Reusing views with partials

Yii supports partials, so if you have a block without much logic that you want to reuse or want to implement e-mail templates, partials are the right way to go about this.

Imagine that we have two Twitter accounts, one for our blog and another for company activity, and our goal is to output Twitter timelines on specified pages.

Getting ready

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

2. Create Twitter widgets at <https://twitter.com/settings/widgets/> for php\_net and yiif ramework users, and find a data-widget-id value for each widget created.

How to do it...

1. Create a controller, @app/controllers/BlogController. php, as follows:

<?php

namespace app\controllers;

use yii\web\Controller;

class BlogController extends Controller {

public function actionIndex()

{

$posts = [

[

'title' => 'First post',

'content' => 'There\'s an example of reusing views with partials.',

],

[

'title' => 'Second post',

'content' => 'We use twitter widget.'

],

];

return $this->render('index', [

'posts' => $posts

]);

}

}

2. Create a view file named @app/views/common/twitter. php and paste an embed code from Twitter. You will get something like the following:

<?php

/\* @var $this \yii\web\View \*/

/\* @var $widget\_id integer \*/

/\* @var $screen\_name string \*/ ?>