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Welcome Django

With the latest improvements in support for Python in IRIS, and continued work on [Python DB-API](#) support by InterSystems. I've implemented IRIS support to the Django project where is Python DB-API is used to work with some other databases.

Let's try a simple application on Django, which stores its data in IRIS.

Todo List

<input type="checkbox"/> Land a job in google :p	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> -Learn basics of django	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> -Complete the basic todo App	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Learn guitar	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

That application is available on [GitHub](#), let's clone it

```
git clone https://github.com/caretdev/django-iris-todo
cd django-iris-todo
```

And we can build and start it with Docker-compose

```
docker-compose up -d --build
```

It will take some time, when IRIS will be started, and Django application will catch it migrate the models there and starts application too, once it's started it will be available by <http://localhost:8000/> and you should see the picture like above.

But how it works

To make it work It requires, InterSystems Python DB-API installed, it comes with the latest preview version, so, you

will need to have version 2022.1.0.114.0 or above and it's located in instance's folder <INSTALLDIR>/dev/python/. This file can also be downloaded from [this GitHub repo](#)

```
pip3 install intersystems_irispython-3.2.0-py3-none-any.whl
```

Django's IRIS backend is implemented by another project, and which can be installed with pip, and for sure we need django itself, let's install them

```
pip3 install django django-iris
```

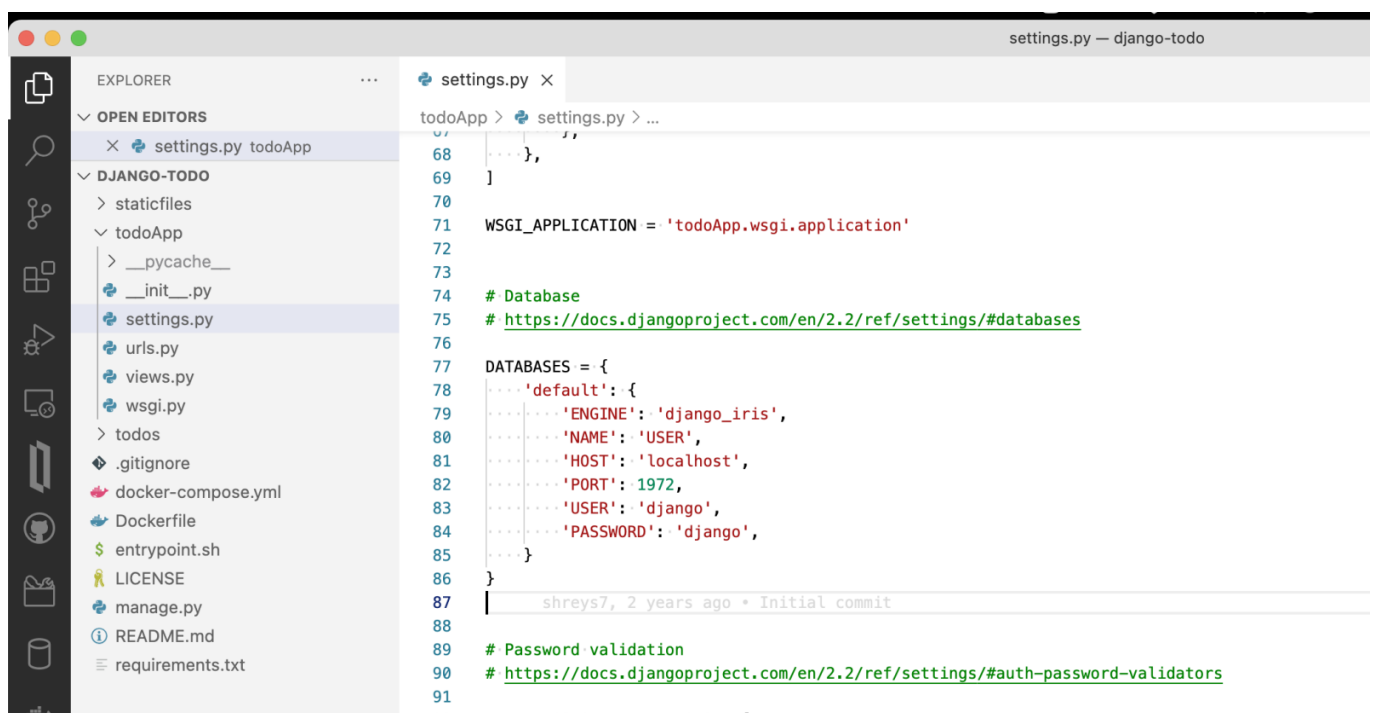
Another way to install required packages in Python is to use requirements.txt file

```
pip3 install -r requirements.txt
```

While that file contains, this lines

```
https://raw.githubusercontent.com/intersystems-community/iris-driver-  
distribution/main/intersystems_irispython-3.2.0-py3-none-any.whl  
Django~=4.0.2  
django-iris~=0.1.5
```

Let's connect our Django application to the IRIS, open file todoApp/settings.py



DATABASES defines connections settings to the database

ENGINE should be djangoIRIS

NAME should point to Namespace in IRIS

Just change it to something, where it can connect. For instance

```
DATABASES = {
    'default': {
        'ENGINE': 'django_iris',
        'NAME': 'DJANGOTODO',
        'HOST': 'localhost',
        'PORT': 1972,
        'USER': '_SYSTEM',
        'PASSWORD': 'SYS',
    }
}
```

And start migration

```
python3 manage.py migrate
```

```
$ python3 manage.py migrate
Operations to perform:
  Apply all migrations: admin, auth, contenttypes, sessions, todos
Running migrations:
  Applying contenttypes.0001_initial... OK
  Applying auth.0001_initial... OK
  Applying admin.0001_initial... OK
  Applying admin.0002_logentry_remove_auto_add... OK
  Applying admin.0003_logentry_add_action_flag_choices... OK
  Applying contenttypes.0002_remove_content_type_name... OK
  Applying auth.0002_alter_permission_name_max_length... OK
  Applying auth.0003_alter_user_email_max_length... OK
  Applying auth.0004_alter_user_username_opts... OK
  Applying auth.0005_alter_user_last_login_null... OK
  Applying auth.0006_require_contenttypes_0002... OK
  Applying auth.0007_alter_validators_add_error_messages... OK
  Applying auth.0008_alter_user_username_max_length... OK
  Applying auth.0009_alter_user_last_name_max_length... OK
  Applying auth.0010_alter_group_name_max_length... OK
  Applying auth.0011_update_proxy_permissions... OK
  Applying auth.0012_alter_user_first_name_max_length... OK
  Applying sessions.0001_initial... OK
  Applying todos.0001_initial... OK
No errors, all tables on IRIS side is created
```

And we are ready to start our application

```
python3 manage.py runserver
```

```

└─$ python3 manage.py runserver
Watching for file changes with StatReloader
Performing system checks...

System check identified no issues (0 silenced).
February 25, 2022 - 15:05:39
Django version 4.0.2, using settings 'todoApp.settings'
Starting development server at http://127.0.0.1:8000/
Quit the server with CONTROL-C.
[25/Feb/2022 15:05:41] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 302 0
[25/Feb/2022 15:05:41] "GET /todos HTTP/1.1" 301 0
[25/Feb/2022 15:05:41] "GET /todos/ HTTP/1.1" 200 2328
[25/Feb/2022 15:05:41] "GET /static/css/style.css HTTP/1.1" 200 225
Not Found: /favicon.ico
[25/Feb/2022 15:05:43] "GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1" 404 2570
[25/Feb/2022 15:05:45] "POST /todos/add/ HTTP/1.1" 302 0
[25/Feb/2022 15:05:45] "GET /todos/ HTTP/1.1" 200 2904

```

Django comes with an admin panel

```
python3 manage.py createsuperuser
```

```

└─$ python3 manage.py createsuperuser
Username (leave blank to use 'daimor'): admin
Email address: admin@example.com
Password:
Password (again):
The password is too similar to the username.
This password is too short. It must contain at least 8 characters.
This password is too common.
Bypass password validation and create user anyway? [y/N]: y
Superuser created successfully.

```

And admin panel is available by link <http://localhost:8000/admin/>.

The screenshot shows the Django administration interface. The top navigation bar includes the title 'Django administration' and links for 'WELCOME, ADMIN', 'VIEW SITE', 'CHANGE PASSWORD', and 'LOG OUT'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Home > Todos > Todos'. On the left sidebar, under 'AUTHENTICATION AND AUTHORIZATION', there are links for 'Groups' and 'Users', each with a '+ Add' button. Under the 'TODOS' section, there is a link for 'Todos' with a '+ Add' button. The main content area is titled 'Select todo to change' and features an 'ADD TODO +' button. Below this, there is an 'Action:' dropdown menu and a 'Go' button. A list of todos is displayed, each with a checkbox and a text label: 'TODO', 'do more django projects', 'publish demo', and 'write article'. At the bottom of the list, it says '3 todos'.

And how it stored in IRIS

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Server 361012e54182 **Namespace** DJANGOTODO **Switch** **User** _SYSTEM **Licensed To** InterSystems IRIS . **Instance** IRIS

System > SQL
Filter applies to
System ☐ **Schema** SQLUser
Tables

- > [SQLUser.auth_group](#)
- > [SQLUser.auth_group_permissions](#)
- > [SQLUser.auth_permission](#)
- > [SQLUser.auth_user](#)
- > [SQLUser.auth_user_groups](#)
- > [SQLUser.auth_user_user_permissions](#)
- > [SQLUser.django_admin_log](#)
- > [SQLUser.django_content_type](#)
- > [SQLUser.django_migrations](#)
- > [SQLUser.django_session](#)
- > [SQLUser.todos_todo](#)

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```
SELECT
id, title, created_at, update_at, isCompleted
FROM SQLUser.todos_todo
```

Row count: 3 Performance: 0.012 seconds 326 global references 2224 commands executed 0 disk read latency (ms) Cached Query: %s

id	title	created_at	update_at	isCompleted
1	write article	02/25/2022 09:50:38.250511	02/25/2022 09:50:46.914831	1
2	publish demo	02/25/2022 09:50:42.702902	02/25/2022 09:50:47.776752	1
3	do more django projects	02/25/2022 09:51:29.893796	02/25/2022 09:51:29.893819	0

3 row(s) affected

There are still some scope of work needs to be done to have a full support. Work still in progress for Python DB-API driver from InterSystems, and also for this django-iris project.

Be aware, that it may not work so smooth on Community Edition version, due to the way how Django connects to the database, it may use all the licenses very quickly

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