# 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.

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### **INSTALLATION**

pip install django-split-settings

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### 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.

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### **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',
)
```

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### 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\_\_))))

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# DO YOU WANT TO CONTRIBUTE?

Read the CONTRIBUTING.md file.

### SIX

### **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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