

# Mailers

Sending email from a web app can be complicated, so Rails provides a predefined architecture to help simplify the process of sending data-driven emails.

## Key Concept:

Data-driven emails consist of:

1. Some data
2. Some content

This is a lot like how we create data-driven web pages!

Sets the from, to,  
subject line, and  
other email headers

Mailer Class

@vars

This is the body  
of the email

Mailer View

# Sending Email

## Four Steps:

1. Create a Mailer class (hint: there's a generator available)
2. Add a custom method and call **mail()** to prepare data for your email.
3. Create a "view" for your email.
4. To send it:

`MyMailer.my_method.deliver`

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You can send plain-text email,  
html emails,  
or both.

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You can use `link_to` inside your views, but make sure you use the `:host` option  
(or configure your application to set a default domain to be used in email links)