django-geoip Documentation

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App to figure out where your visitors are from by their IP address.

Right now django-geoip is based on ipgeobase.ru data and provides accurate geolocation in Russia and Ukraine only. There are plans to add other backends in future releases.

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1.1 Installation

This app works with python 2.6-2.7, Django 1.2 and higher.

Recommended way to install is pip:

```
pip install django-geoip
```

1.1.1 Basic

- Add `django_geoip` to `INSTALLED_APPS` in settings.py:

```
INSTALLED_APPS = (...
                  'django_geoip',
                  ...
                 )
```

- Run `python manage.py syncdb` or `python manage.py migrate` (if you're using South)
- Run `python manage.py ipgeobase_update` to obtain latest IpGeoBase data.

1.1.2 Advanced

In order to make user's location detection automatic several other steps are required:

- Add `LocationMiddleware` to `MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES`:

```
MIDDLEWARE_CLASSES = (...
    'django_geoip.middleware.LocationMiddleware',
)
```

- Include app urls into your urlconf if you want to allow visitors to change their region:

```
urlpatterns += patterns('',
    ...
    (r'^geoip/', include('django_geoip.urls')),
)
```

- Provide a custom location model (inherited from django_geoip.models.GeoLocationFascade)
- Specify this model in settings:

```
GEOIP_LOCATION_MODEL = 'example.models.Location' #example
```

1.2 How it works

1.2.1 Data storage

All geoip data, including geograpy and geoip mapping is stored in the database.

Geography

Right now django-geoip supports only ipgeobase geography, which consist of following entities: Country, Region, City. Database maintains normalized relationships between all entities, i.e. Country has many Regions, Region has many Cities.

IP ranges

1.2.2 Low-level API usage

Here is an example of how can you guess user's location:

```
from django_geoip.models import IpRange

ip = "212.49.98.48"

try:
    ipgeobases = IpRange.objects.by_ip(ip)
    print ipgeobase.city #    ()
    print ipgeobase.region #   ( )
    print ipgeobase.country #   ()
except IpRange.DoesNotExist:
    print u'Unknown location'
```

1.3 High-level API usage

The app provides a convenient way to detect user location automatically. If you've followed advanced installation instructions, you can access user's location in your `request` object:

```
def my_view(request):
    """ Passing location into template """
    ...
    context['location] = request.location
    ...
```

User location is an instance of a custom model that you're required to create on your own (details below).

To avoid unnecessary database hits user location id is stored in a cookie.

1.3.1 Location model

Location model suites the basic needs for sites with different content for users, depending on their location. Ipgeobase forces Country-Region-City geo-hierarchy, but it's usually too general and not sufficient. Site content might depend on city only, or vary on custom areas, combining various cities, that don't match actual geographic regions.

In order to abstract geography from business logic, django-geoip requires a model, specific to your own app.

Creating custom location model

Create a model, that inherits from `django_geoip.models.GeoLocationFascade`. It should implement following classmethods:

1.3.2 Switching region

Works very much like The set_language redirect view. Make sure you've included `django_geoip.urls` in your urlpatterns. Note that `set_location` view accepts only POST requests.

1.4 Updating GeoIP database

In order to update ipgeobase:

```
python manage.py ipgeobase_update
```

1.5 Settings

django-geoip has some public and internal configuration:

1.6 Reference

TBD

1.7 Changelog

1.7.1 0.2.2 (2012-01-25)

- Fixed middleware behavior when preocess_request never ran (redirects)
- Improved location storage validation, fixed cookie domain detection
- Added `Locator.is_store_empty` function to reveal if geoip detection was made

1.7.2 0.2.1 (2012-01-25)

- Fixed middleware behavior when request.location is None
- Added `GEOIP_STORAGE_CLASS` setting to override default user location storage
- Introduced `LocationDummyStorage` class to avoid cookie storage

1.7.3 0.2 (2012-01-20)

- Major refactoring of the app, added more tests
- Fixed a typo in `get_availabe_locations`

1.7.4 0.1 (2012-01-18)

- Initial release

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DEVELOPMENT

You can grab latest code on dev branch at Github.

Feel free to submit issues, pull requests are also welcome.

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TESTS

You can run testsuite this way:

```
python manage.py runtests.py
```