

Django

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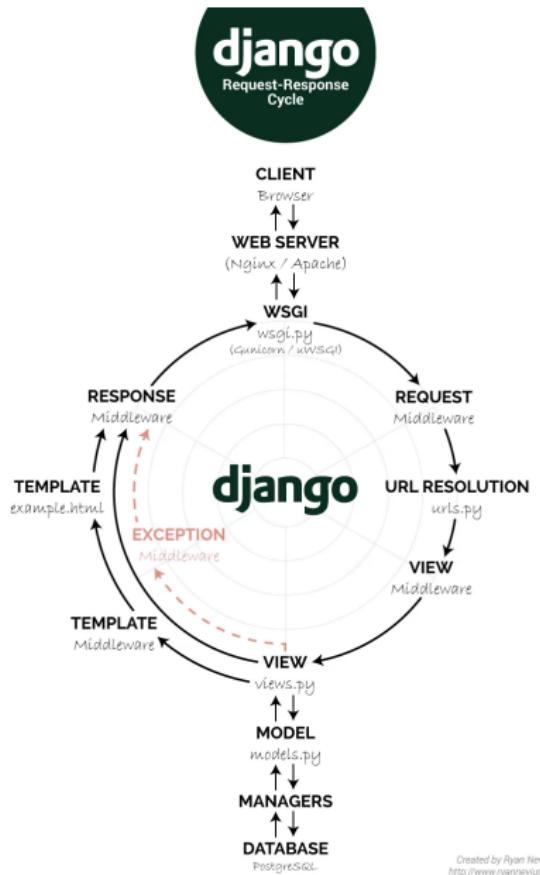
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- ▶ PUT: Used to actualize data on server

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
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 the results of question %s."  
10    return HttpResponse(response % question_id)  
11  
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.

Models

```
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=)
13     def __str__(self):
14         return self.headline
15     class Meta:
16         ordering = ["headline"]
```

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- ▶ `update()`

- ▶ `delete()`

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.assertEqual(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'...
```

Django test

```
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():
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:

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	JSON serialization	Single query	Multiple queries	Cached queries	Fortunes	Data updates	Plaintext			
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397	phalcon	41,986	5.2%		Ftr PHP lpm npx Lin My Lin Raw Res					
398	minijax	41,927	3.2%		Ftr Jav JAX Utw Lin My Lin Ftr Res					
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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" = 'k7snenavx7dxl0l4hx2y3jk79asv4tw') LIMIT 21</code>		0.20	Sel Expl
<code>+ SELECT ... FROM "auth_user" WHERE "auth_user"."id" = 1 LIMIT 21</code>		0.07	Sel Expl
<code>+ SELECT ... FROM "auth_group" ORDER BY "auth_group"."name" ASC</code>		0.07	Sel Expl
<code>+ SELECT COUNT(*) AS "__count" FROM "auth_user"</code> 2 similar queries. Duplicated 2 times.		0.07	Sel Expl
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<code>+ SELECT ... FROM "auth_user" ORDER BY "auth_user"."username" ASC</code>		0.09	Sel Expl

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History
/admin/auth/user/

Versions
Django 5.2b1

Settings
All

Headers
Yes

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

SEARCH

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?