Django-Admin-Object-Actions Documentation

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Django-Admin-Object-Actions provides object-level actions in the Django admin interface.

In contrast to the built-in admin actions, which are only applied to a list of objects from the change list, object actions apply to a single object and can be accessed from either the change list view or the change form view.

Each action is defined declaratively on the ModelAdmin instance and may provide a form for additional input or validation before executing the action.

Inspired by This Article.

It is tested against:

- Django 1.11 (Python 2.7, 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6)
- Django 2.0 (Python 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7)
- Django 2.1 (Python 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7)
- Django 2.2 (Python 3.5, 3.6, 3.7 and 3.8)
- Django 3.0 (Python 3.6, 3.7 and 3.8)
- Django master/3.1 (Python 3.6, 3.7 and 3.8)

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INSTALLATION

Install the application from PYPI:

```
pip install django-admin-object-actions
```

 $Add \ {\tt admin_object_actions} \ to \ your \ {\tt INSTALLED_APPS:}$

```
INSTALLED_APPS += ('admin_object_actions',)
```

Django-Admin-Object-Actions requires django-crum and will install it as a dependency. To enable it, add CurrentRequestUserMiddleware to your MIDDLEWARE setting:

```
MIDDLEWARE += ('crum.CurrentRequestUserMiddleware',)
```

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Ensure your ModelAdmin class inherits from the ModelAdminObjectActionsMixin. It should also include display_object_actions_list in the list_display attribute and display_object_actions_detail in the fields and readonly_fields attributes to ensure the object action buttons show up in the change list and change views, respectively:

```
# myapp/admin.py
from django.contrib import admin
from admin_object_actions.admin import ModelAdminObjectActionsMixin
from .models import MyModel
@admin.register(MyModel)
class MyModelAdmin(ModelAdminObjectActionsMixin, admin.ModelAdmin):
    list_display = (
        ..., # your existing list display fields
        'display_object_actions_list',
   )
   fields = (
        ..., # your existing detail display fields
        'display_object_actions_detail',
   readonly_fields = (
       ..., # your existing read-only fields
        'display_object_actions_detail',
```

If using fieldsets instead of fields, add display_object_actions_detail to the desired fieldset as you would with any other field.

Create custom subclasses of AdminObjectActionForm for actions requiring additional input or confirmation and implement the do_object_action method:

```
# myapp/forms.py
from django import forms
from admin_object_actions.forms import AdminObjectActionForm
from .models import MyModel

class MyActionForm(AdminObjectActionForm):

    confirm = forms.BooleanField()

class Meta:
```

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```
model = MyModel
fields = ()

def do_object_action(self):
    self.instance.action()
```

Define an object_actions dictionary on your ModelAdmin class similar to the following:

```
from .forms import MyActionForm
class MyModelAdmin(ModelAdminObjectActionsMixin, admin.ModelAdmin):
    object_actions = [
        {
            'slug': 'myaction',
            'verbose_name': _('my action'),
            'verbose_name_past': _('acted upon'),
            'form_class': MyActionForm,
            'fields': ('id', 'confirm'),
            'readonly_fields': ('id',),
            'permission': 'change',
        },
            'slug': 'myotheraction',
            'verbose_name': _('my other action'),
            'verbose_name_past': _('acted upon'),
            'form_method': 'GET',
            'function': 'do_other_action',
            'permission': 'otheraction',
        },
    ]
   def has_otheraction_permission(self, request, obj=None):
        return True
    def do_other_action(self, obj, form):
        obj.other_action(form.cleaned_data)
```

Each object action listed on the ModelAdmin must define a slug field and may define additional fields customize the action's behavior:

- **slug** The internal name of this action; will be used to create the custom URL used by the action.
- **verbose_name** The translatable name of this action displayed on the action buttons in the admin interface. Defaults to slug.title().
- **verbose_name_title** The translatable name shown on the object action form page. Defaults to verbose_name.
- **verbose_name_past** The translatable past tense version of the action displayed to users in messages and admin log entries.
- **form_class** The form class used to implement validation/confirmation of this action, should be a subclass of admin_object_actions.forms.AdminObjectActionForm.
- function Function called to execute the given object action. The default is to call do_object_action on the given form_class. This option may be a string, in which case the method with the same name from the ModelAdmin class or the Model class will be used.

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readonly_field List of readonly fields to display in the custom admin form.

fields List of fields to display in the custom action form.

fieldsets Custom fieldsets to display for the object action form. Defaults to a single fieldset with fields.

permission Custom permission required to display or execute this object action. Default is change. If defined, a has_<permission>_permission method on the ModelAdmin class will be called to check whether the action is allowed.

form_template Custom form template used to render the object action form. Default is admin/object_action_form.html.

list_only If True, this object action will only be shown in the changelist view.

detail_only If True, this object action will only be shown in the change form view.

view Overrides the default view function called for this action. The default is the object_action_view method defined on the mixin class.

Additional methods of the ModelAdminObjectActionsMixin class may be overridden to further customize the behavior of object actions.

To customize the column header in the change list view or the field label in the change view, override the display_object_actions_list or display_object_actions_detail methods as shown below:

```
class MyModelAdmin(ModelAdminObjectActionsMixin, admin.ModelAdmin):

    def display_object_actions_list(self, obj=None):
        return self.display_object_actions(obj, list_only=True)
    display_object_actions_list.short_description = _('My Actions')

    def display_object_actions_detail(self, obj=None):
        return self.display_object_actions(obj, detail_only=True)
    display_object_actions_detail.short_description = _('My Actions')
```

See test_project/test_app/admin.py in the project repository for additional usage examples.