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# Django URL Filter Documentation

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`url_filter.exceptions` module

**exception** `url_filter.exceptions.SkipFilter`  
Bases: `exceptions.Exception`

Exception to be used when any particular filter within the `FilterSet` should be skipped.

Possible reasons for skipping the field:

- filter lookup config is invalid (e.g. using wrong field name - field is not present in filter set)
- filter lookup value is invalid (e.g. submitted “a” for integer field)

### `url_filter.fields` module

```
class url_filter.fields.MultipleValuesField (child=<class 'django.forms.fields.CharField'>,
                                             min_values=2,                max_values=None,
                                             many_validators=None,         delimiter=u',',
                                             *args, **kwargs)
```

Bases: `django.forms.fields.CharField`

Custom Django field for validating/cleaning multiple values given in a single value separated by a delimiter.

#### Parameters

- **child** (*Field, optional*) – Another Django form field which should be used.
- **min\_values** (*int, optional*) – Minimum number of values which must be provided. By default at least 2 values are required.
- **max\_values** (*int, optional*) – Maximum number of values which can be provided. By default no maximum is enforced.
- **max\_validators** (*list, optional*) – Additional validators which should be used to validate all values once wplitted by the delimiter.
- **delimiter** (*str, optional*) – The delimiter by which the value will be split into multiple values. By default `,` is used.

#### `clean (value)`

Custom `clean` which first validates the value first by using standard `CharField` and if all passes, it applies similar validations for each value once its split.

#### `many_run_validators (values)`

Run each validation from `many_validators` for the cleaned values.

#### `many_to_python (value)`

Method responsible to split the value into multiple values by using the delimiter and cleaning each one as per the child field.

#### `many_validate (values)`

Hook for validating all values.

### `url_filter.filters` module

```
class url_filter.filters.Filter (source=None, *args, **kwargs)
```

Bases: `object`

Filter class which main job is to convert leaf `LookupConfig` to `FilterSpec`.

Each filter by itself is meant to be used a “field” in the `FilterSpec`.

#### Parameters

- **source** (*str*) – Name of the attribute for which which filter applies to within the model of the queryset to be filtered as given to the `FilterSet`.

- **form\_field** (*Field*) – Instance of Django’s `forms.Field` which will be used to clean the filter value as provided in the queryset. For example if field is `IntegerField`, this filter will make sure to convert the filtering value to integer before creating a `FilterSpec`.
- **lookups** (*list, optional*) – List of strings of allowed lookups for this filter. By default all supported lookups are allowed.
- **default\_lookup** (*str, optional*) – If the lookup is not provided in the querystring lookup key, this lookup will be used. By default `exact` lookup is used. For example the default lookup is used when querystring key is `user__profile__email` which is missing the lookup so `exact` will be used.
- **is\_default** (*bool, optional*) – Boolean specifying if this filter should be used as a default filter in the parent `FilterSet`. By default it is `False`. Primarily this is used when querystring lookup key refers to a nested `FilterSet` however it does not specify which filter to use. For example lookup key `user__profile` intends to filter something in the user’s profile however it does not specify by which field to filter on. In that case the default filter within profile `FilterSet` will be used. At most, one default filter should be provided in the `FilterSet`.

**bind** (*name, parent*)

Bind the filter to the filterset.

This method should be used by the parent `FilterSet` since it allows to specify the parent and name of each filter within the filterset.

**clean\_value** (*value, lookup*)

Clean the filter value as appropriate for the given lookup.

#### Parameters

- **value** (*str*) – Filter value as given in the querystring to be validated and cleaned by using appropriate Django form field
- **lookup** (*str*) – Name of the lookup

See also:

`get_form_field()`

#### components

List of all components (source names) of all parent filtersets.

**get\_form\_field** (*lookup*)

Get the form field for a particular lookup.

This method does not blindly return `form_field` attribute since some lookups require to use different validations. For example for if the `form_field` is `CharField` but the lookup is `isnull`, it makes more sense to use `BooleanField` as form field.

**Parameters** **lookup** (*str*) – Name of the lookup

**Returns** Instantiated form field appropriate for the given lookup.

**Return type** `Field`

**get\_spec** (*config*)

Get the `FilterSpec` for the provided config.

**Parameters** **config** (`LookupConfig`) – Lookup configuration for which to build `FilterSpec`. The lookup should be a leaf configuration otherwise `ValidationError` is raised.

**Returns** spec constructed from the given configuration.

Return type *FilterSpec*

**root**

This gets the root filterset.

**source**

Source field/attribute in queryset model to be used for filtering.

This property is helpful when `source` parameter is not provided when instantiating `Filter` since it will use the filter name as it is defined in the `FilterSet`. For example:

```
>>> class MyFilterSet(FilterSet):
...     foo = Filter(form_field=CharField())
...     bar = Filter(source='stuff', form_field=CharField())
>>> fs = MyFilterSet()
>>> print(fs.fields['foo'].source)
foo
>>> print(fs.fields['bar'].source)
stuff
```

## url\_filter.utils module

**class** url\_filter.utils.**FilterSpec** (*components, lookup, value, is\_negated=False*)

Bases: object

Class for describing filter specification.

The main job of the `FilterSet` is to parse the submitted lookups into a list of filter specs. A list of these specs is then used by the filter backend to actually filter given queryset.

The reason why filtering is decoupled from the `FilterSet` is because this allows to implement filter backends not related to Django.

**components**

*list*

A list of strings which are names of the keys/attributes to be used in filtering of the queryset. For example lookup config with key `user__profile__email` will be components of `["user", "profile", "email"]`.

**lookup**

*str*

Name of the lookup how final key/attribute from `components` should be compared. For example lookup config with key `user__profile__email__contains` will have a lookup `contains`.

**value**

Value of the filter.

**is\_negated**

*bool, optional*

Whether this filter should be negated. By default its `False`.

**class** url\_filter.utils.**LookupConfig** (*key, data*)

Bases: object

Lookup configuration which is used by `FilterSet` to create a `FilterSpec`.

The main purpose of this config is to allow the use of recursion in `FilterSet`. Each lookup key (the keys in the querystring) is parsed into a nested one-key dictionary which lookup config stores.

For example the querystring:



```
?user__profile__email__endswith=gmail.com
```

is parsed into the following config:

```
{
  'user': {
    'profile': {
      'email': {
        'endswith': 'gmail.com'
      }
    }
  }
}
```

**key**

*str*

Full lookup key from the querystring. For example `user__profile__email__endswith`

**data**

*dict, str*

Either:

- nested dictionary where the key is the next key within the lookup chain and value is another `LookupConfig`
- the filtering value as provided in the querystring value

**Parameters**

- **key** (*str*) – Full lookup key from the querystring.
- **data** (*dict, str*) – A regular vanilla Python dictionary. This class automatically converts nested dictionaries to instances of `LookupConfig`. Alternatively a filtering value as provided in the querystring.

**as\_dict()**

Converts the nested `LookupConfig`'s to a regular `dict`.

**is\_key\_value()**

**name**

If the data is nested `LookupConfig`, this gets its first lookup key.

**value**

If the data is nested `LookupConfig`, this gets its first lookup value which could either be another `LookupConfig` or actual filtering value.

**class** `url_filter.utils.SubClassDict`

Bases: `dict`

Special-purpose dict with special getter for looking up values by finding matching subclasses.

This is better illustrated in an example:

```
>>> class Klass(object): pass
>>> class Foo(object): pass
>>> class Bar(Foo): pass
>>> mapping = SubClassDict({
...     Foo: 'foo',
...     Klass: 'klass',
```

```
... })
>>> print(mapping.get(Klass))
klass
>>> print(mapping.get(Foo))
foo
>>> print(mapping.get(Bar))
foo
```

**get** (*k*, *d=None*)

If no value is found by using Python's default implementation, try to find the value where the key is a base class of the provided search class.

### `url_filter.validators` module

**class** `url_filter.validators.MaxLengthValidator` (*limit\_value*, *message=None*)

Bases: `django.core.validators.MaxLengthValidator`

Customer Django max length validator with better-suited error message

**clean** (*x*)

**code** = `u'max_length'`

**compare** (*a*, *b*)

**deconstruct** (*obj*)

Returns a 3-tuple of class import path, positional arguments, and keyword arguments.

**message** = `<django.utils.functional.__proxy__ object>`

**class** `url_filter.validators.MinLengthValidator` (*limit\_value*, *message=None*)

Bases: `django.core.validators.MinLengthValidator`

Customer Django min length validator with better-suited error message

**clean** (*x*)

**code** = `u'min_length'`

**compare** (*a*, *b*)

**deconstruct** (*obj*)

Returns a 3-tuple of class import path, positional arguments, and keyword arguments.

**message** = `<django.utils.functional.__proxy__ object>`

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