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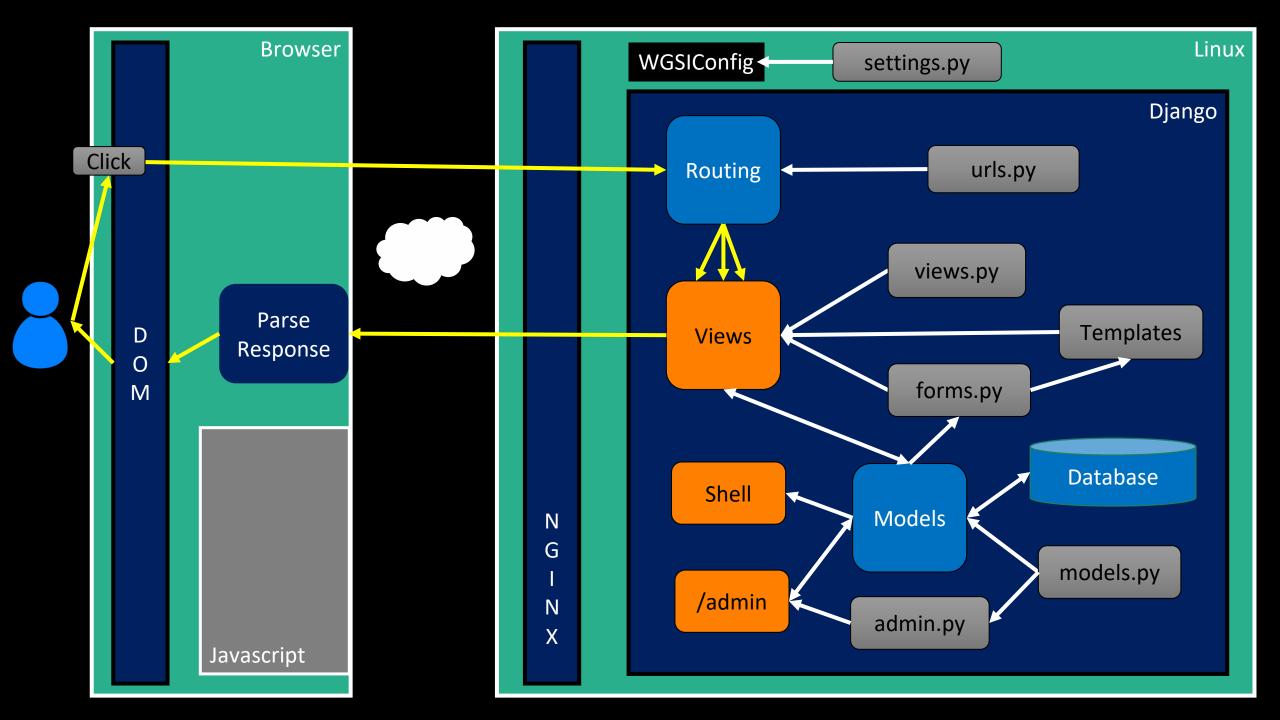
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Views and Templates





Views are the core of our application

- Django looks at the incoming request URL and uses urls.py to select a view
- The view from views.py
 - Handle any incoming data in the request and copy it to the database through the model
 - Retrieve data to put on the page from the database though the model
 - Produce the HTML that will become the response and return it to the browser

https://samples.dj4e.com/

Reading the URL

 When Django receives an HTTP request it parses it, uses some of the URL for routing purposes and passes parts of the URL to your code

```
Django Application (also folder)

https://samples.dj4e.com/views/funky

Key/value parameter (GET)

https://samples.dj4e.com/views/danger?guess=42

https://samples.dj4e.com/views/rest/24

URL Path Parameter
```

URL Dispatcher

A clean, elegant URL scheme is an important detail in a high-quality Web application. Django lets you design URLs however you want, with no framework limitations.

To design URLs for an app, you create a Python module informally called a URLconf (URL configuration). This module is pure Python code and is a mapping between URL path expressions to Python functions (your views).

This mapping can be as short or as long as needed. It can reference other mappings. And, because it's pure Python code, it can be constructed dynamically.

Three patterns for views (in urls.py)

Requests are routed to a pre-defined class from Django itself

 Requests are routed to a function in views.py that takes the http request as a parameter and returns a response

 Requests are routed to a class in views.py that has get() and post() methods that take the http request as a parameter and return a response

```
from django.urls import path
                                                      views/urls.py
from . import views
from django.views.generic import TemplateView
# https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/topics/http/urls/
app name='views'
urlpatterns = [
    # pre-defined class from Django
    path('', TemplateView.as view(template name='views/main.html')),
    # function from views.py
    path('funky', views.funky),
    path('danger', views.danger),
    path('game', views.game),
    path('rest/<int:quess>', views.rest),
    path ('bounce', views.bounce),
    # our class from views.py
    path('main', views.MainView.as view()),
    path('remain/<slug:guess>', views.RestMainView.as view()),
```

Viewing the Views

views/templates/views/main.html

```
<html><body>This is the views main.html sample
>
<u1>
   This page is coming from a file in views/templates/main.html
   <a href="funky">Use a view function</a>
      . . .
This sample code is available at
<a href="https://github.com/csev/dj4e-samples" target=" blank">
https://github.com/csev/dj4e-samples</a>
</body></html>
```

Request and Response Objects

Django uses request and response objects to pass information throughout your Django application.

When a page is requested by a browser, Django creates an **HttpRequest** object that contains metadata about the request.

Then Django loads the appropriate view, passing the **HttpRequest** as the first argument to the view function. Each view is responsible for returning an **HttpResponse** object.

The Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) for **HttpRequest** and **HttpResponse** objects, are defined in the **django.http** module.

class HttpRequest

Attributes

All attributes should be considered read-only, unless stated otherwise.

HttpRequest.scheme

A string representing the scheme of the request (http or https usually).

HttpRequest.body

The raw HTTP request body as a bytestring. This is useful for processing data in different ways than conventional HTML forms: binary images, XML payload etc. For processing conventional form data, use <u>HttpRequest.POST.</u>

class HttpResponse

In contrast to HttpRequest objects, which are created automatically by Django, HttpResponse objects are your responsibility.

Each view you write is responsible for instantiating, populating, and returning an <a href="https://example.com/https://exampl

Passing strings

Typical usage is to pass the contents of the page, as a string or bytestring, to the HttpResponse constructor.

https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/ref/request-response/#django.http.HttpResponse

https://samples.dj4e.com/views/funky

path('funky', views.funky),

```
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.http import HttpResponseRedirect
# Create your views here.
def funky(request):
                      response = """<html><body>This is the funky function sample
                      This sample code is available at
                      <a href="https://github.com/csev/dj4e-samples">
                      https://github.com/csev/dj4e-samples</a>
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            4E samples.dj4e.com/views/funky X
                      </body></html>"""
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            i https://samples.dj4e.com/vie
                      return HttpResponse(response)
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   This is the funky function sample
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   This sample code is available at https://github.com/csev/dj4e-samples
```

https://samples.dj4e.com/views/danger?guess=42

```
path('danger', views.danger),
                                                                   views/urls.py
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.http import HttpResponseRedirect
                                                                   views/views.py
# Create your views here.
def danger(request) :
    response = """<html><body>
    Your guess was """+request.GET['guess']+"""
    </body></html>"""
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    return HttpResponse(response)
                                                                 i https://samples >>
                                                       Most Visited M Drc M GMU M GMD
                                                       Your guess was 42
```

Danger – What Danger?

I use the django.http.escape() function whenever I sense danger...

Why is that view named danger?

- It is dangerous to take data from the user and include it in the HTTP Response without "escaping" the output.
- HTML + JavaScript is a programming language and you don't want your users "sending code" to other user's browsers

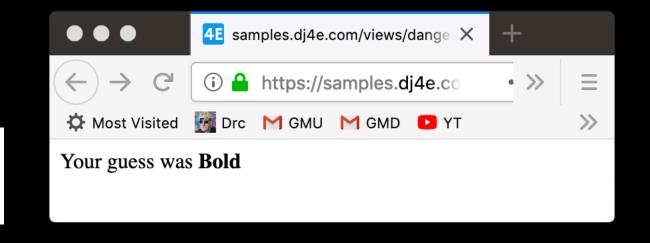
- Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cross-site_scripting
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_XML_and_HTML_character_entity_ref erences

https://samples.dj4e.com/views/danger?guess=%3Cb%3EBold%3C%2Fb%3E

```
def danger(request) :
    response = """<html><body>
    Your guess was """+request.GET['guess']+"""
    </body></html>"""
    return HttpResponse(response)
```

Response Source

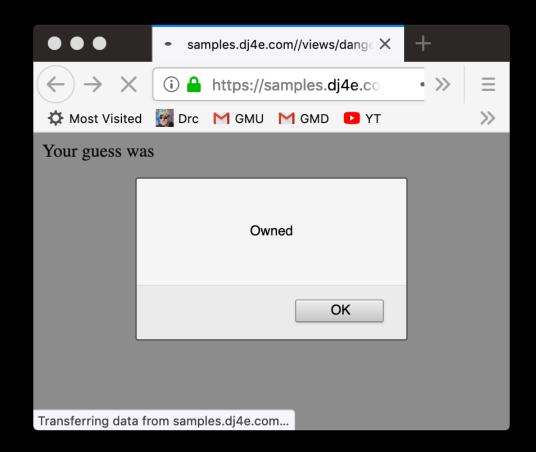
```
<html><body>
Your guess was <b>Bold</b>
</body></html>
```



https://samples.dj4e.com/views/danger?guess=%3Cscript%3Ealert%28%27Owned%27%29%3B%3C%2Fscript%3E

Response Source

```
<html><body>
Your guess was
<script>alert('Owned');</script>
</body></html>
```

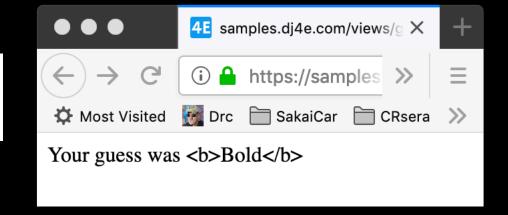


https://samples.dj4e.com/views/game?guess=%3Cb%3EBold%3C%2Fb%3E

```
from django.utils.html import escape

def game(request) :
    response = """<html><body>
    Your guess was """+escape(request.GET['guess'])+"""
    </body></html>"""
    return HttpResponse(response)
```

HTML entities



Parsing the URL after the Application and View

https://samples.dj4e.com/views/rest/41

```
urlpatterns = [
    path('rest/<int:guess>', views.rest),
]
```

from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.utils.html import escape

def rest(request, guess) :
 response = """<html><body>
 Your guess was """+escape(guess)+"""
 </body></html>"""
 return HttpResponse(response)

<type:parameter-name>

```
path('main', views.MainView.as view()),
```

Class Views

Inheritance

```
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.utils.html import escape
from django.views import View

class MainView(View) :
    def get(self, request):
        response = """<html><body>Hello world MainView in HTML
        This sample code is available at
        <a href="https://github.com/csev/dj4e-samples">
                https://github.com/csev/dj4e-samples</a>

        </body></html>"""
        return HttpResponse(response)
```

Parameters to Class Views

https://samples.dj4e.com/views/remain/abc123-42-xyzzy

```
path('remain/<slug:guess>', views.RestMainView.as_view()),
```

```
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.utils.html import escape
from django.views import View

class RestMainView(View) :
    def get(self, request, guess):
        response = """<html><body>
        Your guess was """+escape(guess)+"""
        </body></html>"""
        return HttpResponse(response)
```

HTTP Status Codes

- http://www.dr-chuck.com/page1.htm 200 OK
- http://www.dj4e.com/nowhere.htm 404 Not Found
- 500 Server Error
- http://www.drchuck.com/ 302 Found / Moved
 Also known as "redirect"

HTTP Location Header

- You can send a "Redirect" response instead of a page response to communicate a "Location:" header to the browser
- The location header includes a URL that the browser is supposed to forward itself to.
- It was originally used for web sites that moved from one URL to another.

Sending a Redirect from a View

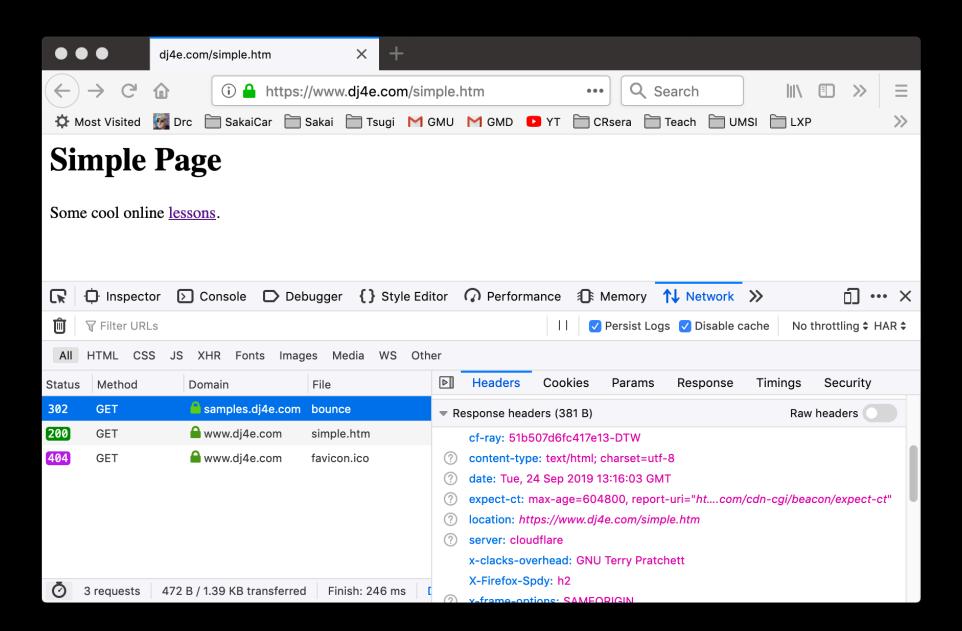
https://samples.dj4e.com/views/bounce

```
path('bounce', views.bounce)
```

```
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.http import HttpResponseRedirect

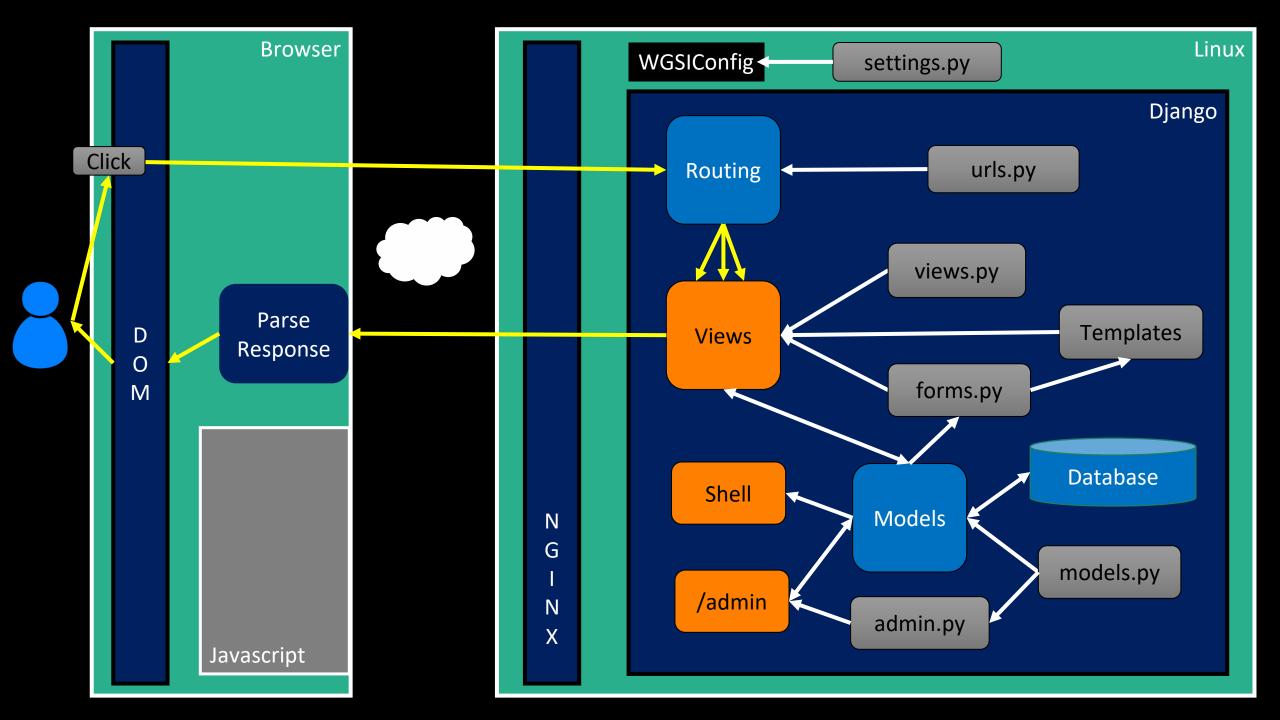
# This is a command to the browser
def bounce(request):
    return HttpResponseRedirect('https://www.dj4e.com/simple.htm')
```

https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/ref/request-response/#django.http.HttpResponseRedirect



Templates to Organize HTML

https://github.com/csev/dj4e-samples/tree/master/tmpl



Templates

Being a web framework, Django needs a convenient way to generate HTML dynamically. The most common approach relies on templates. A template contains the static parts of the desired HTML output as well as some special syntax describing how dynamic content will be inserted.

A Django project can be configured with one or several template engines (or even zero if you don't use templates). Django ships built-in backends for its own template system, creatively called the Django template language (DTL), and for the popular alternative Jinja2.

A template is simply a text file. It can generate any text-based format (HTML, XML, CSV, etc.). A template contains **variables**, which get replaced with values when the template is evaluated, and **tags**, which control the logic of the template.

https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/topics/templates/

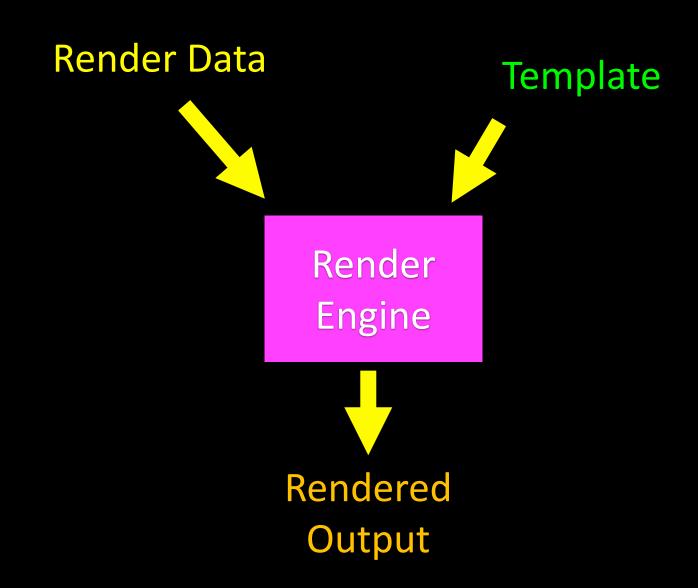
What is a Template?

 Concatenation and escaping can get tiresome and lead to very obtuse looking view code

```
from django.http import HttpResponse
from django.utils.html import escape
from django.views import View

class RestMainView(View) :
    def get(self, request, guess):
        response = """<html><body>
        Your guess was """+escape(guess)+"""
        </body></html>"""
        return HttpResponse(response)
```

Template Render Process



Template Render Process

```
<h1>Hi!</h1>
                        <
'dat' : 'Fun > Stuff' }
                        {{ dat }}
                        Render
               Engine
                       <h1>Hi!</h1>
                       <
                       Fun > Stuff
```

URL -> View -> Template

https://samples.dj4e.com/tmpl/game/200

```
path('game/<slug:guess>', views.GameView.as_view())
```

```
from django.shortcuts import render
from django.views import View

class GameView(View) :
    def get(self, request, guess) :
        x = {'guess' : int(guess) }
        return render(request, 'tmpl/cond.html', x)
```

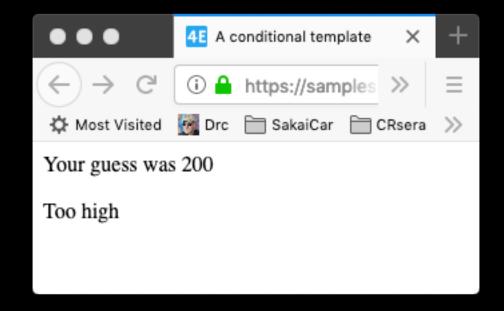
https://samples.dj4e.com/tmpl/game/200

dj4e-samples/tmpl/templates/tmpl/cond.html

```
< html>
<head>
   <title>A conditional template</title>
</head>
<body>
   Your quess was {{ quess }}
   {% if quess < 42 %}
       Too low
   {% elif quess > 42 %}
       Too high
   {% else %}
       Just right
   {% endif %}
</body>
</html>
```

```
from django.views import View

class GameView(View) :
    def get(self, request, guess) :
        x = {'guess' : int(guess) }
        return render(request, 'tmpl/cond.html', x)
```



Where are Templates?

A Django project is made up of one or more applications in folders

```
dj4e-samples$ ls
LICENSE.md
                     form
                                           pics
README.md
                     forums
                                           requirements.txt
autos
                     getpost
                                           rest
bookmany
                     gview
                                           route
bookone
                     hello
                                           scripts
crispy
                                           session
                     home
db.sqlite3
                                           tmpl
                     manage.py
dj4e-samples
                                           tracks
                     many
favs
                     menu
                                           users
favsql
                                           views
                     myarts
```

Templates in Folders

- It is common to reuse the "name" of a template file in several applications
- We use a technique called "namespace" so that each application can load its own templates without template name collision

```
dj4e-samples$ ls */templates/*/detail.html favs/templates/favs/detail.html favsql/templates/favsql/detail.html forums/templates/forums/detail.html pics/templates/pics/detail.html dj4e-samples$
```

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Namespace https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/topics/http/urls/#url-namespaces

Templates in Name Spaces

 For the namespace to work, we need to put templates in a path that includes the application name twice.
 Weird but necessary.

```
dj4e-samples$ ls */templates/*/detail.html favs/templates/favs/detail.html favsql/templates/favsql/detail.html forums/templates/forums/detail.html pics/templates/pics/detail.html dj4e-samples$
```

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Namespace https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/topics/http/urls/#url-namespaces

Django template language (DTL)

https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/ref/templates/language/

Template Tags / Code

```
{{ zap }}
Substitution
              {{ zap|safe }}
              {% url 'cat-detail' cat.id %}
Calling code
              {% author.get absolute url %}
              {% if zap > 100 %}
     Logic
              {% endif %}
              {% block content %}
    Blocks
              {% endblock %}
```

https://samples.dj4e.com/tmpl/simple

```
from django.shortcuts import render

def simple(request):
    return render(request, 'tmpl/simple.html')
```

dj4e-samples/tmpl/templates/tmpl/simple.html

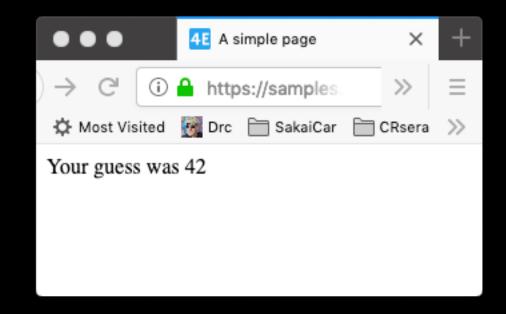


https://samples.dj4e.com/tmpl/guess

```
def guess(request) :
    context = {'zap' : '42' }
    return render(request, 'tmpl/guess.html', context)
```

dj4e-samples/tmpl/templates/tmpl/guess.html

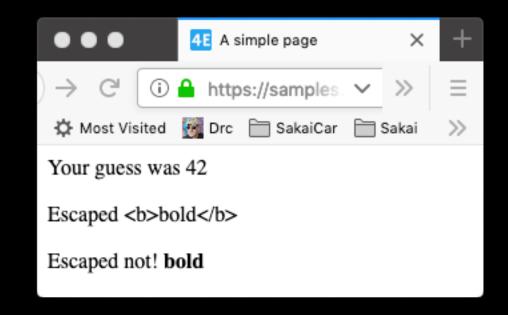
```
<html>
<head>
    <title>A simple page</title>
</head>
<body>
    Your guess was {{ zap }}
</body>
</html>
```



https://samples.dj4e.com/tmpl/special

dj4e-samples/tmpl/templates/tmpl/special.html

```
<body>
    Your guess was {{ zap }}
    Escaped {{ txt }}
    Escaped not! {{ txt|safe }}
</body>
```



https://samples.dj4e.com/tmpl/loop

```
def loop(request):
    f = ['Apple', 'Orange', 'Banana', 'Lychee']
    n = ['peanut', 'cashew']
    x = {'fruits' : f, 'nuts' : n, 'zap' : '42' }
    return render(request, 'tmpl/loop.html', x)
```

dj4e-samples/tmpl/templates/tmpl/loop.html

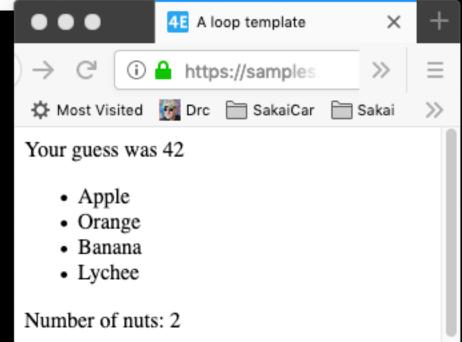
```
{
    for x in fruits %}

{
    ii>{{ x }}
{
    endfor %}

{
    if nuts %}

        Number of nuts: {{ nuts|length }}
{
        else %}

            No nuts.
{
        endif %}
```

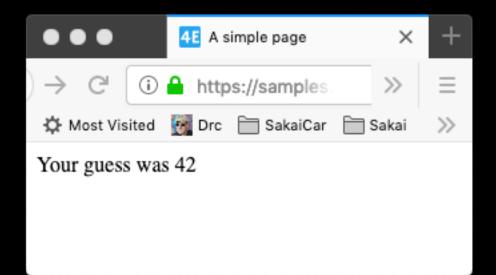


https://samples.dj4e.com/tmpl/nested

```
def nested(request) :
    x = {'outer' : { 'inner' : '42' } }
    return render(request, 'tmpl/nested.html', x)
```

dj4e-samples/tmpl/templates/tmpl/nested.html

```
<body>
    Your guess was {{ outer.inner }}
</body>
```

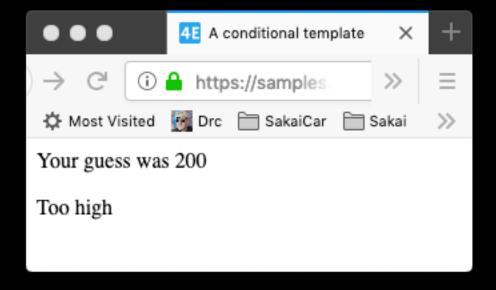


https://samples.dj4e.com/tmpl/game/200

```
path('game/<slug:guess>', views.GameView.as_view())
```

```
class GameView(View) :
    def get(self, request, guess) :
        x = {'guess' : int(guess) }
        return render(request, 'tmpl/cond.html', x)
```

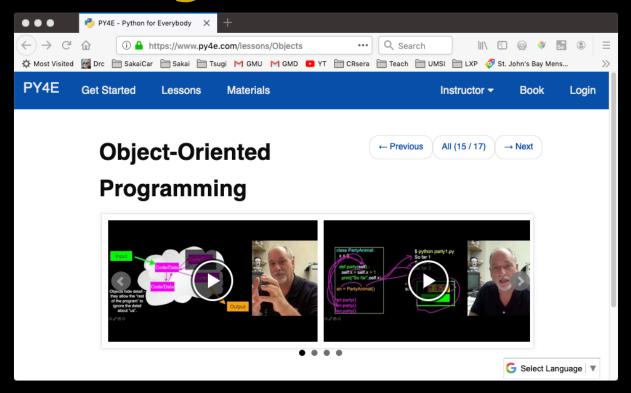
dj4e-samples/tmpl/templates/tmpl/cond.html



Template Inheritance

https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/ref/urlresolvers/

Review Python Object-Oriented Programming



https://www.py4e.com/lessons/Objects

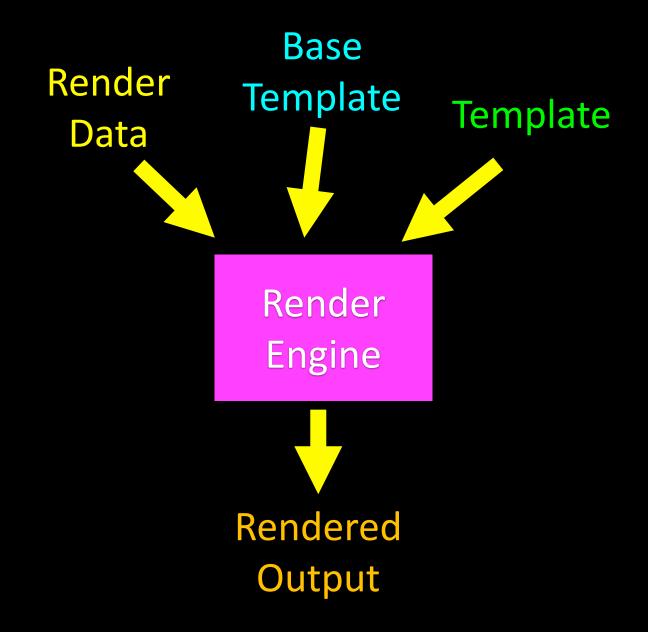
Inheritance



- When we make a new template we can extend an existing template and then add our own little bit to make our new class
- Another form of store and reuse
- Don't Repeat Yourself (DRY)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Don%27t_repeat_yourself

Template Inheritance



Template Inheritance

tmpl/templates/tmpl/cond.html

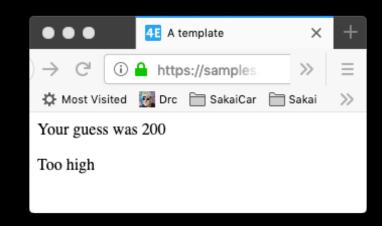
```
< html>
<head>
   <title>A conditional template</title>
</head>
<body>
   Your quess was {{ quess }}
   {% if guess < 42 %}
       Too low
   {% elif quess > 42 %}
       Too high
   {% else %}
       Just right
   {% endif %}
</body>
</html>
```

tmpl/templates/tmpl/base.html

tmp1/templates/tmp1/cond2.html

https://samples.dj4e.com/tmpl/game2/200

```
class GameView2 (View) :
    def get(self, request, guess) :
        x = {'guess' : int(guess) }
        return render(request, 'tmpl/cond2.html', x)
```



tmpl/templates/tmpl/base.html

```
<html>
<head>
    <title>A template</title>
</head>
<body>
    {% block content %}{% endblock %}

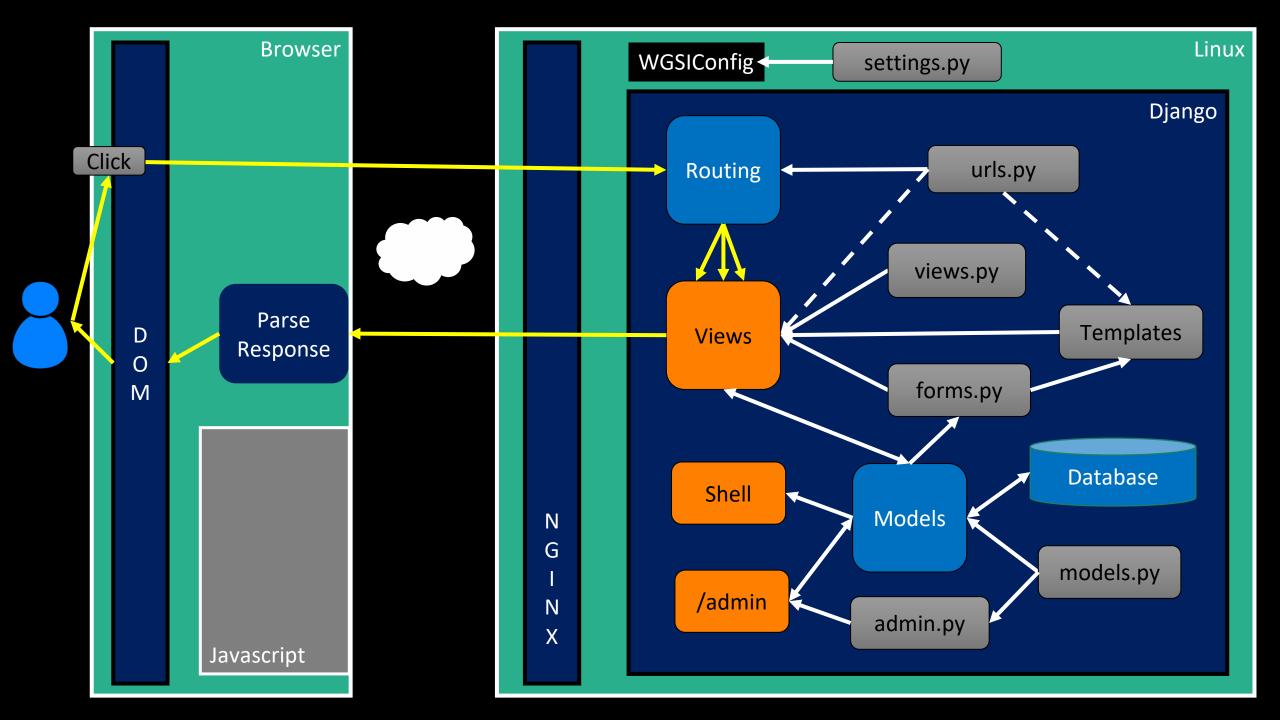
</body>
</html>
```

tmpl/templates/tmpl/cond2.html

URL Mapping / Reversing

https://samples.dj4e.com/route/

https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/topics/http/urls/#reverse-resolution-of-urls



Reverse Resolution of URLs

A common need when working on a Django project is the possibility to obtain URLs in their final forms either for embedding in generated content or for handling of the navigation flow on the server side (redirections, etc.)

It is strongly desirable to avoid hard-coding these URLs. Equally dangerous is devising ad-hoc mechanisms to generate URLs that are parallel to the design described by the URLconf, which can result in the production of URLs that become stale over time.

In other words, what's needed is a DRY mechanism. Among other advantages it would allow evolution of the URL design without having to go over all the project source code to search and replace outdated URLs.

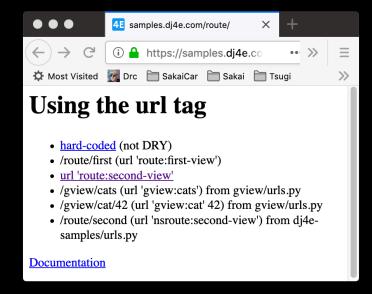
The primary piece of information we have available to get a URL is an identification (e.g. the name) of the view in charge of handling it. Other pieces of information that necessarily must participate in the lookup of the right URL are the types (positional, keyword) and values of the view arguments.

https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/topics/http/urls/#reverse-resolution-of-urls

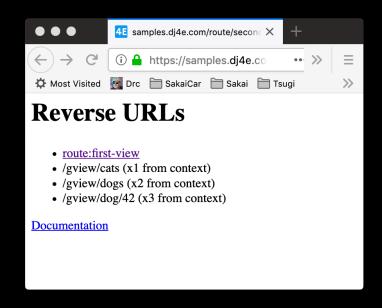
dj4e-samples/route/urls.py

```
urlpatterns = [
    path('', TemplateView.as_view(template_name='route/main.html')),
    path('first', views.FirstView.as_view(), name='first-view'),
    path('second', views.SecondView.as_view(), name='second-view'),
]
```

https://samples.dj4e.com/route/



https://samples.dj4e.com/route/second



```
dj4e-samples/route/urls.py
```

```
app_name = 'route'
urlpatterns = [
    path('', TemplateView.as_view(template_name='route/main.html')),
    path('first', views.FirstView.as_view(), name='first-view'),
    path('second', views.SecondView.as_view(), name='second-view'),
]
```

dj4e-samples/route/templates/route/main.html

```
<a href="/route/second">
    hard-coded</a> (not DRY)

{% url 'route:first-view' %}
    (url 'route:first-view')

<a href="{% url 'route:second-view' %}">
    url 'route:second-view' %}">
    url 'route:second-view'</a>
```

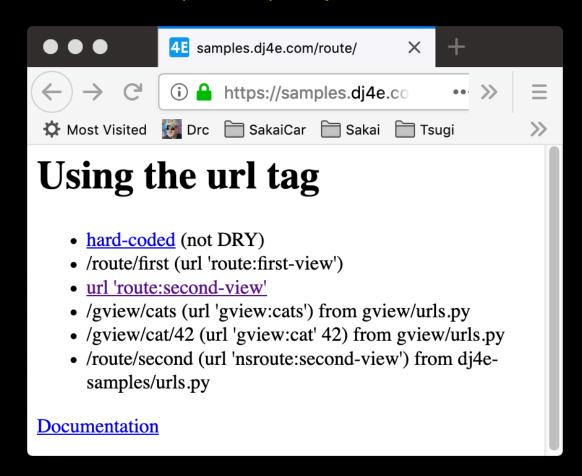
route:first-view

application view name name

Using the url tag in a template

dj4e-samples/route/templates/route/main.html

https://samples.dj4e.com/route/



dj4e-samples/gview/urls.py

```
app_name = 'gview'
urlpatterns = [
    path('cats', views.CatListView.as_view(), name='cats'),
    path('cat/<int:pk_from_url>', views.CatDetailView.as_view(), name='cat'),
]
```

dj4e-samples/route/templates/route/main.html

```
{% url 'gview:cats' %}
  (url 'gview:cats') from gview/urls.py

{% url 'gview:cat' 42 %}
  (url 'gview:cat' 42) from gview/urls.py
```

Parameter

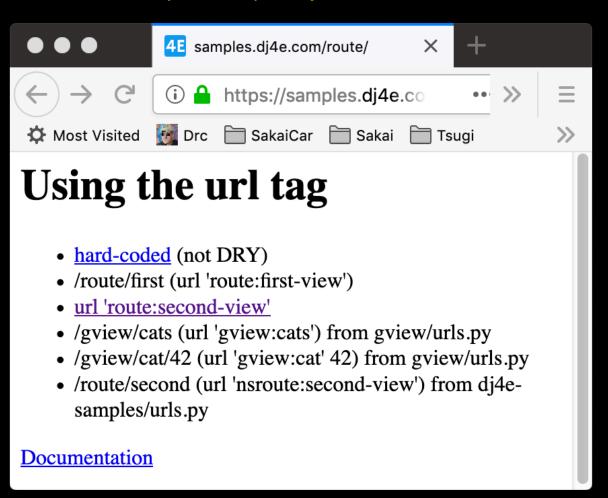
'gview:cat' 42

application view name name

Other applications and parameters

dj4e-samples/route/templates/route/main.html

https://samples.dj4e.com/route/



dj4e-samples/dj4e-samples/urls.py

```
urlpatterns = [
    path('', include('home.urls')),
    path('admin/', admin.site.urls), # Keep
    url(r'^oauth/', include('social_django.urls', namespace='social')),
    path('hello/', include('hello.urls')),
    path('route/', include('route.urls', namespace='nsroute')),
]
```

dj4e-samples/route/templates/route/main.html

A "second" name space

dj4e-samples/route/views.py

```
from django.shortcuts import render
from django.urls import reverse
from django.views import View

class SecondView(View):
    def get(self, request):
        u = reverse('gview:cats')
        u2 = reverse('gview:dogs')
        u3 = reverse('gview:dog', args=['42'])
        ctx = {'x1' : u, 'x2': u2, 'x3': u3 }
        return render(request, 'route/second.html', ctx)
```

dj4e-samples/route/templates/route/main.html

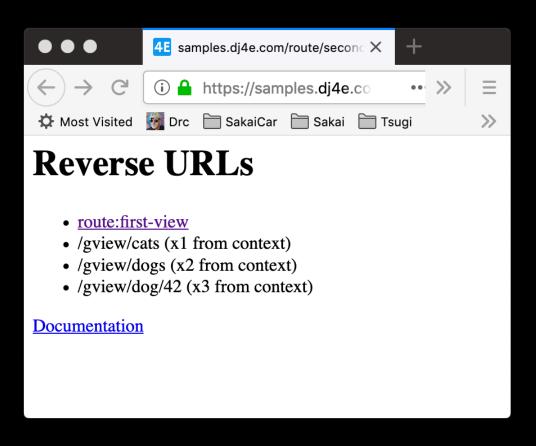
dj4e-samples/route/templates/route/main.html

```
class SecondView(View):
    def get(self, request) :
        u = reverse('gview:cats')
        u2 = reverse ('gview:dogs')
        u3 = reverse('gview:dog', args=['42'] )
        ctx = {'x1' : u, 'x2': u2, 'x3': u3 }
        return render(request, 'route/second.html', ctx)
```

dj4e-samples/route/templates/route/main.html

```
{{ x1 }} (x1 from context)
```

https://samples.dj4e.com/route/second



Summary

- Views are where we bring the application components together to handle requests from browsers and produce responses for the browsers
- Templates take a context and merge it into a template to produce HTML
 - Values can be substituted without without "escaping"
 - Coding in templates

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