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# **django-split-settings**

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Organize Django settings into multiple files and directories. Easily override and modify settings. Use wildcards in settings file paths and mark settings files as optional.

Read [this blog post](#) for more information. Also, check this [example project](#).

While this package will most likely work with the most versions of `django`, we [officially support](#):

- 4.2
- 5.0
- 5.1

This package has no dependencies itself.

In case you need older `python` / `django` versions support, then consider using older versions of `django-split-settings`.



## INSTALLATION

```
pip install django-split-settings
```





## USAGE

Replace your existing `settings.py` with a list of components that make up your Django settings. Preferably create a settings package that contains all the files.

Here's a minimal example:

```
from split_settings.tools import optional, include

include(
    'components/base.py',
    'components/database.py',
    optional('local_settings.py')
)
```

In the example, the files `base.py` and `database.py` are included in that order from the subdirectory called `components/`. `local_settings.py` in the same directory is included if it exists.

**Note:** The local context is passed on to each file, so each following file can access and modify the settings declared in the previous files.

We also made an in-depth [tutorial](#).



## TIPS AND TRICKS

You can use wildcards in file paths:

```
include('components/my_app/*.py')
```

Note that files are included in the order that `glob` returns them, probably in the same order as what `ls -U` would list them. The files are NOT in alphabetical order.

You can modify common settings in environment settings simply importing them

```
# local_settings.py
from components.base import INSTALLED_APPS

INSTALLED_APPS += (
    'raven.contrib.django.raven_compat',
)
```



## UPDATING BASE\_DIR

The `django create-project` command will create a variable in your `settings.py` called `BASE_DIR`, which is often used to locate static files, media files, and templates.

```
# Created by django create-project  
BASE_DIR = os.path.dirname(os.path.dirname(os.path.abspath(__file__)))  
STATIC_ROOT = os.path.join(BASE_DIR, "staticfiles/")  
MEDIA_ROOT = os.path.join(BASE_DIR, "mediafiles/")
```

The expression for `BASE_DIR` means: get the path to the current file (`settings.py`), get the parent folder (whatever you named your project), get the parent folder (the root of the project). So `STATIC_ROOT` will then be evaluated to `/staticfiles` (with `/` meaning the root of your project/repo).

With `django-split-settings` `settings` is now a module (instead of a file), so `os.path.dirname(os.path.dirname(os.path.abspath(__file__)))` will evaluate to `/whatever-you-named-your-project` as opposed to `/.`

To fix this `BASE_DIR` needs to be set to the parent folder of `/whatever-you-named-your-project`:

```
BASE_DIR = os.path.dirname(os.path.dirname(os.path.dirname(os.path.abspath(__file__))))
```



## DO YOU WANT TO CONTRIBUTE?

Read the [CONTRIBUTING.md](#) file.





## VERSION HISTORY

See [CHANGELOG.md](#) file.

## 6.1 API Reference

### 6.1.1 API

Organize Django settings into multiple files and directories.

Easily override and modify settings. Use wildcards and optional settings files.

#### **class** `_Optional`

Bases: `str`

Wrap a file path with this class to mark it as optional.

Optional paths don't raise an `OSError` if file is not found.

#### **optional**(*filename*)

This function is used for compatibility reasons.

It masks the old *optional* class with the name error. Now *invalid-name* is removed from *pylint*.

##### **Parameters**

**filename** (`Optional[str]`) – the filename to be optional.

##### **Return type**

`str`

##### **Returns**

New instance of `_Optional`.

#### **include**(\*args, scope=None)

Used for including Django project settings from multiple files.

##### **Parameters**

- **\*args** (`str`) – File paths (`glob` - compatible wildcards can be used).
- **\*\*kwargs** – Settings context: `scope=globals()` or `None`.

##### **Raises**

**OSError** – if a required settings file is not found.

##### **Return type**

`None`

Usage example:

```
from split_settings.tools import optional, include

include(
    'components/base.py',
    'components/database.py',
    optional('local_settings.py'),

    scope=globals(), # optional scope
)
```

## 6.1.2 Version history

We follow Semantic Version.

### 1.3.1

#### Bugfixes

- Fixes getting the last stack item performance #532

### 1.3.0

#### Features

- Drops python3.8 support
- Adds python3.11 and python3.12 support
- Adds django5.0 support
- Uses OSError instead of IOError alias
- Converts `include(*args, **kwargs)` to `include(*args, scope=...)`, because other kwargs were not supported anyway

### 1.2.0

#### Features

- Adds python3.10 support
- Drops python3.6 support
- Adds django4.1 support

### 1.1.0

#### Features

- Adds python3.9 support
- Adds django3.1 support

#### Misc

- Moves to Github Actions

### 1.0.1

#### Bugfixes

- Fixes that django's dev server was not catching split setting filechanges

### 1.0.0

Breaking changes:

- Drops python2 support
- Drops django2.0 support

Improvements:

- Moves to poetry
- Adds mypy support
- Adds wemake-python-styleguide support
- Adds extra CI checks: safety, doc8
- Adds py.typed file to package type information

### 0.3.1

Improvements:

- Added support for django till to 2.2 version.

### 0.3.0

Improvements:

- Added Django==2.0
- Removed old versions of Django from test matrix
- Removed python3.4 from test matrix
- Documentation updates
- Adds more flake8 plugins to enforce strict style

### Bugs:

- Fixes Windows problems via #21

## 0.2.5

### Improvements:

- Added python3.6 and Django==1.11
- Fixed tests/settings structure with basic/ folder
- Added documentation, which is built with Sphinx
- Updated README.rst with new logo
- Updated README.rst with docs badge
- Updated CONTRIBUTING.rst with new information

### Bugs:

- Updated README.rst to be compatible with PyPI

## 0.2.4

- Changed the default Django version in the requirements from `>= 1.5.1` to `>= 1.5`
- Added `setup.cfg` to support `python setup.py test` command
- Refactored how the tests work
- Added `tests/conftest.py` file with the fixtures, used fixtures widely
- Changed all test to be functions instead of classes
- Added new classifiers
- Added `pytest-env` to read env variables from `setup.cfg`
- Removed `run_coveralls.py`, added `after_success` section in `.travis.yml`
- Changed the `README.rst` to be shorter

## 0.2.3

- Added `django@1.10` support
- Now `include` function finds parent `globals()` scope automatically if not provided
- Added protection against infinite recursion
- Added tests for stackable settings definition. See `tests/settings/stacked/`
- Added tests for the new functionality
- Added tests for `django@1.10` in `tox` and `travis`
- Removed 3.2 and 3.3 from `setup.py` since these versions were not tested anyway

## 0.2.2

- Now supporting unicode filenames, fixes [#9](#)
- Tests structure is changed
- Removed example
- Changed how MANIFEST.in is defined

## 0.2.1

- Changed optional to be a function.
- Added test\_tools.py, achieved 100% in coverage.
- Removed setuptools-git from setup.py, now Manifest is only way to provide dist sources.
- Added run\_coveralls.py to work on both CI and local tests.
- Style fixes.

## 0.2.0

- Now tox is used for testing.
- Added coverage information and badge.
- Removed pep8 utility, now using pylint.

## 0.1.3

- Python 3.5 support, Django 1.9 test-support, documentation updates.

## 0.1.2

- Fixed Python 3 compatibility. Fixed [#7](#).

## 0.1.1

- Fixed issue [#1](#): now works with Gunicorn, too

## 0.1.0

- Initial version



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