
django-fcm Documentation

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Django-fcm is a reusable application. It serves as a server for the FCM (Firebase Cloud Messaging) service and allows you to register devices and send messages to them.

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CHAPTER 1

Quickstart

1. Install package via *pip*:

```
$ pip install django-fcm
```

2. Add *django-fcm* resources to your URL router:

```
# urls.py
from django.conf.urls import include, url

urlpatterns = [
    url(r'fcm/', include('fcm.urls')),
]
```

To check fcm urls just use the following command:

```
$ python manage.py fcm_urls

FCM urls:
* Register device
  /fcm/v1/devices/
* Unregister device
  /fcm/v1/devices/{id}/
```

3. Configure *django-fcm* in your `settings.py` file:

```
INSTALLED_APPS = [
    # ...
    'fcm',
]

FCM_APIKEY = "<api_key>"
```

Note: To obtain api key please go to <https://console.firebase.google.com/> and grab the key for the server app.

CHAPTER 2

Sending messages

Using console:

```
# Get the list of devices
$ python manage.py fcm_messenger --devices
> Devices list:
> (#1) My phone

# python manage.py fcm_messenger --device_id=<device_id> --msg=<message> [--collapse-
→key <key>]
$ python manage.py fcm_messenger --device_id=1 --msg='my test message'
```

Using Django orm:

```
from fcm.utils import get_device_model
Device = get_device_model()

my_phone = Device.objects.get(name='My phone')
my_phone.send_message({'message':'my test message'}, collapse_key='something')
```

collapse_key parameter is optional (default message).

If you want to send additional arguments like delay_while_idle or other, add them as named variables e.g.:

```
my_phone.send_message({'message':'my test message'}, delay_while_idle=True, time_to_
→live=5)
```

Note: For more information, see [Lifetime of a Message](#) and [Sending a downstream message](#) docs.

Multicast message

django-fcm supports sending messages to multiple devices at once. E.g.:

```
from fcm.utils import get_device_model
Device = get_device_model()

Device.objects.all().send_message({'message': 'my test message'})
```

Topic messaging

django-fcm supports sending messages to multiple devices that have opted in to a particular fcm topic:

```
from fcm.api import FCMMMessage

FCMMMessage().send({'message': 'my test message'}, to='/topics/my-topic')
```

Note: For more information, see [Send messages to topics](#).

`fcm.signals.device_registered`

Sent when a device is registered. Provides the following arguments:

sender The resource class used to register the device.

device An instance of `fcm.models.Device` (see [Extending device model](#)) represents the registered device.

request The `HttpRequest` in which the device was registered.

`fcm.signals.device_unregistered`

Sent when a device is unregistered. Provides the following arguments:

sender The resource class used to unregister the device.

device An instance of `fcm.models.Device` (see [Extending device model](#)) represents the unregistered device.

request The `HttpRequest` in which the device was unregistered.

Extending device model

Allows you to store additional data in the device model (e.g. foreign key to the user)

Device model

In your application, you need to create your own *Device* model. This model has to inherit from *fcm.models.AbstractDevice*.

```
# import the AbstractDevice class to inherit from
from fcm.models import AbstractDevice

class MyDevice(AbstractDevice):
    pass
```

Use your model

In the end, you have to inform *django-fcm* where it can find your model.

Add appropriate path to the `settings.py` file:

```
FCM_DEVICE_MODEL = 'your_app.MyDevice'
```


CHAPTER 5

Api key authentication

Allows you to manage access to the FCM api using one of the available `tastypie` authentication methods - *ApiKeyAuthentication*.

Note: I strongly recommend see [django-tastypie Authentication docs](#).

Adding authentication requires *django-rest-framework* added to your *INSTALLED_APPS* in the `settings.py` file:

```
INSTALLED_APPS = [  
    ...  
    'fcm',  
    'rest_framework',  
]
```

Adding user field

You need to extend *Device* model and add user field. (See *Extending device model*)

```
# your_app/models.py  
from django.conf import settings  
from django.db import models  
from fcm.models import AbstractDevice  
  
class MyDevice(AbstractDevice):  
    user = models.ForeignKey(settings.AUTH_USER_MODEL)
```

Add appropriate path to the `settings.py` file:

```
FCM_DEVICE_MODEL = 'your_app.models.MyDevice'
```

Serializer class

In your application , you can create the serializer, or customize it according the extra field you have included in your *Device* model.

```
from rest_framework import serializers
from fcm.models import Device

class DeviceSerializer(serializers.ModelSerializer):
    class Meta:
        model = Device
        fields = ('dev_id', 'reg_id', 'name', 'is_active')
```

View class

In your application, you need to create your view either through *ModelViewSet* or can user or override methods as specified in django-rest-framework documentation.

```
from rest_framework import viewsets
from fcm.models import Device
from fcm.serializers import DeviceSerializer

class DeviceViewSet(viewsets.ModelViewSet):
    queryset = Device.objects.all()
    serializer_class = DeviceSerializer
```

You need to hook your viewset class up in your `urls.py` file:

```
# your_app/urls.py
from django.conf.urls import url, include

from rest_framework import routers
from fcm.views import DeviceViewSet

router = routers.DefaultRouter()
router.register(r'devices', DeviceViewSet)

urlpatterns = [
    url(r'^v1/', include(router.urls))
]
```

Include your `urls.py` file in the main URL router:

```
# urls.py
from django.conf.urls import include, url

urlpatterns = [
    url(r'', include('your_app.urls')),
]
```

Device registration endpoints

Default `django-fcm` endpoints:

- `/fcm/v1/devices/`
- `/fcm/v1/devices/{id}/`

Note: Command `python manage.py fcm_urls` returns the current endpoints.

Register

POST parameters:

dev_id Unique device identifier

reg_id Registration token

name Optional device name

```
curl -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/json" -d '{"dev_id": "test", "reg_id": "abcd
↪", "name": "test device"}' \
http://localhost:8000/fcm/v1/devices/
```

Unregister

POST parameters:

dev_id Unique device identifier

```
curl -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/json" -d '{"dev_id": "test"}' http://
↪localhost:8000/fcm/v1/devices/{id}/
```


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