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# djoser Documentation

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# CHAPTER 1

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## Introduction

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REST implementation of [Django](#) authentication system. [djoser](#) library provides a set of [Django Rest Framework](#) views to handle basic actions such as registration, login, logout, password reset and account activation. It works with [custom user model](#).

Instead of reusing Django code (e.g. `PasswordResetForm`), we reimplemented few things to fit better into [Single Page App](#) architecture.

Developed by [SUNSCRAPERS](#) with passion & patience.



# CHAPTER 2

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## Getting started

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### 2.1 Available endpoints

- /me/
- /users/create/
- /users/delete/
- /users/activate/
- /{{ User.USERNAME\_FIELD }}/
- /password/
- /password/reset/
- /password/reset/confirm/
- /token/create/ (Token Based Authentication)
- /token/destroy/ (Token Based Authentication)
- /jwt/create/ (JSON Web Token Authentication)
- /jwt/refresh/ (JSON Web Token Authentication)
- /jwt/verify/ (JSON Web Token Authentication)

### 2.2 Supported authentication backends

- Token based authentication from [DRF](#)
- JSON Web Token authentication from [django-rest-framework-jwt](#)

## 2.3 Supported Python versions

- Python 2.7
- Python 3.4
- Python 3.5
- Python 3.6

## 2.4 Supported Django versions

- Django 1.10
- Django 1.11

## 2.5 Supported Django Rest Framework versions

- Django Rest Framework 3.7

## 2.6 Installation

```
$ pip install -U djoser
```

If you are going to use JWT authentication, you will also need to install [django-rest-framework-jwt](#) with:

```
$ pip install -U djangorestframework-jwt
```

## 2.7 Configuration

Configure INSTALLED\_APPS:

```
INSTALLED_APPS = (
    'django.contrib.auth',
    (...),
    'rest_framework',
    'djoser',
    (...),
)
```

Configure urls.py:

```
urlpatterns = [
    (...),
    url(r'^auth/', include('djoser.urls')),
]
```

HTTP Basic Auth strategy is assumed by default as Django Rest Framework does it. We strongly discourage and do not provide any explicit support for basic auth. You should customize your authentication backend as described in [Authentication Backends](#).

# CHAPTER 3

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## Sample usage

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We provide a standalone test app for you to start easily, see how everything works with basic settings. It might be useful before integrating **djoser** into your backend application.

In this extremely short tutorial we are going to mimic the simplest flow: register user, log in and log out. We will also check resource access on each consecutive step. Let's go!

Clone repository and install **djoser** to your virtualenv:

```
$ git clone git@github.com:sunscrapers/djoser.git
$ cd djoser
$ pip install -e .
```

Go to the `testproject` directory, migrate the database and start the development server:

```
$ cd testproject
$ ./manage.py migrate
$ ./manage.py runserver 8088
```

Register a new user:

```
$ curl -X POST http://127.0.0.1:8088/auth/users/create/ --data 'username=djoser&
password=djoser'
{"email": "", "username": "djoser", "id":1}
```

So far, so good. We have just created a new user using REST API.

Let's access user's details:

```
$ curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8088/auth/me/
{"detail": "Authentication credentials were not provided."}
```

As we can see, we cannot access user profile without logging in. Pretty obvious.

Let's log in:

```
curl -X POST http://127.0.0.1:8088/auth/token/create/ --data 'username=djoser&  
password=djoser'  
{ "auth_token": "b704c9fc3655635646356ac2950269f352ea1139" }
```

We have just obtained an authorization token that we may use later in order to retrieve specific resources.

Let's access user's details again:

```
$ curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8088/auth/me/  
{"detail": "Authentication credentials were not provided."}
```

Access is still forbidden but let's offer the token we obtained:

```
$ curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8088/auth/me/ -H 'Authorization: Token_b704c9fc3655635646356ac2950269f352ea1139'  
{ "email": "", "username": "djoser", "id": 1 }
```

Yay, it works!

Now let's log out:

```
curl -X POST http://127.0.0.1:8088/auth/token/destroy/ -H 'Authorization: Token_b704c9fc3655635646356ac2950269f352ea1139'
```

And try access user profile again:

```
$ curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8088/auth/me/ -H 'Authorization: Token_b704c9fc3655635646356ac2950269f352ea1139'  
{ "detail": "Invalid token" }
```

As we can see, user has been logged out successfully and the proper token has been removed.

# CHAPTER 4

## Authentication Backends

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**Note:** Both Token Based and JWT Authentication can coexist at same time. Simply, follow instructions for both authentication methods and it should work.

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### 4.1 Token Based Authentication

Add 'rest\_framework.authtoken' to INSTALLED\_APPS:

```
INSTALLED_APPS = [
    'django.contrib.auth',
    (...),
    'rest_framework',
    'rest_framework.authtoken',
    'djoser',
    (...),
]
```

Configure urls.py. Pay attention to djoser.url.authtoken module path:

```
urlpatterns = [
    (...),
    url(r'^auth/', include('djoser.urls.authtoken')),
]
```

Add rest\_framework.authentication.TokenAuthentication to Django REST Framework authentication strategies tuple:

```
REST_FRAMEWORK = {
    'DEFAULT_AUTHENTICATION_CLASSES': (
        'rest_framework.authentication.TokenAuthentication',
        (...)
```

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```
) ,  
}
```

Run migrations - this step will create tables for auth and auth\_token apps:

```
$ ./manage.py migrate
```

## 4.2 JSON Web Token Authentication

Configure urls.py with djoser.url.jwt module path:

```
urlpatterns = [  
    (...),  
    url(r'^auth/', include('djoser.urls.jwt')),  
]
```

Add rest\_framework\_jwt.authentication.JSONWebTokenAuthentication to Django REST Framework authentication strategies tuple:

```
REST_FRAMEWORK = {  
    'DEFAULT_AUTHENTICATION_CLASSES': (  
        'rest_framework_jwt.authentication.JSONWebTokenAuthentication',  
        (...)  
    ),  
}
```

# CHAPTER 5

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## Settings

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You may optionally provide DJOSER settings:

```
DJOSER = {  
    'PASSWORD_RESET_CONFIRM_URL': '#/password/reset/confirm/{uid}/{token}',  
    'ACTIVATION_URL': '#/activate/{uid}/{token}',  
    'SEND_ACTIVATION_EMAIL': True,  
    'SERIALIZERS': {},  
}
```

### 5.1 PASSWORD\_RESET\_CONFIRM\_URL

URL to your frontend password reset page. It should contain {uid} and {token} placeholders, e.g. #/password-reset/{uid}/{token}. You should pass uid and token to reset password confirmation endpoint.

**Required:** True

### 5.2 SEND\_ACTIVATION\_EMAIL

If True user will be required to click activation link sent in email after:

- creating an account via RegistrationView
- updating his email via UserView

**Default:** False

### 5.3 SEND\_CONFIRMATION\_EMAIL

If True, register or activation endpoint will send confirmation email to user.

**Default:** False

## 5.4 ACTIVATION\_URL

URL to your frontend activation page. It should contain {uid} and {token} placeholders, e.g. #/activate/{uid}/{token}. You should pass uid and token to activation endpoint.

**Required:** True

## 5.5 SET\_USERNAME RETYPE

If True, you need to pass re\_new\_{{ User.USERNAME\_FIELD }} to /{{ User.USERNAME\_FIELD }}/ endpoint, to validate username equality.

**Default:** False

## 5.6 SET\_PASSWORD RETYPE

If True, you need to pass re\_new\_password to /password/ endpoint, to validate password equality.

**Default:** False

## 5.7 PASSWORD\_RESET\_CONFIRM RETYPE

If True, you need to pass re\_new\_password to /password/reset/confirm/ endpoint in order to validate password equality.

**Default:** False

## 5.8 LOGOUT\_ON\_PASSWORD\_CHANGE

If True, setting new password will logout the user.

**Default:** False

## 5.9 USER\_EMAIL\_FIELD\_NAME

Determines which field in User model is used for email in versions of Django before 1.11. In Django 1.11 and greater value of this setting is ignored and value provided by User.get\_email\_field\_name is used. This setting will be dropped when Django 1.8 LTS goes EOL.

**Default:** 'email'

## 5.10 PASSWORD\_RESET\_SHOW\_EMAIL\_NOT\_FOUND

If True, posting a non-existent email to /password/reset/ will return a HTTP\_400\_BAD\_REQUEST response with an EMAIL\_NOT\_FOUND error message ('User with given email does not exist.').

If False (default), the /password/reset/ endpoint will always return a HTTP\_204\_NO\_CONTENT response.

Please note that setting this to True will expose information whether an email is registered in the system.

**Default:** False

## 5.11 TOKEN\_MODEL

Points to which token model should be used for authentication.

**Example:** 'knox.models.AuthToken' **Default:** 'rest\_framework.authtoken.models.Token'

## 5.12 SERIALIZERS

This dictionary is used to update the defaults, so by providing, let's say, one key, all the others will still be used.

**Examples**

```
{
    'user': 'myapp.serializers.SpecialUserSerializer',
}
```

**Default:**

```
{
    'activation': 'djoser.serializers.ActivationSerializer',
    'password_reset': 'djoser.serializers.PasswordResetSerializer',
    'password_reset_confirm': 'djoser.serializers.PasswordResetConfirmSerializer',
    'password_reset_confirm_retype': 'djoser.serializers.
    ↪PasswordResetConfirmReTypeSerializer',
    'set_password': 'djoser.serializers.SetPasswordSerializer',
    'set_password_retype': 'djoser.serializers.SetPasswordReTypeSerializer',
    'set_username': 'djoser.serializers.SetUsernameSerializer',
    'set_username_retype': 'djoser.serializers.SetUsernameReTypeSerializer',
    'user_create': 'djoser.serializers.UserCreateSerializer',
    'user_delete': 'djoser.serializers.UserDeleteSerializer',
    'user': 'djoser.serializers.UserSerializer',
    'token': 'djoser.serializers.TokenSerializer',
    'token_create': 'djoser.serializers.TokenCreateSerializer',
}
```



# CHAPTER 6

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## Base Endpoints

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### 6.1 User

Use this endpoint to retrieve/update user.

**Default URL:** /me/

| Method | Request                        | Response   |
|--------|--------------------------------|--|
| GET    | -                              | HTTP_200_OK<br>• {{ User.<br>USERNAME_FIELD  } }<br>• {{ User._meta.pk.<br>name  } }<br>• {{ User.<br>REQUIRED_FIELDS<br>} } |
| PUT    | {{ User.REQUIRED_FIELDS<br>} } | HTTP_200_OK<br>• {{ User.<br>USERNAME_FIELD  } }<br>• {{ User._meta.pk.<br>name  } }<br>• {{ User.<br>REQUIRED_FIELDS<br>} } |

## 6.2 User Create

Use this endpoint to register new user. Your user model manager should implement `create_user` method and have `USERNAME_FIELD` and `REQUIRED_FIELDS` fields.

**Default URL:** /users/create/

| Method | Request   | Response   |
|--------|---|--|
| POST   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• {{ User.<br/>USERNAME_FIELD }}</li><li>• {{ User.<br/>REQUIRED_FIELDS<br/>}}</li><li>• password</li></ul> | <p>HTTP_201_CREATED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• {{ User.<br/>USERNAME_FIELD }}</li><li>• {{ User._meta.pk.<br/>name }}</li><li>• {{ User.<br/>REQUIRED_FIELDS<br/>}}</li></ul> |

## 6.3 User Delete

Use this endpoint to delete authenticated user. By default it will simply verify password provided in `current_password`, delete the auth token if token based authentication is used and invoke `delete` for a given `User` instance. One of ways to customize the delete behavior is to override `User.delete`.

**Default URL:** /users/delete/

| Method | Request  | Response  |
|--------|--|---|
| POST   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• current_password</li></ul> | <p>HTTP_204_NO_CONTENT</p> <p>HTTP_400_BAD_REQUEST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• current_password</li></ul> |

## 6.4 User Activate

Use this endpoint to activate user account. This endpoint is not a URL which will be directly exposed to your users - you should provide site in your frontend application (configured by `ACTIVATION_URL`) which will send POST request to activate endpoint.

**Default URL:** /users/activate/

| Method | Request   | Response            |
|--------|---|---------------------|
| POST   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• uid</li><li>• token</li></ul> | HTTP_204_NO_CONTENT |

## 6.5 Set Username

Use this endpoint to change user username (`USERNAME_FIELD`).

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**Default URL:** /{{ User.USERNAME\_FIELD }}/

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**Note:** re\_new\_{{ User.USERNAME\_FIELD }} is only required if SET\_USERNAME RETYPE is True

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| Method | Request   | Response            |
|--------|---|---------------------|
| POST   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>new_{{ User.USERNAME_FIELD }}</li> <li>re_new_{{ User.USERNAME_FIELD }}</li> <li>current_password</li> </ul> | HTTP_204_NO_CONTENT |

## 6.6 Set Password

Use this endpoint to change user password.

**Default URL:** /password/

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**Note:** re\_new\_password is only required if SET\_PASSWORD RETYPE is True

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| Method | Request   | Response            |
|--------|---|---------------------|
| POST   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>new_password</li> <li>re_new_password</li> <li>current_password</li> </ul> | HTTP_204_NO_CONTENT |

## 6.7 Reset Password

Use this endpoint to send email to user with password reset link. You have to setup PASSWORD\_RESET\_CONFIRM\_URL.

**Default URL:** /password/reset/

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**Note:** HTTP\_204\_NO\_CONTENT if PASSWORD\_RESET\_SHOW\_EMAIL\_NOT\_FOUND is False

Otherwise and if email does not exist in database HTTP\_400\_BAD\_REQUEST

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| Method | Request | Response  |
|--------|---------|---|
| POST   | email   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HTTP_204_NO_CONTENT</li> <li>HTTP_400_BAD_REQUEST</li> </ul> |

## 6.8 Reset Password Confirmation

Use this endpoint to finish reset password process. This endpoint is not a URL which will be directly exposed to your users - you should provide site in your frontend application (configured by `PASSWORD_RESET_CONFIRM_URL`) which will send POST request to reset password confirmation endpoint.

**Default URL:** /password/reset/confirm/

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**Note:** `re_new_password` is only required if `PASSWORD_RESET_CONFIRM_RETYPED` is True

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| Method | Request  | Response            |
|--------|--|---------------------|
| POST   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• uid</li><li>• token</li><li>• new_password</li><li>• re_new_password</li></ul> | HTTP_204_NO_CONTENT |

# CHAPTER 7

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## Token Endpoints

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### 7.1 Token Create

Use this endpoint to obtain user authentication token. This endpoint is available only if you are using token based authentication.

**Default URL:** /token/create/

| Method | Request   | Response  |
|--------|---|---|
| POST   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• {{ User.<br/>USERNAME_FIELD }}</li><li>• password</li></ul> | HTTP_200_OK<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• auth_token</li></ul> |

### 7.2 Token Destroy

Use this endpoint to logout user (remove user authentication token). This endpoint is available only if you are using token based authentication.

**Default URL:** /token/destroy/

| Method | Request | Response            |
|--------|---------|---------------------|
| POST   | -       | HTTP_204_NO_CONTENT |



# CHAPTER 8

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## JWT Endpoints

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### 8.1 JWT Create

Use this endpoint to obtain JWT.

**Default URL:** /jwt/create/

| Method | Request   | Response  |
|--------|---|---|
| POST   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• token</li></ul> | <code>HTTP_200_OK</code> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• token</li></ul> <code>HTTP_400_BAD_REQUEST</code> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• non_field_errors</li></ul> |

### 8.2 JWT Refresh

Use this endpoint to refresh JWT.

**Default URL:** /jwt/refresh/

| Method | Request   | Response  |
|--------|---|---|
| POST   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• token</li></ul> | <code>HTTP_200_OK</code> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• token</li></ul> <code>HTTP_400_BAD_REQUEST</code> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• non_field_errors</li></ul> |

## 8.3 JWT Verify

Use this endpoint to verify JWT.

**Default URL:** /jwt/verify/

| Method | Request   | Response  |
|--------|---|---|
| POST   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• token</li></ul> | <p>HTTP_200_OK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• token</li></ul> <p>HTTP_400_BAD_REQUEST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• non_field_errors</li></ul> |

# CHAPTER 9

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## Emails

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Explicit email support has been removed from djoser in 0.8.0. It didn't make sense to handle such responsibility in a package, which should simply provide an implementation of common authentication-related REST endpoints.

Email support is now handled with the [django-templated-mail](#) package.



# CHAPTER 10

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## Adjustment

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If you need to customize any serializer behaviour you can use the DJOSER['SERIALIZERS'] setting to use your own serializer classes in the built-in views. Or if you need to completely change the default djoser behaviour, you can always override djoser views with your own custom ones.

Define custom urls instead of reusing `djoser.urls`:

```
urlpatterns = patterns('',
    (...),
    url(r'^register/$', views.CustomRegistrationView.as_view()),
)
```

Define custom view/serializer (inherit from one of `djoser` class) and override necessary method/field:

```
class CustomRegistrationView(djoser.views.RegistrationView):

    def send_activation_email(self, *args, **kwargs):
        your_custom_email_sender(*args, **kwargs)
```

You could check `djoser` API in source code:

- `djoser.views`
- `djoser.serializers`



# CHAPTER 11

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## Examples

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### 11.1 Early detecting invalid password reset tokens

When there is need to check if password reset token is still valid without actually resetting the password it is possible to approach the problem like so:

```
from django.contrib.auth.tokens import default_token_generator
from rest_framework import generics, permissions, status
from rest_framework.response import Response

from djoser import serializers

class PasswordTokenCheckView(generics.CreateAPIView):
    permission_classes = (
        permissions.AllowAny,
    )
    token_generator = default_token_generator
    serializer_class = serializers.UidAndTokenSerializer

    def post(self, request, *args, **kwargs):
        serializer = self.get_serializer(data=request.data)
        serializer.is_valid(raise_exception=True)
        headers = self.get_success_headers(serializer.data)
        return Response(serializer.data, status=status.HTTP_200_OK, headers=headers)
```



# CHAPTER 12

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## Indices and tables

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