# 04: Template languages (jinja2)

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# Templates

- **Templating engine**
  - renders template with given data
- **MVC (model-view-controller)**
  - separate internal representation of information from the ways information is presented (output formats)
  - traditionally used in GUIs & web applications
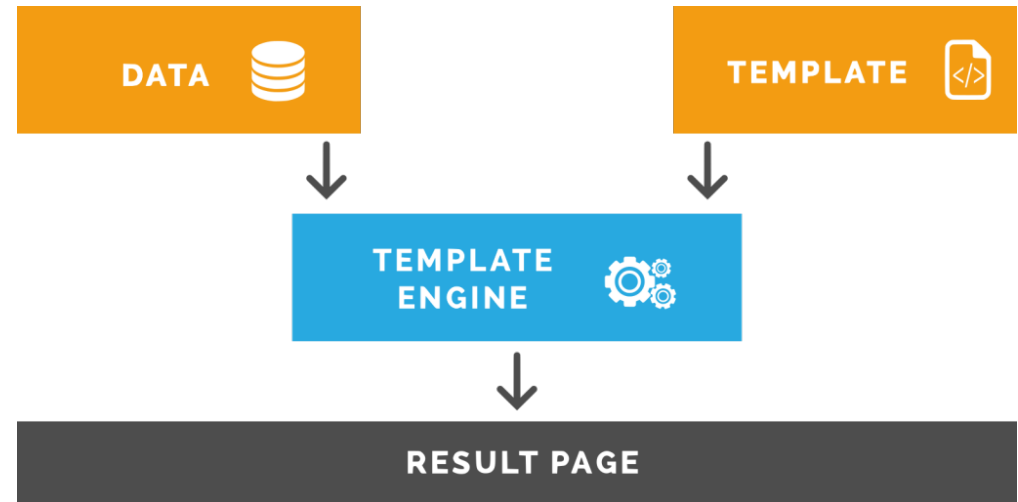- **Advantages**
  - code reuse (avoiding duplication)
  - decoupling of data/content from output
  - powerful pattern for many use cases
- **Applications**
  - create reports (HTML, XML)
  - transform model/data in different formats & languages
- **Jinja2** is a full featured Python template engine
  - **Template inheritance** makes it possible to use the same or a similar layout for all templates.
  - **High performance** with just in time compilation to Python bytecode.

```
{% extends "layout.html" %}
{% block body %}
  <ul>
  {% for user in users %}
    <li><a href="{{ user.url }}">{{ user.username }}</a></li>
  {% endfor %}
  </ul>
{% endblock %}
```

# References

- Jinja2 Template engine
  http://jinja.pocoo.org/