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Class

Router

Create rules for routing requests and then create Responder that will follow these rules.

```
final class Router<Context> where Context : RequestContext
```

Overview

Router requires an implementation of the `on(path:method:use)` functions but because it also conforms to `RouterMethods` it is also possible to call the method specific functions `get`, `put`, `head`, `post` and `patch`. The route handler closures all return objects conforming to `ResponseGenerator`. This allows us to support routes which return a multitude of types eg

```
router.get("string") { _, _ -> String in
    return "string"
}
router.post("status") { _, _ -> HTTPResponse.Status in
    return .ok
}
router.data("data") { request, context -> ByteBuffer in
    return ByteBuffer(string: "buffer")
}
```

The default Router setup in `Application` is the `TrieRouter`. This uses a trie to partition all the routes for faster access. It also supports wildcards and parameter extraction

```
router.get("user/*", use: anyUser)
router.get("user/:id", use: userWithId)
```

Both of these match routes which start with “/user” and the next path segment being anything. The second version extracts the path segment out and adds it to `Request.parameters` with the key “id”.

Topics

Structures

```
struct RouteDescription
```

Route description

Initializers

```
init(context: Context.Type, options: RouterOptions)
```

Instance Properties

```
let middlewares: MiddlewareGroup<Context>
```

```
var routes: [RouteDescription]
```

List of routes added to router

Instance Methods

```
func add(middleware: any MiddlewareProtocol<Request, Response, Context>) -> Self
```

Add middleware to Router

```
func buildResponder() -> RouterResponder<Context>
```

build responder from router

```
func on<Responder>(RouterPath, method: HTTPRequest.Method, responder  
: Responder) -> Self
```

Add responder to call when path and method are matched

```
func validate() throws
```

Validate router

Default Implementations

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Relationships

Conforms To

HTTPResponderBuilder, RouterMethods

See Also

Router

```
struct RouterGroup
```

Used to group together routes under a single path. Additional middleware can be added to the endpoint and each route can add a suffix to the endpoint path

```
class RouteCollection
```

Collection of routes

```
protocol RouterMethods
```

Conform to RouterMethods to add standard router verb (get, post ...) methods

```
struct RouterOptions
```

Router Options

`protocol HTTPResponder`

Protocol for object that produces a response given a request

`protocol HTTPResponderBuilder`

A type that has a single method to build a HTTPResponder

`struct CallbackResponder`

Responder that calls supplied closure

`struct RouterResponder`

`struct EndpointPath`

Endpoint path storage

`struct RouterPath`

Split router path into components

`struct RequestID`

Generate Unique ID for each request