

Django

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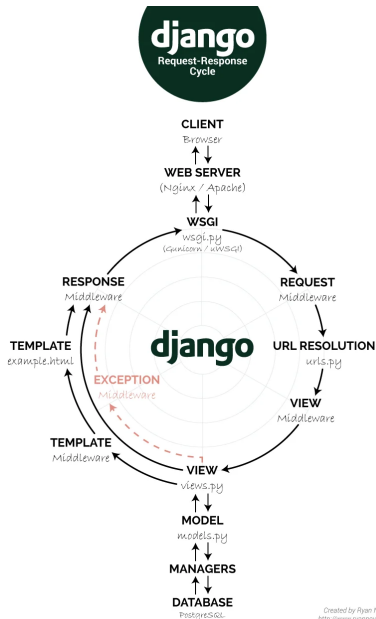
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Request-Response Cycle



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- ▶ PUT: Used to actualize data on server

Web Server - native

Default django server can be started with command:

```
python manage.py runserver
```

It creates developer server on port 8000 on localhost and it's perfect for debugging. But it's not scalable, not safe and it is single threaded.

Web Server - Nginx

Nginx is a web server that can also be used as a reverse proxy, load balancer, mail proxy and HTTP cache. Released in 2004. Nginx is free and open-source software. A large fraction of web servers use Nginx, often as a load balancer.

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- ▶ Body: For POST requests, this contains form data or file uploads.

Url routing

After the request is encapsulated in the HttpRequest object, it's passed through Django's URL routing system. Django looks for a matching URL pattern in your urls.py file. If it finds one, it sends the request to the corresponding view function.

```
from django.urls  
import path from . import views
```

```
1 urlpatterns = [  
2     path('home/', views.home_view, name='home'),  
3 ]
```


View

This is where logic for request starts. The view receives the `HttpRequest` object, processes the data, interacts with the database if needed, and prepares a response.

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- ▶ Handle authentication, logging, or session management.

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- ▶ Create first app in the project:

```
python3 manage.py startapp <app name>
```

and add it to `INSTALLED_APPS` in `settings.py`

View

```
1 def detail(request, question_id):
2     return HttpResponse(
3         "You're looking at question %s."
4         % question_id
5     )
6
7
8 def results(request, question_id):
9     response = "You're looking at \
10 the results of question %s."
11     return HttpResponse(response % question_id)
12
13
14 def vote(request, question_id):
15     return HttpResponse(
16         "You're voting on question %s."
17         % question_id
18     )
```


View

```
1 class UserViewSet(viewsets.ViewSet):
2     def list(self, request):
3         queryset = User.objects.all()
4         serializer = UserSerializer(
5             queryset,
6             many=True,
7         )
8         return Response(serializer.data)
9
10    def retrieve(self, request, pk=None):
11        queryset = User.objects.all()
12        user = get_object_or_404(queryset, pk=pk)
13        serializer = UserSerializer(user)
14        return Response(serializer.data)
```

View

```
1 class UserViewSet(viewsets.ModelViewSet):
2     queryset = User.objects.all()
3     serializer_class = UserSerializer
4
5     @action(detail=True, methods=['post'])
6     def set_password(self, request, pk=None):
7         user = self.get_object()
8         serializer = PasswordSerializer(
9             data=request.data
10        )
11        if serializer.is_valid():
12            user.set_password(
13                serializer.validated_data['password'])
14            user.save()
15            return Response({
16                'status': 'password_set'})
17        else:
18            return Response(serializer.errors,
19                            status=status.HTTP_400_BAD_REQUEST)
```

View

```
1 class SomeViewSet(viewsets.ModelViewSet):
2     def some_action(self, request, pk=None):
3         serializer = SomeSerializer(
4             data=request.data
5         )
6         if serializer.is_valid():
7             service = SomeService(
8                 serializer.validated_data
9             )
10            return Response(
11                status=status.HTTP_200_OK
12            )
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- ▶ To handle queries to DB we have Django ORM with all its pros and cons.

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```
1 from django.db import models
2 class Reporter(models.Model):
3     first_name = models.CharField(max_length=30)
4     last_name = models.CharField(max_length=30)
5     email = models.EmailField()
6
7     def __str__(self):
8         return f"{self.first_name}_{self.last_name}"
9 class Article(models.Model):
10     headline = models.CharField(max_length=100)
11     pub_date = models.DateField()
12     reporter = models.ForeignKey(Reporter, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
13     def __str__(self):
14         return self.headline
15     class Meta:
16         ordering = ["headline"]
```

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- ▶ `update()`

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DjangoAdmin

```
1 from django.contrib import admin
2
3 from .models import Question
4
5
6 class QuestionAdmin(admin.ModelAdmin):
7     fields = ["pub_date", "question_text"]
8
9
10 admin.site.register(Question, QuestionAdmin)
```

Change question

What's up?

Date published:

Date:

2024-08-02

Today |



Time:

10:07:18

Now |



Question text:

What's up?

Django test

To run tests we type command:

```
python manage.py test polls
```

Output:

```
Creating test database for alias 'default'...
```

```
System check identified no issues (0 silenced).
```

```
F
```

```
=====
FAIL: test_was_published_recently_with_future_question (polls.te
```

```
-----
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
  File "/path/to/djangotutorial/polls/tests.py", line 16, in tes
```

```
    self.assertIs(future_question.was_published_recently(), False)
```

```
AssertionError: True is not False
```

```
-----
Ran 1 test in 0.001s
```

```
FAILED (failures=1)
```

```
Destroying test database for alias 'default'...
```

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```
1 import datetime
2
3 from django.test import TestCase
4 from django.utils import timezone
5
6 from .models import Question
7
8 class QuestionModelTests(TestCase):
9     def test_was_published_recently_with_future_question(self):
10         time = (
11             timezone.now() +
12             datetime.timedelta(days=30)
13         )
14         future_question = Question(pub_date=time)
15         self.assertIs(
16             future_question.was_published_recently(),
17             False
18         )
```

Django in benchmarks

https:

//www.techempower.com/benchmarks/#section=data-r23

JSON serialization			Single query	Multiple queries	Cached queries	Fortunes	Data updates	Plaintext
Fortunes								
396	rails		42,546	3.2%				
397	phalcon		41,986	3.2%				
398	minijax		41,927	3.2%				
399	rails-falcon		40,615	3.1%				
400	ninja-standalone		40,323	3.0%				
401	kelp-starman-mysql		40,140	3.0%				
403	sinatra-postgres-passenger-mri		40,039	3.0%				
403	fat-free		39,922	3.0%				
404	lumen-swoole		39,847	3.0%				
405	duct-aleph		39,834	3.0%				
406	viz [postgres-diesel]		39,766	3.0%				
407	aleph		39,411	3.0%				
408	ermett		38,744	2.9%				
409	axum [postgres-sqlx]		38,712	2.9%				
410	officefloor-vertx		38,372	2.9%				
411	cutelyst-thread-mycutelee		37,939	2.9%				
412	morepath		37,853	2.9%				
413	fastapi-gunicorn-orm		37,797	2.8%				
414	symfony-roadrunner		36,035	2.7%				
415	aiohhttp		35,681	2.7%				
416	falcon [pypy3]		34,716	2.6%				
417	laravel-swoole		34,294	2.6%				
418	salvo [diesel]		34,005	2.6%				
419	laravel-octane [frankenphp]		33,824	2.5%				
420	pippo-tomcat-postgres		32,714	2.5%				
421	django-postgresql		32,651	2.5%				
422	salvo [postgres-sqlx]		32,289	2.4%				
423	pippo-underworld-postgres		32,226	2.4%				
424	django		31,792	2.4%				
425	pyramid		31,769	2.4%				
426	falcon [fastwsgi]		31,458	2.4%				
427	pippo-jetty-mongoddb		31,409	2.4%				
428	ohkami		31,256	2.4%				
429	pippo-jetty-postgres		31,140	2.3%				
430	pippo-underworld-mysql		31,067	2.3%				
431	http-kit		30,963	2.3%				

Django toolbar

SQL queries from 1 connection

default 0.54 ms (6 queries including 2 similar and 2 duplicates)

QUERY	TIMELINE	TIME (MS)	ACTION
+ <code>SELECT ... FROM "django_session" WHERE ("django_session"."expire_date" > '2025-03-20 15:49:56.748899' AND "django_session"."session_key" = 'k7snenavx7dxl0l4hx2y3jkc79asv4tw') LIMIT 21</code>		0.20	<button>Sel</button> <button>Expl</button>
+ <code>SELECT ... FROM "auth_user" WHERE "auth_user"."id" = 1 LIMIT 21</code>		0.07	<button>Sel</button> <button>Expl</button>
+ <code>SELECT ... FROM "auth_group" ORDER BY "auth_group"."name" ASC</code>		0.07	<button>Sel</button> <button>Expl</button>
+ <code>SELECT COUNT(*) AS "__count" FROM "auth_user"</code> 2 similar queries. Duplicated 2 times.		0.07	<button>Sel</button> <button>Expl</button>
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+ <code>SELECT ... FROM "auth_user" ORDER BY "auth_user"."username" ASC</code>		0.09	<button>Sel</button> <button>Expl</button>

Hide »

Toggle Theme

History

/admin/auth/user/

Versions

Django 5.2b1

Time

CPU: 27.32ms (27.51ms)

Settings

Headers

Request

changelist_view

SQL

6 queries in 0.54ms

Static files

18 files used

Templates

admin/change_list.html

Alerts

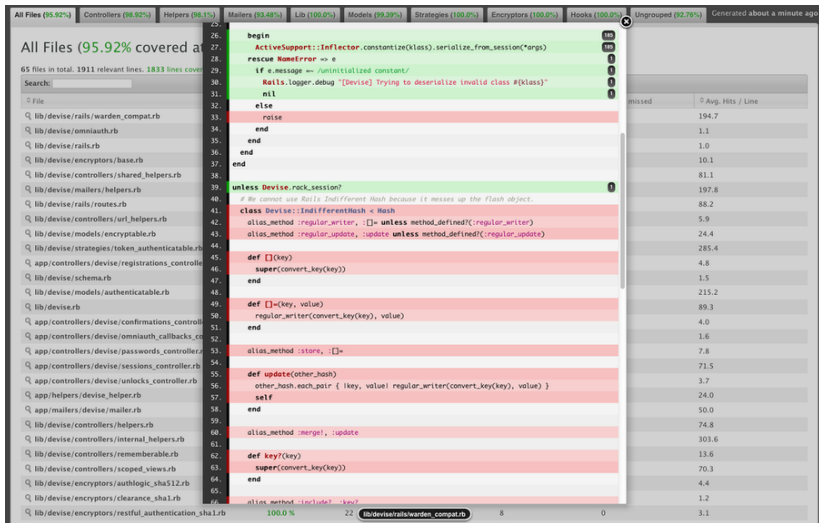
Cache

0 calls in 0.00ms

Django additional concepts - Aggregation

```
1 class Book(models.Model):
2
3     name = models.CharField(max_length=300)
4
5     pages = models.IntegerField()
6
7     price = models.DecimalField(max_digits=10, decimal_places=2)
8
9     rating = models.FloatField()
10
11     authors = models.ManyToManyField(Author)
12
13     publisher = models.ForeignKey(Publisher, on_delete=models.CASCADE)
14
15     pubdate = models.DateField()
16
17
18 Book.objects.aggregate(Max("price", default=0))
```

Django additional concepts - Coverage report



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These are some basic and some more advanced concepts of Django.

Any questions?