teach me about the instance=object of some model in django in the context of updating of lead by a lead_update view

Got it 👍 Let's break this down slowly and tie it directly to your example of **updating a `Lead` object using a `lead_update` view**.

Step 1: The idea of `instance`

In Django, a **ModelForm** is usually tied to a **model object**.

- If you pass `instance=some_object` into a form, you're telling Django:
  "Hey, pre-fill this form with the fields/values from this existing database row, and when I save it, update that same row."

Without `instance=`, the form would assume you want to create a **new object**.

Step 2: Example with your `Lead` model

Suppose you have this model:

```python
class Lead(models.Model):
    name = models.CharField(max_length=100)
    email = models.EmailField()
    age = models.IntegerField()
```

and this form:

```python
from django import forms
from .models import Lead

class LeadForm(forms.ModelForm):
    class Meta:
        model = Lead
        fields = ["name", "email", "age"]
```

Step 3: The `lead_update` view

Here's the update flow:

```python
def lead_update(request, pk):
    lead = Lead.objects.get(id=pk)   # 1. Fetch the existing object
    form = LeadForm(instance=lead)   # 2. Pre-fill form with its values

    if request.method == "POST":
```

```
        form = LeadForm(request.POST, instance=lead)  # 3. Bind form + object
        if form.is_valid():
            form.save()  # 4. Updates that same lead in DB
            return redirect("lead-list")

    return render(request, "lead_update.html", {"form": form})
```

Step 4: Why `instance=lead` matters

- **Without `instance=lead` in GET:** the form would be blank (like create).
- **Without `instance=lead` in POST:** Django would think you're making a **new lead**, not updating the existing one.

So **`instance=`** is basically the "bridge" between the form and the object you want to update.

👉 Quick check for you:
Why do you think we pass **`instance=lead` both times** (GET and POST), instead of only in POST?

> update view can be written just via orm as well right?

Exactly — you don't always *need* a **`ModelForm`** to update an object.

There are **two common ways** to do it in Django:

✅ 1. Using ORM directly (no form)

```
python

def lead_update(request, pk):
    lead = Lead.objects.get(id=pk)

    if request.method == "POST":
        lead.name = request.POST.get("name")
        lead.email = request.POST.get("email")
        lead.age = request.POST.get("age")
        lead.save()
        return redirect("lead-list")

    return render(request, "lead_update.html", {"lead": lead})
```

Here:

- You **manually** assign values from **`request.POST`** to the object.
- Then call **`.save()`**.
- This works fine but has drawbacks:
  - No built-in validation (you'd have to add your own).
  - More boilerplate code.
  - Higher chance of missing edge cases.

✅ 2. Using `ModelForm` (with `instance=`)

```
python

def lead_update(request, pk):
    lead = Lead.objects.get(id=pk)

    if request.method == "POST":
        form = LeadForm(request.POST, instance=lead)
        if form.is_valid():
            form.save()
            return redirect("lead-list")
    else:
        form = LeadForm(instance=lead)

    return render(request, "lead_update.html", {"form": form})
```

- Here, validation + HTML rendering are taken care of by Django.
- Less boilerplate, cleaner, safer.

👉 So yes, ORM-only update is possible, but `ModelForm` is preferred when you're dealing with **user input**, because it:

- Handles validation,
- Prevents common security issues,
- Saves you from writing repetitive code.

Question for you:
If you just wanted to **programmatically update a lead's age** (say, increment it by 1) *without any user form*, which approach would you choose — ORM or ModelForm?

> what is this : {% url 'namespace:nameProvidedToTheView' contextMap.Key%}

Perfect question 👌 That syntax is from **Django templates**. Let's break it down piece by piece:

The `{% url ... %}` tag

- It's a **built-in template tag** that **reverses** a view name into a URL.
- Instead of hardcoding `/leads/5/update/`, you let Django build it for you using the **URLconf name**.

Syntax you showed

```
django

{% url 'namespace:nameProvidedToTheView' contextMap.Key %}
```

1. `'namespace:nameProvidedToTheView'`

- **`namespace`** → comes from your **`urls.py`** if you included an app with a namespace.
  Example:

  ```
  python

  app_name = "leads"
  urlpatterns = [
      path("<int:pk>/update/", views.lead_update, name="lead-update"),
  ]
  ```

  Here **`app_name = "leads"`** means the namespace is **`leads`**.

- **`nameProvidedToTheView`** → is the **`name`** you gave the URL pattern.
  Example: **`name="lead-update"`**.

So together:
`'leads:lead-update'` → fully qualified reference to the URL.

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2. `contextMap.Key`

- This is the **argument** passed into the URL.
- Example: if your URL is **`path("<int:pk>/update/", views.lead_update, name="lead-update")`**
  then you must pass the **`pk`** value.

If your template had:

```
django

{% url 'leads:lead-update' lead.id %}
```

and **`lead.id = 5`**, it generates:

```
bash

/leads/5/update/
```

✅ Full Example

urls.py

```
python

app_name = "leads"

urlpatterns = [
    path("<int:pk>/update/", views.lead_update, name="lead-update"),
]
```

template.html

```django
<a href="{% url 'leads:lead-update' lead.id %}">Edit this lead</a>
```

Rendered HTML

```html
<a href="/leads/5/update/">Edit this lead</a>
```

So in your snippet:

- `'namespace:nameProvidedToTheView'` → points to a specific **view** via its URL name.
- `contextMap.Key` → supplies the **dynamic value** (like `pk`) that the URL pattern requires.

Would you like me to also explain how it works when the URL has **multiple parameters** (like `<int:pk>/<slug:slug>/`)?

> teach include "scripts.html" and why we use this in most of the cases

Nice one 🔥 This is a very **Django template**–specific concept. Let's go step by step.

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1. What does `{% include "scripts.html" %}` mean?

In a Django template,

```django
{% include "scripts.html" %}
```

literally means:
👉 "Take the contents of `scripts.html` and drop them here as if I had written them directly."

So it's a way to **reuse template fragments** instead of copy-pasting them everywhere.

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2. Why do we usually use it with `"scripts.html"`?

In most projects:

- `scripts.html` contains **JavaScript `<script>` tags** (maybe jQuery, Bootstrap JS, custom scripts, etc.).
- Instead of repeating those `<script>` imports in every template (`base.html`, `home.html`, `dashboard.html`, etc.), you keep them in **one file**.

Then in your main template:

```
django

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <title>My App</title>
  </head>
  <body>
    {% block content %}{% endblock %}

    {% include "scripts.html" %}
  </body>
</html>
```

Now every page that extends **`base.html`** automatically gets the scripts.

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3. Example

scripts.html

```
html

<script src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/bootstrap@5.3.0/dist/js/bootstrap.bundle.min.js">
</script>
<script src="{% static 'js/custom.js' %}"></script>
```

base.html

```
django

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>{% block title %}My Site{% endblock %}</title>
</head>
<body>
  {% block content %}{% endblock %}

  {% include "scripts.html" %}
</body>
</html>
```

dashboard.html

```
django

{% extends "base.html" %}

{% block content %}
<h1>Dashboard</h1>
{% endblock %}
```

👉 When **`dashboard.html`** renders, it has **all the scripts** included at the bottom, without you rewriting them.

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4. Why it’s useful

- **DRY (Don't Repeat Yourself):** Scripts live in one place.
- **Maintainability:** If you want to update jQuery version, you do it in `scripts.html` only.
- **Consistency:** Every page loads the same dependencies.
- **Flexibility:** You can even conditionally include different script fragments for certain templates.

⚡ In short:
`{% include "scripts.html" %}` = *"reuse this common JavaScript block everywhere without duplicating code."*

Do you also want me to compare this with using `{% block scripts %}` in `base.html` (which is another common approach)?

please teach me class based view in comparision to the function based view and if required then do crud

Alright 👍 let's build this step by step. I'll keep the pace such that you can see **how FBVs and CBVs differ**, and we'll connect it to **CRUD**.

Django Part 10

In Django, an FBV is just a **Python function** that takes a `request` and returns a `response`.

Example: **Create a lead**

```python
def lead_create(request):
    if request.method == "POST":
        form = LeadForm(request.POST)
        if form.is_valid():
            form.save()
            return redirect("lead-list")
    else:
        form = LeadForm()
    return render(request, "lead_form.html", {"form": form})
```

- You write **all the logic** (GET vs POST, validation, save, render) inside one function.
- It's explicit, easy to read for beginners.
- But for big apps, lots of **repeated code** creeps in.

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2. Class-Based View (CBV)

In Django, a CBV is a **class** that inherits from Django's built-in generic views.

Example: **Create a lead**

```python
from django.views.generic import CreateView
from .models import Lead

class LeadCreateView(CreateView):
    model = Lead
    form_class = LeadForm
    template_name = "lead_form.html"
    success_url = "/leads/"
```

- You don't write `if request.method == "POST":` etc. Django handles it.
- You just declare:
  - `model` → which DB table,
  - `form_class` → which form,
  - `template_name` → which HTML,
  - `success_url` → where to redirect.

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3. Side-by-Side for CRUD

Let's compare **FBV vs CBV** for all CRUD actions.

CREATE

FBV

```python
def lead_create(request):
    if request.method == "POST":
        form = LeadForm(request.POST)
        if form.is_valid():
            form.save()
            return redirect("lead-list")
    else:
        form = LeadForm()
    return render(request, "lead_form.html", {"form": form})
```

CBV

```python
class LeadCreateView(CreateView):
    model = Lead
    form_class = LeadForm
    template_name = "lead_form.html"
    success_url = "/leads/"
```

READ (Detail)

FBV

```python
def lead_detail(request, pk):
    lead = Lead.objects.get(pk=pk)
    return render(request, "lead_detail.html", {"lead": lead})
```

CBV

```python
class LeadDetailView(DetailView):
    model = Lead
    template_name = "lead_detail.html"
    context_object_name = "lead"
```

UPDATE

FBV

```python
def lead_update(request, pk):
    lead = Lead.objects.get(pk=pk)
    if request.method == "POST":
        form = LeadForm(request.POST, instance=lead)
        if form.is_valid():
            form.save()
            return redirect("lead-list")
    else:
        form = LeadForm(instance=lead)
    return render(request, "lead_form.html", {"form": form})
```

CBV

```python
class LeadUpdateView(UpdateView):
    model = Lead
    form_class = LeadForm
    template_name = "lead_form.html"
    success_url = "/leads/"
```

DELETE

FBV

```python
def lead_delete(request, pk):
    lead = Lead.objects.get(pk=pk)
    if request.method == "POST":
        lead.delete()
        return redirect("lead-list")
    return render(request, "lead_confirm_delete.html", {"lead": lead})
```

CBV

```python
class LeadDeleteView(DeleteView):
    model = Lead
    template_name = "lead_confirm_delete.html"
    success_url = "/leads/"
```

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4. Summary

- **FBV** → More control, but repetitive. Good for learning/debugging.
- **CBV** → Less code, uses inheritance. Best for CRUD where patterns repeat.
- Both are equally powerful; Django's philosophy: *"use CBV when generic behavior fits, use FBV when you need custom logic."*

👉 Quick quiz for you:
If you had a view that **just returns some JSON response** (not a form, not CRUD), which style (FBV or CBV) would feel more natural to you?

> is there any way of syntax for cbv like how can we just remember that options which for which, there must be a pattern or generic fields or uses for cbvs so teach cbv very clear

Great point 🙌 — the "problem" with CBVs for most people is remembering **what field goes where** (`model`, `form_class`, `template_name`, etc.).
Luckily, Django CBVs follow a **clear pattern**. Let's map it out so you can remember it easily.

🔑 Core Idea

Every CBV falls into a category, and each category has its **usual set of attributes**.

Think of it like this:

- **What's the purpose of the view?** → That tells you the **generic view class** to inherit from.
- **What does Django need from you?** → That's what you must define (`model`, `form_class`, etc.).

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1. Categories of CBVs

There are 3 main groups you'll see 90% of the time:

Purpose	Generic View	What you usually set
Show ONE object	`DetailView`	`model`, `template_name`, `context_object_name`
Show MANY objects	`ListView`	`model`, `template_name`, `context_object_name`

Purpose	Generic View	What you usually set
Handle Forms (CRUD)	**`CreateView`**, **`UpdateView`**, **`DeleteView`**	**`model`** OR **`form_class`**, **`template_name`**, **`success_url`**

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2. Pattern / Syntax to Remember

Here's a mental cheat sheet:

- **"What object(s)?"** → `model = MyModel`
- **"How to display?"** → `template_name = "file.html"`
- **"What to call it in template?"** → `context_object_name = "thing"`
- **"Where to go after save/delete?"** → `success_url = "/path/"`
- **"How to handle input?"** → `form_class = MyForm`

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3. Quick Examples (CRUD)

Create

```
python

class LeadCreateView(CreateView):
    model = Lead                # which table
    form_class = LeadForm       # which form
    template_name = "lead_form.html"
    success_url = "/leads/"     # where to redirect
```

Read (Detail)

```
python

class LeadDetailView(DetailView):
    model = Lead
    template_name = "lead_detail.html"
    context_object_name = "lead"  # name inside template
```

Update

```
python

class LeadUpdateView(UpdateView):
    model = Lead
    form_class = LeadForm
    template_name = "lead_form.html"
    success_url = "/leads/"
```

Delete

```python
class LeadDeleteView(DeleteView):
    model = Lead
    template_name = "lead_confirm_delete.html"
    success_url = "/leads/"
```

List

```python
class LeadListView(ListView):
    model = Lead
    template_name = "lead_list.html"
    context_object_name = "leads"
```

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4. 🎯 Memory Trick (CBV CRUD)

Think of it like filling out a **form for Django**:

1. **What model?** → `model =`
2. **What form?** (if input) → `form_class =`
3. **What page?** → `template_name =`
4. **What variable name?** → `context_object_name =`
5. **Where after success?** → `success_url =`

That's it. Every CBV you'll use fits into that box.

👉 Quick check:
If you were writing a **ListView** for `Lead`, which of the 5 fields do you actually need to set, and which ones could Django guess for you?

> explain about static(settings.STATIC_URL, document.root=settings.STATIC_ROOT)

Perfect — you've just touched on the little "mystery line" that often sits at the bottom of a **Django `urls.py`** file:

```python
from django.conf import settings
from django.conf.urls.static import static

urlpatterns = [
    # ... your normal URL patterns
] + static(settings.STATIC_URL, document_root=settings.STATIC_ROOT)
```

Let's unpack this carefully 👇

1. What are static files in Django?

- Static files = CSS, JS, images, fonts, etc.
- Django doesn't magically serve them — you must tell Django **where they live** and **what URL they should appear at**.

Settings usually include:

```
python

STATIC_URL = '/static/'
STATIC_ROOT = BASE_DIR / "staticfiles"
```

---

2. What does `static(settings.STATIC_URL, document_root=settings.STATIC_ROOT)` do?

It's a **helper function** that returns a list of URL patterns.

- `settings.STATIC_URL` → the **URL prefix** where static files should be accessible (default `/static/`).
- `document_root=settings.STATIC_ROOT` → the **filesystem path** where Django should look for collected static files.

So effectively, it tells Django:

👉 "Whenever someone requests `/static/...`, look inside the folder at `STATIC_ROOT` and serve the file from there."

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3. When is it used?

- **During development**: Django's built-in dev server (`runserver`) can serve static files with this setup.
- **In production**: Normally your web server (e.g., Nginx) handles static files instead of Django. But this line is still used in dev.

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4. Example Flow

1. You set in `settings.py`:

   ```
   python

   STATIC_URL = "/static/"
   STATIC_ROOT = BASE_DIR / "staticfiles"
   ```

2. You collect all static files:

```
nginx

python manage.py collectstatic
```

→ Now everything sits in `/project/staticfiles/`

3. That line in `urls.py`:

```
python

urlpatterns += static(settings.STATIC_URL, document_root=settings.STATIC_ROOT)
```

makes URLs like:

- `/static/css/style.css`
- `/static/js/app.js`

serve from the physical files inside `staticfiles/`.

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5. Visual Picture

```
sql

Browser → GET /static/css/style.css
Django  → sees /static/... → looks inside STATIC_ROOT (staticfiles/)
          → returns style.css file
```

✅ **Summary:**
That `static(...)` line is just a shortcut that **adds URL routes for serving static files** in development. It connects:

- **URL (`STATIC_URL`)** → `/static/...`
- **Physical folder (`STATIC_ROOT`)** → where your files live

👉 My question for you:
Do you know the difference between `STATICFILES_DIRS` and `STATIC_ROOT`? (They sound similar but have different roles.)

> teach me about implementing the emails in django for a crm applications step by step simple and reasoning from first principles to let me know why what along how for the actions and code. Keep it simple and teach me for development mode with reasons for why it is done in that way and what it does

Great — let's build this from first principles and keep it *simple, practical, and safe for development*. I'll show **why** each choice is made, **what** it does, and **how** to wire it into a CRM (Lead creation → send welcome email). I'll keep examples minimal so you can paste and try.

Before I start: do you want the email sent **from the view right after saving the Lead**, or **decoupled via a `post_save` signal** (preferred for real apps)? Reply “view” or “signal” and I’ll show that specific wiring next.

1) First principles — how Django sends mail

- Email sending is done over SMTP (Simple Mail Transfer Protocol). Django exposes that via **email backends**.
- For **development** you usually **don’t want to send real emails** (risk, spam, leaked creds). So Django provides dev-friendly backends (console, file) that let you inspect emails locally.
- In production you use an SMTP provider (Gmail, SendGrid, Mailgun, etc.) with real credentials; in prod you also send emails **asynchronously** so requests aren’t blocked.

2) Development-mode settings (why each line)

Put in **`settings.py`** for **quick local debugging**:

```
python


# development: print emails to console (safe & fast)
EMAIL_BACKEND = "django.core.mail.backends.console.EmailBackend"
DEFAULT_FROM_EMAIL = "crm@example.com"
```

Why: **`console`** backend writes full email content to your runserver console — no real sending, easy to debug.

If you want to test with a real SMTP (Gmail example), use env vars (never commit credentials):

```
python


EMAIL_BACKEND = "django.core.mail.backends.smtp.EmailBackend"
EMAIL_HOST = "smtp.gmail.com"
EMAIL_PORT = 587
EMAIL_USE_TLS = True
EMAIL_HOST_USER = os.environ.get("EMAIL_HOST_USER")
EMAIL_HOST_PASSWORD = os.environ.get("EMAIL_HOST_PASSWORD")
DEFAULT_FROM_EMAIL = "CRM <no-reply@yourdomain.com>"
```

Why TLS and env vars: TLS encrypts credentials; env vars avoid committing secrets.

3) Basic ways to send mail in Django (what to use when)

- **`send_mail(...)`** — simple, good for plain-text or small HTML (convenient).
- **`EmailMessage`** — for attachments and more control.
- **`EmailMultiAlternatives`** — send both text and HTML (best practice).

4) Minimal examples (practical)

Simple `send_mail`:

```python
from django.core.mail import send_mail

send_mail(
    "Welcome to CRM",
    "Hi, thanks for signing up.",
    "crm@example.com",
    ["lead@example.com"],
    fail_silently=False,
)
```

Why: quick & easy when you only need text.

Text + HTML (recommended):

```python
from django.template.loader import render_to_string
from django.core.mail import EmailMultiAlternatives
from django.conf import settings

context = {"lead_name": "Vigneshwar", "product": "CRM"}

text_body = render_to_string("emails/welcome.txt", context)
html_body = render_to_string("emails/welcome.html", context)

email = EmailMultiAlternatives(
    subject="Welcome to our CRM",
    body=text_body,
    from_email=settings.DEFAULT_FROM_EMAIL,
    to=["lead@example.com"],
)
email.attach_alternative(html_body, "text/html")
email.send()
```

Why: HTML looks better in clients; plain text remains for clients that don't render HTML and helps spam filters.

Email templates (very small)

templates/emails/welcome.txt

```rust
Hi {{ lead_name }},

Thanks for joining. We'll reach out soon.

— CRM Team
```

templates/emails/welcome.html

```html
<html>
  <body>
    <p>Hi <strong>{{ lead_name }}</strong>,</p>
    <p>Thanks for joining our CRM — welcome aboard!</p>
    <p>— CRM Team</p>
  </body>
</html>
```

5) Where to trigger sending in a CRM (view vs signal) — short reasoning

- **In the view**: simple and explicit. Good for prototypes. But couples business logic with request handling.
- **`post_save` signal**: decouples email logic from request flow — cleaner and reusable (e.g., when Lead is created via admin, API, or batch import). Slightly more complex to wire, but preferred for production.

(If you asked "signal", I'll show the `post_save` wiring next.)

6) Example: send email from a create view (dev-friendly)

```
python


# views.py
from django.shortcuts import redirect, render
from django.template.loader import render_to_string
from django.core.mail import EmailMultiAlternatives
from django.conf import settings
from .forms import LeadForm

def lead_create(request):
    form = LeadForm(request.POST or None)
    if form.is_valid():
        lead = form.save()
        # prepare email
        context = {"lead_name": lead.name}
        text = render_to_string("emails/welcome.txt", context)
        html = render_to_string("emails/welcome.html", context)
        msg = EmailMultiAlternatives(
            "Welcome to CRM",
            text,
            settings.DEFAULT_FROM_EMAIL,
            [lead.email],
        )
        msg.attach_alternative(html, "text/html")
        msg.send()  # synchronous — OK in dev, not ideal in prod
        return redirect("lead-list")
    return render(request, "lead_form.html", {"form": form})
```

Why synchronous here: simple to test. Note: in production, sending inside the request blocks the response time — use background tasks (Celery/RQ) there.

7) Example: decouple with `post_save` signal (recommended)

```
python


# signals.py
from django.db.models.signals import post_save
from django.dispatch import receiver
from django.template.loader import render_to_string
from django.core.mail import EmailMultiAlternatives
from django.conf import settings
from .models import Lead

@receiver(post_save, sender=Lead)
def send_welcome_email(sender, instance, created, **kwargs):
    if not created:
        return
```

```
    context = {"lead_name": instance.name}
    text = render_to_string("emails/welcome.txt", context)
    html = render_to_string("emails/welcome.html", context)
    email = EmailMultiAlternatives(
        "Welcome to CRM",
        text,
        settings.DEFAULT_FROM_EMAIL,
        [instance.email],
    )
    email.attach_alternative(html, "text/html")
    email.send()
```

And import signals on app ready:

```
python


# apps.py
from django.apps import AppConfig

class LeadsConfig(AppConfig):
    name = "leads"
    def ready(self):
        import leads.signals
```

Why: any save of a new Lead (admin, imports, API) triggers email consistently.

8) How to test locally

- With **`EMAIL_BACKEND = "console"`**: runserver → create Lead → check console for the full email content.
- Unit test example using **`mail.outbox`**:

```
python


from django.test import TestCase
from django.core import mail
from .models import Lead

class LeadEmailTest(TestCase):
    def test_welcome_email_sent(self):
        Lead.objects.create(name="A", email="a@example.com")
        self.assertEqual(len(mail.outbox), 1)
        self.assertIn("Welcome to CRM", mail.outbox[0].subject)
```

Why **`mail.outbox`**: Django captures sent emails during tests, letting you assert without any external service.

9) Simple checklist (do in dev)

1. Add **`EMAIL_BACKEND = console`** to **`settings.py`**.
2. Create **`templates/emails/welcome.txt`** and **`welcome.html`**.
3. Implement send code in view or **`post_save`** signal.
4. Create a Lead via UI and check console output.
5. When ready for real sending, switch to SMTP backend and store creds in env vars.

10) Production notes (short)

- Don’t send synchronously; use Celery / background worker.
- Use a proper provider (SendGrid/Mailgun) for deliverability, DKIM/SPF auth.
- Never commit **`EMAIL_HOST_PASSWORD`** — use environment or vault.

That’s the core, minimal path for development. Want me to:

- A) Show the **full code wired to your `Lead` model via `post_save`** (signals + app config), or
- B) Show the **view-based** example wired to your LeadForm?

Reply “A” or “B” and I’ll paste the exact files you can drop into your app.