

Rebuilding Web Forms Applications in MVC

PUTTING WEB FORMS AND MVC IN PERSPECTIVE

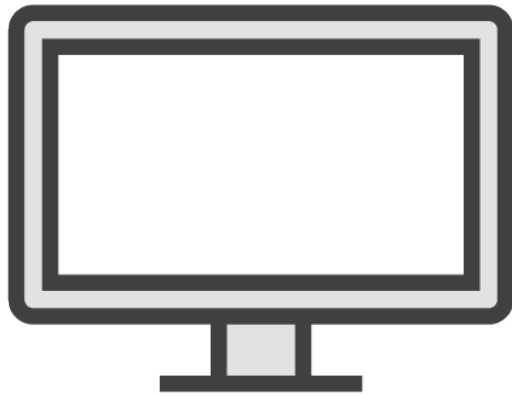


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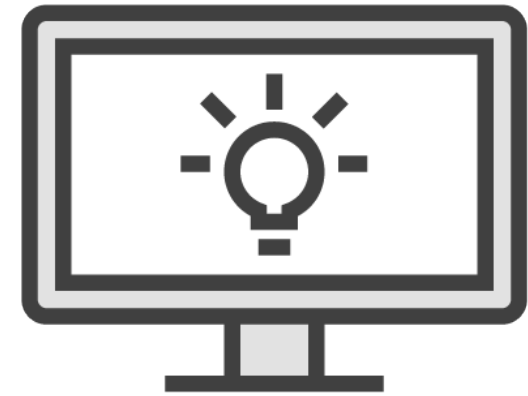
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Rebuilding and Improving



Old Application



New Application
New Requirements
New Framework



Transitioning Between Web Forms and MVC



High Level Concepts

Hey, we have things in common!



Implementation Details

We're pretty different...



Moving Forward...



Are You in the Right Place?



The Transitional Developer



Web Forms Developer



MVC Developer

The Reverse Engineer

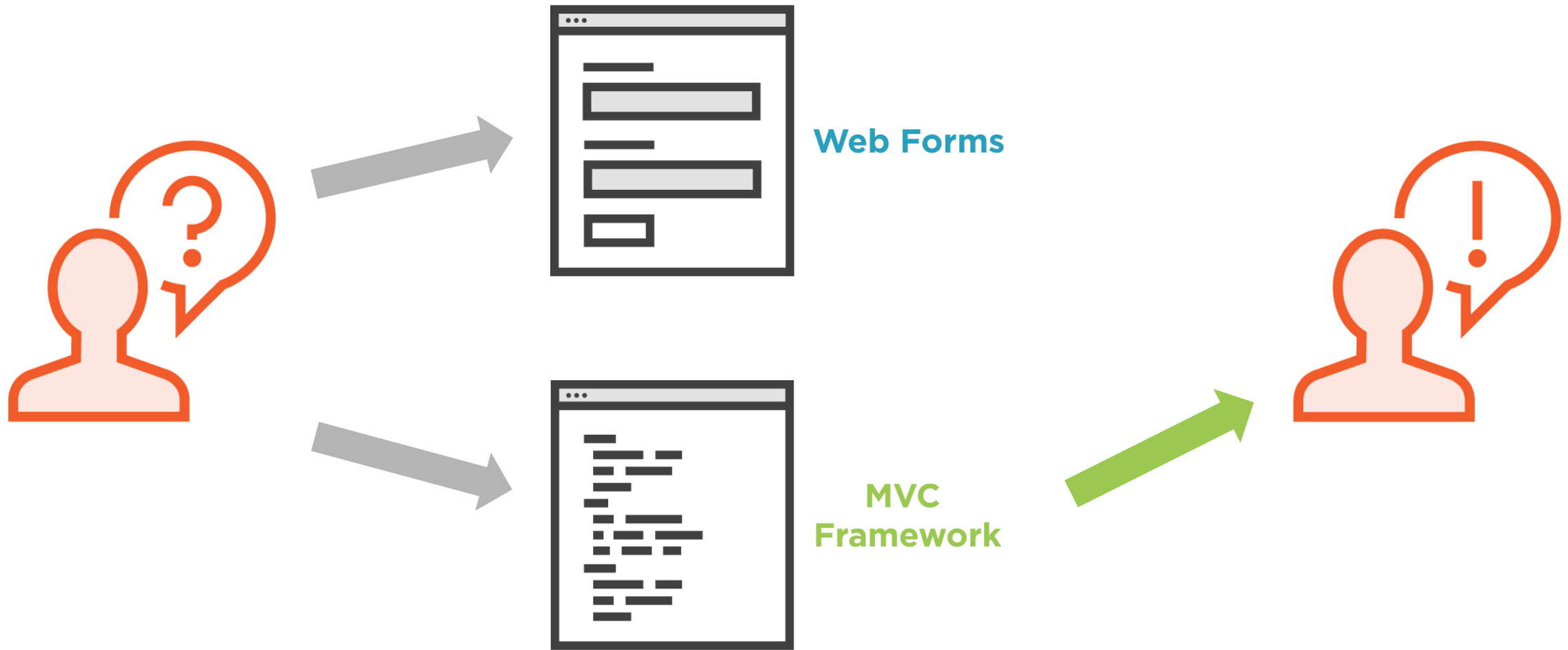


Web Forms Concepts



MVC Concepts

The Empowered Decision Maker



Managing Expectations

Need to Know

General Web Development

HTML

CSS

HTTP Requests

ASP.NET

General Understanding
of the Platform

Some Web Forms or
Some MVC

Nice to Know

Other Technologies

Entity Framework

jQuery Basics



Creating Context



Understanding Web Forms



Understanding Web Forms

Built on ASP.NET

- HTTP Modules and Handlers
- Security and User Roles
- Session
- Caching

Markup Generation

Illusion of State

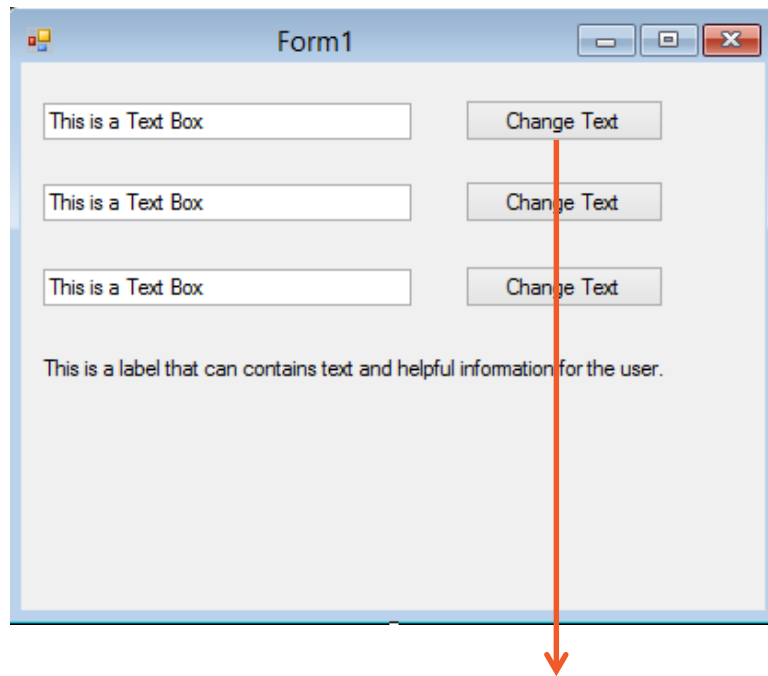
Code Separation

Reusable Components



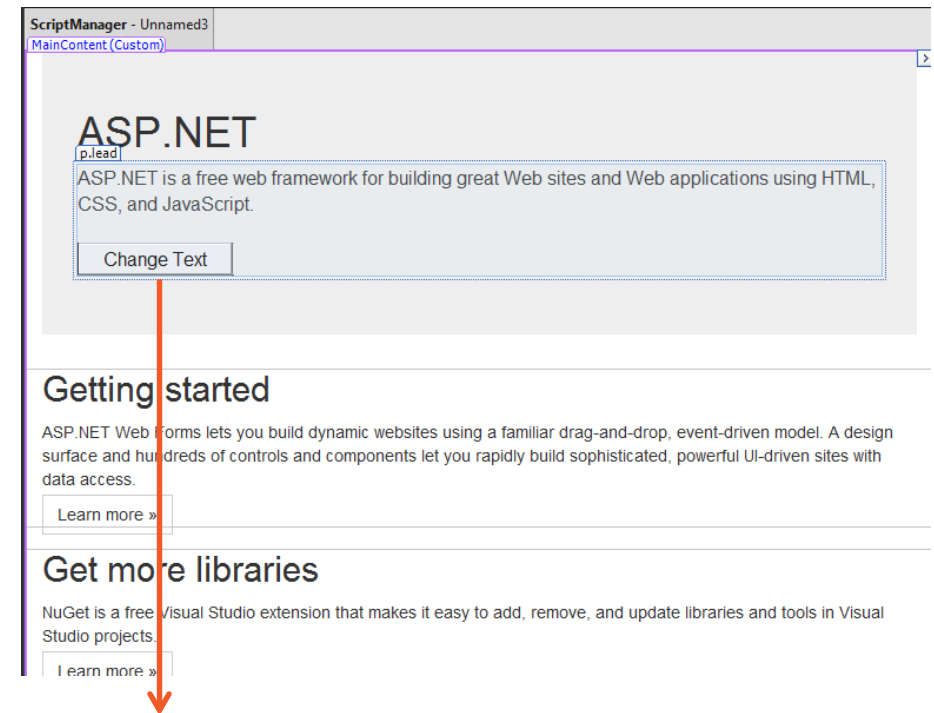
From Windows Forms to Web Forms

Windows Forms



```
protected void Btn1_Click(object sender, EventArgs args)
{
    textBox1.Text = "This is a Windows Form";
}
```

Web Forms



```
protected void Btn1_Click(object sender, EventArgs args)
{
    label1.Text = "This is a Web Form";
}
```



```
<asp:SqlDataSource ID="SqlDataSource1" runat="server" ConnectionString="Data
Source=(localdb)\v11.0;Initial Catalog=CypherMVC;Integrated Security=True"
OnSelecting="SqlDataSource1_Selecting" ProviderName="System.Data.SqlClient"
SelectCommand="SELECT Subject, Author, Created FROM Messages"></asp:SqlDataSource>

<asp:ListView ID="ItemList" runat="server"
OnSelectedIndexChanged="ItemList_SelectedIndexChanged"
DataSourceID="SqlDataSource1"></asp:ListView>
```

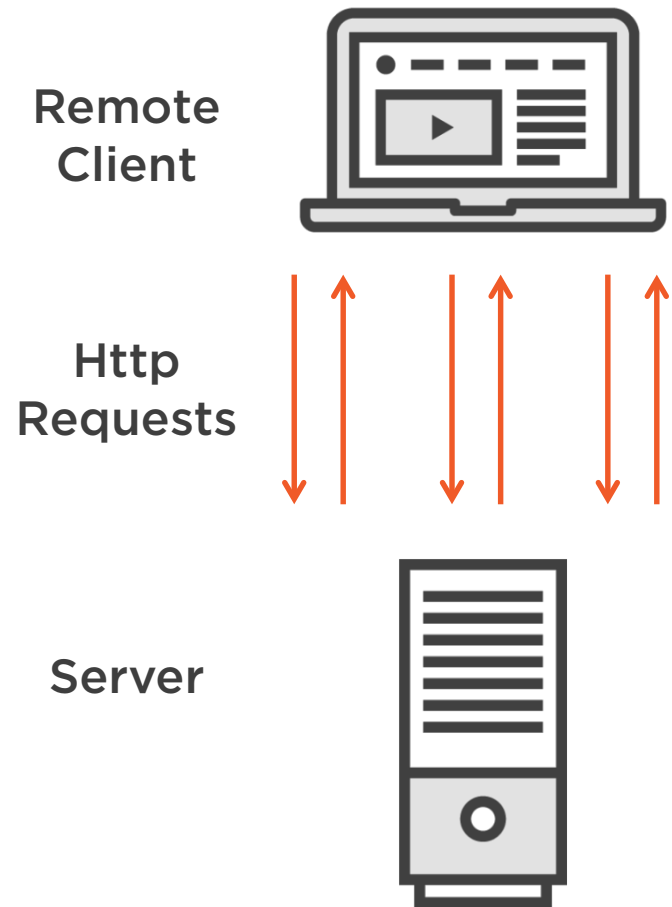
Web Forms Control Mark Up

Often troubling, both before and after rendering



From Windows Forms to Web Forms

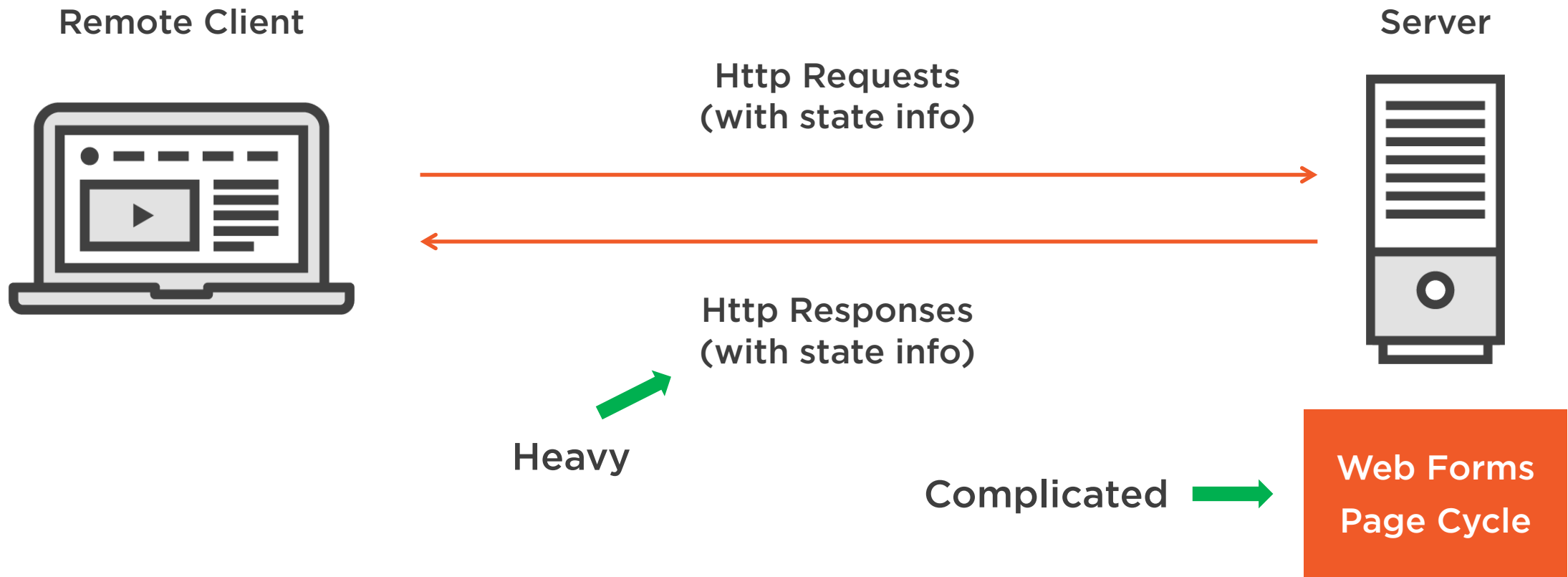
Web Applications



Desktop Client Applications



Enhanced Web Application Requests



Separation of Concerns

Classic Applications (“spaghetti” code)

```
<div class="row section-1">  
  (server side logic....)  
</div>  
  
<div class="row section-2">  
  (server side logic....)  
</div>  
  
<div class="row section-3">  
  (server side logic....)  
</div>
```

Modern Applications (separated code)

Client Side Code

```
<div class="row section-1"></div>  
<div class="row section-2"></div>
```

Server Side Code

```
(server side logic....)
```



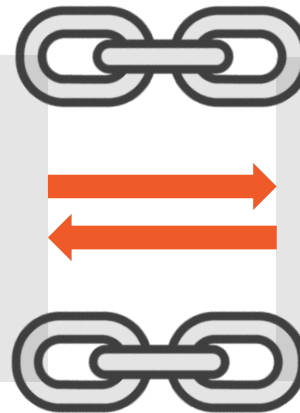
Tightly Coupled Components

Client Side Code
(Home.aspx)

```
<div class="row section-1"> </div>  
<div class="row section-2"> </div>
```

Server Side Code
(Home.aspx.cs)

(server side logic....)



Action Oriented Design

Hey, I need to
check out from my
mobile app!



Okay, here's a
JSON response



I'm on the full
website....



You can have full
HTML



Other Considerations

Unit Testing

Dependency
Injection

Flexible Web
Service End Points



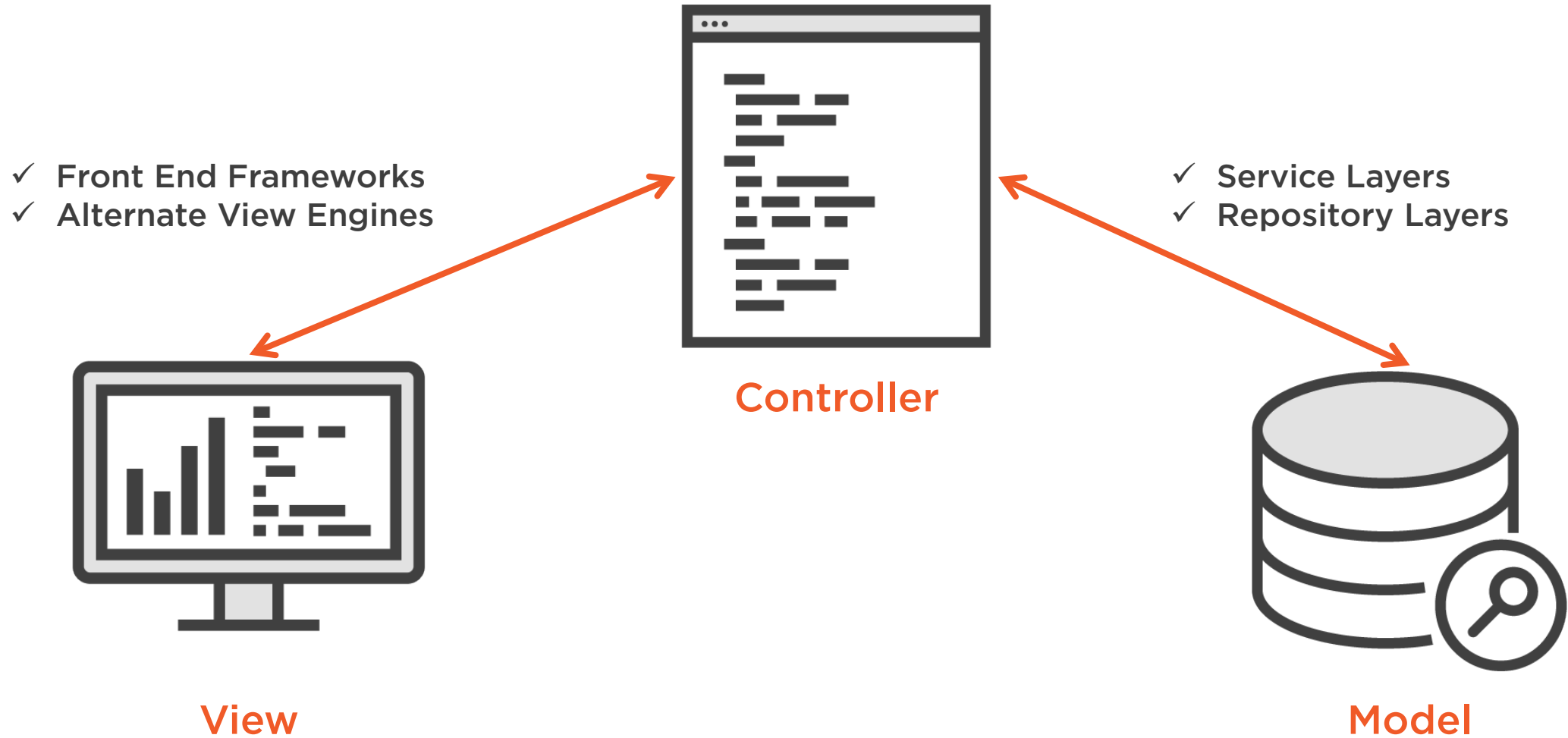
A New Destination



Introducing MVC



The MVC Pattern



Embracing the Nature of HTTP

Remote Client



Http Requests
(No View State)



Http Responses
(No View State)

Controller Methods



Flexibility Through Extensibility

Standard Behavior

Use the Default
Conventions

Tweaked Behavior

Extend the Existing
Components

Fully Custom Behavior

Rewrite and Replace
the Provided Classes



Controlling Your Markup

Razor Code

Generated Markup

@Html.TextBoxFor(p => p.Age)



<input type="text" name="Age" />

@Html.TextAreaFor(p => p.Comments)



<textarea name="Comments">
</textarea>

@Html.ActionLink("Home", "Index", "Go Home")



Go Home



```
public class HomeController {
```

```
    public ActionResult Index()
    {
        return View();
    }
```

```
    public ActionResult GetFeed()
    {
        var feed = db.GetFeed()
        return Json(feed);
    }
}
```

◀ Responds to home page request with HTML

◀ Same controller responds with JSON feed



Embracing Modern Design Patterns



Unit Testing



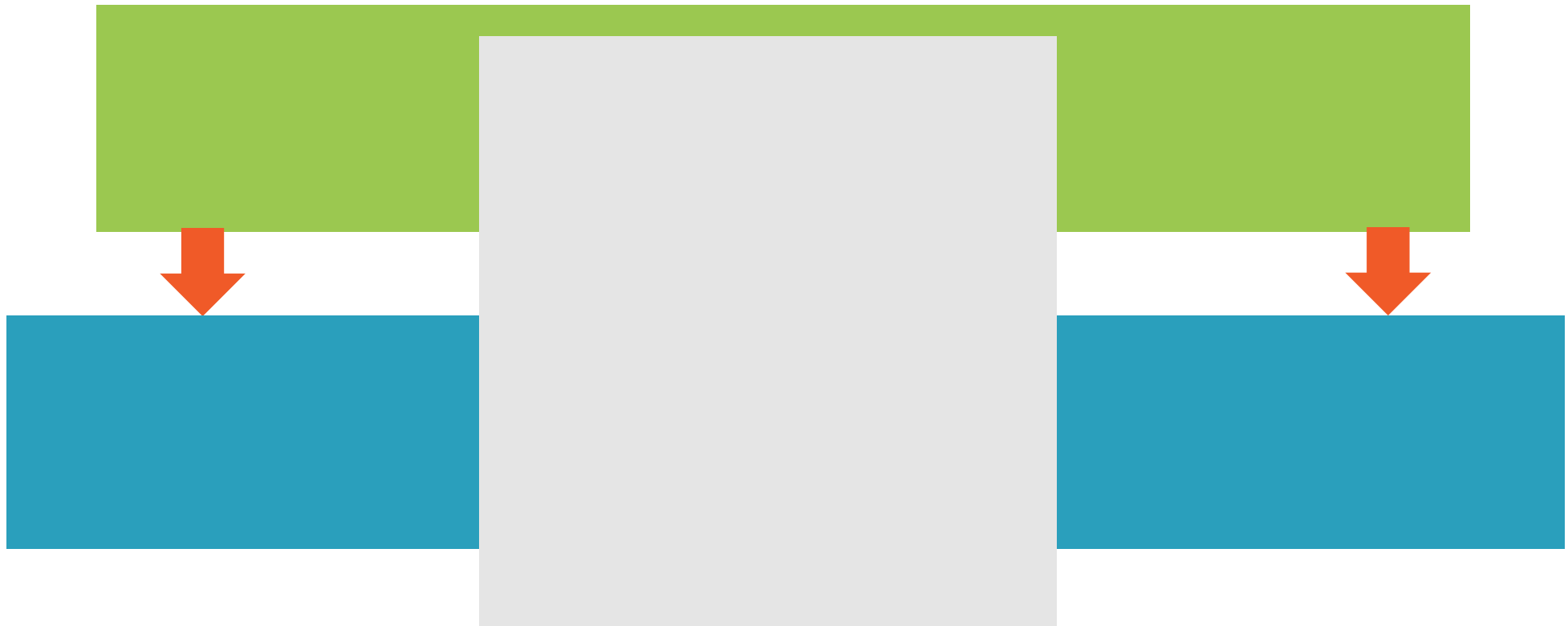
Dependency
Injection



Flexible Web
Service End Points



MVC and ASP.NET



The Agenda



To-Do List



Request Management

Designing with Layouts and Views

Forms and Model Binding

Validating Form Data

User Controls and Partial Views

Handling Ajax and Service Calls

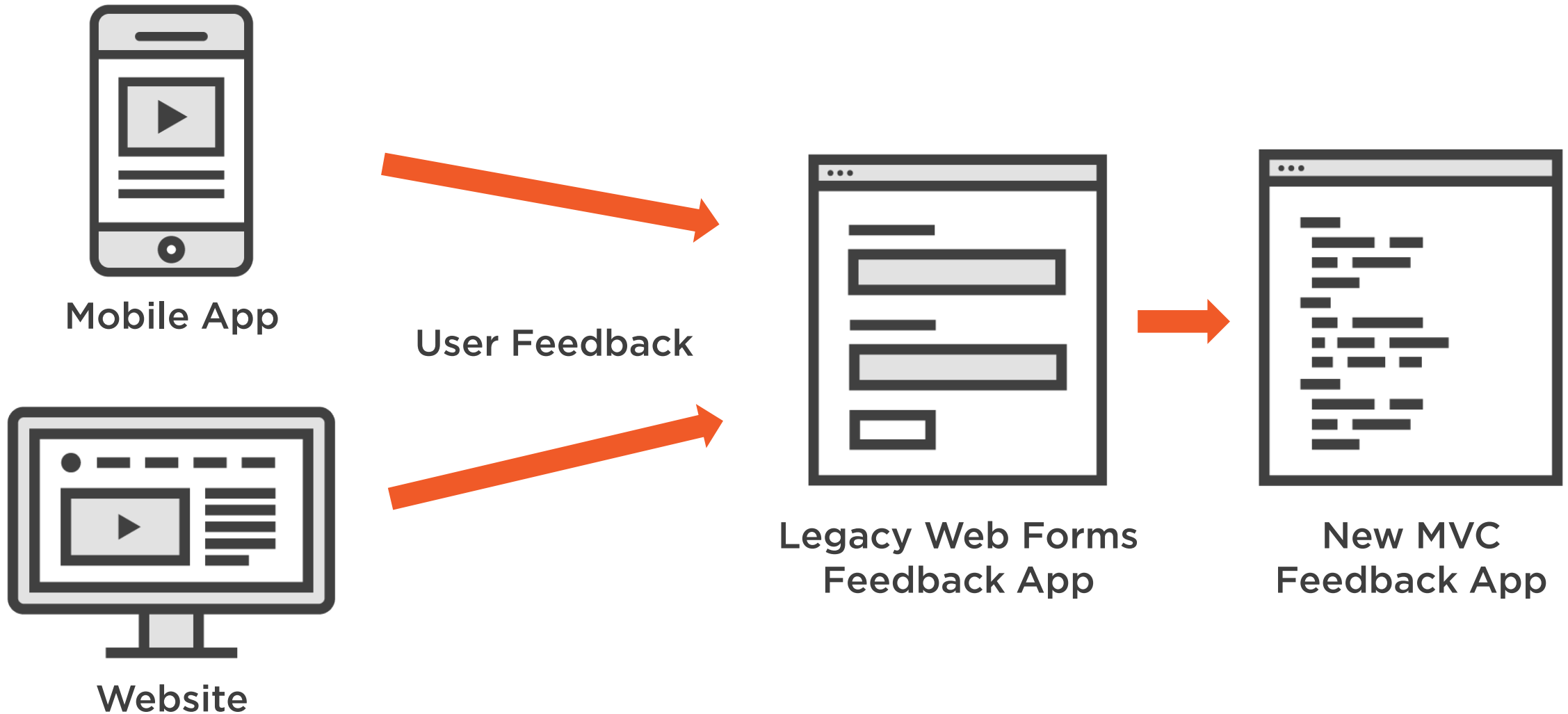
Displaying and Accessing Data



Building for the Future



Responding to Feedback



Summary



Web Forms Offers Interesting but Challenging Features

- View State
- HTML and HTTP Abstractions
- Split Page Model
- Page and Form Validation

Both Web Forms and MVC are Built on ASP.NET

MVC is Powerful and Extensible

Built for Modern Design Patterns

MVC Embraces Nature of Web



Request Management



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To-Do List



The Shared ASP.NET Platform

Demo - Exploring the Application Life Cycle

Handling Requests with Web Forms

Demo - Touring the Legacy Application

Handling Requests with MVC

Understanding Routing

Demo - Routing and Requests in MVC

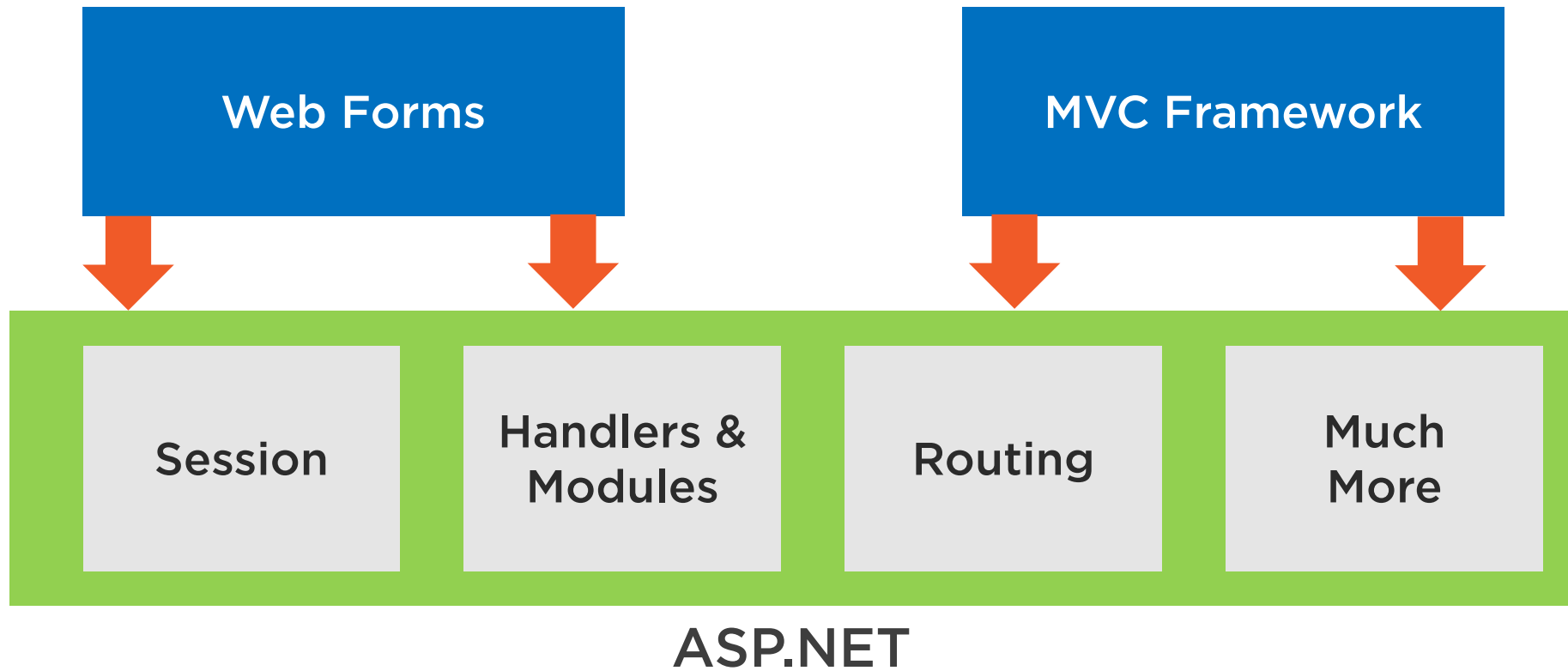
Demo - Building the Controller Structure



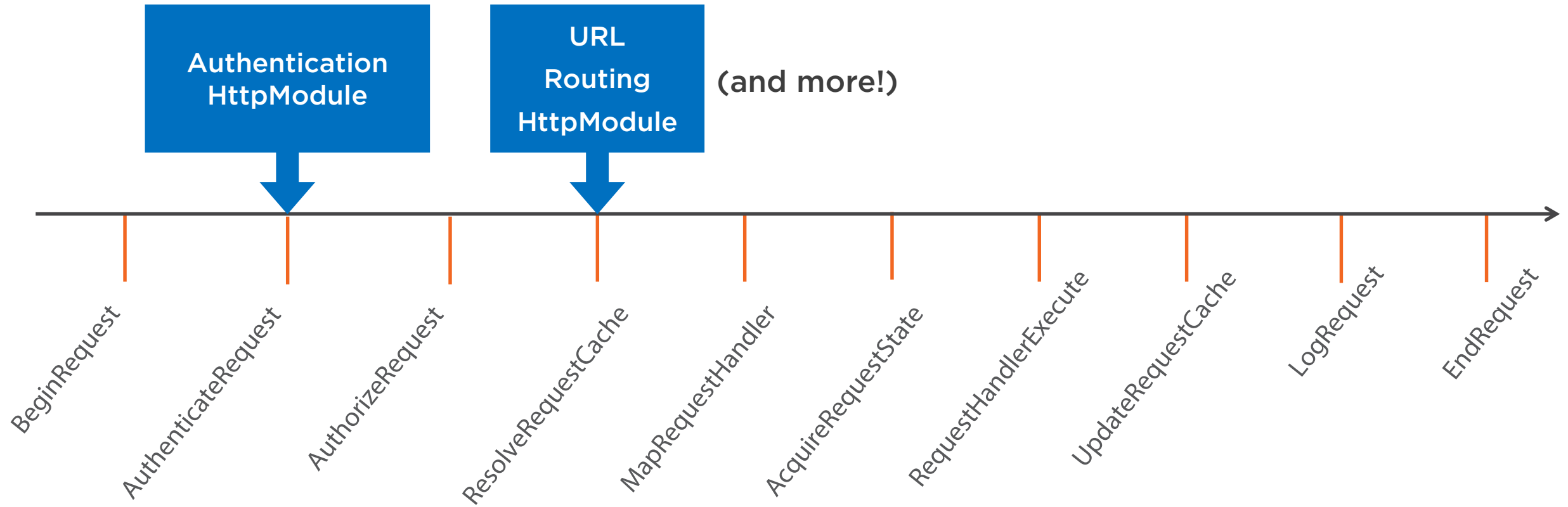
The Shared ASP.NET Platform



A Common Foundation



The ASP.NET Application Life Cycle



* Event names shown represent both pre and post events

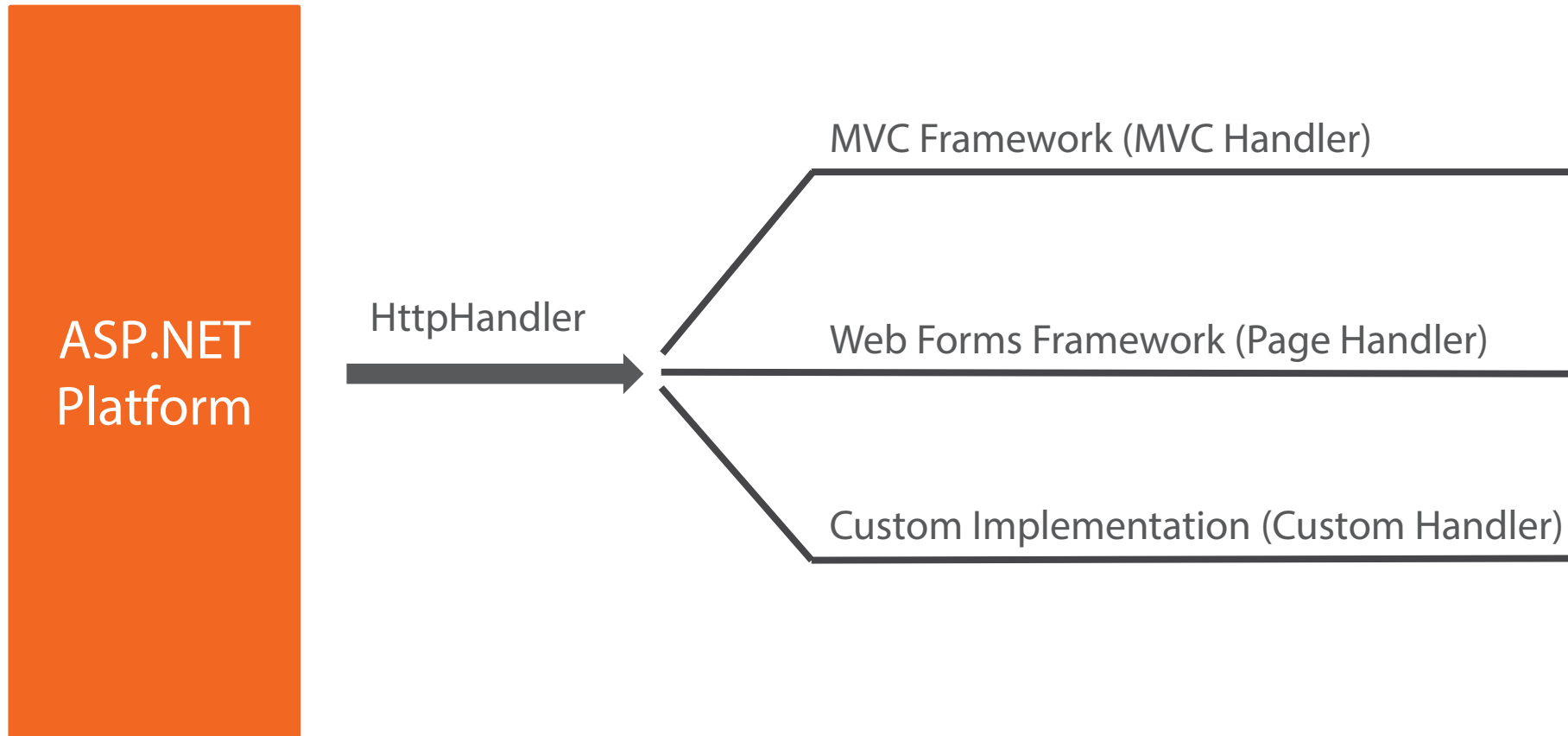


```
public interface IHttpModule {  
    void Dispose();  
    void Init(HttpApplication application);  
}
```

Implementing an IHttpModule
Not an overly common task, but just in case!



One Platform, **Many** Implementations



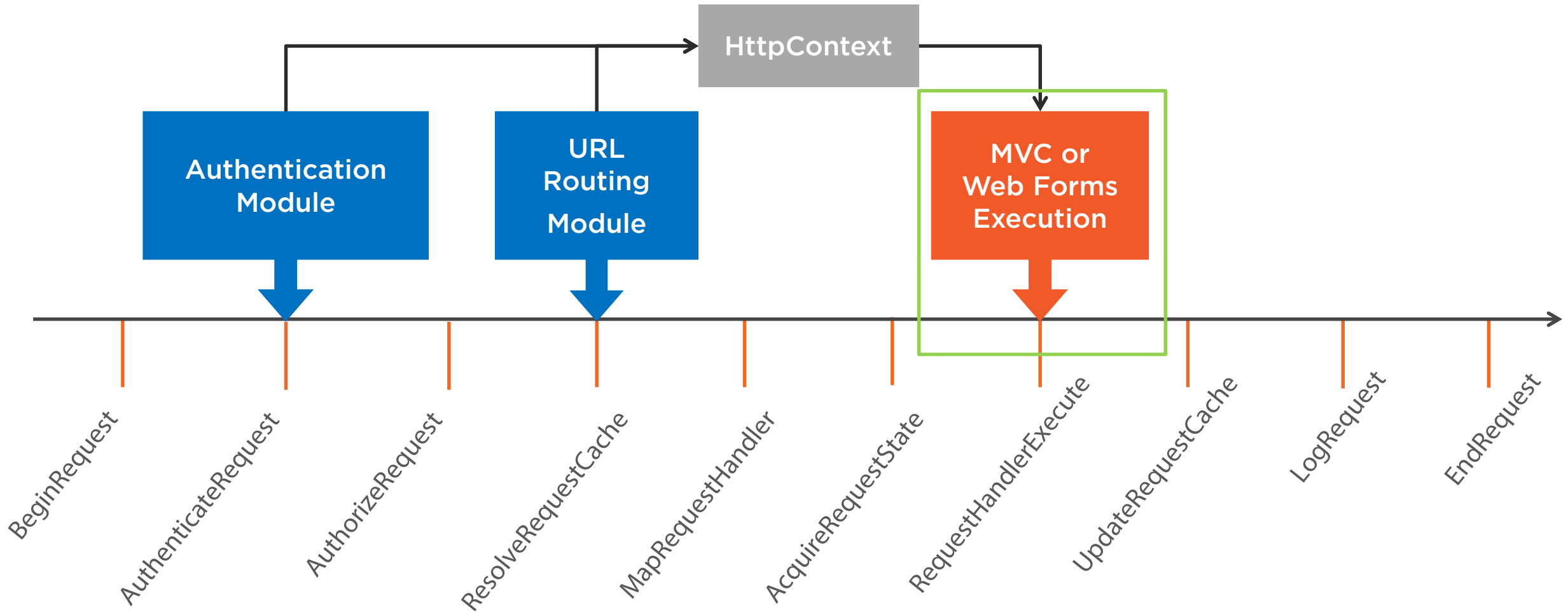
```
public interface IHttpHandler {  
    bool IsReusable();  
    void ProcessRequest(HttpContext context);  
}
```

Implementing an HttpHandler

Remember, ProcessRequest ultimately generates the response



HttpHandlers and the Application Life Cycle



* Event names shown represent both pre and post events



Summarizing Modules and Handlers

HttpModules

Hook into Application Level Events to provide supporting features

HttpHandlers

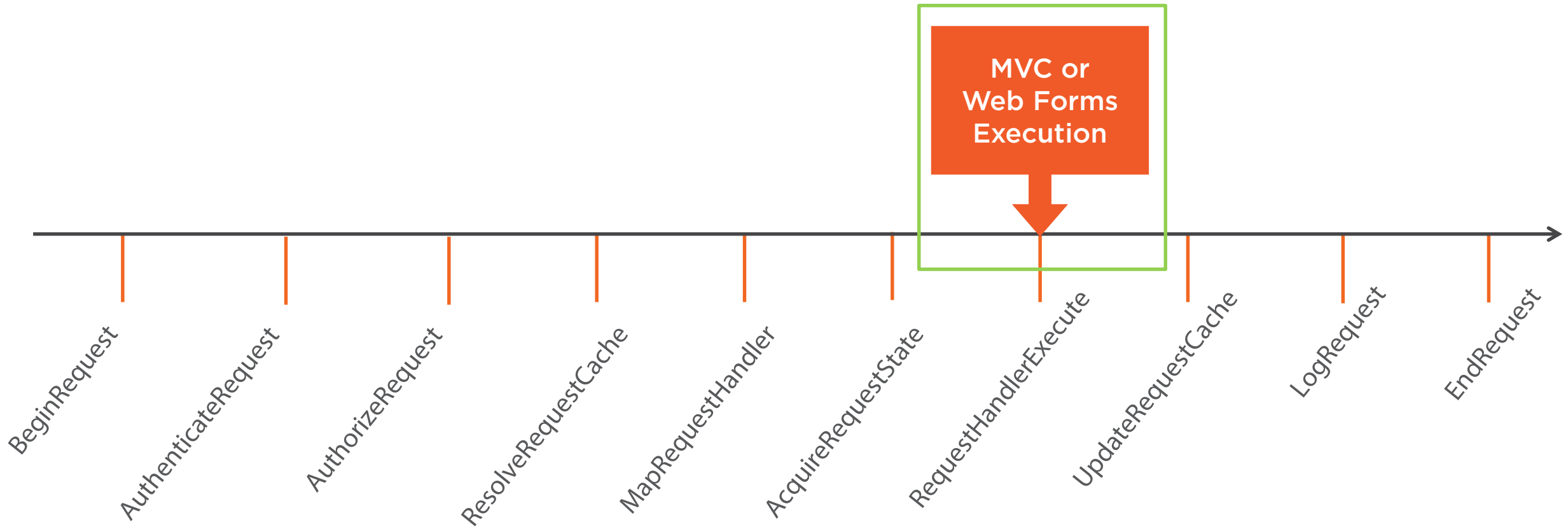
Selected and executed by ASP.NET to generate a response for a request



Handling Requests in Web Forms



HttpHandlers and the Application Life Cycle



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The Web Forms Page Life Cycle

A series of page processing events

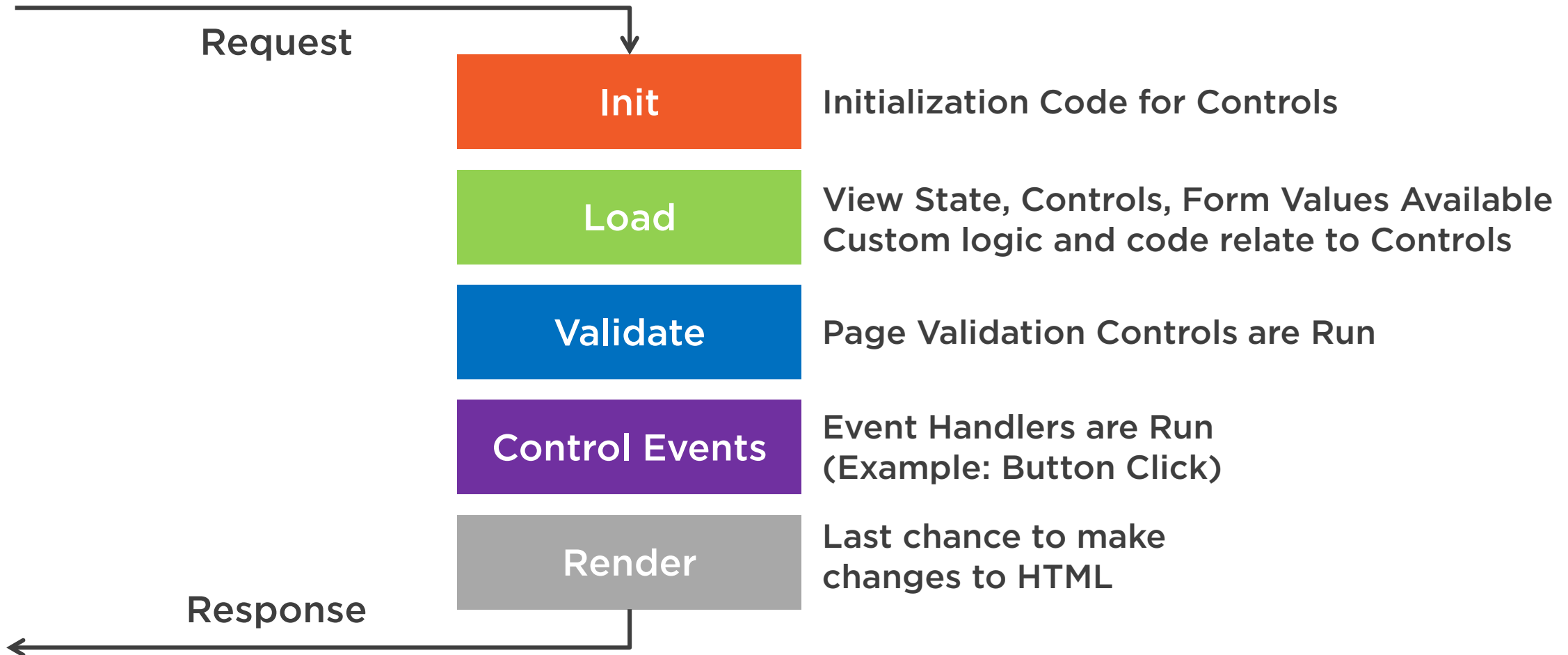
Abstraction over Http Requests

Ties together various features such as View State and Validation

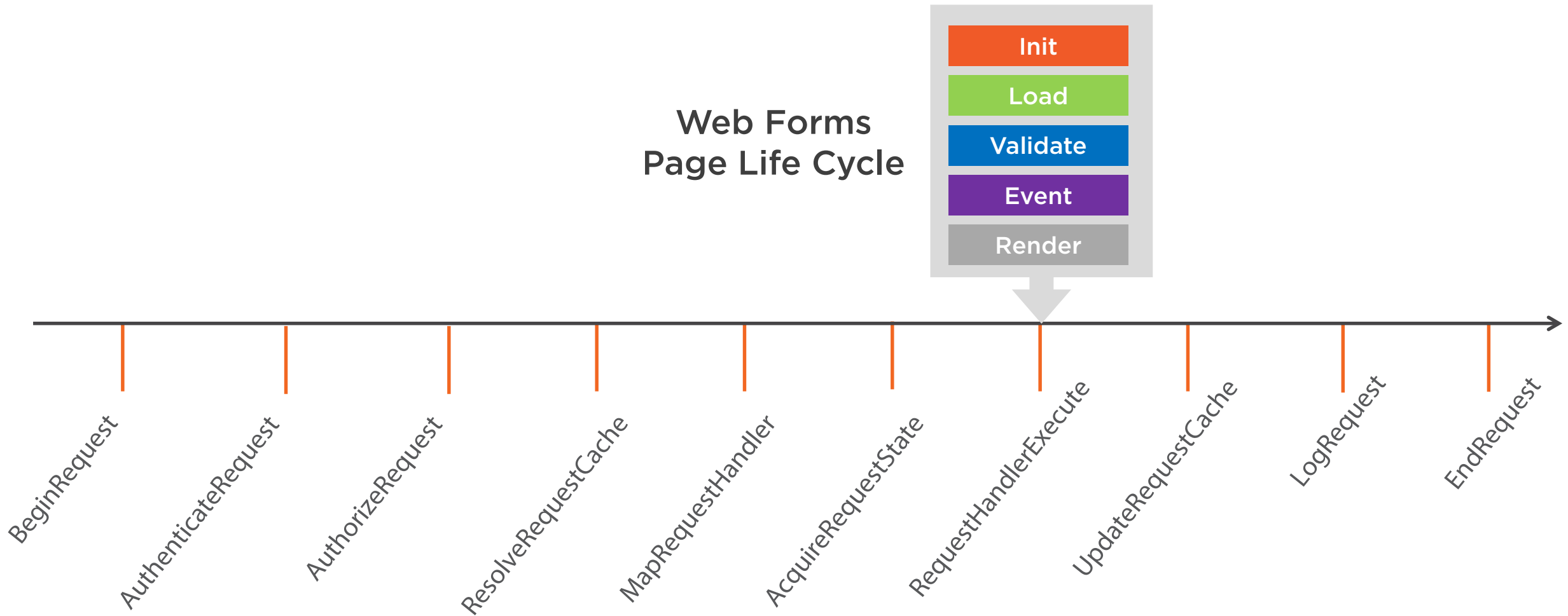
Many events, but only a handful used day to day



The (abridged) Web Forms Page Life Cycle



Web Forms and the Application Life Cycle



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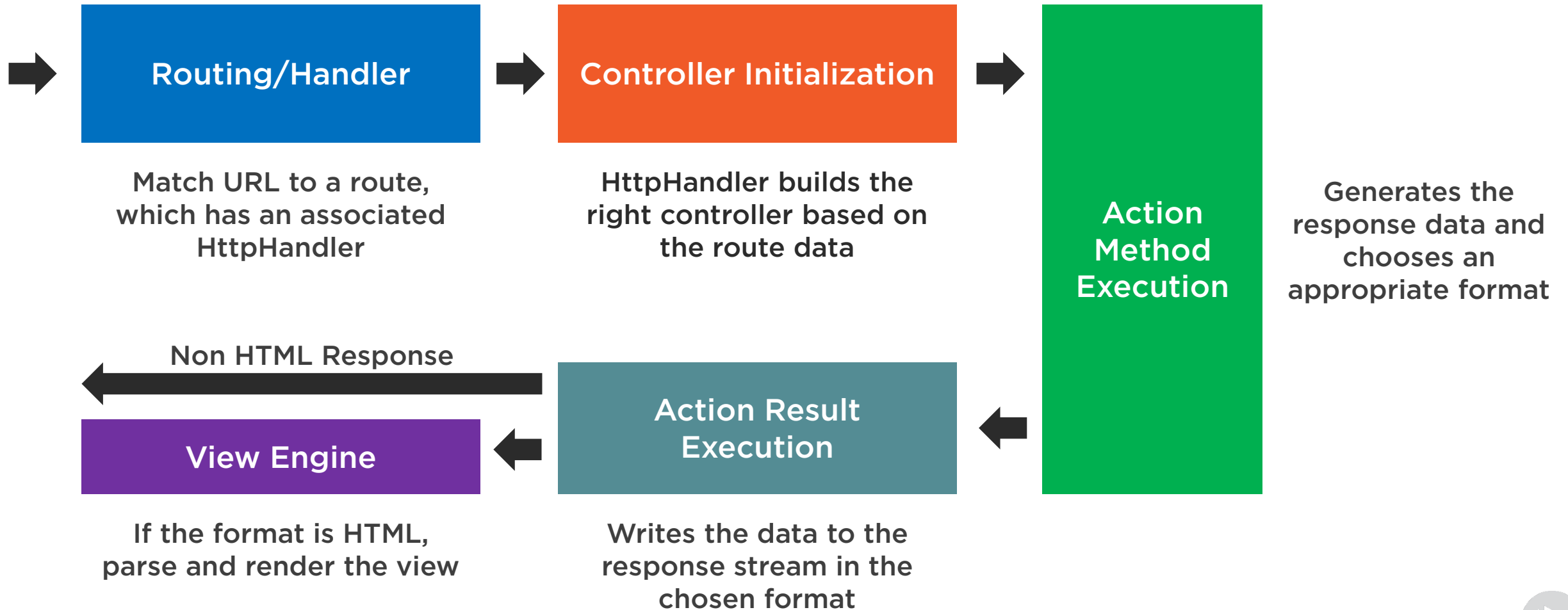
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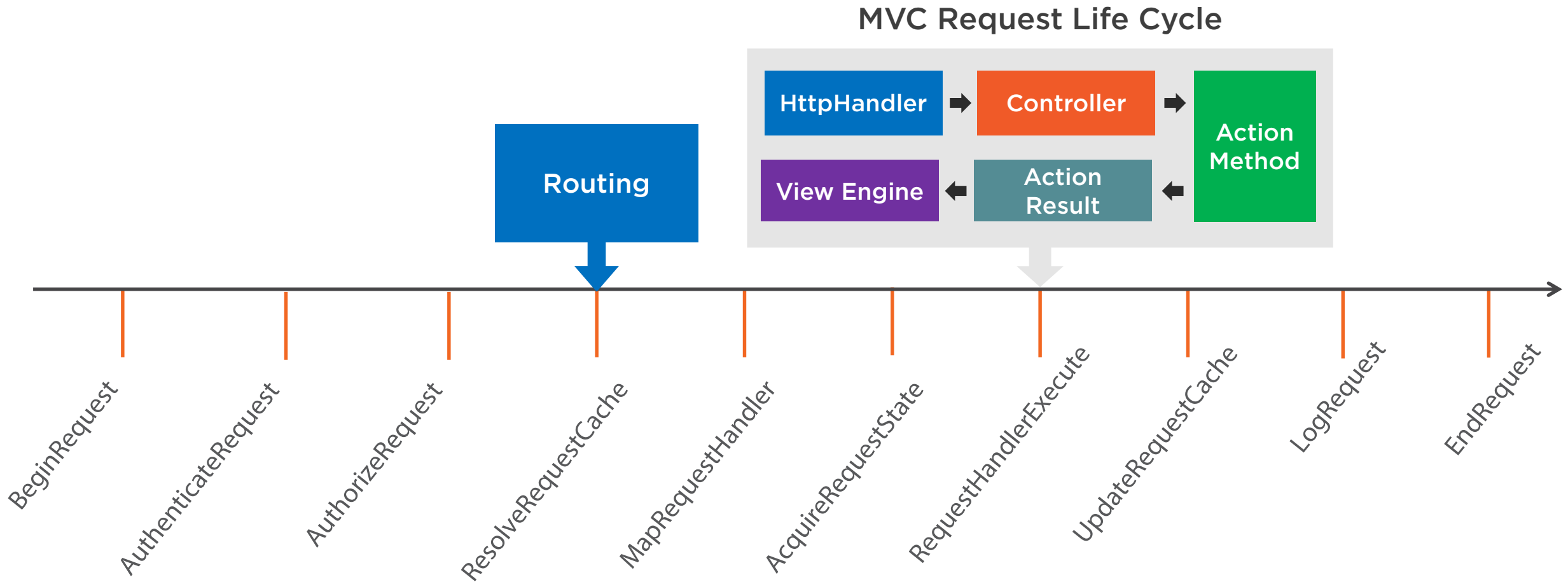
Handling Requests in MVC



The MVC Request Life Cycle



MVC and the Application Life Cycle



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```
public class MessagesController : IController{  
    public void Execute(){ }  
}  
  
public class MessagesController : Controller {  
    //Action Methods  
}
```

Implementing a Controller

Use the interface yourself, or just inherit!



Handling Requests with Controllers

MySite.com/Task/Delete



MySite.com/Task/Create



```
public class TaskController {  
  
    public ActionResult Delete()  
    {  
        return View();  
    }  
  
    public ActionResult Create()  
    {  
        return View();  
    }  
  
}
```

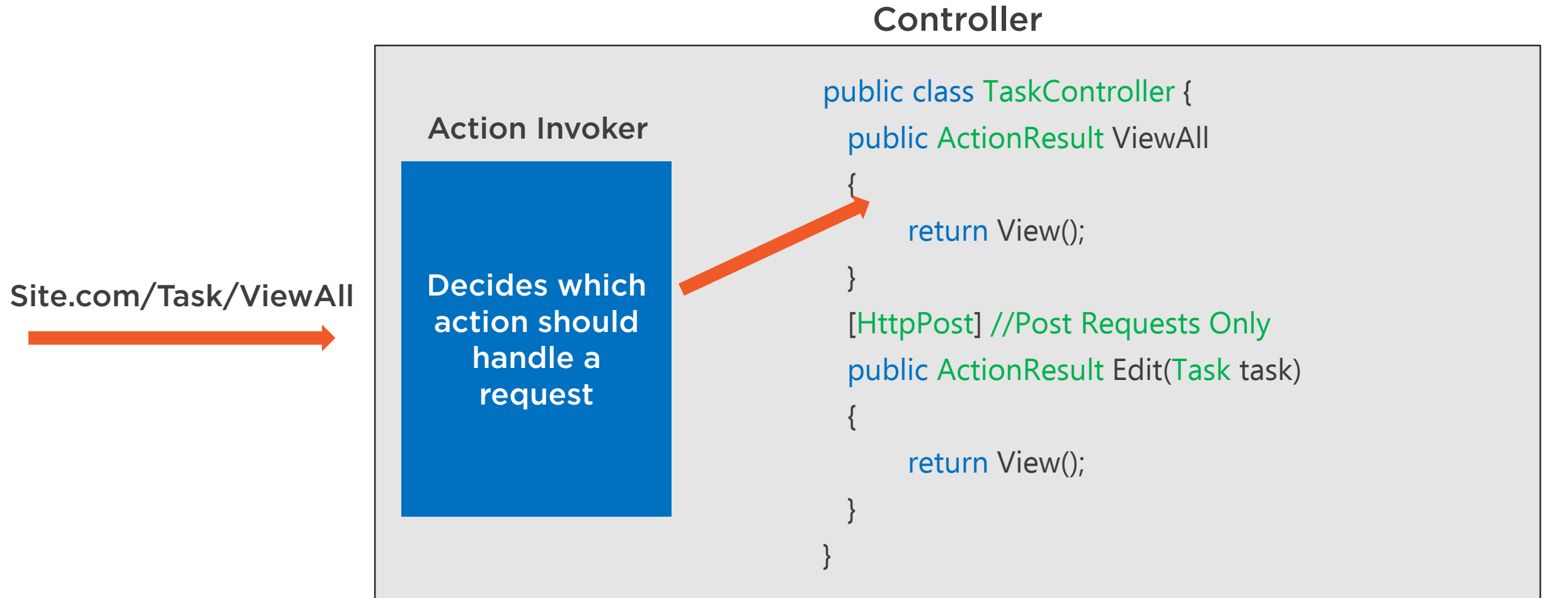
HomeController

MessagesController

WidgetController



Mapping Requests to Action Methods



Understanding ActionResult Types

ViewResult

Parses Razor Syntax
and returns HTML

JsonResult

Formats response as
JSON data

ContentResult

Writes out a string
result

ActionResult



What About Routing?



Routing Requests



Understanding Route and HttpHandler Selection

Request URL:

MySite.com/Tasks/Create/23

URLRoutingModule

Use the HttpHandler
associated with Route #3

I need a
matching route

Route #3
should work

- 1) api/{controller}/{action}/{id}
- 2) {controller}/{id}
- 3) {controller}/{action}/{id}

Too Many Segments

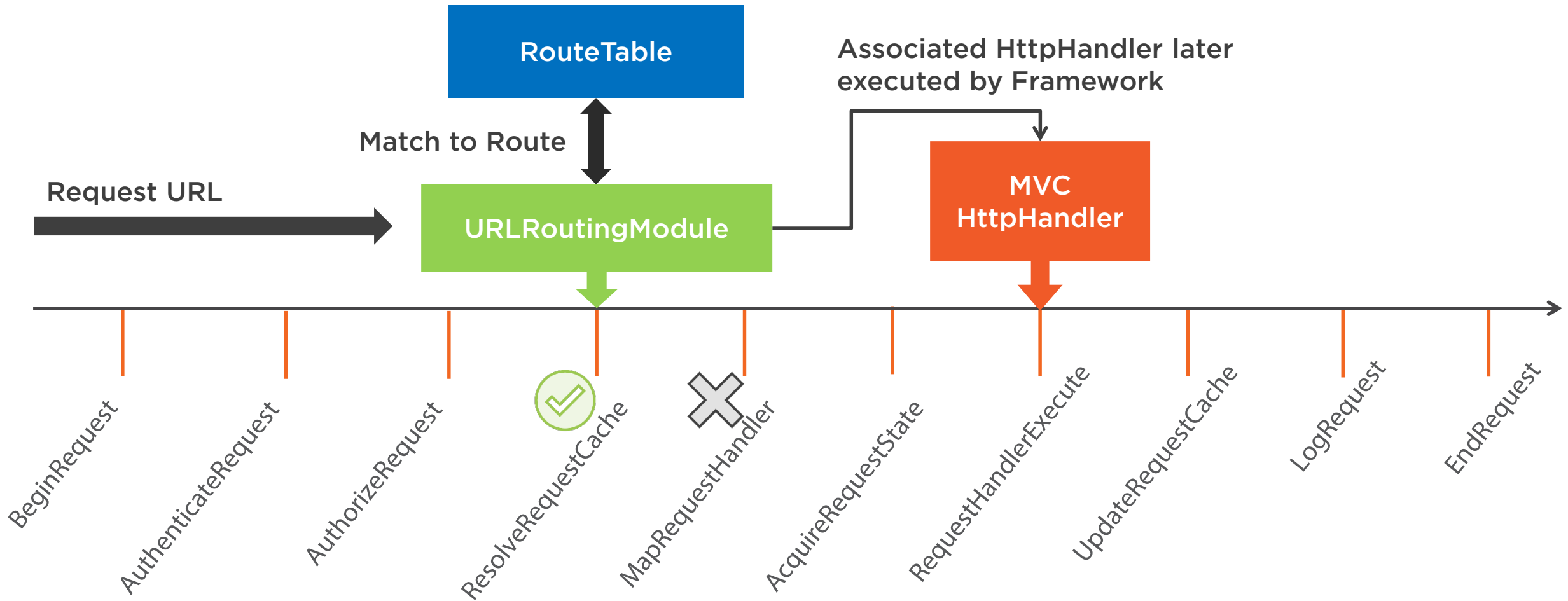
Too Few Segments

Matching Segments

Route Table



The URLRoutingModule at Work



* Event names shown represent both pre and post events



```
routes.MapRoute(  
    name: "Default",  
  
    url: "{controller}/{action}/{id}",  
  
    defaults: new {  
        controller = "Home",  
        action = "Index",  
        id = UrlParameter.Optional  
    }  
);
```

- ◀ Name of the route for easy referencing
- ◀ The URL segment pattern to match
- ◀ Default values can be provided as fall backs for missing segments
- ◀ Constraints that apply rules for whether a URL segment value is valid



Understanding Route Pattern Matching

URL: Mysite.com/Task/Edit/23

Matched Route: {controller}/{action}/{id}

The diagram illustrates the process of route matching. It shows a URL 'Mysite.com/Task/Edit/23' being mapped to a route pattern '{controller}/{action}/{id}'. This pattern is then matched to a specific C# controller action. The C# code snippet shows a 'TaskController' class with an 'Edit' action that takes an 'int' parameter and returns a 'View()'. Red arrows trace the mapping from the URL segments to the route placeholders and then to the corresponding parts of the C# code.

```
public class TaskController {  
    public ActionResult Edit(int id)  
    {  
        return View();  
    }  
}
```



The Route Ahead



Summary



Web Forms maps requests to physical pages in file directories

MVC dynamically handles requests by mapping them to action methods

Action Methods can return whatever data type and format is appropriate

MVC relies heavily on routing to process request information

ASP.NET provides considerable infrastructure for both frameworks



Designing with Layouts and Views



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To-Do List



Reviewing the Design Features of Web Forms

Introducing Layouts and Views in MVC

Demo: Building the Layout in MVC

Demo: Adding Styles and Scripts in MVC

Reviewing the Web Forms Server Controls

Introducing the Razor View Engine

Demo: Building the Navigation with Razor



Design Features of Web Forms



Understanding Master Pages

Cypher Marketing (MVC)

Messages

View Messages

Tasks

Create Task

View Tasks

Master Page

Welcome to the Feedback Application!

Here you can manage the messages and tasks for our customers.

Latest Messages

From	Subject	Sent	Action
mark@sample.com	Concerned Customer	1/17/2016 11:01:39 AM	View
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See all

Admin Tasks

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ASPX Page

Rep of the Month

You can only vote once!

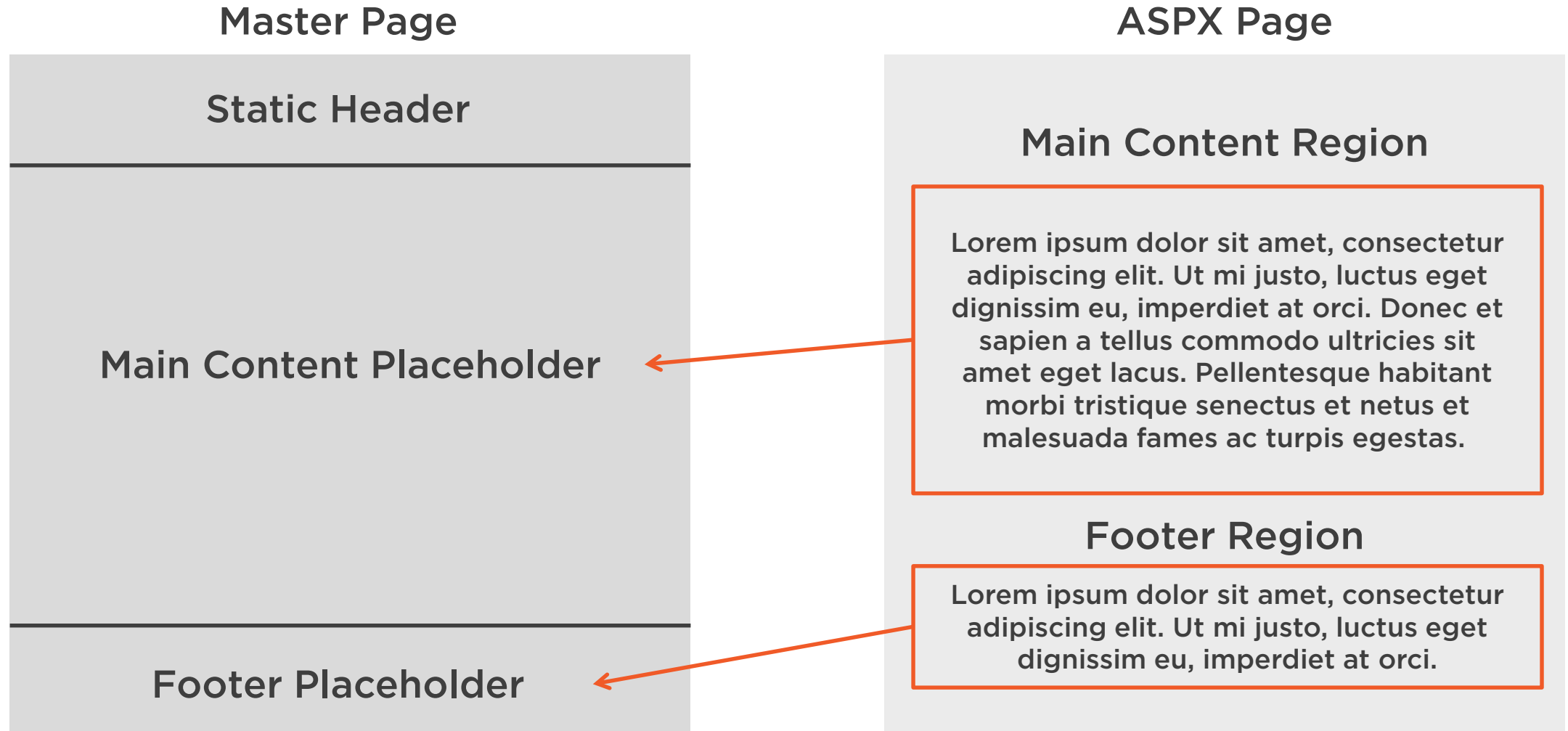
User	Add Vote
Jane	Vote Up
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Continuous Improvement

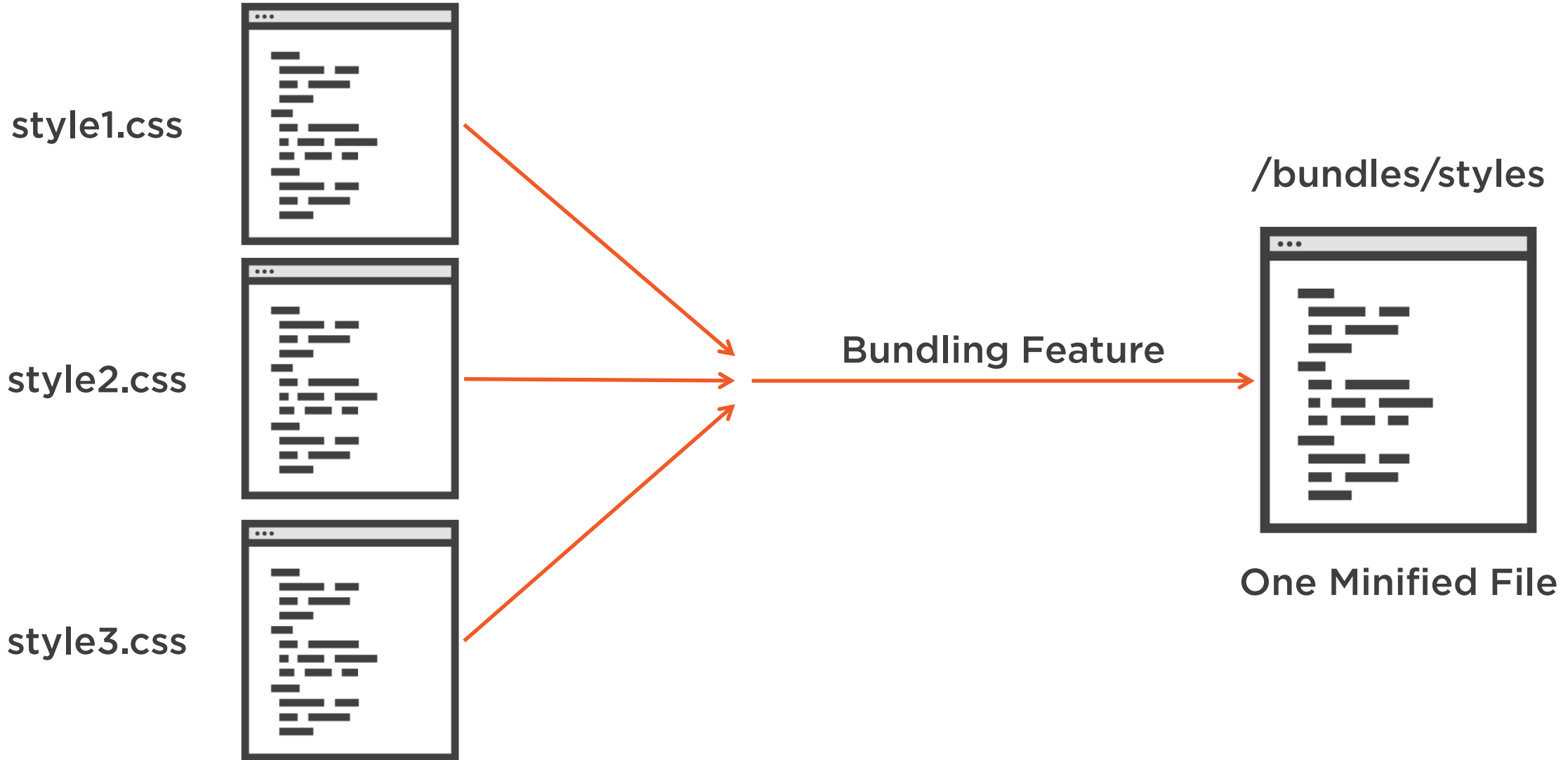
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Master Page Content Regions



Scripts, Styles and Bundling



Organizing and Reusing with User Controls

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**Survey
Widget.ascx**

**Feedback
Widget.ascx**



Revisiting the Legacy Application Design



Layouts, Views, and Partial Views



Understanding Layouts

Cypher Marketing (MVC)

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View Messages

Tasks

Create Task

View Tasks

Layout

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```
<div id="wrapper">
  <div id="page-wrapper">
    @RenderBody()
  </div>

  @RenderSection("Secondary", false)

  @if (!IsSectionDefined("Footer"))
  {
    <footer>This is the footer.</footer>
  }

</div>
```

◀ Pulls the main view into the Layout

◀ Optional content section that can be overridden from view

◀ Optional footer content section that provides fallback content



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Partial View

Partial View



```
<div id="wrapper">
```

```
<div id="widgets">
```

```
@Html.Partial("SurveyWidget")
```

```
@Html.Action("FeedbackWidget",  
"WidgetController")
```

```
</div>
```

```
</div>
```

- ◀ Inserts a partial view directly
- ◀ Specifies an Action Method on a Controller to execute and inserts the result



Comparing Sections and Partial Views

Sections

Content placeholders in the Layout file that enforce document structure

Partial Views

Individual calls inside of Layouts or Views to inject the contents of an additional View



Comparing Views and Partial Views

Views

.cshtml file



Technically
Equivalent

Partial Views

.cshtml file



Generating Views and Partial Views

Regular Views

From a Controller

```
return View()
```

From another View

Not Applicable

Partial Views

From a Controller

```
return PartialView()
```

From another View

```
@Html.Action  
@Html.Partial
```



The ViewStart File

ViewStart

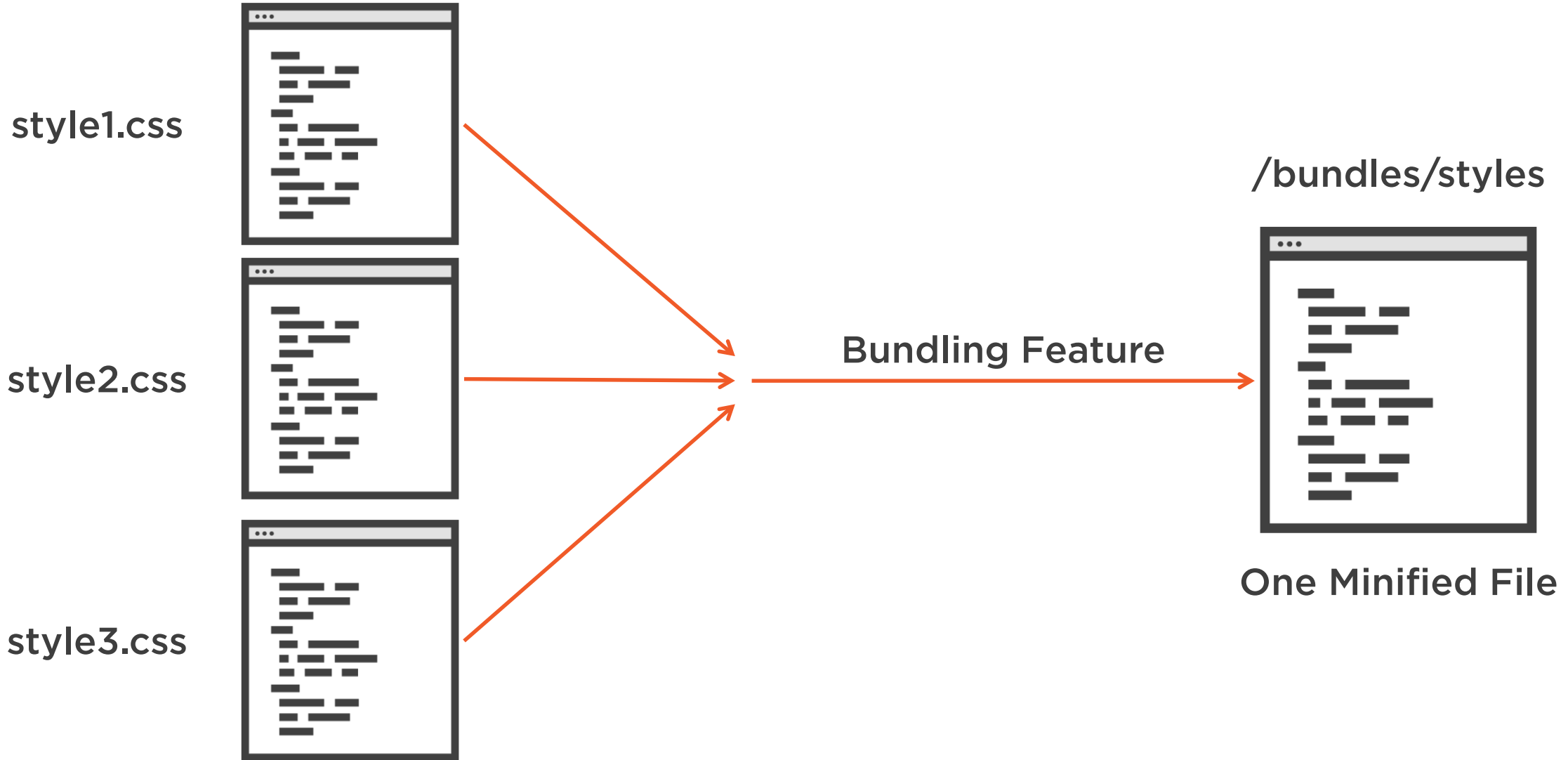
Layout = "~/Views/Shared/_Layout.cshtml"

//Other code and markup

View



Bundling in MVC



Building HTML Components in Web Forms



The Types of Server Controls

HTML Server Controls

Web Server Controls

Validation Controls

User Controls



```
<div class="wrapper">
```

```
    <label ID="subjectLabel" runat="server" for="subject"> </label>
```

```
</div>
```

HTML Server Controls

Regular HTML **empowered** by Web Forms attributes



```
<div class="wrapper">  
    <asp:TextBox ID="Subject" runat="server" CssClass="form-control"></asp:TextBox>  
    <asp:DropDownList CssClass="form-control" runat="server"  
    ID="Category"></asp:DropDownList>  
</div>
```

Web Server Controls

Abstraction over HTML, **deeply integrated** with Web Forms framework



```
<div class="wrapper">  
    <asp:RequiredFieldValidator ID="DescriptionValidator" ControlToValidate="Description"  
runat="server">  
    </asp:RequiredFieldValidator>  
</div>
```

Validation Server Controls

Ensures **valid data** is contained in other Server Controls




```
<div id="wrapper">  
    <UserControls:Nav runat="server" id="Nav" />  
  
</div>
```

//Separate File

```
<div class="navbar-header">  
    //Navigation markup  
  
</div>
```

User Controls

◀ User Control embedded in an ASPX page

◀ User Control source file



Controlling HTML Through Code

ASPX Page

```
<asp:TextBox ID="Subject" runat="server"> </asp:TextBox>
```

```
<asp:TextBox ID="Description" runat="server"> </asp:TextBox>
```

Markup

Code Behind Page

```
Subject.Text = task.Title;
```

```
Description.Text = task.Description;
```

C# Logic



The Razor View Engine



```
<div class="wrapper">  
    @foreach(var message in messages){  
        <span class="topic">@message.Subject</span>  
    }  
</div>
```

An Intelligent View Engine

Fluid transitions between **HTML** and **Razor** syntax



```
<div id="wrapper">
```

```
    <div id="widgets">
```

```
        @Html.ActionLink("Create Task", "Create",  
        "Task")
```

```
        @Html.Partial("SurveyWidget")
```

```
        @Url.Content("~/images/cat.png")
```

```
    </div>
```

```
</div>
```

- ◀ Renders a link to the create tasks page
- ◀ Inserts the contents inside of the SurveyWidget partial view
- ◀ Returns a string version of the URL to the specified item



Razor Helpers for Forms Elements

Razor Form Helper	HTML Equivalent
<code>@Html.TextBoxFor()</code>	<code><Input type="text"></code>
<code>@Url.CheckboxFor()</code>	<code><input type="checkbox"></code>
<code>@Url.DropDownListFor()</code>	<code><select>[options]</select></code>



@model Task

```
<div id="wrapper">
```

```
  <div id="widgets">
```

```
    @Html.TextBoxFor(m => m.Subject)
```

```
    @Html.TextBoxFor(m => m.Date)
```

```
    @Html.CheckBoxFor(m => m.IsDone)
```

```
  </div>
```

```
</div>
```

◀ The Model for the View and Form

- ◀ Strongly typed HTML helpers that render form fields for the Model properties



HTML Helpers generate
MVC friendly form fields.




```
<div id="wrapper">

    @foreach(var item in messages){

        <tr>

            <td> @item.Subject </td>

        </tr>

    }

    @using(Html.BeginForm()) {

        //Form Contents

    }

    @if(@Model.IsDone){

        //Conditionally show

    }

</div>
```

◀ For Each loop to build elements

◀ Using statement for easy form creation

◀ Conditionally render markup



```
<div class="wrapper">  
    @{  
        var task = new Task();  
        task.Subject = "Hello World";  
        //Other Logic  
    }  
</div>
```

C# Code Blocks in Razor

Use with **caution** – is this really necessary?



Working with Razor



Summary



Web Forms and MVC share similar design concepts, but different implementations

Web Forms offers Master Pages, Pages and User Controls

MVC provides Layouts, Views and Partial Views

Web Forms uses Server Controls to work with HTML and framework features

MVC offers lightweight but useful HTML Helpers through the Razor View Engine



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

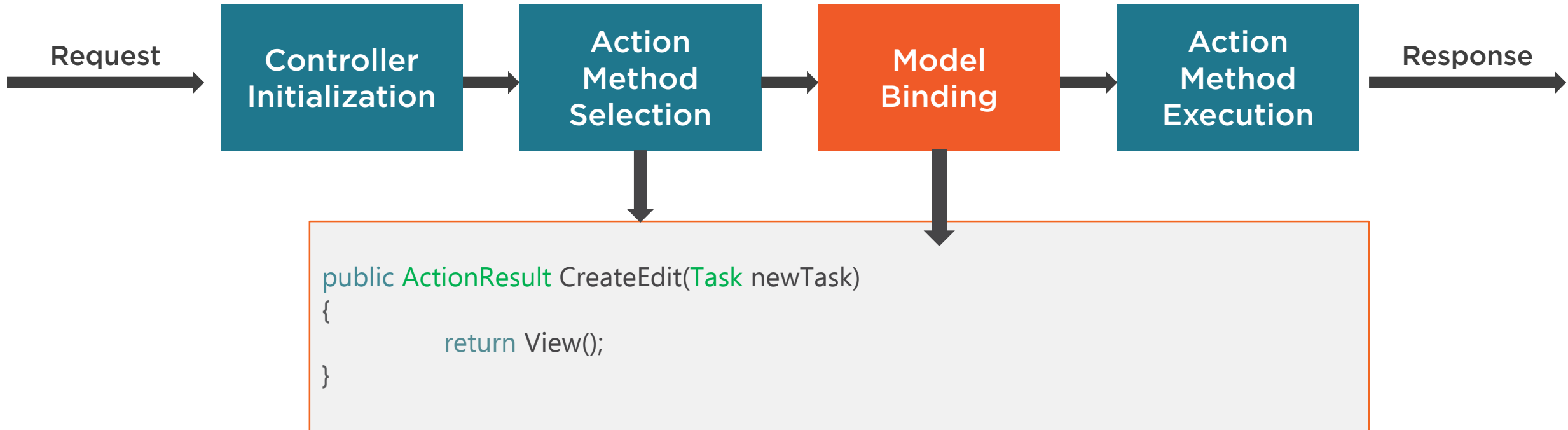
Demo: Handling Submitted Form Data



Introducing Model Binding



Model Binding and the Request Life Cycle



The Types of Value Providers

Form Value Provider

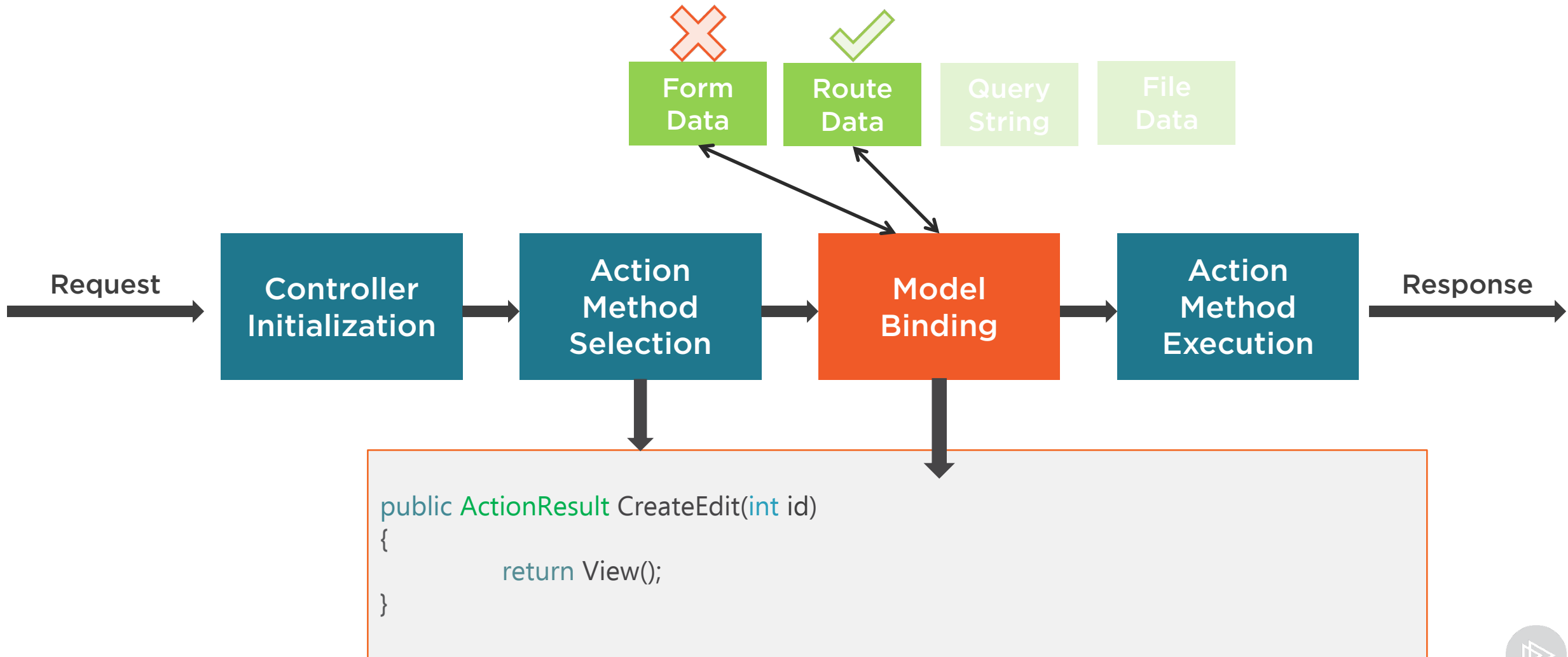
Route Data Value Provider

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



Implementing Data Validation



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To-Do List



Validating Form Inputs in Web Forms

Understanding Data Validation in MVC

Demo: Adding Validation to the Task Form

Implementing Custom Validation in MVC

Demo: Creating Custom Data Attributes

Demo: Customizing Model Level Validation



Exploring Validation in MVC



Understanding Data Attributes

```
public class Task
{
    public int Id { get; set; }

    [Required]
    public string Title { get; set; }

    [Required]
    public string Description { get; set; }

    // Other Properties
}
```



The Default **Validation** Attributes

Required

StringLength

RegularExpression

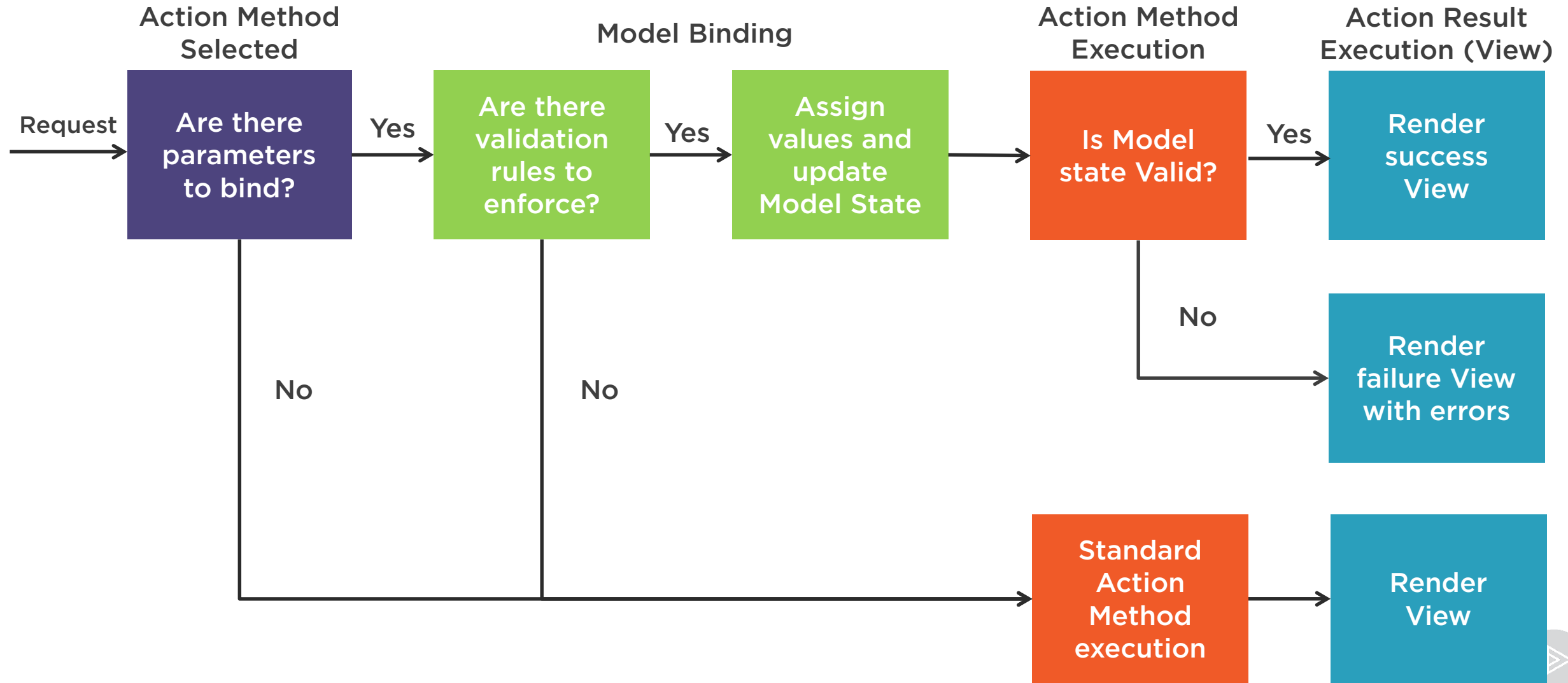
Range

Compare

Remote



Data Validation and the MVC Pipeline



```
<div class="form-group">  
    @Html.LabelFor(x => x.Description, "Description")  
    @Html.TextAreaFor(x => x.Description)  
    @Html.ValidationMessageFor(x => x.Description)  
</div>
```

Razor **Validation** Helpers

ValidationMessageFor renders Property level errors



```
@Html.ValidationSummary()  
  
<div class="form-group">  
    @Html.LabelFor(x => x.Description, "Description")  
    @Html.TextAreaFor(x => x.Description)  
  
</div>
```

Razor **Validation** Helpers (cont.)

ValidationSummary renders Model and (optionally) Property level errors



```
<div class="form-group">
```

```
    <input class="form-control" data-val="true" data-val-required="The Title field is required."  
id="Title" name="Title" type="text" value="">
```

```
</div>
```

Client Side Validation

Razor Validation Helpers can auto generate data attributes for validation scripts



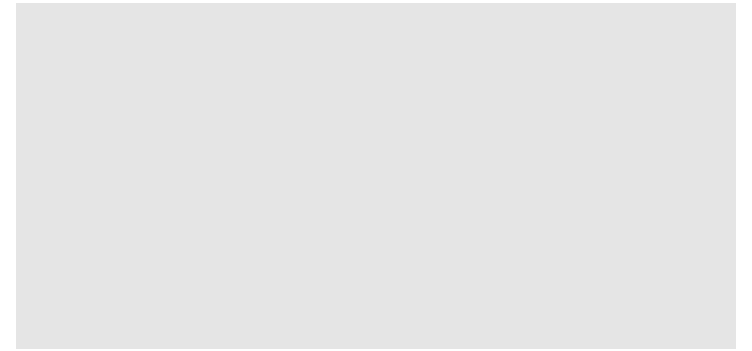
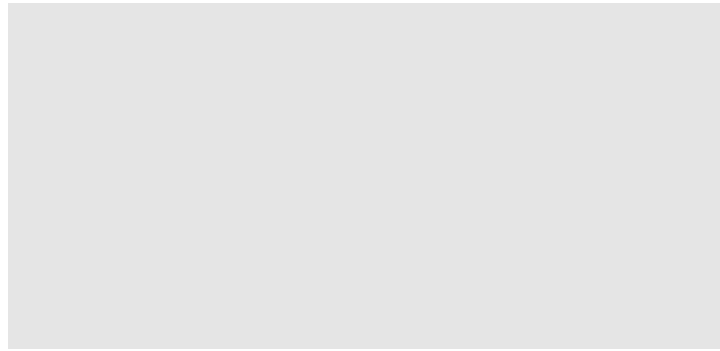
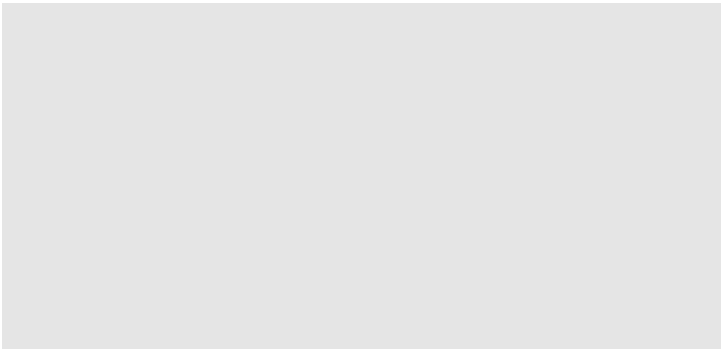
Applying Validation in MVC



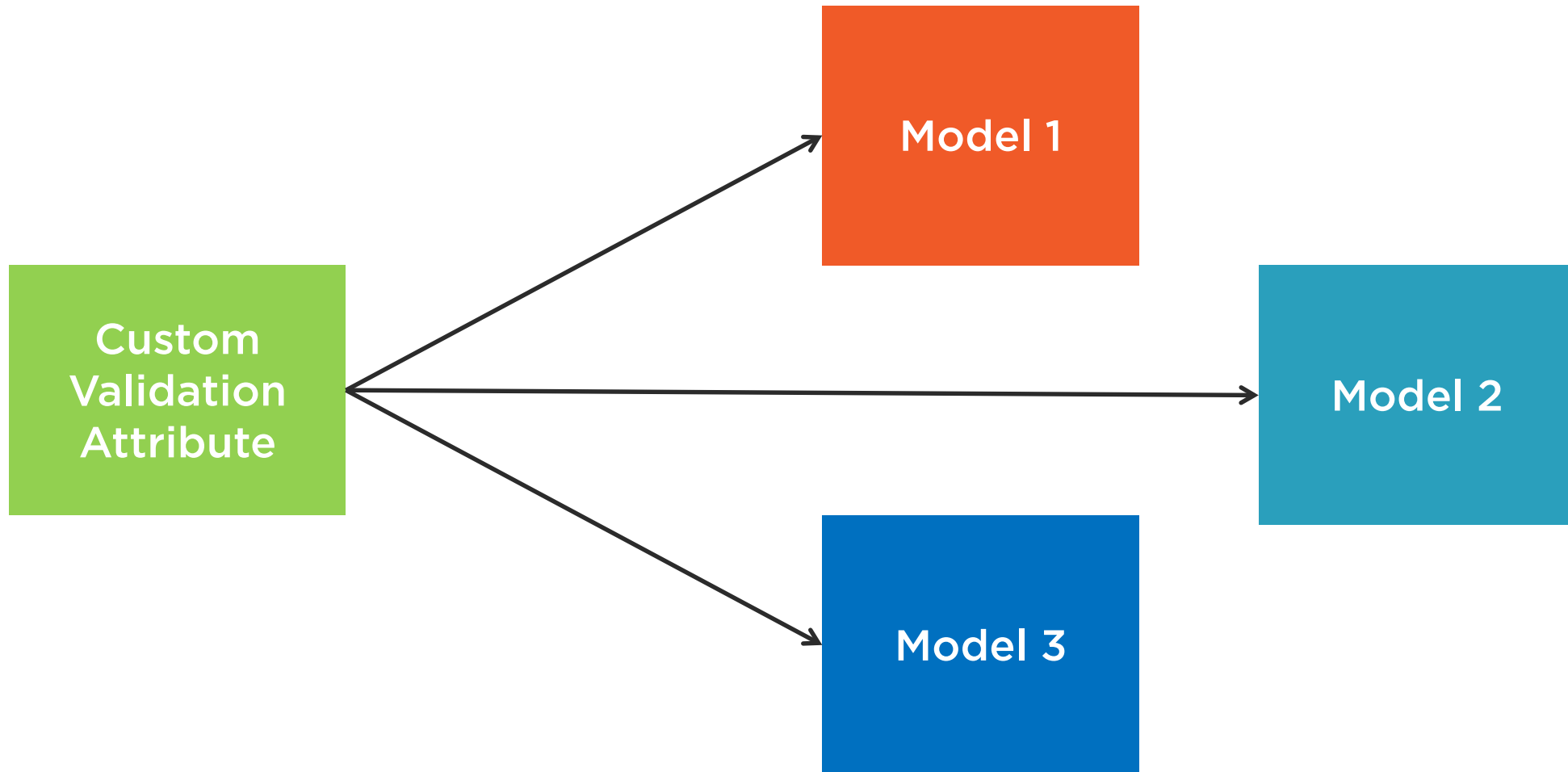
Customizing Validation in MVC



Creating Custom Data Validation Attributes



Reusable Validation Components



```
public interface IValidatableObject
{
    IEnumerable<ValidationResult> Validate(ValidationContext validationContext)
}
```

The **IValidatableObject** Interface
Implemented on the Model rather than a specific Property



Understanding Model Level Validation


```
public class Task
{
    public int Id { get; set; }

    [Required]
    public string Title { get; set; }

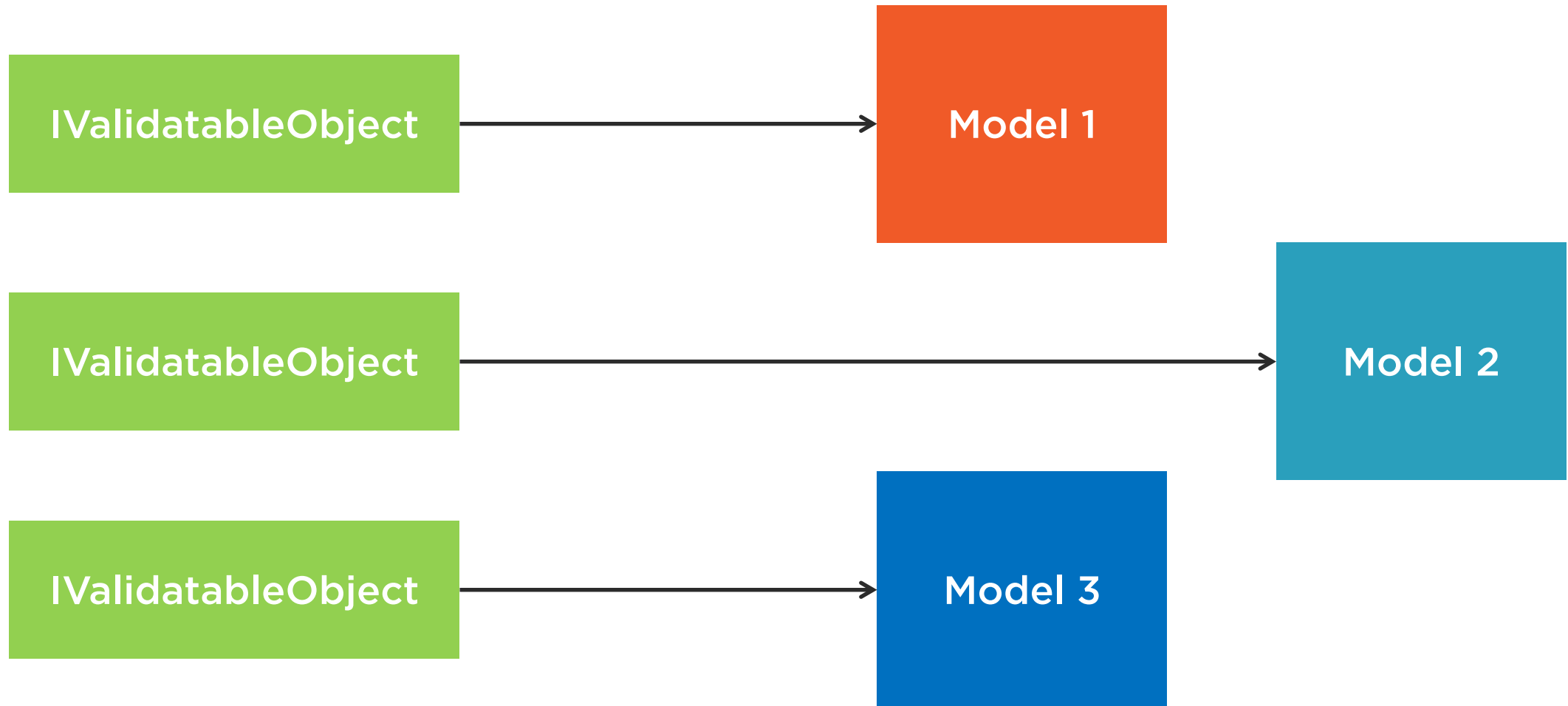
    [Required]
    public string Description { get; set; }

    public string Notes { get; set; }

    public string Completed { get; set; }
}
```



Limited Code Reusability



```
public class Task : IValidatableObject
{
    public int Id { get; set; }

    [Required]
    public string Title { get; set; }

    [Required]
    public string Notes { get; set; }

    public IEnumerable<ValidationResult>
    Validate(ValidationContext validationContext)
    {
        //Validation Logic
    }
}
```

◀ Often not ideal to include logic in models



Summary



Web Forms validates form data through associated server controls

MVC implements validation through the Model Binding process

Data Attributes or the `IDataValidatableObject` interface can be used to apply validation

Razor offers helper methods to streamline displaying error messages

Both framework implementations offer client side enhancements as well



A Short Detour



Understanding Partial Views and Child Actions



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To-Do List



Exploring User Controls in Web Forms

Introducing Child Actions in MVC

Demo: Extracting the Widgets into Child Actions

Demo: Completing the Suggestion Widget

Demo: Completing the Survey Widget



Introducing Child Actions



Extracting Markup with Partial Views

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Latest Messages


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joe@sample.com	Question about shipping	1/17/2016 11:01:39 AM	View
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See all


Admin Tasks

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**Rep of the Month**
You can only vote once!

User	Add Vote
Jane	Vote Up
Sarah	Vote Up
Joe	Vote Up
Bob	Vote Up

**Continuous Improvement**

Have a feature request or suggestion for how we can improve this app? Let us know! Send us a suggestion.

Submit

Partial View

Partial View



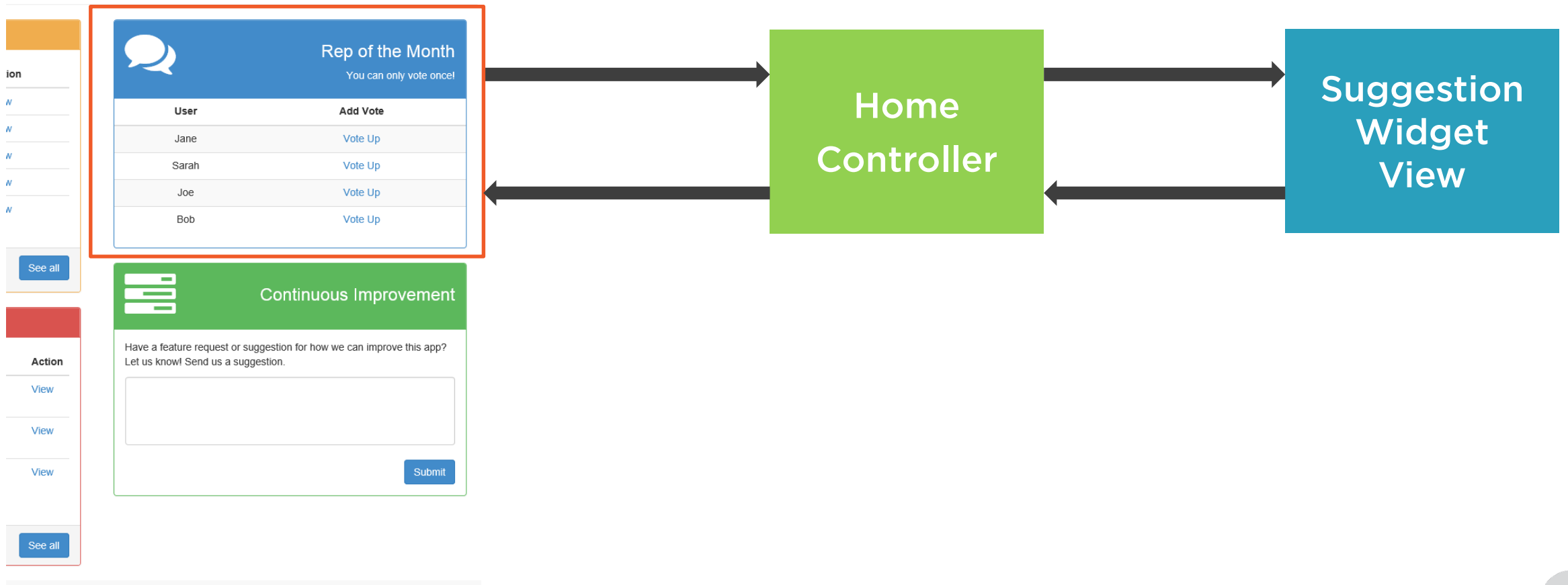
Child Actions

Controller Action Methods that are called from within a View



Understanding Child Actions

@Html.Action("SuggestionWidget")



Benefits of Child Actions

Prevent Code Duplication

Isolate Complex Sections of Code

Utilize Multiple Controllers for a Single Page



```
<div class="form-group">
```

```
    @Html.Action("Survey", "Home", new { adminId = 3 })
```

```
</div>
```

Child Action Parameters

Like standard Action Methods, Child Actions can execute with parameters and Model Binding



Implementing Child Actions in MVC



Summary



**Child Actions Are Action Methods
Executed from a View**

**Enable Isolation of Complex Components
into Partial Views**

**MVC Supports Working with Multiple
Forms on the Same Page**

**Child Actions Support Model Binding and
Parameters like Any Other Action**



A Short Detour



Enhancing the Application with Ajax



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To-Do List



Understanding Ajax in MVC

Demo: Working with Razor Ajax Helpers

Demo: Custom Ajax Features with jQuery

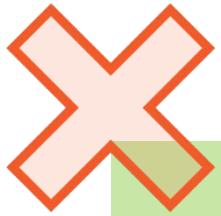
Demo: Enhancing the Task Form Using Ajax



Understanding Ajax in MVC



Ajax in Web Forms and MVC



Ajax and Web Forms



Ajax and MVC



Handling `HttpRequests` with `Action Methods`

`localhost/Task/Create`

Full Page Request

`localhost/Task/GetSuggestions`

Ajax Request for Form Auto Complete

```
public class TaskController {  
  
    public ActionResult Create()  
    {  
        return View();  
    }  
  
    public ActionResult GetSuggestions()  
    {  
        return View();  
    }  
  
}
```



The Razor View Engine and Ajax



```
<div class="form-group">
    @{
        var options = new AjaxOptions(){
            HttpMethod = "Post",
            InsertionMode = InsertionMode.ReplaceWith
        }
    }
    @Ajax.ActionLink("Send Another", "Suggestion", options)
</div>
```

Ajax Options

An object required by Razor Ajax Helpers to configure request and response behavior



```
<div class="form-group">
```

```
    <form action="/Home/Suggestion" data-ajax="true" data-ajax-method="Post" data-ajax-  
mode="replace-with" data-ajax-update="#suggestionWidget" id="form0" method="post">
```

```
</div>
```

Unobtrusive Ajax

Data attributes rendered by Ajax Helpers are utilized by the unobtrusive Ajax libraries



Working with Ajax in MVC



Summary



**Razor Ajax Helpers Can Streamline
Certain Scenarios**

**MVC Features Strong Ajax Support with
or Without Helpers**

**Action Methods Can Return Different
Types of Results with Ease**



The Final Stages



Working with Data



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To-Do List



Managing and Displaying Data in Web Forms

Working with Data in MVC

Demo: Finishing the Home Page Widgets

Demo: Building the Listing Pages

Demo: Building the Conversation Page

Demo: View Models and Model Binding

Demo: Dependency Injection and Next Steps



Looking Ahead



Working with Data in MVC



Data Workflows in MVC and Web Forms

Data in Web Forms

Server Controls with
Various Levels of
Abstractions

Data in MVC

Manual Process Using
Models and Razor



```
public ActionResult ViewAll()
{
    var context = new FeedbackContext();
    var tasks = context.Tasks.OrderByDescending(x => x.Created).ToList();
    return View(tasks);
}
```

Displaying Data through Models

Models should provide all of the necessary data for display in a View



```
<div class="form-group">
    @foreach (var message in Model)
    {
        <tr>
            <td> @message.Author</td>
            <td> @message.Content</td>
        </tr>
    }
    @Html.DisplayFor(x => x.Subject)
</div>
```

Accessing Data Through Razor

Razor Helpers and syntax provide useful workflows for displaying data



Multiple Sets of Data in Views

List<Message>



List<Task>



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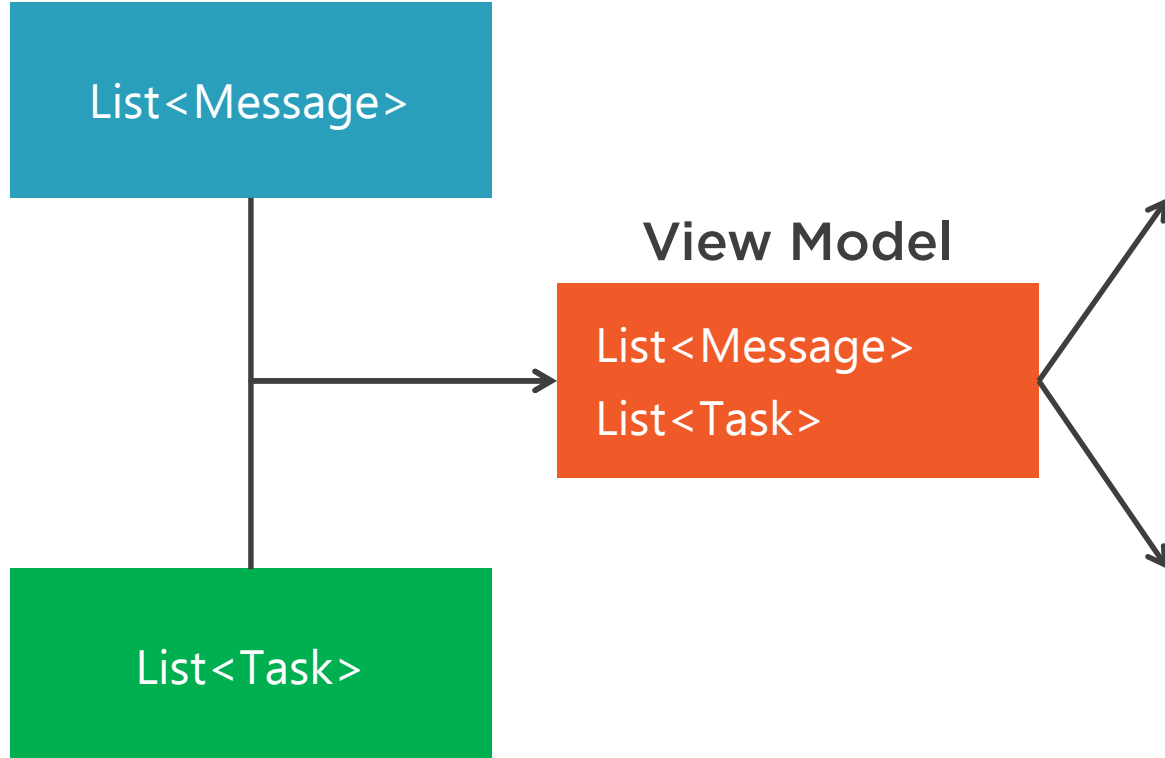
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Introducing View Models



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Displaying and Managing Data in MVC



Moving Forward



Other Considerations



Summary



Web Forms Offers Data Controls with Various Levels of Abstractions

MVC Uses Techniques Built Around Models and Razor for Managing Data

View Models Can Provide Benefits for Both Displaying and Binding Data

Dependency Injection Can Improve the Implementation of Data Driven Classes



Thank You, and Best of Luck!

