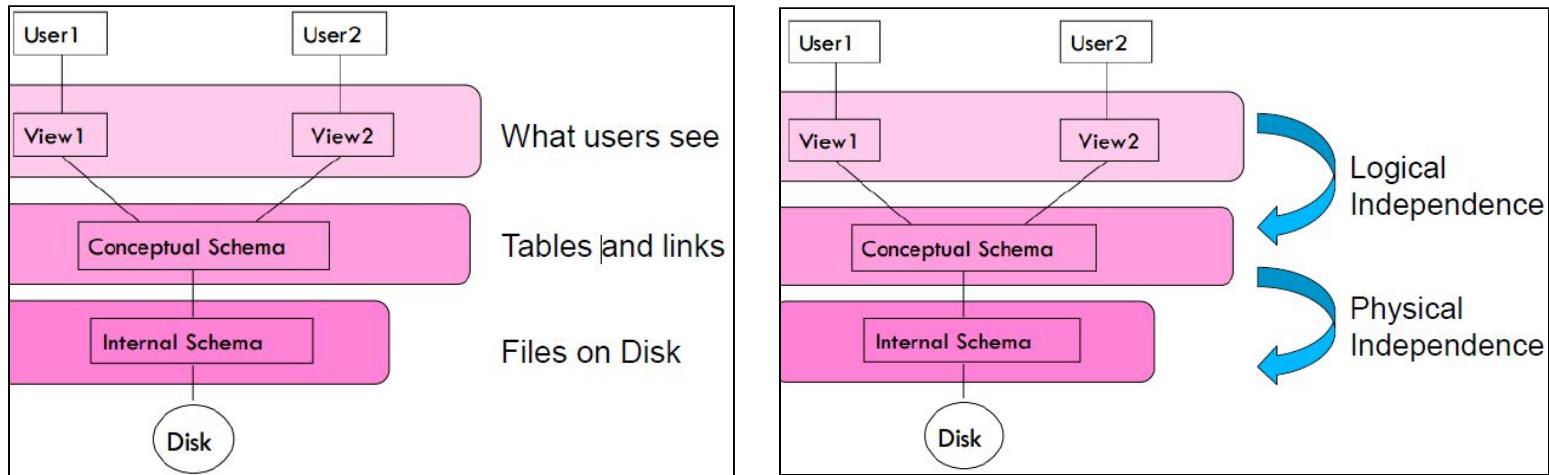


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1. Web Application Architectures

1.1 - Data Independence in Databases



- Each level is independent of the levels below

- **Logical Independence**

Change the logical schema without changing the external schema or application programs

- Can add new fields, new tables without changing views
- Can change structure of tables without changing view

- **Physical Independence**

Change the physical schema without changing the logical schema

- Storage space can change
- Type of some data can change for reasons of optimization

What to learn:

- **Keep the VIEW:** (what the user sees)
- **Independent of the MODEL:** (domain knowledge)

1.2 - N-Tier Architectures

N-Tier have the same components:

- **Presentation, Business/Logic, Data.**

N-Tier try to separate the components into different tiers/layers:

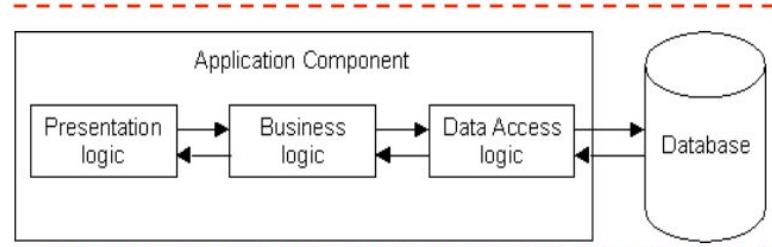
- **Tier:** physical separation
- **Layer:** logical separation

1 - Tier Architecture

All 3 layers are on the **same machine**: all code and processing.

Presentation, Logic, Data layers are **tightly connected**:

- **Scalability:** Single processor means hard to increase volume of processing
- **Portability:** Moving to a new machine may mean rewriting everything
- **Maintenance:** Changing one layer requires changing other layer



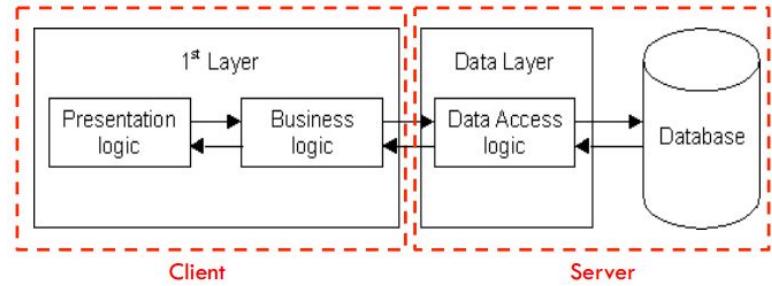
2 - Tier Architecture

Database runs on Server.

- **Separated** from client
- **Easy to switch** to a different database

Presentation and logic layers still **tightly connected**:

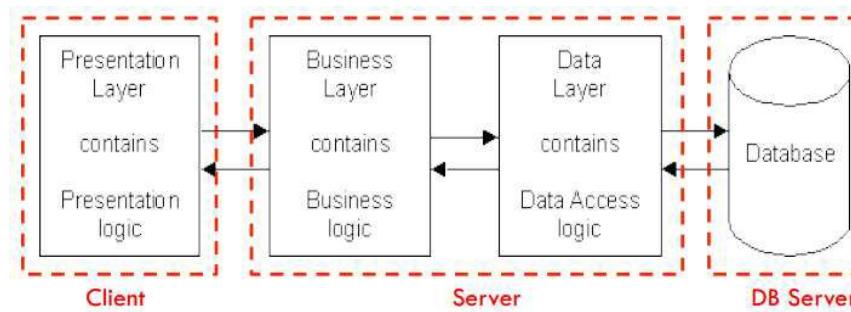
- Heavy **load** on server
- Potential **congestion** on network
- Presentation still **tied** to business logic



3 - Tier Architecture

Each layer can potentially run on a **different machine**.

Presentation, logic, and data layers are **disconnected**.



• Architecture Principles

- Client - Server Architecture
- Each layer: **independent, not expose dependencies** of the implementation
- Unconnected layers do **not connect**
- Changes only affects the layer running on that particular platform

- **Presentation Layer** (Front-end):

- User **Interface**: Handles Interaction
- Should not contain **business logic** or **data access code**

- **Logic Layer** (middleware/back-end)

- Set of rules for **processing information**
- Can accommodate many users
- Should not contain **presentation** or **data access code**

- **Data Layer** (back-end):

- The physical storage layer for data persistence
- Manages access to DB or file system
- Should not contain **presentation** or **business logic code**

Presentation tier

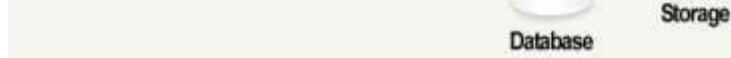
The top-most level of the application is the user interface. The main function of the interface is to translate tasks and results to something the user can understand.

Logic tier

This layer coordinates the application, processes commands, makes logical decisions and evaluations, and performs calculations. It also moves and processes data between the two surrounding layers.

Data tier

Here information is stored and retrieved from a database or file system. The information is then passed back to the logic tier for processing, and then eventually back to the user.



- **3-Tier Architecture Web Apps**

Presentation Layer

- Static or dynamically generated content rendered by the browser (front-end)

Logic Layer

- A dynamic content processing and generation level application server, e.g., Python Django Framework (middleware)

Data Layer

- A database, comprising both data sets and the database management system or RDBMS software that manages and provides access to the data (back-end)

- **3-Tier Architecture – Advantages**

Independence of Layers

- **Easier** to maintain
- Components are **reusable**
- Faster development (division of work):
 - Web designer does **presentation**
 - Software engineer does **logic**
 - DB admin does **data model**

1.2 - Design Patterns

Construction and testing

- how do we build a web application?
- what technology should we choose?

Re-use

- can we use standard components?

Scalability

- how will our web application cope with large numbers of requests?

Security

- how do we protect against attack, viruses, malicious data access, denial of service?

Different data views

- user types, individual accounts, data protection

Design Pattern:

- general and reusable solution to a commonly occurring problem in the design of software
- template for how to solve a problem that has been used in many different situations
- NOT a finished design
 - The pattern must be adapted to the application
 - Cannot simply translate into code

1.2.1 - The MVC Design Pattern

Design Problems:

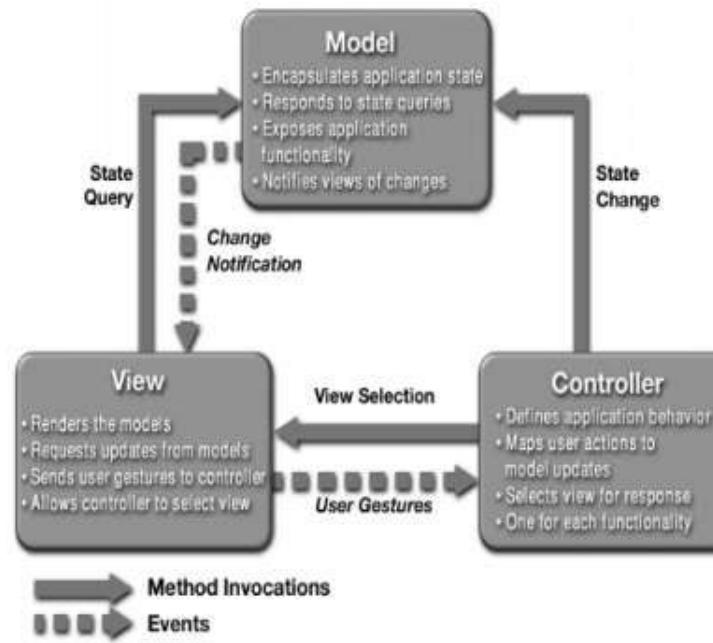
- Need to change the look-and-feel without changing the core/logic
- Need to present data under different contexts, etc...

Design Solution:

- **Separate core functionality** from the **presentation** and **control logic** that uses this functionality
- Allow **multiple views** to share the **same data model**
- Make **supporting multiple clients** easier to implement, test, and maintain

The Model-View-Controller Pattern

- Design pattern for graphical systems that promotes **separation between model and view**
- The **logic** required for **data maintenance** (database) is **separated** from **how the data is viewed** (graph, numerical) and **how** the data can be **interacted** with (GUI, command line, touch)



Model

- **manages** the **behavior** and **data** of the application domain
- **responds** to **requests** for information about its **state** (usually from the **view**) follows instructions to **change state** (usually from the **controller**)
 - Contains domain-specific knowledge
 - linked to a database
 - Independent of view

View

- **renders** the **model** into a form suitable for interaction, typically a user interface (multiple views can exist for a single model for different purposes)
 - Presents data to the user
 - Allows user interaction

Controller

- receives **user input** and initiates a **response** by making calls on model objects
- accepts input from the user and instructs the model and viewport to perform actions based on that input
 - defines how user interface reacts to user input (events)
 - receives messages from view (where events come from)
 - sends messages to model (tells what data to display)

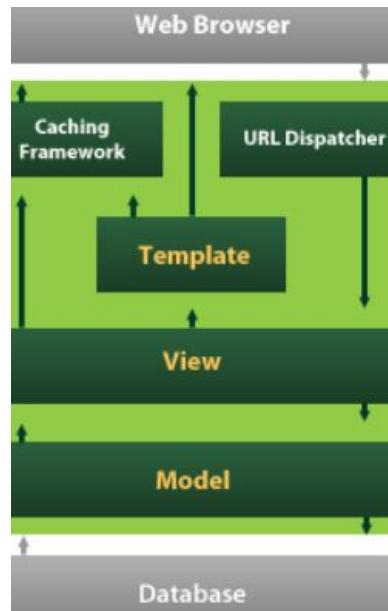
2. Django I

Segue arquitetura MVC

Possui ORM (Object Relational Mapper)

Arquitetura

- **Models:** Descreve os dados
- **Views:** Controla o que os users vêm
- **Templates:** Controla como o vêm
- **URL Dispatcher:** Expedidor de URLs



2.1 - Views

- Create views in `views.py` as:

```
def numerot(request, num):  
    tparams = {  
        'num_arg': num,  
    }  
    return render(request, 'numerot.html', tparams)
```

- No `urls.py` adicionar route para a view

```
path('hello/', views.hello, name='hello'),
```

2.2 - Templates

Argumento/Variável: `{} num_arg {}`

Template Tags: `{% ifequal num_arg 1000 %} / {% else %} / {% endifequal %}`

2.3 - Static Files

Os static files são ficheiros que se pretende simplesmente referenciar e servir ao cliente, sem qualquer processamento prévio.

- Imagens, CSS, Scripts

3. Django II

3.1 - Models

MTV - Model, Template, View

Model: Camada de acesso aos dados

Permite definir acesso, validação, comportamento, relações entre os dados.

No file `models.py` definir classes do modelo de dados.

```
class Book(models.Model):
    title = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    date = models.DateField()
    authors = models.ManyToManyField(Author)
    publisher = models.ForeignKey(Publisher,
        on_delete=models.CASCADE)
    def __str__(self):
        return self.title
```

Relações entre as classes:

1:M e M:1

- Atributo da classe **models.ForeignKey**
 - Publisher (1) : (M) Book
 - O atributo é colocado na classe Book (M), aquela que representa muitos objetos para um.

1:1 (Único)

- Atributo da classe **models.OneToOne**
 - Exemplo: Book (1) : (1) Author
 - O atributo "deve" ser colocado na classe que mais "necessita" da outra

M:N

- Atributo da classe **models.ManyToManyField**
 - Book (M) : (N) Author
 - O atributo "deve" ser colocado na classe que mais "necessita" da outra
 - (No presente exemplo, o autor pode existir, por si, sem necessidade de ter livros, mas o livro necessita de um autor)

3.2 - Django's Database Layer

Django Admin Site: Gestão dos dados pertencentes ao modelo de dados.

Na `admin.py` registar as classes a gerir:

```
admin.site.register(Author)
```

- **Inserir um objeto**

- a = Author(name='Antonio Pedro', email='apedro@email.com')
- a.save()

- **Modificar um objeto**

- a.email = '[antonio.pedro@email.com](#)'
- a.save()

- **Selecionar todos os objetos**

- Autor.objects.all()

- **Filtrar objetos (por nome)**

- Autor.objects.filter(name='Author1')

- **Filtrar por nome e por email**

- Author.objects.filter(name='Autor1', email='...')

- **Filtrar por nome parecido**

- Author.objects.filter(name_contains='Autor')

- **Aceder a um único objeto**

- Author.objects.get(email='autor1@email.com')

- **Ordenação**

- Publisher.objects.order_by("city", "country")

- **Filtragem e Ordenação**

- Publisher.objects.filter(country='Portugal').order_by("-city")

- **Selecionar os primeiros resultados**

- Publisher.objects.order_by("city", "country")[0]
- Publisher.objects.order_by("city", "country")[0:4]

- **Não são permitidos índices negativos**

- **Remover um objeto**

- Author.objects.get(email='autor1@email.com').delete()

4. Django III

4.1 - Envio/Receção de Dados - Forms

Objeto "request" do tipo "HttpRequest" permite aceder a dados recebidos pelo web server

Podem ser acedidos através de atributos e métodos dedicados (request.path(), ex.)

View para aceder a dados no header HTTP

```
def info(request):
    values = request.META.items()
    html = []
    for k, v in values:
        html.append('<tr><td>%s</td><td>%s</td></tr>' % (k, v))
    return HttpResponse('<table>%s</table>' % '\n'.join(html))
```

FORMS

Forms servem para envio/receção de dados cliente <-> servidor

- **Lado do cliente:** forms podem ser usados para Get ou Post
- **Lado do servidor:** request.GET e request.POST para aceder aos dados

Exemplo:

```
def booksearch(request):
    if 'query' in request.POST:
        query = request.POST['query']
        if query:
            books = Book.objects.filter(title__icontains=query)
            return render(request, 'booklist.html', {'books':books, 'query':query})
        else:
            return render(request, 'booksearch.html', {'error':True})
    else:
        return render(request, 'booksearch.html', {'error':False})
```

Pesquisa:

```
{% extends "layout.html" %}

{% block content %}

{% if error %}
    <p style="...>ERROR: Insert a query term.</p>
{% endif %}

<form action"." method="post">
    {% csrf_token %}
    <input type="text" name="query">
    <input type="submit" value="Search">
</form>

{% endblock %}
```

Resultados pesquisa:

```
{% extends "layout.html" %}

{% block content %}

<p>Search by: <strong>{{ query }}</strong></p>
{% if boks %}
<p>Found {{ boks|length }} book{{ boks|pluralize }}.</p>
<ul>
    {% for bok in boks %}
        <li>{{ bok.title }}</li>
        <ul>
            <li>{{ bok.publisher }}</li>
            <li>{{ bok.date }}</li>
            <ul>
                {% for aut in bok.authors.all %}
                    <li>{{ aut }}</li>
                {% endfor %}
            </ul>
        </ul>
    {% endfor %}
</ul>
{% else %}
    <p>Not found any result.</p>
{% endif %}
{% endblock %}
```

5. Django Framework

5.1 - Django Forms

Form class: describes a form and determines how it works and appears in the browser.

Form class instantiation we can populate it:

- data from a saved model instance (as in the case of admin forms for editing);
- data that we have collated from other sources;
- data received from a previous HTML form submission.

Creating a Django Form

forms.py:

```
from django import forms

# Create your forms here.
class BookQueryForm(forms.Form):
    query = forms.CharField(label='Search:', max_length=100)
```

bookquery.html:

```
<form action"." method="post">
    {% csrf_token %}
    {{ form }}
    <input type="submit" value="Search">
</form>
```

views.py

```
def bookquery(request):
    # if POST request, process form data
    if request.method == 'POST':
        # create form instance and pass data to it
        form = BookQueryForm(request.POST)
        if form.is_valid(): # is it valid?
            query = form.cleaned_data['query']
            books = Book.objects.filter(title__icontains=query)
            return render(request, 'booklist.html', {'books': books, 'query': query})
    # if GET (or any other method), create blank form
    else:
        form = BookQueryForm()
    return render(request, 'bookquery.html', {'form': form})
```

Access to form data, after its validation.

Data Field

- Data submitted with a form, using Form Fields, can be validated through is_valid() function.
- After validation, data can be accessed in `form.cleaned_data` dictionary.
- The data in this dictionary is already converted into Python types, for immediate use.
- `BooleanField` – as Check Box Input
- `CharField` – as Text Input
- `IntegerField` and `FloatField` – as Number Input
- `DateField`, `TimeField` – as Text Input
- `ChoiceField` – as Select
- `MultipleChoiceField` – as Select Multiple
- `FileField` – File Input

Rendering Form Fields Individually:

```
<form action="." method="post" class="form-horizontal">
    {% csrf_token %}
    <h4>Insert query to search book titles.</h4>
    <hr />
    <div class="form-group">
        {{ form.query.label_tag }}
        <div class="col-md-10">
            {{ form.query }}
        </div>
    </div>
    <div class="form-group">
        <div class="col-md-offset-2 col-md-10">
            <input type="submit" value="Search" class="btn btn-default" />
        </div>
    </div>
</form>
```

5.2 - Django Authentication

It handles both authentication and authorization.

- Authentication verifies if users are who they claim to be.
- Authorization determines what authenticated users are allowed to do.

Implements: Users, groups, permissions, forms, view tools, password hashing.

Create Login and Logout (urls.py)

```
urlpatterns = [
    path('login/', auth_views.LoginView.as_view(template_name='login.html'), name='login'),
    path('logout', auth_views.LogoutView.as_view(next_page='/'), name='logout'),
```

login.html

```
<form action"." method="post" class="form-horizontal">
    {% csrf_token %}
    <h4>Use a local account to log in.</h4>
    <hr />
    <div class="form-group">
        {{ form.username.label_tag }}
        <div class="col-md-10">
            {{ form.username }}
        </div>
    </div>
    <div class="form-group">
        {{ form.password.label_tag }}
        <div class="col-md-10">
            {{ form.password }}
        </div>
    </div>
```

Authorization

```
def authorins(request):
    if not request.user.is_authenticated or request.user.username != 'admin':
        return redirect('/login')
    # if POST request, process form data
    if request.method == 'POST':
        # create form instance and pass data to it
        form = AuthorInsForm(request.POST)
        if form.is_valid(): # is it valid?
            name = form.cleaned_data['name']
            email = form.cleaned_data['email']
            a = Author(name=name, email=email)
            a.save()
            return HttpResponseRedirect("<h1>Author Inserted!!!</h1>")
    # if GET (or any other method), create blank form
    else:
        form = AuthorInsForm()
    return render(request, 'authorins.html', {'form': form})
```

Through object "request.user", it's possible to verify if a given user is authenticated and have authorization to do operations.

5.3 - Django Sessions

State

- HTTP protocol is a stateless protocol, which means that it doesn't have any mechanism to save the connection state and as so it doesn't allow sessions creation.
- To do this, some exterior mechanisms were developed in web clients and servers, which allow to save state data over multiple HTTP connections, producing artificial sessions.

Like: Cookies

Cookies

- A cookie is a little piece of information sent by a web server to its client, a browser, to save it while they are in communication.
- It's possible to save some kind of information in this cookie, like the user's username, for example.
- This cookies mechanism is in wide use by almost web sites, but it has some disadvantages:
 - Saving cookies in the browser is not compulsory, which doesn't allow to offer warranty of a good service;
 - They can't be used to save important information – they aren't secure;
 - The server can be inhibited, at some time, to access crucial information to continue the interaction with the client.

Django Sessions:

- Django manage automatically the sessions with its clients in a simple and clean way, through "request.session" object, which is a dictionary.

```
def bookquery(request):
    # if POST request, process form data
    if request.method == 'POST':
        # create form instance and pass data to it
        form = BookQueryForm(request.POST)
        if form.is_valid(): # is it valid?
            query = form.cleaned_data['query']
            if 'searched' in request.session and request.session['searched'] == query:
                return HttpResponseRedirect('Query already made!!!!')
            request.session['searched'] = query
            books = Book.objects.filter(title__icontains=query)
            return render(request, 'booklist.html', {'books': books, 'query': query})
    # if GET (or any other method), create blank form
    else:
        form = BookQueryForm()
    return render(request, 'bookquery.html', {'form': form})
```

6. Production

6.1 Web Applications Deployment

Production Environment:

- Environment provided by the server computer where you will run your web application for external consumption.

Includes:

- Computer Hardware
- OS
- Programming Language
- Web server
- Application server
- Databases

- The server computer could be located on your own facility and connected to the Internet by a fast link

OR

- Use a server computer that is hosted "in the cloud".

IaaS

Infrastructure as a Service – is a remotely accessible computing/networking hardware, provided as a hosting service.

- Many IaaS providers offer options to preinstall a particular operating system, onto which you must install the other components of your production environment.
- Other vendors allow you to select more fully-featured environments, including a complete particular web framework, e.g Django, and a web-server setup

PaaS

Platform as a Service – is another kind of hosting service where the host platform takes care of:

- most of the production environment – web server, application server, load balancers;
 - and most of what you need to scale the application.
- PaaS makes deployment quite easy, because you just need to concentrate on your web application and not all the other server infrastructure.

Choosing a Hosting Service

Issues to take in account:

- How busy your site is likely to be and the cost of data and computing resources required to meet that demand.
- Level of support for scaling horizontally (adding more machines) and vertically (upgrading to more powerful machines) and the costs of doing so.
- Where the supplier has data centers, and hence where access is likely to be fastest.
- The host's historical uptime and downtime performance. • Tools provided for managing the site — are they easy to use and are they secure (e.g. SFTP vs FTP).
- Inbuilt frameworks for monitoring your server. Known limitations. Some hosts will deliberately block certain services (e.g. email). Others offer only a certain number of hours of "live time" in some price tiers, or only offer a small amount of storage.
- Additional benefits. Some providers will offer free domain names and support for SSL certificates that you would otherwise have to pay for.
- Whether the "free" tier you're relying on expires over time, and whether the cost of migrating to a more expensive tier means you would have been better off using some other service in the first place!