Using the controller context in a view

Yii views are pretty powerful and have many features. One of them is that you can use the controller context in a view. So, let’s try it.

Getting ready

Create a new application using the Composer package manager, as described in the official guide at [http://www.yiiframework.eom/doc-2.0/guide-start-installation.html](http://www.yiiframework.com/doc-2.0/guide-start-installation.html).

How to do it...

1. Create a controllers/ViewController . php as follows:

<?php

namespace app\controllers;

use yii\web\Controller;

class ViewController extends Controller {

public $pageTitle;

public function actionIndex()

{

$this->pageTitle = 'Controller context test'; return $this->render('index');

}

public function hello()

{

if (!empty($\_GET['name'])) {

echo 'Hello, ' . $\_GET['name'] . '!';

}

}

}

2. Now, we will create a views/view.php showing what we can do:

<h1><?= $this->context->pageTitle ?></h1>

<p>Hello call. <?php $this->context->hello() ?></p>

3. In order to test it, you can follow /index . php?r=view/index&name=Alex: