

Working with Forms



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To-Do List



Reviewing Form Submissions in Web Forms

Introducing Model Binding in MVC

Demo: Stepping Through the Data Layer

Demo: Rebuilding the Task Form in Razor

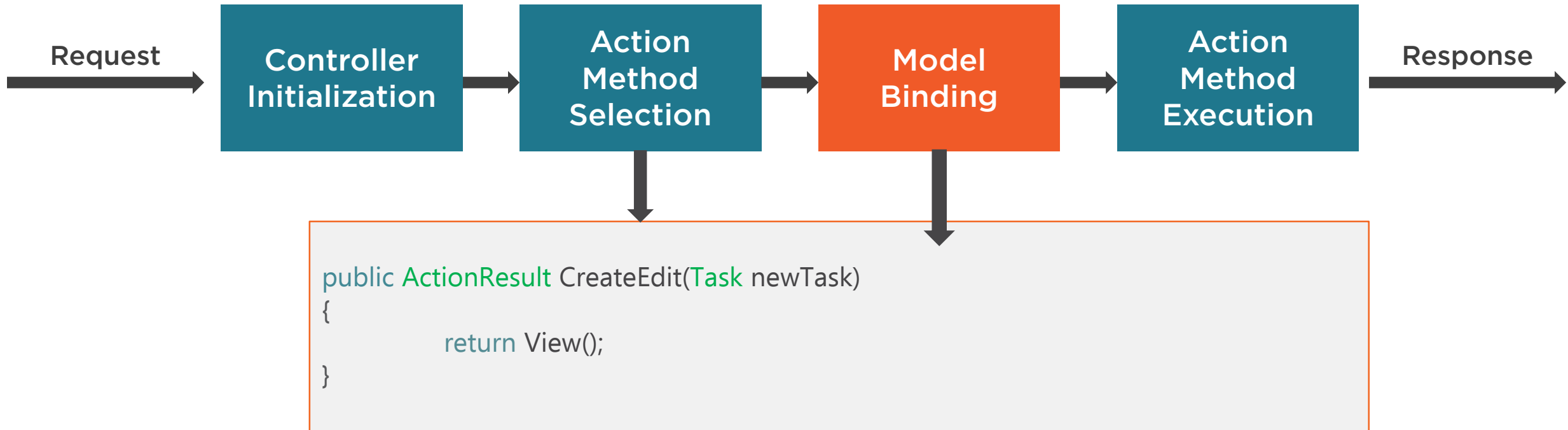
Demo: Handling Submitted Form Data



Introducing Model Binding



Model Binding and the Request Life Cycle



The Types of Value Providers

Form Value Provider

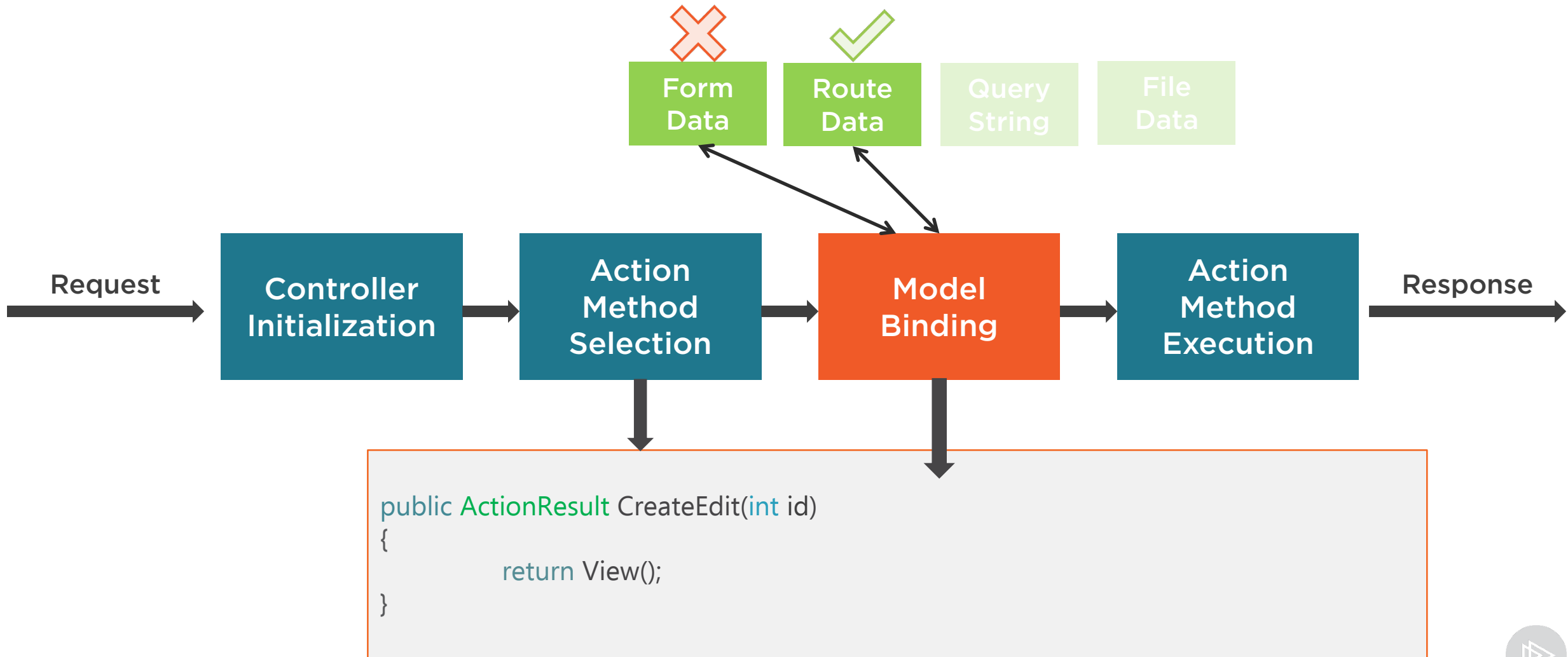
Route Data Value Provider

Query String Value Provider

File Value Provider



Supplying Data with Value Providers



Binding Complex Types

HttpRequest (Simplified)

```
POST /Task/CreateEditTask
Host: localhost:64201

Title=Follow+up
&CategoryId=4
&Notes=Very+Important
&Description=Very+Urgent
```

Form
Value
Provider

Model
Binder

Task Class

```
public class Task {
    public string Title{}
    public string Category{}
    public string Notes{}
    public string Description{}
}
```

New Task
Instance

```
public ActionResult CreateEdit(Task id)
{
    return View();
}
```



```
public interface IModelBinder
{
    object BindModel(ControllerContext controllerContext, ModelBindingContext
bindingContext);
}
```

The **IModelBinder** Interface

For custom behavior, extend the **DefaultModelBinder**, or create your own




```
public interface IValueProvider
{
    bool ContainsPrefix(string prefix);
    ValueProviderResult GetValue(string key);
}
```

The IValueProvider Interface

Add your own **data sources** to the **Model Binding** process



Applying Model Binding Concepts



Summary



The Model Binder maps request data to Action Method parameters

Value Providers extract data from the request for the Model Binder to use

Razor Provides helpers to streamline model binding and creating forms

