s our policy to make sure all tests pass at all times.

We appreciate any and all contributions to the test suite!

The Django tests all use the testing infrastructure that ships with Django for testing applications. See *Writing and running tests* for an explanation of how to write new tests.

**Running the unit tests**

**Quickstart**

First, fork Django on GitHub.

Second, create and activate a virtual environment. If you’re not familiar with how to do that, read our *contributing tutorial*.

Next, clone your fork, install some requirements, and run the tests:

```bash
$ git clone https://github.com/YourGitHubName/django.git django-repo
$ cd django-repo/tests
$ python -m pip install -e ..
$ python -m pip install -r requirements/py3.txt
$ ./runtests.py
```
Installing the requirements will likely require some operating system packages that your computer doesn’t have installed. You can usually figure out which package to install by doing a Web search for the last line or so of the error message. Try adding your operating system to the search query if needed.

If you have trouble installing the requirements, you can skip that step. See Running all the tests for details on installing the optional test dependencies. If you don’t have an optional dependency installed, the tests that require it will be skipped.

Running the tests requires a Django settings module that defines the databases to use. To help you get started, Django provides and uses a sample settings module that uses the SQLite database. See Using another settings module to learn how to use a different settings module to run the tests with a different database.

Having problems? See Troubleshooting for some common issues.

Running tests using tox

Tox is a tool for running tests in different virtual environments. Django includes a basic tox.ini that automates some checks that our build server performs on pull requests. To run the unit tests and other checks (such as import sorting, the documentation spelling checker, and code formatting), install and run the tox command from any place in the Django source tree:

```
$ python -m pip install tox
$ tox
```

By default, tox runs the test suite with the bundled test settings file for SQLite, flake8, isort, and the documentation spelling checker. In addition to the system dependencies noted elsewhere in this documentation, the command python3 must be on your path and linked to the appropriate version of Python. A list of default environments can be seen as follows:

```
$ tox -l
py3
flake8
docs
isort>=5.1.0
```

Testing other Python versions and database backends

In addition to the default environments, tox supports running unit tests for other versions of Python and other database backends. Since Django’s test suite doesn’t bundle a settings file for database backends other than SQLite, however, you must create and provide your own test settings. For example, to run the tests on Python 3.7 using PostgreSQL:

```
$ tox -e py37-postgres -- --settings=my_postgres_settings
```

This command sets up a Python 3.7 virtual environment, installs Django’s test suite dependencies (including those for PostgreSQL), and calls runtests.py with the supplied arguments (in this case, --settings=my_postgres_settings).

The remainder of this documentation shows commands for running tests without tox, however, any option passed to runtests.py can also be passed to tox by prefixing the argument list with --, as above.

Tox also respects the DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE environment variable, if set. For example, the following is equivalent to the command above:

```
$ DJANGO_SETTINGS_MODULE=my_postgres_settings tox -e py35-postgres
```

Windows users should use:
Running the JavaScript tests

Django includes a set of JavaScript unit tests for functions in certain contrib apps. The JavaScript tests aren’t run by default using tox because they require Node.js to be installed and aren’t necessary for the majority of patches. To run the JavaScript tests using tox:

```
$ tox -e javascript
```

This command runs `npm install` to ensure test requirements are up to date and then runs `npm test`.

Running tests using django-docker-box

`django-docker-box` allows you to run the Django’s test suite across all supported databases and python versions. See the `django-docker-box` project page for installation and usage instructions.

Using another settings module

The included settings module (`tests/test_sqlite.py`) allows you to run the test suite using SQLite. If you want to run the tests using a different database, you’ll need to define your own settings file. Some tests, such as those for `contrib.postgres`, are specific to a particular database backend and will be skipped if run with a different backend.

To run the tests with different settings, ensure that the module is on your `PYTHONPATH` and pass the module with `--settings`.

The `DATABASES` setting in any test settings module needs to define two databases:

- A default database. This database should use the backend that you want to use for primary testing.
- A database with the alias `other`. The `other` database is used to test that queries can be directed to different databases. This database should use the same backend as the `default`, and it must have a different name.

If you’re using a backend that isn’t SQLite, you will need to provide other details for each database:

- The `USER` option needs to specify an existing user account for the database. That user needs permission to execute `CREATE DATABASE` so that the test database can be created.
- The `PASSWORD` option needs to provide the password for the `USER` that has been specified.

Test databases get their names by prepending `test_` to the value of the `NAME` settings for the databases defined in `DATABASES`. These test databases are deleted when the tests are finished.

You will also need to ensure that your database uses UTF-8 as the default character set. If your database server doesn’t use UTF-8 as a default charset, you will need to include a value for `CHARSET` in the test settings dictionary for the applicable database.

Running only some of the tests

Django’s entire test suite takes a while to run, and running every single test could be redundant if, say, you just added a test to Django that you want to run quickly without running everything else. You can run a subset of the unit tests by appending the names of the test modules to `runtests.py` on the command line.
For example, if you’d like to run tests only for generic relations and internationalization, type:

```
$ ./runtests.py --settings=path.to.settings generic_relations i18n
```

How do you find out the names of individual tests? Look in tests/ — each directory name there is the name of a test.

If you want to run only a particular class of tests, you can specify a list of paths to individual test classes. For example, to run the TranslationTests of the i18n module, type:

```
$ ./runtests.py --settings=path.to.settings i18n.tests.TranslationTests
```

Going beyond that, you can specify an individual test method like this:

```
$ ./runtests.py --settings=path.to.settings i18n.tests.TranslationTests.test_lazy_objects
```

You can run tests starting at a specified top-level module with `--start-at` option. For example:

```
$ ./runtests.py --start-at=wsgi
```

You can also run tests starting after a specified top-level module with `--start-after` option. For example:

```
$ ./runtests.py --start-after=wsgi
```

Note that the `--reverse` option doesn’t impact on `--start-at` or `--start-after` options. Moreover these options cannot be used with test labels.

**Running the Selenium tests**

Some tests require Selenium and a Web browser. To run these tests, you must install the `selenium` package and run the tests with the `--selenium=<BROWSERS>` option. For example, if you have Firefox and Google Chrome installed:

```
$ ./runtests.py --selenium=firefox,chrome
```

See the `selenium.webdriver` package for the list of available browsers.

Specifying `--selenium` automatically sets `--tags=selenium` to run only the tests that require selenium.

Some browsers (e.g. Chrome or Firefox) support headless testing, which can be faster and more stable. Add the `--headless` option to enable this mode.

**Running all the tests**

If you want to run the full suite of tests, you’ll need to install a number of dependencies:

- `argon2-cffi` 16.1.0+
- `asgiref` 3.2.10+ (required)
- `bcrypt`
- `docutils`
- `geoip2`
- `jinja2` 2.7+
- `numpy`

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• Pillow 6.2.0+
• PyYAML
• pytz (required)
• pywatchman
• setuptools
• memcached, plus a supported Python binding
• gettext (gettext on Windows)
• selenium
• sqlparse 0.2.2+ (required)
• tblib 1.5.0+

You can find these dependencies in pip requirements files inside the tests/requirements directory of the Django source tree and install them like so:

```bash
$ python -m pip install -r tests/requirements/py3.txt
```

If you encounter an error during the installation, your system might be missing a dependency for one or more of the Python packages. Consult the failing package’s documentation or search the Web with the error message that you encounter.

You can also install the database adapter(s) of your choice using oracle.txt, mysql.txt, or postgres.txt.

If you want to test the memcached cache backend, you’ll also need to define a CACHES setting that points at your memcached instance.

To run the GeoDjango tests, you will need to setup a spatial database and install the Geospatial libraries.

Each of these dependencies is optional. If you’re missing any of them, the associated tests will be skipped.

To run some of the autoreload tests, you’ll need to install the Watchman service.

### Code coverage

Contributors are encouraged to run coverage on the test suite to identify areas that need additional tests. The coverage tool installation and use is described in testing code coverage.

Coverage should be run in a single process to obtain accurate statistics. To run coverage on the Django test suite using the standard test settings:

```bash
$ coverage run ./runtests.py --settings=test_sqlite --parallel=1
```

After running coverage, generate the html report by running:

```bash
$ coverage html
```

When running coverage for the Django tests, the included .coveragerc settings file defines coverage_html as the output directory for the report and also excludes several directories not relevant to the results (test code or external code included in Django).
Contrib apps

Tests for contrib apps can be found in the tests/ directory, typically under <app_name>_<tests>. For example, tests for contrib.auth are located in tests/auth_tests.

Troubleshooting

Test suite hangs or shows failures on master branch

Ensure you have the latest point release of a supported Python version, since there are often bugs in earlier versions that may cause the test suite to fail or hang.

On macOS (High Sierra and newer versions), you might see this message logged, after which the tests hang:

```
objc[42074]: +[__NSPlaceholderDate initialize] may have been in progress in another thread when fork() was called.
```

To avoid this set a OBJC_DISABLE_INITIALIZE_FORK_SAFETY environment variable, for example:

```
$ OBJC_DISABLE_INITIALIZE_FORK_SAFETY=YES ./runtests.py
```

Or add export OBJC_DISABLE_INITIALIZE_FORK_SAFETY=YES to your shell’s startup file (e.g. ~/.profile).

Many test failures with UnicodeDecodeError

If the locales package is not installed, some tests will fail with a UnicodeDecodeError.

You can resolve this on Debian-based systems, for example, by running:

```
$ apt-get install locales
$ dpkg-reconfigure locales
```

You can resolve this for macOS systems by configuring your shell’s locale:

```
$ export LANG="en_US.UTF-8"
$ export LC_ALL="en_US.UTF-8"
```

Run the locale command to confirm the change. Optionally, add those export commands to your shell’s startup file (e.g. ~/.bashrc for Bash) to avoid having to retype them.

Tests that only fail in combination

In case a test passes when run in isolation but fails within the whole suite, we have some tools to help analyze the problem.

The --bisect option of runtests.py will run the failing test while halving the test set it is run together with on each iteration, often making it possible to identify a small number of tests that may be related to the failure.

For example, suppose that the failing test that works on its own is ModelTest.test_eq, then using:

```
$ ./runtests.py --bisect basic.tests.ModelTest.test_eq
```
will try to determine a test that interferes with the given one. First, the test is run with the first half of the test suite. If a failure occurs, the first half of the test suite is split in two groups and each group is then run with the specified test. If there is no failure with the first half of the test suite, the second half of the test suite is run with the specified test and split appropriately as described earlier. The process repeats until the set of failing tests is minimized.

The **--pair** option runs the given test alongside every other test from the suite, letting you check if another test has side-effects that cause the failure. So:

```sh
$ ./runtests.py --pair basic.tests.ModelTest.test_eq
```

will pair `test_eq` with every test label.

With both **--bisect** and **--pair**, if you already suspect which cases might be responsible for the failure, you may limit tests to be cross-analyzed by specifying further test labels after the first one:

```sh
$ ./runtests.py --pair basic.tests.ModelTest.test_eq queries transactions
```

You can also try running any set of tests in reverse using the **--reverse** option in order to verify that executing tests in a different order does not cause any trouble:

```sh
$ ./runtests.py basic --reverse
```

**Seeing the SQL queries run during a test**

If you wish to examine the SQL being run in failing tests, you can turn on SQL logging using the **--debug-sql** option. If you combine this with **--verbosity=2**, all SQL queries will be output:

```sh
$ ./runtests.py basic --debug-sql
```

**Seeing the full traceback of a test failure**

By default tests are run in parallel with one process per core. When the tests are run in parallel, however, you’ll only see a truncated traceback for any test failures. You can adjust this behavior with the **--parallel** option:

```sh
$ ./runtests.py basic --parallel=1
```

You can also use the `DJANGO_TEST_PROCESSES` environment variable for this purpose.

**Tips for writing tests**

**Isolating model registration**

To avoid polluting the global `apps` registry and prevent unnecessary table creation, models defined in a test method should be bound to a temporary `Apps` instance:

```python
from django.apps.registry import Apps
from django.db import models
from django.test import SimpleTestCase

class TestModelDefinition(SimpleTestCase):
    def test_model_definition(self):
        test_apps = Apps(["app_label"])
```

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class TestModel(models.Model):
    class Meta:
        apps = test_apps
...

django.test.utils.isolate_apps(*app_labels, attr_name=None, kwarg_name=None)

Since this pattern involves a lot of boilerplate, Django provides the `isolate_apps()` decorator. It’s used like this:

```python
from django.db import models
from django.test import SimpleTestCase
from django.test.utils import isolate_apps

class TestModelDefinition(SimpleTestCase):
    @isolate_apps('app_label')
    def test_model_definition(self):
        class TestModel(models.Model):
            pass
...
```

### Setting `app_label`

Models defined in a test method with no explicit `app_label` are automatically assigned the label of the app in which their test class is located.

In order to make sure the models defined within the context of `isolate_apps()` instances are correctly installed, you should pass the set of targeted `app_label` as arguments:

```python
from django.db import models
from django.test import SimpleTestCase
from django.test.utils import isolate_apps

class TestModelDefinition(SimpleTestCase):
    @isolate_apps('app_label', 'other_app_label')
    def test_model_definition(self):
        # This model automatically receives app_label='app_label'
        class TestModel(models.Model):
            pass

class OtherAppModel(models.Model):
    class Meta:
        app_label = 'other_app_label'
...
```

The decorator can also be applied to classes:

```python
@isolate_apps('app_label')
class TestModelDefinition(SimpleTestCase):
    ...
```
def test_model_definition(self):
    class TestModel(models.Model):
        pass

...  

The temporary Apps instance used to isolate model registration can be retrieved as an attribute when used as a class decorator by using the attr_name parameter:

```python
from django.db import models
from django.test import SimpleTestCase
from django.test.utils import isolate_apps

@isolate_apps('app_label', attr_name='apps')
class TestModelDefinition(SimpleTestCase):
    def test_model_definition(self):
        class TestModel(models.Model):
            pass
        self.assertEqual(self.apps.get_model('app_label', 'TestModel'), TestModel)
```

Or as an argument on the test method when used as a method decorator by using the kwarg_name parameter:

```python
from django.db import models
from django.test import SimpleTestCase
from django.test.utils import isolate_apps

class TestModelDefinition(SimpleTestCase):
    @isolate_apps('app_label', kwarg_name='apps')
    def test_model_definition(self, apps):
        class TestModel(models.Model):
            pass
        self.assertEqual(apps.get_model('app_label', 'TestModel'), TestModel)
```

## Submitting patches

We’re always grateful for patches to Django’s code. Indeed, bug reports with associated patches will get fixed far more quickly than those without patches.

## Typo fixes and trivial documentation changes

If you are fixing a really trivial issue, for example changing a word in the documentation, the preferred way to provide the patch is using GitHub pull requests without a Trac ticket.

See the [Working with Git and GitHub](#) for more details on how to use pull requests.

### “Claiming” tickets

In an open-source project with hundreds of contributors around the world, it’s important to manage communication efficiently so that work doesn’t get duplicated and contributors can be as effective as possible.

Hence, our policy is for contributors to “claim” tickets in order to let other developers know that a particular bug or feature is being worked on.

If you have identified a contribution you want to make and you’re capable of fixing it (as measured by your coding ability, knowledge of Django internals and time availability), claim it by following these steps:
• Login using your GitHub account or create an account in our ticket system. If you have an account but have forgotten your password, you can reset it using the password reset page.

• If a ticket for this issue doesn’t exist yet, create one in our ticket tracker.

• If a ticket for this issue already exists, make sure nobody else has claimed it. To do this, look at the “Owned by” section of the ticket. If it’s assigned to “nobody,” then it’s available to be claimed. Otherwise, somebody else may be working on this ticket. Either find another bug/feature to work on, or contact the developer working on the ticket to offer your help. If a ticket has been assigned for weeks or months without any activity, it’s probably safe to reassign it to yourself.

• Log into your account, if you haven’t already, by clicking “GitHub Login” or “DjangoProject Login” in the upper left of the ticket page.

• Claim the ticket by clicking the “assign to myself” radio button under “Action” near the bottom of the page, then click “Submit changes.”

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**Note:** The Django software foundation requests that anyone contributing more than a trivial patch to Django sign and submit a Contributor License Agreement, this ensures that the Django Software Foundation has clear license to all contributions allowing for a clear license for all users.

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**Ticket claimers’ responsibility**

Once you’ve claimed a ticket, you have a responsibility to work on that ticket in a reasonably timely fashion. If you don’t have time to work on it, either unclaim it or don’t claim it in the first place!

If there’s no sign of progress on a particular claimed ticket for a week or two, another developer may ask you to relinquish the ticket claim so that it’s no longer monopolized and somebody else can claim it.

If you’ve claimed a ticket and it’s taking a long time (days or weeks) to code, keep everybody updated by posting comments on the ticket. If you don’t provide regular updates, and you don’t respond to a request for a progress report, your claim on the ticket may be revoked.

As always, more communication is better than less communication!

**Which tickets should be claimed?**

Going through the steps of claiming tickets is overkill in some cases.

In the case of small changes, such as typos in the documentation or small bugs that will only take a few minutes to fix, you don’t need to jump through the hoops of claiming tickets. Submit your patch directly and you’re done!

It is *always* acceptable, regardless whether someone has claimed it or not, to submit patches to a ticket if you happen to have a patch ready.

**Patch style**

Make sure that any contribution you do fulfills at least the following requirements:

• The code required to fix a problem or add a feature is an essential part of a patch, but it is not the only part. A good patch should also include a *regression test* to validate the behavior that has been fixed and to prevent the problem from arising again. Also, if some tickets are relevant to the code that you’ve written, mention the ticket numbers in some comments in the test so that one can easily trace back the relevant discussions after your patch gets committed, and the tickets get closed.
If the code associated with a patch adds a new feature, or modifies behavior of an existing feature, the patch should also contain documentation.

When you think your work is ready to be reviewed, send a GitHub pull request. Please review the patch yourself using our patch review checklist first.

If you can’t send a pull request for some reason, you can also use patches in Trac. When using this style, follow these guidelines.

- Submit patches in the format returned by the git diff command.
- Attach patches to a ticket in the ticket tracker, using the “attach file” button. Please don’t put the patch in the ticket description or comment unless it’s a single line patch.
- Name the patch file with a .diff extension; this will let the ticket tracker apply correct syntax highlighting, which is quite helpful.

Regardless of the way you submit your work, follow these steps.

- Make sure your code fulfills the requirements in our patch review checklist.
- Check the “Has patch” box on the ticket and make sure the “Needs documentation”, “Needs tests”, and “Patch needs improvement” boxes aren’t checked. This makes the ticket appear in the “Patches needing review” queue on the Development dashboard.

Non-trivial patches

A “non-trivial” patch is one that is more than a small bug fix. It’s a patch that introduces Django functionality and makes some sort of design decision.

If you provide a non-trivial patch, include evidence that alternatives have been discussed on django-developers.

If you’re not sure whether your patch should be considered non-trivial, ask on the ticket for opinions.

Deprecating a feature

There are a couple of reasons that code in Django might be deprecated:

- If a feature has been improved or modified in a backwards-incompatible way, the old feature or behavior will be deprecated.
- Sometimes Django will include a backport of a Python library that’s not included in a version of Python that Django currently supports. When Django no longer needs to support the older version of Python that doesn’t include the library, the library will be deprecated in Django.

As the [deprecation policy](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/xx/internals/deprecation/) describes, the first release of Django that deprecates a feature \((A, B)\) should raise a `RemovedInDjangoXXWarning` (where XX is the Django version where the feature will be removed) when the deprecated feature is invoked. Assuming we have good test coverage, these warnings are converted to errors when running the test suite with warnings enabled: `python -Wa runtests.py`. Thus, when adding a `RemovedInDjangoXXWarning` you need to eliminate or silence any warnings generated when running the tests.

The first step is to remove any use of the deprecated behavior by Django itself. Next you can silence warnings in tests that actually test the deprecated behavior by using the `ignore_warnings` decorator, either at the test or class level:

1) In a particular test:

```python
from django.test import ignore_warnings
from django.utils.deprecation import RemovedInDjangoXXWarning
```

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def test_foo(self):
    ...

2) For an entire test case:

```python
from django.test import ignore_warnings
from django.utils.deprecation import RemovedInDjangoXXWarning

def test_foo_deprecation_warning(self):
    msg = 'Expected deprecation message'
    with self.assertWarnsMessage(RemovedInDjangoXXWarning, msg):
        # invoke deprecated behavior
```

Finally, there are a couple of updates to Django’s documentation to make:

1) If the existing feature is documented, mark it deprecated in documentation using the .. deprecated::
   A.B annotation. Include a short description and a note about the upgrade path if applicable.

2) Add a description of the deprecated behavior, and the upgrade path if applicable, to the current release notes
   (docs/releases/A.B.txt) under the “Features deprecated in A.B” heading.

3) Add an entry in the deprecation timeline (docs/internals/deprecation.txt) under the appropriate
   version describing what code will be removed.

Once you have completed these steps, you are finished with the deprecation. In each feature release, all
RemovedInDjangoXXWarnings matching the new version are removed.

**JavaScript patches**

For information on JavaScript patches, see the JavaScript patches documentation.

**Patch review checklist**

Use this checklist to review a pull request. If you are reviewing a pull request that is not your own and it passes all
the criteria below, please set the “Triage Stage” on the corresponding Trac ticket to “Ready for checkin”. If you’ve left
comments for improvement on the pull request, please tick the appropriate flags on the Trac ticket based on the results
of your review: “Patch needs improvement”, “Needs documentation”, and/or “Needs tests”. As time and interest
permits, committers do final reviews of “Ready for checkin” tickets and will either commit the patch or bump it back
to “Accepted” if further works need to be done. If you’re looking to become a committer, doing thorough reviews of
patches is a great way to earn trust.

Looking for a patch to review? Check out the “Patches needing review” section of the Django Development Dashboard.
Looking to get your patch reviewed? Ensure the Trac flags on the ticket are set so that the ticket appears in that queue.
Documentation

- Does the documentation build without any errors (make html, or make.bat html on Windows, from the docs directory)?
- Does the documentation follow the writing style guidelines in Writing documentation?
- Are there any spelling errors?

Bugs

- Is there a proper regression test (the test should fail before the fix is applied)?
- If it’s a bug that qualifies for a backport to the stable version of Django, is there a release note in docs/releases/A.B.C.txt? Bug fixes that will be applied only to the master branch don’t need a release note.

New Features

- Are there tests to “exercise” all of the new code?
- Is there a release note in docs/releases/A.B.txt?
- Is there documentation for the feature and is it annotated appropriately with .. versionadded:: A.B or .. versionchanged:: A.B?

Deprecating a feature

See the Deprecating a feature guide.

All code changes

- Does the coding style conform to our guidelines? Are there any flake8 errors?
- If the change is backwards incompatible in any way, is there a note in the release notes (docs/releases/A.B.txt)?
- Is Django’s test suite passing?

All tickets

- Is the pull request a single squashed commit with a message that follows our commit message format?
- Are you the patch author and a new contributor? Please add yourself to the AUTHORS file and submit a Contributor License Agreement.

Working with Git and GitHub

This section explains how the community can contribute code to Django via pull requests. If you’re interested in how committers handle them, see Committing code.

Below, we are going to show how to create a GitHub pull request containing the changes for Trac ticket #xxxxx. By creating a fully-ready pull request, you will make the reviewer’s job easier, meaning that your work is more likely to be merged into Django.
You could also upload a traditional patch to Trac, but it’s less practical for reviews.

Installing Git

Django uses Git for its source control. You can download Git, but it’s often easier to install with your operating system’s package manager.

Django’s Git repository is hosted on GitHub, and it is recommended that you also work using GitHub.

After installing Git, the first thing you should do is setup your name and email:

```
$ git config --global user.name "Your Real Name"
$ git config --global user.email "you@email.com"
```

Note that user.name should be your real name, not your GitHub nick. GitHub should know the email you use in the user.email field, as this will be used to associate your commits with your GitHub account.

Setting up local repository

When you have created your GitHub account, with the nick “GitHub_nick”, and forked Django’s repository, create a local copy of your fork:

```
git clone https://github.com/GitHub_nick/django.git
```

This will create a new directory “django”, containing a clone of your GitHub repository. The rest of the git commands on this page need to be run within the cloned directory, so switch to it now:

```
cd django
```

Your GitHub repository will be called “origin” in Git.

You should also setup django/django as an “upstream” remote (that is, tell git that the reference Django repository was the source of your fork of it):

```
git remote add upstream git@github.com:django/django.git
```

```
git fetch upstream
```

You can add other remotes similarly, for example:

```
git remote add akaariai git@github.com:akaariai/django.git
```

Working on a ticket

When working on a ticket, create a new branch for the work, and base that work on upstream/master:

```
git checkout -b ticket_xxxxx upstream/master
```

The -b flag creates a new branch for you locally. Don’t hesitate to create new branches even for the smallest things - that’s what they are there for.

If instead you were working for a fix on the 1.4 branch, you would do:

```
git checkout -b ticket_xxxxx_1_4 upstream/stable/1.4.x
```

Assume the work is carried on the ticket_xxxxx branch. Make some changes and commit them:
When writing the commit message, follow the commit message guidelines to ease the work of the committer. If you’re uncomfortable with English, try at least to describe precisely what the commit does.

If you need to do additional work on your branch, commit as often as necessary:

```
git commit
```

### Publishing work

You can publish your work on GitHub by running:

```
git push origin ticket_xxxxx
```

When you go to your GitHub page, you will notice a new branch has been created.

If you are working on a Trac ticket, you should mention in the ticket that your work is available from branch ticket_xxxxx of your GitHub repo. Include a link to your branch.

Note that the above branch is called a “topic branch” in Git parlance. You are free to rewrite the history of this branch, by using `git rebase` for example. Other people shouldn’t base their work on such a branch, because their clone would become corrupt when you edit commits.

There are also “public branches”. These are branches other people are supposed to fork, so the history of these branches should never change. Good examples of public branches are the master and stable/A.B.x branches in the django/django repository.

When you think your work is ready to be pulled into Django, you should create a pull request at GitHub. A good pull request means:

- commits with one logical change in each, following the coding style,
- well-formed messages for each commit: a summary line and then paragraphs wrapped at 72 characters thereafter – see the committing guidelines for more details,
- documentation and tests, if needed – actually tests are always needed, except for documentation changes.

The test suite must pass and the documentation must build without warnings.

Once you have created your pull request, you should add a comment in the related Trac ticket explaining what you’ve done. In particular, you should note the environment in which you ran the tests, for instance: “all tests pass under SQLite and MySQL”.

Pull requests at GitHub have only two states: open and closed. The committer who will deal with your pull request has only two options: merge it or close it. For this reason, it isn’t useful to make a pull request until the code is ready for merging – or sufficiently close that a committer will finish it themselves.

### Rebas ing branches

In the example above, you created two commits, the “Fixed ticket_xxxxx” commit and “Added two more tests” commit.

We do not want to have the entire history of your working process in your repository. Your commit “Added two more tests” would be unhelpful noise. Instead, we would rather only have one commit containing all your work.

To rework the history of your branch you can squash the commits into one by using interactive rebase:
The HEAD~2 above is shorthand for two latest commits. The above command will open an editor showing the two commits, prefixed with the word “pick”.

Change “pick” on the second line to “squash” instead. This will keep the first commit, and squash the second commit into the first one. Save and quit the editor. A second editor window should open, so you can reword the commit message for the commit now that it includes both your steps.

You can also use the “edit” option in rebase. This way you can change a single commit, for example to fix a typo in a docstring:

```
$ git rebase -i HEAD~3
# Choose edit, pick, pick for the commits
# Now you are able to rework the commit (use git add normally to add changes)
# When finished, commit work with "--amend" and continue
$ git commit --amend
# Reword the commit message if needed
$ git rebase --continue
# The second and third commits should be applied.
```

If your topic branch is already published at GitHub, for example if you’re making minor changes to take into account a review, you will need to force-push the changes:

```
$ git push -f origin ticket_xxxxx
```

Note that this will rewrite history of ticket_xxxxx - if you check the commit hashes before and after the operation at GitHub you will notice that the commit hashes do not match anymore. This is acceptable, as the branch is a topic branch, and nobody should be basing their work on it.

**After upstream has changed**

When upstream (django/django) has changed, you should rebase your work. To do this, use:

```
$ git fetch upstream
$ git rebase
```

The work is automatically rebased using the branch you forked on, in the example case using upstream/master. The rebase command removes all your local commits temporarily, applies the upstream commits, and then applies your local commits again on the work.

If there are merge conflicts, you will need to resolve them and then use `git rebase --continue`. At any point you can use `git rebase --abort` to return to the original state.

Note that you want to rebase on upstream, not merge the upstream.

The reason for this is that by rebasing, your commits will always be on top of the upstream’s work, not mixed in with the changes in the upstream. This way your branch will contain only commits related to its topic, which makes squashing easier.

**After review**

It is unusual to get any non-trivial amount of code into core without changes requested by reviewers. In this case, it is often a good idea to add the changes as one incremental commit to your work. This allows the reviewer to easily check what changes you have done.
In this case, do the changes required by the reviewer. Commit as often as necessary. Before publishing the changes, rebase your work. If you added two commits, you would run:

```
git rebase -i HEAD~2
```

Squash the second commit into the first. Write a commit message along the lines of:

```
Made changes asked in review by <reviewer>
- Fixed whitespace errors in foobar
- Reworded the docstring of bar()
```

Finally, push your work back to your GitHub repository. Since you didn’t touch the public commits during the rebase, you should not need to force-push:

```
git push origin ticket_xxxxx
```

Your pull request should now contain the new commit too.

Note that the committer is likely to squash the review commit into the previous commit when committing the code.

**Working on a patch**

One of the ways that developers can contribute to Django is by reviewing patches. Those patches will typically exist as pull requests on GitHub and can be easily integrated into your local repository:

```
git checkout -b pull_xxxxx upstream/master
curl https://github.com/django/django/pull/xxxxx.patch | git am
```

This will create a new branch and then apply the changes from the pull request to it. At this point you can run the tests or do anything else you need to do to investigate the quality of the patch.

For more detail on working with pull requests see the [guidelines for committers](#).

**Summary**

- Work on GitHub if you can.
- Announce your work on the Trac ticket by linking to your GitHub branch.
- When you have something ready, make a pull request.
- Make your pull requests as good as you can.
- When doing fixes to your work, use `git rebase -i` to squash the commits.
- When upstream has changed, do `git fetch upstream; git rebase`.

**JavaScript**

While most of Django core is Python, the `admin` and `gis` contrib apps contain JavaScript code.

Please follow these coding standards when writing JavaScript code for inclusion in Django.
Code style

- Please conform to the indentation style dictated in the `.editorconfig` file. We recommend using a text editor with EditorConfig support to avoid indentation and whitespace issues. Most of the JavaScript files use 4 spaces for indentation, but there are some exceptions.

- When naming variables, use camelCase instead of underscore_case. Different JavaScript files sometimes use a different code style. Please try to conform to the code style of each file.

- Use the ESLint code linter to check your code for bugs and style errors. ESLint will be run when you run the JavaScript tests. We also recommended installing an ESLint plugin in your text editor.

- Where possible, write code that will work even if the page structure is later changed with JavaScript. For instance, when binding a click handler, use `$('body').on('click', selector, func)` instead of `$selector.click(func)`. This makes it easier for projects to extend Django's default behavior with JavaScript.

JavaScript patches

Django's admin system leverages the jQuery framework to increase the capabilities of the admin interface. In conjunction, there is an emphasis on admin JavaScript performance and minimizing overall admin media file size. Serving compressed or “minified” versions of JavaScript files is considered best practice in this regard.

To that end, patches for JavaScript files should include both the original code for future development (e.g. foo.js), and a compressed version for production use (e.g. foo.min.js). Any links to the file in the codebase should point to the compressed version.

Compressing JavaScript

To simplify the process of providing optimized JavaScript code, Django includes a handy Python script which should be used to create a “minified” version. To run it:

```
$ python django/contrib/admin/bin/compress.py
```

Behind the scenes, `compress.py` is a front-end for Google’s Closure Compiler which is written in Java. The Closure Compiler library is not bundled with Django, but will be installed automatically by `npm`. The Closure Compiler library requires Java 7 or higher.

Please don’t forget to run `compress.py` and include the diff of the minified scripts when submitting patches for Django’s JavaScript.

JavaScript tests

Django’s JavaScript tests can be run in a browser or from the command line. The tests are located in a top level js_tests directory.

Writing tests

Django’s JavaScript tests use QUnit. Here is an example test module:
QUnit.module('magicTricks', {  
  beforeEach: function() {  
    const $ = django.jQuery;  
    $('#qunit-fixture').append('<button class="button"></button>');  
  }  
});

QUnit.test('removeOnClick removes button on click', function(assert) {  
  const $ = django.jQuery;  
  removeOnClick('.button');  
  assert.equal($('.button').length, 1);  
  $('.button').click();  
  assert.equal($('.button').length, 0);  
});

QUnit.test('copyOnClick adds button on click', function(assert) {  
  const $ = django.jQuery;  
  copyOnClick('.button');  
  assert.equal($('.button').length, 1);  
  $('.button').click();  
  assert.equal($('.button').length, 2);  
});

Please consult the QUnit documentation for information on the types of assertions supported by QUnit.

Running tests

The JavaScript tests may be run from a web browser or from the command line.

Testing from a web browser

To run the tests from a web browser, open up js_tests/tests.html in your browser.

To measure code coverage when running the tests, you need to view that file over HTTP. To view code coverage:

- Execute python -m http.server from the root directory (not from inside js_tests).

Testing from the command line

To run the tests from the command line, you need to have Node.js installed.

After installing Node.js, install the JavaScript test dependencies by running the following from the root of your Django checkout:

```
$ npm install
```

Then run the tests with:

```
$ npm test
```
10.1.5 Writing documentation

We place a high importance on consistency and readability of documentation. After all, Django was created in a journalism environment! So we treat our documentation like we treat our code: we aim to improve it as often as possible.

Documentation changes generally come in two forms:

- General improvements: typo corrections, error fixes and better explanations through clearer writing and more examples.
- New features: documentation of features that have been added to the framework since the last release.

This section explains how writers can craft their documentation changes in the most useful and least error-prone ways.

Getting the raw documentation

Though Django’s documentation is intended to be read as HTML at https://docs.djangoproject.com/, we edit it as a collection of text files for maximum flexibility. These files live in the top-level docs/ directory of a Django release.

If you’d like to start contributing to our docs, get the development version of Django from the source code repository (see Installing the development version). The development version has the latest-and-greatest documentation, just as it has latest-and-greatest code. We also backport documentation fixes and improvements, at the discretion of the committer, to the last release branch. That’s because it’s highly advantageous to have the docs for the last release be up-to-date and correct (see Differences between versions).

Getting started with Sphinx

Django’s documentation uses the Sphinx documentation system, which in turn is based on docutils. The basic idea is that lightly-formatted plain-text documentation is transformed into HTML, PDF, and any other output format.

To build the documentation locally, install Sphinx:

```bash
$ python -m pip install Sphinx
```

Then from the docs directory, build the HTML:

```bash
$ make html
```

To get started contributing, you’ll want to read the reStructuredText reference.

Your locally-built documentation will be themed differently than the documentation at docs.djangoproject.com. This is OK! If your changes look good on your local machine, they’ll look good on the website.

How the documentation is organized

The documentation is organized into several categories:

- **Tutorials** take the reader by the hand through a series of steps to create something.

  The important thing in a tutorial is to help the reader achieve something useful, preferably as early as possible, in order to give them confidence.

  Explain the nature of the problem we’re solving, so that the reader understands what we’re trying to achieve. Don’t feel that you need to begin with explanations of how things work - what matters is what the reader does, not what you explain. It can be helpful to refer back to what you’ve done and explain afterwards.
• **Topic guides** aim to explain a concept or subject at a fairly high level.

  Link to reference material rather than repeat it. Use examples and don’t be reluctant to explain things that seem very basic to you - it might be the explanation someone else needs.

  Providing background context helps a newcomer connect the topic to things that they already know.

• **Reference guides** contain technical reference for APIs. They describe the functioning of Django’s internal machinery and instruct in its use.

  Keep reference material tightly focused on the subject. Assume that the reader already understands the basic concepts involved but needs to know or be reminded of how Django does it.

  Reference guides aren’t the place for general explanation. If you find yourself explaining basic concepts, you may want to move that material to a topic guide.

• **How-to guides** are recipes that take the reader through steps in key subjects.

  What matters most in a how-to guide is what a user wants to achieve. A how-to should always be result-oriented rather than focused on internal details of how Django implements whatever is being discussed.

  These guides are more advanced than tutorials and assume some knowledge about how Django works. Assume that the reader has followed the tutorials and don’t hesitate to refer the reader back to the appropriate tutorial rather than repeat the same material.

**Writing style**

When using pronouns in reference to a hypothetical person, such as “a user with a session cookie”, gender neutral pronouns (they/their/them) should be used. Instead of:

• he or she... use they.
• him or her... use them.
• his or her... use their.
• his or hers... use theirs.
• himself or herself... use themselves.

Try to avoid using words that minimize the difficulty involved in a task or operation, such as “easily”, “simply”, “just”, “merely”, “straightforward”, and so on. People’s experience may not match your expectations, and they may become frustrated when they do not find a step as “straightforward” or “simple” as it is implied to be.

**Commonly used terms**

Here are some style guidelines on commonly used terms throughout the documentation:

• **Django** – when referring to the framework, capitalize Django. It is lowercase only in Python code and in the djangoproject.com logo.

• **email** – no hyphen.

• **MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQLite**

• **SQL** – when referring to SQL, the expected pronunciation should be “Ess Queue Ell” and not “sequel”. Thus in a phrase like “Returns an SQL expression”, “SQL” should be preceded by “an” and not “a”.

• **Python** – when referring to the language, capitalize Python.

• **realize, customize, initialize**, etc. – use the American “ize” suffix, not “ise.”
• **subclass** – it’s a single word without a hyphen, both as a verb (“subclass that model”) and as a noun (“create a subclass”).
• **Web, World Wide Web, the Web** – note Web is always capitalized when referring to the World Wide Web.
• **website** – use one word, without capitalization.

**Django-specific terminology**

• **model** – it’s not capitalized.
• **template** – it’s not capitalized.
• **URLconf** – use three capitalized letters, with no space before “conf.”
• **view** – it’s not capitalized.

**Guidelines for reStructuredText files**

These guidelines regulate the format of our reST (reStructuredText) documentation:

• In section titles, capitalize only initial words and proper nouns.
• Wrap the documentation at 80 characters wide, unless a code example is significantly less readable when split over two lines, or for another good reason.
• The main thing to keep in mind as you write and edit docs is that the more semantic markup you can add the better. So:

```plaintext
Add `django.contrib.auth` to your `INSTALLED_APPS`...
```

Isn’t nearly as helpful as:

```plaintext
Add :mod:`django.contrib.auth` to your :setting:`INSTALLED_APPS`...
```

This is because Sphinx will generate proper links for the latter, which greatly helps readers.

You can prefix the target with a ~ (that’s a tilde) to get only the “last bit” of that path. So :mod:`~django.contrib.auth` will display a link with the title “auth”.

• Use **intersphinx** to reference Python’s and Sphinx’ documentation.
• Add .. code-block:: <lang> to literal blocks so that they get highlighted. Prefer relying on automatic highlighting using :: (two colons). This has the benefit that if the code contains some invalid syntax, it won’t be highlighted. Adding .. code-block:: python, for example, will force highlighting despite invalid syntax.
• To improve readability, use .. admonition:: Descriptive title rather than .. note::. Use these boxes sparingly.
• Use these heading styles:

```plaintext
===
One
===

Two
===

Three
```

(continues on next page)
• Use :rfc: to reference RFC and try to link to the relevant section if possible. For example, use :rfc:`2324#section-2.3.2` or :rfc:`Custom link text <2324#section-2.3.2>`.

• Use :pep: to reference a Python Enhancement Proposal (PEP) and try to link to the relevant section if possible. For example, use :pep:`20#easter-egg` or :pep:`Easter Egg <20#easter-egg>`.

• Use :mimetype: to refer to a MIME Type unless the value is quoted for a code example.

• Use :envvar: to refer to an environment variable. You may also need to define a reference to the documentation for that environment variable using .. envvar::.

**Django-specific markup**

Besides Sphinx’s built-in markup, Django’s docs define some extra description units:

• **Settings:**

```
.. setting:: INSTALLED_APPS
```

To link to a setting, use :setting:`INSTALLED_APPS`.

• **Template tags:**

```
.. templatetag:: regroup
```

To link, use :ttag:`regroup`.

• **Template filters:**

```
.. templatefilter:: linebreaksbr
```

To link, use :tfilter:`linebreaksbr`.

• **Field lookups** (i.e. `Foo.objects.filter(bar__exact=whatever)`):

```
.. fieldlookup:: exact
```

To link, use :lookup:`exact`.

• **django-admin commands:**

```
.. django-admin:: migrate
```

To link, use :djadmin:`migrate`.

• **django-admin command-line options:**

```
.. django-admin-option:: --traceback
```

To link, use :option:`command_name --traceback` (or omit command_name for the options shared by all commands like `--verbosity`).
Django’s documentation uses a custom `console` directive for documenting command-line examples involving `django-admin`, `manage.py`, `python`, etc.). In the HTML documentation, it renders a two-tab UI, with one tab showing a Unix-style command prompt and a second tab showing a Windows prompt.

For example, you can replace this fragment:

```plaintext
use this command:
.. code-block:: console
   $ python manage.py shell
```

with this one:

```plaintext
use this command:
.. console::
   $ python manage.py shell
```

Notice two things:

- You usually will replace occurrences of the `.. code-block:: console` directive.
- You don’t need to change the actual content of the code example. You still write it assuming a Unix-y environment (i.e. a `'$'` prompt symbol, `'/'` as filesystem path components separator, etc.)

The example above will render a code example block with two tabs. The first one will show:

```plaintext
$ python manage.py shell
```

(No changes from what `.. code-block:: console` would have rendered).

The second one will show:

```plaintext
...\> py manage.py shell
```

**Documenting new features**

Our policy for new features is:

All documentation of new features should be written in a way that clearly designates the features are only available in the Django development version. Assume documentation readers are using the latest release, not the development version.

Our preferred way for marking new features is by prefacing the features’ documentation with: `.. versionadded:: X.Y`, followed by a mandatory blank line and an optional description (indented).

General improvements, or other changes to the APIs that should be emphasized should use the `.. versionchanged:: X.Y` directive (with the same format as the versionadded mentioned above).

These `versionadded` and `versionchanged` blocks should be “self-contained.” In other words, since we only keep these annotations around for two releases, it’s nice to be able to remove the annotation and its contents without having to reflow, reindent, or edit the surrounding text. For example, instead of putting the entire description of a new or changed feature in a block, do something like this:
.. class:: Author(first_name, last_name, middle_name=None)

   A person who writes books.

   `first_name` is ...

   ...

   `middle_name` is ...

   .. versionchanged:: A.B

      The `middle_name` argument was added.

Put the changed annotation notes at the bottom of a section, not the top.

Also, avoid referring to a specific version of Django outside a versionadded or versionchanged block. Even inside a block, it’s often redundant to do so as these annotations render as “New in Django A.B:” and “Changed in Django A.B”, respectively.

If a function, attribute, etc. is added, it’s also okay to use a versionadded annotation like this:

.. attribute:: Author.middle_name

   .. versionadded:: A.B

   An author’s middle name.

We can remove the .. versionadded:: A.B annotation without any indentation changes when the time comes.

**Minimizing images**

Optimize image compression where possible. For PNG files, use OptiPNG and AdvanceCOMP’s advpng:

```
$ cd docs
$ optipng -o7 -zml-9 -io -strip all `find . -type f -not -path "./_build/*" -name "*.png``
$ advpng -z4 `find . -type f -not -path "./_build/*" -name "*.png`
```

This is based on OptiPNG version 0.7.5. Older versions may complain about the --strip all option being lossy.

**An example**

For a quick example of how it all fits together, consider this hypothetical example:

- First, the ref/settings.txt document could have an overall layout like this:

  ========
  Settings
  ========

  ...

  .. _available-settings:

  Available settings
• Next, the `topics/settings.txt` document could contain something like this:

```text
You can access a :ref:`listing of all available settings <available-settings>`. For a list of deprecated settings see :
ref:`deprecated-settings`
.
You can find both in the :doc:`settings reference document <ref/settings>`.
```

We use the Sphinx doc cross reference element when we want to link to another document as a whole and the ref element when we want to link to an arbitrary location in a document.

• Next, notice how the settings are annotated:

```text
.. setting:: ADMINS

ADMINS

Default: `[]` (Empty list)

A list of all the people who get code error notifications. When
`DEBUG=False` and a view raises an exception, Django will email these people
with the full exception information. Each member of the list should be a tuple
of (Full name, email address). Example::

    [('John', 'john@example.com'), ('Mary', 'mary@example.com')]

Note that Django will email *all* of these people whenever an error happens.
See :doc:`/howto/error-reporting` for more information.
```

This marks up the following header as the “canonical” target for the setting ADMINS. This means any time I talk about ADMINS, I can reference it using :setting:`ADMINS`.

That’s basically how everything fits together.

### Spelling check

Before you commit your docs, it’s a good idea to run the spelling checker. You’ll need to install sphinxcontrib-spelling first. Then from the `docs` directory, run `make spelling`. Wrong words (if any) along with the file and line number where they occur will be saved to `_build/spelling/output.txt`.

If you encounter false-positives (error output that actually is correct), do one of the following:

- Surround inline code or brand/technology names with grave accents (``).
- Find synonyms that the spell checker recognizes.

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• If, and only if, you are sure the word you are using is correct - add it to docs/spelling_wordlist (please keep the list in alphabetical order).

Translating documentation

See Localizing the Django documentation if you’d like to help translate the documentation into another language.

django-admin man page

Sphinx can generate a manual page for the django-admin command. This is configured in docs/conf.py. Unlike other documentation output, this man page should be included in the Django repository and the releases as docs/man/django-admin.1. There isn’t a need to update this file when updating the documentation, as it’s updated once as part of the release process.

To generate an updated version of the man page, run make man in the docs directory. The new man page will be written in docs/_build/man/django-admin.1.

10.1.6 Localizing Django

Various parts of Django, such as the admin site and validation error messages, are internationalized. This means they display differently depending on each user’s language or country. For this, Django uses the same internationalization and localization infrastructure available to Django applications, described in the i18n documentation.

Translations

Translations are contributed by Django users worldwide. The translation work is coordinated at Transifex.

If you find an incorrect translation or want to discuss specific translations, go to the Django project page. If you would like to help out with translating or add a language that isn’t yet translated, here’s what to do:

• Join the Django i18n mailing list and introduce yourself.
• Make sure you read the notes about Specialties of Django translation.
• Sign up at Transifex and visit the Django project page.
• On the Django project page, choose the language you want to work on, or – in case the language doesn’t exist yet – request a new language team by clicking on the “Request language” link and selecting the appropriate language.
• Then, click the “Join this Team” button to become a member of this team. Every team has at least one coordinator who is responsible to review your membership request. You can also contact the team coordinator to clarify procedural problems and handle the actual translation process.
• Once you are a member of a team choose the translation resource you want to update on the team page. For example the “core” resource refers to the translation catalog that contains all non-contrib translations. Each of the contrib apps also have a resource (prefixed with “contrib”).

Note: For more information about how to use Transifex, read the Transifex User Guide.

Translations from Transifex are only integrated into the Django repository at the time of a new feature release. We try to update them a second time during one of the following patch releases, but that depends on the translation manager’s availability. So don’t miss the string freeze period (between the release candidate and the feature release) to take the opportunity to complete and fix the translations for your language!
Formats

You can also review `conf/locale/<locale>/formats.py`. This file describes the date, time and numbers formatting particularities of your locale. See Format localization for details.

The format files aren’t managed by the use of Transifex. To change them, you must create a patch against the Django source tree, as for any code change:

- Create a diff against the current Git master branch.
- Open a ticket in Django’s ticket system, set its Component field to Translations, and attach the patch to it.

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There is also an opportunity to translate the documentation, though this is a huge undertaking to complete entirely (you have been warned!). We use the same Transifex tool. The translations will appear at https://docs.djangoproject.com/<language_code>/ when at least the docs/intro/* files are fully translated in your language.

Once translations are published, updated versions from Transifex will be irregularly ported to the django/django-docs-translations repository and to the documentation website. Only translations for the latest stable Django release are updated.

10.1.7 Committing code

This section is addressed to the committers and to anyone interested in knowing how code gets committed into Django. If you’re a community member who wants to contribute code to Django, look at Working with Git and GitHub instead.

Handling pull requests

Since Django is hosted on GitHub, patches are provided in the form of pull requests.

When committing a pull request, make sure each individual commit matches the commit guidelines described below. Contributors are expected to provide the best pull requests possible. In practice however, committers - who will likely be more familiar with the commit guidelines - may decide to bring a commit up to standard themselves.

You may want to have Jenkins test the pull request with one of the pull request builders that doesn’t run automatically, such as Oracle or Selenium. See the Jenkins wiki page for instructions.

If you find yourself checking out pull requests locally more often, this git alias will be helpful:

```
[alias]
pr = !sh -c "git fetch upstream pull/${1}/head:pr/${1} && git checkout pr/${1}"
```

Add it to your `~/gitconfig`, and set upstream to be django/django. Then you can run `git pr ####` to checkout the corresponding pull request.

At this point, you can work on the code. Use `git rebase -i` and `git commit --amend` to make sure the commits have the expected level of quality. Once you’re ready:

```bash
$ # Pull in the latest changes from master.
$ git checkout master
$ git pull upstream master
$ # Rebase the pull request on master.
$ git checkout pr/####
```

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Force push to the branch after rebasing on master but before merging and pushing to upstream. This allows the commit hashes on master and the branch to match which automatically closes the pull request.

If a pull request doesn’t need to be merged as multiple commits, you can use GitHub’s “Squash and merge” button on the website. Edit the commit message as needed to conform to the guidelines and remove the pull request number that’s automatically appended to the message’s first line.

When rewriting the commit history of a pull request, the goal is to make Django’s commit history as usable as possible:

- If a patch contains back-and-forth commits, then rewrite those into one. For example, if a commit adds some code and a second commit fixes stylistic issues introduced in the first commit, those commits should be squashed before merging.
- Separate changes to different commits by logical grouping: if you do a stylistic cleanup at the same time as you do other changes to a file, separating the changes into two different commits will make reviewing history easier.
- Beware of merges of upstream branches in the pull requests.
- Tests should pass and docs should build after each commit. Neither the tests nor the docs should emit warnings.
- Trivial and small patches usually are best done in one commit. Medium to large work may be split into multiple commits if it makes sense.

Practicality beats purity, so it is up to each committer to decide how much history mangling to do for a pull request. The main points are engaging the community, getting work done, and having a usable commit history.

**Committing guidelines**

In addition, please follow the following guidelines when committing code to Django’s Git repository:

- Never change the published history of django/django branches by force pushing. If you absolutely must (for security reasons for example), first discuss the situation with the team.
- For any medium-to-big changes, where “medium-to-big” is according to your judgment, please bring things up on the django-developers mailing list before making the change.

  If you bring something up on django-developers and nobody responds, please don’t take that to mean your idea is great and should be implemented immediately because nobody contested it. Everyone doesn’t always have a lot of time to read mailing list discussions immediately, so you may have to wait a couple of days before getting a response.
- Write detailed commit messages in the past tense, not present tense.
  - Good: “Fixed Unicode bug in RSS API.”
  - Bad: “Fixes Unicode bug in RSS API.”
– Bad: “Fixing Unicode bug in RSS API.”

The commit message should be in lines of 72 chars maximum. There should be a subject line, separated by a blank line and then paragraphs of 72 char lines. The limits are soft. For the subject line, shorter is better. In the body of the commit message more detail is better than less:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fixed #18307 -- Added git workflow guidelines.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Refactored the Django’s documentation to remove mentions of SVN specific tasks. Added guidelines of how to use Git, GitHub, and how to use pull request together with Trac instead.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Credit the contributors in the commit message: “Thanks A for the report and B for review.” Use git’s Co-Authored-By as appropriate.

• For commits to a branch, prefix the commit message with the branch name. For example: “[1.4.x] Fixed #xxxxx – Added support for mind reading.”

• Limit commits to the most granular change that makes sense. This means, use frequent small commits rather than infrequent large commits. For example, if implementing feature X requires a small change to library Y, first commit the change to library Y, then commit feature X in a separate commit. This goes a long way in helping everyone follow your changes.

• Separate bug fixes from feature changes. Bugfixes may need to be backported to the stable branch, according to Supported versions.

• If your commit closes a ticket in the Django ticket tracker, begin your commit message with the text “Fixed #xxxxx”, where “xxxxx” is the number of the ticket your commit fixes. Example: “Fixed #123 – Added whizbang feature.”. We’ve rigged Trac so that any commit message in that format will automatically close the referenced ticket and post a comment to it with the full commit message.

For the curious, we’re using a Trac plugin for this.

Note: Note that the Trac integration doesn’t know anything about pull requests. So if you try to close a pull request with the phrase “closes #400” in your commit message, GitHub will close the pull request, but the Trac plugin will also close the same numbered ticket in Trac.

• If your commit references a ticket in the Django ticket tracker but does not close the ticket, include the phrase “Refs #xxxxx”, where “xxxxx” is the number of the ticket your commit references. This will automatically post a comment to the appropriate ticket.

• Write commit messages for backports using this pattern:

   [<<Django version>>] Fixed <ticket> -- <description>

   Backport of <revision> from <branch>.

For example:

   [1.3.x] Fixed #17028 -- Changed diveintopython.org -> diveintopython.net.

   Backport of 80c0cbf1c97047daed2c5b41b296bbc56fe1d7e3 from master.

There’s a script on the wiki to automate this.

If the commit fixes a regression, include this in the commit message:

   Regression in 6ecccad711b52f9273b1acb07a57d3f806e93928.
(use the commit hash where the regression was introduced).

Reverting commits

Nobody’s perfect; mistakes will be committed.

But try very hard to ensure that mistakes don’t happen. Just because we have a reversion policy doesn’t relax your responsibility to aim for the highest quality possible. Really: double-check your work, or have it checked by another committer, before you commit it in the first place!

When a mistaken commit is discovered, please follow these guidelines:

• If possible, have the original author revert their own commit.
• Don’t revert another author’s changes without permission from the original author.
• Use git revert – this will make a reverse commit, but the original commit will still be part of the commit history.
• If the original author can’t be reached (within a reasonable amount of time – a day or so) and the problem is severe – crashing bug, major test failures, etc. – then ask for objections on the django-developers mailing list then revert if there are none.
• If the problem is small (a feature commit after feature freeze, say), wait it out.
• If there’s a disagreement between the committer and the reverter-to-be then try to work it out on the django-developers mailing list. If an agreement can’t be reached then it should be put to a vote.
• If the commit introduced a confirmed, disclosed security vulnerability then the commit may be reverted immediately without permission from anyone.
• The release branch maintainer may back out commits to the release branch without permission if the commit breaks the release branch.
• If you mistakenly push a topic branch to django/django, delete it. For instance, if you did: git push upstream feature_antigravity, do a reverse push: git push upstream :feature_antigravity.

10.2 Mailing lists

Important: Please report security issues only to security@djangoproject.com. This is a private list only open to long-time, highly trusted Django developers, and its archives are not public. For further details, please see our security policies.

Django has several official mailing lists on Google Groups that are open to anyone.

10.2.1 django-users

This is the right place if you are looking to ask any question regarding the installation, usage, or debugging of Django.

Note: If it’s the first time you send an email to this list, your email must be accepted first so don’t worry if your message does not appear instantly.

• django-users mailing archive
• django-users subscription email address
• django-users posting email

10.2.2 django-core-mentorship

The Django Core Mentorship list is intended to provide a welcoming introductory environment for community members interested in contributing to the Django Project.

• django-core-mentorship mailing archive
• django-core-mentorship subscription email address
• django-core-mentorship posting email

10.2.3 django-developers

The discussion about the development of Django itself takes place here.

Before asking a question about how to contribute, read Contributing to Django. Many frequently asked questions are answered there.

Note: Please make use of django-users mailing list if you want to ask for tech support, doing so in this list is inappropriate.

• django-developers mailing archive
• django-developers subscription email address
• django-developers posting email

10.2.4 django-i18n

This is the place to discuss the internationalization and localization of Django’s components.

• django-i18n mailing archive
• django-i18n subscription email address
• django-i18n posting email

10.2.5 django-announce

A (very) low-traffic list for announcing upcoming security releases, new releases of Django, and security advisories.

• django-announce mailing archive
• django-announce subscription email address
• django-announce posting email
10.2.6 django-updates

All the ticket updates are mailed automatically to this list, which is tracked by developers and interested community members.

- django-updates mailing archive
- django-updates subscription email address
- django-updates posting email

10.3 Organization of the Django Project

10.3.1 Principles

The Django Project is managed by a team of volunteers pursuing three goals:

- Driving the development of the Django Web Framework,
- Fostering the ecosystem of Django-related software,
- Leading the Django community in accordance with the values described in the Django Code of Conduct.

The Django Project isn’t a legal entity. The Django Software Foundation, a non-profit organization, handles financial and legal matters related to the Django Project. Other than that, the Django Software Foundation lets the Django Project manage the development of the Django framework, its ecosystem and its community.

The Django core team makes the decisions, nominates its new members, and elects its technical board. While it holds decision power in theory, it aims at using it as rarely as possible in practice. Rough consensus should be the norm and formal voting an exception.

10.3.2 Core team

Role

The core team is the group of trusted volunteers who manage the Django Project. They assume many roles required to achieve the project’s goals, especially those that require a high level of trust. They make the decisions that shape the future of the project.

Core team members are expected to act as role models for the community and custodians of the project, on behalf of the community and all those who rely on Django.

They will intervene, where necessary, in online discussions or at official Django events on the rare occasions that a situation arises that requires intervention.

They have authority over the Django Project infrastructure, including the Django Project website itself, the Django GitHub organization and repositories, the Trac bug tracker, the mailing lists, IRC channels, etc.

Prerogatives

Core team members may participate in formal votes, typically to nominate new team members and to elect the technical board.

Some contributions don’t require commit access. Depending on the reasons why a contributor joins the team, they may or may not have commit permissions to the Django code repository.
However, should the need arise, any team member may ask for commit access by writing to the core team’s mailing list. Access will be granted unless the person withdraws their request or the technical board vetoes the proposal. Core team members who have commit access are referred to as “committers” or “core developers”.

Other permissions, such as access to the servers, are granted to those who need them through the same process.

**Membership**

Django team members demonstrate:

- a good grasp of the philosophy of the Django Project
- a solid track record of being constructive and helpful
- significant contributions to the project’s goals, in any form
- willingness to dedicate some time to improving Django

As the project matures, contributions go way beyond code. Here’s an incomplete list of areas where contributions may be considered for joining the core team, in no particular order:

- Working on community management and outreach
- Providing support on the mailing-lists and on IRC
- Triaging tickets
- Writing patches (code, docs, or tests)
- Reviewing patches (code, docs, or tests)
- Participating in design decisions
- Providing expertise in a particular domain (security, i18n, etc.)
- Managing the continuous integration infrastructure
- Managing the servers (website, tracker, documentation, etc.)
- Maintaining related projects (djangoproject.com site, ex-contrib apps, etc.)
- Creating visual designs

Very few areas are reserved to core team members:

- Reviewing security reports
- Merging patches (code, docs, or tests)
- Packaging releases

Core team membership acknowledges sustained and valuable efforts that align well with the philosophy and the goals of the Django Project.

It is granted by a four fifths majority of votes cast in a core team vote and no veto by the technical board.

Core team members are always looking for promising contributors, teaching them how the project is managed, and submitting their names to the core team’s vote when they’re ready. If you would like to join the core team, you can contact a core team member privately or ask for guidance on the [Django Core Mentorship mailing-list](mailto:). There’s no time limit on core team membership. However, in order to provide the general public with a reasonable idea of how many people maintain Django, core team members who have stopped contributing are encouraged to declare themselves as “past team members”. Those who haven’t made any non-trivial contribution in two years may be asked to move themselves to this category, and moved there if they don’t respond. Past team members lose their privileges such as voting rights and commit access.
10.3.3 Technical board

Role

The technical board is a group of experienced and active committers who steer technical choices. Their main concern is to maintain the quality and stability of the Django Web Framework.

Prerogatives

The technical board holds two prerogatives:

- Making major technical decisions when no consensus is found otherwise. This happens on the django-developers mailing-list.
- Veto a grant of commit access or remove commit access. This happens on the django-core mailing-list.

In both cases, the technical board is a last resort. In these matters, it fulfills a similar function to the former Benevolent Dictators For Life.

When the board wants to exercise one of these prerogatives, it must hold a private, simple majority vote on the resolution. The quorum is the full committee — each member must cast a vote or abstain explicitly. Then the board communicates the result, and if possible the reasons, on the appropriate mailing-list. There’s no appeal for such decisions.

In addition, at its discretion, the technical board may act in an advisory capacity on non-technical decisions.

Membership

The technical board is an elected group of five committers. They’re expected to be experienced but there’s no formal seniority requirement.

A new board is elected after each feature release of Django. The election process is managed by a returns officer nominated by the outgoing technical board. The election process works as follows:

1. Candidates advertise their application for the technical board to the team.
   They must be committers already. There’s no term limit for technical board members.
2. Each team member can vote for zero to five people among the candidates. Candidates are ranked by the total number of votes they received.
   In case of a tie, the person who joined the core team earlier wins.

Both the application and the voting period last between one and two weeks, at the outgoing board’s discretion.

10.3.4 Changing the organization

Changes to this document require a four fifths majority of votes cast in a core team vote and no veto by the technical board.

10.4 Django’s security policies

Django’s development team is strongly committed to responsible reporting and disclosure of security-related issues. As such, we’ve adopted and follow a set of policies which conform to that ideal and are geared toward allowing us to deliver timely security updates to the official distribution of Django, as well as to third-party distributions.
10.4.1 Reporting security issues

Short version: please report security issues by emailing security@djangoproject.com.

Most normal bugs in Django are reported to our public Trac instance, but due to the sensitive nature of security issues, we ask that they not be publicly reported in this fashion.

Instead, if you believe you’ve found something in Django which has security implications, please send a description of the issue via email to security@djangoproject.com. Mail sent to that address reaches the security team.

Once you’ve submitted an issue via email, you should receive an acknowledgment from a member of the security team within 48 hours, and depending on the action to be taken, you may receive further followup emails.

Sending encrypted reports

If you want to send an encrypted email (optional), the public key ID for security@djangoproject.com is 0xfcb84b8d1d17f80b, and this public key is available from most commonly-used keyservers.

10.4.2 Supported versions

At any given time, the Django team provides official security support for several versions of Django:

- The master development branch, hosted on GitHub, which will become the next major release of Django, receives security support. Security issues that only affect the master development branch and not any stable released versions are fixed in public without going through the disclosure process.
- The two most recent Django release series receive security support. For example, during the development cycle leading to the release of Django 1.5, support will be provided for Django 1.4 and Django 1.3. Upon the release of Django 1.5, Django 1.3’s security support will end.
- Long-term support releases will receive security updates for a specified period.

When new releases are issued for security reasons, the accompanying notice will include a list of affected versions. This list is comprised solely of supported versions of Django: older versions may also be affected, but we do not investigate to determine that, and will not issue patches or new releases for those versions.

10.4.3 How Django discloses security issues

Our process for taking a security issue from private discussion to public disclosure involves multiple steps.

Approximately one week before public disclosure, we send two notifications:

First, we notify django-announce of the date and approximate time of the upcoming security release, as well as the severity of the issues. This is to aid organizations that need to ensure they have staff available to handle triaging our announcement and upgrade Django as needed. Severity levels are:

High:
- Remote code execution
- SQL injection

Moderate:
- Cross site scripting (XSS)
- Cross site request forgery (CSRF)
- Denial-of-service attacks
• Broken authentication

Low:
• Sensitive data exposure
• Broken session management
• Unvalidated redirects/forwards
• Issues requiring an uncommon configuration option

Second, we notify a list of people and organizations, primarily composed of operating-system vendors and other distributors of Django. This email is signed with the PGP key of someone from Django’s release team and consists of:

• A full description of the issue and the affected versions of Django.
• The steps we will be taking to remedy the issue.
• The patch(es), if any, that will be applied to Django.
• The date on which the Django team will apply these patches, issue new releases and publicly disclose the issue.

On the day of disclosure, we will take the following steps:

1. Apply the relevant patch(es) to Django’s codebase.
2. Issue the relevant release(s), by placing new packages on the Python Package Index and on the Django website, and tagging the new release(s) in Django’s git repository.
3. Post a public entry on the official Django development blog, describing the issue and its resolution in detail, pointing to the relevant patches and new releases, and crediting the reporter of the issue (if the reporter wishes to be publicly identified).
4. Post a notice to the django-announce and oss-security@lists.openwall.com mailing lists that links to the blog post.

If a reported issue is believed to be particularly time-sensitive – due to a known exploit in the wild, for example – the time between advance notification and public disclosure may be shortened considerably.

Additionally, if we have reason to believe that an issue reported to us affects other frameworks or tools in the Python/web ecosystem, we may privately contact and discuss those issues with the appropriate maintainers, and coordinate our own disclosure and resolution with theirs.

The Django team also maintains an archive of security issues disclosed in Django.

10.4.4 Who receives advance notification

The full list of people and organizations who receive advance notification of security issues is not and will not be made public.

We also aim to keep this list as small as effectively possible, in order to better manage the flow of confidential information prior to disclosure. As such, our notification list is not simply a list of users of Django, and being a user of Django is not sufficient reason to be placed on the notification list.

In broad terms, recipients of security notifications fall into three groups:

1. Operating-system vendors and other distributors of Django who provide a suitably-generic (i.e., not an individual’s personal email address) contact address for reporting issues with their Django package, or for general security reporting. In either case, such addresses must not forward to public mailing lists or bug trackers. Addresses which forward to the private email of an individual maintainer or security-response contact are acceptable, although private security trackers or security-response groups are strongly preferred.
2. On a case-by-case basis, individual package maintainers who have demonstrated a commitment to responding to and responsibly acting on these notifications.

3. On a case-by-case basis, other entities who, in the judgment of the Django development team, need to be made aware of a pending security issue. Typically, membership in this group will consist of some of the largest and/or most likely to be severely impacted known users or distributors of Django, and will require a demonstrated ability to responsibly receive, keep confidential and act on these notifications.

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**Security audit and scanning entities**

As a policy, we do not add these types of entities to the notification list.

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### 10.4.5 Requesting notifications

If you believe that you, or an organization you are authorized to represent, fall into one of the groups listed above, you can ask to be added to Django’s notification list by emailing security@djangoproject.com. Please use the subject line “Security notification request”.

Your request **must** include the following information:

- Your full, real name and the name of the organization you represent, if applicable, as well as your role within that organization.
- A detailed explanation of how you or your organization fit at least one set of criteria listed above.
- A detailed explanation of why you are requesting security notifications. Again, please keep in mind that this is *not* simply a list for users of Django, and the overwhelming majority of users should subscribe to django-announce to receive advanced notice of when a security release will happen, without the details of the issues, rather than request detailed notifications.
- The email address you would like to have added to our notification list.
- An explanation of who will be receiving/reviewing mail sent to that address, as well as information regarding any automated actions that will be taken (i.e., filing of a confidential issue in a bug tracker).
- For individuals, the ID of a public key associated with your address which can be used to verify email received from you and encrypt email sent to you, as needed.

Once submitted, your request will be considered by the Django development team; you will receive a reply notifying you of the result of your request within 30 days.

Please also bear in mind that for any individual or organization, receiving security notifications is a privilege granted at the sole discretion of the Django development team, and that this privilege can be revoked at any time, with or without explanation.

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**Provide all required information**

A failure to provide the required information in your initial contact will count against you when making the decision on whether or not to approve your request.
10.5 Django’s release process

10.5.1 Official releases

Since version 1.0, Django’s release numbering works as follows:

- Versions are numbered in the form A.B or A.B.C.
  - A.B is the **feature release** version number. Each version will be mostly backwards compatible with the previous release. Exceptions to this rule will be listed in the release notes.
  - C is the **patch release** version number, which is incremented for bugfix and security releases. These releases will be 100% backwards-compatible with the previous patch release. The only exception is when a security or data loss issue can’t be fixed without breaking backwards-compatibility. If this happens, the release notes will provide detailed upgrade instructions.
  - Before a new feature release, we’ll make alpha, beta, and release candidate releases. These are of the form A.B alpha/beta/rc N, which means the Nth alpha/beta/release candidate of version A.B.

In git, each Django release will have a tag indicating its version number, signed with the Django release key. Additionally, each release series has its own branch, called `stable/A.B.x`, and bugfix/security releases will be issued from those branches.

For more information about how the Django project issues new releases for security purposes, please see our security policies.

**Feature release** Feature releases (A.B, A.B+1, etc.) will happen roughly every eight months – see release process for details. These releases will contain new features, improvements to existing features, and such.

**Patch release** Patch releases (A.B.C, A.B.C+1, etc.) will be issued as needed, to fix bugs and/or security issues.

These releases will be 100% compatible with the associated feature release, unless this is impossible for security reasons or to prevent data loss. So the answer to “should I upgrade to the latest patch release?” will always be “yes.”

**Long-term support release** Certain feature releases will be designated as long-term support (LTS) releases. These releases will get security and data loss fixes applied for a guaranteed period of time, typically three years.

See the download page for the releases that have been designated for long-term support.

10.5.2 Release cadence

Starting with Django 2.0, version numbers will use a loose form of semantic versioning such that each version following an LTS will bump to the next “dot zero” version. For example: 2.0, 2.1, 2.2 (LTS), 3.0, 3.1, 3.2 (LTS), etc.

SemVer makes it easier to see at a glance how compatible releases are with each other. It also helps to anticipate when compatibility shims will be removed. It’s not a pure form of SemVer as each feature release will continue to have a few documented backwards incompatibilities where a deprecation path isn’t possible or not worth the cost. Also, deprecations started in an LTS release (X.2) will be dropped in a non-dot-zero release (Y.1) to accommodate our policy of keeping deprecation shims for at least two feature releases. Read on to the next section for an example.

10.5.3 Deprecation policy

A feature release may deprecate certain features from previous releases. If a feature is deprecated in feature release A.x, it will continue to work in all A.x versions (for all versions of x) but raise warnings. Deprecated features will be removed in the B.0 release, or B.1 for features deprecated in the last A.x feature release to ensure deprecations are done over at least 2 feature releases.
So, for example, if we decided to start the deprecation of a function in Django 4.2:

- Django 4.2 will contain a backwards-compatible replica of the function which will raise a `RemovedInDjango51Warning`.
- Django 5.0 (the version that follows 4.2) will still contain the backwards-compatible replica.
- Django 5.1 will remove the feature outright.

The warnings are silent by default. You can turn on display of these warnings with the `python -Wd` option.

A more generic example:

- X.0
- X.1
- X.2 LTS
  - Y.0: Drop deprecation shims added in X.0 and X.1.
  - Y.1: Drop deprecation shims added in X.2.
  - Y.2 LTS: No deprecation shims dropped (while Y.0 is no longer supported, third-party apps need to maintain compatibility back to X.2 LTS to ease LTS to LTS upgrades).
- Z.0: Drop deprecation shims added in Y.0 and Y.1.

See also the [Deprecating a feature](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/topics/releases/) guide.

### 10.5.4 Supported versions

At any moment in time, Django’s developer team will support a set of releases to varying levels. See the [supported versions](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.1/releases/) section of the download page for the current state of support for each version.

- The current development master will get new features and bug fixes requiring non-trivial refactoring.
- Patches applied to the master branch must also be applied to the last feature release branch, to be released in the next patch release of that feature series, when they fix critical problems:
  - Security issues.
  - Data loss bugs.
  - Crashing bugs.
  - Major functionality bugs in new features of the latest stable release.
  - Regressions from older versions of Django introduced in the current release series.

The rule of thumb is that fixes will be backported to the last feature release for bugs that would have prevented a release in the first place (release blockers).

- Security fixes and data loss bugs will be applied to the current master, the last two feature release branches, and any other supported long-term support release branches.
- Documentation fixes generally will be more freely backported to the last release branch. That’s because it’s highly advantageous to have the docs for the last release be up-to-date and correct, and the risk of introducing regressions is much less of a concern.

As a concrete example, consider a moment in time halfway between the release of Django 5.1 and 5.2. At this point in time:

- Features will be added to development master, to be released as Django 5.2.
- Critical bug fixes will be applied to the `stable/5.1.x` branch, and released as 5.1.1, 5.1.2, etc.
• Security fixes and bug fixes for data loss issues will be applied to master and to the stable/5.1.x,
  stable/5.0.x, and stable/4.2.x (LTS) branches. They will trigger the release of 5.1.1, 5.0.5,
  4.2.8, etc.

• Documentation fixes will be applied to master, and, if easily backported, to the latest stable branch, 5.1.x.

10.5.5 Release process

Django uses a time-based release schedule, with feature releases every eight months or so.

After each feature release, the release manager will announce a timeline for the next feature release.

Release cycle

Each release cycle consists of three parts:

Phase one: feature proposal

The first phase of the release process will include figuring out what major features to include in the next version. This
should include a good deal of preliminary work on those features – working code trumps grand design.

Major features for an upcoming release will be added to the wiki roadmap page, e.g. https://code.djangoproject.com/
wiki/Version1.11Roadmap.

Phase two: development

The second part of the release schedule is the “heads-down” working period. Using the roadmap produced at the end
of phase one, we’ll all work very hard to get everything on it done.

At the end of phase two, any unfinished features will be postponed until the next release.

Phase two will culminate with an alpha release. At this point, the stable/A.B.x branch will be forked from
master.

Phase three: bugfixes

The last part of a release cycle is spent fixing bugs – no new features will be accepted during this time. We’ll try to
release a beta release one month after the alpha and a release candidate one month after the beta.

The release candidate marks the string freeze, and it happens at least two weeks before the final release. After this
point, new translatable strings must not be added.

During this phase, committers will be more and more conservative with backports, to avoid introducing regressions.
After the release candidate, only release blockers and documentation fixes should be backported.

In parallel to this phase, master can receive new features, to be released in the A.B+1 cycle.

Bug-fix releases

After a feature release (e.g. A.B), the previous release will go into bugfix mode.

The branch for the previous feature release (e.g. stable/A.B-1.x) will include bugfixes. Critical bugs fixed on
master must also be fixed on the bugfix branch; this means that commits need to cleanly separate bug fixes from feature
additions. The developer who commits a fix to master will be responsible for also applying the fix to the current bugfix branch.

## 10.6 Django Deprecation Timeline

This document outlines when various pieces of Django will be removed or altered in a backward incompatible way, following their deprecation, as per the deprecation policy. More details about each item can often be found in the release notes of two versions prior.

### 10.6.1 4.0

See the Django 3.0 release notes for more details on these changes.

- `django.utils.http.urlquote()`, `urlquote_plus()`, `urlunquote()`, and `urlunquote_plus()` will be removed.
- `django.utils.encoding.force_text()` and `smart_text()` will be removed.
- `django.utils.translation.ugettext()`, `ugettext_lazy()`, `ugettext_noop()`, `ungettext()`, and `ungettext_lazy()` will be removed.
- `django.views.i18n.set_language()` will no longer set the user language in `request.session` (key `django.utils.translation.LANGUAGE_SESSION_KEY`).
- `alias=None` will be required in the signature of `django.db.models.Expression.get_group_by_cols()` subclasses.
- `django.utils.text.unescape_entities()` will be removed.
- `django.utils.http.is_safe_url()` will be removed.

See the Django 3.1 release notes for more details on these changes.

- The `PASSWORD_RESET_TIMEOUT_DAYS` setting will be removed.
- The undocumented usage of the `isnull` lookup with non-boolean values as the right-hand side will no longer be allowed.
- The `django.db.models.query_utils.InvalidQuery` exception class will be removed.
- The `django-admin.py` entry point will be removed.
- The `HttpRequest.is_ajax()` method will be removed.
- Support for the pre-Django 3.1 encoding format of cookies values used by `django.contrib.messages.storage.cookie.CookieStorage` will be removed.
- Support for the pre-Django 3.1 password reset tokens in the admin site (that use the SHA-1 hashing algorithm) will be removed.
- Support for the pre-Django 3.1 encoding format of sessions will be removed.
- Support for the pre-Django 3.1 `django.core.signing.Signer` signatures (encoded with the SHA-1 algorithm) will be removed.
- Support for the pre-Django 3.1 `django.core.signing.dumps()` signatures (encoded with the SHA-1 algorithm) in `django.core.signing.loads()` will be removed.
- Support for the pre-Django 3.1 user sessions (that use the SHA-1 algorithm) will be removed.
• The get_request argument for django.utils.deprecation.MiddlewareMixin.__init__() will be required and won’t accept None.
• The providing_args argument for django.dispatch.Signal will be removed.
• The length argument for django.utils.crypto.get_random_string() will be required.
• The list message for ModelMultipleChoiceField will be removed.
• Support for passing raw column aliases to QuerySet.order_by() will be removed.
• The model NullBooleanField will be removed. A stub field will remain for compatibility with historical migrations.
• django.conf.urls.url() will be removed.
• The model django.contrib.postgres.fields.JSONField will be removed. A stub field will remain for compatibility with historical migrations.
• django.conf.urls.url() will be removed.
• The model django.contrib.postgres.forms.JSONField, django.contrib.postgres.fields.jsonb.KeyTransform, and django.contrib.postgres.fields.jsonb.KeyTextTransform will be removed.
• The {% ifequal %} and {% ifnotequal %} template tags will be removed.
• The DEFAULT_HASHING_ALGORITHM transitional setting will be removed.

10.6.2 3.1

See the Django 2.2 release notes for more details on these changes.
• django.utils.timezone.FixedOffset will be removed.
• django.core.paginator.QuerySetPaginator will be removed.
• A model’s Meta.ordering will no longer affect GROUP BY queries.
• django.contrib.postgres.fields.FloatRangeField and django.contrib.postgres.forms.FloatRangeField will be removed.
• The FILE_CHARSET setting will be removed.
• django.contrib.staticfiles.storage.CachedStaticFilesStorage will be removed.
• RemoteUserBackend.configure_user() will require request as the first positional argument.
• Support for SimpleTestCase.allow_database_queries and TransactionTestCase.multi_db will be removed.

10.6.3 3.0

See the Django 2.0 release notes for more details on these changes.
• The django.db.backends.postgresql_psycopg2 module will be removed.
• django.shortcuts.render_to_response() will be removed.
• The DEFAULT_CONTENT_TYPE setting will be removed.
• HttpRequest.xreadlines() will be removed.
• Support for the context argument of Field.from_db_value() and Expression.convert_value() will be removed.
• The field_name keyword argument of QuerySet.earliest() and latest() will be removed.

See the Django 2.1 release notes for more details on these changes.

• django.contrib.gis.db.models.functions.ForceRHR will be removed.
• django.utils.http.cookie_date() will be removed.
• The staticfiles and admin_static template tag libraries will be removed.
• django.contrib.staticfiles.templatetags.static() will be removed.
• The shim to allow InlineModelAdmin.has_add_permission() to be defined without an obj argument will be removed.

10.6.4 2.1

See the Django 1.11 release notes for more details on these changes.

• contrib.auth.views.login(), logout(), password_change(), password_change_done(), password_reset(), password_reset_done(), password_reset_confirm(), and password_reset_complete() will be removed.
• The extra_context parameter of contrib.auth.views.logout_then_login() will be removed.
• django.test.runner.setup_databases() will be removed.
• django.utils.translation.string_concat() will be removed.
• django.core.cache.backends.memcached.PyLibMCCache will no longer support passing pylibmc behavior settings as top-level attributes of OPTIONS.
• The host parameter of django.utils.http.is_safe_url() will be removed.
• Silencing of exceptions raised while rendering the {% include %} template tag will be removed.
• DatabaseIntrospection.get_indexes() will be removed.
• The authenticate() method of authentication backends will require request as the first positional argument.
• The django.db.models/permalink() decorator will be removed.
• The USE_ETAGS setting will be removed. CommonMiddleware and django.utils.cache.patch_response_headers() will no longer set ETags.
• The Model._meta.has_auto_field attribute will be removed.
• url()’s support for inline flags in regular expression groups ((?i), (?L), (?m), (?s), and (?u)) will be removed.
• Support for Widget.render() methods without the renderer argument will be removed.

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See the Django 1.9 release notes for more details on these changes.

• The weak argument to django.dispatch.signals.Signal.disconnect() will be removed.
• django.db.backends.base.BaseDatabaseOperations.check_aggregate_support() will be removed.
• The django.formsextras package will be removed.
• The `assignment_tag` helper will be removed.
• The `host` argument to `assertsRedirects` will be removed. The compatibility layer which allows absolute URLs to be considered equal to relative ones when the path is identical will also be removed.
• `Field.rel` will be removed.
• `Field.remote_field.to` attribute will be removed.
• The `on_delete` argument for `ForeignKey` and `OneToOneField` will be required.
• `django.db.models.fields.add_lazy_relation()` will be removed.
• When time zone support is enabled, database backends that don’t support time zones won’t convert aware datetimes to naive values in UTC anymore when such values are passed as parameters to SQL queries executed outside of the ORM, e.g. with `cursor.execute()`.
• The `django.contrib.auth.tests.utils.skipIfCustomUser()` decorator will be removed.
• The `GeoManager` and `GeoQuerySet` classes will be removed.
• The `django.contrib.gis.geoip` module will be removed.
• The supports_recursion check for template loaders will be removed from:
  - `django.template.engine.Engine.find_template()`
  - `django.template.loader_tags.ExtendsNode.find_template()`
  - `django.template.loaders.base.Loader.supports_recursion()`
  - `django.template.loaders.cached.Loader.supports_recursion()`
• The `load_template()` and `load_template_sources()` template loader methods will be removed.
• The `template_dirs` argument for template loaders will be removed:
  - `django.template.loaders.base.Loader.get_template()`
  - `django.template.loaders.cached.Loader.cache_key()`
  - `django.template.loaders.cached.Loader.get_template()`
  - `django.template.loaders.cached.Loader.get_template_sources()`
  - `django.template.loaders.filesystem.Loader.get_template_sources()`
• The `django.template.loaders.base.Loader.__call__()` method will be removed.
• Support for custom error views with a single positional parameter will be dropped.
• The `mime_type` attribute of `django.utils.feedgenerator.Atom1Feed` and `django.utils.feedgenerator.RssFeed` will be removed in favor of `content_type`.
• The `app_name` argument to `django.conf.urls.include()` will be removed.
• Support for passing a 3-tuple as the first argument to `include()` will be removed.
• Support for setting a URL instance namespace without an application namespace will be removed.
• `Field._get_val_from_obj()` will be removed in favor of `Field.value_from_object()`.
• `django.template.loaders.eggs.Loader` will be removed.
• The `current_app` parameter to the `contrib.auth.views` will be removed.
• The `callable_obj` keyword argument to `SimpleTestCase.assertRaisesMessage()` will be removed.
• Support for the `allow_tags` attribute on `ModelAdmin` methods will be removed.
• The `enclosure` keyword argument to `SyndicationFeed.add_item()` will be removed.

• The `django.template.loader.LoaderOrigin` and `django.template.base.StringOrigin` aliases for `django.template.base.Origin` will be removed.

See the [Django 1.10 release notes](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/1.10/releases/1.10/) for more details on these changes.

• The `makemigrations --exit` option will be removed.

• Support for direct assignment to a reverse foreign key or many-to-many relation will be removed.

• The `get_srid()` and `set_srid()` methods of `django.contrib.gis.geos.GEOSGeometry` will be removed.

• The `get_x()`, `set_x()`, `get_y()`, `set_y()`, `get_z()`, and `set_z()` methods of `django.contrib.gis.geos.Point` will be removed.

• The `get_coords()` and `set_coords()` methods of `django.contrib.gis.geos.Point` will be removed.

• The `cascaded_union` property of `django.contrib.gis.geos.MultiPolygon` will be removed.

• `django.utils.functional.allow_lazy()` will be removed.

• The `shell --plain` option will be removed.

• The `django.core.urlresolvers` module will be removed.

• The model `CommaSeparatedIntegerField` will be removed. A stub field will remain for compatibility with historical migrations.

• Support for the template `Context.has_key()` method will be removed.

• Support for the `django.core.files.storage.Storage.accessed_time()`, `created_time()`, and `modified_time()` methods will be removed.

• Support for query lookups using the model name when `Meta.default_related_name` is set will be removed.

• The `__search` query lookup and the `DatabaseOperations.fulltext_search_sql()` method will be removed.

• The shim for supporting custom related manager classes without a `__apply_rel_filters()` method will be removed.

• Using `User.is_authenticated()` and `User.is_anonymous()` as methods will no longer be supported.

• The private attribute `virtual_fields` of `Model._meta` will be removed.

• The private keyword arguments `virtual_only` in `Field.contribute_to_class()` and `virtual` in `Model._meta.add_field()` will be removed.

• The `javascript_catalog()` and `json_catalog()` views will be removed.

• The `django.contrib.gis.utils.precision_wkt()` function will be removed.

• In multi-table inheritance, implicit promotion of a `OneToOneField` to a `parent_link` will be removed.

• Support for `Widget._format_value()` will be removed.

• `FileField` methods `get_directory_name()` and `get_filename()` will be removed.

• The `mark_forescaping()` function and the classes it uses: `EscapeData`, `EscapeBytes`, `EscapeText`, `EscapeString`, and `EscapeUnicode` will be removed.

• The `escape` filter will change to use `django.utils.html.conditional_escape()`.
• Manager.use_for_related_fields will be removed.
• Model Manager inheritance will follow MRO inheritance rules and the Meta.
  manager_inheritance_from_future to opt-in to this behavior will be removed.
• Support for old-style middleware using settings.MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES will be removed.

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See the Django 1.8 release notes for more details on these changes.

• Support for calling a SQLCompiler directly as an alias for calling its quote_name_unless_alias
  method will be removed.
• cycle and firstof template tags will be removed from the future template tag library (used during the
  1.6/1.7 deprecation period).
• django.conf.urls.patterns() will be removed.
• Support for the prefix argument to django.conf.urls.i18n.i18npatterns() will be removed.
• SimpleTestCase.urls will be removed.
• Using an incorrect count of unpacked values in the for template tag will raise an exception rather than fail
  silently.
• The ability to reverse URLs using a dotted Python path will be removed.
• The ability to use a dotted Python path for the LOGIN_URL and LOGIN_REDIRECT_URL settings will be
  removed.
• Support for optparse will be dropped for custom management commands (replaced by argparse).
• The class django.core.management.NoArgsCommand will be removed. Use BaseCommand instead,
  which takes no arguments by default.
• django.core.context_processors module will be removed.
• django.db.models.sql.aggregates module will be removed.
• django.contrib.gis.db.models.sql.aggregates module will be removed.
• The following methods and properties of django.db.sql.query.Query will be removed:
  – Properties: aggregates and aggregate_select
  – Methods: add_aggregate, set_aggregate_mask, and append_aggregate_mask.
• django.template.resolve_variable will be removed.
• The following private APIs will be removed from django.db.models.options.Options (Model.
  _meta):
  – get_field_by_name()
  – get_all_field_names()
  – get_fields_with_model()
  – get_concrete_fields_with_model()
  – get_m2m_with_model()
  – get_all_related_objects()
  – get_all_related_objects_with_model()
- `get_all_related_many_to_many_objects()`
- `get_all_related_m2m_objects_with_model()`

- The `error_message` argument of `django.forms.RegexField` will be removed.
- The unordered_list filter will no longer support old style lists.
- Support for string view arguments to `url()` will be removed.
- The backward compatible shim to rename `django.forms.Form._has_changed()` to `has_changed()` will be removed.
- The `removetags` template filter will be removed.
- The `remove_tags()` and `strip_entities()` functions in `django.utils.html` will be removed.
- The `is_admin_site` argument to `django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset()` will be removed.
- `django.db.models.field.subclassing.SubfieldBase` will be removed.
- `django.utils.checksums` will be removed; its functionality is included in `django-localflavor 1.1+`.
- The `original_content_type_id` attribute on `django.contrib.admin.helpers.InlineAdminForm` will be removed.
- The backwards compatibility shim to allow `FormMixin.get_form()` to be defined with no default value for its `form_class` argument will be removed.
- The following settings will be removed:
  - `ALLOWED_INCLUDE_ROOTS`
  - `TEMPLATE_CONTEXT_PROCESSORS`
  - `TEMPLATE_DEBUG`
  - `TEMPLATE_DIRS`
  - `TEMPLATE_LOADERS`
  - `TEMPLATE_STRING_IF_INVALID`
- The backwards compatibility alias `django.template.loader.BaseLoader` will be removed.
- Django template objects returned by `get_template()` and `select_template()` won’t accept a `Context` in their `render()` method anymore.
- `Template response APIs` will enforce the use of `dict` and backend-dependent template objects instead of `Context` and `Template` respectively.
- The `current_app` parameter for the following function and classes will be removed:
  - `django.shortcuts.render()`
  - `django.template.Context()`
  - `django.template.RequestContext()`
  - `django.template.response.TemplateResponse()`
- The `dictionary` and `context_instance` parameters for the following functions will be removed:
  - `django.shortcuts.render()`
  - `django.shortcuts.render_to_response()`
- `django.template.loader.render_to_string()`

- The `dirs` parameter for the following functions will be removed:
  - `django.template.loader.get_template()`
  - `django.template.loader.select_template()`
  - `django.shortcuts.render()`
  - `django.shortcuts.render_to_response()`

- Session verification will be enabled regardless of whether or not `django.contrib.auth.middleware.SessionAuthenticationMiddleware` is in `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES`.

- Private attribute `django.db.models.Field.related` will be removed.

- The `--list` option of the `migrate` management command will be removed.

- The `ssi` template tag will be removed.

- Support for the `=` comparison operator in the `if` template tag will be removed.

- The backwards compatibility shims to allow `Storage.get_available_name()` and `Storage.save()` to be defined without a `max_length` argument will be removed.

- Support for the legacy `%(<foo>)s` syntax in `ModelFormMixin.success_url` will be removed.

- GeoQuerySet aggregate methods `collect()`, `extent()`, `extent3d()`, `make_line()`, and `unionagg()` will be removed.

- Ability to specify `ContentType.name` when creating a content type instance will be removed.

- Support for the old signature of `allow_migrate` will be removed. It changed from `allow_migrate(self, db, model)` to `allow_migrate(self, db, app_label, model_name=None, **hints)`.

- Support for the syntax of `{% cycle %}` that uses comma-separated arguments will be removed.

- The warning that `Signer` issues when given an invalid separator will become an exception.

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See the [Django 1.7 release notes](https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/1.7/releases/1.7/) for more details on these changes.

- `django.utils.dictconfig` will be removed.

- `django.utils.importlib` will be removed.

- `django.utils.tzinfo` will be removed.

- `django.utils.unittest` will be removed.

- The `syncdb` command will be removed.

- `django.db.models.signals.pre_syncdb` and `django.db.models.signals.post_syncdb` will be removed.

- `allow_syncdb` on database routers will no longer automatically become `allow_migrate`.

- Automatic syncing of apps without migrations will be removed. Migrations will become compulsory for all apps unless you pass the `--run-syncdb` option to `migrate`.

- The SQL management commands for apps without migrations, `sql`, `sqlall`, `sqlclear`, `sqldropindexes`, and `sqlindexes`, will be removed.

- Support for automatic loading of `initial_data` fixtures and initial SQL data will be removed.
• All models will need to be defined inside an installed application or declare an explicit app_label. Furthermore, it won’t be possible to import them before their application is loaded. In particular, it won’t be possible to import models inside the root package of their application.

• The model and form IPAddressField will be removed. A stub field will remain for compatibility with historical migrations.

• AppCommand.handle_app() will no longer be supported.

• RequestSite and get_current_site() will no longer be importable from django.contrib.sites.models.

• FastCGI support via the runfcgi management command will be removed. Please deploy your project using WSGI.

• django.utils.datastructures.SortedDict will be removed. Use collections.OrderedDict from the Python standard library instead.

• ModelAdmin.declared_fieldsets will be removed.

• Instances of util.py in the Django codebase have been renamed to utils.py in an effort to unify all util and utils references. The modules that provided backwards compatibility will be removed:
  - django.contrib.admin.util
  - django.contrib.gis.db.backends.util
  - django.db.backends.util
  - django.forms.util

• ModelAdmin.get_formsets will be removed.

• The backward compatibility shim introduced to rename the BaseMemcachedCache._get_memcache_timeout() method to get_backend_timeout() will be removed.

• The --natural and -n options for dumpdata will be removed.

• The use_natural_keys argument for serializers.serialize() will be removed.

• Private API django.forms.forms.get_declared_fields() will be removed.

• The ability to use a SplitDateTimeWidget with DateTimeField will be removed.

• The WSGIRequest.REQUEST property will be removed.

• The class django.utils.datastructures.MergeDict will be removed.

• The zh-cn and zh-tw language codes will be removed and have been replaced by the zh-hans and zh-hant language code respectively.

• The internal django.utils.functional.memoize will be removed.

• django.core.cache.get_cache will be removed. Add suitable entries to CACHES and use django.core.cache.caches instead.

• django.db.models.loading will be removed.

• Passing callable arguments to querysets will no longer be possible.

• BaseCommand.requires_model_validation will be removed in favor of requires_system_checks. Admin validators will be replaced by admin checks.

• The ModelAdmin.validator_class and default_validator_class attributes will be removed.

• ModelAdmin.validate() will be removed.
• `django.db.backends.DatabaseValidation.validate_field` will be removed in favor of the `check_field` method.
• The `validate` management command will be removed.
• `django.utils.module_loading.import_by_path` will be removed in favor of `django.utils.module_loading.import_string`.
• `ssi` and `url` template tags will be removed from the `future` template tag library (used during the 1.3/1.4 deprecation period).
• `django.utils.text/javascript_quote` will be removed.
• Database test settings as independent entries in the database settings, prefixed by `TEST_`, will no longer be supported.
• The `cache_choices` option to `ModelChoiceField` and `ModelMultipleChoiceField` will be removed.
• The default value of the `RedirectView.permanent` attribute will change from `True` to `False`.
• `django.contrib.sitemaps.FlatPageSitemap` will be removed in favor of `django.contrib.flatpages.sitemaps.FlatPageSitemap`.
• Private API `django.test.utils.TestTemplateLoader` will be removed.
• The `django.contrib.contenttypes.generic` module will be removed.
• Private APIs `django.db.models.sql.where.WhereNode.make_atom()` and `django.db.models.sql.where.Constraint` will be removed.

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See the `Django 1.6 release notes` for more details on these changes.

• `django.contrib.comments` will be removed.
• The following transaction management APIs will be removed:
  - `TransactionMiddleware`,
  - the decorators and context managers `autocommit`, `commit_on_success`, and `commit_manually`, defined in `django.db.transaction`,
  - the functions `commit_unless_managed` and `rollback_unless_managed`, also defined in `django.db.transaction`,
  - the `TRANSACTIONS_MANAGED` setting.
• The `cycle` and `firstof` template tags will auto-escape their arguments. In 1.6 and 1.7, this behavior is provided by the version of these tags in the `future` template tag library.
• The `SEND_BROKEN_LINK_EMAILS` setting will be removed. Add the `django.middleware.common.BrokenLinkEmailsMiddleware` middleware to your `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES` setting instead.
• `django.middleware.doc.XViewMiddleware` will be removed. Use `django.contrib.admindocs.middleware.XViewMiddleware` instead.
• `Model._meta.module_name` was renamed to `model_name`.
• Remove the backward compatible shims introduced to rename `get_query_set` and similar queryset methods. This affects the following classes: `BaseModelAdmin`, `ChangeList`, `BaseCommentNode`, `GenericForeignKey`, `Manager`, `SingleRelatedObjectDescriptor` and `ReverseSingleRelatedObjectDescriptor`.  

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• Remove the backward compatible shims introduced to rename the attributes `ChangeList.root_query_set` and `ChangeList.query_set`.

• `django.views.defaults.shortcut` will be removed, as part of the goal of removing all `django.contrib` references from the core Django codebase. Instead use `django.contrib.contenttypes.views.shortcut`. `django.conf.urls.shortcut` will also be removed.

• Support for the Python Imaging Library (PIL) module will be removed, as it no longer appears to be actively maintained & does not work on Python 3.

• The following private APIs will be removed:
  - `django.db.backend`
  - `django.db.close_connection()`
  - `django.db.backends.creation.BaseDatabaseCreation.set_autocommit()`
  - `django.db.transaction.is_managed()`
  - `django.db.transaction.managed()`

• `django.forms.widgets.RadioInput` will be removed in favor of `django.forms.widgets.RadioChoiceInput`.

• The module `django.test.simple` and the class `django.test.simple.DjangoTestSuiteRunner` will be removed. Instead use `django.test.runner.DiscoverRunner`.

• The module `django.test._doctest` will be removed. Instead use the doctest module from the Python standard library.

• The `CACHE_MIDDLEWARE_ANONYMOUS_ONLY` setting will be removed.

• Usage of the hard-coded *Hold down “Control”, or “Command” on a Mac, to select more than one.* string to override or append to user-provided `help_text` in forms for ManyToMany model fields will not be performed by Django anymore either at the model or forms layer.

• The `Model._meta.get_(add|change|delete)_permission` methods will be removed.

• The session key `django_language` will no longer be read for backwards compatibility.

• Geographic Sitemaps will be removed (`django.contrib.gis.sitemaps.views.index` and `django.contrib.gis.sitemaps.views.sitemap`).

• `django.utils.html.fix_ampersands`, the `fix_ampersands` template filter and `django.utils.html.clean_html` will be removed following an accelerated deprecation.

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See the *Django 1.5 release notes* for more details on these changes.

• The module `django.utils.simplejson` will be removed. The standard library provides `json` which should be used instead.

• The function `django.utils.itercompat.product` will be removed. The Python builtin version should be used instead.

• Auto-correction of `INSTALLED_APPS` and `TEMPLATE_DIRS` settings when they are specified as a plain string instead of a tuple will be removed and raise an exception.

• The `mimetype` argument to the `__init__` methods of `HttpResponse`, `SimpleTemplateResponse`, and `TemplateResponse`, will be removed. `content_type` should be used instead. This also applies to the `render_to_response()` shortcut and the sitemap views, `index()` and `sitemap()`.

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• When `HttpResponse` is instantiated with an iterator, or when `content` is set to an iterator, that iterator will be immediately consumed.

• The `AUTH_PROFILE_MODULE` setting, and the `get_profile()` method on the User model, will be removed.

• The `cleanup` management command will be removed. It’s replaced by `clearsessions`.

• The `daily_cleanup.py` script will be removed.

• The `depth` keyword argument will be removed from `select_related()`.

• The undocumented `get_warnings_state()`, `restore_warnings_state()` functions from `django.test.utils` and the `save_warnings_state()`, `restore_warnings_state()` `django.test.*Test*Case` methods are deprecated. Use the `warnings.catch_warnings` context manager available starting with Python 2.6 instead.

• The undocumented `check_for_test_cookie` method in `AuthenticationForm` will be removed following an accelerated deprecation. Users subclassing this form should remove calls to this method, and instead ensure that their auth related views are CSRF protected, which ensures that cookies are enabled.

• The version of `django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset_confirm()` that supports base36 encoded user IDs (`django.contrib.auth.views.password_reset_confirm_uidb36`) will be removed. If your site has been running Django 1.6 for more than `PASSWORD_RESET_TIMEOUT_DAYS`, this change will have no effect. If not, then any password reset links generated before you upgrade to Django 1.7 won’t work after the upgrade.

• The `django.utils.encoding.StrAndUnicode` mix-in will be removed.

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See the `Django 1.4 release notes` for more details on these changes.

• `django.contrib.databrowse` will be removed.

• `django.contrib.localflavor` will be removed following an accelerated deprecation.

• `django.contrib.markup` will be removed following an accelerated deprecation.

• The compatibility modules `django.utils.copycompat` and `django.utils.hashcompat` as well as the functions `django.utils.itercompat.all` and `django.utils.itercompat.any` will be removed. The Python builtin versions should be used instead.

• The `csrf_response_exempt` and `csrf_view_exempt` decorators will be removed. Since 1.4 `csrf_response_exempt` has been a no-op (it returns the same function), and `csrf_view_exempt` has been a synonym for `django.views.decorators.csrf.csrf_exempt`, which should be used to replace it.

• The `django.core.cache.backends.memcached.CacheClass` backend was split into two in Django 1.3 in order to introduce support for PyLibMC. The historical `CacheClass` will be removed in favor of `django.core.cache.backends.memcached.MemcachedCache`.

• The UK-prefixed objects of `django.contrib.localflavor.uk` will only be accessible through their GB-prefixed names (GB is the correct ISO 3166 code for United Kingdom).

• The `IGNORABLE_404_STARTS` and `IGNORABLE_404_ENDS` settings have been superseded by `IGNORABLE_404_URLS` in the 1.4 release. They will be removed.

• The form wizard has been refactored to use class-based views with pluggable backends in 1.4. The previous implementation will be removed.

• Legacy ways of calling `cache_page()` will be removed.
• The backward-compatibility shim to automatically add a debug-false filter to the 'mail_admins' logging handler will be removed. The `LOGGING` setting should include this filter explicitly if it is desired.

• The built-in truncation functions `django.utils.text.truncate_words()` and `django.utils.text.truncate_html_words()` will be removed in favor of the `django.utils.text.Truncator` class.

• The `django.contrib.gis.geoip.GeoIP` class was moved to `django.contrib.gis.geoip` in 1.4 – the shortcut in `django.contrib.gis.utils` will be removed.

• `django.conf.urls.defaults` will be removed. The functions `include()`, `patterns()`, and `url()`, plus `handler404` and `handler500` are now available through `django.conf.urls`.

• The functions `setup_environ()` and `execute_manager()` will be removed from `django.core.management`. This also means that the old (pre-1.4) style of `manage.py` file will no longer work.

• Setting the `is_safe` and `needs_autoescape` flags as attributes of template filter functions will no longer be supported.

• The attribute `HttpRequest.raw_post_data` was renamed to `HttpRequest.body` in 1.4. The backward compatibility will be removed – `HttpRequest.raw_post_data` will no longer work.

• The value for the `post_url_continue` parameter in `ModelAdmin.response_add()` will have to be either None (to redirect to the newly created object’s edit page) or a pre-formatted URL. String formats, such as the previous default `'../%s/'`, will not be accepted any more.

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See the Django 1.3 release notes for more details on these changes.

• Starting Django without a `SECRET_KEY` will result in an exception rather than a `DeprecationWarning`. (This is accelerated from the usual deprecation path; see the Django 1.4 release notes.)

• The mod_python request handler will be removed. The mod_wsgi handler should be used instead.

• The `template` attribute on `django.test.client.Response` objects returned by the `test client` will be removed. The `templates` attribute should be used instead.

• The `django.test.simple.DjangoTestRunner` will be removed. Instead use a unittest-native class. The features of the `django.test.simple.DjangoTestRunner` (including fail-fast and Ctrl-C test termination) can be provided by `unittest.TextTestRunner`.

• The undocumented function `django.contrib.formtools.utils.security_hash` will be removed, instead use `django.contrib.formtools.utils.form_hmac`.

• The function-based generic view modules will be removed in favor of their class-based equivalents, outlined here.

• The `django.core.servers.basehttp.AdminMediaHandler` will be removed. In its place use `django.contrib.staticfiles.handlers.StaticFilesHandler`.

• The template tags library `adminmedia` and the template tag `{% admin_media_prefix %}` will be removed in favor of the generic static files handling. (This is faster than the usual deprecation path; see the Django 1.4 release notes.)

• The `url` and `ssi` template tags will be modified so that the first argument to each tag is a template variable, not an implied string. In 1.4, this behavior is provided by a version of the tag in the future template tag library.

• The `reset` and `sqlreset` management commands will be removed.

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• Authentication backends will need to support an inactive user being passed to all methods dealing with permissions. The `supports_inactive_user` attribute will no longer be checked and can be removed from custom backends.

• `transform()` will raise a `GEOSException` when called on a geometry with no SRID value.


• `django.core.context_processors.PermWrapper` and `django.core.context_processors.PermLookupDict` will be removed in favor of the corresponding `django.contrib.auth.context_processors.PermWrapper` and `django.contrib.auth.context_processors.PermLookupDict`, respectively.

• The `MEDIA_URL` or `STATIC_URL` settings will be required to end with a trailing slash to ensure there is a consistent way to combine paths in templates.

• `django.db.models.fields.URLField.verify_exists` will be removed. The feature was deprecated in 1.3.1 due to intractable security and performance issues and will follow a slightly accelerated deprecation timeframe.

• Translations located under the so-called project path will be ignored during the translation building process performed at runtime. The `LOCALE_PATHS` setting can be used for the same task by including the filesystem path to a `locale` directory containing non-app-specific translations in its value.

• The Markup contrib app will no longer support versions of Python-Markdown library earlier than 2.1. An accelerated timeline was used as this was a security related deprecation.

• The `CACHE_BACKEND` setting will be removed. The cache backend(s) should be specified in the `CACHES` setting.

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See the Django 1.2 release notes for more details on these changes.

• `CsrfResponseMiddleware` and `CsrfMiddleware` will be removed. Use the `{% csrf_token %}` template tag inside forms to enable CSRF protection. `CsrfViewMiddleware` remains and is enabled by default.

• The old imports for CSRF functionality (`django.contrib.csrf.*`), which moved to core in 1.2, will be removed.

• The `django.contrib.gis.db.backend` module will be removed in favor of the specific backends.

• `SMTPConnection` will be removed in favor of a generic Email backend API.

• The many to many SQL generation functions on the database backends will be removed.

• The ability to use the `DATABASE_*` family of top-level settings to define database connections will be removed.

• The ability to use shorthand notation to specify a database backend (i.e., `sqlite3` instead of `django.db.backends.sqlite3`) will be removed.

• The `get_db_prep_save`, `get_db_prep_value` and `get_db_prep_lookup` methods will have to support multiple databases.

• The Message model (in `django.contrib.auth`), its related manager in the User model (user.message_set), and the associated methods (user.message_set.create() and user.get_and_delete_messages()), will be removed. The messages framework should be used instead. The related messages variable returned by the auth context processor will also be removed. Note that this means that the admin application will depend on the messages context processor.
• Authentication backends will need to support the `obj` parameter for permission checking. The `supports_object_permissions` attribute will no longer be checked and can be removed from custom backends.

• Authentication backends will need to support the `AnonymousUser` class being passed to all methods dealing with permissions. The `supports_anonymous_user` variable will no longer be checked and can be removed from custom backends.

• The ability to specify a callable template loader rather than a `Loader` class will be removed, as will the `load_template_source` functions that are included with the built in template loaders for backwards compatibility.

• `django.utils.translation.get_date_formats()` and `django.utils.translation.get_partial_date_formats()`. These functions will be removed; use the locale-aware `django.utils.formats.get_format()` to get the appropriate formats.

• In `django.forms.fields`, the constants: `DEFAULT_DATE_INPUT_FORMATS`, `DEFAULT_TIME_INPUT_FORMATS` and `DEFAULT_DATETIME_INPUT_FORMATS` will be removed. Use `django.utils.formats.get_format()` to get the appropriate formats.

• The ability to use a function-based test runner will be removed, along with the `django.test.simple.run_tests()` test runner.

• The `views.feed()` view and `feeds.Feed` class in `django.contrib.syndication` will be removed. The class-based view `views.Feed` should be used instead.

• `django.core.context_processors.auth`. This release will remove the old method in favor of the new method in `django.contrib.auth.context_processors.auth`.

• The `postgresql` database backend will be removed, use the `postgresql_psycopg2` backend instead.

• The `no` language code will be removed and has been replaced by the `nb` language code.

• Authentication backends will need to define the boolean attribute `supports_inactive_user` until version 1.5 when it will be assumed that all backends will handle inactive users.

• `django.db.models.fields.XMLField` will be removed. This was deprecated as part of the 1.3 release. An accelerated deprecation schedule has been used because the field hasn’t performed any role beyond that of a simple `TextField` since the removal of `oldforms`. All uses of `XMLField` can be replaced with `TextField`.

• The undocumented `mixin` parameter to the `open()` method of `django.core.files.storage.Storage` (and subclasses) will be removed.

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See the `Django 1.1 release notes` for more details on these changes.

• `AdminSite.root()`. This method of hooking up the admin URLs will be removed in favor of including `admin.site.urls`.

• Authentication backends need to define the boolean attributes `supports_object_permissions` and `supports_anonymous_user` until version 1.4, at which point it will be assumed that all backends will support these options.
10.7 The Django source code repository

When deploying a Django application into a real production environment, you will almost always want to use an official packaged release of Django.

However, if you’d like to try out in-development code from an upcoming release or contribute to the development of Django, you’ll need to obtain a clone of Django’s source code repository.

This document covers the way the code repository is laid out and how to work with and find things in it.

10.7.1 High-level overview

The Django source code repository uses Git to track changes to the code over time, so you’ll need a copy of the Git client (a program called git) on your computer, and you’ll want to familiarize yourself with the basics of how Git works.

Git’s website offers downloads for various operating systems. The site also contains vast amounts of documentation.

The Django Git repository is located online at github.com/django/django. It contains the full source code for all Django releases, which you can browse online.

The Git repository includes several branches:

- **master** contains the main in-development code which will become the next packaged release of Django. This is where most development activity is focused.

- **stable/A.B.x** are the branches where release preparation work happens. They are also used for bugfix and security releases which occur as necessary after the initial release of a feature version.

The Git repository also contains tags. These are the exact revisions from which packaged Django releases were produced, since version 1.0.

A number of tags also exist under the archive/ prefix for archived work.

The source code for the Djangoproject.com website can be found at github.com/django/djangoproject.com.

10.7.2 The master branch

If you’d like to try out the in-development code for the next release of Django, or if you’d like to contribute to Django by fixing bugs or developing new features, you’ll want to get the code from the master branch.

Note that this will get all of Django: in addition to the top-level django module containing Python code, you’ll also get a copy of Django’s documentation, test suite, packaging scripts and other miscellaneous bits. Django’s code will be present in your clone as a directory named django.

To try out the in-development code with your own applications, place the directory containing your clone on your Python import path. Then import statements which look for Django will find the django module within your clone.

If you’re going to be working on Django’s code (say, to fix a bug or develop a new feature), you can probably stop reading here and move over to the documentation for contributing to Django, which covers things like the preferred coding style and how to generate and submit a patch.

10.7.3 Stable branches

Django uses branches to prepare for releases of Django. Each major release series has its own stable branch.
These branches can be found in the repository as `stable/A.B.x` branches and will be created right after the first alpha is tagged.

For example, immediately after *Django 1.5 alpha 1* was tagged, the branch `stable/1.5.x` was created and all further work on preparing the code for the final 1.5 release was done there.

These branches also provide bugfix and security support as described in *Supported versions*.

For example, after the release of Django 1.5, the branch `stable/1.5.x` receives only fixes for security and critical stability bugs, which are eventually released as Django 1.5.1 and so on, `stable/1.4.x` receives only security and data loss fixes, and `stable/1.3.x` no longer receives any updates.

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**Historical information**

This policy for handling `stable/A.B.x` branches was adopted starting with the Django 1.5 release cycle.

Previously, these branches weren’t created until right after the releases and the stabilization work occurred on the main repository branch. Thus, no new feature development work for the next release of Django could be committed until the final release happened.

For example, shortly after the release of Django 1.3 the branch `stable/1.3.x` was created. Official support for that release has expired, and so it no longer receives direct maintenance from the Django project. However, that and all other similarly named branches continue to exist, and interested community members have occasionally used them to provide unofficial support for old Django releases.

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### 10.7.4 Tags

Each Django release is tagged and signed by the releaser.

The tags can be found on GitHub’s [tags page](https://github.com/django/django/tags).

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**Archived feature-development work**

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**Historical information**

Since Django moved to Git in 2012, anyone can clone the repository and create their own branches, alleviating the need for official branches in the source code repository.

The following section is mostly useful if you’re exploring the repository’s history, for example if you’re trying to understand how some features were designed.

Feature-development branches tend by their nature to be temporary. Some produce successful features which are merged back into Django’s master to become part of an official release, but others do not; in either case, there comes a time when the branch is no longer being actively worked on by any developer. At this point the branch is considered closed.

Django used to be maintained with the Subversion revision control system, that has no standard way of indicating this. As a workaround, branches of Django which are closed and no longer maintained were moved into `attic`.

A number of tags exist under the `/archive/` prefix to maintain a reference to this and other work of historical interest.

The following tags under the `/archive/attic/` prefix reference the tip of branches whose code eventually became part of Django itself:

- `boulder-oracle-sprint`: Added support for Oracle databases to Django’s object-relational mapper. This has been part of Django since the 1.0 release.
• gis: Added support for geographic/spatial queries to Django’s object-relational mapper. This has been part of Django since the 1.0 release, as the bundled application django.contrib.gis.

• i18n: Added internationalization support to Django. This has been part of Django since the 0.90 release.

• magic-removal: A major refactoring of both the internals and public APIs of Django’s object-relational mapper. This has been part of Django since the 0.95 release.

• multi-auth: A refactoring of Django’s bundled authentication framework which added support for authentication backends. This has been part of Django since the 0.95 release.

• new-admin: A refactoring of Django’s bundled administrative application. This became part of Django as of the 0.91 release, but was superseded by another refactoring (see next listing) prior to the Django 1.0 release.

• newforms-admin: The second refactoring of Django’s bundled administrative application. This became part of Django as of the 1.0 release, and is the basis of the current incarnation of django.contrib.admin.

• queryset-refactor: A refactoring of the internals of Django’s object-relational mapper. This became part of Django as of the 1.0 release.

• unicode: A refactoring of Django’s internals to consistently use Unicode-based strings in most places within Django and Django applications. This became part of Django as of the 1.0 release.

Additionally, the following tags under the archive/attic/ prefix reference the tips of branches that were closed, but whose code was never merged into Django, and the features they aimed to implement were never finished:

• full-history
• generic-auth
• multiple-db-support
• per-object-permissions
• schema-evolution
• schema-evolution-ng
• search-api
• sqlalchemy

Finally, under the archive/ prefix, the repository contains soc20XX/<project> tags referencing the tip of branches that were used by students who worked on Django during the 2009 and 2010 Google Summer of Code programs.

10.8 How is Django Formed?

This document explains how to release Django.

Please, keep these instructions up-to-date if you make changes! The point here is to be descriptive, not prescriptive, so feel free to streamline or otherwise make changes, but update this document accordingly!

10.8.1 Overview

There are three types of releases that you might need to make:

• Security releases: disclosing and fixing a vulnerability. This’ll generally involve two or three simultaneous releases – e.g. 1.5.x, 1.6.x, and, depending on timing, perhaps a 1.7 alpha/beta/rc.

• Regular version releases: either a final release (e.g. 1.5) or a bugfix update (e.g. 1.5.1).
• Pre-releases: e.g. 1.6 alpha, beta, or rc.

The short version of the steps involved is:

1. If this is a security release, pre-notify the security distribution list one week before the actual release.
2. Proofread the release notes, looking for organization and writing errors. Draft a blog post and email announce-ment.
3. Update version numbers and create the release package(s).
4. Upload the package(s) to the djangoproject.com server.
5. Upload the new version(s) to PyPI.
7. Post the blog entry and send out the email announcements.

There are a lot of details, so please read on.

10.8.2 Prerequisites

You’ll need a few things before getting started:

• A GPG key. If the key you want to use is not your default signing key, you’ll need to add -u you@example.com to every GPG signing command below, where you@example.com is the email address associated with the key you want to use.

• An install of some required Python packages:

```bash
$ python -m pip install wheel twine
```

• Access to Django’s record on PyPI. Create a file with your credentials:

```
Listing 3: ~/.pypirc

[pypi]
username:YourUsername
password:YourPassword
```

• Access to the djangoproject.com server to upload files.
• Access to the admin on djangoproject.com as a “Site maintainer”.
• Access to post to django-announce.
• If this is a security release, access to the pre-notification distribution list.

If this is your first release, you’ll need to coordinate with another releaser to get all these things lined up.

10.8.3 Pre-release tasks

A few items need to be taken care of before even beginning the release process. This stuff starts about a week before the release; most of it can be done any time leading up to the actual release:

1. If this is a security release, send out pre-notification one week before the release. The template for that email and a list of the recipients are in the private django-security GitHub wiki. BCC the pre-notification recipients. Sign the email with the key you’ll use for the release and include CVE IDs (requested with Vendor:
djangoproject, Product: django) and patches for each issue being fixed. Also, notify django-announce of the upcoming security release.

2. As the release approaches, watch Trac to make sure no release blockers are left for the upcoming release.

3. Check with the other committers to make sure they don’t have any uncommitted changes for the release.

4. Proofread the release notes, including looking at the online version to catch any broken links or reST errors, and make sure the release notes contain the correct date.

5. Double-check that the release notes mention deprecation timelines for any APIs noted as deprecated, and that they mention any changes in Python version support.

6. Double-check that the release notes index has a link to the notes for the new release; this will be in docs/releases/index.txt.

7. If this is a feature release, ensure translations from Transifex have been integrated. This is typically done by a separate translation’s manager rather than the releaser, but here are the steps. Provided you have an account on Transifex:

   $ python scripts/manage_translations.py fetch

   and then commit the changed/added files (both .po and .mo). Sometimes there are validation errors which need to be debugged, so avoid doing this task immediately before a release is needed.

8. Update the django-admin manual page:

   $ cd docs
   $ make man
   $ man _build/man/django-admin.1  # do a quick sanity check
   $ cp _build/man/django-admin.1 man/django-admin.1

   and then commit the changed man page.

9. If this is the alpha release of a new series, create a new stable branch from master. For example, when releasing Django 3.1:

   $ git checkout -b stable/3.1.x origin/master
   $ git push origin -u stable/3.1.x:stable/3.1.x

10. If this is the “dot zero” release of a new series, create a new branch from the current stable branch in the django-docs-translations repository. For example, when releasing Django 2.2:

    $ git checkout -b stable/2.2.x origin/stable/2.1.x
    $ git push origin stable/2.2.x:stable/2.2.x

### 10.8.4 Preparing for release

Write the announcement blog post for the release. You can enter it into the admin at any time and mark it as inactive. Here are a few examples: example security release announcement, example regular release announcement, example pre-release announcement.

### 10.8.5 Actually rolling the release

OK, this is the fun part, where we actually push out a release!

1. Check Jenkins is green for the version(s) you’re putting out. You probably shouldn’t issue a release until it’s green.
2. A release always begins from a release branch, so you should make sure you’re on a stable branch and up-to-date. For example:

```
$ git checkout stable/1.5.x
$ git pull
```

3. If this is a security release, merge the appropriate patches from django-security. Rebase these patches as necessary to make each one a plain commit on the release branch rather than a merge commit. To ensure this, merge them with the --ff-only flag; for example:

```
$ git checkout stable/1.5.x
$ git merge --ff-only security/1.5.x
```

(This assumes security/1.5.x is a branch in the django-security repo containing the necessary security patches for the next release in the 1.5 series.)

If git refuses to merge with --ff-only, switch to the security-patch branch and rebase it on the branch you are about to merge it into (git checkout security/1.5.x; git rebase stable/1.5.x) and then switch back and do the merge. Make sure the commit message for each security fix explains that the commit is a security fix and that an announcement will follow (example security commit).

4. For a feature release, remove the UNDER DEVELOPMENT header at the top of the release notes and add the release date on the next line. For a patch release, replace *Under Development* with the release date. Make this change on all branches where the release notes for a particular version are located.

5. Update the version number in django/__init__.py for the release. Please see notes on setting the VERSION tuple below for details on VERSION.

6. If this is a pre-release package, update the “Development Status” trove classifier in setup.cfg to reflect this. Otherwise, make sure the classifier is set to Development Status : 5 - Production/Stable.

7. Tag the release using git tag. For example:

```
$ git tag --sign --message="Tag 1.5.1" 1.5.1
```

You can check your work by running git tag --verify <tag>.

8. Push your work, including the tag: git push --tags.

9. Make sure you have an absolutely clean tree by running git clean -dfx.

10. Run make -f extras/Makefile to generate the release packages. This will create the release packages in a dist/ directory.

11. Generate the hashes of the release packages:

```
$ cd dist
$ md5sum *
$ sha1sum *
$ sha256sum *
```

12. Create a “checksums” file, Django-<<VERSION>>.checksum.txt containing the hashes and release information. Start with this template and insert the correct version, date, GPG key ID (from gpg --list-keys --keyid-format LONG), release URL, and checksums:

This file contains MD5, SHA1, and SHA256 checksums for the source-code tarball and wheel files of Django <<VERSION>>, released <<DATE>>.

To use this file, you will need a working install of PGP or other compatible public-key encryption software. You will also need to have

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the Django release manager's public key in your keyring; this key has
the ID `XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX` and can be imported from the MIT
keyserver. For example, if using the open-source GNU Privacy Guard
implementation of PGP:

```bash
gpg --keyserver pgp.mit.edu --recv-key XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
```

Once the key is imported, verify this file:

```bash
gpg --verify <<THIS FILENAME>>
```

Once you have verified this file, you can use normal MD5, SHA1, or SHA256
checksumming applications to generate the checksums of the Django
package and compare them to the checksums listed below.

Release packages:
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https://www.djangoproject.com/m/releases/<<RELEASE TAR.GZ FILENAME>>
https://www.djangoproject.com/m/releases/<<RELEASE WHL FILENAME>>

MD5 checksums:
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<<MD5SUM>> <<RELEASE TAR.GZ FILENAME>>
<<MD5SUM>> <<RELEASE WHL FILENAME>>

SHA1 checksums:
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<<SHA1SUM>> <<RELEASE TAR.GZ FILENAME>>
<<SHA1SUM>> <<RELEASE WHL FILENAME>>

SHA256 checksums:
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<<SHA256SUM>> <<RELEASE TAR.GZ FILENAME>>
<<SHA256SUM>> <<RELEASE WHL FILENAME>>


If you’re issuing multiple releases, repeat these steps for each release.

### 10.8.6 Making the release(s) available to the public

Now you’re ready to actually put the release out there. To do this:

1. Upload the release package(s) to the djangoproject server, replacing A.B. with the appropriate version number, e.g. 1.5 for a 1.5.x release:

```bash
$ scp Django-* djangoproject.com:/home/www/www/media/releases/A.B
```

   If this is the alpha release of a new series, you will need to create the directory A.B.

2. Upload the checksum file(s):
3. Test that the release packages install correctly using `easy_install` and `pip`. Here’s one method:

```bash
$ RELEASE_VERSION='1.7.2'
$ MAJOR_VERSION='echo $RELEASE_VERSION| cut -c 1-3'

$ python -m venv django-easy-install
$ . django-easy-install/bin/activate
$ easy_install https://www.djangoproject.com/m/releases/$MAJOR_VERSION/Django-$RELEASE_VERSION.tar.gz
$ deactivate

$ python -m venv django-pip
$ . django-pip/bin/activate
$ python -m pip install https://www.djangoproject.com/m/releases/$MAJOR_VERSION/Django-$RELEASE_VERSION.tar.gz
$ deactivate

$ python -m venv django-pip-wheel
$ . django-pip-wheel/bin/activate
$ python -m pip install https://www.djangoproject.com/m/releases/$MAJOR_VERSION/Django-$RELEASE_VERSION-py3-none-any.whl
$ deactivate
```

This just tests that the tarballs are available (i.e. redirects are up) and that they install correctly, but it’ll catch silly mistakes.

4. Ask a few people on IRC to verify the checksums by visiting the checksums file (e.g. https://www.djangoproject.com/m/pgp/Django-1.5b1.checksum.txt) and following the instructions in it. For bonus points, they can also unpack the downloaded release tarball and verify that its contents appear to be correct (proper version numbers, no stray `.pyc` or other undesirable files).

5. Upload the release packages to PyPI (for pre-releases, only upload the wheel file):

```bash
$ twine upload -s dist/*
```

6. Go to the Add release page in the admin, enter the new release number exactly as it appears in the name of the tarball (Django-<version>.tar.gz). So for example enter “1.5.1” or “1.4c2”, etc. If the release is part of an LTS branch, mark it so.

If this is the alpha release of a new series, also create a Release object for the final release, ensuring that the Release date field is blank, thus marking it as unreleased. For example, when creating the Release object for 3.1a1, also create 3.1 with the Release date field blank.

7. Make the blog post announcing the release live.

8. For a new version release (e.g. 1.5, 1.6), update the default stable version of the docs by flipping the `is_default` flag to `True` on the appropriate `DocumentRelease` object in the `docs.djangoproject.com` database (this will automatically flip it to `False` for all others); you can do this using the site’s admin.

Create new `DocumentRelease` objects for each language that has an entry for the previous release. Update `djangoproject.com`’s `robots.docs.txt` file by copying entries from `manage_translations.py robots_txt` from the current stable branch in the `django-docs-translations` repository. For example, when releasing Django 2.2:

```bash
$ git checkout stable/2.2.x
$ git pull
$ python manage_translations.py robots_txt
```
9. Post the release announcement to the django-announce, django-developers, and django-users mailing lists. This should include a link to the announcement blog post.

10. If this is a security release, send a separate email to oss-security@lists.openwall.com. Provide a descriptive subject, for example, “Django” plus the issue title from the release notes (including CVE ID). The message body should include the vulnerability details, for example, the announcement blog post text. Include a link to the announcement blog post.

11. Add a link to the blog post in the topic of the #django IRC channel: /msg chanserv TOPIC #django new topic goes here.

10.8.7 Post-release

You’re almost done! All that’s left to do now is:

1. Update the VERSION tuple in django/__init__.py again, incrementing to whatever the next expected release will be. For example, after releasing 1.5.1, update VERSION to VERSION = (1, 5, 2, 'alpha', 0).

2. Add the release in Trac’s versions list if necessary (and make it the default by changing the default_version setting in the code.djangoproject.com’s trac.ini, if it’s a final release). The new X.Y version should be added after the alpha release and the default version should be updated after “dot zero” release.

3. If this was a security release, update Archive of security issues with details of the issues addressed.

10.8.8 New stable branch tasks

There are several items to do in the time following the creation of a new stable branch (often following an alpha release). Some of these tasks don’t need to be done by the releaser.

1. Create a new DocumentRelease object in the docs.djangoproject.com database for the new version’s docs, and update the docs/fixtures/doc_releases.json JSON fixture, so people without access to the production DB can still run an up-to-date copy of the docs site.

2. Create a stub release note for the new feature version. Use the stub from the previous feature release version or copy the contents from the previous feature version and delete most of the contents leaving only the headings.

3. Increase the default PBKDF2 iterations in django.contrib.auth.hashers.PBKDF2PasswordHasher by about 20% (pick a round number). Run the tests, and update the 3 failing hasher tests with the new values. Make sure this gets noted in the release notes (see the 1.8 release notes for an example).

4. Remove features that have reached the end of their deprecation cycle. Each removal should be done in a separate commit for clarity. In the commit message, add a “refs #XXXX” to the original ticket where the deprecation began if possible.

5. Remove .. versionadded:: .. versionadded:: and .. deprecated:: annotations in the documentation from two releases ago. For example, in Django 1.9, notes for 1.7 will be removed.

6. Add the new branch to Read the Docs. Since the automatically generated version names (“stable-A.B.x”) differ from the version names used in Read the Docs (“A.B.x”), create a ticket requesting the new version.

10.8.9 Notes on setting the VERSION tuple

Django’s version reporting is controlled by the VERSION tuple in django/__init__.py. This is a five-element tuple, whose elements are:
1. Major version.
4. Status – can be one of “alpha”, “beta”, “rc” or “final”.
5. Series number, for alpha/beta/RC packages which run in sequence (allowing, for example, “beta 1”, “beta 2”, etc.).

For a final release, the status is always “final” and the series number is always 0. A series number of 0 with an “alpha” status will be reported as “pre-alpha”.

Some examples:
- (1, 2, 1, 'final', 0) → “1.2.1”
- (1, 3, 0, 'alpha', 0) → “1.3 pre-alpha”
- (1, 3, 0, 'beta', 2) → “1.3 beta 2”
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