

Django Based Chat Application

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Objective

The objective was to create a chat application using Django framework.

Introduction

- Django is web building framework
- It is based on python programming Language
- It is a framework that can take care of common functionality for web applications

Architecture

- Django is based on MVT(Model-View-Template) Architecture

Which is a software design pattern for a web application.

It has 3 main parts-

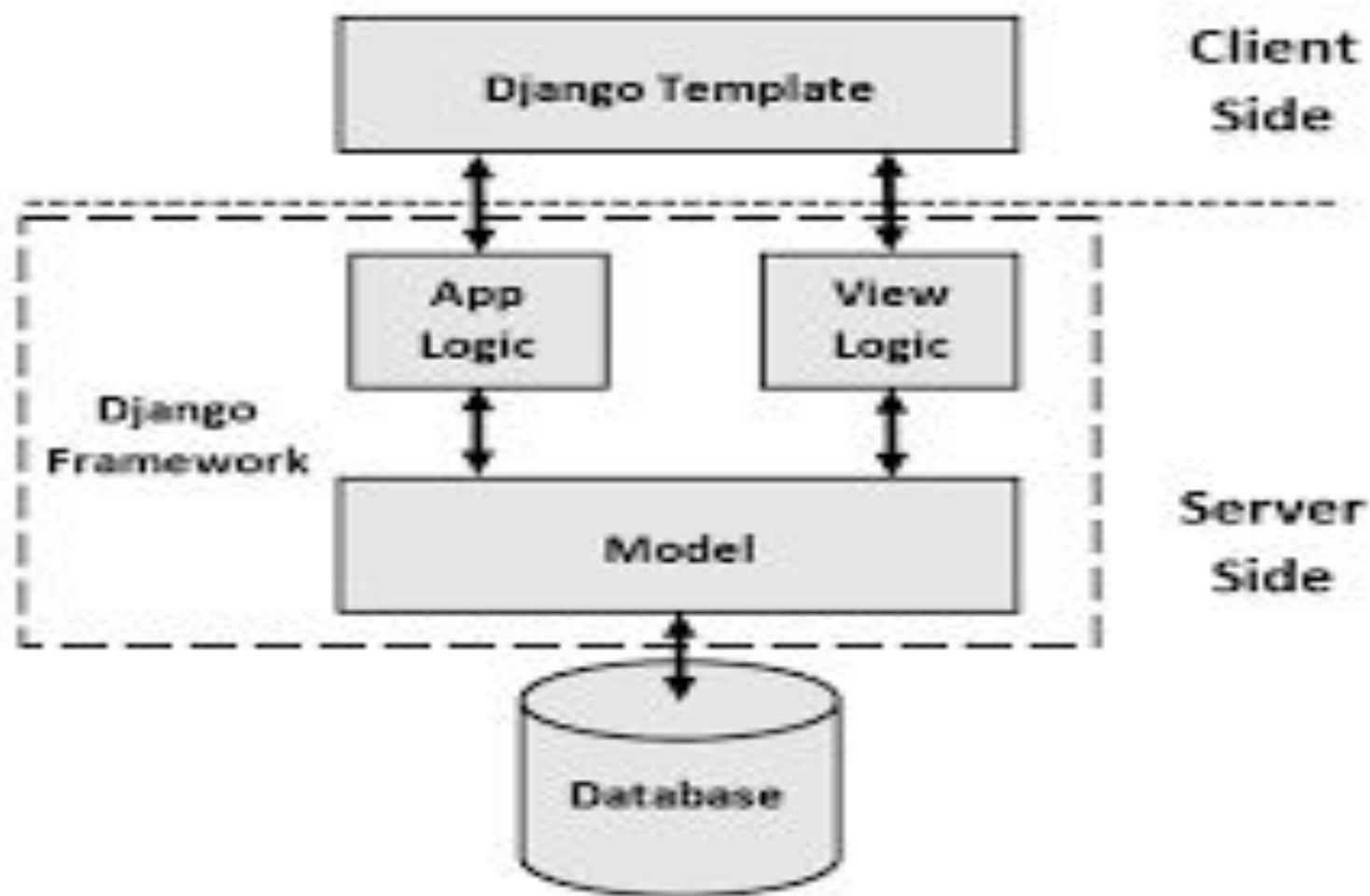
1. Model - It is the logical data structure behind the entire application and represented by a database. It acts as an interface for our data.

2. View-

- A view is a function that takes a web request and return a web response.
- They usually render the the content of a web page or an error.

3. Templates-

- A template consist of static part of the desired html output
- It describes how dynamic content will be inserted.



Methodology

- In this project we have used the channels functionality provided by Django.
- Django Channels are able to handle HTTP along with synchronous protocol like web sockets, chat bots etc.
- Channels basically allows the application to support long-running connections.

Django Channel

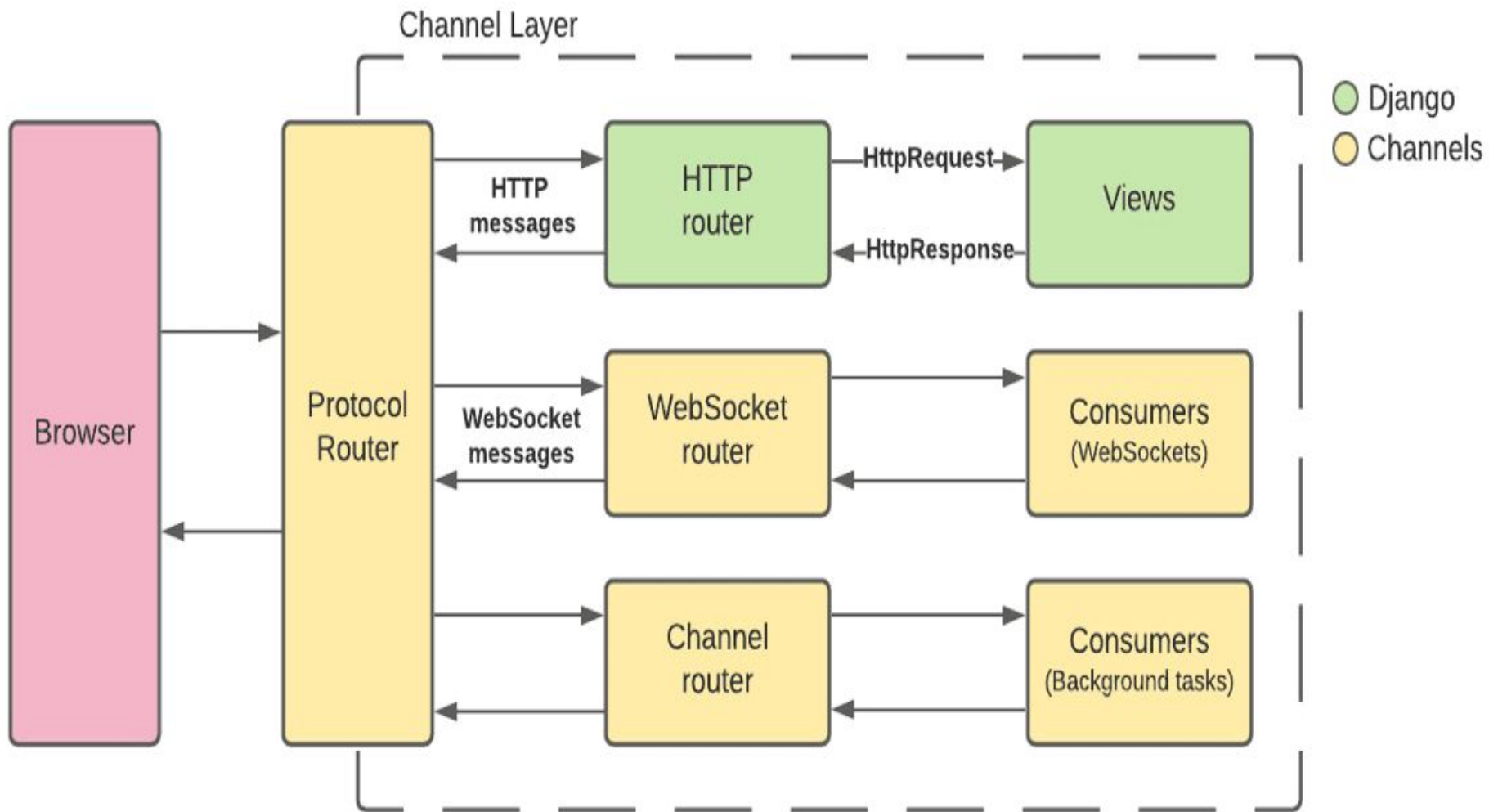
- The project is built on top of communication channels provided by django itself.
- Channels preserve the synchronous behaviour of Django and add a layer of synchronous protocol allowing users to write the views that are entirely synchronous, asynchronous or both.

Consumers

A **consumer** is a basic unit of Channels. It is an event-driven class that supports both async and sync applications. Consumers can run longer and hence they support web sockets that need persistent connection.

Consumers(continued)

1. `Accept()`: It accepts the incoming connections
2. `Close()`: It closes the current connection
3. `Send()`: It sends the specific message to client



Tools And Technologies Used

Django- as the main web framework.

Python - as the main programming language

CSS/HTML/JavaScript - as the front end technologies.

Sqlite3 - as the database



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