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Developing, packaging and integrating JS apps with Django



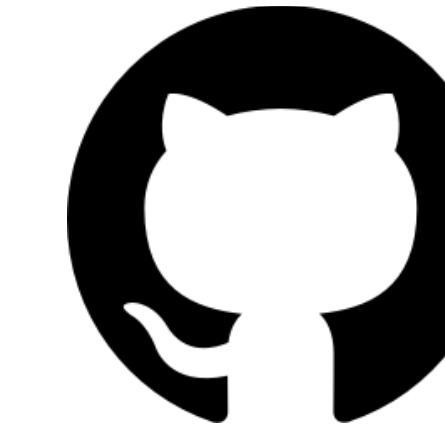
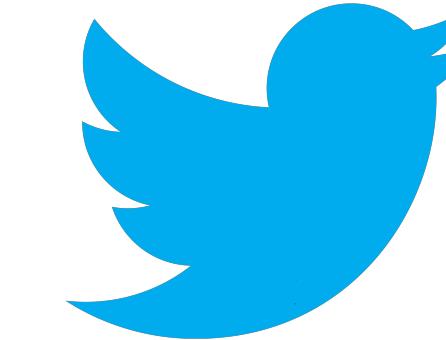
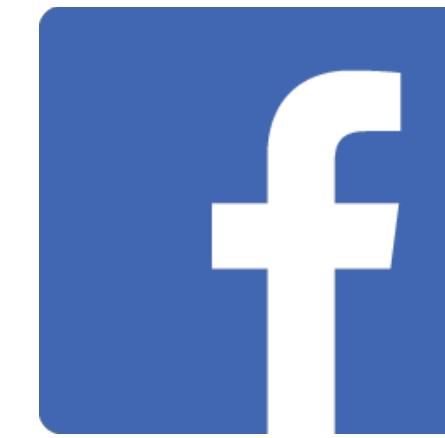
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Single page applications are the new norm



Django alone isn't enough anymore 😞

How do I use a JS app alongside Django? 🤔

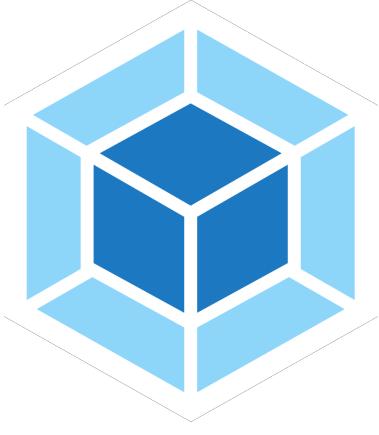
No standard setup for a Django+Javascript site

What are the benefits?

Plan

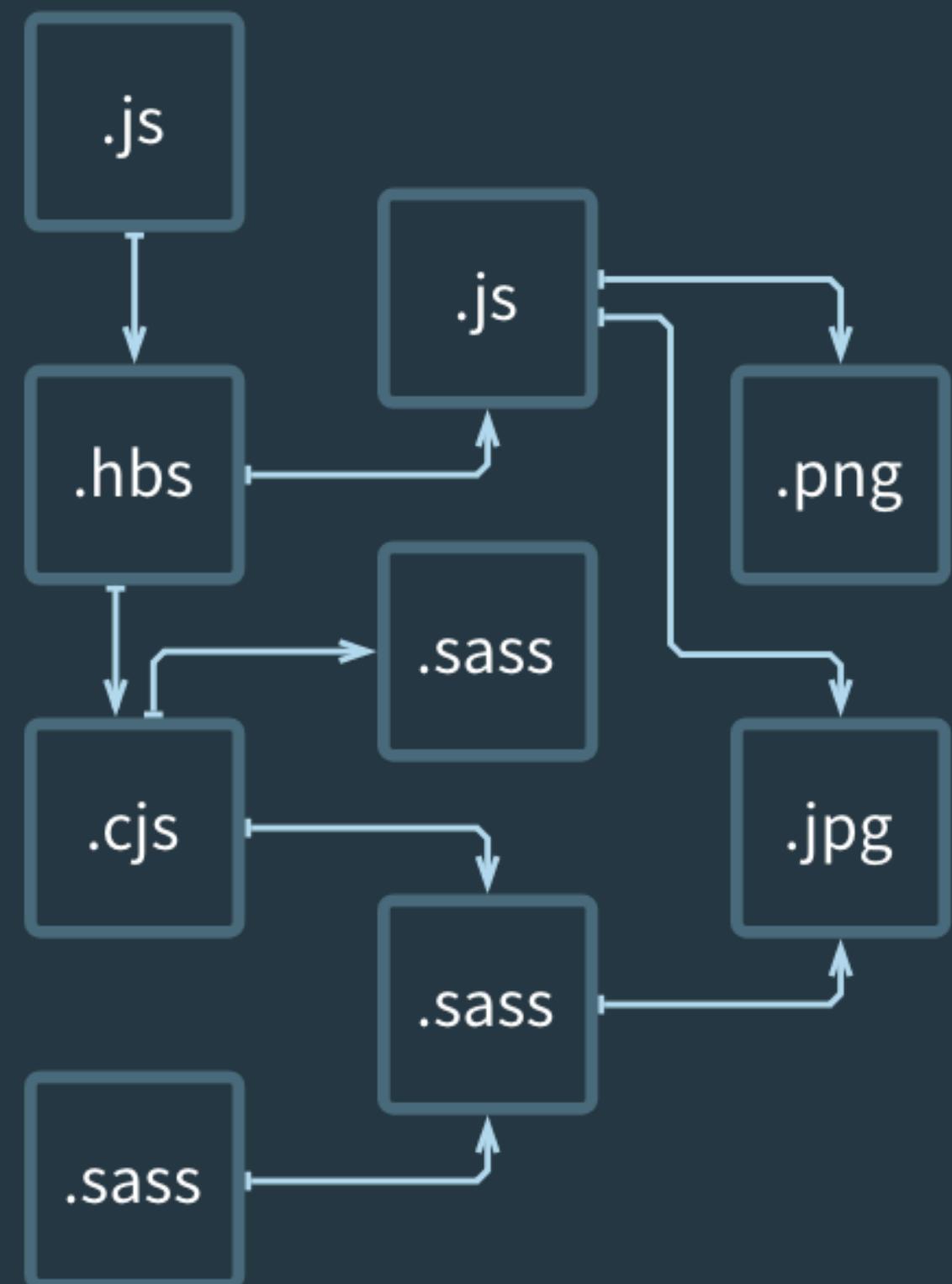
1. Setting up a development environment
2. Deploying to production
3. Leveraging Django in the frontend: form validation

Setting up a development environment



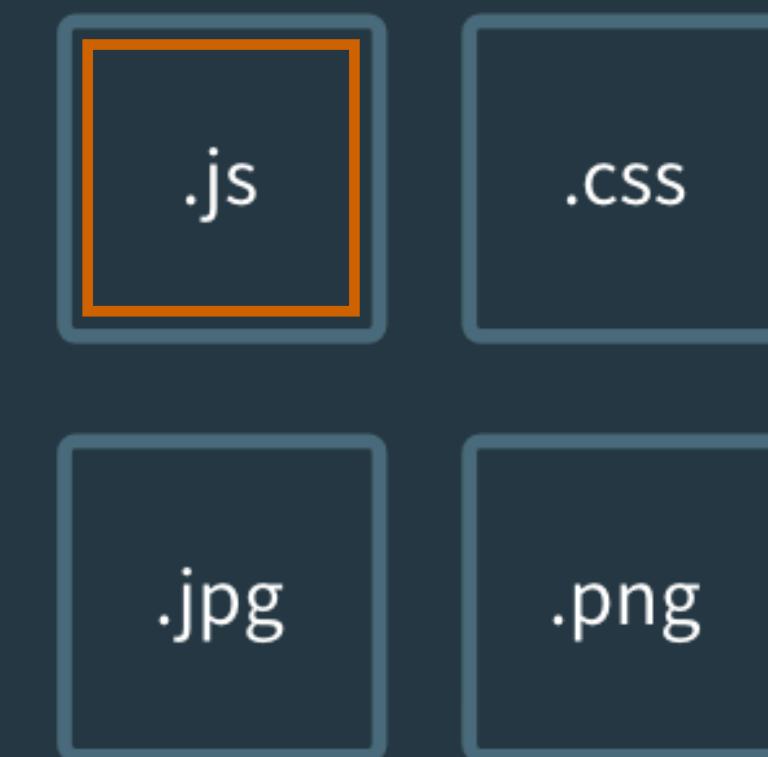
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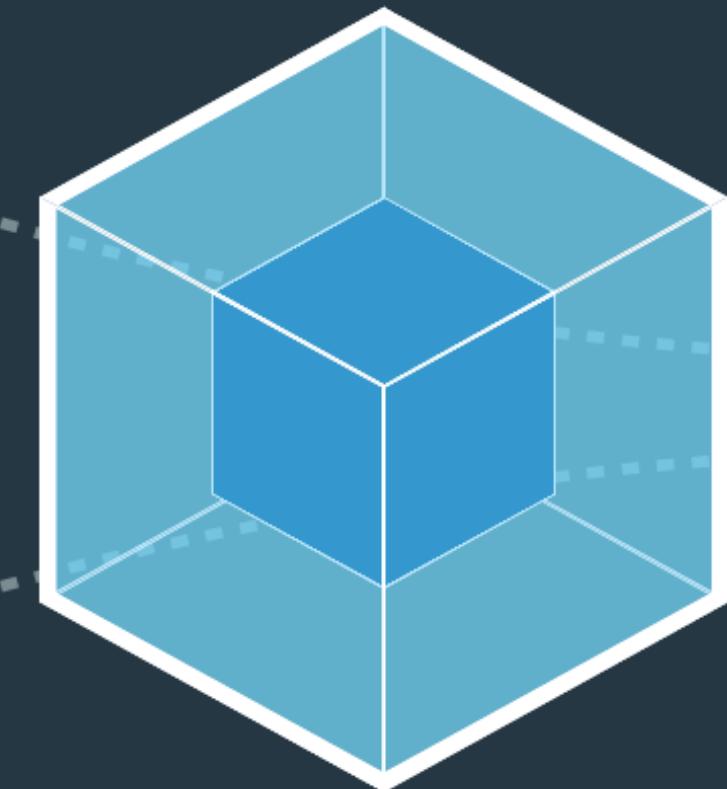
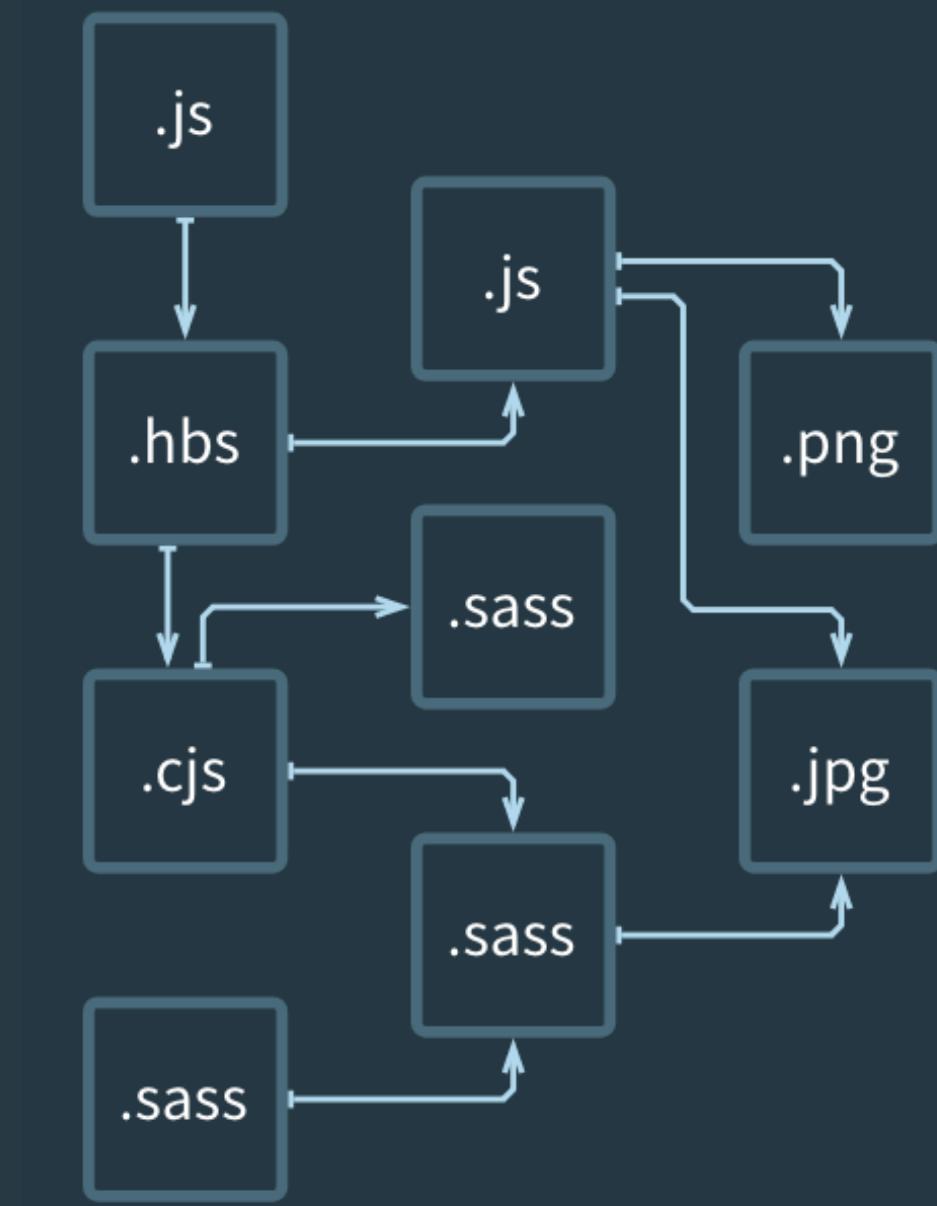


MODULES WITH DEPENDENCIES

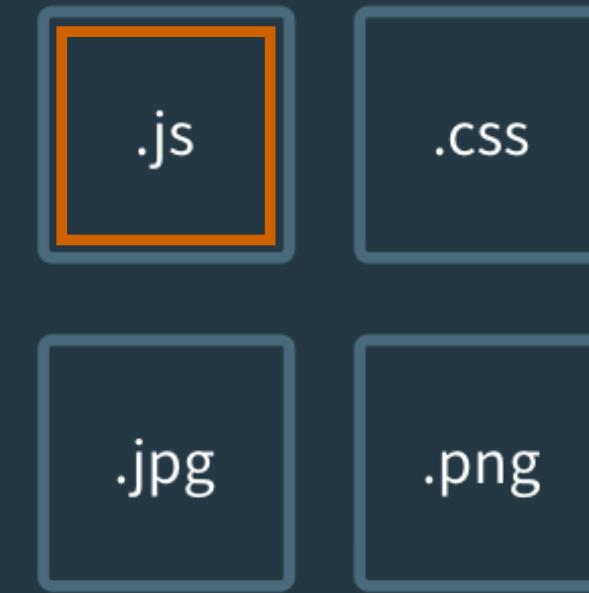
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STATIC ASSETS



Bundle

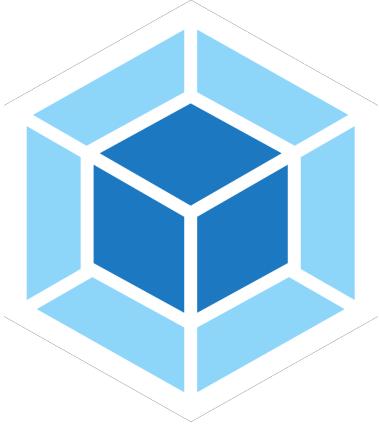


STATIC ASSETS

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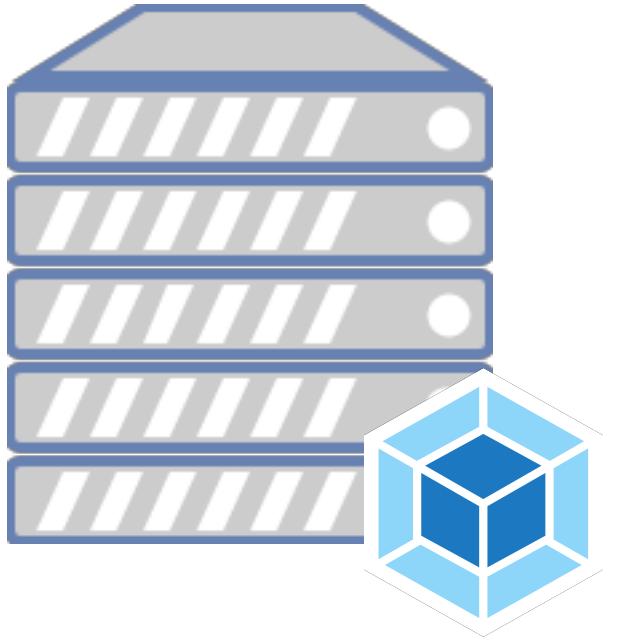
development server

hot reloading



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Problem #1

**How do I run Django and Webpack
side-by-side in dev?**

Attempt #1

webpack-dev-server



API



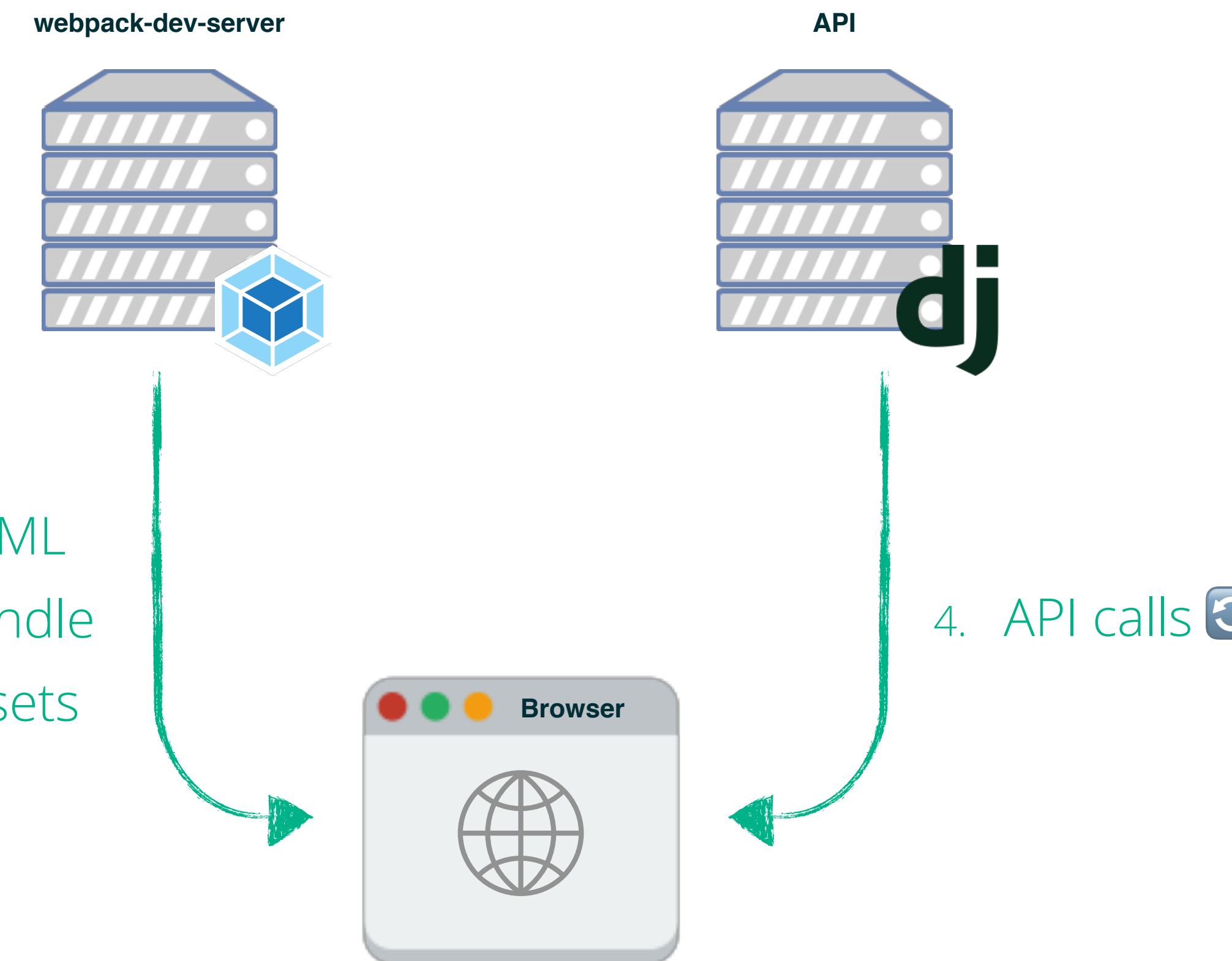
1. HTML
2. Bundle
3. Assets

Attempt #1



4. API calls 

Attempt #1



✗ HTML in production?
✗ CORS errors in dev!



Attempt #2

webpack-dev-server



1. Bundle and assets

API

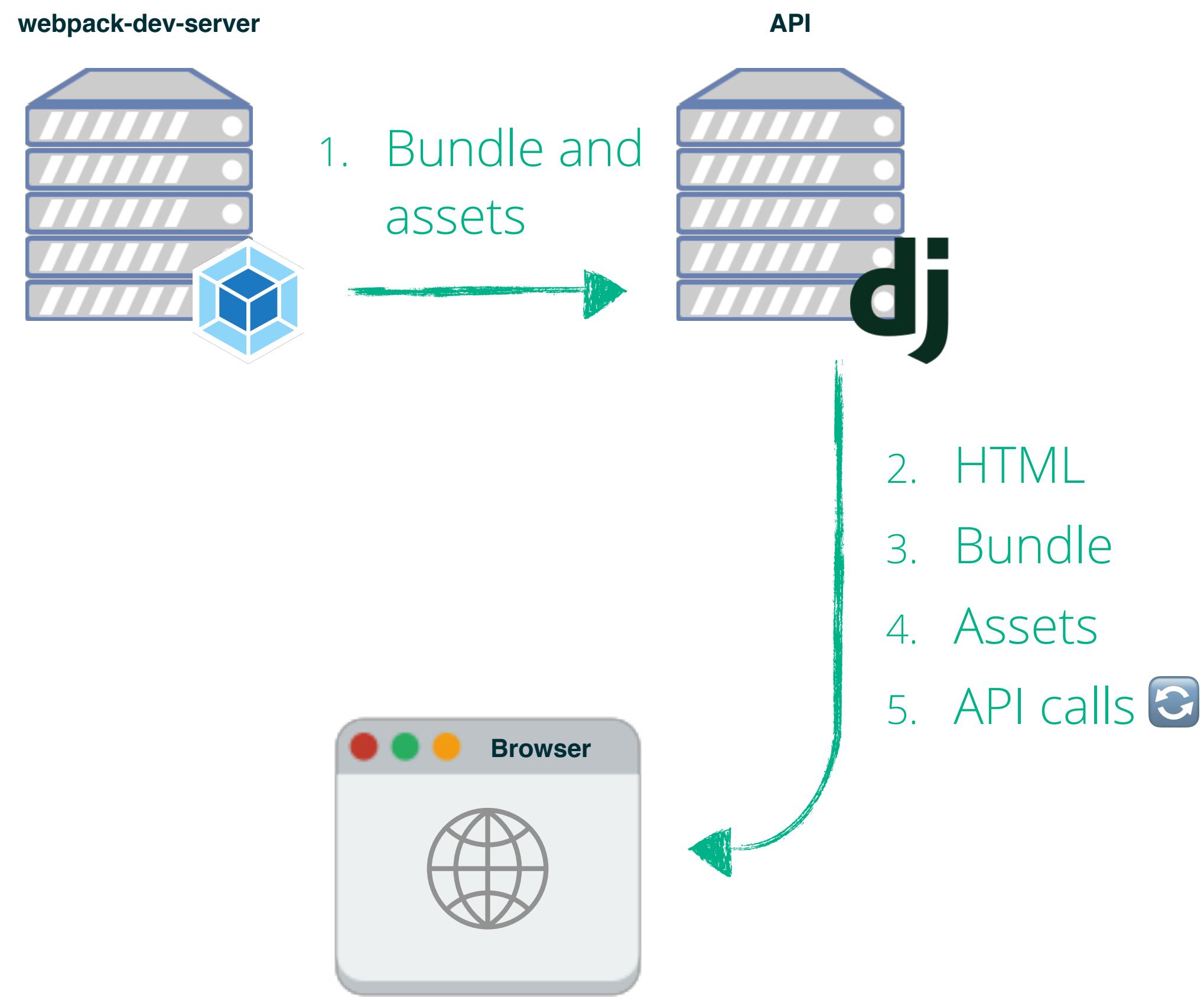


Attempt #2



2. HTML
3. Bundle
4. Assets
5. API calls 

Attempt #2



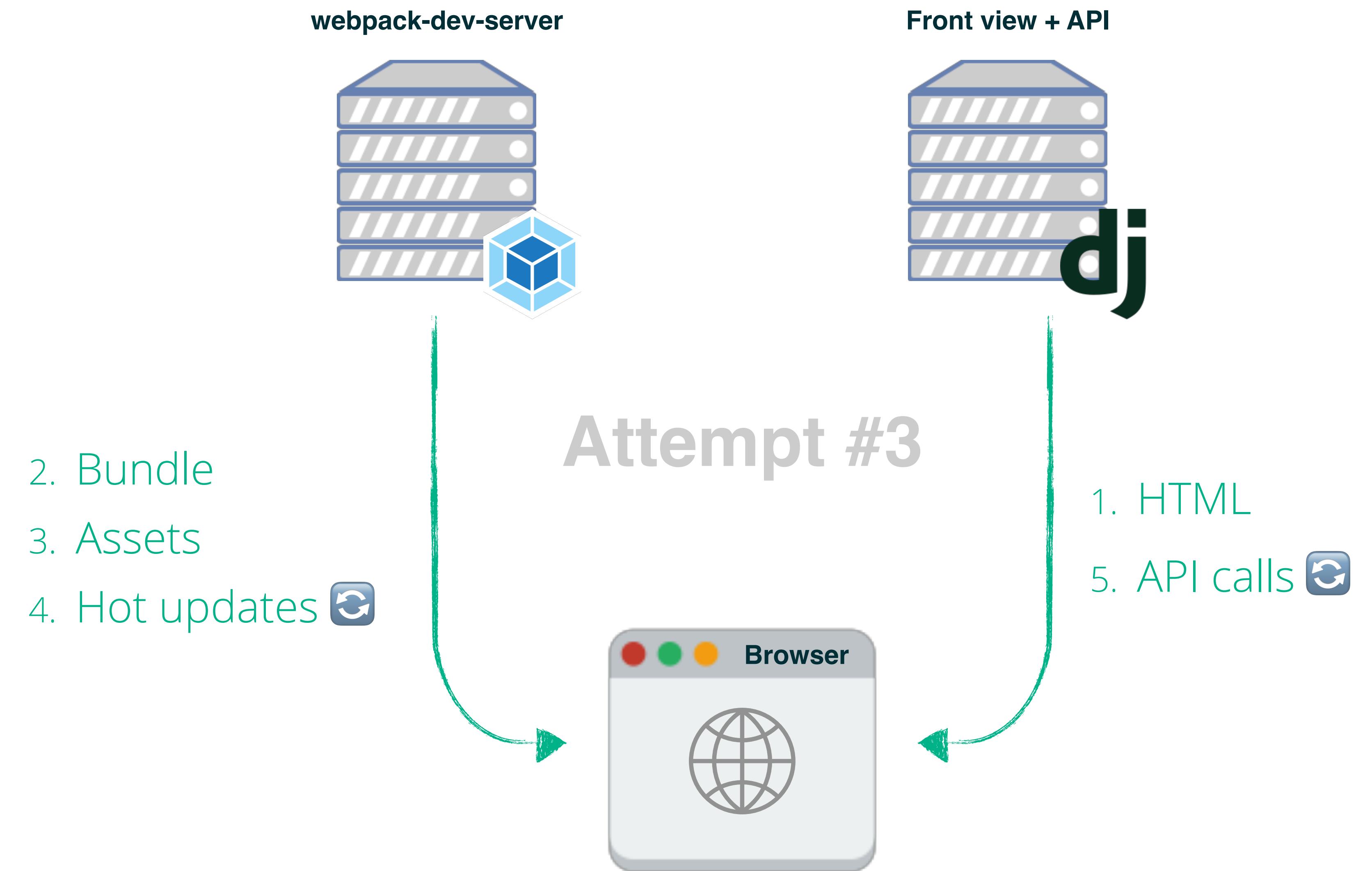
- ✓ HTML in production
- ✓ No CORS errors



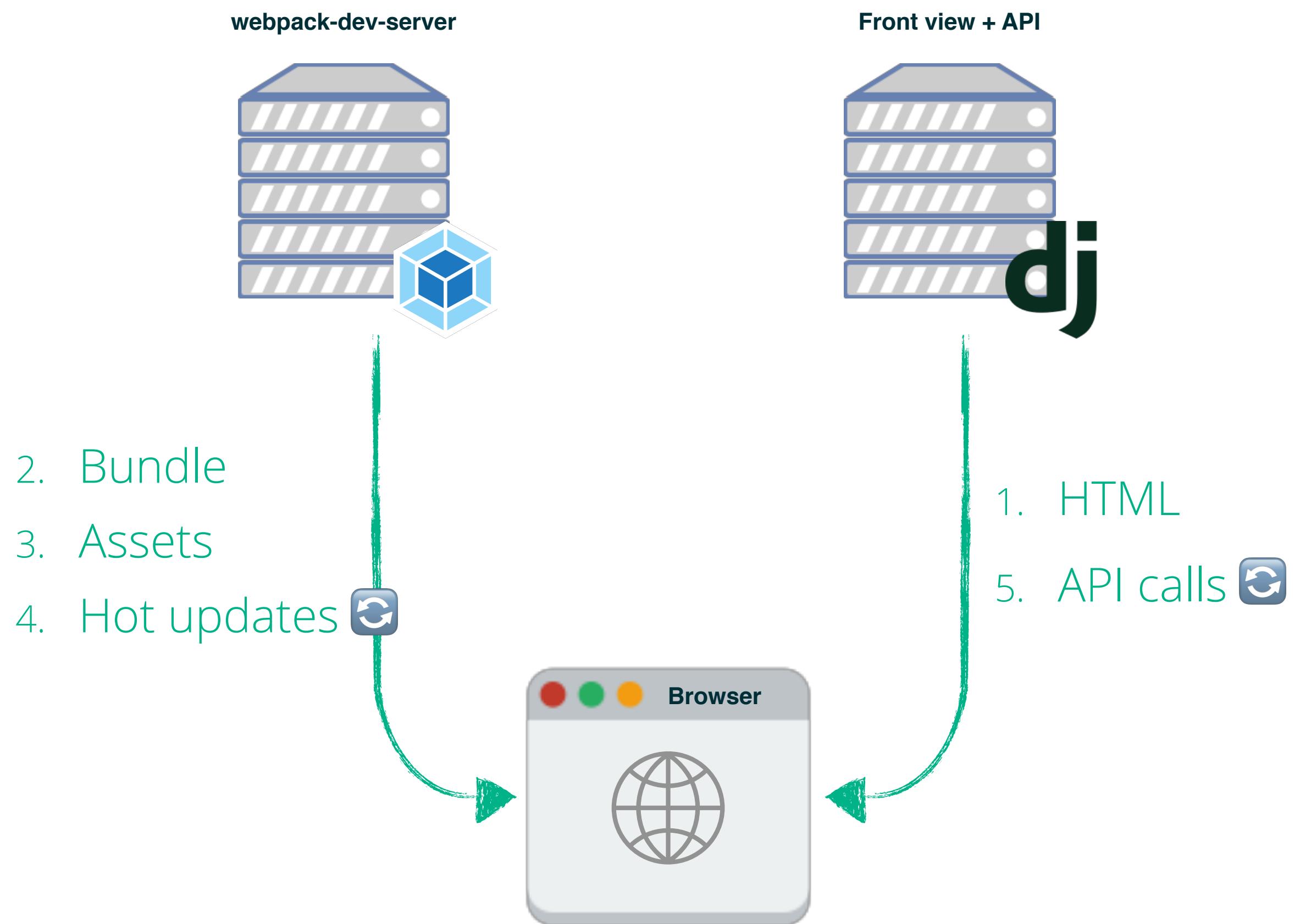
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Hot reloading

Attempt #3



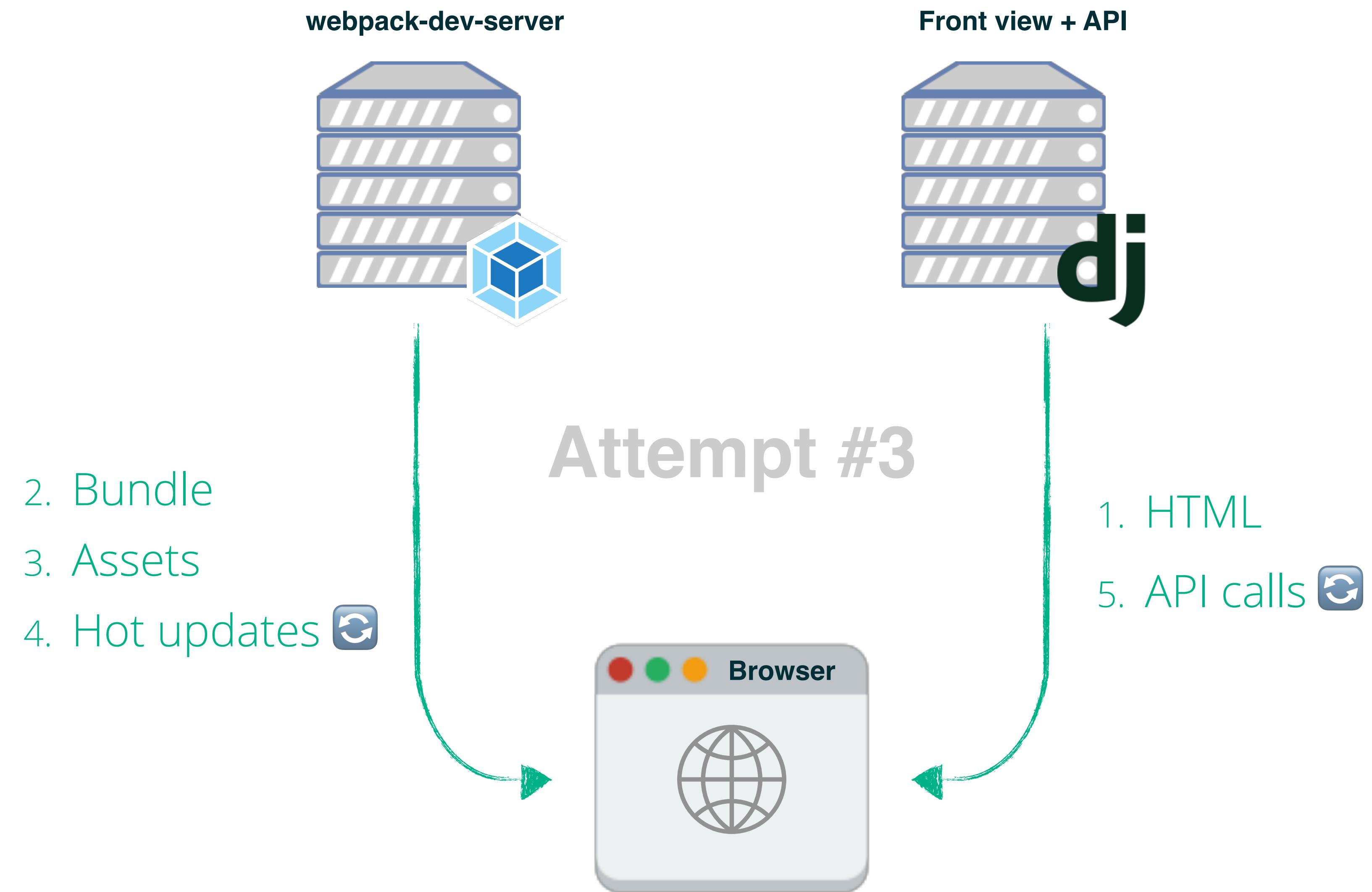
Attempt #3



Hot reloading works



Some code



./front/views.py

```
class FrontendView(TemplateView):
    template_name = "front/index.html"

    def get_context_data(self, **kwargs):
        context = super().get_context_data(**kwargs)
        context["opening_hours"] = OpeningHours.objects.all()
        return context
```

./front/templates/front/index.html

```
<body>
    <!-- [...] -->
    {% include "snippets/ga.html" with tracking_id=ga_tracking_id %}
    <!-- [...] -->
    <script>
        var openingHours = [
            {% for item in opening_hours %}
                {
                    day: '{{item.day}}',
                    openingTime: '{{item.opening_time}}',
                    order: '{{item.order}}',
                },
            {% endfor %}
        ]
    </script>
    <script src="http://localhost:3000/js/bundle.js"></script>
</body>
```

./project/urls.py

```
from django.contrib import admin
from django.urls import include, path, re_path

from front.views import FrontendView

urlpatterns = [
    path('admin/', admin.site.urls),
    # ...
    re_path(r'^[a-zA-Z0-9/-]*$', FrontendView.as_view(), name='app'),
]
```

Deploying to production

dev  prod

webpack-dev-server



Front app + API



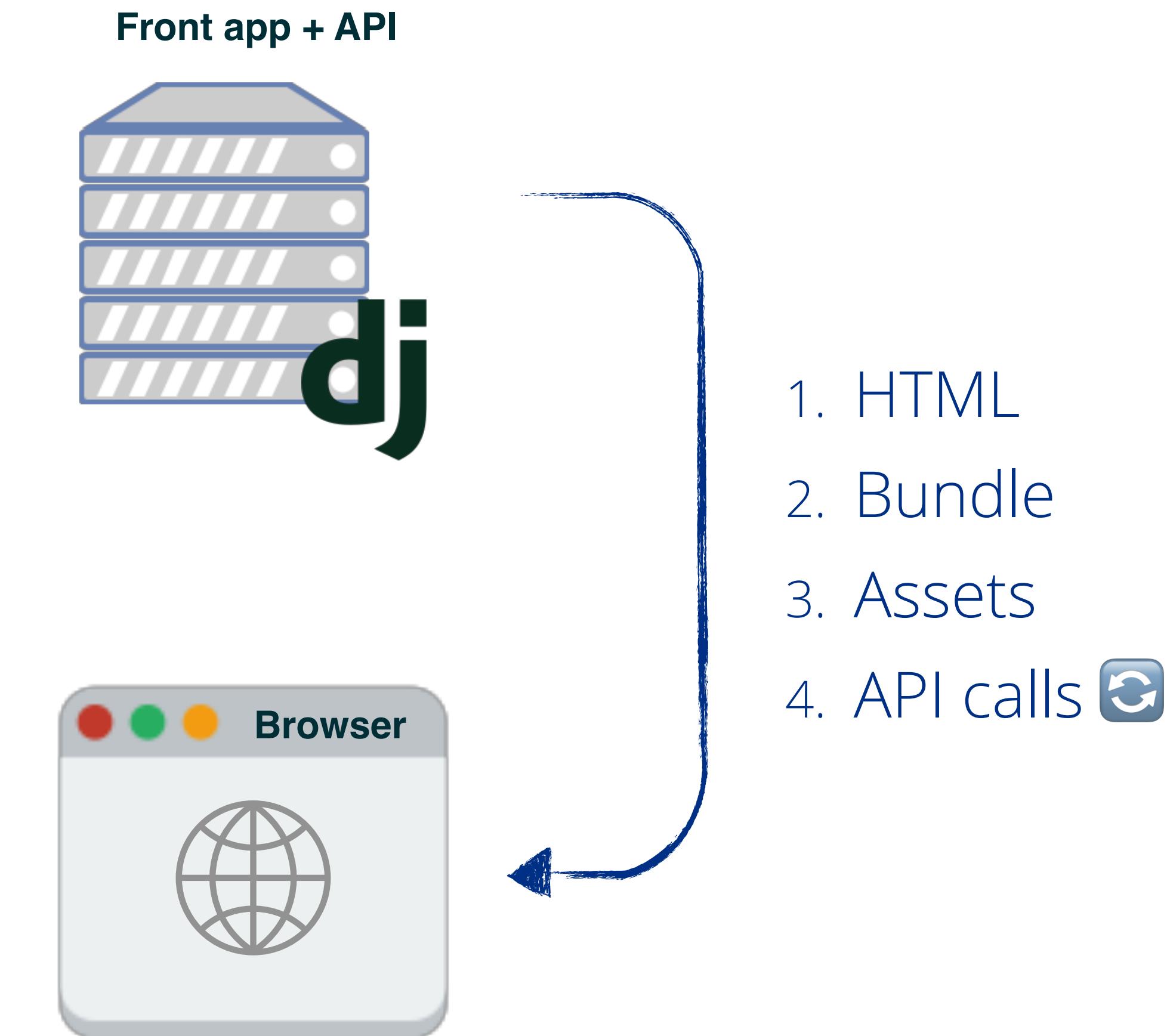
1. Bundle and assets



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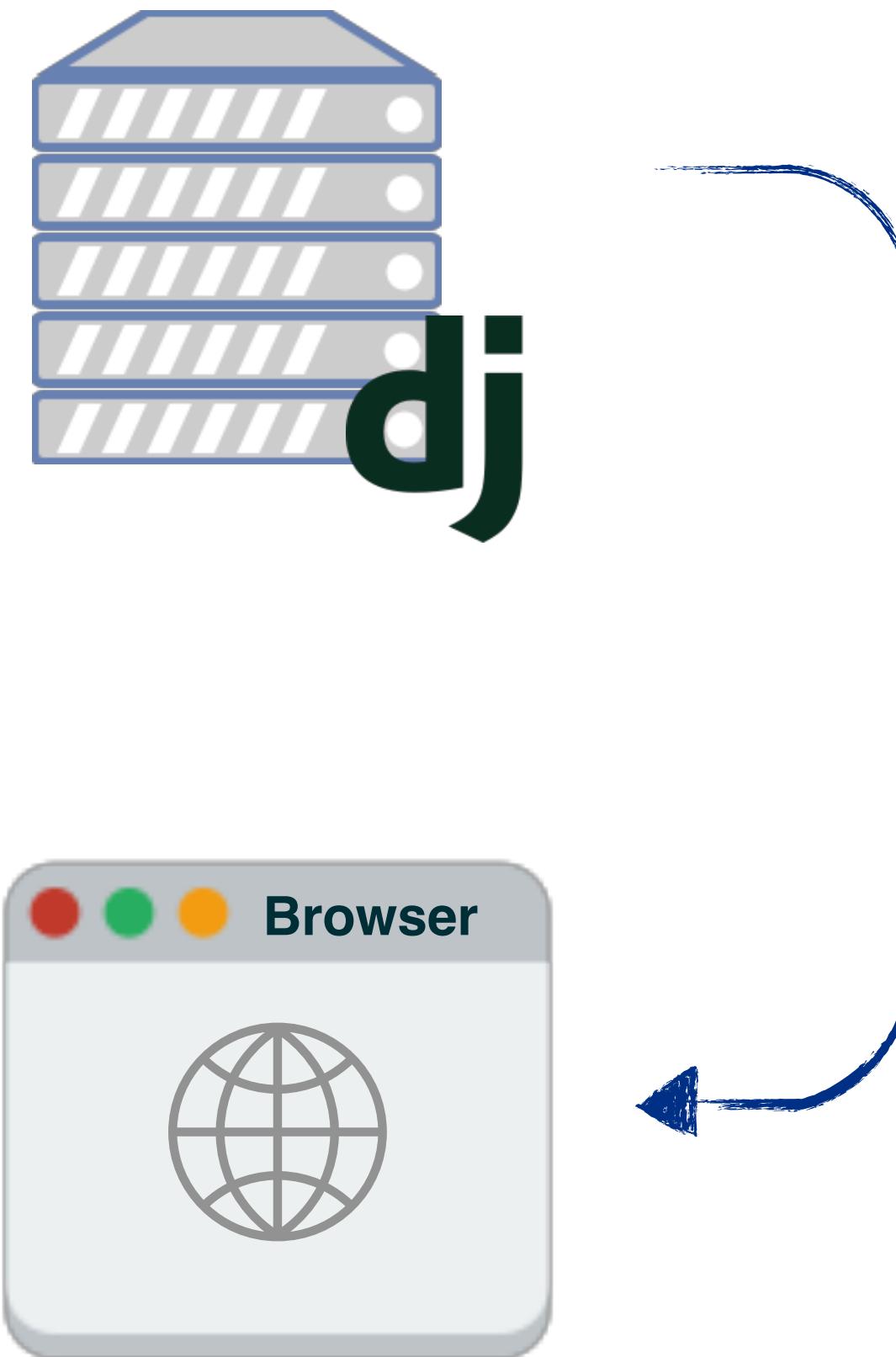
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<body>
    <!-- [...] -->
    <script>
        const openingHours = [
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                for item in opening_hours %}
                {
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                    order: '{{item.order}}',
                },
            {%
                endfor %}
        ]
    </script>
    <script src="{{ static "front/bundle.js" }}"></script>
</body>
```

dev  prod



dev  prod

Front app + API



1. HTML
2. Bundle
3. Assets
4. API calls 

One moving piece

```
<script src="{% static "front/bundle.js" %}"></script>
```

dev ≈ prod 

Not necessarily webpack 



Leveraging Django in the frontend



Asynchronous form validation

An example

Product
2€/unit

Quantity

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Price

8€

 Add to cart

Frontend validation

Product
2€/unit

Quantity

Price

Please enter a quantity.

 Add to cart

Product
2€/unit

Quantity

Price

Quantity has to greater than zero.

 Add to cart

Self consistency

Backend validation

Product
2€/unit

Quantity

Price

There are currently only 10 items in stock, please choose a value between 1 and 10.

 Add to cart

Product
2€/unit

Quantity

Price

Your current credit is 36€, please top-up your account before adding to your cart.

 Add to cart

Compatibility with pre-existing data
& self-consistency 

Django errors in the frontend?


```
import { compose } from "recompose"
import drfrf from "drfrf"

const App = props => {
  return <form onSubmit={props.handleSubmit}>
    <h1>Product</h1>
    <Field name='amount' type='number' />
    <Field name='price' type='text' />
    <button type='submit'>Add to cart</button>
  </form>
}

const asyncValidate = values => fetch(
  "http://localhost:8000/api/items/validation",
  { body: JSON.stringify(values) }
).then(res => res.json())

export default compose(
  withProps({ asyncValidate }),
  reduxForm({ ... })
)(App)
```

Product
2€/unit

Quantity

22

Price

44€

There are currently only 10 items in stock, please choose a value between 1 and 10.

 Add to cart



Djangojs Administration

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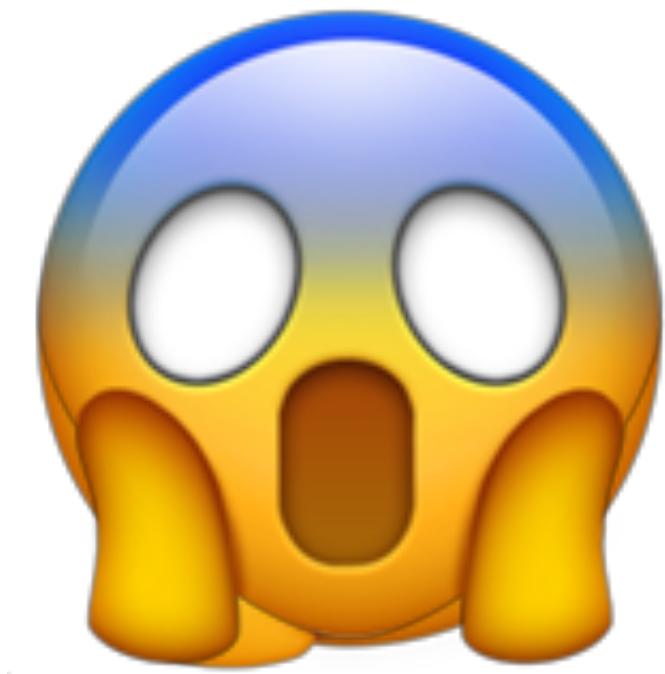
Home > Shop > Cart items

Select cart item to change

Action: Go 0 of 14 selected

[ADD CART ITEM +](#)

<input type="checkbox"/>	CART ITEM	AMOUNT	CREATED AT
<input type="checkbox"/>	cartitem:f7cba6	5	Sept. 26, 2018, 11 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	cartitem:834209	3	Sept. 26, 2018, 10:59 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	cartitem:cf8dbd	2	Sept. 26, 2018, 10:59 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	cartitem:bd8be2	17	Sept. 26, 2018, 10:47 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	cartitem:a45e00	15	Sept. 26, 2018, 10:46 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	cartitem:d3c64b	13	Sept. 26, 2018, 10:46 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	cartitem:0898c4	10	Sept. 26, 2018, 10:46 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	cartitem:24db1c	8	Sept. 26, 2018, 10:45 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	cartitem:122cdc	6	Sept. 26, 2018, 10:45 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	cartitem:94507b	4	Sept. 26, 2018, 10:44 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	cartitem:bf65cd	1	Sept. 26, 2018, 6:50 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	cartitem:e587a9	18	Sept. 26, 2018, 6:43 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	cartitem:3ba3d3	123	Sept. 26, 2018, 6:34 p.m.
<input type="checkbox"/>	cartitem:6b385e	12	Sept. 26, 2018, 6:19 p.m.



Live validation
saves before
submit!

What's happening?

```
class CartItemCreateAPIView(generics.CreateAPIView):  
    queryset = CartItem.objects.all()  
    serializer_class = CartItemSerializer
```

CreateAPIView creates new instances
at each validation call

We need a custom view

```
class ValidateAPIView(GenericAPIView):
    def post(self, request, *args, **kwargs):
        return self.validate(request, *args, **kwargs)

    def validate(self, request, *args, **kwargs):
        serializer = self.get_serializer(data=request.data)
        serializer.is_valid(raise_exception=True)

        return Response({}, status=status.HTTP_200_OK)
```

Product
2€/unit

Quantity

Price

There are currently only 10 items in stock, please choose a value between 1 and 10.

 [Add to cart](#)

Django Adminstration
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Home > Shop > Cart items

Select cart item to change [ADD CART ITEM +](#)

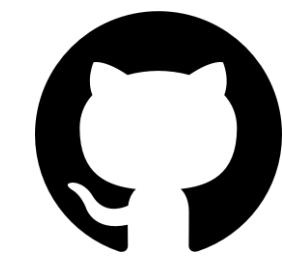
Action: 0 of 2 selected

<input type="checkbox"/> CART ITEM	AMOUNT	CREATED AT
cartitem:3ba3d3	123	Sept. 26, 2018, 6:34 p.m.
cartitem:6b385e	12	Sept. 26, 2018, 6:19 p.m.

2 cart items



The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'Theodo-UK / drfrf'. The repository name is 'drfrf' and it is described as 'Django REST framework - redux-form connector'. It has 27 commits, 1 branch, 0 releases, and 1 contributor. The latest commit was made an hour ago. The repository has 3 pull requests, 0 issues, and 0 projects. It is part of the 'django' organization. The repository has 0 stars and 0 forks. The README.md file contains information about the library, mentioning it is in two parts: 'drfrf for the backend (Django / DRF)' and 'drfrf for the frontend (React / redux-form)'. The repository has passed all build status checks (Pypi, NPM). The footer includes links to GitHub, Pricing, API, Training, Blog, and About.



Theodo-UK / drfrf

DRF mixins for:

Creation validation

Update validation

Redux-form helper

Thank you!

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