
Django Models Internals Docs Documentation

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The goal of this project is to create and collect a good set of reference information for the Django Model internals as of version 1.2.1. Rather than repeat information that the Django documentation already covers adequately, the permalink back to the Django docs will be favored.

Additionally, collecting high quality tutorials and/or well documented snippets into a single location will help users get a better sense of the patterns involved in tweaking model internals.

Model Options:

abstract

In the Django documentation:

- [Abstract base classes](#)
- [Model options reference](#)

abstract_managers

TODO: need description

add_field

TODO: need description

add_virtual_field

TODO: need description

admin

TODO: need description

app_label

TODO: need description

auto_created

TODO: need description

auto_field

TODO: need description

concrete_managers

TODO: need description

contribute_to_class

TODO: need description

db_table

TODO: need description

db_tablespace

TODO: need description

duplicate_targets

TODO: need description

fields

TODO: need description

get_add_permission

TODO: need description

get_all_field_names

Returns a list of all field names that are possible for this model (including reverse relation names). This is used for pretty printing debugging output (a list of choices), so any internal-only field names are not included.

get_all_related_m2m_objects_with_model

Returns a list of (related-m2m-object, model) pairs. Similar to `get_fields_with_model()`.

get_all_related_many_to_many_objects

TODO: need description

get_all_related_objects

TODO: need description

get_all_related_objects_with_model

Returns a list of (related-object, model) pairs. Similar to `get_fields_with_model()`.

get_ancestor_link

Returns the field on the current model which points to the given “ancestor”. This is possible an indirect link (a pointer to a parent model, which points, eventually, to the ancestor). Used when constructing table joins for model inheritance. Returns None if the model isn’t an ancestor of this one.

get_base_chain

Returns a list of parent classes leading to 'model' (order from closet to most distant ancestor). This has to handle the case were 'model' is a granparent or even more distant relation.

get_change_permission

TODO: need description

get_delete_permission

TODO: need description

get_field

Returns the requested field by name. Raises `FieldDoesNotExist` on error.

get_field_by_name

Returns the (field_object, model, direct, m2m), where field_object is the Field instance for the given name, model is the model containing this field (None for local fields), direct is True if the field exists on this model, and m2m is True for many-to-many relations. When 'direct' is False, 'field_object' is the corresponding RelatedObject for this field (since the field doesn't have an instance associated with it). Uses a cache internally, so after the first access, this is very fast.

get_fields_with_model

Returns a sequence of (field, model) pairs for all fields. The “model” element is None for fields on the current model. Mostly of use when constructing queries so that we know which model a field belongs to.

get_latest_by

TODO: need description

get_m2m_with_model

The many-to-many version of `get_fields_with_model()`.

get_ordered_objects

Returns a list of Options objects that are ordered with respect to this object.

get_parent_list

Returns a list of all the ancestor of this model as a list. Useful for determining if something is an ancestor, regardless of lineage.

has_auto_field

TODO: need description

init_name_map

Initialises the field name -> field object mapping.

installed

TODO: need description

local_fields

TODO: need description

local_many_to_many

TODO: need description

managed

TODO: need description

many_to_many

TODO: need description

module_name

TODO: need description

object_name

TODO: need description

order_with_respect_to

TODO: need description

ordering

TODO: need description

parents

TODO: need description

permissions

TODO: need description

pk

TODO: need description

pk_index

Returns the index of the primary key field in the self.fields list.

proxy

TODO: need description

proxy_for_model

TODO: need description

setup_pk

TODO: need description

setup_proxy

Does the internal setup so that the current model is a proxy for “target”.

unique_together

TODO: need description

verbose_name

TODO: need description

verbose_name_plural

TODO: need description

verbose_name_raw

TODO: need description

virtual_fields

TODO: need description

Indices and tables

- `genindex`
- `modindex`
- `search`