
django-anon Documentation

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CHAPTER 1

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1.1 Introduction

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1.1.1 Features

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1.1.2 Installation

```
pip install django-anon
```

1.1.3 Supported versions

- Python (2.7, 3.7)
- Django (1.8, 1.11, 2.2, 3.0)

1.1.4 License

MIT

1.2 Usage

Use `anon.BaseAnonymizer` to define your anonymizer classes:

```
import anon

from your_app.models import Person

class PersonAnonymizer(anon.BaseAnonymizer):
    email = anon.fake_email

    # You can use static values instead of callables
    is_admin = False

    class Meta:
        model = Person

# run anonymizer: be cautious, this will affect your current database!
PersonAnonymizer().run()
```

1.2.1 Built-in functions

```
import anon

anon.fake_word(min_size=_min_word_size, max_size=20)
anon.fake_text(max_size=255, max_diff_allowed=5, separator=' ')
anon.fake_small_text(max_size=50)
anon.fake_name(max_size=15)
anon.fake_username(max_size=10, separator='')
anon.fake_email(max_size=25, suffix='@example.com')
anon.fake_url(max_size=50, scheme='http://', suffix='.com')
anon.fake_phone_number(format='999-999-9999')
```

1.2.2 Lazy attributes

Lazy attributes can be defined as inline lambdas or methods, as shown below, using the `anon.lazy_attribute` function/decorator.

```
import anon

from your_app.models import Person

class PersonAnonymizer(anon.BaseAnonymizer):
    name = anon.lazy_attribute(lambda o: 'x' * len(o.name))

    @lazy_attribute
    def date_of_birth(self):
        # keep year and month
        return self.date_of_birth.replace(day=1)

    class Meta:
        model = Person
```


1.2.3 The clean method

```
import anon

class UserAnonymizer(anon.BaseAnonymizer):
    class Meta:
        model = User

    def clean(self, obj):
        obj.set_password('test')
        obj.save()
```

1.2.4 Defining a custom QuerySet

A custom QuerySet can be used to select the rows that should be anonymized:

```
import anon

from your_app.models import Person

class PersonAnonymizer(anon.BaseAnonymizer):
    email = anon.fake_email

    class Meta:
        model = Person

    def get_queryset(self):
        # keep admins unmodified
        return Person.objects.exclude(is_admin=True)
```

1.2.5 High-quality fake data

In order to be really fast, **django-anon** uses it's own algorithm to generate fake data. It is really fast, but the generated data is not pretty. If you need something prettier in terms of data, we suggest using [Faker](#), which can be used out-of-the-box as the below:

```
import anon

from faker import Faker
from your_app.models import Address

faker = Faker()

class PersonAnonymizer(anon.BaseAnonymizer):
    postcode = faker.postcode

    class Meta:
        model = Address
```

1.3 API Reference

1.3.1 anon.BaseAnonymizer

class `anon.BaseAnonymizer`

clean (*obj*)

Use this function if you need to update additional data that may rely on multiple fields, or if you need to update multiple fields at once

get_declarations ()

Returns ordered declarations. Any non-ordered declarations, for example any types that does not inherit from `OrderedDeclaration` will come first, as they are considered “raw” values and should not be affected by the order of other non-ordered declarations

get_queryset ()

Override this if you want to delimit the objects that should be affected by anonymization

patch_object (*obj*)

Update object attributes with fake data provided by replacers

1.3.2 anon.lazy_attribute

`anon.lazy_attribute` (*lazy_fn*)

Returns `LazyAttribute` objects, that basically marks functions that should take *obj* as first parameter. This is useful when you need to take in consideration other values of *obj*

Example:

```
>>> full_name = lazy_attribute(o: o.first_name + o.last_name)
```

1.3.3 anon.fake_word

`anon.fake_word` (*min_size=1, max_size=20*)

Return fake word

Min_size Minimum number of chars

Max_size Maximum number of chars

Example:

```
>>> import django_anon as anon
>>> print (anon.fake_word())
adipisci
```

1.3.4 anon.fake_text

`anon.fake_text` (*max_size=255, max_diff_allowed=5, separator=' '*)

Return fake text

Max_size Maximum number of chars

Max_diff_allowed Maximum difference (fidelity) allowed, in chars number

Separator Word separator

Example:

```
>>> print(anon.fake_text())
alias aliquam aliquid amet animi aperiam architecto asperiores aspernatur_
↳assumenda at atque aut autem beatae blanditiis commodi consectetur consequatur_
↳consequuntur corporis corrupti culpa cum cumque cupiditate debitis delectus_
↳deleniti deserunt dicta
```

1.3.5 anon.fake_small_text

`anon.fake_small_text(max_size=50)`

Preset for `fake_text`.

Max_size Maximum number of chars

Example:

```
>>> print(anon.fake_small_text())
Distinctio Dolor Dolore Dolorem Doloremque Dolores
```

1.3.6 anon.fake_name

`anon.fake_name(max_size=15)`

Preset for `fake_text`. Also returns capitalized words.

Max_size Maximum number of chars

Example:

```
>>> print(anon.fake_name())
Doloribus Ea
```

1.3.7 anon.fake_username

`anon.fake_username(max_size=10, separator="")`

Returns fake username

Max_size Maximum number of chars

Separator Word separator

Rand_range Range to use when generating random number

Example:

```
>>> print(anon.fake_username())
eius54455
```

1.3.8 anon.fake_email

`anon.fake_email(max_size=25, suffix='@example.com')`

Returns fake email address

Max_size Maximum number of chars

Suffix Suffix to add to email addresses (including @)

Example:

```
>>> print (anon.fake_email())
enim120238@example.com
```

1.3.9 anon.fake_url

`anon.fake_url(max_size=50, scheme='http://', suffix='.com')`

Returns fake URL

Max_size Maximum number of chars

Scheme URL scheme (<http://>)

Suffix Suffix to add to domain (including dot)

Example:

```
>>> print (anon.fake_url())
http://facilis.fuga.fugiat.fugit.harum.hic.id.com
```

1.3.10 anon.fake_phone_number

`anon.fake_phone_number(format='999-999-9999')`

Returns a fake phone number in the desired format

Format Format of phone number to generate

Example:

```
>>> print (anon.fake_phone_number())
863-068-9424
```

1.4 Contributing

As an open source project, **django-anon** welcomes contributions of many forms.

Examples of contributions include:

- Code patches
- Documentation improvements
- Bug reports and code reviews

1.4.1 Code of conduct

Please keep the tone polite & professional. First impressions count, so let's try to make everyone feel welcome.

Be mindful in the language you choose. As an example, in an environment that is heavily male-dominated, posts that start 'Hey guys,' can come across as unintentionally exclusive. It's just as easy, and more inclusive to use gender neutral language in those situations. (e.g. 'Hey folks,')

The [Django code of conduct](#) gives a fuller set of guidelines for participating in community forums.

1.4.2 Issues

Some tips on good issue reporting:

- When describing issues try to phrase your ticket in terms of the behavior you think needs changing rather than the code you think need changing.
- Search the issue list first for related items, and make sure you're running the latest version of **django-anon** before reporting an issue.
- If reporting a bug, then try to include a pull request with a failing test case. This will help us quickly identify if there is a valid issue, and make sure that it gets fixed more quickly if there is one.
- Closing an issue doesn't necessarily mean the end of a discussion. If you believe your issue has been closed incorrectly, explain why and we'll consider if it needs to be reopened.

1.4.3 Development

To start developing on **django-anon**, clone the repo:

```
git clone https://github.com/Tesorio/django-anon
```

Changes should broadly follow the PEP 8 style conventions, and we recommend you set up your editor to automatically indicate non-conforming styles.

1.4.4 Coding Style

The [Black code style](#) is used across the whole codebase. Ideally, you should configure your editor to auto format the code. This means you can use **88 characters per line**, rather than 79 as defined by PEP 8.

Use *isort* to automate import sorting using the guidelines below:

- Put imports in these groups: future, stdlib, deps, local
- Sort lines in each group alphabetically by the full module name
- On each line, alphabetize the items with the upper case items grouped before the lowercase items

Don't be afraid, all specifications for linters are defined in `pyproject.toml` and `.flake8`

1.4.5 Testing

To run the tests, clone the repository, and then:

```
# Setup the virtual environment
python3 -m venv env
source env/bin/activate
pip install django
pip install -r tests/requirements.txt

# Run the tests
./runtests.py
```

1.4.6 Running against multiple environments

You can also use the excellent tox testing tool to run the tests against all supported versions of Python and Django. Install tox globally, and then simply run:

```
tox
```

1.4.7 Using pre-commit hook

CI will perform some checks during the build, but to save time, most of the checks can be ran locally before pushing code. To do this, we use [pre-commit](#) hooks. All you need to do, is to install and configure pre-commit:

```
pre-commit install --hook-type pre-push -f
```

1.4.8 Pull requests

It's a good idea to make pull requests early on. A pull request represents the start of a discussion, and doesn't necessarily need to be the final, finished submission.

It's also always best to make a new branch before starting work on a pull request. This means that you'll be able to later switch back to working on another separate issue without interfering with an ongoing pull request.

It's also useful to remember that if you have an outstanding pull request then pushing new commits to your GitHub repo will also automatically update the pull requests.

GitHub's documentation for working on pull requests is [available here](#).

Always run the tests before submitting pull requests, and ideally run tox in order to check that your modifications are compatible on all supported versions of Python and Django.

Once you've made a pull request take a look at GitHub Checks and make sure the tests are running as you'd expect.

1.4.9 Documentation

django-anon uses the Sphinx documentation system and is built from the `.rst` source files in the `docs/` directory.

To build the documentation locally, install Sphinx:

```
pip install Sphinx
```

Then from the `docs/` directory, build the HTML:

```
make html
```

To get started contributing, you'll want to read the [reStructuredText reference](#).

1.4.10 Language style

Documentation should be in American English. The tone of the documentation is very important - try to stick to a simple, plain, objective and well-balanced style where possible.

Some other tips:

- Keep paragraphs reasonably short.

- Don't use abbreviations such as 'e.g.' but instead use the long form, such as 'For example'.

1.4.11 Releasing a new version

1. Bump the version in `anon/__init__.py`
2. Update the `CHANGELOG` file, moving items up from master to the new version
3. Submit a PR and wait for it to get approved/merged
4. Checkout to the corresponding commit and create a new tag: `python setup.py tag`
5. Build documentation for the new version (Requires access to ReadtheDocs.org)
6. Publish: `python setup.py publish` (Requires access to PyPI)

1.4.12 References

- <https://github.com/encode/django-rest-framework/blob/master/CONTRIBUTING.md>
- <https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/dev/internals/contributing/>

1.5 Changelog

django-anon's release numbering works as follows:

- Versions are numbered in the form **A.B** or **A.B.C**.
- **A.B** is the feature release version number. Each version will be mostly backwards compatible with the previous release. Exceptions to this rule will be listed in the release notes.
- **C** is the patch release version number, which is incremented for bugfix and security releases. These releases will be 100% backwards-compatible with the previous patch release.

1.5.1 Releases

- *0.2*
- *0.1*
- *master*

0.2

- Added test for Django 3 using Python 3.7 in `tox.ini`
- Improved performance of `fake_text`
- Improved performance of `BaseAnonymizer.patch_object`
- Fix bug with `get_queryset` not being treated as reserved name
- Improved performance of `fake_username`
- Removed `rand_range` argument from `fake_username` (backwards incompatible)

- Changed select_chunk_size and update_batch_size to saner defaults

0.1

- Initial release

master

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