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# **django-edit-suggestion**

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## INSTALL

Install from PyPI with pip:

```
$ pip install django-edit-suggestion
```

### 1.1 Settings

Add `django_edit_suggestion` to your `INSTALLED_APPS`

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

Requires to have Users



It's attached to a model via a field that during django setup phase creates a model related to that specific parent model.

EditSuggestion instances: - can be modified/deleted by the author of each instance - status can be “under review”, “rejected” and “published” - status change need to pass a condition - changing the status to “published” updates the tracked model and locks the edit suggestion from being edited/deleted

## 2.1 Parent Model Example

Model has a field “edit\_suggestion” that instantiates EditSuggestion A serializer module and parent serializer is passed as a tuple ex:

```
class Tag(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=126)

def condition_check(user, parent_model_instance, edit_suggestion_instance):
    # do some checks and return a boolean
    if user.is_superuser or parent_model_instance.author == user:
        return True
    return False

class ParentModel(models.Model):
    excluded_field = models.IntegerField()
    m2m_type_field = models.ManyToManyField(Tag)
    edit_suggestions = EditSuggestion(
        excluded_fields=['excluded_field'],
        m2m_fields={
            'name': 'm2m_type_field',
            'model': Tag,
            'through': 'optional. empty if not used',
        },
        change_status_condition=condition_check,
        bases=(VotableMixin,), # optional. bases are used to build the edit_
↪ suggestion model upon them
        user_class=CustomUser, # optional. uses the default user model
    )
```

At django initializing stage the Edit Suggestion App creates a model for each Model having this field ex: “EditSuggestionParentModel”

Can access the model by ParentModel.edit\_suggestions.model

## 2.2 How to use

## 2.3 Create new edit suggestion

After setting up the field inside the parent model just create a new edit suggestion by invoking the model `new()` method:

```
edit_suggestion = parentModelInstance.edit_suggestions.new({
    **edit_data,
    'edit_suggestion_author': user_instance
})
```

## 2.4 Diff against the parent

Can see the differences between the parent instance and the current edit:

```
changes = edit_suggestion.diff_against_parent()
```

It will return an object `ModelDelta` that has the attributes: - `object.changes`: tracked changes - `object.changed_fields`: changed fields name - `object.old_record`: parent instance - `object.new_record`: current edit instance

## 2.5 Publish

To publish an edit suggestion you need to pass in a user. If the `change_status_condition` does not pass, a `django.contrib.auth.models.PermissionDenied` exception will be raised.

```
edit_suggestion.edit_suggestion_publish(user)
```

This will change the status from `edit_suggestion.Status.UNDER_REVIEWS` to `edit_suggestion.Status.PUBLISHED`. After publishing, the edit suggestion won't be able to be edited anymore.

## 2.6 Reject

To reject an edit suggestion you need to pass in a user and a reason. If the `change_status_condition` does not pass, a `django.contrib.auth.models.PermissionDenied` exception will be raised.

```
edit_suggestion.edit_suggestion_reject(user, reason)
```

This will change the status from `edit_suggestion.Status.UNDER_REVIEWS` to `edit_suggestion.Status.REJECTED`. After rejecting, the edit suggestion won't be able to be edited anymore.



## 2.7 Foreign Fields different than type ForeignKey

If using a foreign field different than `ForeignKey`, like `mppt.fields.TreeForeignKey` use argument `special_foreign_fields` when initializing the `EditSuggestion`:

```
edit_suggestions = EditSuggestion(
    excluded_fields=(
        'created_at', 'updated_at', 'author', 'thumbs_up_array', 'thumbs_down_array'),
    special_foreign_fields=['parent'],
    change_status_condition=edit_suggestion_change_status_condition,
    post_publish=post_publish_edit,
    post_reject=post_reject_edit
)
```

## 2.8 M2M Fields

Can add `ManyToManyField` references by passing actual model or string. For referencing self instance use `'self'`:

```
class M2MSelfModel(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=64)
    children = models.ManyToManyField('M2MSelfModel')
    edit_suggestions = EditSuggestion(
        m2m_fields=((
            'name': 'children',
            'model': 'self',
        )),
        change_status_condition=condition_check,
    )
```

## 2.9 M2M Through support

Can use `ManyToManyField` with `through` table. The original pivot table will get copied and modified to point to the edit suggestion model. To save/edit the edit suggestion with `m2m through` field need to use a custom method.

```
class SharedChild(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=64)

    def __str__(self):
        return self.name

class SharedChildOrder(models.Model):
    parent = models.ForeignKey('ParentM2MThroughModel', on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    shared_child = models.ForeignKey(SharedChild, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    order = models.IntegerField(default=0)

class ParentM2MThroughModel(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=64)
    children = models.ManyToManyField(SharedChild, through=SharedChildOrder)
    edit_suggestions = EditSuggestion(
        m2m_fields=((
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        'name': 'children',
        'model': SharedChild,
        'through': {
            'model': SharedChildOrder,
            'self_field': 'parent',
        },
    },)),
    change_status_condition=condition_check,
    bases=(VotableMixin,), # optional. bases are used to build the edit_
↪suggestion model upon them
    user_model=User, # optional. uses the default user model
)

```

## 2.10 Django REST integration

In 1.23 comes with `EditSuggestionSerializer` and `ModelViewSetWithEditSuggestion`.

There are 2 serializers: the one for listing (with minimal informations) and the one for detail/form view with all info.

The serializer is used for supplying the method `get_edit_suggestion_serializer` to the serializer for the model that receives edit suggestions. This method should return the edit suggestion serializer.

The serializer is used for supplying the method `get_edit_suggestion_listing_serializer` to the serializer for the model that receives edit suggestions. This method should return the edit suggestion serializer.

```

class TagSerializer(ModelSerializer):
    queryset = Tag.objects

    class Meta:
        model = Tag
        fields = ['name', ]

class ParentEditListingSerializer(ModelSerializer):
    queryset = ParentModel.edit_suggestions

    class Meta:
        model = ParentModel.edit_suggestions.model
        fields = ['pk', 'edit_suggestion_reason', 'edit_suggestion_author', 'edit_
↪suggestion_date_created']

class ParentEditSerializer(ModelSerializer):
    queryset = ParentModel.edit_suggestions
    tags = TagSerializer(many=True)

    class Meta:
        model = ParentModel.edit_suggestions.model
        fields = ['name', 'tags', 'edit_suggestion_reason', 'edit_suggestion_author']

class ParentSerializer(EditSuggestionSerializer):
    queryset = ParentModel.objects
    tags = TagSerializer(many=True)

    class Meta:
        model = ParentModel
        fields = ['name', 'tags']

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```

@staticmethod
def get_edit_suggestion_serializer():
    return ParentEditSerializer

@staticmethod
def get_edit_suggestion_listing_serializer():
    return ParentEditListingSerializer

```

The `ModelViewSetWithEditSuggestion` is to be inherited from when creating the model viewset:

```

class ParentViewSet(ModelViewSetWithEditSuggestion):
    serializer_class = ParentSerializer
    queryset = ParentSerializer.queryset

```

It will add `edit_suggestions` for GET and `create_edit_suggestion` for POST requests.

Have `edit_suggestion_publish` and `edit_suggestion_reject` for POST requests.

Thus, to **retrieve the edit suggestions** for a specific resource using django rest we would send a GET request to `reverse('parent-viewset-edit-suggestions', kwargs={'pk': 1})`.

The url in string form would be `/api/parent/1/create_edit_suggestion/`.

To create an edit suggestion for a resource there are 2 ways: 1. POST request to `reverse('parent-viewset-create-edit-suggestion', kwargs={'pk': 1})` The url in string form would be `/api/parent/1/edit_suggestions/`.

2. use `ModelViewSetWithEditSuggestion` method `edit_suggestion_perform_create` since 1.34 the foreign key fields are handled as well

To **publish** using the viewset send a POST request to `reverse('parent-viewset-edit-suggestion-publish', kwargs={'pk': 1})` with a json object having `edit_suggestion_id` key with the edit suggestion pk.

To **reject** using the viewset send a POST request to `reverse('parent-viewset-edit-suggestion-reject', kwargs={'pk': 1})` with a json object having `edit_suggestion_id` key with the edit suggestion pk and `edit_suggestion_reject_reason` as the reason for rejection.

The responses will return status 403 if the rule does not verify, 401 for another exception and 200 for success.

## 2.11 Django REST integration for m2m through

In 1.30 we can handle creating edit suggestions with through m2m fields. It's the same procedure as with creating a normal edit suggestion but for the through m2m data we are using this data structure in the POST:

The creation is handled by the `edit_suggestion_handle_m2m_through_field` method of `ModelViewSetWithEditSuggestion` viewset. If there is a need to handle this in a different way, just override the method in your viewset.



## **ABOUT**

A django package for enabling django resources to be edited by users other than admin or resource author. The resource (an instance of a django model saved to database) will have a list of “edit suggestions” created by other users. The “edit suggestions” can be published, which will update the resource, or can be rejected. Users that pass a condition can publish or reject edit suggestions.



## GITHUB REPO

<https://github.com/smile-services/django-edit-suggestion>





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## CHAPTER FIVE

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### TODO

14/02/2021 Tests for file field, signals and copying parent model attributes



## CHANGES

### 1.40

1. fix m2m field str type

### 1.39

1. m2m fields work with specifying to relation by string (django style)

### 1.38

1. add support for foreign fields of type other than ForeignField

### 1.37

1. add support for file field. field is copied entirely
2. add support for signals
3. add support for copying parent model attributes

### 1.36

1. edit suggestions viewset uses parent *run\_validation* method to get new suggestion data

### 1.35

1. bugfix tracking foreign field changes

### 1.34

1. add fix to handling foreign key fields on *ModelViewSetWithEditSuggestion* method *edit\_suggestion\_perform\_create*

### 1.33

1. edit suggestion publish: fix m2m through copying of instance children to parent

### 1.32

1. rest\_views: publish/reject edit suggestion: add success messages

### 1.31

1. rest\_views: use edit suggestion listing serializer when retrieving the list of edit suggestions

### 1.30

1. add m2m through support in rest views and refactor the create edit suggestion

### 1.29

1. add m2m through support

### 1.28

1. `edit_suggestions` REST view returns paginated results. Can be filtered by status ex: `api/resources/88/edit_suggestions/?status=0`

**1.27**

1. Add `post_publish/post_reject` hooks

**1.26**

1. REST viewset `edit-suggestion-create` returns serialized instance of edit suggestion

**1.25**

1. add `edit_suggestion_publish` and `edit_suggestion_reject` to `ModelViewSetWithEditSuggestion` viewset
2. create tests for them

**1.24**

1. add m2m support to `diff_against_parent`

**1.23**

1. change status to `Production/Stable`
2. add `django_rest` support with adding `EditSuggestionSerializer` and `ModelViewSetWithEditSuggestion`