

**V**TechLabs

# Django

*Syllabus with*

MYSQL INTEGRATION



## 1: Introduction to Django

- What is Django?
- Features of Django
- MVT (Model-View-Template) Architecture
- Installing Django
- Django Project Structure
- Creating a Django Project
- Running the development server

## 2: Setting Up Environment

- Install Python and Django
- Create virtual environment using venv
- Install MySQL
- Install MySQL client for Django:  
pip install mysqlclient or pip  
install django-mysql
- Configure settings.py for MySQL

## 3: Django Apps & Admin Interface

- Creating Django Apps: python manage.py startapp appname
- Registering App in settings.py
- Exploring Django Admin Panel
- Creating Superuser
- Customizing Admin Panel

## 4: Models (ORM & MySQL)

- Defining Models in models.py
- Field types (CharField, IntegerField, DateField, etc.)
- Primary key and foreign key
- Relationships: One-to-One, One-to-Many, Many-to-Many
- Meta options (ordering, verbose\_name, etc.)
- Model methods
- Run Migrations: makemigrations, migrate
- Raw SQL Queries in Django

## 5: Querying Database

- Using Django ORM: all(), filter(), exclude(), get()
- order\_by(), values(), annotate(), aggregate()
- Q objects and complex lookups
- Join Queries (ForeignKey, related\_name)
- select\_related vs prefetch\_related
- Pagination

## 6: Views & URL Routing

- Function-based Views
- Class-based Views (CBVs)
- HttpResponseRedirect and JsonResponse
- URL dispatcher and path converters
- urls.py structure for apps and project
- Named URLs and reverse()

## 7: Templates

- Template directory structure
- Django Template Language (DTL)
- Template variables, filters, tags
- Template inheritance
- Using static files (CSS, JS)
- Using dynamic data in templates

## 8: Forms in Django

- Creating HTML forms
- Django Form class
- ModelForm
- Validation (clean methods)
- CSRF protection
- Form rendering: as\_p, as\_table, as\_ul
- Handling GET and POST requests
- File Upload using FileField or ImageField

## 9: User Authentication & Authorization

- Built-in User model
- Login, Logout, Registration
- `@login_required` decorator
- Permissions and Groups
- Custom User Model
- Password hashing and reset
- Session and Cookies

## 10: Middleware & Context Processors

- What is Middleware?
- Built-in vs custom middleware
- Common Middleware use cases (e.g., logging, authentication)
- Context Processors for global variables in templates

## 11: Email Functionality

- Sending email using SMTP (e.g. Gmail)
- Configuring `EMAIL_BACKEND` in `settings.py`
- Sending HTML or plain-text emails
- Sending with attachments

## 12: API Integration

- Consuming external APIs using `requests`
- Using Django to build REST APIs: Django REST Framework (DRF)
- Serializers, ViewSets, Routers, Authentication (Token, JWT)
- CRUD APIs with DRF

## 13: Testing

- Writing unit tests
- Testing views, models, forms
- Using Django's test client
- Coverage report

## 14: Deployment

- Static and media file management (collectstatic)
- Using gunicorn/uWSGI with Nginx
- Deploy on platforms: PythonAnywhere, Heroku, AWS EC2
- Use of .env file for secrets and settings

## 15: Django with MySQL Optimization

- Indexing tables in MySQL
- Using .only(), .defer(), and select\_related() properly
- Profiling queries using Django Debug Toolbar
- Query optimization tips

## 16: Advanced Topics

- Signals (pre\_save, post\_save)
- Caching (File-based, Memcached, Redis)
- Cron Jobs using celery or django-cron
- WebSockets with Django Channels
- Multi-database setup
- Writing reusable Django apps



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