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0.1.2 Typographical Conventions

Introduction

This chapter describes typographical conventions used in the Pyramid documentation.

Glossary

A glossary defines terms used throughout the documentation. References to glossary terms appear as follows.

request

Note it is hyperlinked, and when clicked it will take the user to the term in the Glossary and highlight the term.

Links

Links are presented as follows, and may be clickable.

TryPyramid

See also: Cross-references for other links within the documentation.

Topic

A topic is similar to a block quote with a title, or a self-contained section with no subsections. A topic indicates a self-contained idea that is separate from the flow of the document. Topics may occur anywhere a section or transition may occur.
Topic Title

Subsequent indented lines comprise the body of the topic, and are interpreted as body elements.

Code

Code may be displayed in blocks or inline. Blocks of code may use syntax highlighting, line numbering, and emphasis.

**Syntax highlighting**

XML:

```xml
<somesnippet>Some XML</somesnippet>
```

Unix shell commands (See venv for the meaning of $VENV.):

```bash
$VENV/bin/pip install -e .
```

Windows commands (See venv for the meaning of %VENV%):

```dos
%VENV%\Scripts\pserve development.ini
```

cfg:

```
[some-part]
# A random part in the buildout
recipe = collective.recipe.foo
option = value
```

ini:
Interactive Python:

```python
>>> class Foo:
...     bar = 100
...
>>> f = Foo()
>>> f.bar
100
>>> f.bar / 0
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
ZeroDivisionError: integer division or modulo by zero
```

### Displaying long commands

When a command that should be typed on one line is too long to fit on the displayed width of a page, the backslash character `\` is used to indicate that the subsequent printed line should be part of the command:

```bash
$VENV/bin/pytest tutorial/tests.py --cov-report term-missing \--cov=tutorial -q
```

### Code block options

To emphasize lines, we give the appearance that a highlighting pen has been used on the code.

```python
if "foo" == "bar":
    # This is Python code
    pass
```

A code block with line numbers.
Some code blocks may be given a caption.

Listing 1: sample.py

```python
if "foo" == "bar":
    # This is Python code
    pass
```

**Inline code**

Inline code is displayed as follows, where the inline code is `pip install -e ".[docs]"`. Install requirements for building documentation: `pip install -e ".[docs]"

**Feature versioning**

We designate the version in which something is added, changed, or deprecated in the project.

**Version added**

The version in which a feature is added to a project is displayed as follows.

New in version 1.1: `pyramid.paster.bootstrap()`

**Version changed**

The version in which a feature is changed in a project is displayed as follows.

Changed in version 1.8: Added the ability for `bootstrap` to cleanup automatically via the `with` statement.
**Deprecated**

The version in which a feature is deprecated in a project is displayed as follows.

Deprecated since version 1.7: Use the `require_csrf` option or read *Checking CSRF Tokens Automatically* instead to have `pyramid.exceptions.BadCSRFToken` exceptions raised.

**Warnings**

Warnings represent limitations and advice related to a topic or concept.

⚠️ This is a warning.

**Notes**

Notes represent additional information related to a topic or concept.

ℹ️ This is a note.

**See also**

"See also" messages refer to topics that are related to the current topic, but have a narrative tone to them instead of merely a link without explanation. "See also" is rendered in a block as well, so that it stands out for the reader’s attention.

**See also:**

See *Quick Tutorial section on Requirements*.

**Cross-references**

Cross-references are links that may be to a document, arbitrary location, object, or other items.
Cross-referencing documents

Links to pages within this documentation display as follows.

Quick Tour of Pyramid

Cross-referencing arbitrary locations

Links to sections, and tables and figures with captions, within this documentation display as follows.

Internationalization and Localization

Python modules, classes, methods, and functions

All of the following are clickable links to Python modules, classes, methods, and functions.

Python module names display as follows.

pyramid.config

Python class names display as follows.

pyramid.config.Configurator

Python method names display as follows.

pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()

Python function names display as follows.

pyramid.renderers.render_to_response()

Sometimes we show only the last segment of a Python object’s name, which displays as follows.

render_to_response()

The application ”Pyramid” itself displays as follows.

Pyramid
0.1.3 Author Introduction

Welcome to "The Pyramid Web Framework". In this introduction, I’ll describe the audience for this book, I’ll describe the book content, I’ll provide some context regarding the genesis of Pyramid, and I’ll thank some important people.

I hope you enjoy both this book and the software it documents. I’ve had a blast writing both.

Audience

This book is aimed primarily at a reader that has the following attributes:

• At least a moderate amount of Python experience.

• A familiarity with web protocols such as HTTP and CGI.

If you fit into both of these categories, you’re in the direct target audience for this book. But don’t worry, even if you have no experience with Python or the web, both are easy to pick up ”on the fly”.

Python is an excellent language in which to write applications; becoming productive in Python is almost mind-blowingly easy. If you already have experience in another language such as Java, Visual Basic, Perl, Ruby, or even C/C++, learning Python will be a snap; it should take you no longer than a couple of days to become modestly productive. If you don’t have previous programming experience, it will be slightly harder, and it will take a little longer, but you’d be hard-pressed to find a better ”first language.”

Web technology familiarity is assumed in various places within the book. For example, the book doesn’t try to define common web-related concepts like ”URL” or ”query string.” Likewise, the book describes various interactions in terms of the HTTP protocol, but it does not describe how the HTTP protocol works in detail. Like any good web framework, though, Pyramid shields you from needing to know most of the gory details of web protocols and low-level data structures. As a result, you can usually avoid becoming ”blocked” while you read this book even if you don’t yet deeply understand web technologies.
Book Content

This book is divided into four major parts:

Tutorials

Each tutorial builds a sample application or implements a set of concepts with a sample; it then describes the application or concepts in terms of the sample. You should read the tutorials if you want a guided tour of Pyramid.

Narrative Documentation

This is documentation which describes Pyramid concepts in narrative form, written in a largely conversational tone. Each narrative documentation chapter describes an isolated Pyramid concept. You should be able to get useful information out of the narrative chapters if you read them out-of-order, or when you need only a reminder about a particular topic while you’re developing an application.

API Documentation

Comprehensive reference material for every public API exposed by Pyramid. The API documentation is organized alphabetically by module name.

p* Scripts Documentation

p* scripts included with Pyramid.

The Genesis of repoze.bfg

Before the end of 2010, Pyramid was known as repoze.bfg.

I wrote repoze.bfg after many years of writing applications using Zope. Zope provided me with a lot of mileage: it wasn’t until almost a decade of successfully creating applications using it that I decided to write a different web framework. Although repoze.bfg takes inspiration from a variety of web frameworks, it owes more of its core design to Zope than any other.

The Repoze "brand" existed before repoze.bfg was created. One of the first packages developed as part of the Repoze brand was a package named repoze.zope2. This was a package that allowed Zope 2 applications to run under a WSGI server without modification. Zope 2 did not have reasonable WSGI support at the time.
During the development of the repoze.zope2 package, I found that replicating the Zope 2 "publisher" -- the machinery that maps URLs to code -- was time-consuming and fiddly. Zope 2 had evolved over many years, and emulating all of its edge cases was extremely difficult. I finished the repoze.zope2 package, and it emulates the normal Zope 2 publisher pretty well. But during its development, it became clear that Zope 2 had simply begun to exceed my tolerance for complexity, and I began to look around for simpler options.

I considered using the Zope 3 application server machinery, but it turned out that it had become more indirect than the Zope 2 machinery it aimed to replace, which didn't fulfill the goal of simplification. I also considered using Django and Pylons, but neither of those frameworks offer much along the axes of traversal, contextual declarative security, or application extensibility; these were features I had become accustomed to as a Zope developer.

I decided that in the long term, creating a simpler framework that retained features I had become accustomed to when developing Zope applications was a more reasonable idea than continuing to use any Zope publisher or living with the limitations and unfamiliarities of a different framework. The result is what is now Pyramid.

The Genesis of Pyramid

What was repoze.bfg has become Pyramid as the result of a coalition built between the Repoze and Pylons community throughout the year 2010. By merging technology, we're able to reduce duplication of effort, and take advantage of more of each others’ technology.

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0.1.4 Defending Pyramid’s Design

From time to time, challenges to various aspects of Pyramid design are lodged. To give context to discussions that follow, we detail some of the design decisions and trade-offs here. In some cases, we acknowledge that the framework can be made better and we describe future steps which will be taken to improve it. In others we just file the challenge as noted, as obviously you can’t please everyone all of the time.

Pyramid Provides More Than One Way to Do It

A canon of Python popular culture is ”TIOOWTDI” (“there is only one way to do it”, a slighting, tongue-in-cheek reference to Perl’s ”TIMTOWTDI”, which is an acronym for ”there is more than one way to do it”).

Pyramid is, for better or worse, a ”TIMTOWTDI” system. For example, it includes more than one way to resolve a URL to a view callable: via url dispatch or traversal. Multiple methods of configuration exist: imperative configuration, configuration decoration, and ZCML (optionally via pyramid_zcml). It works with multiple different kinds of persistence and templating systems. And so on. However, the existence of most of these overlapping ways to do things are not without reason and purpose: we have a number of audiences to serve, and we believe that TIMTOWTDI at the web framework level actually prevents a much more insidious and harmful set of duplication at higher levels in the Python web community.

Pyramid began its life as repoze.bfg, written by a team of people with many years of prior Zope experience. The idea of traversal and the way view lookup works was stolen entirely from Zope. The authorization subsystem provided by Pyramid is a derivative of Zope’s. The idea that an application can be extended without forking is also a Zope derivative.

Implementations of these features were required to allow the Pyramid authors to build the bread-and-butter CMS-type systems for customers in the way in which they were accustomed. No other system, save for Zope itself, had such features, and Zope itself was beginning to show signs of its age. We were becoming hampered by consequences of its early design mistakes. Zope’s lack of documentation was also difficult to work around. It was hard to hire smart people to work on Zope applications because there was no comprehensive documentation set which explained ”it all” in one consumable place, and it was too large and self-inconsistent to document properly. Before repoze.bfg went under development, its authors obviously looked around for other frameworks that fit the bill. But no non-Zope framework did. So we embarked on building repoze.bfg.

As the result of our research, however, it became apparent that, despite the fact that no one framework had all the features we required, lots of existing frameworks had good, and sometimes very compelling ideas. In particular, URL dispatch is a more direct mechanism to map URLs to code.

So, although we couldn’t find a framework, save for Zope, that fit our needs, and while we incorporated a lot of Zope ideas into BFG, we also emulated the features we found compelling in other frameworks (such
as *url dispatch*). After the initial public release of BFG, as time went on, features were added to support people allergic to various Zope-isms in the system, such as the ability to configure the application using *imperative configuration* and *configuration decoration*, rather than solely using *ZCML*, and the elimination of the required use of *interface* objects. It soon became clear that we had a system that was very generic, and was beginning to appeal to non-Zope users as well as ex-Zope users.

As the result of this generalization, it became obvious BFG shared 90% of its feature set with the feature set of Pylons 1, and thus had a very similar target market. Because they were so similar, choosing between the two systems was an exercise in frustration for an otherwise non-partisan developer. It was also strange for the Pylons and BFG development communities to be in competition for the same set of users, given how similar the two frameworks were. So the Pylons and BFG teams began to work together to form a plan to merge. The features missing from BFG (notably *view handler* classes, flash messaging, and other minor missing bits), were added to provide familiarity to ex-Pylons users. The result is Pyramid.

The Python web framework space is currently notoriously balkanized. We’re truly hoping that the amalgamation of components in Pyramid will appeal to at least two currently very distinct sets of users: Pylons and BFG users. By unifying the best concepts from Pylons and BFG into a single codebase, and leaving the bad concepts from their ancestors behind, we’ll be able to consolidate our efforts better, share more code, and promote our efforts as a unit rather than competing pointlessly. We hope to be able to shortcut the pack mentality which results in a *much larger* duplication of effort, represented by competing but incredibly similar applications and libraries, each built upon a specific low level stack that is incompatible with the other. We’ll also shrink the choice of credible Python web frameworks down by at least one. We’re also hoping to attract users from other communities (such as Zope’s and TurboGears’) by providing the features they require, while allowing enough flexibility to do things in a familiar fashion. Some overlap of functionality to achieve these goals is expected and unavoidable, at least if we aim to prevent pointless duplication at higher levels. If we’ve done our job well enough, the various audiences will be able to coexist and cooperate rather than firing at each other across some imaginary web framework DMZ.

**Pyramid Uses a Zope Component Architecture (”ZCA”) Registry**

Pyramid uses a *Zope Component Architecture* (ZCA) ”component registry” as its *application registry* under the hood. This is a point of some contention. Pyramid is of a *Zope* pedigree, so it was natural for its developers to use a ZCA registry at its inception. However, we understand that using a ZCA registry has issues and consequences, which we’ve attempted to address as best we can. Here’s an introspection about Pyramid use of a ZCA registry, and the trade-offs its usage involves.
Problems

The global API that may be used to access data in a ZCA component registry is not particularly pretty or intuitive, and sometimes it’s just plain obtuse. Likewise, the conceptual load on a casual source code reader of code that uses the ZCA global API is somewhat high. Consider a ZCA neophyte reading the code that performs a typical "unnamed utility" lookup using the `zope.component.getUtility()` global API:

```python
from pyramid.interfaces import ISettings
from zope.component import getUtility
settings = getUtility(ISettings)
```

After this code runs, `settings` will be a Python dictionary. But it’s unlikely that any civilian would know that just by reading the code. There are a number of comprehension issues with the bit of code above that are obvious.

First, what’s a "utility"? Well, for the purposes of this discussion, and for the purpose of the code above, it’s just not very important. If you really want to know, you can read this. However, still, readers of such code need to understand the concept in order to parse it. This is problem number one.

Second, what’s this `ISettings` thing? It’s an interface. Is that important here? Not really, we’re just using it as a key for some lookup based on its identity as a marker: it represents an object that has the dictionary API, but that’s not very important in this context. That’s problem number two.

Third of all, what does the `getUtility` function do? It’s performing a lookup for the `ISettings` "utility" that should return... well, a utility. Note how we’ve already built up a dependency on the understanding of an interface and the concept of "utility" to answer this question: a bad sign so far. Note also that the answer is circular, a really bad sign.

Fourth, where does `getUtility` look to get the data? Well, the "component registry" of course. What’s a component registry? Problem number four.

Fifth, assuming you buy that there’s some magical registry hanging around, where is this registry? *Homing homina... "around"?* That’s sort of the best answer in this context (a more specific answer would require knowledge of internals). Can there be more than one registry? Yes. So in which registry does it find the registration? Well, the "current" registry of course. In terms of Pyramid, the current registry is a thread local variable. Using an API that consults a thread local makes understanding how it works non-local.

You’ve now bought in to the fact that there’s a registry that is just hanging around. But how does the registry get populated? Why, via code that calls directives like `config.add_view`. In this particular case, however, the registration of `ISettings` is made by the framework itself under the hood: it’s not present in any user configuration. This is extremely hard to comprehend. Problem number six.

Clearly there’s some amount of cognitive load here that needs to be borne by a reader of code that extends the Pyramid framework due to its use of the ZCA, even if they are already an expert Python programmer and an expert in the domain of web applications. This is suboptimal.
Ameliorations

First, the primary amelioration: Pyramid does not expect application developers to understand ZCA concepts or any of its APIs. If an application developer needs to understand a ZCA concept or API during the creation of a Pyramid application, we’ve failed on some axis.

Instead the framework hides the presence of the ZCA registry behind special-purpose API functions that do use ZCA APIs. Take for example the request.authenticated_userid function, which returns the userid present in the current request or None if no userid is present in the current request. The application developer calls it like so:

```python
userid = request.authenticated_userid
```

They now have the current user id.

Under its hood however, the implementation of authenticated_userid is this:

```python
def authenticated_userid(request):
    ""
    Return the userid of the currently authenticated user or
    `None` if there is no security policy in effect or there
    is no currently authenticated user. ""
    
    registry = request.registry  # the ZCA component registry
    policy = registry.queryUtility(ISecurityPolicy)
    if policy is None:
        return None
    return policy.authenticated_userid(request)
```

Using such wrappers, we strive to always hide the ZCA API from application developers. Application developers should just never know about the ZCA API; they should call a Python function with some object germane to the domain as an argument, and it should return a result. A corollary that follows is that any reader of an application that has been written using Pyramid needn’t understand the ZCA API either.

Hiding the ZCA API from application developers and code readers is a form of enhancing domain specificity. No application developer wants to need to understand the small, detailed mechanics of how a web framework does its thing. People want to deal in concepts that are closer to the domain they’re working in. For example, web developers want to know about users, not utilities. Pyramid uses the ZCA as an implementation detail, not as a feature which is exposed to end users.

However, unlike application developers, framework developers, including people who want to override Pyramid functionality via preordained framework plugpoints like traversal or view lookup, must understand the ZCA registry API.
Pyramid framework developers were so concerned about conceptual load issues of the ZCA registry API that a replacement registry implementation named repoze.component was actually developed. Though this package has a registry implementation which is fully functional and well-tested, and its API is much nicer than the ZCA registry API, work on it was largely abandoned, and it is not used in Pyramid. We continued to use a ZCA registry within Pyramid because it ultimately proved a better fit.

We continued using ZCA registry rather than disusing it in favor of using the registry implementation in repoze.component largely because the ZCA concept of interfaces provides for use of an interface hierarchy, which is useful in a lot of scenarios (such as context type inheritance). Coming up with a marker type that was something like an interface that allowed for this functionality seemed like it was just reinventing the wheel.

Making framework developers and extenders understand the ZCA registry API is a trade-off. We (the Pyramid developers) like the features that the ZCA registry gives us, and we have long-ago borne the weight of understanding what it does and how it works. The authors of Pyramid understand the ZCA deeply and can read code that uses it as easily as any other code.

But we recognize that developers who might want to extend the framework are not as comfortable with the ZCA registry API as the original developers. So for the purpose of being kind to third-party Pyramid framework developers, we’ve drawn some lines in the sand.

In all core code, we’ve made use of ZCA global API functions, such as zope.component.getUtility and zope.component.getAdapter, the exception instead of the rule. So instead of:

```python
from pyramid.interfaces import ISecurityPolicy
from zope.component import getUtility
policy = getUtility(ISecurityPolicy)
```

Pyramid code will usually do:

```python
from pyramid.interfaces import ISecurityPolicy
from pyramid.threadlocal import get_current_registry
registry = get_current_registry()
policy = registry.getUtility(ISecurityPolicy)
```

While the latter is more verbose, it also arguably makes it more obvious what’s going on. All of the Pyramid core code uses this pattern rather than the ZCA global API.
Rationale

Here are the main rationales involved in the Pyramid decision to use the ZCA registry:

- History. A nontrivial part of the answer to this question is "history". Much of the design of Pyramid is stolen directly from Zope. Zope uses the ZCA registry to do a number of tricks. Pyramid mimics these tricks, and, because the ZCA registry works well for that set of tricks, Pyramid uses it for the same purposes. For example, the way that Pyramid maps a request to a view callable using traversal is lifted almost entirely from Zope. The ZCA registry plays an important role in the particulars of how this request to view mapping is done.

- Features. The ZCA component registry essentially provides what can be considered something like a superdictionary, which allows for more complex lookups than retrieving a value based on a single key. Some of this lookup capability is very useful for end users, such as being able to register a view that is only found when the context is some class of object, or when the context implements some interface.

- Singularity. There’s only one place where ”application configuration” lives in a Pyramid application: in a component registry. The component registry answers questions made to it by the framework at runtime based on the configuration of an application. Note: ”an application” is not the same as ”a process”; multiple independently configured copies of the same Pyramid application are capable of running in the same process space.

- Composability. A ZCA component registry can be populated imperatively, or there’s an existing mechanism to populate a registry via the use of a configuration file (ZCML, via the optional pyramid_zcml package). We didn’t need to write a frontend from scratch to make use of configuration-file-driven registry population.

- Pluggability. Use of the ZCA registry allows for framework extensibility via a well-defined and widely understood plugin architecture. As long as framework developers and extenders understand the ZCA registry, it’s possible to extend Pyramid almost arbitrarily. For example, it’s relatively easy to build a directive that registers several views all at once, allowing app developers to use that directive as a ”macro” in code that they write. This is somewhat of a differentiating feature from other (non-Zope) frameworks.

- Testability. Judicious use of the ZCA registry in framework code makes testing that code slightly easier. Instead of using monkeypatching or other facilities to register mock objects for testing, we inject dependencies via ZCA registrations, then use lookups in the code to find our mock objects.

- Speed. The ZCA registry is very fast for a specific set of complex lookup scenarios that Pyramid uses, having been optimized through the years for just these purposes. The ZCA registry contains optional C code for this purpose which demonstrably has no (or very few) bugs.

- Ecosystem. Many existing Zope packages can be used in Pyramid with few (or no) changes due to our use of the ZCA registry.
Conclusion

If you only *develop applications* using Pyramid, there’s not much to complain about here. You just should never need to understand the ZCA registry API; use documented Pyramid APIs instead. However, you may be an application developer who doesn’t read API documentation. Instead you read the raw source code, and because you haven’t read the API documentation, you don’t know what functions, classes, and methods even *form* the Pyramid API. As a result, you’ve now written code that uses internals, and you’ve painted yourself into a conceptual corner, needing to wrestle with some ZCA-using implementation detail. If this is you, it’s extremely hard to have a lot of sympathy for you. You’ll either need to get familiar with how we’re using the ZCA registry or you’ll need to use only the documented APIs; that’s why we document them as APIs.

If you *extend* or *develop* Pyramid (create new directives, use some of the more obscure hooks as described in *Using Hooks*, or work on the Pyramid core code), you will be faced with needing to understand at least some ZCA concepts. In some places it’s used unabashedly, and will be forever. We know it’s quirky, but it’s also useful and fundamentally understandable if you take the time to do some reading about it.

*Pyramid "Encourages Use of ZCML"*

**ZCML** is a configuration language that can be used to configure the *Zope Component Architecture* registry that Pyramid uses for application configuration. Often people claim that Pyramid ”needs ZCML”.

It doesn’t. In Pyramid 1.0, ZCML doesn’t ship as part of the core; instead it ships in the *pyramid_zcml* add-on package, which is completely optional. No ZCML is required at all to use Pyramid, nor any other sort of frameworky declarative frontend to application configuration.

*Pyramid Does Traversal, and I Don’t Like Traversal*

In Pyramid, *traversal* is the act of resolving a URL path to a *resource* object in a resource tree. Some people are uncomfortable with this notion, and believe it is wrong. Thankfully if you use Pyramid and you don’t want to model your application in terms of a resource tree, you needn’t use it at all. Instead use *URL dispatch* to map URL paths to views.

The idea that some folks believe traversal is unilaterally wrong is understandable. The people who believe it is wrong almost invariably have all of their data in a relational database. Relational databases aren’t naturally hierarchical, so traversing one like a tree is not possible.

However, folks who deem traversal unilaterally wrong are neglecting to take into account that many persistence mechanisms *are* hierarchical. Examples include a filesystem, an LDAP database, a *ZODB* (or
another type of graph) database, an XML document, and the Python module namespace. It is often convenient to model the frontend to a hierarchical data store as a graph, using traversal to apply views to objects that either are the resources in the tree being traversed (such as in the case of ZODB) or at least ones which stand in for them (such as in the case of wrappers for files from the filesystem).

Also, many website structures are naturally hierarchical, even if the data which drives them isn’t. For example, newspaper websites are often extremely hierarchical: sections within sections within sections, ad infinitum. If you want your URLs to indicate this structure, and the structure is indefinite (the number of nested sections can be “N” instead of some fixed number), a resource tree is an excellent way to model this, even if the backend is a relational database. In this situation, the resource tree is just a site structure.

Traversal also offers better composability of applications than URL dispatch, because it doesn’t rely on a fixed ordering of URL matching. You can compose a set of disparate functionality (and add to it later) around a mapping of view to resource more predictably than trying to get the right ordering of URL pattern matching.

But the point is ultimately moot. If you don’t want to use traversal, you needn’t. Use URL dispatch instead.

Pyramid Does URL Dispatch, and I Don’t Like URL Dispatch

In Pyramid, url dispatch is the act of resolving a URL path to a view callable by performing pattern matching against some set of ordered route definitions. The route definitions are examined in order: the first pattern which matches is used to associate the URL with a view callable.

Some people are uncomfortable with this notion, and believe it is wrong. These are usually people who are steeped deeply in Zope. Zope does not provide any mechanism except traversal to map code to URLs. This is mainly because Zope effectively requires use of ZODB, which is a hierarchical object store. Zope also supports relational databases, but typically the code that calls into the database lives somewhere in the ZODB object graph (or at least is a view related to a node in the object graph), and traversal is required to reach this code.

I’ll argue that URL dispatch is ultimately useful, even if you want to use traversal as well. You can actually combine URL dispatch and traversal in Pyramid (see Combining Traversal and URL Dispatch). One example of such a usage: if you want to emulate something like Zope 2’s ”Zope Management Interface” UI on top of your object graph (or any administrative interface), you can register a route like

```python
config.add_route('manage', '/manage/*traverse')
```

and then associate ”management” views in your code by using the route_name argument to a view configuration, e.g.,

```python
config.add_view('.some.callable', context='.some.Resource', route_name='manage')
```

If you wire things up this way, someone then walks up to, for example, /manage/ob1/ob2, they might be presented with a management interface, but walking up to /ob1/ob2 would present them with the default object view. There are other tricks you can pull in these hybrid configurations if you’re clever (and maybe masochistic) too.
Also, if you are a URL dispatch hater, if you should ever be asked to write an application that must use some legacy relational database structure, you might find that using URL dispatch comes in handy for one-off associations between views and URL paths. Sometimes it’s just pointless to add a node to the object graph that effectively represents the entry point for some bit of code. You can just use a route and be done with it. If a route matches, a view associated with the route will be called. If no route matches, Pyramid falls back to using traversal.

But the point is ultimately moot. If you use Pyramid, and you really don’t want to use URL dispatch, you needn’t use it at all. Instead, use traversal exclusively to map URL paths to views, just like you do in Zope.

Pyramid Views Do Not Accept Arbitrary Keyword Arguments

Many web frameworks (Zope, TurboGears, Pylons 1.X, Django) allow for their variant of a view callable to accept arbitrary keyword or positional arguments, which are filled in using values present in the request.POST, request.GET, or route match dictionaries. For example, a Django view will accept positional arguments which match information in an associated "urlconf" such as r'\^polls/(?P<poll_id>\d+)/$:

```python
from django.http import HttpResponse

def aview(request, poll_id):
    return HttpResponse(poll_id)
```

Zope likewise allows you to add arbitrary keyword and positional arguments to any method of a resource object found via traversal:

```python
from persistent import Persistent
class MyZopeObject(Persistent):
    def aview(self, a, b, c=None):
        return '%s %s %c' % (a, b, c)
```

When this method is called as the result of being the published callable, the Zope request object’s GET and POST namespaces are searched for keys which match the names of the positional and keyword arguments in the request, and the method is called (if possible) with its argument list filled with values mentioned therein. TurboGears and Pylons 1.X operate similarly.

Out of the box, Pyramid is configured to have none of these features. By default Pyramid view callables always accept only request and no other arguments. The rationale is, this argument specification matching when done aggressively can be costly, and Pyramid has performance as one of its main goals. Therefore we’ve decided to make people, by default, obtain information by interrogating the request object within the view callable body instead of providing magic to do unpacking into the view argument list.

However, as of Pyramid 1.0a9, user code can influence the way view callables are expected to be called, making it possible to compose a system out of view callables which are called with arbitrary arguments. See Using a View Mapper.
Pyramid Provides Too Few "Rails"

By design, Pyramid is not a particularly opinionated web framework. It has a relatively parsimonious feature set. It contains no built in ORM nor any particular database bindings. It contains no form generation framework. It has no administrative web user interface. It has no built in text indexing. It does not dictate how you arrange your code.

Such opinionated functionality exists in applications and frameworks built on top of Pyramid. It’s intended that higher-level systems emerge built using Pyramid as a base.

See also:

See also Pyramid Applications Are Extensible; I Don’t Believe in Application Extensibility.

Pyramid Provides Too Many "Rails"

Pyramid provides some features that other web frameworks do not. These are features meant for use cases that might not make sense to you if you’re building a simple bespoke web application:

- An optional way to map URLs to code using traversal which implies a walk of a resource tree.
- The ability to aggregate Pyramid application configuration from multiple sources using pyramid.config.Configurator.include().
- View and subscriber registrations made using interface objects instead of class objects (e.g., Using Resource Interfaces in View Configuration).
- A declarative authorization system.
- Multiple separate I18N translation string factories, each of which can name its own domain.

These features are important to the authors of Pyramid. The Pyramid authors are often commissioned to build CMS-style applications. Such applications are often frameworky because they have more than one deployment. Each deployment requires a slightly different composition of sub-applications, and the framework and sub-applications often need to be extensible. Because the application has more than one deployment, pluggability and extensibility is important, as maintaining multiple forks of the application, one per deployment, is extremely undesirable. Because it’s easier to extend a system that uses traversal from the outside than it is to do the same in a system that uses URL dispatch, each deployment uses a resource tree composed of a persistent tree of domain model objects, and uses traversal to map view callable code to resources in the tree. The resource tree contains very granular security declarations, as
resources are owned and accessible by different sets of users. Interfaces are used to make unit testing and implementation substitutability easier.

In a bespoke web application, usually there’s a single canonical deployment, and therefore no possibility of multiple code forks. Extensibility is not required; the code is just changed in place. Security requirements are often less granular. Using the features listed above will often be overkill for such an application.

If you don't like these features, it doesn't mean you can’t or shouldn’t use Pyramid. They are all optional, and a lot of time has been spent making sure you don’t need to know about them up front. You can build "Pylons 1.X style” applications using Pyramid that are purely bespoke by ignoring the features above. You may find these features handy later after building a bespoke web application that suddenly becomes popular and requires extensibility because it must be deployed in multiple locations.

Pyramid Is Too Big

"The Pyramid compressed tarball is larger than 2MB. It must be enormous!”

No. We just ship it with docs, test code, and scaffolding. Here’s a breakdown of what’s included in subdirectories of the package tree:

```
docs/
   3.6MB
pyramid/tests/
   1.3MB
pyramid/scaffolds/
   133KB
pyramid/ (except for pyramid/tests and pyramid/scaffolds)
   812KB
```

Of the approximately 34K lines of Python code in the package, the code that actually has a chance of executing during normal operation, excluding tests and scaffolding Python files, accounts for approximately 10K lines.
Pyramid Has Too Many Dependencies

Over time, we’ve made lots of progress on reducing the number of packaging dependencies Pyramid has had. Pyramid 1.2 had 15 of them. Pyramid 1.3 and 1.4 had 12 of them. The current release as of this writing, Pyramid 1.5, has only 7. This number is unlikely to become any smaller.

A port to Python 3 completed in Pyramid 1.3 helped us shed a good number of dependencies by forcing us to make better packaging decisions. Removing Chameleon and Mako templating system dependencies in the Pyramid core in 1.5 let us shed most of the remainder of them.

Pyramid ”Cheats” to Obtain Speed

Complaints have been lodged by other web framework authors at various times that Pyramid ”cheats” to gain performance. One claimed cheating mechanism is our use (transitively) of the C extensions provided by zope.interface to do fast lookups. Another claimed cheating mechanism is the religious avoidance of extraneous function calls.

If there’s such a thing as cheating to get better performance, we want to cheat as much as possible. We optimize Pyramid aggressively. This comes at a cost. The core code has sections that could be expressed with more readability. As an amelioration, we’ve commented these sections liberally.

Pyramid Gets Its Terminology Wrong (”MVC”)

”I’m a MVC web framework user, and I’m confused. Pyramid calls the controller a view! And it doesn’t have any controllers.”

If you are in this camp, you might have come to expect things about how your existing ”MVC” framework uses its terminology. For example, you probably expect that models are ORM models, controllers are classes that have methods that map to URLs, and views are templates. Pyramid indeed has each of these concepts, and each probably works almost exactly like your existing ”MVC” web framework. We just don’t use the MVC terminology, as we can’t square its usage in the web framework space with historical reality.

People very much want to give web applications the same properties as common desktop GUI platforms by using similar terminology, and to provide some frame of reference for how various components in the common web framework might hang together. But in the opinion of the author, ”MVC” doesn’t match the web very well in general. Quoting from the Model-View-Controller Wikipedia entry:

Though MVC comes in different flavors, control flow is generally as follows:
The user interacts with the user interface in some way (for example, presses a mouse button).

The controller handles the input event from the user interface, often via a registered handler or callback and converts the event into appropriate user action, understandable for the model.

The controller notifies the model of the user action, possibly resulting in a change in the model's state. (For example, the controller updates the user's shopping cart.)[5]

A view queries the model in order to generate an appropriate user interface (for example, the view lists the shopping cart's contents). Note that the view gets its own data from the model.

The controller may (in some implementations) issue a general instruction to the view to render itself. In others, the view is automatically notified by the model of changes in state (Observer) which require a screen update.

The user interface waits for further user interactions, which restarts the cycle.

To the author, it seems as if someone edited this Wikipedia definition, tortuously couching concepts in the most generic terms possible in order to account for the use of the term "MVC" by current web frameworks. I doubt such a broad definition would ever be agreed to by the original authors of the MVC pattern. But even so, it seems most MVC web frameworks fail to meet even this falsely generic definition.

For example, do your templates (views) always query models directly as is claimed in "note that the view gets its own data from the model"? Probably not. My "controllers" tend to do this, massaging the data for easier use by the "view" (template). What do you do when your "controller" returns JSON? Do your controllers use a template to generate JSON? If not, what's the "view" then? Most MVC-style GUI web frameworks have some sort of event system hooked up that lets the view detect when the model changes. The web just has no such facility in its current form; it's effectively pull-only.

So, in the interest of not mistaking desire with reality, and instead of trying to jam the square peg that is the web into the round hole of "MVC", we just punt and say there are two things: resources and views. The resource tree represents a site structure, the view presents a resource. The templates are really just an implementation detail of any given view. A view doesn't need a template to return a response. There's no "controller"; it just doesn't exist. The "model" is either represented by the resource tree or by a "domain model" (like an SQLAlchemy model) that is separate from the framework entirely. This seems to us like more reasonable terminology, given the current constraints of the web.
Pyramid Applications Are Extensible; I Don’t Believe in Application Extensibility

Any Pyramid application written obeying certain constraints is extensible. This feature is discussed in the Pyramid documentation chapters named *Extending an Existing Pyramid Application* and *Advanced Configuration*. It is made possible by the use of the Zope Component Architecture within Pyramid.

"Extensible" in this context means:

- The behavior of an application can be overridden or extended in a particular deployment of the application without requiring that the deployer modify the source of the original application.

- The original developer is not required to anticipate any extensibility plug points at application creation time to allow fundamental application behavior to be overridden or extended.

- The original developer may optionally choose to anticipate an application-specific set of plug points, which may be hooked by a deployer. If they choose to use the facilities provided by the ZCA, the original developer does not need to think terribly hard about the mechanics of introducing such a plug point.

Many developers seem to believe that creating extensible applications is not worth it. They instead suggest that modifying the source of a given application for each deployment to override behavior is more reasonable. Much discussion about version control branching and merging typically ensues.

It’s clear that making every application extensible isn’t required. The majority of web applications only have a single deployment, and thus needn’t be extensible at all. However some web applications have multiple deployments, and others have many deployments. For example, a generic content management system (CMS) may have basic functionality that needs to be extended for a particular deployment. That CMS may be deployed for many organizations at many places. Some number of deployments of this CMS may be deployed centrally by a third party and managed as a group. It’s easier to be able to extend such a system for each deployment via preordained plug points than it is to continually keep each software branch of the system in sync with some upstream source. The upstream developers may change code in such a way that your changes to the same codebase conflict with theirs in fiddly, trivial ways. Merging such changes repeatedly over the lifetime of a deployment can be difficult and time consuming, and it’s often useful to be able to modify an application for a particular deployment in a less invasive way.

If you don’t want to think about Pyramid application extensibility at all, you needn’t. You can ignore extensibility entirely. However if you follow the set of rules defined in *Extending an Existing Pyramid Application*, you don’t need to make your application extensible. Any application you write in the framework just is automatically extensible at a basic level. The mechanisms that deployers use to extend it will be necessarily coarse. Typically views, routes, and resources will be capable of being overridden. But for most minor (and even some major) customizations, these are often the only override plug points necessary. If the application doesn’t do exactly what the deployment requires, it’s often possible for a deployer to override a view, route, or resource, and quickly make it do what they want it to do in ways not necessarily anticipated by the original developer. Here are some example scenarios demonstrating the benefits of such a feature.
- If a deployment needs a different styling, the deployer may override the main template and the CSS in a separate Python package which defines overrides.

- If a deployment needs an application page to do something differently, or to expose more or different information, the deployer may override the view that renders the page within a separate Python package.

- If a deployment needs an additional feature, the deployer may add a view to the override package.

As long as the fundamental design of the upstream package doesn’t change, these types of modifications often survive across many releases of the upstream package without needing to be revisited.

Extending an application externally is not a panacea, and carries a set of risks similar to branching and merging. Sometimes major changes upstream will cause you to revisit and update some of your modifications. But you won’t regularly need to deal with meaningless textual merge conflicts that trivial changes to upstream packages often entail when it comes time to update the upstream package, because if you extend an application externally, there just is no textual merge done. Your modifications will also, for whatever it’s worth, be contained in one, canonical, well-defined place.

Branching an application and continually merging in order to get new features and bug fixes is clearly useful. You can do that with a Pyramid application just as usefully as you can do it with any application. But deployment of an application written in Pyramid makes it possible to avoid the need for this even if the application doesn’t define any plug points ahead of time. It’s possible that promoters of competing web frameworks dismiss this feature in favor of branching and merging because applications written in their framework of choice aren’t extensible out of the box in a comparably fundamental way.

While Pyramid applications are fundamentally extensible even if you don’t write them with specific extensibility in mind, if you’re moderately adventurous, you can also take it a step further. If you learn more about the Zope Component Architecture, you can optionally use it to expose other more domain-specific configuration plug points while developing an application. The plug points you expose needn’t be as coarse as the ones provided automatically by Pyramid itself. For example, you might compose your own directive that configures a set of views for a pre-baked purpose (e.g., `restview` or somesuch), allowing other people to refer to that directive when they make declarations in the ` includeme ` of their customization package. There is a cost for this: the developer of an application that defines custom plug points for its deployers will need to understand the ZCA or they will need to develop their own similar extensibility system.

Ultimately any argument about whether the extensibility features lent to applications by Pyramid are good or bad is mostly pointless. You needn’t take advantage of the extensibility features provided by a particular Pyramid application in order to affect a modification for a particular set of its deployments. You can ignore the application’s extensibility plug points entirely, and use version control branching and merging to manage application deployment modifications instead, as if you were deploying an application written using any other web framework.
Zope 3 Enforces "TTW" Authorization Checks by Default; Pyramid Does Not

**Challenge**

Pyramid performs automatic authorization checks only at view execution time. Zope 3 wraps context objects with a security proxy, which causes Zope 3 also to do security checks during attribute access. I like this, because it means:

1) When I use the security proxy machinery, I can have a view that conditionally displays certain HTML elements (like form fields) or prevents certain attributes from being modified depending on the permissions that the accessing user possesses with respect to a context object.

2) I want to also expose my resources via a REST API using Twisted Web. If Pyramid performed authorization based on attribute access via Zope3’s security proxies, I could enforce my authorization policy in both Pyramid and in the Twisted-based system the same way.

**Defense**

Pyramid was developed by folks familiar with Zope 2, which has a "through the web" security model. This TTW security model was the precursor to Zope 3’s security proxies. Over time, as the Pyramid developers (working in Zope 2) created such sites, we found authorization checks during code interpretation extremely useful in a minority of projects. But much of the time, TTW authorization checks usually slowed down the development velocity of projects that had no delegation requirements. In particular, if we weren’t allowing untrusted users to write arbitrary Python code to be executed by our application, the burden of through the web security checks proved too costly to justify. We (collectively) haven’t written an application on top of which untrusted developers are allowed to write code in many years, so it seemed to make sense to drop this model by default in a new web framework.

And since we tend to use the same toolkit for all web applications, it’s just never been a concern to be able to use the same set of restricted-execution code under two different web frameworks.

Justifications for disabling security proxies by default notwithstanding, given that Zope 3 security proxies are viral by nature, the only requirement to use one is to make sure you wrap a single object in a security proxy and make sure to access that object normally when you want proxy security checks to happen. It is possible to override the Pyramid traverser for a given application (see Changing the Traverser). To get Zope3-like behavior, it is possible to plug in a different traverser which returns Zope3-security-proxy-wrapped objects for each traversed object (including the context and the root). This would have the effect of creating a more Zope3-like environment without much effort.
Pyramid uses its own HTTP exception class hierarchy rather than *webob.exc*

New in version 1.1.

The HTTP exception classes defined in *pyramid.httpexceptions* are very much like the ones defined in *webob.exc*, (e.g., *HTTPNotFound* or *HTTPForbidden*). They have the same names and largely the same behavior, and all have a very similar implementation, but not the same identity. Here’s why they have a separate identity.

- Making them separate allows the HTTP exception classes to subclass *pyramid.response.Response*. This speeds up response generation slightly due to the way the Pyramid router works. The same speed up could be gained by monkeypatching *webob.response.Response*, but it’s usually the case that monkeypatching turns out to be evil and wrong.

- Making them separate allows them to provide alternate __call__ logic, which also speeds up response generation.

- Making them separate allows the exception classes to provide for the proper value of Request-Class (*pyramid.request.Request*).

- Making them separate gives us freedom from thinking about backwards compatibility code present in *webob.exc* related to Python 2.4, which we no longer support in Pyramid 1.1+.

- We change the behavior of two classes (*HTTPNotFound* and *HTTPForbidden*) in the module so that they can be used by Pyramid internally for *notfound* and *forbidden* exceptions.

- Making them separate allows us to influence the docstrings of the exception classes to provide Pyramid-specific documentation.

- Making them separate allows us to silence a stupid deprecation warning under Python 2.6 when the response objects are used as exceptions (related to *self.message*).

Pyramid has simpler traversal machinery than does Zope

Zope’s default traverser:

- Allows developers to mutate the traversal name stack while traversing (they can add and remove path elements).

- Attempts to use an adaptation to obtain the next element in the path from the currently traversed object, falling back to __bobo_traverse__, __getitem__, and eventually __getattr__.
Zope’s default traverser allows developers to mutate the traversal name stack during traversal by mutating REQUEST['TraversalNameStack']. Pyramid’s default traverser (pyramid.traversal.ResourceTreeTraverser) does not offer a way to do this. It does not maintain a stack as a request attribute and, even if it did, it does not pass the request to resource objects while it’s traversing. While it was handy at times, this feature was abused in frameworks built atop Zope (like CMF and Plone), often making it difficult to tell exactly what was happening when a traversal didn’t match a view. I felt it was better for folks that wanted the feature to make them replace the traverser rather than build that particular honey pot in to the default traverser.

Zope uses multiple mechanisms to attempt to obtain the next element in the resource tree based on a name. It first tries an adaptation of the current resource to ITraversable, and if that fails, it falls back to attempting a number of magic methods on the resource (__bobo_traverse__, __getitem__, and __getattr__). My experience while both using Zope and attempting to reimplement its publisher in repoze.zope2 led me to believe the following:

- The default traverser should be as simple as possible. Zope’s publisher is somewhat difficult to follow and replicate due to the fallbacks it tried when one traversal method failed. It is also slow.

- The entire traverser should be replaceable, not just elements of the traversal machinery. Pyramid has a few big components rather than a plethora of small ones. If the entire traverser is replaceable, it’s an antipattern to make portions of the default traverser replaceable. Doing so is a “knobs on knobs” pattern, which is unfortunately somewhat endemic in Zope. In a “knobs on knobs” pattern, a replaceable subcomponent of a larger component is made configurable using the same configuration mechanism that can be used to replace the larger component. For example, in Zope, you can replace the default traverser by registering an adapter. But you can also (or alternately) control how the default traverser traverses by registering one or more adapters. As a result of being able to either replace the larger component entirely or turn knobs on the default implementation of the larger component, no one understands when (or whether) they should ever override the larger component entirely. This results, over time, in a rusting together of the larger “replaceable” component and the framework itself because people come to depend on the availability of the default component in order just to turn its knobs. The default component effectively becomes part of the framework, which entirely subverts the goal of making it replaceable. In Pyramid, typically if a component is replaceable, it will itself have no knobs (it will be solid state). If you want to influence behavior controlled by that component, you will replace the component instead of turning knobs attached to the component.

Microframeworks have smaller Hello World programs

Self-described “microframeworks” exist. Bottle and Flask are two that are becoming popular. Bobo doesn’t describe itself as a microframework, but its intended user base is much the same. Many others exist. We’ve even (only as a teaching tool, not as any sort of official project) created one using Pyramid. The videos use BFG, a precursor to Pyramid, but the resulting code is available for Pyramid too. Microframeworks are
small frameworks with one common feature: each allows its users to create a fully functional application that lives in a single Python file.

Some developers and microframework authors point out that Pyramid’s "hello world" single-file program is longer (by about five lines) than the equivalent program in their favorite microframework. Guilty as charged.

This loss isn’t for lack of trying. Pyramid is useful in the same circumstance in which microframeworks claim dominance: single-file applications. But Pyramid doesn’t sacrifice its ability to credibly support larger applications in order to achieve "hello world" lines of code parity with the current crop of microframeworks. Pyramid’s design instead tries to avoid some common pitfalls associated with naive declarative configuration schemes. The subsections which follow explain the rationale.

**Application programmers don’t control the module-scope codepath (import-time side-effects are evil)**

Imagine a directory structure with a set of Python files in it:

```
.
|-- app.py
|-- app2.py
`-- config.py
```

The contents of `app.py`:

```python
from config import decorator
from config import L
import pprint

@decorator
def foo():
    pass

if __name__ == '__main__':
    import app2
    pprint.pprint(L)
```

The contents of `app2.py`:
The contents of `config.py`:

```python
L = []
def decorator(func):
    L.append(func)
    return func
```

If we `cd` to the directory that holds these files, and we run `python app.py`, given the directory structure and code above, what happens? Presumably, our `decorator` decorator will be used twice, once by the decorated function `foo` in `app.py`, and once by the decorated function `bar` in `app2.py`. Since each time the decorator is used, the list `L` in `config.py` is appended to, we’d expect a list with two elements to be printed, right? Sadly, no:

```
[chris@thinko]$ python app.py
[<function foo at 0x7f4ea41ab1b8>,
 <function foo at 0x7f4ea41ab230>,
 <function bar at 0x7f4ea41ab2a8>]
```

By visual inspection, that outcome (three different functions in the list) seems impossible. We defined only two functions, and we decorated each of those functions only once, so we believe that the `decorator` decorator will run only twice. However, what we believe is in fact wrong, because the code at module scope in our `app.py` module was *executed twice*. The code is executed once when the script is run as `__main__` (via `python app.py`), and then it is executed again when `app2.py` imports the same file as `app`.

What does this have to do with our comparison to microframeworks? Many microframeworks in the current crop (e.g., Bottle and Flask) encourage you to attach configuration decorators to objects defined at module scope. These decorators execute arbitrarily complex registration code, which populates a singleton registry that is a global which is in turn defined in external Python module. This is analogous to the above example: the ”global registry” in the above example is the list `L`.

Let’s see what happens when we use the same pattern with the Groundhog microframework. Replace the contents of `app.py` above with this:
from config import gh

@gh.route('/foo/')
def foo():
    return 'foo'

if __name__ == '__main__':
    import app2
    pprint.pprint(L)

Replace the contents of app2.py above with this:

import app
@app.gh.route('/bar/')
def bar():
    return bar'

Replace the contents of config.py above with this:

from groundhog import Groundhog
gh = Groundhog('myapp', 'seekrit')

How many routes will be registered within the routing table of the "gh" Groundhog application? If you answered three, you are correct. How many would a casual reader (and any sane developer) expect to be registered? If you answered two, you are correct. Will the double registration be a problem? With our Groundhog framework’s route method backing this application, not really. It will slow the application down a little bit, because it will need to miss twice for a route when it does not match. Will it be a problem with another framework, another application, or another decorator? Who knows. You need to understand the application in its totality, the framework in its totality, and the chronology of execution to be able to predict what the impact of unintentional code double-execution will be.

The encouragement to use decorators which perform population of an external registry has an unintended consequence: the application developer now must assert ownership of every code path that executes Python module scope code. Module-scope code is presumed by the current crop of decorator-based microframeworks to execute once and only once. If it executes more than once, weird things will start to happen. It is up to the application developer to maintain this invariant. Unfortunately, in reality this is an impossible task, because Python programmers do not own the module scope code path, and never will. Anyone who tries to sell you on the idea that they do so is simply mistaken. Test runners that you may want to use to run your code’s tests often perform imports of arbitrary code in strange orders that manifest bugs like the one demonstrated above. API documentation generation tools do the same. Some people even think it’s safe
to use the Python `reload` command, or delete objects from `sys.modules`, each of which has hilarious effects when used against code that has import-time side effects.

Global registry-mutating microframework programmers therefore will at some point need to start reading the tea leaves about what *might* happen if module scope code gets executed more than once, like we do in the previous paragraph. When Python programmers assume they can use the module-scope code path to run arbitrary code (especially code which populates an external registry), and this assumption is challenged by reality, the application developer is often required to undergo a painful, meticulous debugging process to find the root cause of an inevitably obscure symptom. The solution is often to rearrange application import ordering, or move an import statement from module-scope into a function body. The rationale for doing so can never be expressed adequately in the commit message which accompanies the fix, and can’t be documented succinctly enough for the benefit of the rest of the development team so that the problem never happens again. It will happen again, especially if you are working on a project with other people who haven’t yet internalized the lessons you learned while you stepped through module-scope code using `pdb`. This is a very poor situation in which to find yourself as an application developer: you probably didn’t even know you or your team signed up for the job, because the documentation offered by decorator-based microframeworks don’t warn you about it.

Folks who have a large investment in eager decorator-based configuration that populates an external data structure (such as microframework authors) may argue that the set of circumstances I outlined above is anomalous and contrived. They will argue that it just will never happen. If you never intend your application to grow beyond one or two or three modules, that’s probably true. However, as your codebase grows, and becomes spread across a greater number of modules, the circumstances in which module-scope code will be executed multiple times will become more and more likely to occur and less and less predictable. It’s not responsible to claim that double-execution of module-scope code will never happen. It will; it’s just a matter of luck, time, and application complexity.

If microframework authors do admit that the circumstance isn’t contrived, they might then argue that real damage will never happen as the result of the double-execution (or triple-execution, etc.) of module scope code. You would be wise to disbelieve this assertion. The potential outcomes of multiple execution are too numerous to predict because they involve delicate relationships between application and framework code as well as chronology of code execution. It’s literally impossible for a framework author to know what will happen in all circumstances. But even if given the gift of omniscience for some limited set of circumstances, the framework author almost certainly does not have the double-execution anomaly in mind when coding new features. They’re thinking of adding a feature, not protecting against problems that might be caused by the 1% multiple execution case. However, any 1% case may cause 50% of your pain on a project, so it’d be nice if it never occurred.

Responsible microframeworks actually offer a back-door way around the problem. They allow you to disuse decorator-based configuration entirely. Instead of requiring you to do the following:
gh = Groundhog('myapp', 'seekrit')

@gh.route('/foo/')
def foo():
    return 'foo'

if __name__ == '__main__':
    gh.run()

They allow you to disuse the decorator syntax and go almost all-imperative:

def foo():
    return 'foo'

gh = Groundhog('myapp', 'seekrit')

if __name__ == '__main__':
    gh.add_route(foo, '/foo/')
    gh.run()

This is a generic mode of operation that is encouraged in the Pyramid documentation. Some existing microframeworks (Flask, in particular) allow for it as well. None (other than Pyramid) encourage it. If you never expect your application to grow beyond two or three or four or ten modules, it probably doesn’t matter very much which mode you use. If your application grows large, however, imperative configuration can provide better predictability.

Astute readers may notice that Pyramid has configuration decorators too. Aha! Don’t these decorators have the same problems? No. These decorators do not populate an external Python module when they are executed. They only mutate the functions (and classes and methods) to which they’re attached. These mutations must later be found during a scan process that has a predictable and structured import phase. Module-localized mutation is actually the best-case circumstance for double-imports. If a module only mutates itself and its contents at import time, if it is imported twice, that’s OK, because each decorator invocation will always be mutating an independent copy of the object to which it’s attached, not a shared resource like a registry in another module. This has the effect that double-registrations will never be performed.
Routes need relative ordering

Consider the following simple Groundhog application:

```python
from groundhog import Groundhog
app = Groundhog('myapp', 'seekrit')

@app.route('/admin')
def admin():
    return '<html>admin page</html>

@app.route('/:action')
def do_action(action):
    if action == 'add':
        return '<html>add</html>
    if action == 'delete':
        return '<html>delete</html>'
    return app.abort(404)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run()
```

If you run this application and visit the URL /admin, you will see the "admin” page. This is the intended result. However, what if you rearrange the order of the function definitions in the file?

```python
from groundhog import Groundhog
app = Groundhog('myapp', 'seekrit')

@app.route('/:action')
def do_action(action):
    if action == 'add':
        return '<html>add</html>
    if action == 'delete':
        return '<html>delete</html>'
    return app.abort(404)

@app.route('/admin')
def admin():
    return '<html>admin page</html>

if __name__ == '__main__':
    app.run()
```

If you run this application and visit the URL /admin, your app will now return a 404 error. This is probably not what you intended. The reason you see a 404 error when you rearrange function definition ordering
is that routing declarations expressed via our microframework’s routing decorators have an ordering, and
that ordering matters.

In the first case, where we achieved the expected result, we first added a route with the pattern /admin,
then we added a route with the pattern /:action by virtue of adding routing patterns via decorators at
module scope. When a request with a PATH_INFO of /admin enters our application, the web framework
loops over each of our application’s route patterns in the order in which they were defined in our module.
As a result, the view associated with the /admin routing pattern will be invoked because it matches first.
All is right with the world.

In the second case, where we did not achieve the expected result, we first added a route with the pattern
/:action, then we added a route with the pattern /admin. When a request with a PATH_INFO of
/admin enters our application, the web framework loops over each of our application’s route patterns in
the order in which they were defined in our module. As a result, the view associated with the /:action
routing pattern will be invoked because it matches first. A 404 error is raised. This is not what we wanted;
it just happened due to the order in which we defined our view functions.

This is because Groundhog routes are added to the routing map in import order, and matched in the same
order when a request comes in. Bottle, like Groundhog, as of this writing, matches routes in the order in
which they’re defined at Python execution time. Flask, on the other hand, does not order route matching
based on import order. Instead it reorders the routes you add to your application based on their ”complex-
ity”. Other microframeworks have varying strategies to do route ordering.

Your application may be small enough where route ordering will never cause an issue. If your application
becomes large enough, however, being able to specify or predict that ordering as your application grows
larger will be difficult. At some point, you will likely need to start controlling route ordering more explicitly,
especially in applications that require extensibility.

If your microframework orders route matching based on complexity, you’ll need to understand what is
meant by ”complexity”, and you’ll need to attempt to inject a ”less complex” route to have it get matched
before any ”more complex” one to ensure that it’s tried first.

If your microframework orders its route matching based on relative import.execution of function decorator
definitions, you will need to ensure that you execute all of these statements in the ”right” order, and you’l
need to be cognizant of this import/execution ordering as you grow your application or try to extend it.
This is a difficult invariant to maintain for all but the smallest applications.

In either case, your application must import the non-__main__ modules which contain configuration
decorations somehow for their configuration to be executed. Does that make you a little uncomfortable?
It should, because Application programmers don’t control the module-scope codepath (import-time side-
effects are evil).
Pyramid uses neither decorator import time ordering nor does it attempt to divine the relative complexity of one route to another as a means to define a route match ordering. In Pyramid, you have to maintain relative route ordering imperatively via the chronology of multiple executions of the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()` method. The order in which you repeatedly call add_route becomes the order of route matching.

If needing to maintain this imperative ordering truly bugs you, you can use traversal instead of route matching, which is a completely declarative (and completely predictable) mechanism to map code to URLs. While URL dispatch is easier to understand for small non-extensible applications, traversal is a great fit for very large applications and applications that need to be arbitrarily extensible.

"Stacked object proxies" are too clever / thread locals are a nuisance

Some microframeworks use the `import` statement to get a handle to an object which is not logically global:

```python
from flask import request

@app.route('/login', methods=['POST', 'GET'])
def login():
    error = None
    if request.method == 'POST':
        if valid_login(request.form['username'], request.form['password']):
            return log_the_user_in(request.form['username'])
        else:
            error = 'Invalid username/password'
    # this is executed if the request method was GET or the
    # credentials were invalid
```

The Pylons 1.X web framework uses a similar strategy. It calls these things "Stacked Object Proxies", so, for purposes of this discussion, I’ll do so as well.

Import statements in Python (`import foo, from bar import baz`) are most frequently performed to obtain a reference to an object defined globally within an external Python module. However, in normal programs, they are never used to obtain a reference to an object that has a lifetime measured by the scope of the body of a function. It would be absurd to try to import, for example, a variable named `i` representing a loop counter defined in the body of a function. For example, we’d never try to import `i` from the code below:
```python
def afunc():
    for i in range(10):
        print(i)
```

By its nature, the `request` object that is created as the result of a WSGI server's call into a long-lived web framework cannot be global, because the lifetime of a single request will be much shorter than the lifetime of the process running the framework. A request object created by a web framework actually has more similarity to the `i` loop counter in our example above than it has to any comparable importable object defined in the Python standard library or in normal library code.

However, systems which use stacked object proxies promote locally scoped objects, such as `request`, out to module scope, for the purpose of being able to offer users a nice spelling involving `import`. They, for what I consider dubious reasons, would rather present to their users the canonical way of getting at a `request` as from `framework import request` instead of a saner from `myframework.threadlocals import get_request; request = get_request()`, even though the latter is more explicit.

It would be most explicit if the microframeworks did not use thread local variables at all. Pyramid view functions are passed a request object. Many of Pyramid’s APIs require that an explicit request object be passed to them. It is possible to retrieve the current Pyramid request as a threadlocal variable, but it is an “in case of emergency, break glass” type of activity. This explicitness makes Pyramid view functions more easily unit testable, as you don’t need to rely on the framework to manufacture suitable “dummy” request (and other similarly-scoped) objects during test setup. It also makes them more likely to work on arbitrary systems, such as async servers, that do no monkeypatching.

**Explicitly WSGI**

Some microframeworks offer a `run()` method of an application object that executes a default server configuration for easy execution.

Pyramid doesn’t currently try to hide the fact that its router is a WSGI application behind a convenience `run()` API. It just tells people to import a WSGI server and use it to serve up their Pyramid application as per the documentation of that WSGI server.

The extra lines saved by abstracting away the serving step behind `run()` seems to have driven dubious second-order decisions related to its API in some microframeworks. For example, Bottle contains a `ServerAdapter` subclass for each type of WSGI server it supports via its `app.run()` mechanism. This means that there exists code in `bottle.py` that depends on the following modules: `wsgiref`, `flup`, `paste`, `cherrypy`, `fapws`, `tornado`, `google.appengine`, `twisted.web`, `diesel`, `gevent`, `gunicorn`, `eventlet`, and `rocket`. You choose the kind of server you want to run by
passing its name into the `run` method. In theory, this sounds great: I can try out Bottle on `gunicorn` just by passing in a name! However, to fully test Bottle, all of these third-party systems must be installed and functional. The Bottle developers must monitor changes to each of these packages and make sure their code still interfaces properly with them. This increases the number of packages required for testing greatly; this is a lot of requirements. It is likely difficult to fully automate these tests due to requirements conflicts and build issues.

As a result, for single-file apps, we currently don’t bother to offer a `run()` shortcut. We tell folks to import their WSGI server of choice and run it by hand. For the people who want a server abstraction layer, we suggest that they use PasteDeploy. In PasteDeploy-based systems, the onus for making sure that the server can interface with a WSGI application is placed on the server developer, not the web framework developer, making it more likely to be timely and correct.

### Wrapping up

Here’s a diagrammed version of the simplest pyramid application, where the inlined comments take into account what we’ve discussed in the *Microframeworks have smaller Hello World programs* section.

```python
from wsgiref.simple_server import make_server  # explicitly WSGI
from pyramid.config import Configurator  # to configure app registry
from pyramid.response import Response  # explicit response, no threadlocal

def hello_world(request):
    # accept a request; no request threadlocal reqd
    # explicit response object means no response threadlocal
    return Response('Hello world!')

if __name__ == '__main__':
    with Configurator() as config:
        # no global application object
        config.add_view(hello_world)
        # explicit non-decorator registration
        app = config.make_wsgi_app()
        # explicitly WSGI
        server = make_server('0.0.0.0', 8080, app)
        server.serve_forever()
```

### Pyramid doesn’t offer pluggable apps

It is "Pyramidic" to compose multiple external sources into the same configuration using `include()`. Any number of includes can be done to compose an application; includes can even be done from within other includes. Any directive can be used within an include that can be used outside of one (such as `add_view()`).
Pyramid has a conflict detection system that will throw an error if two included externals try to add the same configuration in a conflicting way (such as both externals trying to add a route using the same name, or both externals trying to add a view with the same set of predicates). It’s awful tempting to call this set of features something that can be used to compose a system out of ”pluggable applications”. But in reality, there are a number of problems with claiming this:

- The terminology is strained. Pyramid really has no notion of a plurality of ”applications”, just a way to compose configuration from multiple sources to create a single WSGI application. That WSGI application may gain behavior by including or disincluding configuration, but once it’s all composed together, Pyramid doesn’t really provide any machinery which can be used to demarcate the boundaries of one ”application” (in the sense of configuration from an external that adds routes, views, etc) from another.

- Pyramid doesn’t provide enough ”rails” to make it possible to integrate truly honest-to-god, download-an-app-from-a-random-place and plug-it-in-to-create-a-system ”pluggable” applications. Because Pyramid itself isn’t opinionated (it doesn’t mandate a particular kind of database, it offers multiple ways to map URLs to code, etc), it’s unlikely that someone who creates something application-like will be able to casually redistribute it to J. Random Pyramid User and have it just work by asking him to config.include a function from the package. This is particularly true of very high level components such as blogs, wikis, twitter clones, commenting systems, etc. The integrator (the Pyramid developer who has downloaded a package advertised as a ”pluggable app”) will almost certainly have made different choices about e.g. what type of persistence system he’s using, and for the integrator to appease the requirements of the ”pluggable application”, he may be required to set up a different database, make changes to his own code to prevent his application from shadowing the pluggable app (or vice versa), and any other number of arbitrary changes.

For this reason, we claim that Pyramid has ”extensible” applications, not pluggable applications. Any Pyramid application can be extended without forking it as long as its configuration statements have been composed into things that can be pulled in via config.include.

It’s also perfectly reasonable for a single developer or team to create a set of interoperating components which can be enabled or disabled by using config.include. That developer or team will be able to provide the ”rails” (by way of making high-level choices about the technology used to create the project, so there won’t be any issues with plugging all of the components together. The problem only rears its head when the components need to be distributed to arbitrary users. Note that Django has a similar problem with ”pluggable applications” that need to work for arbitrary third parties, even though they provide many, many more rails than does Pyramid. Even the rails they provide are not enough to make the ”pluggable application” story really work without local modification.

Truly pluggable applications need to be created at a much higher level than a web framework, as no web framework can offer enough constraints to really make them work out of the box. They really need to plug into an application, instead. It would be a noble goal to build an application with Pyramid that provides these constraints and which truly does offer a way to plug in applications (Joomla, Plone, Drupal come to mind).
Pyramid Has Zope Things In It, So It’s Too Complex

On occasion, someone will feel compelled to post a mailing list message that reads something like this:

had a quick look at pyramid ... too complex to me and not really understand for which benefits.. I feel should consider whether it’s time for me to step back to django .. I always hated zope (useless ?) complexity and I love simple way of thinking

(Paraphrased from a real email, actually.)

Let’s take this criticism point-by-point.

Too Complex

If you can understand this "hello world" program, you can use Pyramid:

```python
from wsgiref.simple_server import make_server
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.response import Response

def hello_world(request):
    return Response('Hello World!')

if __name__ == '__main__':
    with Configurator() as config:
        config.add_route('hello', '/')
        config.add_view(hello_world, route_name='hello')
        app = config.make_wsgi_app()
        server = make_server('0.0.0.0', 6543, app)
        server.serve_forever()
```

Pyramid has over 1200 pages of documentation (printed), covering topics from the very basic to the most advanced. Nothing is left undocumented, quite literally. It also has an awesome, very helpful community. Visit the #pyramid IRC channel on freenode.net and see.
Hate Zope

I’m sorry you feel that way. The Zope brand has certainly taken its share of lumps over the years, and has a reputation for being insular and mysterious. But the word ”Zope” is literally quite meaningless without qualification. What part of Zope do you hate? ”Zope” is a brand, not a technology.

If it’s Zope2-the-web-framework, Pyramid is not that. The primary designers and developers of Pyramid, if anyone, should know. We wrote Pyramid’s predecessor (repoze.bfg), in part, because we knew that Zope 2 had usability issues and limitations. repoze.bfg (and now Pyramid) was written to address these issues.

If it’s Zope3-the-web-framework, Pyramid is definitely not that. Making use of lots of Zope 3 technologies is territory already staked out by the Grok project. Save for the obvious fact that they’re both web frameworks, Pyramid is very, very different than Grok. Grok exposes lots of Zope technologies to end users. On the other hand, if you need to understand a Zope-only concept while using Pyramid, then we’ve failed on some very basic axis.

If it’s just the word Zope: this can only be guilt by association. Because a piece of software internally uses some package named zope.foo, it doesn’t turn the piece of software that uses it into ”Zope”. There is a lot of great software written that has the word Zope in its name. Zope is not some sort of monolithic thing, and a lot of its software is usable externally. And while it’s not really the job of this document to defend it, Zope has been around for over 10 years and has an incredibly large, active community. If you don’t believe this, https://pypi.org/search/?q=zope is an eye-opening reality check.

Love Simplicity

Years of effort have gone into honing this package and its documentation to make it as simple as humanly possible for developers to use. Everything is a tradeoff, of course, and people have their own ideas about what ”simple” is. You may have a style difference if you believe Pyramid is complex. Its developers obviously disagree.

Other Challenges

Other challenges are encouraged to be sent to the Pylons-devel maillist. We’ll try to address them by considering a design change, or at very least via exposition here.
0.2 Tutorials

0.2.1 Quick Tour of Pyramid

Pyramid lets you start small and finish big. This *Quick Tour* of Pyramid is for those who want to evaluate Pyramid, whether you are new to Python web frameworks, or a pro in a hurry. For more detailed treatment of each topic, give the *Quick Tutorial for Pyramid* a try.

If you would prefer to cut and paste the example code in this tour you may browse the source code located in the *Pyramid repository in the directory* "docs/quick_tour" [https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/]. If you have downloaded the source code, you will find the tour in the same location.

Installation

Once you have a standard Python environment setup, getting started with Pyramid is a breeze. Unfortunately "standard" is not so simple in Python. For this Quick Tour, it means Python, *venv*, *pip*, and *Setuptools*.

To save a little bit of typing and to be certain that we use the modules, scripts, and packages installed in our virtual environment, we’ll set an environment variable, too.

As an example, for Python 3 on Linux:

```
# set an environment variable to where you want your virtual environment
$ export VENV=~/env
# create the virtual environment
$ python3 -m venv $VENV
# install pyramid
$ $VENV/bin/pip install pyramid
# or for a specific released version
$ $VENV/bin/pip install "pyramid==2.1.dev0"
```

For Windows:
# set an environment variable to where you want your virtual environment
`c:\> set VENV=c:\env`
# create the virtual environment
`c:\> python -m venv %VENV%`
# install pyramid
`c:\> %VENV%\Scripts\pip install pyramid`
# or for a specific released version
`c:\> %VENV%\Scripts\pip install "pyramid==2.1.dev0"

As of version 2.0, Pyramid runs on Python 3 only. For simplicity, the remaining examples will show only Unix commands.

See also:

See also: Quick Tutorial section on Requirements, Installing Pyramid on a Unix System, Before You Install, Why use $VENV/bin/pip instead of source bin/activate, then pip, and Installing Pyramid on a Windows System.

Hello World

Microframeworks have shown that learning starts best from a very small first step. Here’s a tiny application in Pyramid:

```python
from wsgiref.simple_server import make_server
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.response import Response

def hello_world(request):
    return Response('Hello World!')

if __name__ == '__main__':
    with Configurator() as config:
        config.add_route('hello', '/')
        config.add_view(hello_world, route_name='hello')
        app = config.make_wsgi_app()
        server = make_server('0.0.0.0', 6543, app)
        server.serve_forever()
```

This simple example is easy to run. Save this as app.py and run it:
Next open http://localhost:6543/ in a browser, and you will see the *Hello World!* message.

New to Python web programming? If so, some lines in the module merit explanation:

1. *Lines 6-7.* Implement the view code that generates the *response.*

2. *Line 10.* *if* __name__ == '__main__': *is Python’s way of saying “Start here when running from the command line”.*

3. *Lines 11-13.* Use Pyramid’s *configurator in a context manager* to connect *view code to a particular URL route.*


As shown in this example, the *configurator* plays a central role in Pyramid development. Building an application from loosely-coupled parts via *Application Configuration* is a central idea in Pyramid, one that we will revisit regularly in this *Quick Tour.*

**See also:**

See also: *Quick Tutorial Hello World, Creating Your First Pyramid Application,* and *Todo List Application in One File.*

**Handling web requests and responses**

Developing for the web means processing web requests. As this is a critical part of a web application, web developers need a robust, mature set of software for web requests.

Pyramid has always fit nicely into the existing world of Python web development (virtual environments, packaging, cookiecutters, one of the first to embrace Python 3, etc.). Pyramid turned to the well-regarded *WebOb* Python library for request and response handling. In our example above, Pyramid hands hello_world a request that is *based on WebOb.*

Let’s see some features of requests and responses in action:
```python
def hello_world(request):
    # Some parameters from a request such as /?name=lisa
    url = request.url
    name = request.params.get('name', 'No Name Provided')

    body = 'URL %s with name: %s' % (url, name)
    return Response(
        content_type="text/plain",
        body=body
    )
```

In this Pyramid view, we get the URL being visited from `request.url`. Also if you visited http://localhost:6543/?name=alice in a browser, the name is included in the body of the response:

```
URL http://localhost:6543/?name=alice with name: alice
```

Finally we set the response’s content type, and return the Response.

**See also:**

See also: *Quick Tutorial Request and Response* and *Request and Response Objects*.

**Views**

For the examples above, the `hello_world` function is a ”view”. In Pyramid views are the primary way to accept web requests and return responses.

So far our examples place everything in one file:

- the view function
- its registration with the configurator
- the route to map it to an URL
- the WSGI application launcher

Let’s move the views out to their own `views.py` module and change the `app.py` to scan that module, looking for decorators that set up the views.

First our revised `app.py`:
We added some more routes, but we also removed the view code. Our views and their registrations (via decorators) are now in a module views.py, which is scanned via config.scan('views').

We now have a views.py module that is focused on handling requests and responses:

```python
from html import escape
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPFound
from pyramid.response import Response
from pyramid.view import view_config

# First view, available at http://localhost:6543/
@view_config(route_name='home')
def home_view(request):
    return Response('<p>Visit <a href="/howdy?name=lisa">hello</a></p>')

# /howdy?name=alice which links to the next view
@view_config(route_name='hello')
def hello_view(request):
    name = request.params.get('name', 'No Name')
    body = '<p>Hi %s, this <a href="/goto">redirects</a></p>'
    # Python html.escape to prevent Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) [CWE 79]
    return Response(body % escape(name))

# /goto which issues HTTP redirect to the last view
@view_config(route_name='redirect')
def redirect_view(request):
```

(continues on next page)
return HTTPFound(location="/problem")

# /problem which causes a site error
@view_config(route_name='exception')
def exception_view(request):
    raise Exception()

We have four views, each leading to the other. If you start at http://localhost:6543/, you get a response with a link to the next view. The hello_view (available at the URL /howdy) has a link to the redirect_view, which issues a redirect to the final view.

Earlier we saw config.add_view as one way to configure a view. This section introduces @view_config. Pyramid’s configuration supports imperative configuration, such as the config.add_view in the previous example. You can also use declarative configuration in which a Python decorator is placed on the line above the view. Both approaches result in the same final configuration, thus usually it is simply a matter of taste.

See also:
See also: Quick Tutorial Views, Views, View Configuration, and Debugging View Configuration.

Routing

Writing web applications usually means sophisticated URL design. We just saw some Pyramid machinery for requests and views. Let’s look at features that help with routing.

Above we saw the basics of routing URLs to views in Pyramid:

- Your project’s ”setup” code registers a route name to be used when matching part of the URL.
- Elsewhere a view is configured to be called for that route name.

Why do this twice? Other Python web frameworks let you create a route and associate it with a view in one step. As illustrated in Routes need relative ordering, multiple routes might match the same URL pattern. Rather than provide ways to help guess, Pyramid lets you be explicit in ordering. Pyramid also gives facilities to avoid the problem.

What if we want part of the URL to be available as data in my view? We can use this route declaration, for example:
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With this, URLs such as /howdy/amy/smith will assign amy to first and smith to last. We can then use this data in our view:

```python
@view_config(route_name='hello')
def hello_world(request):
    body = '<h1>Hi %(first)s %(last)s!</h1>' % request.matchdict
    return Response(body)
```

request.matchdict contains values from the URL that match the "replacement patterns" (the curly braces) in the route declaration. This information can then be used in your view.

See also:

See also: Quick Tutorial Routing, URL Dispatch, Debugging Route Matching, and Request Processing.

**Templating**

Ouch. We have been making our own Response and filling the response body with HTML. You usually won’t embed an HTML string directly in Python, but instead you will use a templating language.

Pyramid doesn’t mandate a particular database system, form library, and so on. It encourages replaceability. This applies equally to templating, which is fortunate: developers have strong views about template languages. That said, the Pylons Project officially supports bindings for Chameleon, Jinja2, and Mako. In this step let’s use Chameleon.

Let’s add pyramid_chameleon, a Pyramid add-on which enables Chameleon as a renderer in our Pyramid application:

```
$VENV/bin/pip install pyramid_chameleon
```

With the package installed, we can include the template bindings into our configuration in app.py:

```python
config.add_route('hello', '/howdy/{name}')
config.include('pyramid_chameleon')
config.scan('views')
```

Now let’s change our views.py file:
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(route_name='hello', renderer='hello_world.pt')
def hello_world(request):
    return dict(name=request.matchdict['name'])

Ahh, that looks better. We have a view that is focused on Python code. Our @view_config decorator specifies a renderer that points to our template file. Our view then simply returns data which is then supplied to our template hello_world.pt:

```html
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
    <title>Quick Glance</title>
</head>
<body>
<h1>Hello ${name}</h1>
</body>
</html>
```

Since our view returned `dict(name=request.matchdict['name'])`, we can use name as a variable in our template via `${name}`.

See also:

See also: Quick Tutorial Templating, Templates, Debugging Templates, and Available Add-On Template System Bindings.

**Templating with Jinja2**

We just said Pyramid doesn’t prefer one templating language over another. Time to prove it. Jinja2 is a popular templating system, modeled after Django’s templates. Let’s add pyramid_jinja2, a Pyramid add-on which enables Jinja2 as a renderer in our Pyramid applications:

```
$VENV/bin/pip install pyramid_jinja2
```

With the package installed, we can include the template bindings into our configuration:
The only change in our view is to point the renderer at the .jinja2 file:

```python
@view_config(route_name='hello', renderer='hello_world.jinja2')
def hello_world(request):
    return dict(name=request.matchdict['name'])
```

Our Jinja2 template is very similar to our previous template:

```html
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
    <title>Hello World</title>
</head>
<body>
    <h1>Hello {{ name }}!</h1>
</body>
</html>
```

Pyramid’s templating add-ons register a new kind of renderer into your application. The renderer registration maps to different kinds of filename extensions. In this case, changing the extension from .pt to .jinja2 passed the view response through the pyramid_jinja2 renderer.

See also:

See also: Quick Tutorial Jinja2, Jinja2 homepage, and pyramid_jinja2 Overview.

Static assets

Of course the Web is more than just markup. You need static assets: CSS, JS, and images. Let’s point our web app at a directory from which Pyramid will serve some static assets. First let’s make another call to the configurator in app.py:

```python
config.add_route('hello', '/howdy/{name}')
config.add_static_view(name='static', path='static')
config.include('pyramid_jinja2')
```
This tells our WSGI application to map requests under http://localhost:6543/static/ to files and directories inside a static directory alongside our Python module.

Next make a directory named static, and place app.css inside:

```css
body {
    margin: 2em;
    font-family: sans-serif;
}
```

All we need to do now is point to it in the <head> of our Jinja2 template, hello_world.jinja2:

```html
<title>Hello World</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" href="/static/app.css"/>
</head>
```

This link presumes that our CSS is at a URL starting with /static/. What if the site is later moved under /somesite/static/? Or perhaps a web developer changes the arrangement on disk? Pyramid provides a helper to allow flexibility on URL generation:

```html
<title>Hello World</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" href="{{ request.static_url('__main__:static/app.css') }}"/>
</head>
```

By using request.static_url to generate the full URL to the static assets, you ensure that you stay in sync with the configuration and gain refactoring flexibility later.

See also:

See also: Quick Tutorial Static Assets, Static Assets, Preventing HTTP Caching, and Influencing HTTP Caching.

Returning JSON

Modern web apps are more than rendered HTML. Dynamic pages now use JavaScript to update the UI in the browser by requesting server data as JSON. Pyramid supports this with a JSON renderer:
This wires up a view that returns some data through the JSON renderer, which calls Python’s JSON support to serialize the data into JSON, and sets the appropriate HTTP headers.

We also need to add a route to `app.py` so that our app will know how to respond to a request for `hello.json`.

See also:

See also: *Quick Tutorial JSON, Writing View Callables Which Use a Renderer, JSON Renderer, and Adding and Changing Renderers.*

**View classes**

So far our views have been simple, free-standing functions. Many times your views are related. They may have different ways to look at or work on the same data, or they may be a REST API that handles multiple operations. Grouping these together as a *view class* makes sense and achieves the following goals.

- Group views
- Centralize some repetitive defaults
- Share some state and helpers

The following shows a "Hello World" example with three operations: view a form, save a change, or press the delete button in our `views.py`:

```python
@view_config(route_name='hello_json', renderer='json')
def hello_json(request):
    return [1, 2, 3]
```

```python
config.add_route('hello', '/howdy/{name}')
config.add_route('hello_json', 'hello.json')
config.add_static_view(name='static', path='static')
```
As you can see, the three views are logically grouped together. Specifically:

- The first view is returned when you go to /howdy/amy. This URL is mapped to the hello route that we centrally set using the optional @view_defaults.

- The second view is returned when the form data contains a field with form.edit, such as clicking on `<input type="submit" name="form.edit" value="Save">`. This rule is specified in the @view_config for that view.

- The third view is returned when clicking on a button such as `<input type="submit" name="form.delete" value="Delete">`.

Only one route is needed, stated in one place atop the view class. Also, the assignment of name is done in the __init__ function. Our templates can then use `{{ view.name }}`.

Pyramid view classes, combined with built-in and custom predicates, have much more to offer:

- All the same view configuration parameters as function views
• One route leading to multiple views, based on information in the request or data such as request_param, request_method, accept, header, xhr, containment, and custom predicates.

See also:

See also: View Classes and More View Classes in the Quick Tutorial, Defining a View Callable as a Class, and View and Route Predicates.

Quick project startup with cookiecutters

So far we have done all of our Quick Tour as a single Python file. No Python packages, no structure. Most Pyramid projects, though, aren’t developed this way.

To ease the process of getting started, the Pylons Project provides a cookiecutter that generates a sample Pyramid project from project templates. This cookiecutter will install Pyramid and its dependencies as well.

First you’ll need to install cookiecutter.

```
$VENV/bin/pip install cookiecutter
```

Let’s use the cookiecutter pyramid-cookiecutter-starter to create a starter Pyramid project in the current directory, entering values at the prompts as shown below for the following command.

```
$VENV/bin/cookiecutter gh:Pylons/pyramid-cookiecutter-starter --checkout master
```

If prompted for the first item, accept the default yes by hitting return.

```
You've cloned ~/.cookiecutters/pyramid-cookiecutter-starter before. Is it okay to delete and re-clone it? [yes]: yes
project_name [Pyramid Scaffold]: hello_world
repo_name [hello_world]: hello_world
Select template_language:
1 - jinja2
2 - chameleon
3 - mako
Choose from 1, 2, 3 [1]: 1
Select backend:
1 - none
2 - sqlalchemy
3 - zodb
Choose from 1, 2, 3 [1]: 1
```
We then run through the following commands.

```bash
# Change directory into your newly created project.
cd hello_world
# Create a new virtual environment...
python3 -m venv env
# ...where we upgrade packaging tools...
env/bin/pip install --upgrade pip setuptools
# ...and into which we install our project and its testing requirements.
env/bin/pip install -e ".[testing]"
# Reset our environment variable for a new virtual environment.
export VENV=~/hello_world/env
```

We are moving in the direction of a full-featured Pyramid project, with a proper setup for Python standards (packaging) and Pyramid configuration. This includes a new way of running your application:

```
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini
```

Let’s look at `pserve` and configuration in more depth.

See also:

See also: *Quick Tutorial Cookiecutters, Creating a Pyramid Project, and Pyramid cookiecutters*

### Application running with `pserve`

Prior to the cookiecutter, our project mixed a number of operational details into our code. Why should my main code care which HTTP server I want and what port number to run on?

`pserve` is Pyramid’s application runner, separating operational details from your code. When you install Pyramid, a small command program called `pserve` is written to your `bin` directory. This program is an executable Python module. It’s very small, getting most of its brains via import.

You can run `pserve` with `--help` to see some of its options. Doing so reveals that you can ask `pserve` to watch your development files and reload the server when they change:

```
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini --reload
```

The `pserve` command has a number of other options and operations. Most of the work, though, comes from your project’s wiring, as expressed in the configuration file you supply to `pserve`. Let’s take a look at this configuration file.

See also:

See also: *What Is This pserve Thing*
Configuration with .ini files

Earlier in *Quick Tour* we first met Pyramid’s configuration system. At that point we did all configuration in Python code. For example, the port number chosen for our HTTP server was right there in Python code. Our cookiecutter has moved this decision and more into the `development.ini` file:

```ini
###
# app configuration
###

[app:main]
use = egg:hello_world

pyramid.reload_templates = true
pyramid.debug_authorization = false
pyramid.debug_notfound = false
pyramid.debug_routematch = false
pyramid.default_locale_name = en
pyramid.includes =
    pyramid_debugtoolbar

# By default, the toolbar only appears for clients from IP addresses
# '127.0.0.1' and '::1'.
# debugtoolbar.hosts = 127.0.0.1 ::1

###
# wsgi server configuration
###

[server:main]
use = egg:waitress#main
listen = localhost:6543

###
# logging configuration
###

[loggers]
keys = root, hello_world

[handlers]

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Let's take a quick high-level look. First the `.ini` file is divided into sections:

- `[app:main]` configures our WSGI app
- `[server:main]` holds our WSGI server settings
- Various sections afterwards configure our Python logging system

We have a few decisions made for us in this configuration:

1. **WSGI app**: What package has our WSGI application in it? `use = egg:hello_world` in the app section tells the configuration what application to load.

2. **Easier development by automatic template reloading**: In development mode, you shouldn’t have to restart the server when editing a Jinja2 template. `pyramid.reload_templates = true` sets this policy, which might be different in production.

3. **Choice of web server**: `use = egg:waitress#main` tells pserve to use the waitress server.
4. **Interfaces:** `listen = localhost:6543` tells *waitress* to listen on all interfaces on port 6543 for both IPv4 and IPv6.

Additionally the `development.ini` generated by this cookiecutter wired up Python’s standard logging. We’ll now see in the console, for example, a log on every request that comes in, as well as traceback information.

**See also:**

See also: *Quick Tutorial Application Configuration, Environment Variables and .ini File Settings* and *PasteDeploy Configuration Files*

**Easier development with debugtoolbar**

As we introduce the basics, we also want to show how to be productive in development and debugging. For example, we just discussed template reloading and earlier we showed `--reload` for application reloading.

*pyramid_debugtoolbar* is a popular Pyramid add-on which makes several tools available in your browser. Adding it to your project illustrates several points about configuration.

Our cookiecutter *pyramid-cookiecutter-starter* already configured our package to include the add-on *pyramid_debugtoolbar* in its `setup.py`:

```python
requires = [
    'plaster_pastedeploy',
    'pyramid',
    'pyramid_jinja2',
    'pyramid_debugtoolbar',
    'waitress',
]
```

It was installed when you previously ran:

```
$VENV/bin/pip install -e ".[testing]"
```

The *pyramid_debugtoolbar* package is a Pyramid add-on, which means we need to include its configuration into our web application. The cookiecutter already took care of this for us in its `development.ini` using the *pyramid.includes* facility:
You’ll now see a Pyramid logo on the right side of your browser window, which when clicked opens a new window that provides introspective access to debugging information. Even better, if your web application generates an error, you will see a nice traceback on the screen. When you want to disable this toolbar, there’s no need to change code: you can remove it from `pyramid.includes` in the relevant `.ini` configuration file.

See also:

See also: Quick Tutorial `pyramid_debugtoolbar` and `pyramid_debugtoolbar`

### Unit and functional tests and `pytest`

Yikes! We got this far and we haven’t yet discussed tests. This is particularly egregious, as Pyramid has had a deep commitment to full test coverage since before its release.

Our `pyramid-cookiecutter-starter` cookiecutter generated `conftest.py`, `test_functional.py`, and `test_views.py` modules inside the `tests` package with two unit tests and two functional tests in it. It also configured `setup.py` with test requirements: `pytest` as the test runner, `WebTest` for running view tests, and the `pytest-cov` tool which yells at us for code that isn’t tested:

```python
tests_require = [
    'WebTest',
    'pytest',
    'pytest-cov',
]
```

```python
extras_require={
    'testing': tests_require,
},
```

We already installed the test requirements when we ran the command `$VENV/bin/pip install -e ".[testing]"`. We can now run all our tests:
This yields the following output.

```
$VENV/bin/pytest --cov --cov-report=term-missing

This yields the following output.

```utf-8
--- test session starts --------------------------
platform darwin -- Python 3.9.0, pytest-6.2.1, py-1.10.0, pluggy-0.13.1
rootdir: /<somepath>/hello_world, configfile: pytest.ini, testpaths: hello_
world, tests
plugins: cov-2.10.1
collected 4 items

tests/test_functional.py .. [ 50%]
tests/test_views.py .. [100%]

---------- coverage: platform darwin, python 3.9.0-final-0 -----------
Name Stmts Miss Cover Missing
-------------------------------------------------------------
hello_world/__init__.py 7 0 100%
hello_world/routes.py 3 0 100%
hello_world/views/__init__.py 0 0 100%
hello_world/views/default.py 4 0 100%
hello_world/views/notfound.py 5 0 100%
-------------------------------------------------------------
TOTAL 19 0 100%

---------- 4 passed in 0.65 seconds --------------------------
```

Our tests passed, and its coverage is complete. What did our tests look like?

```
def test_root(testapp):
    res = testapp.get('/', status=200)
    assert b'Pyramid' in res.body

def test_notfound(testapp):
    res = testapp.get('/badurl', status=404)
    assert res.status_code == 404
```

```
from hello_world.views.default import my_view
from hello_world.views.notfound import notfound_view

def test_my_view(app_request):
```

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Pyramid supplies helpers for test writing, which we use in the test setup and teardown. Our view tests import the view, make a dummy request, and sees if the view returns what we expected. Our functional tests verify that the response body from a request to the web root contains what we expected and that the expected response code for making a request to /badurl results in 404.

See also:

See also: Quick Tutorial Unit Testing, Quick Tutorial Functional Testing, and Unit, Integration, and Functional Testing

Logging

It’s important to know what is going on inside our web application. In development we might need to collect some output. In production we might need to detect situations when other people use the site. We need logging.

Fortunately Pyramid uses the normal Python approach to logging. The development.ini file for your project has a number of lines that configure the logging for you to some reasonable defaults. You then see messages sent by Pyramid (for example, when a new request comes in).

Maybe you would like to log messages in your code? In your Python module, import and set up the logging in your views/default.py:

```python
import logging
log = logging.getLogger(__name__)
```

You can now, in your code, log messages:

```python
def my_view(request):
    log.debug('Some Message')
```

This will log Some Message at a DEBUG log level to the application-configured logger in your development.ini. What controls that? These emphasized sections in the configuration file:
Our application, a package named `hello_world`, is set up as a logger and configured to log messages at a DEBUG or higher level. When you visit `http://localhost:6543`, your console will now show:

```
2016-12-25 03:03:57,059 DEBUG [hello_world.views:8][waitress] Some Message
```

See also:

See also: *Quick Tutorial Logging* and *Logging*.

**Sessions**

When people use your web application, they frequently perform a task that requires semi-permanent data to be saved. For example, a shopping cart. This is called a *session*.

Pyramid has basic built-in support for sessions. Third party packages such as `pyramid_redis_sessions` provide richer session support. Or you can create your own custom sessioning engine. Let’s take a look at the *built-in sessioning support*. In our `__init__.py` we first import the kind of sessioning we want:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.session import SignedCookieSessionFactory
```
Now make a "factory" and pass it to the configurator's session_factory argument:

```python
config.include('.routes')
my_session_factory = SignedCookieSessionFactory('itsaseekreet')
config.set_session_factory(my_session_factory)
config.scan()
```

Pyramid's request object now has a session attribute that we can use in our view code in views/default.py:

```python
def my_view(request):
    log.debug('Some Message')
    session = request.session
    if 'counter' in session:
        session['counter'] += 1
    else:
        session['counter'] = 0
    return {'project': 'hello_world'}
```

We need to update our Jinja2 template templates/mytemplate.jinja2 to show counter increment in the session:

```html
<div class="content">
    <h1><span class="font-semi-bold">Pyramid</span>, !Starter project</h1>
    <p class="lead">Welcome to <span class="font-normal">{{project}}</span>, !a&nbsp;Pyramid application generated&nbsp;by<br><span class="font-normal">Cookiecutter</span>.</p>
    <p>Counter: {{ request.session.counter }}</p>
</div>
```

See also: Quick Tutorial Sessions, Sessions, Flash Messages, pyramid.session, and pyramid_redis_sessions.
## Databases

Web applications mean data. Data means databases. Frequently SQL databases. SQL databases frequently mean an "ORM" (object-relational mapper.) In Python, ORM usually leads to the mega-quality SQLAlchemy, a Python package that greatly eases working with databases.

Pyramid and SQLAlchemy are great friends. That friendship includes a cookiecutter!

```
    cd ~
    env/bin/cookiecutter gh:Pylons/pyramid-cookiecutter-starter --checkout ...
      master
```

If prompted for the first item, accept the default yes by hitting return.

```
You've cloned ~/.cookiecutters/pyramid-cookiecutter-starter before.
Is it okay to delete and re-clone it? [yes]: yes
project_name [Pyramid Scaffold]: sqa_demo
repo_name [sqa_demo]: sqa_demo
Select template_language:
1 - jinja2
2 - chameleon
3 - mako
Choose from 1, 2, 3 [1]: 1
Select backend:
1 - none
2 - sqlalchemy
3 - zodb
Choose from 1, 2, 3 [1]: 2
```

We then run through the following commands as before.

```
# Change directory into your newly created project.
    cd sqa_demo
# Create a new virtual environment...
    python3 -m venv env
# ...where we upgrade packaging tools...
    env/bin/pip install --upgrade pip setuptools
# ...and into which we install our project and its testing requirements.
    env/bin/pip install -e ".[testing]"
# Reset our environment variable for a new virtual environment.
    export VENV=~/sqa_demo/env
```
We now have a working sample SQLAlchemy application with all dependencies installed. The sample project provides a method to generate a database migration from existing models and upgrade the database schema using Alembic. Let’s generate the first revision.

```
$VENV/bin/alembic -c development.ini revision --autogenerate -m "init"
```

Now let’s upgrade the database schema.

```
$VENV/bin/alembic -c development.ini upgrade head
```

The sample project also provides a console script to load data into the SQLite database. Let’s run it, then start the application:

```
$VENV/bin/initialize_sqla_demo_db development.ini
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini
```

The ORM eases the mapping of database structures into a programming language. SQLAlchemy uses "models" for this mapping. The cookiecutter generated a sample model:

```python
class MyModel(Base):
    __tablename__ = 'models'
    id = Column(Integer, primary_key=True)
    name = Column(Text)
    value = Column(Integer)
```

View code, which mediates the logic between web requests and the rest of the system, can then easily get at the data thanks to SQLAlchemy:

```python
@view_config(route_name='home', renderer='sqla_demo:templates/mytemplate.
  !jinja2')
def my_view(request):
    try:
        query = request.dbsession.query(models.MyModel)
        one = query.filter(models.MyModel.name == 'one').one()
    except SQLAlchemyError:
        return Response(db_err_msg, content_type='text/plain', status=500)
    return {'one': one, 'project': 'sqla_demo'}
```

See also: 

See also: Quick Tutorial Databases, SQLAlchemy, Making Your Script into a Console Script, SQLAlchemy + URL dispatch wiki tutorial, and Application Transactions with pyramid_tm.
Forms

Developers have lots of opinions about web forms, thus there are many form libraries for Python. Pyramid doesn’t directly bundle a form library, but *Deform* is a popular choice for forms, along with its related *Colander* schema system.

As an example, imagine we want a form that edits a wiki page. The form should have two fields on it, one of them a required title and the other a rich text editor for the body. With Deform we can express this as a Colander schema:

```python
class WikiPage(colander.MappingSchema):
    title = colander.SchemaNode(colander.String())
    body = colander.SchemaNode(
        colander.String(),
        widget=deform.widget.RichTextWidget()
    )
```

With this in place, we can render the HTML for a form, perhaps with form data from an existing page:

```python
form = self.wiki_form.render()
```

We’d like to handle form submission, validation, and saving:

```python
# Get the form data that was posted
controls = self.request.POST.items()
try:
    # Validate and either raise a validation error
    # or return deserialized data from widgets
    appstruct = wiki_form.validate(controls)
except deform.ValidationFailure as e:
    # Bail out and render form with errors
    return dict(title=title, page=page, form=e.render())

# Change the content and redirect to the view
page['title'] = appstruct['title']
page['body'] = appstruct['body']
```

Deform and Colander provide a very flexible combination for forms, widgets, schemas, and validation. Recent versions of Deform also include a retail mode for gaining Deform features on custom forms.

Deform uses attractive CSS from Twitter Bootstrap and more powerful select, checkbox, and date and time widgets.

See also:

See also: *Quick Tutorial Forms*, Deform, and Colander.
Conclusion

This *Quick Tour* covered a little about a lot. We introduced a long list of concepts in Pyramid, many of which are expanded on more fully in the Pyramid developer docs.

0.2.2 Quick Tutorial for Pyramid

This tutorial gives a high-level tour of the major features.

This hands-on tutorial covers "a little about a lot": practical introductions to the most common facilities. Fun, fast-paced, and most certainly not aimed at experts of the Pyramid web framework.

Contents

Requirements

Let’s get our tutorial environment set up. Most of the set up work is in standard Python development practices (install Python and make an isolated virtual environment.)

Pyramid encourages standard Python development practices with packaging tools, virtual environments, logging, and so on. There are many variations, implementations, and opinions across the Python community. For consistency, ease of documentation maintenance, and to minimize confusion, the Pyramid documentation has adopted specific conventions that are consistent with the Python Packaging Authority.

This *Quick Tutorial* is based on:

- **Python 3.8.** Pyramid fully supports Python 3.6+. This tutorial uses **Python 3.8**.

- **venv.** We believe in virtual environments. For this tutorial, we use Python 3’s built-in solution **venv**.

- **pip.** We use **pip** for package management.

- **Workspaces, projects, and packages.** Our home directory will contain a *tutorial workspace* with our Python virtual environment and *Python projects* (a directory with packaging information and *Python packages* of working code.)
• **Unix commands.** Commands in this tutorial use Unix syntax and paths. Windows users should adjust commands accordingly.

Pyramid was one of the first web frameworks to fully support Python 3 in October 2011.

Windows commands use the plain old MSDOS shell. For PowerShell command syntax, see its documentation.

### Steps

1. **Install Python 3**
2. **Create a project directory structure**
3. **Set an environment variable**
4. **Create a virtual environment**
5. **Install Pyramid**

### Install Python 3

See the detailed recommendation for your operating system described under *Installing Pyramid*.

- **For macOS Users**
- **If You Don’t Yet Have a Python Interpreter (Unix)**
- **If You Don’t Yet Have a Python Interpreter (Windows)**

### Create a project directory structure

We will arrive at a directory structure of `workspace -> project -> package`, where our workspace is named `quick_tutorial`. The following tree diagram shows how this will be structured, and where our `virtual environment` will reside as we proceed through the tutorial:
For macOS and Linux, the commands to do so are as follows:

```
# macOS and Linux
cd ~
mkdir -p projects/quick_tutorial
cd projects/quick_tutorial
```

For Windows:

```
# Windows
cd \projects\quick_tutorial
mkdir \projects\quick_tutorial
cd \projects\quick_tutorial
```

In the above figure, your user home directory is represented by ~. In your home directory, all of your projects are in the `projects` directory. This is a general convention not specific to Pyramid that many developers use. Windows users will do well to use `c:\` as the location for `projects` in order to avoid spaces in any of the path names.

Next within `projects` is your workspace directory, here named `quick_tutorial`. A workspace is a common term used by integrated development environments (IDE), like PyCharm and PyDev, where virtual environments, specific project files, and repositories are stored.

**Set an environment variable**

This tutorial will refer frequently to the location of the virtual environment. We set an environment variable to save typing later.
Create a virtual environment

`venv` is a tool to create isolated Python 3 environments, each with its own Python binary and independent set of installed Python packages in its site directories. Let’s create one, using the location we just specified in the environment variable.

```
# macOS and Linux
export VENV=~/.projects/quick_tutorial/env

# Windows
set VENV=c:\projects\quick_tutorial\env
```

```
python3 -m venv $VENV
```

```
# Windows
python -m venv %VENV%
```

See also:
See also `venv` module.

Update packaging tools in the virtual environment

It’s always a good idea to update to the very latest version of packaging tools because the installed Python bundles only the version that was available at the time of its release.

```
# macOS and Linux
$VENV/bin/pip install --upgrade pip setuptools
```

```
# Windows
%VENV%\Scripts\pip install --upgrade pip setuptools
```

See also:
See also *Why use $VENV/bin/pip instead of source bin/activate, then pip.*
Install Pyramid

We have our Python standard prerequisites out of the way. The Pyramid part is pretty easy. We’ll also install a WSGI server, Waitress.

# macOS and Linux
$VENV/bin/pip install "pyramid==2.1.dev0" waitress

# Windows
%VENV%\Scripts\pip install "pyramid==2.1.dev0" waitress

Our Python virtual environment now has the Pyramid software available as well as the waitress package.

Tutorial Approach

This tutorial uses conventions to keep the introduction focused and concise. Details, references, and deeper discussions are mentioned in “See also” notes.

See also:

This is an example ”See also” note.

Directory tree

This ”Getting Started” tutorial is broken into independent steps, starting with the smallest possible ”single file WSGI app” example. Each of these steps introduces a topic and a very small set of concepts via working code. The steps each correspond to a directory in our workspace, where each step’s directory is a Python package. Source code used in this tutorial is located in the Pyramid repository in the directory ”docs/quick_tutorial”. You may git clone the repository, download, or copy-paste the source code. If you do so, then make sure you use the same branch as this documentation.

As we develop our tutorial, our directory tree will resemble the structure below:
Each of the directories in our quick_tutorial workspace (e.g., request_response) is a Python project (except as noted for the hello_world step). The tutorial directory is a Python package.

For most steps you will copy an earlier step’s directory to a new directory, change your working directory to the new directory, then install your project:

```
$ cd ..; cp -r package ini; cd ini
$VENV/bin/pip install -e .
```

For a few steps, you won’t copy an earlier step’s directory, but you will still need to install your project with $VENV/bin/pip install -e ..

Finally for a few steps, you might add a dependency to your project in its setup.py file, and then install both the dependency and the project with either $VENV/bin/pip install -e . or $VENV/bin/pip install -e ".[dev]".

**Prelude: Quick Project Startup with Cookiecutters**

To ease the process of getting started on a project, the Pylons Project provides a cookiecutter that generates sample Pyramid projects from project templates. The cookiecutter will install Pyramid and its dependencies as well. We will still cover many topics of web application development using Pyramid, but it’s good to know of this facility. This prelude will demonstrate how to get a working Pyramid web application running via cookiecutter.

**Objectives**

- Use a cookiecutter to make a new project.
- Start up a Pyramid application and visit it in a web browser.
**Steps**

1. Install cookiecutter into your virtual environment.

   
   ```bash
   $VENV/bin/pip install cookiecutter
   ```

2. Let’s use the cookiecutter `pyramid-cookiecutter-starter` to create a starter Pyramid project in the current directory, entering values at the prompts as shown below for the following command.

   ```bash
   $VENV/bin/cookiecutter gh:Pylons/pyramid-cookiecutter-starter --checkout master
   ```

   If prompted for the first item, accept the default `yes` by hitting return.

   ```bash
   You've cloned ~/.cookiecutters/pyramid-cookiecutter-starter before. Is it okay to delete and re-clone it? [yes]: yes
   project_name [Pyramid Scaffold]: cc_starter
   repo_name [cc_starter]: cc_starter
   Select template_language:
   1 - jinja2
   2 - chameleon
   3 - mako
   Choose from 1, 2, 3 [1]: 1
   Select backend:
   1 - none
   2 - sqlalchmy
   3 - zodb
   Choose from 1, 2, 3 [1]: 1
   ```

3. We then run through the following commands.

   ```bash
   # Change directory into your newly created project.
   cd cc_starter
   # Create a new virtual environment...
   python3 -m venv env
   # ...where we upgrade packaging tools...
   env/bin/pip install --upgrade pip setuptools
   # ...and into which we install our project.
   env/bin/pip install -e
   ```
4. Start up the application by pointing Pyramid’s `pserve` command at the project’s (generated) configuration file:

```
env/bin/pserve development.ini --reload
```

On start up, `pserve` logs some output:

```
Starting monitor for PID 60461.
Starting server in PID 60461.
Serving on http://localhost:6543
Serving on http://localhost:6543
```


**Analysis**

Rather than starting from scratch, a cookiecutter can make it easy to get a Python project containing a working Pyramid application.

`pserve` is Pyramid’s application runner, separating operational details from your code. When you install Pyramid, a small command program called `pserve` is written to your `bin` directory. This program is an executable Python module. It is passed a configuration file (in this case, `development.ini`).

**01: Single-File Web Applications**

What’s the simplest way to get started in Pyramid? A single-file module. No Python packages, no `pip install -e .`, no other machinery.

**Background**

Microframeworks were all the rage, until the next shiny thing came along. "Microframework" is a marketing term, not a technical one. They have a low mental overhead: they do so little, the only things you have to worry about are your things.

Pyramid is special because it can act as a single-file module microframework. You can have a single Python file that can be executed directly by Python. But Pyramid also provides facilities to scale to the largest of applications.

Python has a standard called WSGI that defines how Python web applications plug into standard servers, getting passed incoming requests, and returning responses. Most modern Python web frameworks obey an "MVC" (model-view-controller) application pattern, where the data in the model has a view that mediates interaction with outside systems.

In this step we’ll see a brief glimpse of WSGI servers, WSGI applications, requests, responses, and views.
Objectives

- Get a running Pyramid web application, as simply as possible.
- Use that as a well-understood base for adding each unit of complexity.
- Initial exposure to WSGI apps, requests, views, and responses.

Steps

1. Make sure you have followed the steps in Requirements.

2. Starting from your workspace directory (~/projects/quick_tutorial), create a directory for this step:

   ```bash
   cd ~/projects/quick_tutorial; mkdir hello_world; cd hello_world
   ```

3. Copy the following into hello_world/app.py:

   ```python
   from waitress import serve
   from pyramid.config import Configurator
   from pyramid.response import Response

   def hello_world(request):
       print('Incoming request')
       return Response('<body><h1>Hello World!</h1></body>')

   if __name__ == '__main__':
       with Configurator() as config:
           config.add_route('hello', '/')
           config.add_view(hello_world, route_name='hello')
           app = config.make_wsgi_app()
           serve(app, host='0.0.0.0', port=6543)
   ```

4. Run the application:

Analysis

New to Python web programming? If so, some lines in the module merit explanation:

1. *Line 11.* The `if __name__ == '__main__':` is Python’s way of saying, ”Start here when running from the command line”, rather than when this module is imported.

2. *Lines 12-14.* Use Pyramid’s configurator in a context manager to connect view code to a particular URL route.

3. *Lines 6-8.* Implement the view code that generates the response.


As shown in this example, the configurator plays a central role in Pyramid development. Building an application from loosely-coupled parts via Application Configuration is a central idea in Pyramid, one that we will revisit regularly in this Quick Tutorial.

Extra credit

1. Why do we do this:

   ```python
   print('Incoming request')
   ```

   ...instead of:

   ```python
   print 'Incoming request'
   ```

2. What happens if you return a string of HTML? A sequence of integers?

3. Put something invalid, such as `print xyz`, in the view function. Kill your `python app.py` with `ctrl-C` and restart, then reload your browser. See the exception in the console?

4. The GI in WSGI stands for ”Gateway Interface”. What web standard is this modelled after?
02: Python Packages for Pyramid Applications

Most modern Python development is done using Python packages, an approach Pyramid puts to good use. In this step we redo "Hello World" as a minimal Python package inside a minimal Python project.

Background

Python developers can organize a collection of modules and files into a namespaced unit called a package. If a directory is on `sys.path` and has a special file named `__init__.py`, it is treated as a Python package.

Packages can be bundled up, made available for installation, and installed through a toolchain oriented around a `setup.py` file. For this tutorial, this is all you need to know:

- We will have a directory for each tutorial step as a project.
- This project will contain a `setup.py` which injects the features of the project machinery into the directory.
- In this project we will make a tutorial subdirectory into a Python package using an `__init__.py` Python module file.
- We will run `pip install -e .` to install our project in development mode.

In summary:

- You’ll do your development in a Python package.
- That package will be part of a project.

Objectives

- Make a Python "package" directory with an `__init__.py`.
- Get a minimum Python "project" in place by making a `setup.py`.
- Install our tutorial project in development mode.

Steps

1. Make an area for this tutorial step:
2. In `package/setup.py`, enter the following:

```python
from setuptools import setup

# List of dependencies installed via `pip install -e .`
# by virtue of the Setuptools `install_requires` value below.
requires = [  
    'pyramid',  
    'waitress', 
]

setup(  
    name='tutorial',  
    install_requires=requires,
)
```

3. Make the new project installed for development then make a directory for the actual code:

```
$VENV/bin/pip install -e .  
mkdir tutorial
```

4. Enter the following into `package/tutorial/__init__.py`:

```
# package
```

5. Enter the following into `package/tutorial/app.py`:

```
from waitress import serve
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.response import Response

def hello_world(request):  
    print('Incoming request')  
    return Response(  
        '<body><h1>Hello World!</h1></body>'
    )

if __name__ == '__main__':
```

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with Configurator() as config:
    config.add_route('hello', '/')
    config.add_view(hello_world, route_name='hello')
    app = config.make_wsgi_app()
    serve(app, host='0.0.0.0', port=6543)

6. Run the WSGI application with:

   $VENV/bin/python tutorial/app.py


Analysis

Python packages give us an organized unit of project development. Python projects, via `setup.py`, give us special features when our package is installed (in this case, in local development mode, also called local editable mode as indicated by `-e`).

In this step we have a Python package called `tutorial`. We use the same name in each step of the tutorial, to avoid unnecessary retyping.

Above this `tutorial` directory we have the files that handle the packaging of this project. At the moment, all we need is a bare-bones `setup.py`.

Everything else is the same about our application. We simply made a Python package with a `setup.py` and installed it in development mode.

Note that the way we’re running the app (`python tutorial/app.py`) is a bit of an odd duck. We would never do this unless we were writing a tutorial that tries to capture how this stuff works one step at a time. It’s generally a bad idea to run a Python module inside a package directly as a script.

See also:

Python Packages and Working in "Development Mode".

03: Application Configuration with `.ini` Files

Use Pyramid’s `pserve` command with a `.ini` configuration file for simpler, better application running.
Background

Pyramid has a first-class concept of configuration distinct from code. This approach is optional, but its presence makes it distinct from other Python web frameworks. It taps into Python’s *Setuptools* library, which establishes conventions for installing and providing "entry points" for Python projects. Pyramid uses an *entry point* to let a Pyramid application know where to find the WSGI app.

Objectives

- Modify our *setup.py* to have an *entry point* telling Pyramid the location of the WSGI app.
- Create an application driven by an *.ini* file.
- Start the application with Pyramid’s *pserve* command.
- Move code into the package’s *__init__.py*.

Steps

1. First we copy the results of the previous step:

   ```
   cd ..; cp -r package ini; cd ini
   ```

2. Our *.ini/setup.py* needs a *Setuptools entry point* in the `setup()` function:

   ```python
   from setuptools import setup

   # List of dependencies installed via `pip install -e .`
   # by virtue of the Setuptools `install_requires` value below.
   requires = [
     'pyramid',
     'waitress',
   ]

   setup(
     name='tutorial',
     install_requires=requires,
     entry_points={
       'paste.app_factory': [
         'main = tutorial:main',
       ],
    },
  )
   ```
3. We can now install our project, thus generating (or re-generating) an "egg" at ini/tutorial. 
egg-info:

```
$VENV/bin/pip install -e .
```

4. Let's make a file ini/development.ini for our configuration:

```
[app:main]
use = egg:tutorial

[server:main]
use = egg:waitress#main
listen = localhost:6543
```

5. We can refactor our startup code from the previous step's app.py into ini/tutorial/ 
   __init__.py:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.response import Response

def hello_world(request):
    return Response('<body><h1>Hello World!</h1></body>')</n
def main(global_config, **settings):
    config = Configurator(settings=settings)
    config.add_route('hello', '/')
    config.add_view(hello_world, route_name='hello')
    return config.make_wsgi_app()
```

6. Now that ini/tutorial/app.py isn't used, let's remove it:

```
rm tutorial/app.py
```

7. Run your Pyramid application with:

```
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini --reload
```

Analysis

Our development.ini file is read by pserve and serves to bootstrap our application. Processing then proceeds as described in the Pyramid chapter on *application startup*:

- pserve looks for [app:main] and finds use = egg:tutorial.

- The project’s setup.py has defined an *entry point* (lines 10-13) for the project’s "main" *entry point* of tutorial:main.

- The tutorial package’s __init__ has a main function.

- This function is invoked, with the values from certain .ini sections passed in.

The .ini file is also used for two other functions:

- *Configuring the WSGI server*. [server:main] wires up the choice of which WSGI server for your WSGI application. In this case, we are using waitress which we specified in tutorial/setup.py and was installed in the Requirements step at the start of this tutorial. It also wires up the *port number*: listen = localhost:6543 tells waitress to listen on host localhost at port 6543.

  Running the command `$VENV/bin/pip install -e .` will check for previously installed packages in our virtual environment that are specified in our package’s setup.py file, then install our package in editable mode, installing any requirements that were not previously installed. If a requirement was manually installed previously on the command line or otherwise, in this case waitress, then `$VENV/bin/pip install -e .` will merely check that it is installed and move on.

- *Configuring Python logging*. Pyramid uses Python standard logging, which needs a number of configuration values. The .ini serves this function. This provides the console log output that you see on startup and each request.

We moved our startup code from app.py to the package’s tutorial/__init__.py. This isn’t necessary, but it is a common style in Pyramid to take the WSGI app bootstrapping out of your module’s code and put it in the package’s __init__.py.

The pserve application runner has a number of command-line arguments and options. We are using --reload which tells pserve to watch the filesystem for changes to relevant code (Python files, the INI file, etc.) and, when something changes, restart the application. Very handy during development.
Extra credit

1. If you don’t like configuration and/or .ini files, could you do this yourself in Python code?
2. Can we have multiple .ini configuration files for a project? Why might you want to do that?
3. The entry point in setup.py didn’t mention __init__.py when it declared tutorial:main function. Why not?
4. What is the purpose of **settings? What does the ** signify?

See also:

*Creating a Pyramid Project, Pyramid cookiecutters, What Is This pserve Thing, Environment Variables and .ini File Settings, PasteDeploy Configuration Files*

04: Easier Development with debugtoolbar

Error handling and introspection using the pyramid_debugtoolbar add-on.

Background

As we introduce the basics, we also want to show how to be productive in development and debugging. For example, we just discussed template reloading, and earlier we showed --reload for application reloading.

pyramid_debugtoolbar is a popular Pyramid add-on which makes several tools available in your browser. Adding it to your project illustrates several points about configuration.

Objectives

- Install and enable the toolbar to help during development.
- Explain Pyramid add-ons.
- Show how an add-on gets configured into your application.

Steps

1. First we copy the results of the previous step.
2. Add `pyramid_debugtoolbar` to our project’s dependencies in `setup.py` as a `Setuptools` “extra” for development:

```python
from setuptools import setup

# List of dependencies installed via `pip install -e .` 
# by virtue of the Setuptools `install_requires` value below.
requires = [
    'pyramid',
    'waitress',
]

# List of dependencies installed via `pip install -e ".[dev]"` 
# by virtue of the Setuptools `extras_require` value in the Python 
# dictionary below.
dev_requires = [
    'pyramid_debugtoolbar',
]

setup(
    name='tutorial',
    install_requires=requires,
    extras_require={
        'dev': dev_requires,
    },
    entry_points={
        'paste.app_factory': [
            'main = tutorial:main'
        ],
    },
)
```

3. Install our project and its newly added dependency. Note that we use the extra specifier `[dev]` to install development requirements and surround it and the period with double quote marks.

```
$VENV/bin/pip install -e ".[dev]"
```

4. Our `debugtoolbar/development.ini` gets a configuration entry for `pyramid.includes`:
5. Run the WSGI application with:

```
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini --reload
```


Analysis

`pyramid_debugtoolbar` is a full-fledged Python package, available on PyPI just like thousands of other Python packages. Thus we start by installing the `pyramid_debugtoolbar` package into our virtual environment using normal Python package installation commands.

The `pyramid_debugtoolbar` Python package is also a Pyramid add-on, which means we need to include its add-on configuration into our web application. We could do this with imperative configuration in `tutorial/__init__.py` by using `config.include`. Pyramid also supports wiring in add-on configuration via our `development.ini` using `pyramid.includes`. We use this to load the configuration for the debugtoolbar.

You’ll now see an attractive button on the right side of your browser, which you may click to provide introspective access to debugging information in a new browser tab. Even better, if your web application generates an error, you will see a nice traceback on the screen. When you want to disable this toolbar, there’s no need to change code: you can remove it from `pyramid.includes` in the relevant `.ini` configuration file (thus showing why configuration files are handy).

Note that the toolbar injects a small amount of HTML/CSS into your app just before the closing `</body>` tag in order to display itself. If you start to experience otherwise inexplicable client-side weirdness, you can shut it off by commenting out the `pyramid_debugtoolbar` line in `pyramid.includes` temporarily.

Finally we’ve introduced the concept of `Setuptools` extras. These are optional or recommended features that may be installed with an “extras” specifier, in this case, `dev`. The specifier is the name of a key in a Python dictionary, and is surrounded by square brackets when invoked on the command line, for example, `. The value for the key is a Python list of dependencies.

See also:

See also `pyramid_debugtoolbar`. 

```
[app:main]
use = egg:tutorial
pyramid.includes =
    pyramid_debugtoolbar

[server:main]
use = egg:waitress#main
listen = localhost:6543
```
Extra credit

1. We added `pyramid_debugtoolbar` to the list of `dev_requires` dependencies in `debugtoolbar/setup.py`. We then installed the dependencies via `pip install -e .[dev]` by virtue of the Setuptools `extras_require` value in the Python dictionary. Why did we add them there instead of in the `requires` list?

2. Introduce a bug into your application. Change:

   ```python
def hello_world(request):
    return Response('<body><h1>Hello World!\</h1></body>')
```

   to:

   ```python
def hello_world(request):
    return xResponse('<body><h1>Hello World!\</h1></body>')
```

   Save, and visit http://localhost:6543/ again. Notice the nice traceback display. On the lowest line, click the "screen" icon to the right, and try typing the variable names `request` and `Response`. What else can you discover?

05: Unit Tests and pytest

Provide unit testing for our project’s Python code.

Background

As the mantra says, "Untested code is broken code." The Python community has had a long culture of writing test scripts which ensure that your code works correctly as you write it and maintain it in the future. Pyramid has always had a deep commitment to testing, with 100% test coverage from the earliest pre-releases.

Python includes a unit testing framework in its standard library. Over the years a number of Python projects, such as pytest, have extended this framework with alternative test runners that provide more convenience and functionality. The Pyramid developers use pytest, which we’ll use in this tutorial.

Don’t worry, this tutorial won’t be pedantic about "test-driven development" (TDD). We’ll do just enough to ensure that, in each step, we haven’t majorly broken the code. As you’re writing your code, you might find this more convenient than changing to your browser constantly and clicking reload.

We’ll also leave discussion of pytest-cov for another section.
Objectives

- Write unit tests that ensure the quality of our code.
- Install a Python package (pytest) which helps in our testing.

Steps

1. First we copy the results of the previous step.

   ```
   cd ..; cp -r debugtoolbar unit_testing; cd unit_testing
   ```

2. Add `pytest` to our project’s dependencies in `setup.py` as a `setuptools` “extra”:

   ```python
   from setuptools import setup

   # List of dependencies installed via `pip install -e`.
   # by virtue of the Setuptools `install_requires` value below.
   requires = [
       'pyramid',
       'waitress',
   ]

   # List of dependencies installed via `pip install -e "[dev]"`
   # by virtue of the Setuptools `extras_require` value in the Python
   # dictionary below.
   dev_requires = [
       'pyramid-debugtoolbar',
       'pytest',
   ]

   setup(
       name='tutorial',
       install_requires=requires,
       extras_require={
           'dev': dev_requires,
       },
       entry_points={
           'paste.app_factory': [
               'main = tutorial:main'
           ],
       },
   )
   ```
3. Install our project and its newly added dependency. Note that we use the extra specifier [dev] to install testing requirements for development and surround it with double quote marks.

```
$VENV/bin/pip install -e ".[dev]"
```

4. Now we write a simple unit test in `unit_testing/tutorial/tests.py`:

```python
import unittest

from pyramid import testing

class TutorialViewTests(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        self.config = testing.setUp()

    def tearDown(self):
        testing.tearDown()

    def test_hello_world(self):
        from tutorial import hello_world

        request = testing.DummyRequest()
        response = hello_world(request)
        self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 200)
```

5. Now run the tests:

```
$VENV/bin/pytest tutorial/tests.py -q
.
1 passed in 0.14 seconds
```

**Analysis**

Our `tests.py` imports the Python standard unit testing framework. To make writing Pyramid-oriented tests more convenient, Pyramid supplies some `pyramid.testing` helpers which we use in the test setup and teardown. Our one test imports the view, makes a dummy request, and sees if the view returns what we expect.

The `tests.TutorialViewTests.test_hello_world` test is a small example of a unit test. First, we import the view inside each test. Why not import at the top, like in normal Python code? Because
imports can cause effects that break a test. We’d like our tests to be in *units*, hence the name *unit* testing. Each test should isolate itself to the correct degree.

Our test then makes a fake incoming web request, then calls our Pyramid view. We test the HTTP status code on the response to make sure it matches our expectations.

Note that our use of `pyramid.testing.setUp()` and `pyramid.testing.tearDown()` aren’t actually necessary here; they are only necessary when your test needs to make use of the `config` object (it’s a Configurator) to add stuff to the configuration state before calling the view.

**Extra credit**

1. Change the test to assert that the response status code should be 404 (meaning, not found). Run `pytest` again. Read the error report and see if you can decipher what it is telling you.

2. As a more realistic example, put the `tests.py` back as you found it, and put an error in your view, such as a reference to a non-existing variable. Run the tests and see how this is more convenient than reloading your browser and going back to your code.

3. Finally, for the most realistic test, read about Pyramid Response objects and see how to change the response code. Run the tests and see how testing confirms the ”contract” that your code claims to support.

4. How could we add a unit test assertion to test the HTML value of the response body?

5. Why do we import the `hello_world` view function *inside* the `test_hello_world` method instead of at the top of the module?

See also:

See also *Unit, Integration, and Functional Testing* and *Setuptools Declaring ”Extras”* (optional features with their own dependencies).

**06: Functional Testing with WebTest**

Write end-to-end full-stack testing using `webtest`. 
**Background**

Unit tests are a common and popular approach to test-driven development (TDD). In web applications, though, the templating and entire apparatus of a web site are important parts of the delivered quality. We’d like a way to test these.

WebTest is a Python package that does functional testing. With WebTest you can write tests which simulate a full HTTP request against a WSGI application, then test the information in the response. For speed purposes, WebTest skips the setup/teardown of an actual HTTP server, providing tests that run fast enough to be part of TDD.

**Objectives**

- Write a test which checks the contents of the returned HTML.

**Steps**

1. First we copy the results of the previous step.

   ```
   cd ..; cp -r unit_testing functional_testing; cd functional_testing
   ```

2. Add `webtest` to our project’s dependencies in `setup.py` as a `Setuptools` ”extra”:

   ```
   from setuptools import setup
   
   # List of dependencies installed via `pip install -e .`
   # by virtue of the Setuptools `install_requires` value below.
   requires = [
       'pyramid',
       'waitress',
   ]
   
   # List of dependencies installed via `pip install -e ".[dev]"`
   # by virtue of the Setuptools `extras_require` value in the Python
   # dictionary below.
   dev_requires = [
       'pyramid_debugtoolbar',
       'pytest',
   ]
   ```

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3. Install our project and its newly added dependency. Note that we use the extra specifier `[dev]` to install testing requirements for development and surround it and the period with double quote marks.

   \[ \text{\$VENV/bin/pip install -e ".[dev]"} \]

4. Let's extend \texttt{functional_testing/tutorial/tests.py} to include a functional test:

   \begin{verbatim}
   import unittest

   from pyramid import testing

   class TutorialViewTests(unittest.TestCase):
       def setUp(self):
           self.config = testing.setUp()

       def tearDown(self):
           testing.tearDown()

       def test_hello_world(self):
           from tutorial import hello_world

           request = testing.DummyRequest()
           response = hello_world(request)
           self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 200)
   \end{verbatim}
Be sure this file is not executable, or pytest may not include your tests.

5. Now run the tests:

```
$VENV/bin/pytest tutorial/tests.py -q
..
2 passed in 0.25 seconds
```

**Analysis**

We now have the end-to-end testing we were looking for. WebTest lets us simply extend our existing pytest-based test approach with functional tests that are reported in the same output. These new tests not only cover our templating, but they didn’t dramatically increase the execution time of our tests.

**Extra credit**

1. Why do our functional tests use `b' '`?

**07: Basic Web Handling With Views**

Organize a views module with decorators and multiple views.
Background

For the examples so far, the `hello_world` function is a "view". In Pyramid, views are the primary way to accept web requests and return responses.

So far our examples place everything in one file:

- The view function
- Its registration with the configurator
- The route to map it to a URL
- The WSGI application launcher

Let’s move the views out to their own `views.py` module and change our startup code to scan that module, looking for decorators that set up the views. Let’s also add a second view and update our tests.

Objectives

- Move views into a module that is scanned by the configurator.
- Create decorators that do declarative configuration.

Steps

1. Let’s begin by using the previous package as a starting point for a new distribution, then making it active:

   ```bash
   cd ..; cp -r functional_testing views; cd views
   $VENV/bin/pip install -e .
   ```

2. Our `views/tutorial/__init__.py` gets a lot shorter:
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def main(global_config, **settings):
    config = Configurator(settings=settings)
    config.add_route('home', '/')
    config.add_route('hello', '/howdy')
    config.scan('.views')
    return config.make_wsgi_app()

3. Let's add a module views/tutorial/views.py that is focused on handling requests and responses:

    from pyramid.response import Response
    from pyramid.view import view_config

    # First view, available at http://localhost:6543/
    @view_config(route_name='home')
    def home(request):
        return Response('<body>Visit <a href="/howdy">hello</a></body>')

    # /howdy
    @view_config(route_name='hello')
    def hello(request):
        return Response('<body>Go back <a href="/">home</a></body>')

4. Update the tests to cover the two new views:

    import unittest
    from pyramid import testing

    class TutorialViewTests(unittest.TestCase):
        def setUp(self):
            self.config = testing.setUp()

        def tearDown(self):
            testing.tearDown()

        def test_home(self):
            (continues on next page)
from .views import home
request = testing.DummyRequest()
response = home(request)
self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 200)
self.assertIn(b'Visit', response.body)

def test_hello(self):
    from .views import hello
    request = testing.DummyRequest()
    response = hello(request)
    self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 200)
    self.assertIn(b'Go back', response.body)

class TutorialFunctionalTests(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        from tutorial import main
        app = main({})
        from webtest import TestApp

        self.testapp = TestApp(app)

    def test_home(self):
        res = self.testapp.get('/', status=200)
        self.assertIn(b'<body>Visit', res.body)

    def test_hello(self):
        res = self.testapp.get('/howdy', status=200)
        self.assertIn(b'<body>Go back', res.body)

5. Now run the tests:

```
$VENV/bin/pytest tutorial/tests.py -q
....
4 passed in 0.28 seconds
```

6. Run your Pyramid application with:

```
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini --reload
```

Analysis

We added some more URLs, but we also removed the view code from the application startup code in tutorial/__init__.py. Our views, and their view registrations (via decorators) are now in a module views.py, which is scanned via config.scan('.views').

We have two views, each leading to the other. If you start at http://localhost:6543/, you get a response with a link to the next view. The hello view (available at the URL /howdy) has a link back to the first view.

This step also shows that the name appearing in the URL, the name of the "route" that maps a URL to a view, and the name of the view, can all be different. More on routes later.

Earlier we saw config.add_view as one way to configure a view. This section introduces @view_config. Pyramid’s configuration supports imperative configuration, such as the config.add_view in the previous example. You can also use declarative configuration, in which a Python decorator is placed on the line above the view. Both approaches result in the same final configuration, thus usually, it is simply a matter of taste.

Extra credit

1. What does the dot in .views signify?

2. Why might assertIn be a better choice in testing the text in responses than assertEqual?

See also:

Views, View Configuration, and Debugging View Configuration

08: HTML Generation With Templating

Most web frameworks don’t embed HTML in programming code. Instead, they pass data into a templating system. In this step we look at the basics of using HTML templates in Pyramid.
Background

Ouch. We have been making our own Response and filling the response body with HTML. You usually won’t embed an HTML string directly in Python, but instead will use a templating language.

Pyramid doesn’t mandate a particular database system, form library, and so on. It encourages replaceability. This applies equally to templating, which is fortunate: developers have strong views about template languages. As of Pyramid 1.5a2, Pyramid doesn’t even bundle a template language!

It does, however, have strong ties to Jinja2, Mako, and Chameleon. In this step we see how to add pyramid_chameleon to your project, then change your views to use templating.

Objectives

- Enable the pyramid_chameleon Pyramid add-on.
- Generate HTML from template files.
- Connect the templates as "renderers" for view code.
- Change the view code to simply return data.

Steps

1. Let’s begin by using the previous package as a starting point for a new project:

   ```
   cd ..; cp -r views templating; cd templating
   ```

2. This step depends on pyramid_chameleon, so add it as a dependency in templating/setup.py:
from setuptools import setup

# List of dependencies installed via `pip install -e .`
# by virtue of the Setuptools `install_requires` value below.
requires = [
    'pyramid',
    'pyramid_chameleon',
    'waitress',
]

# List of dependencies installed via `pip install -e ".[dev]"`
# by virtue of the Setuptools `extras_require` value in the Python
# dictionary below.
dev_requires = [
    'pyramid_debugtoolbar',
    'pytest',
    'webtest',
]

setup(
    name='tutorial',
    install_requires=requires,
    extras_require={
        'dev': dev_requires,
    },
    entry_points={
        'paste.app_factory': [
            'main = tutorial:main'
        ],
    },
)

3. Now we can activate the development-mode distribution:

   $VENV/bin/pip install -e .

4. We need to connect pyramid_chameleon as a renderer by making a call in the setup of
   templating/tutorial/__init__.py:

from pyramid.config import Configurator

def main(global_config, **settings):

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5. Our templating/tutorial/views.py no longer has HTML in it:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config

# First view, available at http://localhost:6543/
@view_config(route_name='home', renderer='home.pt')
def home(request):
    return {'name': 'Home View'}

def hello(request):
    return {'name': 'Hello View'}
```

6. Instead we have templating/tutorial/home.pt as a template:

```html
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
    <title>Quick Tutorial: ${name}</title>
</head>
<body>
    <h1>Hi ${name}</h1>
</body>
</html>
```

7. For convenience, change templating/development.ini to reload templates automatically with pyramid.reload_templates:

```ini
[app:main]
use = egg:tutorial
pyramid.reload_templates = true
```

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8. Our unit tests in `templating/tutorial/tests.py` can focus on data:

```python
import unittest
from pyramid import testing

class TutorialViewTests(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        self.config = testing.setUp()

    def tearDown(self):
        testing.tearDown()

    def test_home(self):
        from .views import home

        request = testing.DummyRequest()
        response = home(request)
        # Our view now returns data
        self.assertEqual('Home View', response['name'])

    def test_hello(self):
        from .views import hello

        request = testing.DummyRequest()
        response = hello(request)
        # Our view now returns data
        self.assertEqual('Hello View', response['name'])

class TutorialFunctionalTests(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        from tutorial import main
        app = main({})
        from webtest import TestApp
```

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```python
    self.testapp = TestApp(app)

    def test_home(self):
        res = self.testapp.get('/', status=200)
        self.assertIn(b'<h1>Hi Home View', res.body)

    def test_hello(self):
        res = self.testapp.get('/howdy', status=200)
        self.assertIn(b'<h1>Hi Hello View', res.body)
```

9. Now run the tests:

```bash
$VENV/bin/pytest tutorial/tests.py -q
....
4 passed in 0.46 seconds
```

10. Run your Pyramid application with:

```bash
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini --reload
```


**Analysis**

Ahh, that looks better. We have a view that is focused on Python code. Our `@view_config` decorator specifies a `renderer` that points to our template file. Our view then simply returns data which is then supplied to our template. Note that we used the same template for both views.

Note the effect on testing. We can focus on having a data-oriented contract with our view code.

**See also:**

*Templates, Debugging Templates,* and *Available Add-On Template System Bindings.*

**09: Organizing Views With View Classes**

Change our view functions to be methods on a view class, then move some declarations to the class level.
Background

So far our views have been simple, free-standing functions. Many times your views are related to one another. They may consist of different ways to look at or work on the same data, or be a REST API that handles multiple operations. Grouping these views together as a *view class* makes sense:

- Group views.
- Centralize some repetitive defaults.
- Share some state and helpers.

In this step we just do the absolute minimum to convert the existing views to a view class. In a later tutorial step, we’ll examine view classes in depth.

Objectives

- Group related views into a view class.
- Centralize configuration with class-level `@view_defaults`.

Steps

1. First we copy the results of the previous step:

   ```
   cd ..; cp -r templating view_classes; cd view_classes
   $VENV/bin/pip install -e .
   ```

2. Our `view_classes/tutorial/views.py` now has a view class with our two views:
from pyramid.view import (view_config, view_defaults)

@view_defaults(renderer='home.pt')
class TutorialViews:
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request

@view_config(route_name='home')
def home(self):
    return {'name': 'Home View'}

@view_config(route_name='hello')
def hello(self):
    return {'name': 'Hello View'}

3. Our unit tests in view_classes/tutorial/tests.py don’t run, so let’s modify them to import the view class, and make an instance before getting a response:

    import unittest
    from pyramid import testing

    class TutorialViewTests(unittest.TestCase):
        def setUp(self):
            self.config = testing.setUp()

        def tearDown(self):
            testing.tearDown()

        def test_home(self):
            from .views import TutorialViews

            request = testing.DummyRequest()
            inst = TutorialViews(request)
            response = inst.home()
            self.assertEqual('Home View', response['name'])

        def test_hello(self):
            from .views import TutorialViews

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request = testing.DummyRequest()
inst = TutorialViews(request)
response = inst.hello()
self.assertEqual('Hello View', response['name'])

class TutorialFunctionalTests(unittest.TestCase):
def setUp(self):
    from tutorial import main
    app = main({})
    from webtest import TestApp
    
    self.testapp = TestApp(app)

def test_home(self):
    res = self.testapp.get('/', status=200)
    self.assertIn(b'<h1>Hi Home View', res.body)

def test_hello(self):
    res = self.testapp.get('/howdy', status=200)
    self.assertIn(b'<h1>Hi Hello View', res.body)

4. Now run the tests:

$VENV/bin/pytest tutorial/tests.py -q
....
4 passed in 0.34 seconds

5. Run your Pyramid application with:

$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini --reload


Analysis

To ease the transition to view classes, we didn’t introduce any new functionality. We simply changed the view functions to methods on a view class, then updated the tests.
In our TutorialViews view class, you can see that our two view functions are logically grouped together as methods on a common class. Since the two views shared the same template, we could move that to a @view_defaults decorator at the class level.

The tests needed to change. Obviously we needed to import the view class. But you can also see the pattern in the tests of instantiating the view class with the dummy request first, then calling the view method being tested.

See also:

Defining a View Callable as a Class

10: Handling Web Requests and Responses

Web applications handle incoming requests and return outgoing responses. Pyramid makes working with requests and responses convenient and reliable.

Objectives

- Learn the background on Pyramid’s choices for requests and responses.
- Grab data out of the request.
- Change information in the response headers.

Background

Developing for the web means processing web requests. As this is a critical part of a web application, web developers need a robust, mature set of software for web requests and returning web responses.

Pyramid has always fit nicely into the existing world of Python web development (virtual environments, packaging, cookiecutters, first to embrace Python 3, and so on). Pyramid turned to the well-regarded WebOb Python library for request and response handling. In our example above, Pyramid hands hello_world a request that is based on WebOb.

Steps

1. First we copy the results of the view_classes step:
2. Simplify the routes in request_response/tutorial/__init__.py:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def main(global_config, **settings):
    config = Configurator(settings=settings)
    config.add_route('home', '/')
    config.add_route('plain', '/plain')
    config.scan('.views')
    return config.make_wsgi_app()
```

3. We only need one view in request_response/tutorial/views.py:

```python
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPFound
from pyramid.response import Response
from pyramid.view import view_config

class TutorialViews:
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request

    @view_config(route_name='home')
    def home(self):
        return HTTPFound(location='/plain')

    @view_config(route_name='plain')
    def plain(self):
        name = self.request.params.get('name', 'No Name Provided')

        body = 'URL $s with name: $s' % (self.request.url, name)
        return Response(
            content_type='text/plain',
            body=body
        )
```

4. Update the tests in request_response/tutorial/tests.py:
```python
import unittest

from pyramid import testing

class TutorialViewTests(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        self.config = testing.setUp()

    def tearDown(self):
        testing.tearDown()

    def test_home(self):
        from .views import TutorialViews
        request = testing.DummyRequest()
        inst = TutorialViews(request)
        response = inst.home()
        self.assertEqual(response.status, '302 Found')

    def test_plain_without_name(self):
        from .views import TutorialViews
        request = testing.DummyRequest()
        inst = TutorialViews(request)
        response = inst.plain()
        self.assertIn(b'No Name Provided', response.body)

    def test_plain_with_name(self):
        from .views import TutorialViews
        request = testing.DummyRequest()
        request.GET['name'] = 'Jane Doe'
        inst = TutorialViews(request)
        response = inst.plain()
        self.assertIn(b'Jane Doe', response.body)

class TutorialFunctionalTests(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        from tutorial import main
        app = main({})
        from webtest import TestApp
```

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5. Now run the tests:

```
$VENV/bin/pytest tutorial/tests.py -q
.....
5 passed in 0.30 seconds
```

6. Run your Pyramid application with:

```
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini --reload
```


**Analysis**

In this view class, we have two routes and two views, with the first leading to the second by an HTTP redirect. Pyramid can *generate redirects* by returning a special object from a view or raising a special exception.

In this Pyramid view, we get the URL being visited from `request.url`. Also, if you visited http://localhost:6543/plain?name=alice, the name is included in the body of the response:

```
URL http://localhost:6543/plain?name=alice with name: alice
```

Finally, we set the response’s content type and body, then return the response.

We updated the unit and functional tests to prove that our code does the redirection, but also handles sending and not sending /plain?name.
Extra credit

1. Could we also raise HTTPFound(location='/?plain') instead of returning it? If so, what’s the difference?

See also:

Request and Response Objects, generate redirects

11: Dispatching URLs To Views With Routing

Routing matches incoming URL patterns to view code. Pyramid’s routing has a number of useful features.

Background

Writing web applications usually means sophisticated URL design. We just saw some Pyramid machinery for requests and views. Let’s look at features that help in routing.

Previously we saw the basics of routing URLs to views in Pyramid.

• Your project’s ”setup” code registers a route name to be used when matching part of the URL

• Elsewhere a view is configured to be called for that route name.

Why do this twice? Other Python web frameworks let you create a route and associate it with a view in one step. As illustrated in Routes need relative ordering, multiple routes might match the same URL pattern. Rather than provide ways to help guess, Pyramid lets you be explicit in ordering. Pyramid also gives facilities to avoid the problem. It’s relatively easy to build a system that uses implicit route ordering with Pyramid too. See The Groundhog series of screencasts if you’re interested in doing so.

Objectives

• Define a route that extracts part of the URL into a Python dictionary.

• Use that dictionary data in a view.
Steps

1. First we copy the results of the `view_classes` step:

   ```bash
   cd ..; cp -r view_classes routing; cd routing
   $VENV/bin/pip install -e .
   ```

2. Our `routing/tutorial/__init__.py` needs a route with a replacement pattern:

   ```python
   from pyramid.config import Configurator

   def main(global_config, **settings):
       config = Configurator(settings=settings)
       config.include('pyramid_chameleon')
       config.add_route('home', '/howdy/{first}/{last}')
       config.scan('.views')
       return config.make_wsgi_app()
   ```

3. We just need one view in `routing/tutorial/views.py`:

   ```python
   from pyramid.view import (  
       view_config,
       view_defaults
   )

   @view_defaults(renderer='home.pt')
   class TutorialViews:
       def __init__(self, request):
           self.request = request

       @view_config(route_name='home')
       def home(self):
           first = self.request.matchdict['first']
           last = self.request.matchdict['last']
           return {
               'name': 'Home View',
               'first': first,
               'last': last
           }
   ```

4. We just need one view in `routing/tutorial/home.pt`:

   ```plaintext
   0.2. Tutorials
   ```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <title>Quick Tutorial: ${name}</title>
</head>
<body>
<h1>${name}</h1>
<p>First: ${first}, Last: ${last}</p>
</body>
</html>

5. Update routing/tutorial/tests.py:

```python
import unittest
from pyramid import testing

class TutorialViewTests(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        self.config = testing.setUp()

    def tearDown(self):
        testing.tearDown()

    def test_home(self):
        from .views import TutorialViews
        request = testing.DummyRequest()
        request.matchdict['first'] = 'First'
        request.matchdict['last'] = 'Last'
        inst = TutorialViews(request)
        response = inst.home()
        self.assertEqual(response['first'], 'First')
        self.assertEqual(response['last'], 'Last')

class TutorialFunctionalTests(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        from tutorial import main
        app = main({})
        from webtest import TestApp

        self.testapp = TestApp(app)
```

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6. Now run the tests:

```
$VENV/bin/pytest tutorial/tests.py -q
..
2 passed in 0.39 seconds
```

7. Run your Pyramid application with:

```
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini --reload
```


**Analysis**

In `__init__.py` we see an important change in our route declaration:

```
config.add_route('hello', '/howdy/{first}/{last}')
```

With this we tell the *configurator* that our URL has a "replacement pattern". With this, URLs such as /howdy/amy/smith will assign amy to first and smith to last. We can then use this data in our view:

```
self.request.matchdict['first']
self.request.matchdict['last']
```

`request.matchdict` contains values from the URL that match the "replacement patterns" (the curly braces) in the route declaration. This information can then be used anywhere in Pyramid that has access to the request.
**Extra credit**

1. What happens if you go to the URL http://localhost:6543/howdy? Is this the result that you expected?

**See also:**

Weird Stuff You Can Do With URL Dispatch

### 12: Templating With jinja2

We just said Pyramid doesn’t prefer one templating language over another. Time to prove it. Jinja2 is a popular templating system, used in Flask and modeled after Django’s templates. Let's add `pyramid_jinja2`, a Pyramid add-on which enables Jinja2 as a **renderer** in our Pyramid applications.

**Objectives**

- Show Pyramid’s support for different templating systems.

- Learn about installing Pyramid add-ons.

**Steps**

1. In this step let’s start by copying the `view_class` step’s directory from a few steps ago.

   ```
   cd ..; cp -r view_classes jinja2; cd jinja2
   ```

2. Add `pyramid_jinja2` to our project’s dependencies in `setup.py`:
3. Install our project and its newly added dependency.

   $VENV/bin/pip install -e .

4. We need to include *pyramid_jinja2* in *jinja2/tutorial/__init__.py*:

   ```python
   from pyramid.config import Configurator

   def main(global_config, **settings):
   ```
5. Our `jinja2/tutorial/views.py` simply changes its renderer:

```python
from pyramid.view import (view_config,
                          view_defaults)

@view_defaults(renderer='home.jinja2')
class TutorialViews:
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request

    @view_config(route_name='home')
def home(self):
        return {'name': 'Home View'}

    @view_config(route_name='hello')
def hello(self):
        return {'name': 'Hello View'}
```

6. Add `jinja2/tutorial/home.jinja2` as a template:

```html
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
    <title>Quick Tutorial: {{ name }}</title>
</head>
<body>
    <h1>Hi {{ name }}</h1>
</body>
</html>
```

7. Now run the tests:
8. Run your Pyramid application with:

```
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini --reload
```


**Analysis**

Getting a Pyramid add-on into Pyramid is simple. First you use normal Python package installation tools to install the add-on package into your Python virtual environment. You then tell Pyramid’s configurator to run the setup code in the add-on. In this case the setup code told Pyramid to make a new "renderer" available that looked for .jinja2 file extensions.

Our view code stayed largely the same. We simply changed the file extension on the renderer. For the template, the syntax for Chameleon and Jinja2’s basic variable insertion is very similar.

**Extra credit**

1. Our project now depends on pyramid_jinja2. We installed that dependency manually. What is another way we could have made the association?

2. We used `config.include` which is an imperative configuration to get the Configurator to load pyramid_jinja2’s configuration. What is another way we could include it into the config?

**See also:**

Jinja2 homepage, and pyramid_jinja2 Overview

**13: CSS/JS/Images Files With Static Assets**

Of course the Web is more than just markup. You need static assets: CSS, JS, and images. Let’s point our web app at a directory where Pyramid will serve some static assets.
Objectives

- Publish a directory of static assets at a URL.
- Use Pyramid to help generate URLs to files in that directory.

Steps

1. First we copy the results of the view_classes step:

   ```bash
   cd ..; cp -r view_classes static_assets; cd static_assets
   $VENV/bin/pip install -e .
   ```

2. We add a call `config.add_static_view` in `static_assets/tutorial/__init__.py`:

   ```python
   from pyramid.config import Configurator

   def main(global_config, **settings):
       config = Configurator(settings=settings)
       config.include('pyramid_chameleon')
       config.add_route('home', '/')
       config.add_route('hello', '/howdy')
       config.add_static_view(name='static', path='tutorial:static')
       config.scan('.views')
   return config.make_wsgi_app()
   ```

3. We can add a CSS link in the `<head>` of our template at `static_assets/tutorial/home.pt`:

   ```html
   <!DOCTYPE html>
   <html lang="en">
   <head>
     <title>Quick Tutorial: ${name}</title>
     <link rel="stylesheet"
           href="${request.static_url('tutorial:static/app.css') }"/>
   </head>
   <body>
   <h1>Hi ${name}</h1>
   </body>
   </html>
   ```
4. Add a CSS file at `static_assets/tutorial/static/app.css`:

   ```
   body {
       margin: 2em;
       font-family: sans-serif;
   }
   ```

5. We add a functional test that asserts that the newly added static file is delivered:

   ```python
   def test_css(self):
       res = self.testapp.get('/static/app.css', status=200)
       self.assertIn(b'body', res.body)
   ```

6. Now run the tests:

   ```
   $VENV/bin/pytest tutorial/tests.py -q
   ....
   5 passed in 0.50 seconds
   ```

7. Run your Pyramid application with:

   ```
   $VENV/bin/pserve development.ini --reload
   ```


Analysis

We changed our WSGI application to map requests under http://localhost:6543/static/ to files and directories inside a `static` directory inside our `tutorial` package. This directory contained `app.css`.

We linked to the CSS in our template. We could have hard-coded this link to `/static/app.css`. But what if the site is later moved under `/somesite/static/`? Or perhaps the web developer changes the arrangement on disk? Pyramid gives a helper that provides flexibility on URL generation:

```
${request.static_url('tutorial:static/app.css')}
```  

This matches the `path='tutorial:static'` in our `config.add_static_view` registration. By using `request.static_url` to generate the full URL to the static assets, you both ensure you stay in sync with the configuration and gain refactoring flexibility later.
Extra credit

1. There is also a `request.static_path` API. How does this differ from `request.static_url`?

See also:

*Static Assets, Preventing HTTP Caching, and Influencing HTTP Caching*

14: AJAX Development With JSON Renderers

Modern web apps are more than rendered HTML. Dynamic pages now use JavaScript to update the UI in the browser by requesting server data as JSON. Pyramid supports this with a *JSON renderer*.

Background

As we saw in 08: *HTML Generation With Templating*, view declarations can specify a renderer. Output from the view is then run through the renderer, which generates and returns the response. We first used a Chameleon renderer, then a Jinja2 renderer.

Renderers aren’t limited, however, to templates that generate HTML. Pyramid supplies a JSON renderer which takes Python data, serializes it to JSON, and performs some other functions such as setting the content type. In fact you can write your own renderer (or extend a built-in renderer) containing custom logic for your unique application.

Steps

1. First we copy the results of the `view_classes` step:

   ```
   cd ..; cp -r view_classes json; cd json
   $VENV/bin/pip install -e .
   ```

2. We add a new route for `hello_json` in `json/tutorial/__init__.py`:
```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def main(global_config, **settings):
    config = Configurator(settings=settings)
    config.include('pyramid_chameleon')
    config.add_route('home', '/')
    config.add_route('hello', '/howdy')
    config.add_route('hello_json', '/howdy.json')
    config.scan('.views')
    return config.make_wsgi_app()
```

3. Rather than implement a new view, we will "stack" another decorator on the hello view in views.py:

```python
from pyramid.view import 
    view_config,
    view_defaults

def __init__(self, request):
    self.request = request

def home(self):
    return {'name': 'Home View'}

def hello(self):
    return {'name': 'Hello View'}
```

4. We need a new functional test at the end of json/tutorial/tests.py:

```python
import unittest

from pyramid import testing

class TutorialViewTests(unittest.TestCase):
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```
def setUp(self):
    self.config = testing.setUp()

def tearDown(self):
    testing.tearDown()

def test_home(self):
    from .views import TutorialViews

    request = testing.DummyRequest()
    inst = TutorialViews(request)
    response = inst.home()
    self.assertEqual('Home View', response['name'])

def test_hello(self):
    from .views import TutorialViews

    request = testing.DummyRequest()
    inst = TutorialViews(request)
    response = inst.hello()
    self.assertEqual('Hello View', response['name'])

class TutorialFunctionalTests(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        from tutorial import main
        app = main({})
        from webtest import TestApp

        self.testapp = TestApp(app)

    def test_home(self):
        res = self.testapp.get('/', status=200)
        self.assertIn(b'<h1>Hi Home View', res.body)

    def test_hello(self):
        res = self.testapp.get('/howdy', status=200)
        self.assertIn(b'<h1>Hi Hello View', res.body)

    def test_hello_json(self):
        res = self.testapp.get('/howdy.json', status=200)
        self.assertIn(b'{"name": "Hello View"}', res.body)
        self.assertEqual(res.content_type, 'application/json')

5. Run the tests:
6. Run your Pyramid application with:

```
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini --reload
```

7. Open http://localhost:6543/howdy.json in your browser and you will see the resulting JSON response.

**Analysis**

Earlier we changed our view functions and methods to return Python data. This change to a data-oriented view layer made test writing easier, decoupling the templating from the view logic.

Since Pyramid has a JSON renderer as well as the templating renderers, it is an easy step to return JSON. In this case we kept the exact same view and arranged to return a JSON encoding of the view data. We did this by:

- Adding a route to map /howdy.json to a route name.
- Providing a `@view_config` that associated that route name with an existing view.
- **Overriding** the view defaults in the view config that mentions the `hello_json` route, so that when the route is matched, we use the JSON renderer rather than the `home.pt` template renderer that would otherwise be used.

In fact, for pure AJAX-style web applications, we could re-use the existing route by using Pyramid’s view predicates to match on the `Accepts:` header sent by modern AJAX implementations.

Pyramid’s JSON renderer uses the base Python JSON encoder, thus inheriting its strengths and weaknesses. For example, Python can’t natively JSON encode DateTime objects. There are a number of solutions for this in Pyramid, including extending the JSON renderer with a custom renderer.

**See also:**

*Writing View Callables Which Use a Renderer, JSON Renderer, and Adding and Changing Renderers*
15: More With View Classes

Group views into a class, sharing configuration, state, and logic.

Background

As part of its mission to help build more ambitious web applications, Pyramid provides many more features for views and view classes.

The Pyramid documentation discusses views as a Python "callable". This callable can be a function, an object with a \_\_call\_\_, or a Python class. In this last case, methods on the class can be decorated with @\texttt{view}\_\_config\_\_ to register the class methods with the \texttt{configurator} as a view.

At first, our views were simple, free-standing functions. Many times your views are related: different ways to look at or work on the same data, or a REST API that handles multiple operations. Grouping these together as a \textit{view class} makes sense:

- Group views.
- Centralize some repetitive defaults.
- Share some state and helpers.

Pyramid views have \textit{view predicates} that determine which view is matched to a request, based on factors such as the request method, the form parameters, and so on. These predicates provide many axes of flexibility.

The following shows a simple example with four operations: view a home page which leads to a form, save a change, and press the delete button.

Objectives

- Group related views into a view class.
- Centralize configuration with class-level @\texttt{view}\_\_defaults\_.
- Dispatch one route/URL to multiple views based on request data.
- Share states and logic between views and templates via the view class.
Steps

1. First we copy the results of the templating step:

   ```
   cd ..; cp -r templating more_view_classes; cd more_view_classes
   $VENV/bin/pip install -e .
   ```

2. Our route in more_view_classes/tutorial/__init__.py needs some replacement patterns:

   ```python
   from pyramid.config import Configurator

   def main(global_config, **settings):
       config = Configurator(settings=settings)
       config.include('pyramid_chameleon')
       config.add_route('home', '/')
       config.add_route('hello', '/howdy/{first}/{last}')
       config.scan('.views')
       return config.make_wsgi_app()
   ```

3. Our more_view_classes/tutorial/views.py now has a view class with several views:

   ```python
   from pyramid.view import (  
       view_config,
       view_defaults
     )

   @view_defaults(route_name='hello')
   class TutorialViews:
       def __init__(self, request):
           self.request = request
           self.view_name = 'TutorialViews'

       @property
       def full_name(self):
           first = self.request.matchdict['first']
           last = self.request.matchdict['last']
           return first + ' ' + last

   @view_config(route_name='home', renderer='home.pt')
   def home(self):
   ```
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    return {'page_title': 'Home View'}

# Retrieving /howdy/first/last the first time
@view_config(renderer='hello.pt')
def hello(self):
    return {'page_title': 'Hello View'}

# Posting to /howdy/first/last via the "Edit" submit button
@view_config(request_method='POST', renderer='edit.pt')
def edit(self):
    new_name = self.request.params['new_name']
    return {'page_title': 'Edit View', 'new_name': new_name}

# Posting to /howdy/first/last via the "Delete" submit button
@view_config(request_method='POST', request_param='form.delete',
              renderer='delete.pt')
def delete(self):
    print ('Deleted')
    return {'page_title': 'Delete View'}

4. Our primary view needs a template at more_view_classes/tutorial/home.pt:

    <!DOCTYPE html>
    <html lang="en">
    <head>
        <title>Quick Tutorial: ${view.view_name} - ${page_title}</title>
    </head>
    <body>
        <h1>${view.view_name} - ${page_title}</h1>
        <p>Go to the <a href="${request.route_url('hello', first='jane',
                         last='doe')}">form</a>.</p>
    </body>
    </html>

5. Ditto for our other view from the previous section at more_view_classes/tutorial/hello.pt:

    <!DOCTYPE html>
    <html lang="en">
    <head>
        <title>Quick Tutorial: ${view.view_name} - ${page_title}</title>
    </head>
    <!-- Template continues on the next page -->
6. We have an edit view that also needs a template at `more_view_classes/tutorial/edit.pt`:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
    <title>Quick Tutorial: ${view.view_name} - ${page_title}</title>
</head>
<body>
<h1>${view.view_name} - ${page_title}</h1>
<p>You submitted <code>${new_name}</code></p>
</body>
</html>
```

7. And finally the delete view’s template at `more_view_classes/tutorial/delete.pt`:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
    <title>Quick Tutorial: ${page_title}</title>
</head>
<body>
<h1>${view.view_name} - ${page_title}</h1>
</body>
</html>
```

8. Our tests in `more_view_classes/tutorial/tests.py` fail, so let’s modify them:
import unittest

from pyramid import testing

class TutorialViewTests(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        self.config = testing.setUp()

    def tearDown(self):
        testing.tearDown()

    def test_home(self):
        from .views import TutorialViews

        request = testing.DummyRequest()
        inst = TutorialViews(request)
        response = inst.home()
        self.assertEqual('Home View', response['page_title'])

class TutorialFunctionalTests(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        from tutorial import main
        app = main({})
        from webtest import TestApp

        self.testapp = TestApp(app)

    def test_home(self):
        res = self.testapp.get('/', status=200)
        self.assertIn(b'TutorialViews - Home View', res.body)

9. Now run the tests:

    $VENV/bin/pytest tutorial/tests.py -q
     ..
    2 passed in 0.40 seconds

10. Run your Pyramid application with:

    $VENV/bin/pserve development.ini --reload

11. Open http://localhost:6543/howdy/jane/doe in your browser. Click the Save and Delete buttons, and watch the output in the console window.
Analysis

As you can see, the four views are logically grouped together. Specifically:

- We have a home view available at http://localhost:6543/ with a clickable link to the hello view.

- The second view is returned when you go to /howdy/jane/doe. This URL is mapped to the hello route that we centrally set using the optional @view_defaults.

- The third view is returned when the form is submitted with a POST method. This rule is specified in the @view_config for that view.

- The fourth view is returned when clicking on a button such as <input type="submit" name="form.delete" value="Delete"/>.

In this step we show, using the following information as criteria, how to decide which view to use:

- Method of the HTTP request (GET, POST, etc.)

- Parameter information in the request (submitted form field names)

We also centralize part of the view configuration to the class level with @view_defaults, then in one view, override that default just for that one view. Finally, we put this commonality between views to work in the view class by sharing:

- State assigned in TutorialViews.__init__

- A computed value

These are then available both in the view methods and in the templates (e.g., ${view.view_name} and ${view.full_name}).

As a note, we made a switch in our templates on how we generate URLs. We previously hardcoded the URLs, such as:

\[ <a \text{ href}="/howdy/jane/doe">Howdy</a> \]

In home.pt we switched to:
Pyramid has rich facilities to help generate URLs in a flexible, non-error prone fashion.

**Extra credit**

1. Why could our template do `${view.full_name}` and not have to do `${view.full_name()}`?

2. The edit and delete views are both receive POST requests. Why does the edit view configuration not catch the POST used by delete?

3. We used Python `@property` on `full_name`. If we reference this many times in a template or view code, it would re-compute this every time. Does Pyramid provide something that will cache the initial computation on a property?

4. Can you associate more than one route with the same view?

5. There is also a `request.route_path` API. How does this differ from `request.route_url`?

**See also:**

*Defining a View Callable as a Class*, Weird Stuff You Can Do With URL Dispatch

**16: Collecting Application Info With Logging**

Capture debugging and error output from your web applications using standard Python logging.

**Background**

It's important to know what is going on inside our web application. In development we might need to collect some output. In production, we might need to detect problems when other people use the site. We need *logging*.

Fortunately Pyramid uses the normal Python approach to logging. The project generated in your `development.ini` has a number of lines that configure the logging for you to some reasonable defaults. You then see messages sent by Pyramid, for example, when a new request comes in.
Objectives

- Inspect the configuration setup used for logging.
- Add logging statements to your view code.

Steps

1. First we copy the results of the `view_classes` step:

   ```
cd ..; cp -r view_classes logging; cd logging
$VENV/bin/pip install -e .
```

2. Extend `logging/tutorial/views.py` to log a message:

   ```python
import logging
log = logging.getLogger(__name__)

from pyramid.view import (view_config, view_defaults)

@view_defaults(renderer='home.pt')
class TutorialViews:
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request

    @view_config(route_name='home')
def home(self):
        log.debug('In home view')
        return {'name': 'Home View'}

    @view_config(route_name='hello')
def hello(self):
        log.debug('In hello view')
        return {'name': 'Hello View'}
```

3. Finally let’s edit `development.ini` configuration file to enable logging for our Pyramid application:
[app:main]
use = egg:tutorial
pyramid.reload_templates = true
pyramid.includes =
    pyramid_debugtoolbar

[server:main]
use = egg:waitress#main
listen = localhost:6543

# Begin logging configuration

[loggers]
keys = root, tutorial

[logger_tutorial]
level = DEBUG
handlers =
    qualname = tutorial

[handlers]
keys = console

[formatters]
keys = generic

[logger_root]
level = INFO
handlers = console

[handler_console]
class = StreamHandler
args = (sys.stderr,)
level = NOTSET
formatter = generic

[formatter_generic]
format = %(asctime)s (%(levelname)-5.5s [%(name)s][%(threadName)s]
        %(message)s

# End logging configuration

4. Make sure the tests still pass:
5. Run your Pyramid application with:

```
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini --reload
```


## Analysis

In our configuration file development.ini, our tutorial Python package is set up as a logger and configured to log messages at a DEBUG or higher level. When you visit http://localhost:6543, your console will now show:

```
2013-08-09 10:42:42,968 DEBUG [tutorial.views][MainThread] In home view
```

Also, if you have configured your Pyramid application to use the pyramid_debugtoolbar, logging statements appear in one of its menus.

See also:

See also Logging.

### 17: Transient Data Using Sessions

Store and retrieve non-permanent data in Pyramid sessions.

## Background

When people use your web application, they frequently perform a task that requires semi-permanent data to be saved. For example, a shopping cart. This is called a session.

Pyramid has basic built-in support for sessions. Third party packages such as pyramid_redis_sessions provide richer session support. Or you can create your own custom sessioning engine. Let’s take a look at the built-in sessioning support.
Objectives

- Make a session factory using a built-in, simple Pyramid sessioning system.
- Change our code to use a session.

Steps

1. First we copy the results of the view_classes step:

   ```
   cd ..; cp -r view_classes sessions; cd sessions
   $VENV/bin/pip install -e .
   ```

2. Our sessions/tutorial/__init__.py needs a choice of session factory to get registered with the configurator:

   ```
   from pyramid.config import Configurator
   from pyramid.session import SignedCookieSessionFactory

   def main(global_config, **settings):
       my_session_factory = SignedCookieSessionFactory('itsaseekreet')
       config = Configurator(settings=settings,
                              session_factory=my_session_factory)
       config.include('pyramid_chameleon')
       config.add_route('home', '/')
       config.add_route('hello', '/howdy')
       config.scan('.views')
       return config.make_wsgi_app()
   ```

3. Our views in sessions/tutorial/views.py can now use request.session:

   ```
   from pyramid.view import 
       view_config,
       view_defaults 
   )

   @view_defaults(renderer='home.pt')
   ```

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class TutorialViews:
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request

@property
    def counter(self):
        session = self.request.session
        if 'counter' in session:
            session['counter'] += 1
        else:
            session['counter'] = 1
        return session['counter']

@view_config(route_name='home')
def home(self):
    return {'name': 'Home View'}

@view_config(route_name='hello')
def hello(self):
    return {'name': 'Hello View'}

4. The template at sessions/tutorial/home.pt can display the value:

```html
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
    <title>Quick Tutorial: ${name}</title>
</head>
<body>
    <h1>Hi ${name}</h1>
    <p>Count: ${view.counter}</p>
</body>
</html>
```

5. Make sure the tests still pass:

```
$VENV/bin/pytest tutorial/tests.py -q
....
4 passed in 0.42 seconds
```

6. Run your Pyramid application with:
7. Open http://localhost:6543/ and http://localhost:6543/howdy in your browser. As you reload and switch between those URLs, note that the counter increases and is not specific to the URL.

8. Restart the application and revisit the page. Note that counter still increases from where it left off.

Analysis

Pyramid’s request object now has a session attribute that we can use in our view code. It acts like a dictionary.

Since all the views are using the same counter, we made the counter a Python property at the view class level. With this, each reload will increase the counter displayed in our template.

In web development, ”flash messages” are notes for the user that need to appear on a screen after a future web request. For example, when you add an item using a form POST, the site usually issues a second HTTP Redirect web request to view the new item. You might want a message to appear after that second web request saying ”Your item was added.” You can’t just return it in the web response for the POST, as it will be tossed out during the second web request.

Flash messages are a technique where messages can be stored between requests, using sessions, then removed when they finally get displayed.

See also:

Sessions, Flash Messages, and pyramid.session.

18: Forms and Validation with Deform

Schema-driven, autogenerated forms with validation.

Background

Modern web applications deal extensively with forms. Developers, though, have a wide range of philosophies about how frameworks should help them with their forms. As such, Pyramid doesn’t directly bundle one particular form library. Instead there are a variety of form libraries that are easy to use in Pyramid.

Deform is one such library. In this step, we introduce Deform for our forms. This also gives us Colander for schemas and validation.
Objectives

- Make a schema using Colander, the companion to Deform.
- Create a form with Deform and change our views to handle validation.

Steps

1. First we copy the results of the view_classes step:

   ```
   cd ..; cp -r view_classes forms; cd forms
   ```

2. Let's edit `forms/setup.py` to declare a dependency on Deform, which in turn pulls in Colander as a dependency:

   ```python
   from setuptools import setup

   # List of dependencies installed via `pip install -e`.
   # by virtue of the Setuptools `install_requires` value below.
   requires = [
       'deform',
       'pyramid',
       'pyramid_chameleon',
       'waitress',
   ]

   # List of dependencies installed via `pip install -e ".[dev]"`.
   # by virtue of the Setuptools `extras_require` value in the Python
   # dictionary below.
   dev_requires = [
       'pyramid_debugtoolbar',
       'pytest',
       'webtest',
   ]

   setup(
       name='tutorial',
       install_requires=requires,
       extras_require={
           'dev': dev_requires,
       },
   )
   ```

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3. We can now install our project in development mode:

```bash
$VENV/bin/pip install -e .
```

4. Register a static view in `forms/tutorial/__init__.py` for Deform’s CSS, JavaScript, etc., as well as our demo wiki page’s views:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def main(global_config, **settings):
    config = Configurator(settings=settings)
    config.include('pyramid_chameleon')
    config.add_route('wiki_view', '/')
    config.add_route('wikipage_add', '/add')
    config.add_route('wikipage_view', '/{uid}')
    config.add_route('wikipage_edit', '/{uid}/edit')
    config.add_static_view('deform_static', 'deform:static/')
    config.scan('.views')
    return config.make_wsgi_app()
```

5. Implement the new views, as well as the form schemas and some dummy data, in `forms/tutorial/views.py`:

```python
import colander
import deform.widget

from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPFound
from pyramid.view import view_config

pages = {
    '100': dict(uid='100', title='Page 100', body='<em>100</em>'),
    '101': dict(uid='101', title='Page 101', body='<em>101</em>'),
    '102': dict(uid='102', title='Page 102', body='<em>102</em>')
}
```
class WikiPage(colander.MappingSchema):
    title = colander.SchemaNode(colander.String())
    body = colander.SchemaNode(
        colander.String(),
        widget=deform.widget.RichTextWidget()
    )

class WikiViews:
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request

    @property
def wiki_form(self):
        schema = WikiPage()
        return deform.Form(schema, buttons=('submit',))

    @property
def reqts(self):
        return self.wiki_form.get_widget_resources()

@view_config(route_name='wiki_view', renderer='wiki_view.pt')
def wiki_view(self):
    return dict(pages=pages.values())

@view_config(route_name='wikipage_add',
             renderer='wikipage_addedit.pt')
def wikipage_add(self):
    form = self.wiki_form.render()
    if 'submit' in self.request.params:
        controls = self.request.POST.items()
        try:
            appstruct = self.wiki_form.validate(controls)
        except deform.ValidationFailure as e:
            # Form is NOT valid
            return dict(form=e.render())

        # Form is valid, make a new identifier and add to list
        last_uid = int(sorted(pages.keys())[-1])
        new_uid = str(last_uid + 1)
        pages[new_uid] = dict(
            uid=new_uid, title=appstruct['title'],
        )

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body=appstruct['body']
)

# Now visit new page
url = self.request.route_url('wikipage_view', uid=new_uid)
return HTTPFound(url)

return dict(form=form)

@view_config(route_name='wikipage_view', renderer='wikipage_view.pt')
def wikipage_view(self):
    uid = self.request.matchdict['uid']
    page = pages[uid]
    return dict(page=page)

@view_config(route_name='wikipage_edit',
             renderer='wikipage_addedit.pt')
def wikipage_edit(self):
    uid = self.request.matchdict['uid']
    page = pages[uid]

    wiki_form = self.wiki_form

    if 'submit' in self.request.params:
        controls = self.request.POST.items()
        try:
            appstruct = wiki_form.validate(controls)
        except deform.ValidationFailure as e:
            return dict(page=page, form=e.render())

        # Change the content and redirect to the view
        page['title'] = appstruct['title']
        page['body'] = appstruct['body']

        url = self.request.route_url('wikipage_view',
                                      uid=page['uid'])
        return HTTPFound(url)

    form = wiki_form.render(page)

    return dict(page=page, form=form)

6. A template for the top of the "wiki" in forms/tutorial/wiki_view.pt:
7. Another template for adding/editing in forms/tutorial/wikipage_addedit.pt:

```html
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <title>WikiPage: Add/Edit</title>
  <link rel="stylesheet"
        href="${request.static_url('deform:static/css/bootstrap.min.css')}">
    type="text/css" media="screen" charset="utf-8"/>
  <link rel="stylesheet"
        href="${request.static_url('deform:static/css/form.css')}">
    type="text/css"/>
  <tal:block tal:repeat="reqt view.reqts['css']">
    <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"
          href="${request.static_url(reqt)}"/>
  </tal:block>
  <script src="${request.static_url('deform:static/scripts/jquery-2.0.3.min.js')}">
    type="text/javascript"></script>
  <script src="${request.static_url('deform:static/scripts/bootstrap.min.js')}">
    type="text/javascript"></script>
  <tal:block tal:repeat="reqt view.reqts['js']">
```

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8. Add a template at forms/tutorial/wikipage_view.pt for viewing a wiki page:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <title>WikiPage: View</title>
</head>
<body>
  <a href="${request.route_url('wiki_view')}">Up</a> |
  <a href="${request.route_url('wikipage_edit', uid=page.uid)}">Edit</a>

  <h1>${page.title}</h1>
  <p>${structure: page.body}</p>
</body>
</html>
```

9. Our tests in forms/tutorial/tests.py don’t run, so let’s modify them:

```
import unittest
from pyramid import testing

class TutorialViewTests(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
```

```python
self.config = testing.setUp()

def tearDown(self):
    testing.tearDown()

def test_home(self):
    from .views import WikiViews
    request = testing.DummyRequest()
    inst = WikiViews(request)
    response = inst.wiki_view()
    self.assertEqual(len(response['pages']), 3)

class TutorialFunctionalTests(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        from tutorial import main
        app = main({})
        from webtest import TestApp
        self.testapp = TestApp(app)

def tearDown(self):
    testing.tearDown()

def test_home(self):
    res = self.testapp.get('/', status=200)
    self.assertIn(b'<title>Wiki: View</title>', res.body)

def test_add_page(self):
    res = self.testapp.get('/add', status=200)
    self.assertIn(b'<h1>Wiki</h1>', res.body)

def test_edit_page(self):
    res = self.testapp.get('/101/edit', status=200)
    self.assertIn(b'<h1>Wiki</h1>', res.body)

def test_post_wiki(self):
    self.testapp.post('/add', {
        "title": "New Title",
        "body": "<p>New Body</p>",
        "submit": "submit"
    }, status=302)
```

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res = self.testapp.get('/103', status=200)
self.assertIn(b'<h1>New Title</h1>', res.body)
self.assertIn(b'<p>New Body</p>', res.body)

def test_edit_wiki(self):
    self.testapp.post('/102/edit', {
        "title": "New Title",
        "body": "<p>New Body</p>",
        "submit": "submit"
    }, status=302)

res = self.testapp.get('/102', status=200)
self.assertIn(b'<h1>New Title</h1>', res.body)
self.assertIn(b'<p>New Body</p>', res.body)

10. Run the tests:

```
$VENV/bin/pytest tutorial/tests.py -q
.
6 passed in 0.81 seconds
```

11. Run your Pyramid application with:

```
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini --reload
```


**Analysis**

This step helps illustrate the utility of asset specifications for static assets. We have an outside package called Deform with static assets which need to be published. We don’t have to know where on disk it is located. We point at the package, then the path inside the package.

We just need to include a call to `add_static_view` to make that directory available at a URL. For Pyramid-specific packages, Pyramid provides a facility (`config.include()`) which even makes that unnecessary for consumers of a package. (Deform is not specific to Pyramid.)

Our forms have rich widgets which need the static CSS and JavaScript just mentioned. Deform has a resource registry which allows widgets to specify which JavaScript and CSS are needed. Our
wikipage_addedit.pt template shows how we iterated over that data to generate markup that includes the needed resources.

Our add and edit views use a pattern called *self-posting forms*. Meaning, the same URL is used to GET the form as is used to POST the form. The route, the view, and the template are the same URL whether you are walking up to it for the first time or you clicked a button.

Inside the view we do `if 'submit' in self.request.params:` to see if this form was a POST where the user clicked on a particular button `<input name="submit">`.

The form controller then follows a typical pattern:

- If you are doing a GET, skip over and just return the form.
- If you are doing a POST, validate the form contents.
- If the form is invalid, bail out by re-rendering the form with the supplied POST data.
- If the validation succeeded, perform some action and issue a redirect via HTTPFound.

We are, in essence, writing our own form controller. Other Pyramid-based systems, including pyramid_deform, provide a form-centric view class which automates much of this branching and routing.

**Extra credit**

1. Give a try at a button that goes to a delete view for a particular wiki page.

**19: Databases Using SQLAlchemy**

Store and retrieve data using the SQLAlchemy ORM atop the SQLite database.

**Background**

Our Pyramid-based wiki application now needs database-backed storage of pages. This frequently means an SQL database. The Pyramid community strongly supports the SQLAlchemy project and its object-relational mapper (ORM) as a convenient, Pythonic way to interface to databases.

In this step we hook up SQLAlchemy to a SQLite database table, providing storage and retrieval for the wiki pages in the previous step.

> The Pyramid cookiecutter `pyramid-cookiecutter-starter` is really helpful for getting a SQLAlchemy project going, including generation of the console script. Since we want to see all the decisions, we will forgo convenience in this tutorial, and wire it up ourselves.
Objectives

- Store pages in SQLite by using SQLAlchemy models.
- Use SQLAlchemy queries to list/add/view/edit pages.
- Provide a database-initialize command by writing a Pyramid console script which can be run from the command line.

Steps

1. We are going to use the forms step as our starting point:

   ```
   cd ..; cp -r forms databases; cd databases
   ```

2. We need to add some dependencies in `databases/setup.py` as well as an entry point for the command-line script:

   ```python
   from setuptools import setup

   # List of dependencies installed via `pip install -e .`
   # by virtue of the Setuptools `install_requires` value below.
   requires = [
       'deform',
       'pyramid',
       'pyramid_chameleon',
       'pyramid_tm',
       'sqlalchemy',
       'waitress',
       'zope.sqlalchemy',
   ]

   # List of dependencies installed via `pip install -e ".[dev]"`
   # by virtue of the Setuptools `extras_require` value in the Python
   # dictionary below.
   dev_requires = [
       'pyramid_debugtoolbar',
       'pytest',
       'webtest',
   ]
   ```

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setup(
    name='tutorial',
    install_requires=requires,
    extras_require=
        {'dev': dev_requires},
    entry_points=
        {'paste.app_factory': [
            'main = tutorial:main'
        ],
        'console_scripts': [
            'initialize_tutorial_db = tutorial.initialize_db:main'
        ],
    }
)

_ We aren’t yet doing $VENV/bin/pip install -e . because we need to write a script and update configuration first._

3. Our configuration file at databases/development.ini wires together some new pieces:

```
[app:main]
use = egg:tutorial
pyramid.reload_templates = true
pyramid.includes =
    pyramid_debugtoolbar
    pyramid_tm
sqlalchemy.url = sqlite:///%(here)s/sqltutorial.sqlite

[server:main]
use = egg:waitress#main
listen = localhost:6543

    # Begin logging configuration

[loggers]
keys = root, tutorial, sqlalchemy.engine.base.Engine

[logger_tutorial]
level = DEBUG
```

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```
handlers =
    qualname = tutorial

[handlers]
    keys = console

[formatters]
    keys = generic

[logger_root]
    level = INFO
    handlers = console

[logger_sqlalchemy.engine.base.Engine]
    level = INFO
    handlers =
    qualname = sqlalchemy.engine.base.Engine

[handler_console]
    class = StreamHandler
    args = (sys.stderr,)
    level = NOTSET
    formatter = generic

[formatter_generic]
    format = %(asctime)s %(levelname)-5.5s [%(name)s][%(threadName)s]
    ~%(message)s

# End logging configuration
```

4. This engine configuration now needs to be read into the application through changes in `databases/tutorial/__init__.py`:

```
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from sqlalchemy import engine_from_config
from .models import DBSession, Base

def main(global_config, **settings):
    engine = engine_from_config(settings, 'sqlalchemy.')
    DBSession.configure(bind=engine)
    Base.metadata.bind = engine
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config = Configurator(settings=settings, 
    root_factory='tutorial.models.Root')
config.include('pyramid_chameleon')
config.add_route('wiki_view', '/')
config.add_route('wikipage_add', '/add')
config.add_route('wikipage_view', '{uid}')
config.add_route('wikipage_edit', '{uid}/edit')
config.add_static_view('deform_static', 'deform:static/')
config.scan('.views')
return config.make_wsgi_app()

5. Make a command-line script at databases/tutorial/initialize_db.py to initialize the database:

```python
import os
import sys
import transaction

from sqlalchemy import engine_from_config

from pyramid.paster import (get_appsettings, setup_logging,
                                  )

from .models import (DBSession,
                      Page,
                      Base,
                                  )

def usage(argv):
    cmd = os.path.basename(argv[0])
    print('usage: %s <config_uri>
        (example: "%s development.ini")' % (cmd, cmd))
    sys.exit(1)

def main(argv=sys.argv):
    if len(argv) != 2:
        usage(argv)
    config_uri = argv[1]
    setup_logging(config_uri)
```

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settings = get_appsettings(config_uri)
engine = engine_from_config(settings, 'sqlalchemy.')(bind=engine)
DBSession.configure(bind=engine)
Base.metadata.create_all(engine)

with transaction.manager:
    model = Page(title='Root', body='<p>Root</p>')
DBSession.add(model)

6. Now that we’ve got all the pieces ready, and because we changed `setup.py`, we now install all the goodies:

   `$VENV/bin/pip install -e .`

7. The script references some models in `databases/tutorial/models.py`:

   ```python
   from pyramid.authorization import Allow, Everyone
   from sqlalchemy import (Column, Integer, Text,)
   from sqlalchemy.extdeclarative import declarative_base
   from sqlalchemy.orm import (scoped_session, sessionmaker,)
   from zope.sqlalchemy import register
   
   DBSession = scoped_session(sessionmaker())
   register(DBSession)
   Base = declarative_base()

   class Page(Base):
       __tablename__ = 'wikipages'
       uid = Column(Integer, primary_key=True)
       title = Column(Text, unique=True)
       body = Column(Text)
   ```
8. Let’s run this console script, thus producing our database and table:

```bash
$VENV/bin/initialize_tutorial_db development.ini
```

```
  ~Engine][MainThread] SELECT CAST('test plain returns' AS VARCHAR(60)) AS anon_1
  ~Engine][MainThread] ()
  ~Engine][MainThread] SELECT CAST('test unicode returns' AS VARCHAR(60)) AS anon_1
  ~Engine][MainThread] ()
  ~Engine][MainThread] COMMIT
  ~Engine][MainThread] CREATE TABLE wikipages (uid INTEGER NOT NULL,
  title TEXT,
  body TEXT,
  PRIMARY KEY (uid),
  UNIQUE (title)
  )
  ~Engine][MainThread] ()
  ~Engine][MainThread] COMMIT
  ~Engine][MainThread] BEGIN (implicit)
  ~Engine][MainThread] INSERT INTO wikipages (title, body) VALUES (?, ?)
```

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9. With our data now driven by SQLAlchemy queries, we need to update our databases/tutorial/views.py:

```python
import colander
import deform.widget

from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPFound
from pyramid.view import view_config

from .models import DBSession, Page

class WikiPage(colander.MappingSchema):
    title = colander.SchemaNode(colander.String())
    body = colander.SchemaNode(
        colander.String(),
        widget=deform.widget.RichTextWidget()
    )

class WikiViews:
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request

    @property
    def wiki_form(self):
        schema = WikiPage()
        return deform.Form(schema, buttons=('submit',))

    @property
    def reqts(self):
        return self.wiki_form.get_widget_resources()

@view_config(route_name='wiki_view', renderer='wiki_view.pt')
def wiki_view(request):
    pages = DBSession.query(Page).order_by(Page.title)
    return dict(title='Wiki View', pages=pages)

@view_config(route_name='wikipage_add',
```

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def wikipage_add(self):
    form = self.wiki_form.render()

    if 'submit' in self.request.params:
        controls = self.request.POST.items()
        try:
            appstruct = self.wiki_form.validate(controls)
        except deform.ValidationFailure as e:
            # Form is NOT valid
            return dict(form=e.render())

        # Add a new page to the database
        new_title = appstruct['title']
        new_body = appstruct['body']
        DBSession.add(Page(title=new_title, body=new_body))

        # Get the new ID and redirect
        page = DBSession.query(Page).filter_by(title=new_title).one()
        new_uid = page.uid

        url = self.request.route_url('wikipage_view', uid=new_uid)
        return HTTPFound(url)

    return dict(form=form)

@view_config(route_name='wikipage_view', renderer='wikipage_view.pt')
def wikipage_view(self):
    uid = int(self.request.matchdict['uid'])
    page = DBSession.query(Page).filter_by(uid=uid).one()
    return dict(page=page)

@view_config(route_name='wikipage_edit',
             renderer='wikipage_addedit.pt')
def wikipage_edit(self):
    uid = int(self.request.matchdict['uid'])
    page = DBSession.query(Page).filter_by(uid=uid).one()

    wiki_form = self.wiki_form

    if 'submit' in self.request.params:
        controls = self.request.POST.items()
        try:
            appstruct = self.wiki_form.validate(controls)
        except deform.ValidationFailure as e:
            # Form is NOT valid
            return dict(form=e.render())

        # Add a new page to the database
        new_title = appstruct['title']
        new_body = appstruct['body']
        DBSession.add(Page(title=new_title, body=new_body))

        # Get the new ID and redirect
        page = DBSession.query(Page).filter_by(title=new_title).one()
        new_uid = page.uid

        url = self.request.route_url('wikipage_view', uid=new_uid)
        return HTTPFound(url)

    return dict(form=form)
controls = self.request.POST.items()

try:
    appstruct = wiki_form.validate(controls)
except deform.ValidationFailure as e:
    return dict(page=page, form=e.render())

# Change the content and redirect to the view
page.title = appstruct['title']
page.body = appstruct['body']
url = self.request.route_url('wikipage_view', uid=uid)
return HTTPFound(url)

form = self.wiki_form.render(dict(
    uid=page.uid, title=page.title, body=page.body)
)

return dict(page=page, form=form)

10. Our tests in databases/tutorial/tests.py changed to include SQLAlchemy bootstrapping:

```python
import unittest
import transaction

from pyramid import testing

def _initTestingDB():
    from sqlalchemy import create_engine
    from .models import (DBSession,
                          Page,
                          Base)
    engine = create_engine('sqlite://')
    Base.metadata.create_all(engine)
    DBSession.configure(bind=engine)
    with transaction.manager:
        model = Page(title='FrontPage', body='This is the front page')
        DBSession.add(model)
    return DBSession

class WikiViewTests(unittest.TestCase):
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```python
def setUp(self):
    self.session = _initTestingDB()
    self.config = testing.setUp()

def tearDown(self):
    self.session.remove()
    testing.tearDown()

def test_wiki_view(self):
    from tutorial.views import WikiViews
    request = testing.DummyRequest()
    inst = WikiViews(request)
    response = inst.wiki_view()
    self.assertEqual(response['title'], 'Wiki View')

class WikiFunctionalTests(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        from pyramid.paster import get_app
        app = get_app('development.ini')
        from webtest import TestApp
        self.testapp = TestApp(app)

    def tearDown(self):
        from .models import DBSession
        DBSession.remove()

    def test_it(self):
        res = self.testapp.get('/', status=200)
        self.assertIn(b'Wiki: View', res.body)
        res = self.testapp.get('/add', status=200)
        self.assertIn(b'Add/Edit', res.body)
```

11. Run the tests in your package using pytest:

   ```bash
   $VENV/bin/pytest tutorial/tests.py -q
   ..
   2 passed in 1.41 seconds
   ```

12. Run your Pyramid application with:

Analysis

Let’s start with the dependencies. We made the decision to use SQLAlchemy to talk to our database. We also, though, installed pyramid_tm and zope.sqlalchemy. Why?

Pyramid has a strong orientation towards support for transactions. Specifically, you can install a transaction manager into your application either as middleware or a Pyramid ”tween”. Then, just before you return the response, all transaction-aware parts of your application are executed.

This means Pyramid view code usually doesn’t manage transactions. If your view code or a template generates an error, the transaction manager aborts the transaction. This is a very liberating way to write code.

The pyramid_tm package provides a ”tween” that is configured in the development.ini configuration file. That installs it. We then need a package that makes SQLAlchemy, and thus the RDBMS transaction manager, integrate with the Pyramid transaction manager. That’s what zope.sqlalchemy does.

Where do we point at the location on disk for the SQLite file? In the configuration file. This lets consumers of our package change the location in a safe (non-code) way. That is, in configuration. This configuration-oriented approach isn’t required in Pyramid; you can still make such statements in your __init__.py or some companion module.

The initialize_tutorial_db is a nice example of framework support. You point your setup at the location of some [console_scripts], and these get generated into your virtual environment’s bin directory. Our console script follows the pattern of being fed a configuration file with all the bootstrapping. It then opens SQLAlchemy and creates the root of the wiki, which also makes the SQLite file. Note the with transaction.manager part that puts the work in the scope of a transaction, as we aren’t inside a web request where this is done automatically.

The models.py does a little bit of extra work to hook up SQLAlchemy into the Pyramid transaction manager. It then declares the model for a Page.

Our views have changes primarily around replacing our dummy dictionary-of-dictionaries data with proper database support: list the rows, add a row, edit a row, and delete a row.
Extra credit

1. Why all this code? Why can’t I just type two lines and have magic ensue?

2. Give a try at a button that deletes a wiki page.

20: Logins with authentication

Login views that authenticate a username and password against a list of users.

Background

Most web applications have URLs that allow people to add/edit/delete content via a web browser. Time to add security to the application. In this first step we introduce authentication. That is, logging in and logging out, using Pyramid’s rich facilities for pluggable user storage.

In the next step we will introduce protection of resources with authorization security statements.

Objectives

• Introduce the Pyramid concepts of authentication.

• Create login and logout views.

Steps

1. We are going to use the view classes step as our starting point:

   cd ..; cp -r view_classes authentication; cd authentication

2. Add bcrypt as a dependency in authentication/setup.py:
3. We can now install our project in development mode:

```
$VENV/bin/pip install -e .
```

4. Put the security hash in the `authentication/development.ini` configuration file as `tutorial.secret` instead of putting it in the code:

```
[app:main]
use = egg:tutorial
pyramid.reload_templates = true
```

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5. Create an authentication/tutorial/security.py module that can find our user information by providing a security policy:

```python
import bcrypt
from pyramid.authentication import AuthTktCookieHelper

def hash_password(pw):
    pwhash = bcrypt.hashpw(pw.encode('utf8'), bcrypt.gensalt())
    return pwhash.decode('utf8')

def check_password(pw, hashed_pw):
    expected_hash = hashed_pw.encode('utf8')
    return bcrypt.checkpw(pw.encode('utf8'), expected_hash)

USERS = {'editor': hash_password('editor'),
         'viewer': hash_password('viewer')}

class SecurityPolicy:
    def __init__(self, secret):
        self.authtkt = AuthTktCookieHelper(secret=secret)

    def identity(self, request):
        identity = self.authtkt.identify(request)
        if identity is not None and identity['userid'] in USERS:
            return identity

    def authenticated_userid(self, request):
        identity = self.identity(request)
        if identity is not None:
            return identity['userid']

    def remember(self, request, userid, **kw):
        return self.authtkt.remember(request, userid, **kw)
```

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6. Register the SecurityPolicy with the configurator in authentication/tutorial/__init__.py:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from .security import SecurityPolicy

def main(global_config, **settings):
    config = Configurator(settings=settings)
    config.include('pyramid_chameleon')

    config.set_security_policy(
        SecurityPolicy(
            secret=settings['tutorial.secret'],
        ),
    )

    config.add_route('home', '/')
    config.add_route('hello', '/howdy')
    config.add_route('login', '/login')
    config.add_route('logout', '/logout')
    config.scan('.views')
    return config.make_wsgi_app()
```

7. Update the views in authentication/tutorial/views.py:

```python
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPFound
from pyramid.security import (  
    remember,
    forget,
)

from pyramid.view import (  
    view_config,
    view_defaults
)

from .security import (  
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```
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@view_defaults(renderer='home.pt')
class TutorialViews:
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request
        self.logged_in = request.authenticated_userid

@view_config(route_name='home')
def home(self):
    return {'name': 'Home View'}

@view_config(route_name='hello')
def hello(self):
    return {'name': 'Hello View'}

@view_config(route_name='login', renderer='login.pt')
def login(self):
    request = self.request
    login_url = request.route_url('login')
    referrer = request.url
    if referrer == login_url:
        referrer = '/'  # never use login form itself as came_from
    came_from = request.params.get('came_from', referrer)
    message = ''
    login = ''
    password = ''
    if 'form.submitted' in request.params:
        login = request.params['login']
        password = request.params['password']
        hashed_pw = USERS.get(login)
        if hashed_pw and check_password(password, hashed_pw):
            headers = remember(request, login)
            return HTTPFound(location=came_from, headers=headers)
        message = 'Failed login'

    return dict(
        name='Login',
        message=message,
        url=request.application_url + '/login',
        came_from=came_from,
    )
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```python
login=login,
password=password,
)

&view_config(route_name='logout')
def logout(self):
    request = self.request
    headers = forget(request)
    url = request.route_url('home')
    return HTTPFound(location=url,
                      headers=headers)
```

8. Add a login template at authentication/tutorial/login.pt:

```html
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
    <title>Quick Tutorial: ${name}</title>
</head>
<body>
<h1>Login</h1>
<span tal:replace="message"/>
<form action="${url}" method="post">
    <input type="hidden" name="came_from" value="${came_from}"/>
    <label for="login">Username</label>
    <input type="text" id="login" name="login" value="${login}"/>
    <label for="password">Password</label>
    <input type="password" id="password" name="password" value="${password}"/>
    <input type="submit" name="form.submitted" value="Log In"/>
</form>
</body>
</html>
```

9. Provide a login/logout box in authentication/tutorial/home.pt:
10. Run your Pyramid application with:

```
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini --reload
```


12. Click the "Log In" link.

13. Submit the login form with the username `editor` and the password `editor`.

14. Note that the "Log In" link has changed to "Logout".

15. Click the "Logout" link.

**Analysis**

Unlike many web frameworks, Pyramid includes a built-in but optional security model for authentication and authorization. This security system is intended to be flexible and support many needs. In this security model, authentication (who are you) and authorization (what are you allowed to do) are pluggable. To learn one step at a time, we provide a system that identifies users and lets them log out.
In this example we chose to use the bundled `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktCookieHelper` helper to store the user’s logged-in state in a cookie. We enabled it in our configuration and provided a ticket-signing secret in our INI file.

Our view class grew a login view. When you reached it via a GET request, it returned a login form. When reached via POST, it processed the submitted username and password against the USERS data store.

The function `hash_password` uses a one-way hashing algorithm with a salt on the user’s password via `bcrypt`, instead of storing the password in plain text. This is considered to be a “best practice” for security.

There are alternative libraries to `bcrypt` if it is an issue on your system. Just make sure that the library uses an algorithm approved for storing passwords securely.

The function `check_password` will compare the two hashed values of the submitted password and the user’s password stored in the database. If the hashed values are equivalent, then the user is authenticated, else authentication fails.

Assuming the password was validated, we invoke `pyramid.security.remember()` to generate a cookie that is set in the response. Subsequent requests return that cookie and identify the user.

In our template, we fetched the `logged_in` value from the view class. We use this to calculate the logged-in user, if any. In the template we can then choose to show a login link to anonymous visitors or a logout link to logged-in users.

**Extra credit**

1. Can I use a database instead of USERS to authenticate users?

2. Once I am logged in, does any user-centric information get jammed onto each request? Use `import pdb; pdb.set_trace()` to answer this.

See also:

See also `Security`, `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktCookieHelper`, `bcrypt`

**21: Protecting Resources With Authorization**

Assign security statements to resources describing the permissions required to perform an operation.
Background

Our application has URLs that allow people to add/edit/delete content via a web browser. Time to add security to the application. Let’s protect our add/edit views to require a login (username of editor and password of editor). We will allow the other views to continue working without a password.

Objectives

- Introduce the Pyramid concepts of authentication, authorization, permissions, and access control lists (ACLs).
- Make a root factory that returns an instance of our class for the top of the application.
- Assign security statements to our root resource.
- Add a permissions predicate on a view.
- Provide a Forbidden view to handle visiting a URL without adequate permissions.

Steps

1. We are going to use the authentication step as our starting point:

```
cd ..; cp -r authentication authorization; cd authorization
$VENV/bin/pip install -e .
```

2. Start by changing authorization/tutorial/__init__.py to specify a root factory to the configurator:

```
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from .security import SecurityPolicy

def main(global_config, **settings):
    config = Configurator(settings=settings,
                           root_factory='resources.Root')
```

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3. That means we need to implement `authorization/tutorial/resources.py`:

```python
from pyramid.authorization import Allow, Everyone

class Root:
    __acl__ = [(Allow, Everyone, 'view'),
                (Allow, 'group:editors', 'edit')]

    def __init__(self, request):
        pass
```

4. Define a GROUPS data store and the permits method of our SecurityPolicy:

```python
import bcrypt
from pyramid.authorization import AuthTktCookieHelper
from pyramid.authorization import ACLHelper,
                                Authenticated,
                                Everyone,
)

def hash_password(pw):
    pwhash = bcrypt.hashpw(pw.encode('utf8'), bcrypt.gensalt())
    return pwhash.decode('utf8')

def check_password(pw, hashed_pw):
```

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expected_hash = hashed_pw.encode('utf8')
return bcrypt.checkpw(pw.encode('utf8'), expected_hash)

USERS = {'editor': hash_password('editor'),
         'viewer': hash_password('viewer')}
GROUPS = {'editor': ['group:editors']}

class SecurityPolicy:
    def __init__(self, secret):
        self.authtkt = AuthTktCookieHelper(secret=secret)
        self.acl = ACLHelper()

    def identity(self, request):
        identity = self.authtkt.identify(request)
        if identity is not None and identity['userid'] in USERS:
            return identity

    def authenticated_userid(self, request):
        identity = self.identity(request)
        if identity is not None:
            return identity['userid']

    def remember(self, request, userid, **kw):
        return self.authtkt.remember(request, userid, **kw)

    def forget(self, request, **kw):
        return self.authtkt.forget(request, **kw)

    def permits(self, request, context, permission):
        principals = self.effective_principals(request)
        return self.acl.permits(context, principals, permission)

    def effective_principals(self, request):
        principals = [Everyone]
        userid = self.authenticated_userid(request)
        if userid is not None:
            principals += [Authenticated, 'u:' + userid]
            principals += GROUPS.get(userid, [])
        return principals

5. Change authorization/tutorial/views.py to require the edit permission on the hello view and implement the forbidden view:
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPFound
from pyramid.security import (remember, forget,)

from pyramid.view import (view_config, view_defaults, forbidden_view_config)

from .security import (USERS, check_password)

@view_defaults(renderer='home.pt')
class TutorialViews:
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request
        self.logged_in = request.authenticated_userid

    @view_config(route_name='home')
def home(self):
        return {'name': 'Home View'}

    @view_config(route_name='hello', permission='edit')
def hello(self):
        return {'name': 'Hello View'}

    @view_config(route_name='login', renderer='login.pt')
    @forbidden_view_config(renderer='login.pt')
def login(self):
        request = self.request
        login_url = request.route_url('login')
        referrer = request.url
        if referrer == login_url:
            referrer = '/'  # never use login form itself as came_from
        came_from = request.params.get('came_from', referrer)
        message = ''
        login = ''
        password = ''
        if 'form.submitted' in request.params:

        return {'name': 'Login View'}
login = request.params['login']
password = request.params['password']
hashed_pw = USERS.get(login)
if hashed_pw and check_password(password, hashed_pw):
    headers = remember(request, login)
    return HTTPFound(location=came_from, headers=headers)

message = 'Failed login'

return dict(
    name='Login',
    message=message,
    url=request.application_url + '/login',
    came_from=came_from,
    login=login,
    password=password,
)

@view_config(route_name='logout')
def logout(self):
    request = self.request
    headers = forget(request)
    url = request.route_url('home')
    return HTTPFound(location=url, headers=headers)

6. Run your Pyramid application with:

    $VENV/bin/pserve development.ini --reload


8. If you are still logged in, click the "Log Out" link.


Analysis

This simple tutorial step can be boiled down to the following:

- A view can require a permission (edit).
• The context for our view (the Root) has an access control list (ACL).

• This ACL says that the edit permission is available on Root to the group:editors principal.

• The SecurityPolicy.effective_principals method answers whether a particular user (editor) is a member of a particular group (group:editors).

• The SecurityPolicy.permits method is invoked when Pyramid wants to know whether the user is allowed to do something. To do this, it uses the pyramid.authorization.ACLHelper to inspect the ACL on the context and determine if the request is allowed or denied the specific permission.

In summary, hello wants edit permission, Root says group:editors has edit permission.

Of course, this only applies on Root. Some other part of the site (a.k.a. context) might have a different ACL.

If you are not logged in and visit /howdy, you need to get shown the login screen. How does Pyramid know what is the login page to use? We explicitly told Pyramid that the login view should be used by decorating the view with @forbidden_view_config.

Extra credit

1. What is the difference between a user and a principal?

2. Can I use a database instead of the GROUPS data store to look up principals?

3. Do I have to put a renderer in my @forbidden_view_config decorator?

4. Perhaps you would like the experience of not having enough permissions (forbidden) to be richer. How could you change this?

5. Perhaps we want to store security statements in a database and allow editing via a browser. How might this be done?

6. What if we want different security statements on different kinds of objects? Or on the same kinds of objects, but in different parts of a URL hierarchy?
Indices and tables

- genindex
- modindex
- search

0.2.3 SQLAlchemy + URL dispatch wiki tutorial

This tutorial introduces an *SQLAlchemy* and *URL dispatch*-based Pyramid application to a developer familiar with Python. When finished, the developer will have created a basic wiki application with authentication and authorization.

For cut and paste purposes, the source code for all stages of this tutorial can be browsed on GitHub for a specific branch or version under docs/tutorials/wiki2/src, which corresponds to the same location if you have Pyramid sources.

Background

This version of the Pyramid wiki tutorial presents a Pyramid application that uses technologies which will be familiar to someone with SQL database experience. It uses *SQLAlchemy* as a persistence mechanism and *URL dispatch* to map URLs to code. It can also be followed by people without any prior Python web framework experience.

To code along with this tutorial, the developer will need a Unix machine with development tools (macOS with XCode, any Linux or BSD variant, etc.) or a Windows system of any kind.

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This tutorial runs on Python 3 without modification.

Have fun!

Design

Following is a quick overview of the design of our wiki application to help us understand the changes that we will be making as we work through the tutorial.
Overall

We choose to use reStructuredText markup in the wiki text. Translation from reStructuredText to HTML is provided by the widely used docutils Python module. We will add this module to the dependency list in the project’s setup.py file.

Models

We’ll be using an SQLite database to hold our wiki data, and we’ll be using SQLAlchemy to access the data in this database. We will also use Alembic for database migrations, including initialization of the SQLite database.

Within the database, we will define two tables:

- The users table which will store the id, name, password_hash and role of each wiki user.

- The pages table, whose elements will store the wiki pages. There are four columns: id, name, data and creator_id.

There is a one-to-many relationship between users and pages tracking the user who created each wiki page defined by the creator_id column on the pages table.

URLs like /PageName will try to find an element in the pages table that has a corresponding name.

To add a page to the wiki, a new row is created and the text is stored in data.

A page named FrontPage containing the text ”This is the front page” will be created when the storage is initialized, and will be used as the wiki home page.

Wiki Views

There will be three views to handle the normal operations of adding, editing, and viewing wiki pages, plus one view for the wiki front page. Two templates will be used, one for viewing, and one for both adding and editing wiki pages.

As of version 1.5 Pyramid no longer ships with templating systems. In this tutorial, we will use Jinja2. Jinja2 is a modern and designer-friendly templating language for Python, modeled after Django’s templates.
Security

We’ll eventually be adding security to our application. To do this, we’ll be using a very simple role-based security model. We’ll assign a single role category to each user in our system.

**basic**  An authenticated user who can view content and create new pages. A basic user may also edit the pages they have created but not pages created by other users.

**editor** An authenticated user who can create and edit any content in the system.

In order to accomplish this we’ll need to define an authentication policy which can identify users by their userid and role. Then we’ll need to define a page resource which contains the appropriate ACL:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Action</th>
<th>Principal</th>
<th>Permission</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Allow</td>
<td>Everyone</td>
<td>view</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Allow</td>
<td>group:basic</td>
<td>create</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Allow</td>
<td>group:editors</td>
<td>edit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Allow</td>
<td>&lt;creator of page&gt;</td>
<td>edit</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Permission declarations will be added to the views to assert the security policies as each request is handled.

On the security side of the application there are two additional views for handling login and logout as well as two exception views for handling invalid access attempts and unhandled URLs.

Summary

The URL, actions, template, and permission associated to each view are listed in the following table:
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>URL</th>
<th>Action</th>
<th>View</th>
<th>Template</th>
<th>Permission</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>/</td>
<td>Redirect to /FrontPage</td>
<td>view_wiki</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/PageName</td>
<td>Display existing page</td>
<td>view_page1</td>
<td>view.jinja2</td>
<td>view</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/Page-Name/edit_page</td>
<td>Display edit form with existing content. If the form was submitted, redirect to /PageName</td>
<td>edit_page</td>
<td>edit.jinja2</td>
<td>edit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/add_page/PageName</td>
<td>Create the page PageName in storage, display the edit form without content. If the form was submitted, redirect to /PageName</td>
<td>add_page</td>
<td>edit.jinja2</td>
<td>create</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/login</td>
<td>Display login form, Forbidden If the form was submitted, authenticate.</td>
<td>login</td>
<td>login.jinja2</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• If authentication succeeds, redirect to the page from which we came.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>• If authentication fails, display login form with &quot;login failed&quot; message.</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/logout</td>
<td>Redirect to /FrontPage</td>
<td>logout</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Installation

Before you begin

This tutorial assumes that you have already followed the steps in *Installing Pyramid*, except do not create a virtual environment or install Pyramid. Thereby you will satisfy the following requirements.

- A Python interpreter is installed on your operating system.
- You’ve satisfied the Requirements for Installing Packages.

Install SQLite3 and its development packages

If you used a package manager to install your Python or if you compiled your Python from source, then you must install SQLite3 and its development packages. If you downloaded your Python as an installer from https://www.python.org, then you already have it installed and can skip this step.

If you need to install the SQLite3 packages, then, for example, using the Debian system and `apt-get`, the command would be the following:

```
sudo apt-get install libsQLite3-dev
```

Install cookiecutter

We will use a *cookiecutter* to create a Python package project from a Python package project template. See Cookiecutter Installation for instructions.

Generate a Pyramid project from a cookiecutter

We will create a Pyramid project in your home directory for Unix or at the root for Windows. It is assumed you know the path to where you installed cookiecutter. Issue the following commands and override the defaults in the prompts as follows.

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2 Pyramid will return a default 404 Not Found page if the page PageName does not exist yet.
1 This is the default view for a Page context when there is no view name.
3 `pyramid.exceptions.Forbidden` is reached when a user tries to invoke a view that is not authorized by the authorization policy.

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On Unix

```
cd ~
cookiecutter gh:Pylons/pyramid-cookiecutter-starter --checkout master
```

On Windows

```
cd \
cookiecutter gh:Pylons/pyramid-cookiecutter-starter --checkout master
```

On all operating systems

If prompted for the first item, accept the default yes by hitting return.

```
You've cloned ~/.cookiecutters/pyramid-cookiecutter-starter before.
Is it okay to delete and re-clone it? [yes]: yes
project_name [Pyramid Scaffold]: myproj
repo_name [myproj]: tutorial
Select template_language:
1 - jinja2
2 - chameleon
3 - mako
Choose from 1, 2, 3 [1]: 1
Select backend:
1 - none
2 - sqlite
3 - zodb
Choose from 1, 2, 3 [1]: 2
```

Change directory into your newly created project

On Unix
cd tutorial

On Windows

cd tutorial

Set and use a `VENV` environment variable

We will set the `VENV` environment variable to the absolute path of the virtual environment, and use it going forward.

On Unix

```
export VENV=~/tutorial
```

On Windows

```
set VENV=c:\tutorial
```

Create a virtual environment

On Unix

```
python3 -m venv $VENV
```
On Windows

```bash
python -m venv %VENV%
```

Upgrade packaging tools in the virtual environment

On Unix

```bash
$VENV/bin/pip install --upgrade pip setuptools
```

On Windows

```bash
%VENV%\Scripts\pip install --upgrade pip setuptools
```

Installing the project in development mode

In order to do development on the project easily, you must "register" the project as a development egg in your workspace. We will install testing requirements at the same time. We do so with the following command.

On Unix

```bash
$VENV/bin/pip install -e ".[testing]"
```

On Windows

```bash
%VENV%\Scripts\pip install -e ".[testing]"
```
On all operating systems

The console will show `pip` checking for packages and installing missing packages. Success executing this command will show a line like the following:

```shell
Successfully installed Jinja2-2.11.2 Mako-1.1.3 MarkupSafe-1.1.1...
```

Testing requirements are defined in our project’s `setup.py` file, in the `tests_require` and `extras_require` stanzas.

```python
tests_require = ['WebTest', 'pytest', 'pytest-cov'],
```

```python
extras_require={
    'testing': tests_require,
},
```

Initialize and upgrade the database using Alembic

We use `Alembic` to manage our database initialization and migrations.

Generate your first revision.

On Unix
The output to your console should be something like this:

```
2021-01-07 05:15:57,709 INFO [alembic.runtime.migration:155][MainThread]  
  Context impl SQLiteImpl.  
2021-01-07 05:15:57,709 INFO [alembic.runtime.migration:162][MainThread]  
  Will assume non-transactional DDL.  
2021-01-07 05:15:57,712 INFO [alembic.autogenerate. 
  compare:134][MainThread] Detected added table 'models'  
2021-01-07 05:15:57,712 INFO [alembic.autogenerate. 
  compare:588][MainThread] Detected added index 'my_index' on 'rename' 
  Generating <somepath>/tutorial/tutorial/alembic/versions/20210107_ 
  d7ab09c3fdec.py ... done
```

Upgrade to that revision.

On Unix

```
$VENV/bin/alembic -c development.ini upgrade head
```

On Windows

```
%VENV%\Scripts\alembic -c development.ini upgrade head
```

The output to your console should be something like this:
Load default data

Load default data into the database using a *console script*. Type the following command, making sure you are still in the tutorial directory (the directory with a development.ini in it):

**On Unix**

```
$VENV/bin/initialize_tutorial_db development.ini
```

**On Windows**

```
%VENV%\Scripts\initialize_tutorial_db development.ini
```

There should be no output to your console. You should now have a tutorial.sqlite file in your current working directory. This is an SQLite database with three tables defined in it, alembic_version, models, and master, where the first two tables each have single record inside of them.

Run the tests

After you’ve installed the project in development mode as well as the testing requirements, you may run the tests for the project. The following commands provide options to pytest that specify the module for which its tests shall be run, and to run pytest in quiet mode.
On Unix

$VENV/bin/pytest -q

On Windows

%VENV%\Scripts\pytest -q

For a successful test run, you should see output that ends like this:

......
5 passed in 0.44 seconds

Exposing test coverage information

You can run the `pytest` command to see test coverage information. This runs the tests in the same way that `pytest` does, but provides additional coverage information, exposing which lines of your project are covered by the tests.

We’ve already installed the `pytest-cov` package into our virtual environment, so we can run the tests with coverage.

On Unix

$VENV/bin/pytest --cov --cov-report=term-missing

On Windows

%VENV%\Scripts\pytest --cov --cov-report=term-missing

If successful, you will see output something like this:
Our package doesn’t quite have 100% test coverage.
Test and coverage cookiecutter defaults

The Pyramid cookiecutter includes configuration defaults for pytest and test coverage. These configuration files are pytest.ini and .coveragerc, located at the root of your package.

pytest follows conventions for Python test discovery. The configuration defaults from the cookiecutter tell pytest where to find the module on which we want to run tests and coverage.

See also:

See pytest’s documentation for How to invoke pytest or invoke pytest -h to see its full set of options.

Start the application

Start the application. See What Is This pserve Thing for more information on pserve.

On Unix

$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini --reload

On Windows

%VENV%\Scripts\pserve development.ini --reload

Your OS firewall, if any, may pop up a dialog asking for authorization to allow python to accept incoming network connections.

If successful, you will see something like this on your console:

Starting monitor for PID 68932.
Starting server in PID 68932.
Serving on http://localhost:6543
Serving on http://localhost:6543

This means the server is ready to accept requests.
Visit the application in a browser

In a browser, visit http://localhost:6543/. You will see the generated application’s default page.

One thing you’ll notice is the ”debug toolbar” icon on right hand side of the page. You can read more about the purpose of the icon at The Debug Toolbar. It allows you to get information about your application while you develop.

Decisions the cookiecutter backend option sqlalchemy has made for you

When creating a project and selecting the backend option of sqlalchemy, the cookiecutter makes the following assumptions:

- You are willing to use SQLite for persistent storage, although almost any SQL database could be used with SQLAlchemy.
- You are willing to use SQLAlchemy for a database access tool.
- You are willing to use Alembic for a database migrations tool.
- You are willing to use a console script for a data loading tool.
- You are willing to use URL dispatch to map URLs to code.
- You want to use zope.sqlalchemy, pyramid_tm, and the transaction packages to scope sessions to requests.

Pyramid supports any persistent storage mechanism (e.g., object database or filesystem files). It also supports an additional mechanism to map URLs to code (traversal). However, for the purposes of this tutorial, we’ll only be using URL dispatch and SQLAlchemy.

Basic Layout

The starter files generated from choosing the sqlalchemy backend option in the cookiecutter are very basic, but they provide a good orientation for the high-level patterns common to most URL dispatch-based Pyramid projects.
Application configuration with __init__.py

A directory on disk can be turned into a Python package by containing an __init__.py file. Even if empty, this marks a directory as a Python package. We use __init__.py both as a marker, indicating the directory in which it’s contained is a package, and to contain application configuration code.

Open tutorial/__init__.py. It should already contain the following:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def main(global_config, **settings):
    """ This function returns a Pyramid WSGI application. """
    with Configurator(settings=settings) as config:
        config.include('pyramid_jinja2')
        config.include('routes')
        config.include('models')
        config.scan()
    return config.make_wsgi_app()
```

Let’s go over this piece-by-piece. First we need some imports to support later code:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator
```

__init__.py defines a function named main. Here is the entirety of the main function we’ve defined in our __init__.py:

```python
def main(global_config, **settings):
    """ This function returns a Pyramid WSGI application. """
    with Configurator(settings=settings) as config:
        config.include('pyramid_jinja2')
        config.include('routes')
        config.include('models')
        config.scan()
    return config.make_wsgi_app()
```

When you invoke the pserve development.ini command, the main function above is executed. It accepts some settings and returns a WSGI application. (See Startup for more about pserve.)

Next in main, construct a Configurator object using a context manager:
settings is passed to the Configurator as a keyword argument with the dictionary values passed as the **settings argument. This will be a dictionary of settings parsed from the .ini file, which contains deployment-related values, such as pyramid.reload_templates, sqlalchemy.url, and so on.

Next include Jinja2 templating bindings so that we can use renderers with the .jinja2 extension within our project.

```
config.include('pyramid_jinja2')
```

Next include the routes module using a dotted Python path. This module will be explained in the next section.

```
config.include('.routes')
```

Next include the package models using a dotted Python path. The exact setup of the models will be covered later.

```
config.include('.models')
```

Pyramid’s pyramid.config.Configurator.include() method is the primary mechanism for extending the configurator and breaking your code into feature-focused modules.

main next calls the scan method of the configurator (pyramid.config.Configurator. scan()), which will recursively scan our tutorial package, looking for @view_config and other special decorators. When it finds a @view_config decorator, a view configuration will be registered, allowing one of our application URLs to be mapped to some code.

```
config.scan()
```

Finally main is finished configuring things, so it uses the pyramid.config.Configurator. make_wsgi_app() method to return a WSGI application:
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```python
return config.make_wsgi_app()
```

### Route declarations

Open the `tutorial/routes.py` file. It should already contain the following:

```python
def includeme(config):
    config.add_static_view('static', 'static', cache_max_age=3600)
    config.add_route('home', '/')
```

On line 2, we call `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_static_view()` with three arguments: `static` (the name), `static` (the path), and `cache_max_age` (a keyword argument).

This registers a static resource view which will match any URL that starts with the prefix `/static` (by virtue of the first argument to `add_static_view`). This will serve up static resources for us from within the `static` directory of our `tutorial` package, in this case via `http://localhost:6543/static/` and below (by virtue of the second argument to `add_static_view`). With this declaration, we're saying that any URL that starts with `/static` should go to the static view; any remainder of its path (e.g., the `/foo` in `/static/foo`) will be used to compose a path to a static file resource, such as a CSS file.

On line 3, the module registers a route configuration via the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()` method that will be used when the URL is `/`. Since this route has a pattern equaling `/`, it is the route that will be matched when the URL `/` is visited, e.g., `http://localhost:6543/`.

### View declarations via the `views` package

The main function of a web framework is mapping each URL pattern to code (a view callable) that is executed when the requested URL matches the corresponding route. Our application uses the `pyramid.view.view_config()` decorator to perform this mapping.

Open `tutorial/views/default.py` in the `views` package. It should already contain the following:
from pyramid.view import view_config
from pyramid.response import Response
from sqlalchemy.exc import SQLAlchemyError
from .. import models

@view_config(route_name='home', renderer='tutorial:templates/mytemplate.jinja2')
def my_view(request):
    try:
        query = request.dbsession.query(models.MyModel)
        one = query.filter(models.MyModel.name == 'one').one()
    except SQLAlchemyError:
        return Response(db_err_msg, content_type='text/plain', status=500)
    return {'one': one, 'project': 'myproj'}

db_err_msg = """
Pyramid is having a problem using your SQL database. The problem
might be caused by one of the following things:

1. You may need to initialize your database tables with 'alembic'.
   Check your README.txt for descriptions and try to run it.

2. Your database server may not be running. Check that the
database server referred to by the "sqlalchemy.url" setting in
your "development.ini" file is running.

After you fix the problem, please restart the Pyramid application to
try it again.
"""

The important part here is that the @view_config decorator associates the function it decorates (my_view) with a view configuration, consisting of:

• a route_name (home)

• a renderer, which is a template from the templates subdirectory of the package.

When the pattern associated with the home view is matched during a request, my_view() will be executed. my_view() returns a dictionary; the renderer will use the templates/mytemplate.jinja2 template to create a response based on the values in the dictionary.
Note that my_view() accepts a single argument named request. This is the standard call signature for a Pyramid view callable.

Remember in our __init__.py when we executed the pyramid.config.Configurator.scan() method config.scan()? The purpose of calling the scan method was to find and process this @view_config decorator in order to create a view configuration within our application. Without being processed by scan, the decorator effectively does nothing. @view_config is inert without being detected via a scan.

The sample my_view() created by the cookiecutter uses a try: and except: clause to detect if there is a problem accessing the project database and provide an alternate error response. That response will include the text shown at the end of the file, which will be displayed in the browser to inform the user about possible actions to take to solve the problem.

Open tutorial/views/notfound.py in the views package to look at the second view.

```python
from pyramid.view import notfound_view_config

@notfound_view_config(renderer='tutorial:templates/404.jinja2')
def notfound_view(request):
    request.response.status = 404
    return {}
```

Without repeating ourselves, we will point out the differences between this view and the previous.

1. Line 4. The notfound_view function is decorated with @notfound_view_config. This decorator registers a Not Found View using pyramid.config.Configurator.add_notfound_view().

   The renderer argument names an asset specification of tutorial:templates/404.jinja2.

2. Lines 5-7. A view callable named notfound_view is defined, which is decorated in the step above. It sets the HTTP response status code to 404. The function returns an empty dictionary to the template 404.jinja2, which accepts no parameters anyway.

Content models with the models package

In a SQLAlchemy-based application, a model object is an object composed by querying the SQL database. The models package is where the alchemy cookiecutter put the classes that implement our models.

First, open tutorial/models/meta.py, which should already contain the following:
from sqlalchemy.ext.declarative import declarative_base
from sqlalchemy.schema import MetaData

# Recommended naming convention used by Alembic, as various different
database # providers will autogenerate vastly different names making migrations more
NAMING_CONVENTION = {
    "ix": "ix_%(column_0_label)s",
    "uq": "uq_%(table_name)s_%(column_0_name)s",
    "ck": "ck_%(table_name)s_%(constraint_name)s",
    "fk": "fk_%(table_name)s_%(column_0_name)s_%(referred_table_name)s",
    "pk": "pk_%(table_name)s"
}

metadata = MetaData(naming_convention=NAMING_CONVENTION)
Base = declarative_base(metadata=metadata)

meta.py contains imports and support code for defining the models. We create a dictionary NAMING_CONVENTION as well for consistent naming of support objects like indices and constraints.

Next we create a metadata object from the class sqlalchemy.schema.MetaData, using NAMING_CONVENTION as the value for the naming_convention argument.

A MetaData object represents the table and other schema definitions for a single database. We also need to create a declarative Base object to use as a base class for our models. Our models will inherit from this Base, which will attach the tables to the metadata we created, and define our application’s database schema.
The metadata definition is as follows:

```python
metadata =MetaData(naming_convention=NAMING_CONVENTION)
Base = declarative_base(metadata=metadata)
```

Next open tutorial/models/mymodel.py, which should already contain the following:

```python
from sqlalchemy import (  
    Column,
    Index,
    Integer,
    Text,
)
from .meta import Base

class MyModel(Base):
    __tablename__ = 'models'
    id = Column(Integer, primary_key=True)
    name = Column(Text)
    value = Column(Integer)

Index('my_index', MyModel.name, unique=True, mysql_length=255)
```

Notice we've defined the models as a package to make it straightforward for defining models in separate modules. To give a simple example of a model class, we have defined one named MyModel in mymodel.py:

```python
class MyModel(Base):
    __tablename__ = 'models'
    id = Column(Integer, primary_key=True)
    name = Column(Text)
    value = Column(Integer)
```

Our example model does not require an `__init__` method because SQLAlchemy supplies for us a default constructor, if one is not already present, which accepts keyword arguments of the same name as that of the mapped attributes.

Example usage of MyModel:
johnny = MyModel(name="John Doe", value=10)

The MyModel class has a __tablename__ attribute. This informs SQLAlchemy which table to use to store the data representing instances of this class.

Finally, open tutorial/models/__init__.py, which should already contain the following:

```python
from sqlalchemy import engine_from_config
from sqlalchemy.orm import sessionmaker
import zope.sqlalchemy

# Import or define all models here to ensure they are attached to the
# ``Base.metadata`` prior to any initialization routines.
from .mymodel import MyModel  # flake8: noqa

# Run `configure_mappers` after defining all of the models to ensure
# all relationships can be setup.
configure_mappers()

def get_engine(settings, prefix='sqlalchemy. '):
    return engine_from_config(settings, prefix)

def get_session_factory(engine):
    factory = sessionmaker()
    factory.configure(bind=engine)
    return factory

def get_tm_session(session_factory, transaction_manager, request=None):
    ""
    Get a `sqlalchemy.orm.Session` instance backed by a transaction.

    This function will hook the session to the transaction manager which
    will take care of committing any changes.

    - When using pyramid_tm it will automatically be committed or aborted
      depending on whether an exception is raised.
    - When using scripts you should wrap the session in a manager yourself.
      For example:
    """
```

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.. code-block:: python

    import transaction

    engine = get_engine(settings)
    session_factory = get_session_factory(engine)
    with transaction.manager:
        dbsession = get_tm_session(session_factory, transaction.manager)

This function may be invoked with a ``request`` kwarg, such as when invoked by the reified ``.dbsession`` Pyramid request attribute which is configured via the ``includeme`` function below. The default value, for backwards compatibility, is ``None``.

The ``request`` kwarg is used to populate the ``sqlalchemy.orm.Session``'s "info" dict. The "info" dict is the official namespace for developers to stash session-specific information. For more information, please see the SQLAlchemy docs:


By placing the active ``request`` in the "info" dict, developers will be able to access the active Pyramid request from an instance of an SQLAlchemy object in one of two ways:

- Classic SQLAlchemy. This uses the ``Session``'s utility class method:

  .. code-block:: python

      from sqlalchemy.orm.session import Session as sa_Session

      dbsession = sa_Session.object_session(dbObject)
      request = dbsession.info['request']

- Modern SQLAlchemy. This uses the "Runtime Inspection API":

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.. code-block:: python

    from sqlalchemy import inspect as sa_inspect

    dbsession = sa_inspect(dbObject).session
    request = dbsession.info["request"]

    dbsession = session_factory(info={"request": request})
    zope.sqlalchemy.register(
        dbsession, transaction_manager=transaction_manager
    )
    return dbsession

def includeme(config):
    
    Initialize the model for a Pyramid app.

    Activate this setup using `config.include('tutorial.models')`.

    settings = config.get_settings()
    settings['tm.manager_hook'] = 'pyramid_tm.explicit_manager'

    # Use `pyramid_tm` to hook the transaction lifecycle to the request.
    # Note: the packages `pyramid_tm` and `transaction` work together
    # to automatically close the active database session after every request.
    # If your project migrates away from `pyramid_tm`, you may need to
    # use a
    # Pyramid callback function to close the database session after each
    # request.
    config.include('pyramid_tm')

    # use pyramid_retry to retry a request when transient exceptions occur
    config.include('pyramid_retry')

    # hook to share the dbengine fixture in testing
    dbengine = settings.get('dbengine')
    if not dbengine:
        dbengine = get_engine(settings)

    session_factory = get_session_factory(dbengine)
    config.registry['dbsession_factory'] = session_factory
# make request.dbsession available for use in Pyramid

def dbsession(request):
    # hook to share the dbsession fixture in testing
    dbsession = request.environ.get('app.dbsession')
    if dbsession is None:
        # request.tm is the transaction manager used by pyramid_tm
        dbsession = get_tm_session(session_factory, request.tm, request=request)
    return dbsession

config.add_request_method(dbsession, reify=True)

Our models/__init__.py module defines the primary API we will use for configuring the database connections within our application, and it contains several functions we will cover below.

As we mentioned above, the purpose of the models.meta.metadata object is to describe the schema of the database. This is done by defining models that inherit from the Base object attached to that metadata object. In Python, code is only executed if it is imported, and so to attach the models table defined in mymodel.py to the metadata, we must import it. If we skip this step, then later, when we run sqlalchemy.schema.MetaData.create_all(), the table will not be created because the metadata object does not know about it!

Another important reason to import all of the models is that, when defining relationships between models, they must all exist in order for SQLAlchemy to find and build those internal mappings. This is why, after importing all the models, we explicitly execute the function sqlalchemy.orm.configure_mappers(), once we are sure all the models have been defined and before we start creating connections.

Next we define several functions for connecting to our database. The first and lowest level is the get_engine function. This creates an SQLAlchemy database engine using sqlalchemy.engine_from_config() from the sqlalchemy.-prefixed settings in the development.ini file's [app:main] section. This setting is a URI (something like sqlite://).

```python
def get_engine(settings, prefix='sqlalchemy. '):
    return engine_from_config(settings, prefix)
```

The function get_session_factory accepts an SQLAlchemy database engine, and creates a session_factory from the SQLAlchemy class sqlalchemy.orm.session.sessionmaker. This session_factory is then used for creating sessions bound to the database engine.
The function `get_tm_session` registers a database session with a transaction manager, and returns a ` dbsession` object. With the transaction manager, our application will automatically issue a transaction commit after every request, unless an exception is raised, in which case the transaction will be aborted.

```python
def get_tm_session(session_factory, transaction_manager, request=None):
    """
    Get a `sqlalchemy.orm.Session` instance backed by a transaction.

    This function will hook the session to the transaction manager which
    will take care of committing any changes.
    - When using pyramid_tm it will automatically be committed or aborted
      depending on whether an exception is raised.
    - When using scripts you should wrap the session in a manager yourself.
      For example:
      .. code-block:: python

        import transaction

        engine = get_engine(settings)
        session_factory = get_session_factory(engine)
        with transaction.manager:
            dbsession = get_tm_session(session_factory, transaction.
            manager)

    This function may be invoked with a `request` kwarg, such as when
    invoked by the reified `.dbsession` Pyramid request attribute which is
    configured via the `. includeme` function below. The default value, for backwards
    compatibility, is `None`.

    The `request` kwarg is used to populate the `.sqlalchemy.orm.
    Session`'s
    "info" dict. The "info" dict is the official namespace for developers
    to
    stash session-specific information. For more information, please see
    the
```

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By placing the active ``request`` in the "info" dict, developers will be able to access the active Pyramid request from an instance of an SQLAlchemy object in one of two ways:

- Classic SQLAlchemy. This uses the ``Session``'s utility class method:

  ```python
  from sqlalchemy.orm.session import Session as sa_Session
  dbsession = sa_Session.object_session(dbObject)
  request = dbsession.info["request"]
  ```

- Modern SQLAlchemy. This uses the "Runtime Inspection API":

  ```python
  from sqlalchemy import inspect as sa_inspect
  dbsession = sa_inspect(dbObject).session
  request = dbsession.info["request"]
  ```

```
```

dbsession = session_factory(info={"request": request})
zope.sqlalchemy.register(
    dbsession, transaction_manager=transaction_manager
)
return dbsession
```

Finally, we define an includeme function, which is a hook for use with `pyramid.config.Configurator.include()` to activate code in a Pyramid application add-on. It is the code that is executed above when we ran `config.include(\.models\)` in our application’s main function. This function will take the settings from the application, create an engine, and define a `request.dbsession` property, which we can use to do work on behalf of an incoming request to our application.

```python
def includeme(config):
    
    Initialize the model for a Pyramid app.
```

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Activate this setup using "config.include('tutorial.models')".

```
settings = config.get_settings()
settings['tm.manager_hook'] = 'pyramid_tm.explicit_manager'

# Use "pyramid_tm" to hook the transaction lifecycle to the request.
# Note: the packages "pyramid_tm" and "transaction" work together
# to automatically close the active database session after every request.
# If your project migrates away from "pyramid_tm", you may need to
# use a
# Pyramid callback function to close the database session after each
# request.
config.include('pyramid_tm')

# use pyramid_retry to retry a request when transient exceptions occur
config.include('pyramid_retry')

# hook to share the dbengine fixture in testing
dbengine = settings.get('dbengine')
if not dbengine:
    dbengine = get_engine(settings)

session_factory = get_session_factory(dbengine)
config.registry['dbsession_factory'] = session_factory

# make request.dbsession available for use in Pyramid
def dbsession(request):
    # hook to share the dbsession fixture in testing
dbsession = request.environ.get('app.dbsession')
    if dbsession is None:
        # request.tm is the transaction manager used by pyramid_tm
        dbsession = get_tm_session(session_factory, request.tm, request=request)
    return dbsession

config.add_request_method(dbsession, reify=True)
```

That's about all there is to it regarding models, views, and initialization code in our stock application.

The Import and the Index object creation in mymodel.py is not required for this tutorial, and will be removed in the next step.
Tests

The project contains a basic structure for a test suite using pytest. The structure is covered later in Adding Tests.

Defining the Domain Model

The first change we’ll make to our stock cookiecutter-generated application will be to define a wiki page domain model.

There is nothing special about the filename user.py or page.py except that they are Python modules. A project may have many models throughout its codebase in arbitrarily named modules. Modules implementing models often have model in their names or they may live in a Python subpackage of your application package named models (as we’ve done in this tutorial), but this is only a convention and not a requirement.

Declaring dependencies in our setup.py file

The models code in our application will depend on a package which is not a dependency of the original "tutorial" application. The original "tutorial" application was generated by the cookiecutter; it doesn’t know about our custom application requirements.

We need to add a dependency, the bcrypt package, to our tutorial package’s setup.py file by assigning this dependency to the requires parameter in the setup() function.

Open tutorial/setup.py and edit it to look like the following by adding bcrypt and sorting the packages:

```python
requires = [
    'alembic',
    'bcrypt',
    'plaster_pastedeploy',
    'pyramid',
    'pyramid_debugtoolbar',
    'pyramid_jinja2',
    'pyramid_retry',
]
```

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It is a good practice to sort packages alphabetically to make them easier to find. Our cookiecutter does not have its packages sorted because it merely tacks on additional packages depending on our selections.

ℹ️ We are using the bcrypt package from PyPI to hash our passwords securely. There are other one-way hash algorithms for passwords if bcrypt is an issue on your system. Just make sure that it’s an algorithm approved for storing passwords versus a generic one-way hash.

**Running `pip install -e`**

Since a new software dependency was added, you will need to run `pip install -e` again inside the root of the tutorial package to obtain and register the newly added dependency distribution.

Make sure your current working directory is the root of the project (the directory in which `setup.py` lives) and execute the following command.

On Unix:

```
$VENV/bin/pip install -e .
```

On Windows:

```
%VENV%\Scripts\pip install -e .
```

Success executing this command will end with a line to the console something like the following.

```
Successfully installed bcrypt-3.2.0 cffi-1.14.4 pycparser-2.20 tutorial
```
The Pyramid Web Framework, Version 2.1.dev0

Remove mymodel.py
Let’s delete the ﬁle tutorial/models/mymodel.py. The MyModel class is only a sample and
we’re not going to use it.

Add user.py
Create a new ﬁle tutorial/models/user.py with the following contents:
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import bcrypt
from sqlalchemy import (
Column,
Integer,
Text,
)

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from .meta import Base

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class User(Base):
""" The SQLAlchemy declarative model class for a User object. """
__tablename__ = 'users'
id = Column(Integer, primary_key=True)
name = Column(Text, nullable=False, unique=True)
role = Column(Text, nullable=False)

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password_hash = Column(Text)

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def set_password(self, pw):
pwhash = bcrypt.hashpw(pw.encode('utf8'), bcrypt.gensalt())
self.password_hash = pwhash.decode('utf8')

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def check_password(self, pw):
if self.password_hash is not None:
expected_hash = self.password_hash.encode('utf8')
return bcrypt.checkpw(pw.encode('utf8'), expected_hash)
return False

This is a very basic model for a user who can authenticate with our wiki.
We discussed brieﬂy in the previous chapter that our models will inherit from an SQLAlchemy
sqlalchemy.ext.declarative.declarative_base(). This will attach the model to our
schema.
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As you can see, our `User` class has a class-level attribute `__tablename__` which equals the string `users`. Our `User` class will also have class-level attributes named `id`, `name`, `password_hash`, and `role` (all instances of `sqlalchemy.schema.Column`). These will map to columns in the `users` table. The `id` attribute will be the primary key in the table. The `name` attribute will be a text column, each value of which needs to be unique within the column. The `password_hash` is a nullable text attribute that will contain a securely hashed password. Finally, the `role` text attribute will hold the role of the user.

There are two helper methods that will help us later when using the user objects. The first is `set_password` which will take a raw password and transform it using bcrypt into an irreversible representation, a process known as "hashing". The second method, `check_password`, will allow us to compare the hashed value of the submitted password against the hashed value of the password stored in the user's record in the database. If the two hashed values match, then the submitted password is valid, and we can authenticate the user.

We hash passwords so that it is impossible to decrypt them and use them to authenticate in the application. If we stored passwords foolishly in clear text, then anyone with access to the database could retrieve any password to authenticate as any user.

**Add page.py**

Create a new file `tutorial/models/page.py` with the following contents:

```python
from sqlalchemy import (Column, ForeignKey, Integer, Text,
from sqlalchemy.orm import relationship
from .meta import Base

class Page(Base):
    """ The SQLAlchemy declarative model class for a Page object. """
    __tablename__ = 'pages'
    id = Column(Integer, primary_key=True)
    name = Column(Text, nullable=False, unique=True)
    data = Column(Text, nullable=False)
    creator_id = Column(ForeignKey('users.id'), nullable=False)
    creator = relationship('User', backref='created_pages')
```
As you can see, our `Page` class is very similar to the `User` defined above, except with attributes focused on storing information about a wiki page, including `id`, `name`, and `data`. The only new construct introduced here is the `creator_id` column, which is a foreign key referencing the `users` table. Foreign keys are very useful at the schema-level, but since we want to relate `User` objects with `Page` objects, we also define a `creator` attribute as an ORM-level mapping between the two tables. SQLAlchemy will automatically populate this value using the foreign key referencing the user. Since the foreign key has `nullable=False`, we are guaranteed that an instance of `Page` will have a corresponding `User` instance.

**Edit models/__init__.py**

Since we are using a package for our models, we also need to update our `__init__.py` file to ensure that the models are attached to the metadata.

Open the `tutorial/models/__init__.py` file and edit it to look like the following:

```
from sqlalchemy import engine_from_config
from sqlalchemy.orm import sessionmaker
from sqlalchemy.orm import configure_mappers
import zope.sqlalchemy

# Import or define all models here to ensure they are attached to the
# `Base.metadata` prior to any initialization routines.
from .page import Page  # flake8: noqa
from .user import User  # flake8: noqa

# Run `configure_mappers` after defining all of the models to ensure
# all relationships can be setup.
configure_mappers()

def get_engine(settings, prefix='sqlalchemy.'):  
    return engine_from_config(settings, prefix)

def get_session_factory(engine):
    factory = sessionmaker()
    factory.configure(bind=engine)
    return factory

def get_tm_session(session_factory, transaction_manager, request=None):
    ""
```
Get a `sqlalchemy.orm.Session` instance backed by a transaction.

This function will hook the session to the transaction manager which
will take care of committing any changes.

- When using pyramid_tm it will automatically be committed or aborted
depending on whether an exception is raised.

- When using scripts you should wrap the session in a manager yourself.
For example:

```python
import transaction

engine = get_engine(settings)
session_factory = get_session_factory(engine)
with transaction.manager:
    dbsession = get_tm_session(session_factory, transaction.manager)
```

This function may be invoked with a `request` kwarg, such as when
invoked
by the reified `.dbsession` Pyramid request attribute which is
configured
via the `includeme` function below. The default value, for backwards
compatibility, is `None`.

The `request` kwarg is used to populate the `sqlalchemy.orm.Session`
"info" dict. The "info" dict is the official namespace for developers
to
stash session-specific information. For more information, please see
the
SQLAlchemy docs:

By placing the active `request` in the "info" dict, developers will
be
able to access the active Pyramid request from an instance of an
SQLAlchemy
object in one of two ways:

- Classic SQLAlchemy. This uses the `Session`'s utility class method:
.. code-block:: python

    from sqlalchemy.orm.session import Session as sa_Session

    dbsession = sa_Session.object_session(dbObject)
    request = dbsession.info["request"]

Modern SQLAlchemy. This uses the "Runtime Inspection API":

.. code-block:: python

    from sqlalchemy import inspect as sa_inspect

    dbsession = sa_inspect(dbObject).session
    request = dbsession.info["request"]

    # ""
    dbsession = session_factory(info={"request": request})
    zope.sqlalchemy.register(
        dbsession, transaction_manager=transaction_manager
    )
    return dbsession

def includeme(config):
    ""
    Initialize the model for a Pyramid app.

    Activate this setup using ``config.include('tutorial.models')``.
    ""
    settings = config.get_settings()
    settings['tm.manager_hook'] = 'pyramid_tm.explicit_manager'

    # Use ``pyramid_tm`` to hook the transaction lifecycle to the request.
    # Note: the packages ``pyramid_tm`` and ``transaction`` work together
to
    # automatically close the active database session after every request.
    # If your project migrates away from ``pyramid_tm``; you may need to
use a
    # Pyramid callback function to close the database session after each
    # request.
    config.include('pyramid_tm')

    # use pyramid_retry to retry a request when transient exceptions occur
Here we align our imports with the names of the models, Page and User.

### Migrate the database with Alembic

Now that we have written our models, we need to modify the database schema to reflect the changes to our code. Let’s generate a new revision, then upgrade the database to the latest revision (head).

On Unix:

```bash
$VENV/bin/alembic -c development.ini revision --autogenerate -m "use new models Page and User"
$VENV/bin/alembic -c development.ini upgrade head
```

On Windows:

```bash
%VENV%\Scripts\alembic -c development.ini revision \  --autogenerate -m "use new models Page and User"
%VENV%\Scripts\alembic -c development.ini upgrade head
```
Success executing these commands will generate output similar to the following.

```plaintext
2021-01-07 08:00:14,550 INFO [alembic.runtime.migration:155][MainThread]
>>> Context impl SQLiteImpl.
2021-01-07 08:00:14,551 INFO [alembic.runtime.migration:158][MainThread]
>>> Will assume non-transactional DDL.
2021-01-07 08:00:14,553 INFO [alembic.autogenerate.
>>> compare:134][MainThread] Detected added table 'users'
2021-01-07 08:00:14,553 INFO [alembic.autogenerate.
>>> compare:134][MainThread] Detected added table 'pages'
2021-01-07 08:00:14,558 INFO [alembic.autogenerate.
>>> compare:622][MainThread] Detected removed index 'my_index' on 'models'
2021-01-07 08:00:14,558 INFO [alembic.autogenerate.
>>> compare:176][MainThread] Detected removed table 'models'
Generating <somepath>/tutorial/tutorial/alembic/versions/20210107_bc9a3dead43a.py ... done
```

```plaintext
2021-01-07 08:00:21,318 INFO [alembic.runtime.migration:155][MainThread]
>>> Context impl SQLiteImpl.
2021-01-07 08:00:21,318 INFO [alembic.runtime.migration:158][MainThread]
>>> Will assume non-transactional DDL.
2021-01-07 08:00:21,320 INFO [alembic.runtime.migration:517][MainThread]
>>> Running upgrade 90658c4a9673 -> bc9a3dead43a, use new models Page and
>>> User
```

**Alembic overview**

Let’s briefly discuss our configuration for Alembic.

In the alchemy cookiecutter’s development.ini file, the setting for `script_location` configures Alembic to look for the migration script in the directory `tutorial/alembic`. By default Alembic stores the migration files one level deeper in `tutorial/alembic/versions`. These files are generated by Alembic, then executed when we run upgrade or downgrade migrations. The setting `file_template` provides the format for each migration’s file name. We’ve configured the `file_template` setting to make it somewhat easy to find migrations by file name.

At this point in this tutorial, we have two migration files. Examine them to see what Alembic will do when you upgrade or downgrade the database to a specific revision. Notice the revision identifiers and how they relate to one another in a chained sequence.

**See also:**

For further information, see the Alembic documentation.
Edit *scripts/initialize_db.py*

We haven’t looked at the details of this file yet, but within the *scripts* directory of your *tutorial* package is a file named *initialize_db.py*. Code in this file is executed whenever we run the *initialize_tutorial_db* command, as we did in the installation step of this tutorial.

The command is named *initialize_tutorial_db* because of the mapping defined in the *[console_scripts]* entry point of our project’s *setup.py* file.

Since we’ve changed our model, we need to make changes to our *initialize_db.py* script. In particular, we’ll replace our import of *MyModel* with those of *User* and *Page*. We’ll also change the script to create two *User* objects (*basic* and *editor*) as well as a *Page*, rather than a *MyModel*, and add them to our *dbsession*.

Open *tutorial/scripts/initialize_db.py* and edit it to look like the following:

```python
import argparse
import sys

from pyramid.paster import bootstrap, setup_logging
from sqlalchemy.exc import OperationalError

from .. import models

def setup_models(dbsession):
    """
    Add or update models / fixtures in the database.
    ""
    editor = models.User(name='editor', role='editor')
    editor.set_password('editor')
    dbsession.add(editor)

    basic = models.User(name='basic', role='basic')
    basic.set_password('basic')
    dbsession.add(basic)

    page = models.Page(
        name='FrontPage',
        creator=editor,
```

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data='This is the front page',
)
dbsession.add(page)

def parse_args(argv):
    parser = argparse.ArgumentParser()
    parser.add_argument(
        'config_uri',
        help='Configuration file, e.g., development.ini',
    )
    return parser.parse_args(argv[1:])

def main(argv=sys.argv):
    args = parse_args(argv)
    setup_logging(args.config_uri)
    env = bootstrap(args.config_uri)

    try:
        with env['request'].tm:
            dbsession = env['request'].dbsession
            setup_models(dbsession)
    except OperationalError:
        print('''Pyramid is having a problem using your SQL database. The problem
might be caused by one of the following things:

1. You may need to initialize your database tables with `alembic`.
   Check your README.txt for description and try to run it.

2. Your database server may not be running. Check that the
database server referred to by the "sqlalchemy.url" setting in
your "development.ini" file is running.
''')

Only the highlighted lines need to be changed.
Populating the database

Because our model has changed, and to repopulate the database, we need to rerun the `initialize_tutorial_db` command to pick up the changes we've made to the `initialize_db.py` file.

On Unix

```
$VENV/bin/initialize_tutorial_db development.ini
```

On Windows

```
%VENV%\Scripts\initialize_tutorial_db development.ini
```

There should be no output to your console to indicate success.

View the application in a browser

We can’t. At this point, our system is in a "non-runnable" state; we’ll need to change view-related files in the next chapter to be able to start the application successfully. If you try to start the application (see Start the application) and visit http://localhost:6543, you’ll wind up with a Python traceback on your console that ends with this exception:

```
AttributeError: module 'tutorial.models' has no attribute 'MyModel'
```

This will also happen if you attempt to run the tests.

Defining Views

A view callable in a Pyramid application is typically a simple Python function that accepts a single parameter named request. A view callable is assumed to return a response object.

The request object has a dictionary as an attribute named matchdict. A matchdict maps the placeholders in the matching URL pattern to the substrings of the path in the request URL. For instance, if a call to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()` has the pattern /{one}/{two}, and a user visits http://example.com/foo/bar, our pattern would be matched against /foo/bar and the matchdict would look like {'one': 'foo', 'two': 'bar'}. 

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Adding the docutils dependency

Remember in the previous chapter we added a new dependency of the bcrypt package. Again, the view code in our application will depend on a package which is not a dependency of the original "tutorial" application.

We need to add a dependency on the docutils package to our tutorial package's setup.py file by assigning this dependency to the requires list.

Open tutorial/setup.py and edit it to look like the following:

```python
requires = [
    'alembic',
    'bcrypt',
    'docutils',
    'plaster_pastedeploy',
    'pyramid',
    'pyramid_debugtoolbar',
    'pyramid_jinja2',
    'pyramid_retry',
    'pyramid_tm',
    'SQLAlchemy',
    'transaction',
    'waitress',
    'zope.sqlalchemy',
]
```

Only the highlighted line needs to be added.

Again, as we did in the previous chapter, the dependency now needs to be installed, so re-run the $VENV/bin/pip install -e . command.

Static assets

Our templates name static assets, including CSS and images. We don’t need to create these files within our package's static directory because they were provided at the time we created the project.

As an example, the CSS file will be accessed via http://localhost:6543/static/theme.css by virtue of the call to the add_static_view directive we’ve made in the tutorial/routes.py file. Any number and type of static assets can be placed in this directory (or subdirectories) and are just referred to by URL or by using the convenience method static_url, e.g., request.static_url('<package>:static/foo.css') within templates.
Adding routes to `routes.py`

This is the URL Dispatch tutorial, so let’s start by adding some URL patterns to our app. Later we’ll attach views to handle the URLs.

The `tutorial/routes.py` file contains `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()` calls which serve to add routes to our application. First we’ll get rid of the existing route created by the template using the name 'home'. It’s only an example and isn’t relevant to our application.

We then need to add four calls to `add_route`. Note that the ordering of these declarations is very important. Route declarations are matched in the order they’re registered.

1. Add a declaration which maps the pattern `/` (signifying the root URL) to the route named `view_wiki`. In the next step, we will map it to our `view_wiki` view callable by virtue of the `@view_config` decorator attached to the `view_wiki` view function, which in turn will be indicated by `route_name='view_wiki'`.

2. Add a declaration which maps the pattern `/{pagename}` to the route named `view_page`. This is the regular view for a page. Again, in the next step, we will map it to our `view_page` view callable by virtue of the `@view_config` decorator attached to the `view_page` view function, which in turn will be indicated by `route_name='view_page'`.

3. Add a declaration which maps the pattern `/add_page/{pagename}` to the route named `add_page`. This is the add view for a new page. We will map it to our `add_page` view callable by virtue of the `@view_config` decorator attached to the `add_page` view function, which in turn will be indicated by `route_name='add_page'`.

4. Add a declaration which maps the pattern `/{pagename}/edit_page` to the route named `edit_page`. This is the edit view for a page. We will map it to our `edit_page` view callable by virtue of the `@view_config` decorator attached to the `edit_page` view function, which in turn will be indicated by `route_name='edit_page'`.

As a result of our edits, the `tutorial/routes.py` file should look like the following:

```python
1 def includeme(config):
2     config.add_static_view('static', 'static', cache_max_age=3600)
3     config.add_route('view_wiki', '/')
4     config.add_route('view_page', '/{pagename}')
5     config.add_route('add_page', '/add_page/{pagename}')
6     config.add_route('edit_page', '/{pagename}/edit_page')
```

The highlighted lines are the ones that need to be added or edited.
The order of the routes is important! If you placed /{pagename}/edit_page before /add_page/{pagename}, then we would never be able to add pages. This is because the first route would always match a request to /add_page/edit_page whereas we want /add_page/.. to have priority. This isn’t a huge problem in this particular app because wiki pages are always camel case, but it’s important to be aware of this behavior in your own apps.

CSRF protection

When handling HTML forms that mutate data in our database we need to verify that the form submission is legitimate and not from a URL embedded in a third-party website. This is done by adding a unique token to each form that a third-party could not easily guess. Read more about CSRF at Preventing Cross-Site Request Forgery Attacks. For this tutorial, we’ll store the active CSRF token in a cookie.

Let’s add a new tutorial/security.py file:

```python
from pyramid.csrf import CookieCSRFStoragePolicy

def includeme(config):
    config.set_csrf_storage_policy(CookieCSRFStoragePolicy())
    config.set_default_csrf_options(require_csrf=True)
```

Since we’ve added a new tutorial/security.py module, we need to include it. Open the file tutorial/__init__.py and edit the following lines:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def main(global_config, **settings):
    """ This function returns a Pyramid WSGI application. """
    with Configurator(settings=settings) as config:
        config.include('pyramid_jinja2')
        config.include('.security')
        config.include('.routes')
        config.include('.models')
        config.scan()
    return config.make_wsgi_app()
```

On forms that mutate data, we’ll be sure to add the CSRF token to the form, using pyramid.csrf.get_csrf_token().
Adding view functions in views/default.py

It’s time for a major change. Open tutorial/views/default.py and replace it with the following:

```python
from docutils.core import publish_parts
from html import escape
from pyramid.httpexceptions import (HTTPNotFound, HTTPSeeOther,
)
from pyramid.view import view_config
import re
from .. import models

# regular expression used to find WikiWords
wikiwords = re.compile(r"\b([A-Z]\w+[A-Z]\w+)\b")

@view_config(route_name='view_wiki')
def view_wiki(request):
    next_url = request.route_url('view_page', pagename='FrontPage')
    return HTTPSeeOther(location=next_url)

@view_config(route_name='view_page', renderer='tutorial:templates/view.jinja2')
def view_page(request):
    pagename = request.matchdict['pagename']
    page = request.dbsession.query(models.Page).filter_by(name=pagename).first()
    if page is None:
        raise HTTPNotFound('No such page')

    def add_link(match):
        word = match.group(1)
        exists = request.dbsession.query(models.Page).filter_by(name=word).all()
        if exists:
            view_url = request.route_url('view_page', pagename=word)
            return '<a href="%s">%s</a>' % (view_url, escape(word))
        else:
            add_url = request.route_url('add_page', pagename=word)
            return '<a href="%s">%s</a>' % (add_url, escape(word))

    content = publish_parts(page.data, writer_name='html')['html_body']
```

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content = wikiwords.sub(add_link, content)
edit_url = request.route_url('edit_page', pagename=page.name)
return dict(page=page, content=content, edit_url=edit_url)

@view_config(route_name='edit_page', renderer='tutorial:templates/edit.jinja2')
def edit_page(request):
pagename = request.matchdict['pagename']
page = request.db_session.query(models.Page).filter_by(name=pagename).one()
if request.method == 'POST':
    page.data = request.params['body']
    next_url = request.route_url('view_page', pagename=page.name)
    return HTTPSeeOther(location=next_url)
return dict(
pagename=page.name,
pagedata=page.data,
save_url=request.route_url('edit_page', pagename=page.name),
)

@view_config(route_name='add_page', renderer='tutorial:templates/edit.jinja2')
def add_page(request):
pagename = request.matchdict['pagename']
if request.db_session.query(models.Page).filter_by(name=pagename).count() > 0:
    next_url = request.route_url('edit_page', pagename=pagename)
    return HTTPSeeOther(location=next_url)
if request.method == 'POST':
    body = request.params['body']
    page = models.Page(name=pagename, data=body)
    page.creator = (request.db_session.query(models.User).filter_by(name='editor')).one()
    request.db_session.add(page)
    next_url = request.route_url('view_page', pagename=pagename)
    return HTTPSeeOther(location=next_url)
save_url = request.route_url('add_page', pagename=pagename)
return dict(pagename=pagename, pagedata=' ', save_url=save_url)

We added some imports, and created a regular expression to find "WikiWords".

We got rid of the my_view view function and its decorator that was added when originally rendered after we selected the sqlalchemy backend option in the cookiecutter. It was only an example and isn’t relevant to our application. We also deleted the db_err_msg string.
Then we added four view callable functions to our tutorial/views/default.py module, as mentioned in the previous step:

- **view_wiki()** - Displays the wiki itself. It will answer on the root URL.
- **view_page()** - Displays an individual page.
- **edit_page()** - Allows the user to edit a page.
- **add_page()** - Allows the user to add a page.

We’ll describe each one briefly in the following sections.

There is nothing special about the filename default.py except that it is a Python module. A project may have many view callables throughout its codebase in arbitrarily named modules. Modules implementing view callables often have view in their name (or may live in a Python subpackage of your application package named views, as in our case), but this is only by convention, not a requirement.

### The view_wiki view function

Following is the code for the view_wiki view function and its decorator:

```python
@view_config(route_name='view_wiki')
def view_wiki(request):
    next_url = request.route_url('view_page', pagename='FrontPage')
    return HTTPSeeOther(location=next_url)
```

view_wiki() is the default view that gets called when a request is made to the root URL of our wiki. It always redirects to a URL which represents the path to our "FrontPage".

The view_wiki view callable always redirects to the URL of a Page resource named "FrontPage". To do so, it returns an instance of the pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPSeeOther class (instances of which implement the pyramid.interfaces.IResponse interface, like pyramid.response.Response). It uses the pyramid.request.Request.route_url() API to construct a URL to the FrontPage page (i.e., http://localhost:6543/FrontPage), and uses it as the "location" of the HTTPSeeOther response, forming an HTTP redirect.

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The view_page view function

Here is the code for the view_page view function and its decorator:

```python
@view_config(route_name='view_page', renderer='tutorial:templates/view.jinja2')
def view_page(request):
    pagename = request.matchdict['pagename']
    page = request.dbsession.query(models.Page).filter_by(name=pagename).first()
    if page is None:
        raise HTTPNotFound('No such page')

    def add_link(match):
        word = match.group(1)
        exists = request.dbsession.query(models.Page).filter_by(name=word).all()
        if exists:
            view_url = request.route_url('view_page', pagename=word)
            return '<a href="%s">%s</a>' % (view_url, escape(word))
        else:
            add_url = request.route_url('add_page', pagename=word)
            return '<a href="%s">%s</a>' % (add_url, escape(word))

    content = publish_parts(page.data, writer_name='html')['html_body']
    content = wikiwords.sub(add_link, content)
    edit_url = request.route_url('edit_page', pagename=page.name)
    return dict(page=page, content=content, edit_url=edit_url)
```

view_page() is used to display a single page of our wiki. It renders the reStructuredText body of a page (stored as the data attribute of a Page model object) as HTML. Then it substitutes an HTML anchor for each WikiWord reference in the rendered HTML using a compiled regular expression.

The curried function named add_link is used as the first argument to wikiwords.sub, indicating that it should be called to provide a value for each WikiWord match found in the content. If the wiki already contains a page with the matched WikiWord name, add_link() generates a view link to be used as the substitution value and returns it. If the wiki does not already contain a page with the matched WikiWord name, add_link() generates an “add” link as the substitution value and returns it.

As a result, the content variable is now a fully formed bit of HTML containing various view and add links for WikiWords based on the content of our current page object.

We then generate an edit URL, because it’s easier to do here than in the template, and we return a dictionary with a number of arguments. The fact that view_page() returns a dictionary (as opposed to a response
object) is a cue to Pyramid that it should try to use a \textit{renderer} associated with the view configuration to render a response. In our case, the renderer used will be the \texttt{view.jinja2} template, as indicated in the \texttt{@view_config} decorator that is applied to \texttt{view_page()}. If the page does not exist, then we need to handle that by raising a \texttt{pyramid.httpexceptions.\_HTTPNot\_Found} to trigger our 404 handling, defined in \texttt{tutorial/views/notfound.py}.

Using \texttt{raise} versus \texttt{return} with the HTTP exceptions is an important distinction that can commonly mess people up. In \texttt{tutorial/views/notfound.py} there is an \textit{exception view} registered for handling the \texttt{HTTPNot\_Found} exception. Exception views are only triggered for raised exceptions. If the \texttt{HTTPNot\_Found} is returned, then it has an internal ”stock” template that it will use to render itself as a response. If you aren’t seeing your exception view being executed, this is most likely the problem! See \textit{Using Special Exceptions in View Callables} for more information about exception views.

The \texttt{edit\_page} view function

Here is the code for the \texttt{edit\_page} view function and its decorator:

```python
@view_config(route_name='edit\_page', renderer='tutorial:templates/edit.jinja2')
def edit\_page(request):
    pagename = request.matchdict['pagename']
    page = request.dbsession.query(models.Page).filter_by(name=pagename).one()
    if request.method == 'POST':
        page.data = request.params['body']
        next\_url = request.route\_url('view\_page', pagename=page.name)
        return HTTPSeeOther(location=next\_url)
    return dict(pagename=page.name,
                 pagedata=page.data,
                 save\_url=request.route\_url('edit\_page', pagename=page.name),)
```

\texttt{edit\_page()} is invoked when a user clicks the ”Edit this Page” button on the view form. It renders an edit form, but it also acts as the handler for the form which it renders. The \texttt{matchdict} attribute of the request passed to the \texttt{edit\_page} view will have a '\texttt{pagename}' key matching the name of the page that the user wants to edit.
If the view execution is a result of a form submission (i.e., `request.method == 'POST'`), the view grabs the `body` element of the request parameters and sets it as the `data` attribute of the page object. It then redirects to the `view_page` view of the wiki page.

If the view execution is not a result of a form submission (i.e., the expression `request.method != 'POST'`), the view simply renders the edit form, passing the page object and a `save_url` which will be used as the action of the generated form.

Since our `request.dbsession` defined in the previous chapter is registered with the `pyramid_tm` transaction manager, any changes we make to objects managed by the session will be committed automatically. In the event that there was an error (even later, in our template code), the changes would be aborted. This means the view itself does not need to concern itself with commit/rollback logic.

The `add_page` view function

Here is the code for the `add_page` view function and its decorator:

```python
@view_config(route_name='add_page', renderer='tutorial:templates/edit.jinja2')
def add_page(request):
    pagename = request.matchdict['pagename']
    if request.dbsession.query(models.Page).filter_by(name=pagename).count() > 0:
        next_url = request.route_url('edit_page', pagename=pagename)
        return HTTPSeeOther(location=next_url)
    if request.method == 'POST':
        body = request.params['body']
        page = models.Page(name=pagename, data=body)
        page.creator = (request.dbsession.query(models.User).filter_by(name='editor').one())
        request.dbsession.add(page)
        next_url = request.route_url('view_page', pagename=pagename)
        return HTTPSeeOther(location=next_url)
    save_url = request.route_url('add_page', pagename=pagename)
    return dict(pagename=pagename, pagedata='', save_url=save_url)
```

`add_page()` is invoked when a user clicks on a `WikiWord` which isn’t yet represented as a page in the system. The `add_link` function within the `view_page` view generates URLs to this view. `add_page()` also acts as a handler for the form that is generated when we want to add a page object. The matchdict
attribute of the request passed to the `add_page()` view will have the values we need to construct URLs and find model objects.

The `matchdict` will have a `'pagename'` key that matches the name of the page we’d like to add. If our add view is invoked via, for example, `http://localhost:6543/add_page/SomeName`, the value for `'pagename'` in the `matchdict` will be `'SomeName'`.

Next a check is performed to determine whether the `Page` already exists in the database. If it already exists, then the client is redirected to the `edit_page` view, else we continue to the next check.

If the view execution is a result of a form submission (i.e., the expression `request.method == 'POST'`), we grab the page body from the form data, create a `Page` object with this page body and the name taken from `matchdict['pagename']`, and save it into the database using `request.dbession.add`. Since we have not yet covered authentication, we don’t have a logged-in user to add as the page’s creator. Until we get to that point in the tutorial, we’ll just assume that all pages are created by the editor user. Thus we query for that object, and set it on `page.creator`. Finally, we redirect the client back to the `view_page` view for the newly created page.

If the view execution is not a result of a form submission (i.e., the expression `request.method != 'POST'` is `False`), the view callable renders a template. To do so, it generates a `save_url` which the template uses as the form post URL during rendering. We’re lazy here, so we’re going to use the same template (`templates/edit.jinja2`) for the add view as well as the page edit view. To do so we create a dummy `Page` object in order to satisfy the edit form’s desire to have some page object exposed as `page`. Pyramid will render the template associated with this view to a response.

**Adding templates**

The `view_page`, `add_page` and `edit_page` views that we’ve added reference a `template`. Each template is a `Jinja2` template. These templates will live in the `templates` directory of our tutorial package. `Jinja2` templates must have a `.jinja2` extension to be recognized as such.

**The `layout.jinja2` template**

Update `tutorial/templates/layout.jinja2` with the following content, as indicated by the emphasized lines:
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="{{request.locale_name}}">
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=edge">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
  <meta name="description" content="pyramid web application">
  <meta name="author" content="Pylons Project">
  <link rel="shortcut icon" href="{{request.static_url('tutorial:static/ pyramid-16x16.png')}}">
  <title>{% block subtitle %}{% endblock %}Pyramid tutorial wiki (based on TurboGears 20-Minute Wiki)</title>
  
  <!-- Bootstrap core CSS -->
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="//maxcdn.bootstrapcdn.com/bootstrap/3.3.7/css/bootstrap.min.css" integrity="sha384-BVYiiSIFeK1dGmJRAkycuHAHRg32OmUcww7on3RYdg4Va+PmSTsz/K68vbdEjh4u" crossorigin="anonymous">
  
  <!-- Custom styles for this scaffold -->
  <link href="{{request.static_url('tutorial:static/theme.css')}}" rel="stylesheet">
  
  <!-- HTML5 shiv and Respond.js IE8 support of HTML5 elements and media queries -->
  <!--[if lt IE 9]>
  <script src="//oss.maxcdn.com/libs/html5shiv/3.7.0/html5shiv.js" integrity="sha384-0s5Pv64cNZJieYFkXYOTId2HMA21f6b6q2nAcx2n0RTLUnCAoTTsS0nKEO27XyKcY" crossorigin="anonymous"></script>
  <script src="//oss.maxcdn.com/libs/respond.js/1.4.2/respond.min.js" integrity="sha384-ZoaMDF+4LeFxg60dScQ9nnR1QC2MIRxa109KwEXQwns1G8UNyIEZIQidzb0T1fo" crossorigin="anonymous"></script>
  <![endif]-->
</head>

<body>
  
  <div class="starter-template">
    
    <div class="container">
      
      <div class="row">
        
        <div class="col-md-2">
          <img class="logo img-responsive" src="{{request.static_url('tutorial:static/pyramid.png') }}" alt="pyramid web framework">
        
        </div>
      
    </div>
  
  </div>
</div>

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Since we're using a templating engine, we can factor common boilerplate out of our page templates into reusable components. One method for doing this is template inheritance via blocks.

- We have defined two placeholders in the layout template where a child template can override the content. These blocks are named `subtitle` (line 11) and `content` (line 36).
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• Please refer to the Jinja2 documentation for more information about template inheritance.

The view.jinja2 template
Create tutorial/templates/view.jinja2 and add the following content:
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{% extends 'layout.jinja2' %}

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{% block subtitle %}{{page.name}} - {% endblock subtitle %}

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{% block content %}
<p>{{ content|safe }}</p>
<p>
<a href="{{ edit_url }}">
Edit this page
</a>
</p>
<p>
Viewing <strong>{{page.name}}</strong>, created by <strong>{{page.
,→creator.name}}</strong>.
</p>
<p>You can return to the
<a href="{{request.route_url('view_page', pagename='FrontPage')}}">
,→FrontPage</a>.
</p>
{% endblock content %}

This template is used by view_page() for displaying a single wiki page.
• We begin by extending the layout.jinja2 template deﬁned above, which provides the skeleton
of the page (line 1).
• We override the subtitle block from the base layout, inserting the page name into the page’s title
(line 3).
• We override the content block from the base layout to insert our markup into the body (lines
5-18).
• We use a variable that is replaced with the content value provided by the view (line 6). content
contains HTML, so the |safe ﬁlter is used to prevent escaping it (e.g., changing ”>” to ”&gt;”).
• We create a link that points at the ”edit” URL, which when clicked invokes the edit_page view
for the requested page (lines 8-10).
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The edit.jinja2 template

Create tutorial/templates/edit.jinja2 and add the following content:

```html
{% extends 'layout.jinja2' %}
{% block subtitle %}Edit {{pagename}} - {% endblock subtitle %}
{% block content %}
<p>
Editing <strong>{{pagename}}</strong>
</p>
<p>You can return to the <a href="{{request.route_url('view_page', pagename='FrontPage')}}">FrontPage</a>.</p>
<form action="{{ save_url }}" method="post">
<input type="hidden" name="csrf_token" value="{{ get_csrf_token() }}">
<div class="form-group">
<textarea class="form-control" name="body" rows="10" cols="60">{{ pagedata }}</textarea>
</div>
<div class="form-group">
<button type="submit" class="btn btn-default">Save</button>
</div>
</form>
{% endblock content %}
```

This template serves two use cases. It is used by add_page() and edit_page() for adding and editing a wiki page. It displays a page containing a form and which provides the following:

- Again, we extend the layout.jinja2 template, which provides the skeleton of the page (line 1).
- Override the subtitle block to affect the <title> tag in the head of the page (line 3).
- Add the CSRF token to the form (line 13). Without this line, attempts to edit the page would result in a 400 Bad Request error.
- A 10-row by 60-column textarea field named body that is filled with any existing page data when it is rendered (line 15).
- A submit button (line 18).
- The form POSTs back to the save_url argument supplied by the view (line 12). The view will use the body value.
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The 404.jinja2 template

Replace tutorial/templates/404.jinja2 with the following content:

```html
{% extends "layout.jinja2" %}
{% block content %}
<h1><span class="font-semi-bold">Pyramid</span> <span class="smaller">Starter project</span></h1>
<p class="lead"><span class="font-semi-bold">404</span> Page Not Found</p>
{% endblock content %}
```

This template is linked from the notfound_view defined in tutorial/views/notfound.py as shown here:

```python
from pyramid.view import notfound_view_config

@notfound_view_config(renderer='tutorial:templates/404.jinja2')
def notfound_view(request):
    request.response.status = 404
    return {}
```

There are several important things to note about this configuration:

- The notfound_view in the above snippet is called an exception view. For more information see Using Special Exceptions in View Callables.

- The notfound_view sets the response status to 404. It’s possible to affect the response object used by the renderer via Varying Attributes of Rendered Responses.

- The notfound_view is registered as an exception view and will be invoked only if pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPNotFound is raised as an exception. This means it will not be invoked for any responses returned from a view normally. For example, on line 27 of tutorial/views/default.py the exception is raised which will trigger the view.

Finally, we may delete the tutorial/templates/mytemplate.jinja2 template that was provided by selecting the backend option of sqlalchemy, as we have created our own templates for the wiki.

Our templates use a request object that none of our tutorial views return in their dictionary. request is one of several names that are available ”by default” in a template when a template renderer is used. See System Values Used During Rendering for information about other names that are available by default when a template is used as a renderer.
**Viewing the application in a browser**

We can finally examine our application in a browser (See *Start the application*). Launch a browser and visit each of the following URLs, checking that the result is as expected:

- http://localhost:6543/ invokes the `view_wiki` view. This always redirects to the `view_page` view of the `FrontPage` page object.
- http://localhost:6543/add_page/SomePageName invokes the `add_page` view for a page. If the page already exists, then it redirects the user to the `edit_page` view for the page object.
- http://localhost:6543/SomePageName/edit_page invokes the `edit_page` view for an existing page, or generates an error if the page does not exist.
- To generate an error, visit http://localhost:6543/foobars/edit_page which will generate a NoResultFound: No row was found for one() error. You’ll see an interactive traceback facility provided by `pyramid_debugtoolbar`.

**Adding authentication**

Pyramid provides facilities for *authentication* and *authorization*. In this section we’ll focus solely on the authentication APIs to add login and logout functionality to our wiki.

We will implement authentication with the following steps:

- Add a `security policy` (security.py).
- Add routes for `/login` and `/logout` (routes.py).
- Add login and logout views (views/auth.py).
- Add a login template (login.jinja2).
- Add "Login" and "Logout" links to every page based on the user’s authenticated state (layout.jinja2).
- Make the existing views verify user state (views/default.py).
- Redirect to `/login` when a user is not logged in and is denied access to any of the views that require permission (views/auth.py).
- Show a custom "403 Forbidden" page if a logged in user is denied access to any views that require permission (views/auth.py).
Authenticating requests

The core of Pyramid authentication is a security policy which is used to identify authentication information from a request, as well as handling the low-level login and logout operations required to track users across requests (via cookies, headers, or whatever else you can imagine).

Add the security policy

Update tutorial/security.py with the following content:

```python
from pyramid.authentication import AuthTktCookieHelper
from pyramid.csrf import CookieCSRFStoragePolicy
from pyramid.request import RequestLocalCache

from . import models

class MySecurityPolicy:
    def __init__(self, secret):
        self.authtkt = AuthTktCookieHelper(secret)
        self.identity_cache = RequestLocalCache(self.load_identity)

    def load_identity(self, request):
        identity = self.authtkt.identify(request)
        if identity is None:
            return None

        userid = identity['userid']
        user = request.dbsession.query(models.User).get(userid)
        return user

    def identity(self, request):
        return self.identity_cache.get_or_create(request)

    def authenticated_userid(self, request):
        user = self.identity(request)
        if user is not None:
            return user.id

    def remember(self, request, userid, **kw):
        return self.authtkt.remember(request, userid, **kw)
```

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Here we’ve defined a new security policy named MySecurityPolicy, which is implementing most of the `pyramid.interfaces.ISecurityPolicy` interface by tracking an identity using a signed cookie implemented by `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktCookieHelper` (lines 8-34). The security policy outputs the authenticated tutorial.models.User object for the logged-in user as the identity, which is available as `request.identity`.

Our new security policy defines how our application will remember, forget, and identify users. It also handles authorization, which we’ll cover in the next chapter (if you’re wondering why we didn’t implement the permits method yet).

Identifying the current user is done in a few steps:

1. Pyramid invokes a method on the policy requesting identity, userid, or permission to perform an operation.

2. The policy starts by calling `pyramid.request.RequestLocalCache.get_or_create()` to load the identity.

3. The `MySecurityPolicy.load_identity` method asks the cookie helper to pull the identity from the request. This value is None if the cookie is missing or the content cannot be verified.

4. The policy then translates the identity into a tutorial.models.User object by looking for a record in the database. This is a good spot to confirm that the user is actually allowed to access our application. For example, maybe they were marked deleted or banned and we should return None instead of the user object.

5. The result is stored in the `identity_cache` which ensures that subsequent invocations return the same identity object for the request.

Finally, `pyramid.request.Request.identity` contains either None or a tutorial.models.User instance.

Note the usage of the `identity_cache` is optional, but it has several advantages in most scenarios:
• It improves performance as the identity is necessary for many operations during the lifetime of a request.

• It provides consistency across method invocations to ensure the identity does not change while processing the request.

It is up to individual security policies and applications to determine the best approach with respect to caching. Applications with long-running requests may want to avoid caching the identity, or tracking some extra metadata to re-verify it periodically against the authentication source.

Add new settings

Our authentication policy is expecting a new setting, auth.secret. Open the file development.ini and add the highlighted line below:

```ini
retry.attempts = 3
auth.secret = seekrit
```

Finally, best practices tell us to use a different secret in each environment, so open production.ini and add a different secret:

```ini
retry.attempts = 3
auth.secret = real-seekrit
```

And testing.ini:

```ini
retry.attempts = 3
auth.secret = test-seekrit
```

Add permission checks

Pyramid has full support for declarative authorization, which we’ll cover in the next chapter. However, many people looking to get their feet wet are just interested in authentication with some basic form of home-grown authorization. We’ll show below how to accomplish the simple security goals of our wiki, now that we can track the logged-in state of users.

Remember our goals:
• Allow only editor and basic logged-in users to create new pages.

• Only allow editor users and the page creator (possibly a basic user) to edit pages.

Open the file tutorial/views/default.py and fix the following import:

```python
from pyramid.httpexceptions import (HTTPForbidden,
                                      HTTPNotFound,
                                      HTTPSeeOther,
                                      )
```

Insert the highlighted line.

In the same file, now edit the edit_page view function:

```python
@view_config(route_name='edit_page', renderer='tutorial:templates/edit.
jinja2')
def edit_page(request):
    pagename = request.matchdict['pagename']
    page = request.dbsession.query(models.Page).filter_by(name=pagename).one()
    user = request.identity
    if user is None or (user.role != 'editor' and page.creator != user):
        raise HTTPForbidden
    if request.method == 'POST':
        page.data = request.params['body']
        next_url = request.route_url('view_page', pagename=page.name)
        return HTTPSeeOther(location=next_url)
    return dict(
        pagename=page.name,
        pagedata=page.data,
        save_url=request.route_url('edit_page', pagename=page.name),
        )
```

Only the highlighted lines need to be changed.

If the user either is not logged in or the user is not the page’s creator and not an editor, then we raise HTTPForbidden.

In the same file, now edit the add_page view function:
```python
@view_config(route_name='add_page', renderer='tutorial:templates/edit.jinja2')
def add_page(request):
    user = request.identity
    if user is None or user.role not in ('editor', 'basic'):
        raise HTTPForbidden
    pagename = request.matchdict['pagename']
    if request.dbsession.query(models.Page).filter_by(name=pagename).count() > 0:
        next_url = request.route_url('edit_page', pagename=pagename)
        return HTTPSeeOther(location=next_url)
    if request.method == 'POST':
        body = request.params['body']
        page = models.Page(name=pagename, data=body)
        page.creator = request.identity
        request.dbsession.add(page)
        next_url = request.route_url('view_page', pagename=pagename)
        return HTTPSeeOther(location=next_url)
    save_url = request.route_url('add_page', pagename=pagename)
    return dict(pagename=pagename, pagedata='', save_url=save_url)
```

Only the highlighted lines need to be changed.

If the user either is not logged in or is not in the basic or editor roles, then we raise HTTPForbidden, which will trigger our forbidden view to compute a response. However, we will hook this later to redirect to the login page. Also, now that we have request.identity, we no longer have to hard-code the creator as the editor user, so we can finally drop that hack.

These simple checks should protect our views.

**Login, logout**

Now that we’ve got the ability to detect logged-in users, we need to add the /login and /logout views so that they can actually login and logout!

**Add routes for /login and /logout**

Go back to tutorial/routes.py and add these two routes as highlighted:
The preceding lines must be added before the following view_page route definition:

```python
config.add_route('view_page', '/{pagename}')
```

This is because view_page’s route definition uses a catch-all "replacement marker" /{pagename} (see Route Pattern Syntax), which will catch any route that was not already caught by any route registered before it. Hence, for login and logout views to have the opportunity of being matched (or "caught"), they must be above /{pagename}.

### Add login, logout, and forbidden views

Create a new file tutorial/views/auth.py, and add the following code to it:

```python
from pyramid.csrf import new_csrf_token
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPSeeOther
from pyramid.security import (remember, forget,
)
from pyramid.view import (forbidden_view_config,
    view_config,
)

from .. import models

@view_config(route_name='login', renderer='tutorial:templates/login.jinja2')
def login(request):
    next_url = request.params.get('next', request.referrer)
    if not next_url:
        next_url = request.route_url('view_wiki')
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message = ''
login = ''
if request.method == 'POST':
    login = request.params['login']
    password = request.params['password']
user = (  
    request.db_session.query(models.User)
    .filter_by(name=login)
    .first()
)
if user is not None and user.check_password(password):
    new_csrf_token(request)
    headers = remember(request, user.id)
    return HTTPSeeOther(location=next_url, headers=headers)
message = 'Failed login'
request.response.status = 400

return dict(
    message=message,
    url=request.route_url('login'),
    next_url=next_url,
    login=login,
)

@view_config(route_name='logout')
def logout(request):
    next_url = request.route_url('view_wiki')
    if request.method == 'POST':
        new_csrf_token(request)
        headers = forget(request)
        return HTTPSeeOther(location=next_url, headers=headers)
    return HTTPSeeOther(location=next_url)

@forbidden_view_config(renderer='tutorial:templates/403.jinja2')
def forbidden_view(exc, request):
    if not request.is_authenticated:
        next_url = request.route_url('login', _query={'next': request.url})
        return HTTPSeeOther(location=next_url)
    request.response.status = 403
    return {}
The login view renders a login form and processes the post from the login form, checking credentials against our users table in the database.

The check is done by first finding a User record in the database, then using our user.check_password method to compare the hashed passwords.

At a privilege boundary we are sure to reset the CSRF token using pyramid.csrf.new_csrf_token(). If we were using sessions we would want to invalidate that as well.

If the credentials are valid, then we use our authentication policy to store the user’s id in the response using pyramid.security.remember().

Finally, the user is redirected back to either the page which they were trying to access (next) or the front page as a fallback. This parameter is used by our forbidden view, as explained below, to finish the login workflow.

The logout view handles requests to /logout by clearing the credentials using pyramid.security.forget(), then redirecting them to the front page.

At a privilege boundary we are sure to reset the CSRF token using pyramid.csrf.new_csrf_token(). If we were using sessions we would want to invalidate that as well.

The forbidden_view is registered using the pyramid.view.forbidden_view_config decorator. This is a special exception view, which is invoked when a pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPForbidden exception is raised.

By default, the view will return a "403 Forbidden" response and display our 403.jinja2 template (added below).

However, if the user is not logged in, this view will handle a forbidden error by redirecting the user to /login. As a convenience, it also sets the next= query string to the current URL (the one that is forbidding access). This way, if the user successfully logs in, they will be sent back to the page which they had been trying to access.

Add the login.jinja2 template

Create tutorial/templates/login.jinja2 with the following content:
The above template is referenced in the login view that we just added in tutorial/views/auth.py.

Add "Login" and "Logout" links

Open tutorial/templates/layout.jinja2 and add the following code as indicated by the highlighted lines.
The request.identity will be None if the user is not authenticated, or a tutorial.models.User object if the user is authenticated. This check will make the logout link shown only when the user is logged in, and conversely the login link is only shown when the user is logged out.

Add the 403.jinja2 template

Create tutorial/templates/403.jinja2 with the following content:

```jinja
{% extends "layout.jinja2" %}

{% block content %}
<h1><span class="font-semi-bold">Pyramid</span> ←Starter project</h1>
<p class="lead"><span class="font-semi-bold">403</span> Forbidden</p>
{% endblock content %}
```

The above template is referenced in the forbidden view that we just added in tutorial/views/auth.py.

Viewing the application in a browser

We can finally examine our application in a browser (See Start the application). Launch a browser and visit each of the following URLs, checking that the result is as expected:

- http://localhost:6543/ invokes the view_wiki view. This always redirects to the view_page view of the FrontPage page object. It is executable by any user.
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- http://localhost:6543/login invokes the login view, and a login form will be displayed. On every page, there is a "Login" link in the upper right corner while the user is not authenticated, else it is a "Logout" link when the user is authenticated.

Supplying the credentials with either the username editor and password editor, or username basic and password basic, will authenticate the user and grant access for that group.

After logging in (as a result of hitting an edit or add page and submitting valid credentials), we will see a "Logout" link in the upper right hand corner. When we click it, we are logged out, redirected back to the front page, and a "Login" link is shown in the upper right hand corner.


- http://localhost:6543/FrontPage/edit_page invokes the edit_page view for the FrontPage page object. It is executable by only the editor user. If a different user invokes it, then the "403 Forbidden" page will be displayed. If an anonymous user invokes it, then a login form will be displayed.

- http://localhost:6543/add_page/SomePageName invokes the add_page view for a page. If the page already exists, then it redirects the user to the edit_page view for the page object. It is executable by either the editor or basic user. If an anonymous user invokes it, then a login form will be displayed.

- http://localhost:6543/SomePageName/edit_page invokes the edit_page view for an existing page, or generates an error if the page does not exist. It is editable by the basic user if the page was created by that user in the previous step. If instead the page was created by the editor user, then the login page should be shown for the basic user.

Adding authorization

In the last chapter we built authentication into our wiki. We also went one step further and used the request.identity object to perform some explicit authorization checks. This is fine for a lot of applications, but Pyramid provides some facilities for cleaning this up and decoupling the constraints from the view function itself.

We will implement access control with the following steps:

- Update the security policy to break down the identity into a list of principals (security.py).
- Utilize the pyramid.authorization.ACLHelper to support a per-context mapping of principals to permissions (security.py).
- Add new resource definitions that will be used as the context for the wiki pages (routes.py).
- Add an ACL to each resource (routes.py).
- Replace the inline checks on the views with permission declarations (views/default.py).
Add ACL support

A principal is a level of abstraction on top of the raw identity that describes the user in terms of its capabilities, roles, or other identifiers that are easier to generalize. The permissions are then written against the principals without focusing on the exact user involved.

Pyramid defines two built-in principals used in every application: pyramid.authorization.Everyone and pyramid.authorization.Authenticated. On top of these we have already mentioned the required principals for this application in the original design. The user has two possible roles: editor or basic. These will be prefixed by the string role: to avoid clashing with any other types of principals.

Open the file tutorial/security.py and edit it as follows:

```python
from pyramid.authentication import AuthTktCookieHelper
from pyramid.authorization import (ACLHelper, Authenticated, Everyone,)
from pyramid.csrf import CookieCSRFStoragePolicy
from pyramid.request import RequestLocalCache
from . import models

class MySecurityPolicy:
    def __init__(self, secret):
        self.authtkt = AuthTktCookieHelper(secret)
        self.identity_cache = RequestLocalCache(self.load_identity)
        self.acl = ACLHelper()

    def load_identity(self, request):
        identity = self.authtkt.identify(request)
        if identity is None:
            return None

        userid = identity['userid']
        user = request.dbsession.query(models.User).get(userid)
        return user

    def identity(self, request):
        return self.identity_cache.get_or_create(request)
```

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def authenticated_userid(self, request):
    user = self.identity(request)
    if user is not None:
        return user.id

def remember(self, request, userid, **kw):
    return self.authtkt.remember(request, userid, **kw)

def forget(self, request, **kw):
    return self.authtkt.forget(request, **kw)

def permits(self, request, context, permission):
    principals = self.effective_principals(request)
    return self.acl.permits(context, principals, permission)

def effective_principals(self, request):
    principals = [Everyone]
    user = self.identity(request)
    if user is not None:
        principals.append(Authenticated)
        principals.append('u:' + str(user.id))
        principals.append('role:' + user.role)
    return principals

def includeme(config):
    settings = config.get_settings()

    config.set_csrf_storage_policy(CookieCSRFStoragePolicy())
    config.set_default_csrf_options(require_csrf=True)

    config.set_security_policy(MySecurityPolicy(settings['auth.secret']))

Only the highlighted lines need to be added.

Note that the role comes from the User object. We also add the user.id as a principal for when we want to allow that exact user to edit pages which they have created.

We’re using the pyramid.authorization.ACLHelper, which will suffice for most applications. It uses the context to define the mapping between a principal and permission for the current request via the __acl__ method or attribute.

The permits method completes our implementation of the pyramid.interfaces.ISecurityPolicy interface and enables our application to use pyramid.request.Request.has_permission and the permission= constraint on views.
Add resources and ACLs

Resources and context are the hidden gems of Pyramid. You’ve made it!

Every URL in a web application represents a `resource` (the "R" in Uniform Resource Locator). Often the resource is something in your data model, but it could also be an abstraction over many models.

Our wiki has two resources:

1. A `NewPage`. Represents a potential `Page` that does not exist. Any logged-in user, having either role of `basic` or `editor`, can create pages.

2. A `PageResource`. Represents a `Page` that is to be viewed or edited. `editor` users, as well as the original creator of the `Page`, may edit the `PageResource`. Anyone may view it.

   The wiki data model is simple enough that the `PageResource` is mostly redundant with our `Page` SQLAlchemy class. It is completely valid to combine these into one class. However, for this tutorial, they are explicitly separated to make clear the distinction between the parts about which Pyramid cares versus application-defined objects.

There are many ways to define these resources, and they can even be grouped into collections with a hierarchy. However, we’re keeping it simple here!

Open the file `tutorial/routes.py` and edit the following lines:

```python
from pyramid.authorization import (Allow, Everyone,
)

from pyramid.httpexceptions import (HTTPNotFound,
  HTTPSeeOther,
)

from . import models

def includeme(config):
    config.add_static_view('static', 'static', cache_max_age=3600)
    config.add_route('view_wiki', '/')
```

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config.add_route('login', '/login')
config.add_route('logout', '/logout')
config.add_route('view_page', '{pagename}', factory=page_factory)
config.add_route('add_page', '/add_page/{pagename}',
    factory=new_page_factory)
config.add_route('edit_page', '{pagename}/edit_page',
    factory=page_factory)

def new_page_factory(request):
    pagename = request.matchdict['pagename']
    if request.dbsession.query(models.Page).filter_by(name=pagename).count() > 0:
        next_url = request.route_url('edit_page', pagename=pagename)
        raise HTTPSeeOther(location=next_url)
    return NewPage(pagename)

class NewPage:
    def __init__(self, pagename):
        self.pagename = pagename

    def __acl__(self):
        return [
            (Allow, 'role:editor', 'create'),
            (Allow, 'role:basic', 'create'),
        ]

def page_factory(request):
    pagename = request.matchdict['pagename']
    page = request.dbsession.query(models.Page).filter_by(name=pagename).first()
    if page is None:
        raise HTTPNotFound
    return PageResource(page)

class PageResource:
    def __init__(self, page):
        self.page = page

    def __acl__(self):
        return [
            (Allow, Everyone, 'view'),
            (Allow, 'role:editor', 'edit'),
            (Allow, 'u:' + str(self.page.creator_id), 'edit'),
        ]

The highlighted lines need to be edited or added.
The `NewPage` class has an `__acl__` on it that returns a list of mappings from `principal` to `permission`. This defines who can do what with that resource. In our case we want to allow only those users with the principals of either `role:editor` or `role:basic` to have the `create` permission:

```python
class NewPage:
    def __init__(self, pagename):
        self.pagename = pagename

    def __acl__(self):
        return [
            (Allow, 'role:editor', 'create'),
            (Allow, 'role:basic', 'create'),
        ]
```

The `NewPage` is loaded as the context of the `add_page` route by declaring a factory on the route:

```python
config.add_route('add_page', '/add_page/{pagename}',
                 factory=new_page_factory)
```

The `PageResource` class defines the ACL for a Page. It uses an actual Page object to determine who can do what to the page.

```python
class PageResource:
    def __init__(self, page):
        self.page = page

    def __acl__(self):
        return [
            (Allow, Everyone, 'view'),
            (Allow, 'role:editor', 'edit'),
            (Allow, 'u:' + str(self.page.creator_id), 'edit'),
        ]
```

The `PageResource` is loaded as the context of the `view_page` and `edit_page` routes by declaring a factory on the routes:

```python
config.add_route('view_page', '/{pagename}',
                 factory=page_factory)
config.add_route('add_page', '/add_page/{pagename}',
                 factory=new_page_factory)
config.add_route('edit_page', '/{pagename}/edit_page',
                 factory=page_factory)
```
Add view permissions

At this point we’ve modified our application to load the PageResource, including the actual Page model in the page_factory. The PageResource is now the context for all view_page and edit_page views. Similarly the NewPage will be the context for the add_page view.

Open the file tutorial/views/default.py.

First, you can drop a few imports that are no longer necessary:

```python
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPSeeOther
from pyramid.view import view_config
import re
```

Edit the view_page view to declare the view permission, and remove the explicit checks within the view:

```python
@view_config(route_name='view_page', renderer='tutorial:templates/view.
  →jinja2',
    permission='view')
def view_page(request):
    page = request.context.page

def add_link(match):
    The work of loading the page has already been done in the factory, so we can just pull the page object out of the PageResource, loaded as request.context. Our factory also guarantees we will have a Page, as it raises the HTTPNotFoundException exception if no Page exists, again simplifying the view logic.

Edit the edit_page view to declare the edit permission:

```python
@view_config(route_name='edit_page', renderer='tutorial:templates/edit.
  →jinja2',
    permission='edit')
def edit_page(request):
    page = request.context.page
    if request.method == 'POST':
```

Edit the add_page view to declare the create permission:
Note the pagename here is pulled off of the context instead of request.matchdict. The factory has done a lot of work for us to hide the actual route pattern.

The ACLs defined on each resource are used by the security policy to determine if any principal is allowed to have some permission. If this check fails (for example, the user is not logged in) then an HTTPForbidden exception will be raised automatically. Thus we’re able to drop those exceptions and checks from the views themselves. Rather we’ve defined them in terms of operations on a resource.

The final tutorial/views/default.py should look like the following:

```python
from docutils.core import publish_parts
from html import escape
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPSeeOther
from pyramid.view import view_config
import re

from .. import models

# regular expression used to find WikiWords
wikiwords = re.compile(r"\b([A-Z]\w+[A-Z]+\w+)"")

@view_config(route_name='view_wiki')
def view_wiki(request):
    next_url = request.route_url('view_page', pagename='FrontPage')
    return HTTPSeeOther(location=next_url)

@view_config(route_name='view_page', renderer='tutorial:templates/view.
~jinja2',
    permission='view')
def view_page(request):
    page = request.context.page

    def add_link(match):
        word = match.group(1)
        exists = request.dbsession.query(models.Page).filter_by(name=word).
        ~all()
```

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```python
if exists:
    view_url = request.route_url('view_page', pagename=word)
    return '<a href="@s">@s</a>' % (view_url, escape(word))
else:
    add_url = request.route_url('add_page', pagename=word)
    return '<a href="@s">@s</a>' % (add_url, escape(word))

content = publish_parts(page.data, writer_name='html')['html_body']
content = wikiwords.sub(add_link, content)
edit_url = request.route_url('edit_page', pagename=page.name)
return dict(page=page, content=content, edit_url=edit_url)

@view_config(route_name='edit_page', renderer='tutorial:templates/edit.
    !jinja2',
    permission='edit')
def edit_page(request):
    page = request.context.page
    if request.method == 'POST':
        page.data = request.params['body']
        next_url = request.route_url('view_page', pagename=page.name)
        return HTTPSeeOther(location=next_url)
    return dict(
        pagename=page.name,
        pagedata=page.data,
        save_url=request.route_url('edit_page', pagename=page.name),
    )

@view_config(route_name='add_page', renderer='tutorial:templates/edit.
    !jinja2',
    permission='create')
def add_page(request):
    pagename = request.context.pagename
    if request.method == 'POST':
        body = request.params['body']
        page = models.Page(name=pagename, data=body)
        page.creator = request.identity
        request.dbsession.add(page)
        next_url = request.route_url('view_page', pagename=pagename)
        return HTTPSeeOther(location=next_url)
    save_url = request.route_url('add_page', pagename=pagename)
    return dict(pagename=pagename, pagedata='', save_url=save_url)
```
Viewing the application in a browser

We can finally examine our application in a browser (See Start the application). Launch a browser and visit each of the following URLs, checking that the result is as expected:

- http://localhost:6543/ invokes the view_wiki view. This always redirects to the view_page view of the FrontPage page object. It is executable by any user.

- http://localhost:6543/login invokes the login view, and a login form will be displayed. On every page, there is a "Login" link in the upper right corner while the user is not authenticated, else it is a "Logout" link when the user is authenticated.

Supplying the credentials with either the username editor and password editor, or username basic and password basic, will authenticate the user and grant access for that group.

After logging in (as a result of hitting an edit or add page and submitting valid credentials), we will see a "Logout" link in the upper right hand corner. When we click it, we are logged out, redirected back to the front page, and a "Login" link is shown in the upper right hand corner.


- http://localhost:6543/FrontPage/edit_page invokes the edit_page view for the FrontPage page object. It is executable by only the editor user. If a different user invokes it, then the "403 Forbidden" page will be displayed. If an anonymous user invokes it, then a login form will be displayed.

- http://localhost:6543/add_page/SomePageName invokes the add_page view for a page. If the page already exists, then it redirects the user to the edit_page view for the page object. It is executable by either the editor or basic user. If an anonymous user invokes it, then a login form will be displayed.

- http://localhost:6543/SomePageName/edit_page invokes the edit_page view for an existing page, or generates an error if the page does not exist. It is editable by the basic user if the page was created by that user in the previous step. If instead the page was created by the editor user, then the login page should be shown for the basic user.

Adding Tests

We will now add tests for the models and views as well as a few functional tests in a new tests package. Tests ensure that an application works, and that it continues to work when changes are made in the future.
Test harness

The project came bootstrapped with some tests and a basic harness. These are located in the tests package at the top-level of the project. It is a common practice to put tests into a tests package alongside the application package, especially as projects grow in size and complexity. A useful convention is for each module in the application to contain a corresponding module in the tests package. The test module would have the same name with the prefix test_.

The harness consists of the following setup:

- **pytest.ini** - controls basic pytest config including where to find the tests. We have configured pytest to search for tests in the application package and in the tests package.

- **.coveragerc** - controls coverage config. In our setup, it works with the pytest-cov plugin that we use via the --cov options to the pytest command.

- **testing.ini** - a mirror of development.ini and production.ini that contains settings used for executing the test suite. Most importantly, it contains the database connection information used by tests that require the database.

- **tests_require in setup.py** - controls the dependencies installed when testing. When the list is changed, it's necessary to re-run $VENV/bin/pip install -e ".[testing]" to ensure the new dependencies are installed.

- **tests/conftest.py** - the core fixtures available throughout our tests. The fixtures are explained in more detail below.

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- **app_settings** - the settings dict parsed from the testing.ini file that would normally be passed by pserve into your app’s main function.

- **dbengine** - initializes the database. It’s important to start each run of the test suite from a known state, and this fixture is responsible for preparing the database appropriately. This includes deleting any existing tables, running migrations, and potentially even loading some fixture data into the tables for use within the tests.

- **app** - the Pyramid WSGI application, implementing the pyramid.interfaces.IRouter interface. Most commonly this would be used for functional tests.
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- **tm** - a `transaction.TransactionManager` object controlling a transaction lifecycle. Generally other fixtures would join to the `tm` fixture to control their lifecycle and ensure they are aborted at the end of the test.

- **dbsession** - a `sqlalchemy.orm.session.Session` object connected to the database. The session is scoped to the `tm` fixture. Any changes made will be aborted at the end of the test.

- **testapp** - a `webtest.TestApp` instance wrapping the app and is used to sending requests into the application and return full response objects that can be inspected. The `testapp` is able to mutate the request environ such that the `dbsession` and `tm` fixtures are injected and used by any code that’s touching `request.dbsession` and `request.tm`. The `testapp` maintains a cookiejar, so it can be used to share state across requests, as well as the transaction database connection.

- **app_request** - a `pyramid.request.Request` object that can be used for more lightweight tests versus the full `testapp`. The `app_request` can be passed to view functions and other code that need a fully functional request object.

- **dummy_request** - a `pyramid.testing.DummyRequest` object that is very lightweight. This is a great object to pass to view functions that have minimal side-effects as it’ll be fast and simple.

- **dummy_config** — a `pyramid.config.Configurator` object used as configuration by `dummy_request`. Useful for mocking configuration like routes and security policies.

Modifying the fixtures

We’re going to make a few application-specific changes to the test harness. It’s always good to come up with patterns for things that are done often to avoid lots of boilerplate.

- Initialize the cookiejar with a CSRF token. Remember our application is using `pyramid.csrf.CookieCSRFStoragePolicy`.

- `testapp.get_csrf_token()` - every POST/PUT/DELETE/PATCH request must contain the current CSRF token to prove to our app that the client isn’t a third-party. So we want an easy way to grab the current CSRF token and add it to the request.

- `testapp.login(params)` - many pages are only accessible by logged in users so we want a simple way to login a user at the start of a test.

Update `tests/conftest.py` to look like the following, adding the highlighted lines:
import alembic
import alembic.config
import alembic.command
import os
from pyramid.paster import get_appsettings
from pyramid.scripting import prepare
from pyramid.testing import DummyRequest, testConfig
import pytest
import transaction
from webob.cookies import Cookie
import webtest
from tutorial import main
from tutorial import models
from tutorial.models.meta import Base

def pytest_addoption(parser):
    parser.addoption('--ini', action='store', metavar='INI_FILE')

@ pytest.fixture(scope='session')
def ini_file(request):
    # potentially grab this path from a pytest option
    return os.path.abspath(request.config.option.ini or 'testing.ini')

@ pytest.fixture(scope='session')
def app_settings(ini_file):
    return get_appsettings(ini_file)

@ pytest.fixture(scope='session')
def dbengine(app_settings, ini_file):
    engine = models.get_engine(app_settings)

    alembic_cfg = alembic.config.Config(ini_file)
    Base.metadata.drop_all(bind=engine)
    alembic.command.stamp(alembic_cfg, None, purge=True)

    # run migrations to initialize the database
    # depending on how we want to initialize the database from scratch
    # we could alternatively call:
    # Base.metadata.create_all(bind=engine)
    # alembic.command.stamp(alembic_cfg, "head")
    alembic.command.upgrade(alembic_cfg, "head")

    yield engine
Base.metadata.drop_all(bind=engine)
alembic.command.stamp(alembic_cfg, None, purge=True)

@py.test.fixture(scope='session')
def app(app_settings, dbengine):
    return main({}, dbengine=dbengine, **app_settings)

@py.test.fixture
def tm():
    tm = transaction.TransactionManager(explicit=True)
    tm.begin()
    tm.doom()
    yield tm
    tm.abort()

@py.test.fixture
def dbsession(app, tm):
    session_factory = app.registry['dbsession_factory']
    return models.get_tm_session(session_factory, tm)

class TestApp(webtest.TestApp):
    def get_cookie(self, name, default=None):
        # webtest currently doesn't expose the unescaped cookie values
        # so we're using webob to parse them for us
        # see https://github.com/Pylons/webtest/issues/171
        cookie = Cookie(' '.join('%s=%s' % (c.name, c.value)
                                   for c in self.cookiejar
                                   if c.name == name))
        return next((m.value.decode('latin-1') for m in cookie.values()),
                     default,
                     )

    def get_csrf_token(self):
        """
        Convenience method to get the current CSRF token.

        This value must be passed to POST/PUT/DELETE requests in either the
        "X-CSRF-Token" header or the "csrf_token" form value.
        """
testapp.post(..., headers={'X-CSRF-Token': testapp.get_csrf_token()})

or
testapp.post(..., {'csrf_token': testapp.get_csrf_token()})

""
return self.get_cookie('csrf_token')

def login(self, params, status=303, **kw):
    """ Convenience method to login the client."
    body = dict(csrf_token=self.get_csrf_token())
    body.update(params)
    return self.post('/login', body, **kw)

@pytest.fixture
def testapp(app, tm, dbsession):
    # override request.dbsession and request.tm with our own
    # externally-controlled values that are shared across requests but
    # aborted
    # at the end
    testapp = TestApp(app, extra_environ={
        'HTTP_HOST': 'example.com',
        'tm.active': True,
        'tm.manager': tm,
        'app.dbsession': dbsession,
    })

    # initialize a csrf token instead of running an initial request to get
    # one
    # from the actual app - this only works using the
    # CookieCSRFStoragePolicy
    testapp.set_cookie('csrf_token', 'dummy_csrf_token')

    return testapp

@pytest.fixture
def app_request(app, tm, dbsession):
    """ A real request."

    This request is almost identical to a real request but it has some
drawbacks in tests as it's harder to mock data and is heavier.
with prepare(registry=app.registry) as env:
    request = env['request']
    request.host = 'example.com'

    # without this, request.dbsession will be joined to the same
    # transaction
    # manager but it will be using a different sqlalchemy.orm.Session
    # using
    # a separate database transaction
    request.dbsession = dbsession
    request.tm = tm

    yield request

def dummy_request(tm, dbsession):
    """
    A lightweight dummy request.
    
    This request is ultra-lightweight and should be used only when the
    request itself is not a large focus in the call-stack. It is much easier to
    mock
    and control side-effects using this object, however:
    - It does not have request extensions applied.
    - Threadlocals are not properly pushed.
    """
    request = DummyRequest()
    request.host = 'example.com'
    request.dbsession = dbsession
    request.tm = tm

    return request

def dummy_config(dummy_request):
    """
    A dummy :class:`pyramid.config.Configurator` object. This allows for
    mock configuration, including configuration for `dummy_request`, as
    well
    as pushing the appropriate threadlocals.
    """
with testConfig(request=dummy_request) as config:
    yield config

Unit tests

We can test individual APIs within our codebase to ensure they fulfill the expected contract that the rest of
the application expects. For example, we’ll test the password hashing features we added to the tutorial.
models.User object.

Create tests/test_user_model.py such that it appears as follows:

```python
from tutorial import models

def test_password_hash_saved():
    user = models.User(name='foo', role='bar')
    assert user.password_hash is None

    user.set_password('secret')
    assert user.password_hash is not None

def test_password_hash_not_set():
    user = models.User(name='foo', role='bar')
    assert not user.check_password('secret')

def test_correct_password():
    user = models.User(name='foo', role='bar')
    user.set_password('secret')
    assert user.check_password('secret')

def test_incorrect_password():
    user = models.User(name='foo', role='bar')
    user.set_password('secret')
    assert not user.check_password('incorrect')
```
Integration tests

We can directly execute the view code, bypassing Pyramid and testing just the code that we’ve written. These tests use dummy requests that we’ll prepare appropriately to set the conditions each view expects, such as adding dummy data to the session. We’ll be using `dummy_config` to configure the necessary routes, as well as setting the security policy as `pyramid.testing.DummySecurityPolicy` to mock `dummy_request.identity`.

Update `tests/test_views.py` such that it appears as follows:

```python
from pyramid.testing import DummySecurityPolicy
from tutorial import models

def makeUser(name, role):
    return models.User(name=name, role=role)

def setUser(config, user):
    config.set_security_policy(
        DummySecurityPolicy(identity=user)
    )

def makePage(name, data, creator):
    return models.Page(name=name, data=data, creator=creator)

class Test_view_wiki:
    def _callFUT(self, request):
        from tutorial.views.default import view_wiki
        return view_wiki(request)

    def _addRoutes(self, config):
        config.add_route('view_page', '/{pagename}')

    def test_it(self, dummy_config, dummy_request):
        self._addRoutes(dummy_config)
        response = self._callFUT(dummy_request)
        assert response.location == 'http://example.com/FrontPage'

class Test_view_page:
    def _callFUT(self, request):
        from tutorial.views.default import view_page
        return view_page(request)
```

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```python
def _makeContext(self, page):
    from tutorial.routes import PageResource
    return PageResource(page)

def _addRoutes(self, config):
    config.add_route('edit_page', '/{pagename}/edit_page')
    config.add_route('add_page', '/add_page/{pagename}')
    config.add_route('view_page', '/{pagename}')

def test_it(self, dummy_config, dummy_request, dbsession):
    # add a page to the db
    user = makeUser('foo', 'editor')
    page = makePage('IDoExist', 'Hello CruelWorld IDoExist', user)
    dbsession.add_all([page, user])

    # create a request asking for the page we've created
    self._addRoutes(dummy_config)
    dummy_request.context = self._makeContext(page)

    # call the view we're testing and check its behavior
    info = self._callFUT(dummy_request)
    assert info['page'] is page
    assert info['content'] == ('<div class="document">
        <p>Hello <a href="http://example.com/add_page/CruelWorld">CruelWorld</a>
        IDoExist</p>
    </div>

    assert info['edit_url'] == 'http://example.com/IDoExist/edit_page'

class Test_add_page:
    def _callFUT(self, request):
        from tutorial.views.default import add_page
        return add_page(request)

    def _makeContext(self, self, pagename):
        from tutorial.routes import NewPage
        return NewPage(pagename)

    def _addRoutes(self, self, config):
        config.add_route('add_page', '/add_page/{pagename}')
        config.add_route('view_page', '/{pagename}')
```
```python
def test_get(self, dummy_config, dummy_request, dbsession):
    setUser(dummy_config, makeUser('foo', 'editor'))
    self._addRoutes(dummy_config)
    dummy_request.context = self._makeContext('AnotherPage')
    info = self._callFUT(dummy_request)
    assert info['pagedata'] == ''
    assert info['save_url'] == 'http://example.com/add_page/AnotherPage'

    def test_submit_works(self, dummy_config, dummy_request, dbsession):
        dummy_request.method = 'POST'
        dummy_request.POST['body'] = 'Hello yo!'
        dummy_request.context = self._makeContext('AnotherPage')
        setUser(dummy_config, makeUser('foo', 'editor'))
        self._addRoutes(dummy_config)
        self._callFUT(dummy_request)
        page = 
            dbsession.query(models.Page)
            .filter_by(name='AnotherPage')
            .one()
        assert page.data == 'Hello yo!'

class Test_edit_page:
    def _callFUT(self, request):
        from tutorial.views.default import edit_page
        return edit_page(request)

    def _makeContext(self, self, page):
        from tutorial.routes import PageResource
        return PageResource(page)

    def _addRoutes(self, self, config):
        config.add_route('edit_page', '/{pagename}/edit_page')
        config.add_route('view_page', '/{pagename}')

    def test_get(self, self, dummy_config, dummy_request, dbsession):
        user = makeUser('foo', 'editor')
        page = makePage('abc', 'hello', user)
        dbsession.add_all([page, user])

        self._addRoutes(dummy_config)
        dummy_request.context = self._makeContext(page)
        info = self._callFUT(dummy_request)
        assert info['pagename'] == 'abc'
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assert info['save_url'] == 'http://example.com/abc/edit_page'

def test_submit_works(self, dummy_config, dummy_request, dbsession):
    user = makeUser('foo', 'editor')
    page = makePage('abc', 'hello', user)
    dbsession.add_all([page, user])

    self._addRoutes(dummy_config)
    dummy_request.method = 'POST'
    dummy_request.POST['body'] = 'Hello yo!
    setUser(dummy_config, user)
    dummy_request.context = self._makeContext(page)
    response = self._callFUT(dummy_request)

    assert response.location == 'http://example.com/abc'
    assert page.data == 'Hello yo!'

Functional tests

We’ll test the whole application, covering security aspects that are not tested in the unit and integration
tests, like logging in, logging out, checking that the basic user cannot edit pages that it didn’t create but
the editor user can, and so on.

Update tests/test_functional.py such that it appears as follows:

```python
import pytest
import transaction

from tutorial import models

basic_login = dict(login='basic', password='basic')
editor_login = dict(login='editor', password='editor')

@pytest.fixture(scope='session', autouse=True)
def dummy_data(app):
    ""
    Add some dummy data to the database.
    Note that this is a session fixture that commits data to the database.
    Think about it similarly to running the `initialize_db` script at the
    start of the test suite.
    ""
```
This data should not conflict with any other data added throughout the test suite or there will be issues - so be careful with this pattern!

```

tm = transaction.TransactionManager(explicit=True)
with tm:
    dbsession = models.get_tm_session(app.registry['dbsession_factory'], tm)

    editor = models.User(name='editor', role='editor')
    editor.set_password('editor')
    basic = models.User(name='basic', role='basic')
    basic.set_password('basic')
    page1 = models.Page(name='FrontPage', data='This is the front page')
    page1.creator = editor

    page2 = models.Page(name='BackPage', data='This is the back page')
    page2.creator = basic

    dbsession.add_all([basic, editor, page1, page2])

def test_root(testapp):
    res = testapp.get('/', status=303)
    assert res.location == 'http://example.com/FrontPage'

def test_FrontPage(testapp):
    res = testapp.get('/FrontPage', status=200)
    assert b'FrontPage' in res.body

def test_missing_page(testapp):
    res = testapp.get('/SomePage', status=404)
    assert b'404' in res.body

def test_successful_log_in(testapp):
    params = dict(
        **basic_login,
        csrf_token=testapp.get_csrf_token(),
    )
    res = testapp.post('/login', params, status=303)
    assert res.location == 'http://example.com/'

def test_successful_log_with_next(testapp):
    params = dict(
        **basic_login,
        next='WikiPage',
        csrf_token=testapp.get_csrf_token(),
    )

```
def test_failed_log_in(testapp):
    params = dict(
        login='basic',
        password='incorrect',
        csrf_token=testapp.get_csrf_token(),
    )
    res = testapp.post('/login', params, status=303)
    assert res.location == 'http://example.com/WikiPage'

def test_logout_link_present_when_logged_in(testapp):
    testapp.login(basic_login)
    res = testapp.get('/FrontPage', status=200)
    assert b'Logout' in res.body

def test_logout_link_not_present_after_logged_out(testapp):
    testapp.login(basic_login)
    testapp.get('/FrontPage', status=200)
    params = dict(csrf_token=testapp.get_csrf_token())
    res = testapp.post('/logout', params, status=303)
    assert b'Logout' not in res.body

def test_anonymous_user_cannot_edit(testapp):
    res = testapp.get('/FrontPage/edit_page', status=303).follow()
    assert b'Login' in res.body

def test_anonymous_user_cannot_add(testapp):
    res = testapp.get('/add_page/NewPage', status=303).follow()
    assert b'Login' in res.body

def test_basic_user_cannot_edit_front(testapp):
    testapp.login(basic_login)
    res = testapp.get('/FrontPage/edit_page', status=403)
    assert b'403' in res.body

def test_basic_user_can_edit_back(testapp):
    testapp.login(basic_login)
    res = testapp.get('/BackPage/edit_page', status=200)
    assert b'Editing' in res.body

def test_basic_user_can_add(testapp):
    testapp.login(basic_login)
res = testapp.get('/add_page/NewPage', status=200)
assert b'Editing' in res.body

def test_editors_member_user_can_edit(testapp):
    testapp.login(editor_login)
    res = testapp.get('/FrontPage/edit_page', status=200)
    assert b'Editing' in res.body

def test_editors_member_user_can_add(testapp):
    testapp.login(editor_login)
    res = testapp.get('/add_page/NewPage', status=200)
    assert b'Editing' in res.body

def test_editors_member_user_can_view(testapp):
    testapp.login(editor_login)
    res = testapp.get('/FrontPage', status=200)
    assert b'FrontPage' in res.body

def test_redirect_to_edit_for_existing_page(testapp):
    testapp.login(editor_login)
    res = testapp.get('/add_page/FrontPage', status=303)
    assert b'FrontPage' in res.body

Running the tests

On Unix:

$VENV/bin/pytest -q

On Windows:

%VENV%\Scripts\pytest -q

The expected result should look like the following:

......................... [100%]
27 passed in 6.91s
Distributing Your Application

Once your application works properly, you can create a "tarball" from it by using the `setup.py sdist` command. The following commands assume your current working directory contains the `tutorial` package and the `setup.py` file.

On Unix:

```
$VENV/bin/python setup.py sdist
```

On Windows:

```
%VENV%\Scripts\python setup.py sdist
```

The output of such a command will be something like:

```
running sdist
# more output
creating dist
Creating tar archive
removing 'tutorial-0.0' (and everything under it)
```

Note that this command creates a tarball in the `dist` subdirectory named `tutorial-0.0.tar.gz`. You can send this file to your friends to show them your cool new application. They should be able to install it by pointing the `pip install` command directly at it. Or you can upload it to PyPI and share it with the rest of the world, where it can be downloaded via `pip install` remotely like any other package people download from PyPI.

### 0.2.4 ZODB + Traversal Wiki Tutorial

This tutorial introduces a ZODB and traversal-based Pyramid application to a developer familiar with Python. It will be most familiar to developers with previous Zope experience. When finished, the developer will have created a basic Wiki application with authentication.

For cut and paste purposes, the source code for all stages of this tutorial can be browsed on GitHub for a specific branch or version under `docs/tutorials/wiki/src`, which corresponds to the same location if you have Pyramid sources.
Background

This version of the Pyramid wiki tutorial presents a Pyramid application that uses technologies which will be familiar to someone with Zope experience. It uses ZODB as a persistence mechanism and traversal to map URLs to code. It can also be followed by people without any prior Python web framework experience.

To code along with this tutorial, the developer will need a Unix machine with development tools (macOS with XCode, any Linux or BSD variant, and so on) or a Windows system of any kind.

Have fun!

Design

Following is a quick overview of the design of our wiki application to help us understand the changes that we will make as we work through the tutorial.

Overall

We choose to use reStructuredText markup in the wiki text. Conversion from reStructuredText to HTML is provided by the widely used docutils Python module. We will add this module in the dependency list on the project setup.py file.

Models

The root resource named Wiki will be a mapping of wiki page names to page resources. The page resources will be instances of a Page class. They store the text content.

URLs like /PageName will be traversed using Wiki[ PageName ] => page. The resulting context is the page resource of an existing page.

To add a page to the wiki, a new instance of the page resource is created. Its name and reference are added to the Wiki mapping.

A page named FrontPage containing the text This is the front page will be created when the storage is initialized. It will be used as the wiki home page.
Views

There will be three views to handle the normal operations of adding, editing, and viewing wiki pages, plus one view for the wiki front page. Two templates will be used, one for viewing, and one for both adding and editing wiki pages.

As of version 1.5 Pyramid no longer ships with templating systems. In this tutorial we will use Chameleon. Chameleon is a variant of ZPT, which is an XML-based templating language.

Security

We’ll eventually add security to our application. The components we’ll use to do this are below.

- USERS, a dictionary mapping userids to their corresponding passwords.
- GROUPS, a dictionary mapping userids to a list of groups to which they belong.
- groupfinder, an authorization callback that looks up USERS and GROUPS. It will be provided in a new security.py file.
- An ACL is attached to the root resource. Each row below details an ACE:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Action</th>
<th>Principal</th>
<th>Permission</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Allow</td>
<td>Everyone</td>
<td>View</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Allow</td>
<td>group:editors</td>
<td>Edit</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Permission declarations are added to the views to assert the security policies as each request is handled.

Two additional views and one template will handle the login and logout tasks.
Summary

The URL, context, actions, template and permission associated to each view are listed in the following table:
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>URL</th>
<th>View</th>
<th>Context</th>
<th>Action</th>
<th>Template</th>
<th>Permission</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>/</td>
<td>view_wiki</td>
<td>Wiki</td>
<td>Redirect to /FrontPage</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/PageName</td>
<td>view_page²</td>
<td>Page</td>
<td>Display existing page²</td>
<td>view.pt</td>
<td>view</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/Page-Name/edit_page</td>
<td>edit_page</td>
<td>Page</td>
<td>Display edit form with existing content. If the form was submitted, redirect to /PageName</td>
<td>edit.pt</td>
<td>edit</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>/add_page/PageName</td>
<td>add_page</td>
<td>Wiki</td>
<td>Create the page PageName in storage, display the edit form without content. If the form was submitted, redirect to /PageName</td>
<td>edit.pt</td>
<td>edit</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| /login              | login           | Wiki, Forbidden³ | Display login form. If the form was submitted, authenticate.  
|                     |                 |         | • If authentication succeeds, redirect to the page that we came from.  
|                     |                 |         | • If authentication fails, display login form with | login.pt  |            |   |

² Redirects to the front page when the page is not found.
³ Redirects to the front page when authentication fails.
Installation

Before you begin

This tutorial assumes that you have already followed the steps in *Installing Pyramid*, except **do not create a virtual environment or install Pyramid**. Thereby you will satisfy the following requirements.

- A Python interpreter is installed on your operating system.
- You’ve satisfied the *Requirements for Installing Packages*.

Install cookiecutter

We will use a *cookiecutter* to create a Python package project from a Python package project template. See Cookiecutter Installation for instructions.

Generate a Pyramid project from a cookiecutter

We will create a Pyramid project in your home directory for Unix or at the root for Windows. It is assumed you know the path to where you installed *cookiecutter*. Issue the following commands and override the defaults in the prompts as follows.

**On Unix**

```
cd ~
cookiecutter gh:Pylons/pyramid-cookiecutter-starter --checkout master
```

**On Windows**

1. This is the default view for a Page context when there is no view name.
2. Pyramid will return a default 404 Not Found page if the page *PageName* does not exist yet.
3. *pyramid.exceptions.Forbidden* is reached when a user tries to invoke a view that is not authorized by the authorization policy.
On all operating systems

If prompted for the first item, accept the default yes by hitting return.

```
You've downloaded ~/.cookiecutters/pyramid-cookiecutter-starter before.
Is it okay to delete and re-download it? [yes]: yes
project_name [Pyramid Scaffold]: myproj
repo_name [myproj]: tutorial
Select template_language:
1 - jinja2
2 - chameleon
3 - mako
Choose from 1, 2, 3 [1]: 2
Select backend:
1 - none
2 - sqlalchemy
3 - zodb
Choose from 1, 2, 3 [1]: 3
```

Change directory into your newly created project

On Unix

```
cd tutorial
```

On Windows

```
cd tutorial
```
Set and use a VENV environment variable

We will set the VENV environment variable to the absolute path of the virtual environment, and use it going forward.

On Unix

```bash
export VENV=~/tutorial
```

On Windows

```bash
set VENV=c:\tutorial
```

Create a virtual environment

On Unix

```bash
python3 -m venv $VENV
```

On Windows

```bash
python -m venv %VENV%
```

Upgrade packaging tools in the virtual environment

On Unix

```bash
```
On Windows

%VENV%\Scripts\pip install --upgrade pip setuptools

Installing the project in development mode

In order to work on the project, you must “register” the project as a development egg in your workspace. We will install testing requirements at the same time. We do so with the following command.

On Unix

$VENV/bin/pip install -e ".[testing]"

On Windows

%VENV%\Scripts\pip install -e ".[testing]"

On all operating systems

The console will show pip checking for packages and installing missing packages. Success executing this command will show a line like the following:

```
Successfully installed BTrees-4.7.2 Chameleon-3.8.1 Mako-1.1.3 MarkupSafe-1.1.1 PasteDeploy-2.1.1 Pygments-2.7.3 WebTest-2.0.35 ZConfig-3.5.0 ZEO-5.2.2 ZODB-5.6.0 attrs-20.3.0 beautifulsoup4-4.9.3 cffi-1.14.4 coverage-5.3.1 hupper-1.10.2 iniconfig-1.1.1 packaging-20.8 persistent-4.6.4 plaster-1.0 plaster-pastedeploy-0.7 plugin-0.13.1 py-1.10.0 pycparser-2.20 pycompat-2.4.7 pyramid-1.10.5 pyramid-chameleon-0.3 pyramid-debugtoolbar-4.9 pyramid-mako-1.1.0 pyramid-retry-2.1.1 pyramid-tm-2.4 pyramid-zodbconn-0.8.1 pytest-6.2.1 pytest-cov-2.10.1 repoze.lru-0.7 six-1.15.0 soupsieve-2.1 toml-0.10.2 transaction-3.0.1 translationstring-1.4 tutorial-venusian-3.0.0 waitress-1.4.4 webob-1.8.6 zc.lockfile-2.0 zdaemon-4.3 zodbpickle-2.0.0 zodburi-2.4.0 zope.deprecation-4.4.0 zope.interface-5.2.0
```
Testing requirements are defined in our project’s setup.py file, in the tests_require and extras_require stanzas.

```python
tests_require = [
    'WebTest',
    'pytest',
    'pytest-cov',
]

extras_require={
    'testing': tests_require,
},
```

**Run the tests**

After you’ve installed the project in development mode as well as the testing requirements, you may run the tests for the project. The following commands provide options to pytest that specify the module for which its tests shall be run, and to run pytest in quiet mode.

**On Unix**

```
$VENV/bin/pytest -q
```

**On Windows**

```
%VENV%\Scripts\pytest -q
```

For a successful test run, you should see output that ends like this:

```
....
4 passed in 0.49 seconds
```
Exposé test coverage information

You can run the pytest command to see test coverage information. This runs the tests in the same way that pytest does, but provides additional coverage information, exposing which lines of your project are covered by the tests.

We’ve already installed the pytest-cov package into our virtual environment, so we can run the tests with coverage.

On Unix

```bash
$VENV/bin/pytest --cov --cov-report=term-missing
```

On Windows

```bash
%VENV%\Scripts\pytest --cov --cov-report=term-missing
```

If successful, you will see output something like this:

```
================================== test session starts ============================
platform darwin -- Python 3.9.0, pytest-6.2.1, py-1.10.0, pluggy-0.13.1
rootdir: /filepath/tutorial, inifile: pytest.ini, testpaths: tutorial
plugins: cov-2.10.1
collected 4 items

tests/test_functional.py .. [ 50%]
tests/test_views.py .. [100%]

---------- coverage: platform darwin, python 3.7.3-final-0 -----------
Name Stmts Miss Cover Missing
-----------------------------------------------------------
tutorial/__init__.py 16 0 100%
tutorial/models/__init__.py 8 0 100%
tutorial/pshell.py 6 4 33% 5-12
tutorial/routes.py 2 0 100%
tutorial/views/__init__.py 0 0 100%
tutorial/views/default.py 4 0 100%
```
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Our package doesn’t quite have 100% test coverage.

**Test and coverage cookiecutter defaults**

The Pyramid cookiecutter includes configuration defaults for `pytest` and test coverage. These configuration files are `pytest.ini` and `.coveragerc`, located at the root of your package.

`pytest` follows conventions for Python test discovery. The configuration defaults from the cookiecutter tell `pytest` where to find the module on which we want to run tests and coverage.

See also:

See `pytest`’s documentation for How to invoke pytest or invoke `pytest -h` to see its full set of options.

**Start the application**

Start the application. See *What Is This pserve Thing* for more information on `pserve`.

**On Unix**

```
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini --reload
```
On Windows

```bash
%VENV%\Scripts\pserve development.ini --reload
```

Your OS firewall, if any, may pop up a dialog asking for authorization to allow python to accept incoming network connections.

If successful, you will see something like this on your console:

```
Starting monitor for PID 65233.
Starting server in PID 65233.
Serving on http://localhost:6543
Serving on http://localhost:6543
```

This means the server is ready to accept requests.

Visit the application in a browser

In a browser, visit http://localhost:6543/. You will see the generated application’s default page.

One thing you’ll notice is the ”debug toolbar” icon on right hand side of the page. You can read more about the purpose of the icon at The Debug Toolbar. It allows you to get information about your application while you develop.

Decisions the cookiecutter backend option zodb has made for you

When creating a project and selecting the backend option of zodb, the cookiecutter makes the following assumptions:

- You are willing to use ZODB for persistent storage.
- You are willing to use traversal to map URLs to code.
- You want to use pyramid_zodbconn, pyramid_tm, and the transaction packages to manage connections and transactions with ZODB.

Pyramid supports any persistent storage mechanism (e.g., an SQL database or filesystem files). It also supports an additional mechanism to map URLs to code (URL dispatch). However, for the purposes of this tutorial, we will only use traversal and ZODB.
Basic Layout

The starter files generated by the cookiecutter are very basic, but they provide a good orientation for the high-level patterns common to most traversal-based (and ZODB-based) Pyramid projects.

Application configuration with __init__.py

A directory on disk can be turned into a Python package by containing an __init__.py file. Even if empty, this marks a directory as a Python package. We use __init__.py both as a marker, indicating the directory in which it is contained is a package, and to contain application configuration code.

When you run the application using the pserve command using the development.ini generated configuration file, the application configuration points at a Setuptools entry point described as egg:tutorial. In our application, because the application’s setup.py file says so, this entry point happens to be the main function within the file named __init__.py.

Open tutorial/__init__.py. It should already contain the following:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid_zodbconn import get_connection
from .models import appmaker

def root_factory(request):
    conn = get_connection(request)
    return appmaker(conn.root())

def main(global_config, **settings):
    """ This function returns a Pyramid WSGI application. """
    with Configurator(settings=settings) as config:
        config.include('pyramid_chameleon')
        config.include('pyramid_tm')
        config.include('pyramid_retry')
        config.include('pyramid_zodbconn')
        config.include('.routes')
        config.set_root_factory(root_factory)
        config.scan()
    return config.make_wsgi_app()
```

Let’s go over this piece-by-piece. First we need some imports to support later code.
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid_zodbconn import get_connection
from .models import appmaker

Define a root factory for our Pyramid application. It establishes a connection to ZODB database. It returns an appmaker, which we will describe in the next section Resources and models with models package.

def root_factory(request):
    conn = get_connection(request)
    return appmaker(conn.root())

__init__.py defines a function named main. Here is the entirety of the main function that we have defined in our __init__.py:

def main(global_config, **settings):
    """ This function returns a Pyramid WSGI application. """
    with Configurator(settings=settings) as config:
        config.include('pyramid_chameleon')
        config.include('pyramid_tm')
        config.include('pyramid_retry')
        config.include('pyramid_zodbconn')
        config.include('..routes')
        config.set_root_factory(root_factory)
        config.scan()
    return config.make_wsgi_app()

When you invoke the pserve development.ini command, the main function above is executed. It accepts some settings and returns a WSGI application. See Startup for more about pserve.

Next in main, construct a Configurator object using a context manager. See also Deployment settings.

with Configurator(settings=settings) as config:

settings is passed to the Configurator as a keyword argument with the dictionary values passed as the **settings argument. This will be a dictionary of settings parsed from the .ini file, which contains deployment-related values, such as pyramid.reload_templates, zodbconn.uri, and so on.

Next include support for the Chameleon template rendering bindings, allowing us to use the .pt templates.
config.include('pyramid_chameleon')

Next include support for pyramid_tm, allowing Pyramid requests to join the active transaction as provided by the transaction package.

config.include('pyramid_tm')

Next include support for pyramid_retry to retry a request when transient exceptions occur.

config.include('pyramid_retry')

Next include support for pyramid_zodbconn, providing integration between ZODB and a Pyramid application.

config.include('pyramid_zodbconn')

Next include routes from the .routes module.

config.include('.routes')

Next set a root factory using our function named root_factory.

config.set_root_factory(root_factory)

The included module contains the following function.

def includeme(config):
    config.add_static_view('static', 'static', cache_max_age=3600)

This registers a "static view" using the pyramid.config.Configurator.add_static_view() method. This view answers requests whose URL path starts with /static. This statement registers a view that will serve up static assets, such as CSS and image files. In this case the URL will answer requests at http://localhost:6543/static/ and below.

The first argument is the "name" static, which indicates that the URL path prefix of the view will be /static.
The second argument of this method is the "path". It is a relative asset specification. It finds the resources it should serve within the static directory inside the tutorial package. Alternatively the cookiecutter could have used an absolute asset specification as the path (tutorial:static).

The third argument is an optional cache_max_age which specifies the number of seconds the static asset will be HTTP-cached.

Back into our __init__.py, next perform a scan.

```python
config.scan()
```

A scan will find configuration decoration, such as view configuration decorators (e.g., @view_config) in the source code of the tutorial package. It will take actions based on these decorators. We don’t pass any arguments to scan(), which implies that the scan should take place in the current package (in this case, tutorial). The cookiecutter could have equivalently said config.scan('tutorial'), but it chose to omit the package name argument.

Finally use the pyramid.config.Configurator.make_wsgi_app() method to return a WSGI application.

```python
return config.make_wsgi_app()
```

**Resources and models with models package**

Pyramid uses the word resource to describe objects arranged hierarchically in a resource tree. This tree is consulted by traversal to map URLs to code. In this application, the resource tree represents the site structure, but it also represents the domain model of the application. Each resource is a node stored persistently in a ZODB database. The models.py file is where the zodb cookiecutter put the classes that implement our resource objects, each of which also happens to be a domain model object.

Here is the source for models.py:

```python
from persistent.mapping import PersistentMapping

class MyModel(PersistentMapping):
    __parent__ = __name__ = None
```

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def appmaker(zodb_root):
    if 'app_root' not in zodb_root:
        app_root = MyModel()
        zodb_root['app_root'] = app_root
    return zodb_root['app_root']

1. Lines 4-5. The MyModel resource class is implemented here. Instances of this class are capable of being persisted in ZODB because the class inherits from the persistent.mapping.PersistentMapping class. The __parent__ and __name__ are important parts of the traversal protocol. By default, these are set to None to indicate that this is the root object.

2. Lines 8-12. appmaker is used to return the application root object. It is called on every request to the Pyramid application by virtue of the root_factory defined in our __init__.py. It also performs bootstrapping by creating an application root (inside the ZODB root object) if one does not already exist.

   Bootstrapping is done by first seeing if the database has the persistent application root. If not, then we make an instance, store it, and commit the transaction.

   We then return the application root object.

View declarations via the views package

Our cookiecutter generated a default views package on our behalf. It contains a two views.

The first view is used to render the page shown when you visit the URL http://localhost:6543/. Open tutorial/views/default.py in the views package. It should already contain the following:

    from pyramid.view import view_config
    from ..models import MyModel

    @view_config(context=MyModel, renderer='tutorial:templates/mytemplate.pt')
    def my_view(request):
        return {'project': 'myproj'}

Let’s try to understand the components in this module:
1. **Lines 1-3.** Perform some dependency imports.

2. **Line 6.** Use the `pyramid.view.view_config()` configuration decoration to perform a view configuration registration. This view configuration registration will be activated when the application is started. Remember in our application's `__init__.py` when we executed the `pyramid.config.Configurator.scan()` method `config.scan()`? By calling the scan method, Pyramid's configurator will find and process this `@view_config` decorator, and create a view configuration within our application. Without being processed by `scan`, the decorator effectively does nothing. `@view_config` is inert without being detected via a `scan`.

The `@view_config` decorator accepts a number of keyword arguments. We use two keyword arguments here: `context` and `renderer`.

The `context` argument signifies that the decorated view callable `my_view` should only be run when `traversal` finds the `tutorial.models.MyModel` resource as the `context` of a request. In English this means that when the URL `/` is visited, and because `MyModel` is the root model, this view callable will be invoked.

The `renderer` argument names an asset specification of `tutorial:templates/mytemplate.pt`. This asset specification points at a Chameleon template which lives in the `mytemplate.pt` file within the `templates` directory of the `tutorial` package. And indeed if you look in the `templates` directory of this package, you will see a `mytemplate.pt` template file This template renders the default home page of the generated project. This asset specification is absolute to the `views` package. Alternatively we could have used the relative asset specification `../templates/mytemplate.pt`.

Since this call to `@view_config` doesn’t pass a name argument, the `my_view` function which it decorates represents the "default" view callable used when the context is of the type `MyModel`.

3. **Lines 7-8.** A view callable named `my_view` is defined, which is decorated in the step above. This view callable is a function generated by the cookiecutter. It is given a single argument, `request`. This is the standard call signature for a Pyramid view callable. The function returns the dictionary `{'project': 'myproj'}. This dictionary is used by the template named by the `mytemplate.pt` asset specification to fill in certain values on the page.

Let us open `tutorial/views/notfound.py` in the `views` package to look at the second view.

```python
from pyramid.view import notfound_view_config

@notfound_view_config(renderer='tutorial:templates/404.pt')
def notfound_view(request):
    request.response.status = 404
    return {}
```
Without repeating ourselves, we will point out the differences between this view and the previous.

1. **Line 4.** The `notfound_view` function is decorated with `@notfound_view_config`. This decorator registers a Not Found View using `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_notfound_view()`.

   The `renderer` argument names an asset specification of `tutorial:templates/404.pt`.

2. **Lines 5-7.** A view callable named `notfound_view` is defined, which is decorated in the step above. It sets the HTTP response status code to 404. The function returns an empty dictionary to the template `404.pt`, which accepts no parameters anyway.

### Configuration in `development.ini`

The `development.ini` (in the `tutorial project` directory, as opposed to the `tutorial package` directory) looks like this:

```ini
###
# app configuration
###

[app:main]
use = egg:tutorial

pyramid.reload_templates = true
pyramid.debug_authorization = false
pyramid.debug_notfound = false
pyramid.debug_routematch = false
pyramid.default_locale_name = en
pyramid.includes =
   pyramid_debugtoolbar

zodbconn.uri = file://%(here)s/Data.fs?connection_cache_size=20000
retry.attempts = 3

# By default, the toolbar only appears for clients from IP addresses
# '127.0.0.1' and '::1'.
# debugtoolbar.hosts = 127.0.0.1 ::1
```

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[pshell]
setup = tutorial.pshell.setup

###
# wsgi server configuration
###

[server:main]
use = egg:waitress#main
listen = localhost:6543

###
# logging configuration
###

[loggers]
keys = root, tutorial

[handlers]
keys = console

[formatters]
keys = generic

[logger_root]
level = INFO
handlers = console

[logger_tutorial]
level = DEBUG
handlers =
qualname = tutorial

[handler_console]
class = StreamHandler
args = (sys.stderr,)
level = NOTSET
formatter = generic

[formatter_generic]
format = %asctime %levelname-5s [%name]:%(lineno)s [
\%(%threadName)s] %(message)s

Note the existence of a [app:main] section which specifies our WSGI application. Our ZODB database
settings are specified as the \texttt{zodbconn.uri} setting within this section. When the server is started via \texttt{pserve}, the values within this section are passed as **settings** to the \texttt{main} function defined in \texttt{__init__.py}.

Tests

The project contains a basic structure for a test suite using \texttt{pytest}. The structure is covered later in \textit{Adding Tests}.

Defining the Domain Model

Let’s make changes to our stock cookiecutter-generated application. We will define two \texttt{resource} constructors, one representing a wiki page, and another representing the wiki as a mapping of wiki page names to page objects. We will do this inside our \texttt{models.py} file.

Because we are using \texttt{ZODB} to represent our \texttt{resource tree}, each of these resource constructors represents a \texttt{domain model} object. We will call these constructors ”model constructors”. Both our \texttt{Page} and \texttt{Wiki} constructors will be class objects. A single instance of the ”Wiki” class will serve as a container for ”Page” objects, which will be instances of the ”Page” class.

See also:

We will introduce a lot of concepts throughout the remainder of this tutorial. See also the chapter \textit{Resources} for a complete description of resources and the chapter \textit{Traversal} for the technical details of how traversal works in Pyramid.

Delete the database

In the next step, we will remove the \texttt{MyModel} Python model class from our \texttt{models} package. Since this class is referred to within our persistent storage (represented on disk as a file named \texttt{Data.fs}), we will have strange things happen the next time we want to visit the application in a browser.

Remove the \texttt{Data.fs} from the \texttt{tutorial} directory before proceeding any further. It is always fine to do this as long as you don’t care about the content of the database. The database itself will be recreated as necessary.
Edit models package

There is nothing special about the package name models. A project may have many models throughout its codebase in arbitrarily named files and directories. Files that implement models often have model in their names, or they may live in a Python subpackage of your application package named models, but this is only by convention.

Open tutorial/models/__init__.py file and edit it to look like the following:

```python
from persistent import Persistent
from persistent.mapping import PersistentMapping

class Wiki(PersistentMapping):
    __name__ = None
    __parent__ = None

class Page(Persistent):
    def __init__(self, data):
        self.data = data

def appmaker(zodb_root):
    if 'app_root' not in zodb_root:
        app_root = Wiki()
        frontpage = Page('This is the front page')
        app_root['FrontPage'] = frontpage
        frontpage.__name__ = 'FrontPage'
        frontpage.__parent__ = app_root
        zodb_root['app_root'] = app_root
    return zodb_root['app_root']
```

The emphasized lines indicate changes, described as follows.

Remove the MyModel class from the generated models/__init__.py file. The MyModel class is only a sample and we’re not going to use it.

Next we add an import at the top for the persistent.Persistent class. We will use this for a new Page class in a moment.

```python
from persistent import Persistent
from persistent.mapping import PersistentMapping
```
Then we add a `Wiki` class.

```python
class Wiki(PersistentMapping):
    __name__ = None
    __parent__ = None
```

We want it to inherit from the `persistent.mapping.PersistentMapping` class because it provides mapping behavior. It also makes sure that our Wiki page is stored as a "first-class" persistent object in our ZODB database.

Our `Wiki` class should have two attributes set to `None` at class scope: `__parent__` and `__name__`. If a model has a `__parent__` attribute of `None` in a traversal-based Pyramid application, it means that it is the root model. The `__name__` of the root model is also always `None`.

Now we add a `Page` class.

```python
class Page(Persistent):
    def __init__(self, data):
        self.data = data
```

This class should inherit from the `persistent.Persistent` class. We will give it an `__init__` method that accepts a single parameter named `data`. This parameter will contain the `reStructuredText` body representing the wiki page content.

Note that `Page` objects don't have an initial `__name__` or `__parent__` attribute. All objects in a traversal graph must have a `__name__` and a `__parent__` attribute. We do not specify these here. Instead both `__name__` and `__parent__` will be set by a `view` function when a `Page` is added to our `Wiki` mapping. We will create this function in the next chapter.

As a last step, edit the `appmaker` function.

```python
def appmaker(zodb_root):
    if 'app_root' not in zodb_root:
        app_root = Wiki()
        frontpage = Page('This is the front page')
        app_root['FrontPage'] = frontpage
        frontpage.__name__ = 'FrontPage'
        frontpage.__parent__ = app_root
        zodb_root['app_root'] = app_root
    return zodb_root['app_root']
```

The root resource of our application is a Wiki instance.

We will also slot a single page object (the front page) into the Wiki within the `appmaker`. This will provide traversal a resource tree to work against when it attempts to resolve URLs to resources.
View the application in a browser

We cannot. At this point, our system is in a “non-runnable” state We will need to change view-related files in the next chapter to be able to start the application successfully. If you try to start the application (See Start the application), you will wind up with a Python traceback on your console that ends with this exception:

```
ImportError: cannot import name MyModel
```

This will also happen if you attempt to run the tests.

Defining Views

A view callable in a traversal-based Pyramid application is typically a simple Python function that accepts two parameters: context and request. A view callable is assumed to return a response object.

A Pyramid view can also be defined as callable which accepts only a request argument. You will see this one-argument pattern used in other Pyramid tutorials and applications. Either calling convention will work in any Pyramid application. The calling conventions can be used interchangeably as necessary.

In traversal-based applications, URLs are mapped to a context resource. Since our resource tree also represents our application’s "domain model", we are often interested in the context because it represents the persistent storage of our application. For this reason, in this tutorial we define views as callables that accept context in the callable argument list. If you do need the context within a view function that only takes the request as a single argument, you can obtain it via request.context.

We will define several view callable functions, then wire them into Pyramid using some view configuration.

See also:

This chapter will introduce more concepts, as did the previous. See also the chapter Resources for a complete description of resources and the chapter Traversal for the technical details of how traversal works in Pyramid.
Declaring Dependencies in Our `setup.py` File

The view code in our application will depend on a package which is not a dependency of the original "tutorial" application. The original "tutorial" application was generated by the cookiecutter. It does not know about our custom application requirements.

We need to add a dependency on the `docutils` package to our `tutorial` package's `setup.py` file by assigning this dependency to the `requires` parameter in the `setup()` function.

Open `setup.py` and edit it to look like the following:

```python
requires = [
    'docutils',
    'plaster_pastedeploy',
    'pyramid',
    'pyramid_chameleon',
    'pyramid_debugtoolbar',
    'waitress',
    'pyramid_retry',
    'pyramid_tm',
    'pyramid_zodbconn',
    'transaction',
    'ZODB',
]

tests_require = [
    'WebTest',
    'pytest',
    'pytest-cov',
]
```

Only the highlighted line needs to be added.

**Running `pip install -e`**.

Since a new software dependency was added, you need to run `pip install -e` again inside the root of the `tutorial` package to obtain and register the newly added dependency distribution.

Make sure your current working directory is the root of the project (the directory in which `setup.py` lives) and execute the following command.

On Unix:
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```bash
cd tutorial
$VENV/bin/pip install -e .
```

On Windows:

```bash
cd tutorial
%VENV%\Scripts\pip install -e .
```

Success executing this command will end with a line to the console similar to the following:

```
Successfully installed docutils-0.16 tutorial
```

### Adding view functions in the views package

It is time for a major change. Open tutorial/views/default.py and edit it to look like the following:

```python
from docutils.core import publish_parts
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPSeeOther
from pyramid.view import view_config
import re

from ..models import Page

# regular expression used to find WikiWords
wikiwords = re.compile(r"\b([A-Z]w+[A-Z]+w+)\b")

@view_config(context='..models.Wiki')
def view_wiki(context, request):
    return HTTPSeeOther(location=request.resource_url(context, 'FrontPage
<=>'))

@view_config(context='..models.Page', renderer='tutorial:templates/view.pt
<=>')
def view_page(context, request):
    wiki = context.__parent__
```

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def check(match):
    word = match.group(1)
    if word in wiki:
        page = wiki[word]
        view_url = request.resource_url(page)
        return '<a href="%s">%s</a>' % (view_url, word)
    else:
        add_url = request.application_url + '/add_page/' + word
        return '<a href="%s">%s</a>' % (add_url, word)

    page_text = publish_parts(context.data, writer_name='html')["html_body"]
    page_text = wikiwords.sub(check, page_text)
    edit_url = request.resource_url(context, 'edit_page')
    return dict(page=page, page_text=page_text, edit_url=edit_url)

@view_config(name='add_page', context='..models.Wiki',
              renderer='tutorial:templates/edit.pt')
def add_page(context, request):
    pagename = request.subpath[0]
    if 'form.submitted' in request.params:
        body = request.params['body']
        page = Page(body)
        page.__name__ = pagename
        page.__parent__ = context
        context[pagename] = page
        return HTTPSeeOther(location=request.resource_url(page))
    save_url = request.resource_url(context, 'add_page', pagename)
    page = Page('')
    page.__name__ = pagename
    page.__parent__ = context
    return dict(page=page, save_url=save_url)

@view_config(name='edit_page', context='..models.Page',
             renderer='tutorial:templates/edit.pt')
def edit_page(context, request):
    if 'form.submitted' in request.params:
        context.data = request.params['body']
        return HTTPSeeOther(location=request.resource_url(context))
    return dict(
        page=context,
        save_url=request.resource_url(context, 'edit_page'),
        )
We added some imports and created a regular expression to find "WikiWords".

We got rid of the my_view view function and its decorator that was added when originally rendered after we selected the zodb backend option in the cookiecutter. It was only an example and is not relevant to our application.

Then we added four view callable functions to our default.py module:

- view_wiki() - Displays the wiki itself. It will answer on the root URL.
- view_page() - Displays an individual page.
- add_page() - Allows the user to add a page.
- edit_page() - Allows the user to edit a page.

We will describe each one briefly in the following sections.

There is nothing special about the filename default.py. A project may have many view callables throughout its codebase in arbitrarily named files. Files that implement view callables often have view in their names (or may live in a Python subpackage of your application package named views), but this is only by convention.

The view_wiki view function

Following is the code for the view_wiki view function and its decorator:

```
@view_config(context='..models.Wiki')
def view_wiki(context, request):
    return HTTPSeeOther(location=request.resource_url(context, 'FrontPage'))
```
In our code, we use an *import* that is *relative* to our package named *tutorial*. This means we can omit the name of the package in the *import* and *context* statements. In our narrative, however, we refer to a *class* and thus we use the *absolute* form. This means that the name of the package is included.

`view_wiki()` is the *default view* that gets called when a request is made to the root URL of our wiki. It always redirects to an URL which represents the path to our *FrontPage*.

We provide it with a *@view_config* decorator which names the class tutorial.models.Wiki as its context. This means that when a Wiki resource is the context and no *view name* exists in the request, then this view will be used. The view configuration associated with *view_wiki* does not use a *renderer* because the view callable always returns a *response* object rather than a dictionary. No renderer is necessary when a view returns a response object.

The *view_wiki* view callable always redirects to the URL of a Page resource named *FrontPage*. To do so, it returns an instance of the `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPSeeOther` class. Instances of this class implement the `pyramid.interfaces.IResponse` interface, similar to `pyramid.response.Response`. It uses the `pyramid.request.Request.route_url()` API to construct an URL to the *FrontPage* page resource (in other words, http://localhost:6543/FrontPage), and uses it as the location of the HTTPSeeOther response, forming an HTTP redirect.

**The view_page view function**

Here is the code for the `view_page` view function and its decorator:

```python
@view_config(context='..models.Page', renderer='tutorial:templates/view.pt')
def view_page(context, request):
    wiki = context.__parent__

    def check(match):
        word = match.group(1)
        if word in wiki:
            page = wiki[word]
            view_url = request.resource_url(page)
            return '<a href="%s">%s</a>' % (view_url, word)
        else:
            add_url = request.application_url + '/add_page/' + word
            return '<a href="%s">%s</a>' % (add_url, word)
```

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The view_page function is configured to respond as the default view of a Page resource. We provide it with a @view_config decorator which names the class tutorial.models.Page as its context. This means that when a Page resource is the context, and no view name exists in the request, this view will be used. We inform Pyramid this view will use the templates/view.pt template file as a renderer.

The view_page function generates the reStructuredText body of a page as HTML. The body is stored as the data attribute of the context passed to the view. The context will be a Page resource. Then it substitutes an HTML anchor for each WikiWord reference in the rendered HTML using a compiled regular expression.

The curried function named check is used as the first argument to wikiwords.sub, indicating that it should be called to provide a value for each WikiWord match found in the content. If the wiki (our page’s __parent__) already contains a page with the matched WikiWord name, the check function generates a view link to be used as the substitution value and returns it. If the wiki does not already contain a page with the matched WikiWord name, the function generates an ”add” link as the substitution value and returns it.

As a result, the page_text variable is now a fully formed bit of HTML containing various view and add links for WikiWords based on the content of our current page resource.

We then generate an edit URL because it is easier to do here than in the template. Finally we wrap up a number of arguments in a dictionary and return it.

The arguments we wrap into a dictionary include page, page_text, and edit_url. As a result, the template associated with this view callable (via renderer= in its configuration) will be able to use these names to perform various rendering tasks. The template associated with this view callable will be a template which lives in templates/view.pt.

Note the contrast between this view callable and the view_wiki view callable. In the view_wiki view callable, we unconditionally return a response object. In the view_page view callable, we return a dictionary. It is always fine to return a response object from a Pyramid view. Returning a dictionary is allowed only when there is a renderer associated with the view callable in the view configuration.
The add_page view function

Here is the code for the add_page view function and its decorator:

```python
@view_config(name='add_page', context='..models.Wiki',
             renderer='tutorial:templates/edit.pt')
def add_page(context, request):
    pagename = request.subpath[0]
    if 'form.submitted' in request.params:
        body = request.params['body']
        page = Page(body)
        page.__name__ = pagename
        page.__parent__ = context
        context[pagename] = page
        return HTTPSeeOther(location=request.resource_url(page))
    save_url = request.resource_url(context, 'add_page', pagename)
    page = Page('/')
    page.__name__ = pagename
    page.__parent__ = context
    return dict(page=page, save_url=save_url)
```

The add_page function is configured to respond when the context resource is a Wiki and the view name is add_page. We provide it with a @view_config decorator which names the string add_page as its view name (via name=), the class tutorial.models.Wiki as its context, and the renderer named templates/edit.pt. This means that when a Wiki resource is the context, and a view name named add_page exists as the result of traversal, then this view will be used. We inform Pyramid this view will use the templates/edit.pt template file as a renderer. We share the same template between add and edit views, thus edit.pt instead of add.pt.

The add_page function will be invoked when a user clicks on a WikiWord that is not yet represented as a page in the system. The check function within the view_page view generates URLs to this view. It also acts as a handler for the form that is generated when we want to add a page resource. The context of the add_page view is always a Wiki resource (not a Page resource).

The request subpath in Pyramid is the sequence of names that are found after the view name in the URL segments given in the PATH_INFO of the WSGI request as the result of traversal. If our add view is invoked via, for example, http://localhost:6543/add_page/SomeName, then the subpath will be a tuple ('SomeName',).

The add view takes the zero\textsuperscript{th} element of the subpath (the wiki page name), then aliases it to the name attribute to know the name of the page we are trying to add.

If the view rendering is not a result of a form submission (if the expression 'form.submitted' in request.params is False), then the view renders a template. To do so, it generates a save_url
which the template uses as the form post URL during rendering. We are lazy here, so we try to use the same template (`templates/edit.pt`) for both the add and edit views. To do so, we create a dummy `Page` resource object to satisfy the edit form’s desire to have some page object exposed as `page`. We then set the `Page` object’s `__name__` and `__parent__`. Then we will render the template to a response.

If the view rendering is a result of a form submission (if the expression `'form.submitted' in request.params` is `True`), then do the following:

- Grab the page body from the form data as `body`.
- Create a `Page` object using the name in the subpath and the page body as `page`.
- Set the `Page` object’s `__name__` and `__parent__`.
- Save it into ”our context” (the Wiki) using the `__setitem__` method of the context.
- We then redirect back to the `view_page` view (the default view for a page) for the newly created page.

See also:

In the previous chapter, we mentioned that all objects in a traversal graph must have a `__name__` and a `__parent__` attribute. That provides location awareness for resources. See also the section on Location-Aware Resources in the Resources chapter for a complete discussion.

The edit_page view function

Here is the code for the `edit_page` view function and its decorator:

```python
@view_config(name='edit_page', context='..models.Page',
             renderer='tutorial:templates/edit.pt')
def edit_page(context, request):
    if 'form.submitted' in request.params:
        context.data = request.params['body']
        return HTTPSeeOther(location=request.resource_url(context))

    return dict(
        page=context,
        save_url=request.resource_url(context, 'edit_page'),
    )
```
The edit_page function is configured to respond when the context is a Page resource and the view name is edit_page. We provide it with a @view_config decorator which names the string edit_page as its view name (via name=), the class tutorial.models.Page as its context, and the renderer named templates/edit.pt. This means that when a Page resource is the context, and a view name exists as the result of traversal named edit_page, this view will be used. We inform Pyramid this view will use the templates/edit.pt template file as a renderer.

The edit_page function will be invoked when a user clicks the "Edit this Page" button on the view form. It renders an edit form. It also acts as the form post view callable for the form it renders. The context of the edit_page view will always be a Page resource (never a Wiki resource).

If the view execution is not a result of a form submission (if the expression 'form.submitted' in request.params is False), then the view renders the edit form, passing the page resource, and a save_url which will be used as the action of the generated form.

If the view execution is a result of a form submission (if the expression 'form.submitted' in request.params is True), the view grabs the body element of the request parameter and sets it as the data attribute of the page context. It then redirects to the default view of the context (the page), which will always be the view_page view.

**Modifying the notfound_view in notfound.py**

We have one more view to modify. Open tutorial/views/notfound.py and make the changes shown by the emphasized lines.

```python
from pyramid.view import notfound_view_config
from ..models import Page

@notfound_view_config(renderer='tutorial:templates/404.pt')
def notfound_view(request):
    request.response.status = 404
    pagename = request.path
    page = Page(pagename)
    page.__name__ = pagename
    return dict(page=page)
```

We need to import the Page from our models. We eventually return a Page object as page into the template layout.pt to display its name in the title tag.
Adding templates

The view_page, add_page, and edit_page views that we added reference a template. Each template is a Chameleon ZPT template. These templates will live in the templates directory of our tutorial package. Chameleon templates must have a .pt extension to be recognized as such.

The layout.pt template

Update tutorial/templates/layout.pt with the following content, as indicated by the emphasized lines:

```html
<!DOCTYPE html metal:define-macro="layout"
<html lang="${request.locale_name}">
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8">
  <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=edge">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
  <meta name="description" content="pyramid web application">
  <meta name="author" content="Pylons Project">
  <link rel="shortcut icon" href="${request.static_url('tutorial:static/pyramid-16x16.png')}">
  <title><span tal:replace="page.__name__ | title"></span> - Pyramid tutorial wiki (based on TurboGears 20-Minute Wiki)</title>
  <!-- Bootstrap core CSS -->
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="//maxcdn.bootstrapcdn.com/bootstrap/3.3.7/css/bootstrap.min.css"
    integrity="sha384-BVYiiSIFeK1dGmJRAkycuHAHRg32OmUcww7on3RYdg4Va+PmSTsz/K68vbdEjh4u"
    crossorigin="anonymous">
  <!-- Custom styles for this scaffold -->
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="${request.static_url('tutorial:static/theme.css')}">
  <!-- HTML5 shiv and Respond.js IE8 support of HTML5 elements and media queries -->
  <!--[if lt IE 9]>
    <script src="/oss.maxcdn.com/libs/html5shiv/3.7.0/html5shiv.js"
      integrity="sha384-0s5PV64cNZJieYFkXYOTId2HMA2Lfb6q2nAcx2n0RTLUnCAoTTsS0nKEO27XyKcY"
      crossorigin="anonymous"></script>
    <script src="/oss.maxcdn.com/libs/respond.js/1.4.2/respond.min.js"
      integrity="sha384-2oaMdBDF+4LeFxg6WdScQ9nnR1QC2MIRxA109KWEXQwns1G8UNyIEZIQidzb0T1fo"
      crossorigin="anonymous"></script>
  </script>
</head>
```

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<div class="starter-template">
  <div class="container">
    <div class="row">
      <div class="col-md-2">
        <img class="logo img-responsive" src="${request.static_url('tutorial:static/pyramid.png')}" alt="pyramid web framework">
      </div>
      <div class="col-md-10">
        <div metal:define-slot="content">No content</div>
        <div class="content">
          <p>You can return to the <a href="${request.application_url}">FrontPage</a>.</p>
        </div>
      </div>
    </div>
    <div class="row">
      <div class="links">
        <ul>
          <li><i class="glyphicon glyphicon-cog icon-muted"></i><a href="https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid">Github Project</a></li>
          <li><i class="glyphicon glyphicon-globe icon-muted"></i><a href="https://webchat.freenode.net/?channels=pyramid">IRC Channel</a></li>
          <li><i class="glyphicon glyphicon-home icon-muted"></i><a href="https://pylonsproject.org">Pylons Project</a></li>
        </ul>
      </div>
    </div>
    <div class="row">
      <div class="copyright">
        Copyright &copy; Pylons Project
      </div>
    </div>
  </div>
</div>

<!-- Bootstrap core JavaScript -->

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Since we are using a templating engine, we can factor common boilerplate out of our page templates into reusable components. We can do this via METAL macros and slots.

- The cookiecutter defined a macro named layout (line 1). This macro consists of the entire template.

- We changed the title tag to use the name attribute of a page object, or if it does not exist then the page title (line 11).

- The cookiecutter defined a macro customization point or slot (line 35). This slot is inside the macro layout. Therefore it can be replaced by content, customizing the macro.

- We added a div element with a link to allow the user to return to the front page (lines 36-40).

See also:

Please refer to the Chameleon documentation for more information about using METAL for defining and using macros and slots.

The view.pt template

Rename tutorial/templates/mytemplate.pt to tutorial/templates/view.pt and edit the emphasized lines to look like the following:
This template is used by `view_page()` for displaying a single wiki page. It includes:

- The use of a macro to load the entire template `layout.pt`.
- The template fills the slot named `content` (line 2) with a `div` element.
- A `div` element that is replaced with the `page_text` value provided by the view (line 5). `page_text` contains HTML, so the `structure` keyword is used to prevent escaping HTML entities, such as changing `>` to `&gt;`.
- A link that points at the "edit" URL, which invokes the `edit_page` view for the page being viewed (lines 9-11).
- A `span` whose content is replaced by the name of the page, if present.

**The `edit.pt` template**

Copy `tutorial/templates/view.pt` to `tutorial/templates/edit.pt` and edit the emphasized lines to look like the following:
This template is used by `add_page()` and `edit_page()` for adding and editing a wiki page. It displays a page containing a form that includes:

- A 10-row by 60-column `textarea` field named `body` that is filled with any existing page data when it is rendered (lines 11-13).

- A submit button that has the name `form.submitted` (lines 16-18).

When submitted, the form sends a POST request to the `save_url` argument supplied by the view (line 9). The view will use the `body` and `form.submitted` values.

Our templates use a `request` object that none of our tutorial views return in their dictionary. `request` is one of several names that are available "by default" in a template when a template renderer is used. See System Values Used During Rendering for information about other names that are available by default when a template is used as a renderer.
Static assets

Our templates name static assets, including CSS and images. We don’t need to create these files within our package’s `static` directory because they were provided by the cookiecutter at the time we created the project.

As an example, the CSS file will be accessed via `http://localhost:6543/static/theme.css` by virtue of the call to the `add_static_view` directive in the `routes.py` file. Any number and type of static assets can be placed in this directory (or subdirectories). They are referred to by either URL or using the convenience method `static_url`, for example `request.static_url('<package>:static/foo.css')`, within templates.

Viewing the application in a browser

We can finally examine our application in a browser (See Start the application). Launch a browser and visit each of the following URLs, checking that the result is as expected:

- `http://localhost:6543/` invokes the `view_wiki` view. This always redirects to the `view_page` view of the `FrontPage` resource.

- `http://localhost:6543/FrontPage/` invokes the `view_page` view of the front page resource. This is because it is the default view (a view without a name) for `Page` resources.


- To generate an error, visit `http://localhost:6543/add_page` which will generate an `IndexError: tuple index out of range` error. You will see an interactive traceback facility provided by `pyramid_debugtoolbar`.

- To generate a not found error, visit `http://localhost:6543/wakawaka` which will invoke the `not_found_view` view provided by the cookiecutter.
Adding authorization and authentication

Pyramid provides facilities for authentication and authorization. We will make use of both features to provide security to our application. Our application currently allows anyone with access to the server to view, edit, and add pages to our wiki. We will change that to allow only people who are members of a group named group:editors to add and edit wiki pages. We will continue to allow anyone with access to the server to view pages.

We will also add a login page and a logout link on all the pages. The login page will be shown when a user is denied access to any of the views that require permission, instead of a default ”403 Forbidden” page.

We will implement the access control with the following steps:

- Add password hashing dependencies.
- Add users and groups (security.py, a new module).
- Add a security policy (security.py).
- Add an ACL (models.py).
- Add permission declarations to the edit_page and add_page views (views.py).

Then we will add the login and logout features:

- Add login and logout views (views.py).
- Add a login template (login.pt).
- Make the existing views return a logged_in flag to the renderer (views.py).
- Add a ”Logout” link to be shown when logged in and viewing or editing a page (view.pt, edit.pt).

Access control

Add dependencies

Just like in Defining Views, we need a new dependency. We need to add the bcrypt package to our tutorial package's setup.py file by assigning this dependency to the requires parameter in the setup() function.

Open setup.py and edit it to look like the following:
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requires = [
    'bcrypt',
    'docutils',
    'plaster_pastedeploy',
    'pyramid',
    'pyramid_chameleon',
    'pyramid_debugtoolbar',
    'waitress',
    'pyramid_retry',
    'pyramid_tm',
    'pyramid_zodbconn',
    'transaction',
    'ZODB',
]

tests_require = [
    'WebTest',
    'pytest',
    'pytest-cov',
]

Only the highlighted line needs to be added.

Do not forget to run `pip install -e .` just like in *Running pip install -e ..*

![We are using the `bcrypt` package from PyPI to hash our passwords securely. There are other one-way hash algorithms for passwords if `bcrypt` is an issue on your system. Just make sure that it is an algorithm approved for storing passwords versus a generic one-way hash.](image)

**Add the security policy**

Create a new `tutorial/security.py` module with the following content:

```python
import bcrypt
from pyramid.authentication import AuthTktCookieHelper
from pyramid.authorization import (ACLHelper,
    Authenticated,
    Everyone,
)
```
def hash_password(pw):
    hashed_pw = bcrypt.hashpw(pw.encode('utf-8'), bcrypt.gensalt())
    # return unicode instead of bytes because databases handle it better
    return hashed_pw.decode('utf-8')

def check_password(expected_hash, pw):
    if expected_hash is not None:
        return bcrypt.checkpw(pw.encode('utf-8'), expected_hash.encode('utf-8'))
    return False

USERS = {
    'editor': hash_password('editor'),
    'viewer': hash_password('viewer'),
}

GROUPS = {'editor': ['group:editors']}

class MySecurityPolicy:
    def __init__(self, secret):
        self.authtkt = AuthTktCookieHelper(secret)
        self.acl = ACLHelper()

    def identity(self, request):
        identity = self.authtkt.identify(request)
        if identity is not None and identity['userid'] in USERS:
            return identity

    def authenticated_userid(self, request):
        identity = self.identity(request)
        if identity is not None:
            return identity['userid']

    def remember(self, request, userid, **kw):
        return self.authtkt.remember(request, userid, **kw)

    def forget(self, request, **kw):
        return self.authtkt.forget(request, **kw)

    def permits(self, self, request, context, permission):
        principals = self.effective_principals(request)
        return self.acl.permits(context, principals, permission)
def effective_principals(self, request):
    principals = [Everyone]
    identity = self.identity(request)
    if identity is not None:
        principals.append(Authenticated)
        principals.append('u:' + identity['userid'])
        principals.extend(GROUPS.get(identity['userid'], []))
    return principals

def includeme(config):
    settings = config.get_settings()
    config.set_security_policy(MySecurityPolicy(settings['auth.secret']))

Since we’ve added a new tutorial/security.py module, we need to include it. Open the file
tutorial/__init__.py and edit the following lines:

from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid_zodbconn import get_connection
from .models import appmaker

def root_factory(request):
    conn = get_connection(request)
    return appmaker(conn.root())

def main(global_config, **settings):
    """ This function returns a Pyramid WSGI application. """
    with Configurator(settings=settings) as config:
        config.include('pyramid_chameleon')
        config.include('pyramid_tm')
        config.include('pyramid_retry')
        config.include('pyramid_zodbconn')
        config.include('routes')
        config.include('.security')
        config.set_root_factory(root_factory)
        config.scan()
    return config.make_wsgi_app()

The security policy controls several aspects of authentication and authorization:
• Identifying the current user’s identity for a request.
• Authorizing access to resources.
• Creating payloads for remembering and forgetting users.

Identifying logged-in users

The **MySecurityPolicy.identity** method inspects the request and determines if it came from an authenticated user. It does this by utilizing the `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktCookieHelper` class which stores the *identity* in a cryptographically-signed cookie. If a request does contain an identity, then we perform a final check to determine if the user is valid in our current USERS store.

Authorizing access to resources

The **MySecurityPolicy.permits** method determines if the request is allowed a specific permission on the given context. This process is done in a few steps:

• Convert the request into a list of *principals* via the **MySecurityPolicy.effective_principals** method.

• Compare the list of principals to the context using the `pyramid.authorization.ACLHelper`. It will only allow access if it can find an *ACE* that grants one of the principals the necessary permission.

For our application we’ve defined a list of a few principals:

• u:<userid>
• group:editor
• `pyramid.authorization.Authenticated`
• `pyramid.authorization.Everyone`

Various wiki pages will grant some of these principals access to edit existing or add new pages.

Finally there are two helper methods that will help us to authenticate users. The first is `hash_password` which takes a raw password and transforms it using bcrypt into an irreversible representation, a process known as ”hashing”. The second method, `check_password`, will allow us to compare the hashed value of the submitted password against the hashed value of the password stored in the user’s record. If the two hashed values match, then the submitted password is valid, and we can authenticate the user.

We hash passwords so that it is impossible to decrypt and use them to authenticate in the application. If we stored passwords foolishly in clear text, then anyone with access to the database could retrieve any password to authenticate as any user.

In a production system, user and group data will most often be saved and come from a database. Here we use ”dummy” data to represent user and groups sources.
Add new settings

Our authentication policy is expecting a new setting, auth.secret. Open the file development.ini and add the highlighted line below:

```ini
retry.attempts = 3
auth.secret = seekrit
```

Best practices tell us to use a different secret in each environment. Open production.ini and add a different secret:

```ini
retry.attempts = 3
auth.secret = real-seekrit
```

Edit testing.ini to add its unique secret:

```ini
retry.attempts = 3
auth.secret = testing-seekrit
```

Add an ACL

Open tutorial/models/__init__.py and add the following import statement near the top:

```python
from pyramid.authorization import (Allow, Everyone,)
```

Add the following lines to the Wiki class:

```python
class Wiki(PersistentMapping):
    __name__ = None
    __parent__ = None
    __acl__ = [
        (Allow, Everyone, 'view'),
        (Allow, 'group:editors', 'edit'),
    ]
```
We import Allow, an action which means that permission is allowed. We also import Everyone, a special principal that is associated to all requests. Both are used in the ACE entries that make up the ACL.

The ACL is a list that needs to be named __acl__ and be an attribute of a class. We define an ACL with two ACE entries. The first entry allows any user the view permission. The second entry allows the group:editors principal the edit permission.

The Wiki class that contains the ACL is the resource constructor for the root resource, which is a Wiki instance. The ACL is provided to each view in the context of the request as the context attribute.

It is only happenstance that we assigned this ACL at class scope. An ACL can be attached to an object instance too. This is how "row level security" can be achieved in Pyramid applications. We actually need only one ACL for the entire system, however, because our security requirements are simple, so this feature is not demonstrated.

See also:

See Implementing ACL Authorization for more information about what an ACL represents.

Add permission declarations

Open tutorial/views/default.py. Add a permission='view' parameter to the @view_config decorators for view_wiki() and view_page() as follows:

```python
@view_config(context='..models.Wiki', permission='view')
```

```python
@view_config(context='..models.Page',
             renderer='tutorial:templates/view.pt',
             permission='view')
```

Only the highlighted lines, along with their preceding commas, need to be edited and added.

This allows anyone to invoke these two views.

Next add a permission='edit' parameter to the @view_config decorators for add_page() and edit_page():

```python
@view_config(name='add_page', context='..models.Wiki',
             renderer='tutorial:templates/edit.pt',
             permission='edit')
```
Only the highlighted lines, along with their preceding commas, need to be edited and added. The result is that only users who possess the edit permission at the time of the request may invoke those two views.

We are done with the changes needed to control access. The changes that follow will add the login and logout feature.

**Login, logout**

**Add login and logout views**

We will add a login view which renders a login form and processes the post from the login form, checking credentials.

We will also add a logout view callable to our application and provide a link to it. This view will clear the credentials of the logged in user and redirect back to the front page.

Add a new file `tutorial/views/auth.py` with the following contents:

```python
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPSeeOther
from pyramid.security import (forget, remember,

from pyramid.view import (forbidden_view_config,
    view_config,

from ..security import check_password, USERS

@view_config(context='..models.Wiki', name='login',
    renderer='tutorial:templates/login.pt')
```

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@forbidden_view_config(renderer='tutorial:templates/login.pt')

def login(request):
    login_url = request.resource_url(request.root, 'login')
    referrer = request.url
    if referrer == login_url:
        referrer = '/'  # never use the login form itself as came_from
    came_from = request.params.get('came_from', referrer)
    message = ''
    login = ''
    password = ''
    if 'form.submitted' in request.params:
        login = request.params['login']
        password = request.params['password']
        if check_password(USERS.get(login), password):
            headers = remember(request, login)
            return HTTPSeeOther(location=came_from, headers=headers)
        message = 'Failed login'
    request.response.status = 400
    return dict(message=message, url=login_url, came_from=came_from, login=login, password=password, title='Login',)

@view_config(context='..models.Wiki', name='logout')
def logout(request):
    headers = forget(request)
    return HTTPSeeOther(
        location=request.resource_url(request.context),
        headers=headers,
    )

forbidden_view_config() will be used to customize the default 403 Forbidden page. remember() and forget() help to create and expire an auth ticket cookie.

login() has two decorators:

- A @view_config decorator which associates it with the login route and makes it visible when we visit /login.
A @forbidden_view_config decorator which turns it into a forbidden view. login() will be invoked when a user tries to execute a view callable for which they lack authorization. For example, if a user has not logged in and tries to add or edit a Wiki page, then they will be shown the login form before being allowed to continue.

The order of these two view configuration decorators is unimportant.

logout() is decorated with a @view_config decorator which associates it with the logout route. It will be invoked when we visit /logout.

Add the login.pt Template

Create tutorial/templates/login.pt with the following content:

```xml
<div metal:use-macro="load: layout.pt">
  <div metal:fill-slot="content">
    <div class="content">
      <p>
        <strong>Login</strong><br />
        <span tal:replace="message"></span>
      </p>
      <form action="${url}" method="post">
        <input type="hidden" name="came_from" value="${came_from}"/>
        <div class="form-group">
          <label for="login">Username</label>
          <input type="text" name="login" value="${login}"/>
        </div>
        <div class="form-group">
          <label for="password">Password</label>
          <input type="password" name="password" value="${password}"/>
        </div>
        <div class="form-group">
          <button type="submit" name="form.submitted" value="Log In" class="btn btn-default">Log In</button>
        </div>
      </form>
    </div>
  </div>
</div>
```

The above template is referenced in the login view that we just added in views.py.
Add "Login" and "Logout" links

Open tutorial/templates/layout.pt and add the following code as indicated by the highlighted lines.

```xml
<div class="col-md-10">
  <div class="content">
    <p tal:condition="request.authenticated_userid is None">
      <a href="${request.application_url}/login">Login</a>
    </p>
    <p tal:condition="request.authenticated_userid is not None">
      <a href="${request.application_url}/logout">Logout</a>
    </p>
  </div>
</div>
```

The attribute tal:condition="logged_in" will make the element be included when logged_in is any user id. The link will invoke the logout view. The above element will not be included if logged_in is None, such as when a user is not authenticated.

Viewing the application in a browser

We can finally examine our application in a browser (See Start the application). Launch a browser and visit each of the following URLs, checking that the result is as expected:

- http://localhost:6543/ invokes the view_wiki view. This always redirects to the view_page view of the FrontPage Page resource. It is executable by any user.

- http://localhost:6543/login invokes the login view, and a login form will be displayed. On every page, there is a "Login" link in the upper right corner while the user is not authenticated, else it is a "Logout" link when the user is authenticated.

  Supplying the credentials with either the username editor and password editor will authenticate the user and grant access for that group.

  After logging in (as a result of hitting an edit or add page and submitting valid credentials), we will see a "Logout" link in the upper right hand corner. When we click it, we are logged out, redirected back to the front page, and a "Login" link is shown in the upper right hand corner.
• http://localhost:6543/FrontPage invokes the view_page view of the FrontPage Page resource. This is because it is the default view (a view without a name) for Page resources. It is executable by any user.

• http://localhost:6543/FrontPage/edit_page invokes the edit view for the FrontPage object. It is executable by only the editor user. If a different user (or the anonymous user) invokes it, then a login form will be displayed. The editor user will see the edit page form.

• http://localhost:6543/add_page/SomePageName invokes the add view for a page. It is executable by only the editor user. If a different user (or the anonymous user) invokes it, a login form will be displayed. The editor user will see the edit page form.

• To generate a not found error, visit http://localhost:6543/wakawaka which will invoke the not-found_view view provided by the cookiecutter.

Adding Tests

We will now add tests for the models and the views and a few functional tests in the tests package. Tests ensure that an application works, and that it continues to work when changes are made in the future.

Test harness

The project came bootstrapped with some tests and a basic harness. These are located in the tests package at the top-level of the project. It is a common practice to put tests into a tests package alongside the application package, especially as projects grow in size and complexity. A useful convention is for each module in the application to contain a corresponding module in the tests package. The test module would have the same name with the prefix test_.

The harness consists of the following setup:

• pytest.ini - controls basic pytest configuration, including where to find the tests. We have configured pytest to search for tests in the application package and in the tests package.

• .coveragerc - controls coverage config. In our setup, it works with the pytest-cov plugin that we use via the --cov options to the pytest command.

• testing.ini - a mirror of development.ini and production.ini that contains settings used for executing the test suite. Most importantly, it contains the database connection information used by tests that require the database.

• tests_require in setup.py - controls the dependencies installed when testing. When the list is changed, it is necessary to re-run $VENV/bin/pip install --upgrade .[testing] to ensure the new dependencies are installed.

• tests/conftest.py - the core fixtures available throughout our tests. The fixtures are explained in more detail in the following sections. Open tests/conftest.py and follow along.
Session-scoped test fixtures

- `app_settings` - the settings `dict` parsed from the `testing.ini` file that would normally be passed by `pserve` into your app’s main function.

- `app` - the Pyramid WSGI application, implementing the `pyramid.interfaces.IRouter` interface. Most commonly this would be used for functional tests.

Per-test fixtures

- `tm` - a `transaction.TransactionManager` object controlling a transaction lifecycle. Generally other fixtures would join to the `tm` fixture to control their lifecycle and ensure they are aborted at the end of the test.

- `testapp` - a `webtest.TestApp` instance wrapping the `app` and is used to sending requests into the application and return full response objects that can be inspected. The `testapp` is able to mutate the request environ such that the `tm` fixture is injected and used by any code that touches `request.tm`. This should join the `request.root` ZODB model to the transaction manager as well, to enable rolling back changes to the database. The `testapp` maintains a cookiejar, so it can be used to share state across requests, as well as the transaction database connection.

- `app_request` - a `pyramid.request.Request` object that can be used for more lightweight tests versus the full `testapp`. The `app_request` can be passed to view functions and other code that need a fully functional request object.

- `dummy_request` - a `pyramid.testing.DummyRequest` object that is very lightweight. This is a great object to pass to view functions that have minimal side-effects as it will be fast and simple.

Unit tests

We can test individual APIs within our codebase to ensure they fulfill the expected contract that the rest of the application expects. For example, we will test the password hashing features we added to `tutorial.security` and the rest of our models.

Create `tests/test_models.py` such that it appears as follows:
from tutorial import models

def test_page_model():
    instance = models.Page(data='some data')
    assert instance.data == 'some data'

def test_wiki_model():
    wiki = models.Wiki()
    assert wiki.__parent__ is None
    assert wiki.__name__ is None

def test_appmaker():
    root = {}
    models.appmaker(root)
    assert root['app_root']['FrontPage'].data == 'This is the front page'

def test_password_hashing():
    from tutorial.security import hash_password, check_password

    password = 'secretpassword'
    hashed_password = hash_password(password)
    assert check_password(hashed_password, password)
    assert not check_password(hashed_password, 'attackerpassword')
    assert not check_password(None, password)

Integration tests

We can directly execute the view code, bypassing Pyramid and testing just the code that we have written. These tests use dummy requests that we will prepare appropriately to set the conditions each view expects.

Update tests/test_views.py such that it appears as follows:

from pyramid import testing

class Test_view_wiki:
    def test_it_redirects_to_front_page(self):
        from tutorial.views.default import view_wiki
        context = testing.DummyResource()
        request = testing.DummyRequest()
        response = view_wiki(context, request)
        assert response.location == 'http://example.com/FrontPage'
```python
class Test_view_page:
    def __callFUT__(self, context, request):
        from tutorial.views.default import view_page
        return view_page(context, request)

def test_it(self):
    wiki = testing.DummyResource()
    wiki['IDoExist'] = testing.DummyResource()
    context = testing.DummyResource(data='Hello CruelWorld IDoExist')
    context.__parent__ = wiki
    context.__name__ = 'thepage'
    request = testing.DummyRequest()
    info = self.__callFUT__(context, request)
    assert info['page'] == context
    assert info['page_text'] == ('<div class="document">
        <p>Hello <a href="http://example.com/add_page/CruelWorld">CruelWorld</a>
        <a href="http://example.com/IDoExist/">IDoExist</a>
    </p>
</div>
    assert info['edit_url'] == 'http://example.com/thepage/edit_page'

class Test_add_page:
    def __callFUT__(self, context, request):
        from tutorial.views.default import add_page
        return add_page(context, request)

def test_it_notsubmitted(self):
    context = testing.DummyResource()
    request = testing.DummyRequest()
    request.subpath = ['AnotherPage']
    info = self.__callFUT__(context, request)
    assert info['page'].data == ''
    assert info['save_url'] == request.resource_url(
        context, 'add_page', 'AnotherPage')

    def test_it_submitted(self):
        context = testing.DummyResource()
        request = testing.DummyRequest({
            'form.submitted': True,
            'body': 'Hello yo!',
        })
```

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class Test_edit_page:
    def _callFUT(self, context, request):
        from tutorial.views.default import edit_page
        return edit_page(context, request)

    def test_it_notsubmitted(self):
        context = testing.DummyResource()
        request = testing.DummyRequest()
        info = self._callFUT(context, request)
        assert info['page'] == context
        assert info['save_url'] == request.resource_url(context, 'edit_page')

    def test_it_submitted(self):
        context = testing.DummyResource()
        request = testing.DummyRequest({'form.submitted': True, 'body': 'Hello yo!'}
        response = self._callFUT(context, request)
        assert response.location == 'http://example.com/'
        assert context.data == 'Hello yo!'
viewer_wrong_login = {
    '/login?login=viewer&password=incorrect' 
    '&came_from=FrontPage&form.submitted=Login'
}
editor_login = {
    '/login?login=editor&password=editor' 
    '&came_from=FrontPage&form.submitted=Login'
}

def test_root(testapp):
    res = testapp.get('/FrontPage', status=303)
    assert res.location == 'http://example.com/FrontPage'

def test_FrontPage(testapp):
    res = testapp.get('/FrontPage', status=200)
    assert b'FrontPage' in res.body

def test_missing_page(testapp):
    res = testapp.get('/SomePage', status=404)
    assert b'Not Found' in res.body

def test_referrer_is_login(testapp):
    res = testapp.get('/login', status=200)
    assert b'name="came_from" value="/"' in res.body

def test_successful_log_in(testapp):
    res = testapp.get(viewer_login, status=303)
    assert res.location == 'http://example.com/FrontPage'

def test_failed_log_in(testapp):
    res = testapp.get(viewer_wrong_login, status=400)
    assert b'login' in res.body

def test_logout_link_present_when_logged_in(testapp):
    res = testapp.get(viewer_login, status=303)
    res = testapp.get('/FrontPage', status=200)
    assert b'Logout' in res.body

def test_logout_link_not_present_after_logged_out(testapp):
    res = testapp.get(viewer_login, status=303)
    res = testapp.get('/FrontPage', status=200)
    res = testapp.get('/logout', status=303)
    assert b'Logout' not in res.body
Running the tests

We can run these tests by using `pytest` similarly to how we did in *Run the tests*. Courtesy of the cook-iecutter, our testing dependencies have already been satisfied. `pytest` and coverage have already been configured. We can jump right to running tests.

On Unix:

```python
-------------------
def test_anonymous_user_cannot_edit(testapp):
    res = testapp.get('/FrontPage/edit_page', status=200)
    assert b'Login' in res.body

def test_anonymous_user_cannot_add(testapp):
    res = testapp.get('/add_page/NewPage', status=200)
    assert b'Login' in res.body

def test_viewer_user_cannot_edit(testapp):
    res = testapp.get(viewer_login, status=303)
    res = testapp.get('/FrontPage/edit_page', status=200)
    assert b'Login' in res.body

def test_viewer_user_cannot_add(testapp):
    res = testapp.get(viewer_login, status=303)
    res = testapp.get('/add_page/NewPage', status=200)
    assert b'Login' in res.body

def test_editors_member_user_can_edit(testapp):
    res = testapp.get(editor_login, status=303)
    res = testapp.get('/FrontPage/edit_page', status=200)
    assert b'Editing' in res.body

def test_editors_member_user_can_add(testapp):
    res = testapp.get(editor_login, status=303)
    res = testapp.get('/add_page/NewPage', status=200)
    assert b'Editing' in res.body

def test_editors_member_user_can_view(testapp):
    res = testapp.get(editor_login, status=303)
    res = testapp.get('/FrontPage', status=200)
    assert b'FrontPage' in res.body
-------------------
The expected result should look like the following:

```
..........................
25 passed in 3.87 seconds
```

### Distributing Your Application

Once your application works properly, you can create a *distribution* from it by using the `setup.py sdist` command. The following commands assume your current working directory contains the tutorial package and the `setup.py` file.

**On Unix:**

```
$VENV/bin/python setup.py sdist
```

**On Windows:**

```
%HENV%\Scripts\python setup.py sdist
```

The output of such a command will be something like:

```
running sdist
# more output
creating dist
Creating tar archive
removing 'tutorial-0.0' (and everything under it)
```

This command creates a subdirectory named `dist`. Inside that is a tarball named `tutorial-0.0.tar.gz`, which is the *distribution* of your application. You can send this file to your friends to show them your cool new application. They should be able to install it by pointing the `pip install` command directly at it. Or you can upload it to PyPI and share it with the rest of the world, where it can be downloaded via `pip install` remotely like any other package people download from PyPI.
0.2.5 Running a Pyramid Application under mod_wsgi

*mod_wsgi* is an Apache module developed by Graham Dumpleton. It allows *WSGI* programs to be served using the Apache web server.

This guide will outline broad steps that can be used to get a Pyramid application running under Apache via *mod_wsgi*. This particular tutorial was developed under Apple’s macOS platform (Snow Leopard, on a 32-bit Mac), but the instructions should be largely the same for all systems, delta specific path information for commands and files.

Unfortunately these instructions almost certainly won’t work for deploying a Pyramid application on a Windows system using *mod_wsgi*. If you have experience with Pyramid and *mod_wsgi* on Windows systems, please help us document this experience by submitting documentation to the Pylons-devel maillist.

1. The tutorial assumes you have Apache already installed on your system. If you do not, install Apache 2.1 for your platform in whatever manner makes sense.

2. It is also assumed that you have satisfied the *Requirements for Installing Packages*.

3. Once you have Apache installed, install *mod_wsgi*. Use the (excellent) installation instructions for your platform into your system’s Apache installation.

4. Create a Pyramid application using our *cookiecutter*. See *Creating a Pyramid Project* for more in-depth information about creating a new project.

```
cd ~
cookiecutter gh:Pylons/pyramid-cookiecutter-starter --checkout master
```

If prompted for the first item, accept the default *yes* by hitting return.

```
You've cloned ~/.cookiecutters/pyramid-cookiecutter-starter before.
Is it okay to delete and re-clone it? [yes]: yes
project_name [Pyramid Scaffold]: myproject
repo_name [myproject]: myproject
Select template_language:
1 - jinja2
2 - chameleon
3 - mako
Choose from 1, 2, 3 [1]: 1
Select backend:
1 - none
2 - sqlalchem
3 - zodb
Choose from 1, 2, 3 [1]: 1
```
5. Create a virtual environment which we’ll use to install our application. It is important to use the same base Python interpreter that was used to build mod_wsgi. For example, if mod_wsgi was built against the system Python 3.x, then your project should use a virtual environment created from that same system Python 3.x.

```
cd myproject
python3 -m venv env
```

6. Install your Pyramid application and its dependencies.

```
env/bin/pip install -e .
```

7. Within the project directory (~/myproject), create a script named pyramid.wsgi. Give it these contents:

```
from pyramid.paster import get_app, setup_logging
ini_path = '/Users/chrism/myproject/production.ini'
setup_logging(ini_path)
application = get_app(ini_path, 'main')
```

The first argument to `pyramid.paster.get_app()` is the project configuration file name. It’s best to use the `production.ini` file provided by your cookiecutter, as it contains settings appropriate for production. The second is the name of the section within the .ini file that should be loaded by mod_wsgi. The assignment to the name `application` is important: mod_wsgi requires finding such an assignment when it opens the file.

The call to `pyramid.paster.setup_logging()` initializes the standard library’s logging module to allow logging within your application. See Logging Configuration.

There is no need to make the `pyramid.wsgi` script executable. However, you’ll need to make sure that two users have access to change into the ~/myproject directory: your current user (mine is chrism and the user that Apache will run as often named apache or httpd). Make sure both of these users can ”cd” into that directory.

8. Edit your Apache configuration and add some stuff. I happened to create a file named /etc/apache2/other/modwsgi.conf on my own system while installing Apache, so this stuff went in there.
# Use only 1 Python sub-interpreter. Multiple sub-interpreters
# play badly with C extensions. See
# http://stackoverflow.com/a/10558360/209039
WSGIApplicationGroup %{GLOBAL}
WSGIPassAuthorization On
WSGIDaemonProcess pyramid user=chrism group=staff threads=4 \
    python-path=/Users/chrism/myproject/env/lib/python3.8/site-packages
WSGIScriptAlias /myapp /Users/chrism/myproject/pyramid.wsgi

<Directory /Users/chrism/myproject>
    WSGIProcessGroup pyramid
    Require all granted
</Directory>

9. Restart Apache

    sudo /usr/sbin/apachectl restart

10. Visit http://localhost/myapp in a browser. You should see the sample application rendered in your browser.

    mod_wsgi has many knobs and a great variety of deployment modes. This is just one representation of how you might use it to serve up a Pyramid application. See the mod_wsgi configuration documentation for more in-depth configuration information.

## 0.3 Narrative Documentation

### 0.3.1 Pyramid Introduction

Pyramid is a Python web application framework. It is designed to make creating web applications easier. It is open source.
What Is a Framework?

A framework provides capabilities that developers can enhance or extend. A web application framework provides many of the common needs of building web applications allowing developers to concentrate only on the parts that are specific to their application.

Every framework makes choices about how a particular problem should be solved. When developers choose to use a framework, they cede control over the portions of their application that are provided by the framework. It is possible to write a complete web application without any framework, by using Python libraries. In practice, however, it is often more practical to use a framework, so long as your chosen framework fits the requirements of your application.

Pyramid follows these design and engineering principles:

**Simplicity**  Pyramid is designed to be easy to use. You can get started even if you don’t understand it all. And when you’re ready to do more, Pyramid will be there for you.

**Minimalism**  Out of the box, Pyramid provides only the core tools needed for nearly all web applications: mapping URLs to code, security, and serving static assets (files like JavaScript and CSS). Additional tools provide templating, database integration and more. But with Pyramid you can "pay only for what you eat".

**Documentation**  Pyramid is committed to comprehensive and up-to-date documentation.

**Speed**  Pyramid is designed to be noticeably fast.

**Reliability**  Pyramid is developed conservatively and tested exhaustively. Our motto is: "If it ain’t tested, it’s broke”.

**Openness**  As with Python, the Pyramid software is distributed under a permissive open source license.

**Why Pyramid?**

In a world filled with web frameworks, why should you choose Pyramid?

**Modern**

Pyramid is fully compatible with Python 3. If you develop a Pyramid application today, you can rest assured that you’ll be able to use the most modern features of your favorite language. And in the years to come, you’ll continue to be working on a framework that is up-to-date and forward-looking.
Tested

Untested code is broken by design. The Pyramid community has a strong testing culture and our framework reflects that. Every release of Pyramid has 100% statement coverage (as measured by coverage) and 95% decision/condition coverage. (as measured by instrumental) It is automatically tested using Travis and Jenkins on supported versions of Python after each commit to its GitHub repository. Official Pyramid add-ons are held to a similar testing standard.

We still find bugs in Pyramid, but we’ve noticed we find a lot fewer of them while working on projects with a solid testing regime.

Documented

The Pyramid documentation is comprehensive. We strive to keep our narrative documentation both complete and friendly to newcomers. We also maintain the Pyramid Community Cookbook of recipes demonstrating common scenarios you might face. Contributions in the form of improvements to our documentation are always appreciated. And we always welcome improvements to our official tutorials as well as new contributions to our community maintained tutorials.

Supported

You can get help quickly with Pyramid. It’s our goal that no Pyramid question go unanswered. Whether you ask a question on IRC, on the Pylons-discuss mailing list, or on StackOverflow, you’re likely to get a reasonably prompt response.

Pyramid is also a welcoming, friendly space for newcomers. We don’t tolerate ”support trolls” or those who enjoy berating fellow users in our support channels. We try to keep it well-lit and new-user-friendly.

See also:

See also our #pyramid IRC channel, our pylons-discuss mailing list, and support-and-development.
What makes Pyramid unique

There are many tools available for web development. What would make someone want to use Pyramid instead? What makes Pyramid unique?

With Pyramid you can write very small applications without needing to know a lot. And by learning a bit more, you can write very large applications too. Pyramid will allow you to become productive quickly, and will grow with you. It won’t hold you back when your application is small, and it won’t get in your way when your application becomes large. Other application frameworks seem to fall into two non-overlapping categories: those that support ”small apps” and those designed for ”big apps”.

We don’t believe you should have to make this choice. You can’t really know how large your application will become. You certainly shouldn’t have to rewrite a small application in another framework when it gets ”too big”. A well-designed framework should be able to be good at both. Pyramid is that kind of framework.

Pyramid provides a set of features that are unique among Python web frameworks. Others may provide some, but only Pyramid provides them all, in one place, fully documented, and à la carte without needing to pay for the whole banquet.

Build single-file applications

You can write a Pyramid application that lives entirely in one Python file. Such an application is easy to understand since everything is in one place. It is easy to deploy because you don’t need to know much about Python packaging. Pyramid allows you to do almost everything that so-called microframeworks can in very similar ways.

```python
from wsgiref.simple_server import make_server
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.response import Response

def hello_world(request):
    return Response('Hello World!')

if __name__ == '__main__':
    with Configurator() as config:
        config.add_route('hello', '/')
        config.add_view(hello_world, route_name='hello')
    app = config.make_wsgi_app()
    server = make_server('0.0.0.0', 6543, app)
    server.serve_forever()
```
See also:

See also *Creating Your First Pyramid Application*.

### Configure applications with decorators

Pyramid allows you to keep your configuration right next to your code. That way you don’t have to switch files to see your configuration. For example:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config
from pyramid.response import Response

@view_config(route_name='fred')
def fred_view(request):
    return Response('fred')
```

However, using Pyramid configuration decorators does not change your code. It remains easy to extend, test, or reuse. You can test your code as if the decorators were not there. You can instruct the framework to ignore some decorators. You can even use an imperative style to write your configuration, skipping decorators entirely.

See also:

See also *Adding View Configuration Using the @view_config Decorator*.

### Generate application URLs

Dynamic web applications produce URLs that can change depending on what you are viewing. Pyramid provides flexible, consistent, easy to use tools for generating URLs. When you use these tools to write your application, you can change your configuration without fear of breaking links in your web pages.

See also:

See also *Generating Route URLs*.
Serve static assets

Web applications often require JavaScript, CSS, images and other so-called *static assets*. Pyramid provides flexible tools for serving these kinds of files. You can serve them directly from Pyramid, or host them on an external server or CDN (content delivery network). Either way, Pyramid can help you to generate URLs so you can change where your files come from without changing any code.

See also:

See also *Serving Static Assets*.

Develop interactively

Pyramid can automatically detect changes you make to template files and code, so your changes are immediately available in your browser. You can debug using plain old `print()` calls, which will display to your console.

Pyramid has a debug toolbar that allows you to see information about how your application is working right in your browser. See configuration, installed packages, SQL queries, logging statements and more.

When your application has an error, an interactive debugger allows you to poke around from your browser to find out what happened.

To use the Pyramid debug toolbar, build your project with our `cookiecutter`.

See also:

See also *The Debug Toolbar*.

Debug with power

When things go wrong, Pyramid gives you powerful ways to fix the problem.

You can configure Pyramid to print helpful information to the console. The `debug_notfound` setting shows information about URLs that aren't matched. The `debug_authorization` setting provides helpful messages about why you aren't allowed to do what you just tried.

Pyramid also has command line tools to help you verify your configuration. You can use `proutes` and `pviews` to inspect how URLs are connected to your application code.

See also:

See also *Debugging View Authorization Failures, Command-Line Pyramid*, and `p* Scripts Documentation*
Extend your application

Pyramid add-ons extend the core of the framework with useful abilities. There are add-ons available for your favorite template language, SQL and NoSQL databases, authentication services and more.

Supported Pyramid add-ons are held to the same demanding standards as the framework itself. You will find them to be fully tested and well documented.

See also:

See also https://trypyramid.com/extending-pyramid.html

Write your views, your way

A fundamental task for any framework is to map URLs to code. In Pyramid, that code is called a view callable. View callables can be functions, class methods or even callable class instances. You are free to choose the approach that best fits your use case. Regardless of your choice, Pyramid treats them the same. You can change your mind at any time without any penalty. There are no artificial distinctions between the various approaches.

Here’s a view callable defined as a function:

```python
from pyramid.response import Response
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(route_name='aview')
def aview(request):
    return Response('one')
```

Here’s a few views defined as methods of a class instead:

```python
from pyramid.response import Response
from pyramid.view import view_config

class AView(object):
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request

    @view_config(route_name='view_one')
def view_one(self):
```

(continues on next page)
return Response('one')

@view_config(route_name='view_two')
def view_two(self):
    return Response('two')

See also:
See also @view_config Placement.

Find your static assets

In many web frameworks, the static assets required by an application are kept in a globally shared location, "the static directory". Others use a lookup scheme, like an ordered set of template directories. Both of these approaches have problems when it comes to customization.

Pyramid takes a different approach. Static assets are located using asset specifications, strings that contain reference both to a Python package name and a file or directory name, e.g. MyPackage:static/index.html. These specifications are used for templates, JavaScript and CSS, translation files, and any other package-bound static resource. By using asset specifications, Pyramid makes it easy to extend your application with other packages without worrying about conflicts.

What happens if another Pyramid package you are using provides an asset you need to customize? Maybe that page template needs better HTML, or you want to update some CSS. With asset specifications you can override the assets from other packages using simple wrappers.

Examples: Understanding Asset Specifications and Overriding Assets.

Use your templates

In Pyramid, the job of creating a Response belongs to a renderer. Any templating system—Mako, Chameleon, Jinja2—can be a renderer. In fact, packages exist for all of these systems. But if you'd rather use another, a structured API exists allowing you to create a renderer using your favorite templating system. You can use the templating system you understand, not one required by the framework.

What’s more, Pyramid does not make you use a single templating system exclusively. You can use multiple templating systems, even in the same project.

Example: Using Templates Directly.
Write testable views

When you use a \textit{renderer} with your view callable, you are freed from needing to return a "webby" \texttt{Response} object. Instead your views can return a simple Python dictionary. Pyramid will take care of rendering the information in that dictionary to a \texttt{Response} on your behalf. As a result, your views are more easily tested, since you don’t need to parse HTML to evaluate the results. Pyramid makes it a snap to write unit tests for your views, instead of requiring you to use functional tests.

For example, a typical web framework might return a \texttt{Response} object from a \texttt{render_to_response} call:

```python
from pyramid.renderers import render_to_response

def myview(request):
    return render_to_response('myapp:templates/mytemplate.pt', {'a':1}, request=request)
```

While you \textit{can} do this in Pyramid, you can also return a Python dictionary:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(renderer='myapp:templates/mytemplate.pt')
def myview(request):
    return {'a':1}
```

By configuring your view to use a renderer, you tell Pyramid to use the \{'a':1\} dictionary and the specified template to render a response on your behalf.

The string passed as \texttt{renderer=} above is an \textit{asset specification}. Asset specifications are widely used in Pyramid. They allow for more reliable customization. See \textit{Find your static assets} for more information.

Example: \textit{Renderers}.

Use events to coordinate actions

When writing web applications, it is often important to have your code run at a specific point in the lifecycle of a request. In Pyramid, you can accomplish this using \texttt{subscribers} and \texttt{events}.

For example, you might have a job that needs to be done each time your application handles a new request. Pyramid emits a \texttt{NewRequest} event at this point in the request handling lifecycle. You can register your code as a subscriber to this event using a clear, declarative style:
from pyramid.events import NewRequest
from pyramid.events import subscriber

@subscriber(NewRequest)
def my_job(event):
    do_something(event.request)

Pyramid’s event system can be extended as well. If you need, you can create events of your own and send them using Pyramid’s event system. Then anyone working with your application can subscribe to your events and coordinate their code with yours.

Example: *Using Events and Event Types.*

### Build international applications

Pyramid ships with internationalization-related features in its core: localization, pluralization, and creating message catalogs from source files and templates. Pyramid allows for a plurality of message catalogs via the use of translation domains. You can create a system that has its own translations without conflict with other translations in other domains.

Example: *Internationalization and Localization.*

### Build efficient applications

Pyramid provides an easy way to *cache* the results of slow or expensive views. You can indicate in view configuration that you want a view to be cached:

```python
@view_config(http_cache=3600)  # 60 minutes
def myview(request):
    # ...
```

Pyramid will automatically add the appropriate Cache-Control and Expires headers to the response it creates.

See the `add_view()` method’s `http_cache` documentation for more information.
Build fast applications

The Pyramid core is fast. It has been engineered from the ground up for speed. It only does as much work as absolutely necessary when you ask it to get a job done. If you need speed from your application, Pyramid is the right choice for you.

Example: https://blog.curiasolutions.com/pages/the-great-web-framework-shootout.html

Store session data

Pyramid has built-in support for HTTP sessions, so you can associate data with specific users between requests. Lots of other frameworks also support sessions. But Pyramid allows you to plug in your own custom sessioning system. So long as your system conforms to a documented interface, you can drop it in in place of the provided system.

Currently there is a binding package for the third-party Redis sessioning system that does exactly this. But if you have a specialized need (perhaps you want to store your session data in MongoDB), you can. You can even switch between implementations without changing your application code.

Example: Sessions.

Handle problems with grace

Mistakes happen. Problems crop up. No one writes bug-free code. Pyramid provides a way to handle the exceptions your code encounters. An exception view is a special kind of view which is automatically called when a particular exception type arises without being handled by your application.

For example, you might register an exception view for the Exception exception type, which will catch all exceptions, and present a pretty ”well, this is embarrassing” page. Or you might choose to register an exception view for only certain application-specific exceptions. You can make one for when a file is not found, or when the user doesn’t have permission to do something. In the former case, you can show a pretty ”Not Found” page; in the latter case you might show a login form.

Example: Custom Exception Views.

And much, much more...

Pyramid has been built with a number of other sophisticated design features that make it adaptable. Read more about them below.
Advanced Pyramid Design Features

Pyramid has been built from the ground up to avoid the problems that other frameworks can suffer.

You Don’t Need Singletons

Have you ever struggled with parameterizing Django’s settings.py file for multiple installations of the same Django application? Have you ever needed to monkey-patch a framework fixture to get it to behave properly for your use case? Have you ever tried to deploy your application using an asynchronous server and failed?

All these problems are symptoms of mutable global state, also known as import time side effects and arise from the use of singleton data structures.

Pyramid is written so that you don’t run into these types of problems. It is even possible to run multiple copies of the same Pyramid application configured differently within a single Python process. This makes running Pyramid in shared hosting environments a snap.

Simplify your View Code with Predicates

How many times have you found yourself beginning the logic of your view code with something like this:

```python
if request.user.is_authenticated:
    # do one thing
else:
    # do something else
```

Unlike many other systems, Pyramid allows you to associate more than one view with a single route. For example, you can create a route with the pattern /items and when the route is matched, you can send the request to one view if the request method is GET, another view if the request method is POST, and so on.

Pyramid uses a system of view predicates to allow this. Matching the request method is one basic thing you can do with a view predicate. You can also associate views with other request parameters, such as elements in the query string, the Accept header, whether the request is an AJAX (XHR) request or not, and lots of other things.

For our example above, you can do this instead:
@view_config(route_name="items", is_authenticated=True)

def auth_view(request):
    # do one thing

@view_config(route_name="items")
def anon_view(request):
    # do something else

This approach allows you to develop view code that is simpler, more easily understandable, and more directly testable.

See also:

See also View Configuration Parameters.

Stop Worrying About Transactions

Pyramid’s cookiecutter renders projects that include a transaction management system. When you use this system, you can stop worrying about when to commit your changes. Pyramid handles it for you. The system will commit at the end of a request or abort if there was an exception.

Why is that a good thing? Imagine a situation where you manually commit a change to your persistence layer. It’s very likely that other framework code will run after your changes are done. If an error happens in that other code, you can easily wind up with inconsistent data if you’re not extremely careful.

Using transaction management saves you from needing to think about this. Either a request completes successfully and all changes are committed, or it does not and all changes are aborted.

Pyramid’s transaction management is extendable, so you can synchronize commits between multiple databases or databases of different kinds. It also allows you to do things like conditionally send email if a transaction is committed, but otherwise keep quiet.

See also:

See also SQLAlchemy + URL dispatch wiki tutorial (note the lack of commit statements anywhere in application code).
Stop Worrying About Configuration

When a system is small, it’s reasonably easy to keep it all in your head. But as systems grow large, configuration grows more complex. Your app may grow to have hundreds or even thousands of configuration statements.

Pyramid’s configuration system keeps track of each of your statements. If you accidentally add two that are identical, or Pyramid can’t make sense out of what it would mean to have both statements active at the same time, it will complain loudly at startup time.

Pyramid’s configuration system is not dumb though. If you use the *include()* system, it can automatically resolve conflicts on its own. More local statements are preferred over less local ones. So you can intelligently factor large systems into smaller ones.

See also:

See also *Conflict Detection*.

Compose Powerful Apps From Simple Parts

Speaking of the Pyramid structured *include()* mechanism, it allows you to compose complex applications from multiple, simple Python packages. All the configuration statements that can be performed in your main Pyramid application can also be used in included packages. You can add views, routes, and subscribers, and even set authentication and authorization policies.

If you need, you can extend or override the configuration of an existing application by including its configuration in your own and then modifying it.

For example, if you want to reuse an existing application that already has a bunch of routes, you can just use the *include* statement with a *route_prefix*. All the routes of that application will be available, prefixed as you requested:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

if __name__ == '__main__':
    config = Configurator()
    config.include('pyramid_jinja2')
    config.include('pyramid_exclog')
    config.include('some.other.package', route_prefix='/somethingelse')
```

See also:

See also *Including Configuration from External Sources* and *Rules for Building an Extensible Application*.
Authenticate Users Your Way

Pyramid has a powerful security system that can be tailored to your needs. Build your own security policy tailored to your needs, or use one of the many helpers provided to easily implement common authentication and authorization patterns.

See also:

See also Writing a Security Policy.

Build Trees of Resources

Pyramid supports traversal, a way of mapping URLs to a concrete resource tree. If your application naturally consists of an arbitrary hierarchy of different types of content (like a CMS or a Document Management System), traversal is for you. If you have a requirement for a highly granular security model ("Jane can edit documents in this folder, but not that one"), traversal can be a powerful approach.

See also:

See also Hello Traversal World and Much Ado About Traversal.

Take Action on Each Request with Tweens

Pyramid has a system for applying an arbitrary action to each request or response called a tween. The system is similar in concept to WSGI middleware, but can be more useful since tweens run in the Pyramid context, and have access to templates, request objects, and other niceties.

The Pyramid debug toolbar is a tween, as is the pyramid_tm transaction manager.

See also:

See also Registering Tweens.

Return What You Want From Your Views

We have shown elsewhere (in the Pyramid Introduction) how using a renderer allows you to return simple Python dictionaries from your view code. But some frameworks allow you to return strings or tuples from view callables. When frameworks allow for this, code looks slightly prettier because there are fewer imports and less code. For example, compare this:
from pyramid.response import Response

def aview(request):
    return Response("Hello world!")

To this:

def aview(request):
    return "Hello world!"

Nicer to look at, right?

Out of the box, Pyramid will raise an exception if you try to run the second example above. After all, a view should return a response, and "explicit is better than implicit".

But if you’re a developer who likes the aesthetics of simplicity, Pyramid provides a way to support this sort of thing, the response adapter:

from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.response import Response

def string_response_adapter(s):
    response = Response(s)
    response.content_type = 'text/html'
    return response

A new response adapter is registered in configuration:

if __name__ == '__main__':
    config = Configurator()
    config.add_response_adapter(string_response_adapter, str)

With that, you may return strings from any of your view callables, e.g.:

def hellowview(request):
    return "Hello world!"

def goodbyeview(request):
    return "Goodbye world!"

You can even use a response adapter to allow for custom content types and return codes:
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def tuple_response_adapter(val):
    status_int, content_type, body = val
    response = Response(body)
    response.content_type = content_type
    response.status_int = status_int
    return response

def string_response_adapter(body):
    response = Response(body)
    response.content_type = 'text/html'
    response.status_int = 200
    return response

if __name__ == '__main__':
    config = Configurator()
    config.add_response_adapter(string_response_adapter, str)
    config.add_response_adapter(tuple_response_adapter, tuple)

With this, both of these views will work as expected:

def aview(request):
    return "Hello world!"

def anotherview(request):
    return (403, 'text/plain', "Forbidden")

See also:

See also Changing How Pyramid Treats View Responses.

Use Global Response Objects

Views have to return responses. But constructing them in view code is a chore. And perhaps registering a response adapter as shown above is just too much work. Pyramid provides a global response object as well. You can use it directly, if you prefer:

def aview(request):
    response = request.response
    response.body = 'Hello world!'
    response.content_type = 'text/plain'
    return response
See also:

See also *Varying Attributes of Rendered Responses*.

**Extend Configuration**

Perhaps the Pyramid configurator’s syntax feels a bit verbose to you. Or possibly you would like to add a feature to configuration without asking the core developers to change Pyramid itself?

You can extend Pyramid’s *configurator* with your own directives. For example, let’s say you find yourself calling `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` repetitively. Usually you can get rid of the boring with existing shortcuts, but let’s say that this is a case where there is no such shortcut:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

config = Configurator()
config.add_route('xhr_route', '/xhr/{id}"
config.add_view('my.package.GET_view', route_name='xhr_route', xhr=True,
    permission='view', request_method='GET')
config.add_view('my.package.POST_view', route_name='xhr_route', xhr=True,
    permission='view', request_method='POST')
config.add_view('my.package.HEAD_view', route_name='xhr_route', xhr=True,
    permission='view', request_method='HEAD')
```

Pretty tedious right? You can add a directive to the Pyramid *configurator* to automate some of the tedium away:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator
def add_protected_xhr_views(config, module):
    module = config.maybe_dotted(module)
    for method in ('GET', 'POST', 'HEAD'):
        view = getattr(module, 'xhr_%s_view' % method, None)
        if view is not None:
            config.add_view(view, route_name='xhr_route', xhr=True,
                permission='view', request_method=method)

config = Configurator()
cfg.add_directive('add_protected_xhr_views', add_protected_xhr_views)
```

Once that’s done, you can call the directive you’ve just added as a method of the *configurator* object:
Much better!

You can share your configuration code with others, too. Add your code to a Python package. Put the call to `add_directive()` in a function. When other programmers install your package, they’ll be able to use your configuration by passing your function to a call to `include()`.

See also:

See also *Adding Methods to the Configurator via add_directive.*

**Introspect Your Application**

If you’re building a large, pluggable system, it’s useful to be able to get a list of what has been plugged in *at application runtime*. For example, you might want to show users a set of tabs at the top of the screen based on a list of the views they registered.

Pyramid provides an `introspector` for just this purpose.

Here’s an example of using Pyramid’s `introspector` from within a view:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config
from pyramid.response import Response

@view_config(route_name='bar')
def show_current_route_pattern(request):
    introspector = request.registry.introspector
    route_name = request.matched_route.name
    route_intr = introspector.get('routes', route_name)
    return Response(str(route_intr['pattern']))
```

See also:

See also *Pyramid Configuration Introspection.*
What Is The Pylons Project?

Pyramid is a member of the collection of software published under the Pylons Project. Pylons software is written by a loose-knit community of contributors. The Pylons Project website includes details about how Pyramid relates to the Pylons Project.

Pyramid and Other Web Frameworks

The first release of Pyramid’s predecessor (named repoze.bfg) was made in July of 2008. At the end of 2010, we changed the name of repoze.bfg to Pyramid. It was merged into the Pylons project as Pyramid in November of that year.

Pyramid was inspired by Zope, Pylons (version 1.0), and Django. As a result, Pyramid borrows several concepts and features from each, combining them into a unique web framework.

Similar to Zope, Pyramid applications may easily be extended. If you work within the constraints of the framework, you can produce applications that can be reused, modified, or extended without needing to modify the original application code. Pyramid also inherits the concepts of traversal and declarative security from Zope.

Similar to Pylons version 1.0, Pyramid is largely free of policy. It makes no assertions about which database or template system you should use. You are free to use whatever third-party components fit the needs of your specific application. Pyramid also inherits its approach to URL dispatch from Pylons.

Similar to Django, Pyramid values extensive documentation. In addition, the concept of a view is used by Pyramid much as it would be by Django.

Other Python web frameworks advertise themselves as members of a class of web frameworks named model-view-controller frameworks. The authors of Pyramid do not believe that the MVC pattern fits the web particularly well. However, if this abstraction works for you, Pyramid also generally fits into this class.

0.3.2 Installing Pyramid

This installation guide emphasizes the use of Python 3.6 and greater for simplicity.
Before You Install Pyramid

Install Python version 3.6 or greater for your operating system, and satisfy the Requirements for Installing Packages, as described in the following sections.

Python Versions

As of this writing, Pyramid is tested against Python 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, and 3.9 and PyPy3.

Pyramid is known to run on all popular Unix-like systems such as Linux, macOS, and FreeBSD, as well as on Windows platforms. It is also known to run on PyPy (1.9+).

Pyramid installation does not require the compilation of any C code. However, some Pyramid dependencies may attempt to build binary extensions from C code for performance speed ups. If a compiler or Python headers are unavailable, the dependency will fall back to using pure Python instead.

If you see any warnings or errors related to failing to compile the binary extensions, in most cases you may safely ignore those errors. If you wish to use the binary extensions, please verify that you have a functioning compiler and the Python header files installed for your operating system.

For macOS Users

Python comes pre-installed on macOS, but due to Apple’s release cycle, it is often out of date. Unless you have a need for a specific earlier version, it is recommended to install the latest 3.x version of Python.

You can install the latest version of Python for macOS from the binaries on python.org.

Alternatively, you can use the homebrew package manager.

```bash
# for python 3.x
brew install python3
```

If you use an installer for your Python, then you can skip to the section Installing Pyramid on a Unix System.
If You Don’t Yet Have a Python Interpreter (Unix)

If your system doesn’t have a Python interpreter, and you’re on Unix, you can either install Python using your operating system’s package manager or you can install Python from source fairly easily on any Unix system that has development tools.

See also:
See the official Python documentation Using Python on Unix platforms for full details.

If You Don’t Yet Have a Python Interpreter (Windows)

If your Windows system doesn’t have a Python interpreter, you’ll need to install it by downloading a Python 3.x-series interpreter executable from python.org’s download section (the files labeled ”Windows Installer”). Once you’ve downloaded it, double click on the executable and select appropriate options during the installation process. To standardize this documentation, we used the GUI installer and selected the following options:

- **Screen 1: Install Python 3.x.x (32- or 64-bit)**
  - Check ”Install launcher for all users (recommended)”.
  - Check ”Add Python 3.x to PATH”.
  - Click ”Install Now”.

- **Screen 2: User Account Control**
  - Click ”Yes”.

See also:
See the official Python documentation Using Python on Windows for full details.

See also:
You might also need to download and install the Python for Windows extensions. Carefully read the README.txt file at the end of the list of builds, and follow its directions. Make sure you get the proper 32- or 64-bit build and Python version.

See also:
Python launcher for Windows provides a command `py` that allows users to run any installed version of Python.
After you install Python on Windows, you might need to add the directory where Python and other programs—such as pip, setuptools, and cookiecutter—are installed to your environment’s Path. This will make it possible to invoke them from a command prompt.

To do so, search for "Environment Variables" on your computer (on Windows 10, it is under System Properties --> Advanced) and add that directory to the Path environment variable, using the GUI to edit path segments.

Example segments should look like C:\Users\username\AppData\Local\Programs\Python3x-32, where you have your username instead of <username>, and your version of Python and whether it is 32- or 64-bit. Additionally ensure you have the path segment ending with Scripts, i.e., C:\Users\username\AppData\Local\Programs\Python3x-32\Scripts, and for user-installed Python programs, %APPDATA%\Python\Python3x\Scripts.

You may need to restart your command prompt session to load the environment variables.

**See also:**

See Configuring Python (on Windows) for full details.

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**Requirements for Installing Packages**

Use pip for installing packages and python3 -m venv env for creating a virtual environment. A virtual environment is a semi-isolated Python environment that allows packages to be installed for use by a particular application, rather than being installed system wide.

**See also:**

See the Python Packaging Authority’s (PyPA) documentation Requirements for Installing Packages for full details.

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**Installing Pyramid on a Unix System**

After installing Python as described previously in For macOS Users or If You Don’t Yet Have a Python Interpreter (Unix), and satisfying the Requirements for Installing Packages, you can now install Pyramid.

1. Make a virtual environment workspace:
You can either follow the use of the environment variable $VENV, or replace it with the root directory of the virtual environment. If you choose the former approach, ensure that $VENV is an absolute path. In the latter case, the export command can be skipped.

2. (Optional) Consider using $VENV/bin/activate to make your shell environment wired to use the virtual environment.

3. Use pip to get Pyramid and its direct dependencies installed:

$VENV/bin/pip install "pyramid==2.1.dev0"

Why use $VENV/bin/pip instead of source bin/activate, then pip?

$VENV/bin/pip clearly specifies that pip is run from within the virtual environment and not at the system level.

activate makes changes to the user’s shell environment which can often be convenient. However, in the context of long-form documentation, environment configuration can easily be forgotten. By keeping each snippet explicit we can reduce copy / paste errors by users in which commands are executed against the wrong Python environment. Also, deactivate might not correctly restore previous shell environment variables. Avoiding activate keeps the environment more reproducible.

Although using source bin/activate, then pip, requires fewer key strokes to issue commands once invoked, there are other things to consider. Michael F. Lamb (datagrok) presents a summary in Virtualenv’s bin/activate is Doing It Wrong.

Ultimately we prefer to keep things clear and simple, so we use $VENV/bin/pip.

Installing Pyramid on a Windows System

After installing Python as described previously in If You Don’t Yet Have a Python Interpreter (Windows), and satisfying the Requirements for Installing Packages, you can now install Pyramid.

1. Make a virtual environment workspace:
You can either follow the use of the environment variable %VENV%, or replace it with the root directory of the virtual environment. If you choose the former approach, ensure that %VENV% is an absolute path. In the latter case, the set command can be skipped.

2. (Optional) Consider using %VENV%\Scripts\activate.bat to make your shell environment wired to use the virtual environment.

3. Use pip to get Pyramid and its direct dependencies installed:

   %VENV%\Scripts\pip install "pyramid==2.1.dev0"

See the note above for Why use $VENV/bin/pip instead of source bin/activate, then pip.

What Gets Installed

When you install Pyramid, various libraries such as WebOb, PasteDeploy, and others are installed.

Additionally, as chronicled in Creating a Pyramid Project, our cookiecutter will be used, which makes it easy to start a new Pyramid project.

0.3.3 Creating Your First Pyramid Application

In this chapter, we will walk through the creation of a tiny Pyramid application. After we’re finished creating the application, we’ll explain in more detail how it works. It assumes you already have Pyramid installed. If you do not, head over to the Installing Pyramid section.

Hello World

Here’s one of the very simplest Pyramid applications:
When this code is inserted into a Python script named helloworld.py and executed by a Python interpreter which has the Pyramid software installed, an HTTP server is started on TCP port 6543.

On Unix:

```
$VENV/bin/python helloworld.py
```

On Windows:

```
%VENV%\Scripts\python helloworld.py
```

This command will not return and nothing will be printed to the console. When port 6543 is visited by a browser on the URL /, the server will simply serve up the text ”Hello world!”.

Each time you visit a URL served by the application in a browser, a logging line will be emitted to the console displaying the hostname, the date, the request method and path, and some additional information. This output is done by the wsgiref server we’ve used to serve this application. It logs an ”access log” in Apache combined logging format to the console.

Press Ctrl-C (or Ctrl-Break on Windows) to stop the application.

Now that we have a rudimentary understanding of what the application does, let’s examine it piece by piece.
Imports

The above `helloworld.py` script uses the following set of import statements:

```python
1 from wsgiref.simple_server import make_server
2 from pyramid.config import Configurator
3 from pyramid.response import Response
```

Like many other Python web frameworks, Pyramid uses the WSGI protocol to connect an application and a web server together. The `wsgiref` server is used in this example as a WSGI server for convenience, as it is shipped within the Python standard library.

The script imports the `Configurator` class from the `pyramid.config` module. An instance of the `Configurator` class is later used to configure your Pyramid application.

The script also imports the `pyramid.response.Response` class for later use. An instance of this class will be used to create a web response.

View Callable Declarations

The above script, beneath its set of imports, defines a function named `hello_world`.

```python
6 def hello_world(request):
7     return Response('Hello World!')
```

The function accepts a single argument (`request`) and it returns an instance of the `pyramid.response.Response` class. The single argument to the class’ constructor is a string computed from parameters matched from the URL. This value becomes the body of the response.

This function is known as a *view callable*. A view callable accepts a single argument, `request`. It is expected to return a `response` object. A view callable doesn’t need to be a function; it can be represented via another type of object, like a class or an instance, but for our purposes here, a function serves us well.

A view callable is always called with a `request` object. A request object is a representation of an HTTP request sent to Pyramid via the active WSGI server.

A view callable is required to return a `response` object because a response object has all the information necessary to formulate an actual HTTP response; this object is then converted to text by the WSGI server which called Pyramid and it is sent back to the requesting browser. To return a response, each view callable creates an instance of the `Response` class. In the `hello_world` function, a string is passed as the body to the response.
Application Configuration

In the above script, the following code represents the configuration of this simple application. The application is configured using the previously defined imports and function definitions, placed within the confines of an if statement:

```python
if __name__ == '__main__':
    with Configurator() as config:
        config.add_route('hello', '/')
        config.add_view(hello_world, route_name='hello')
        app = config.make_wsgi_app()
        server = make_server('0.0.0.0', 6543, app)
        server.serve_forever()
```

Let's break this down piece by piece.

Configurator Construction

The if __name__ == '__main__': line in the code sample above represents a Python idiom: the code inside this if clause is not invoked unless the script containing this code is run directly from the operating system command line. For example, if the file named helloworld.py contains the entire script body, the code within the if statement will only be invoked when python helloworld.py is executed from the command line.

Using the if clause is necessary—or at least best practice—because code in a Python .py file may be eventually imported via the Python import statement by another .py file. .py files that are imported by other .py files are referred to as modules. By using the if __name__ == '__main__': idiom, the script above is indicating that it does not want the code within the if statement to execute if this module is imported from another; the code within the if block should only be run during a direct script execution.

The with Configurator() as config: line above creates an instance of the Configurator class using a context manager. The resulting config object represents an API which the script uses to configure this particular Pyramid application. Methods called on the Configurator will cause registrations to be made in an application registry associated with the application.
Adding Configuration

```python
config.add_route('hello', '/')
config.add_view(hello_world, route_name='hello')
```

The first line above calls the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()` method, which registers a route to the root (/) URL path.

The second line registers the `hello_world` function as a view callable and makes sure that it will be called when the `hello` route is matched.

WSGI Application Creation

```python
app = config.make_wsgi_app()
```

After configuring views and ending configuration, the script creates a WSGI application via the `pyramid.config.Configurator.make_wsgi_app()` method. A call to `make_wsgi_app` implies that all configuration is finished (meaning all method calls to the configurator, which sets up views and various other configuration settings, have been performed). The `make_wsgi_app` method returns a WSGI application object that can be used by any WSGI server to present an application to a requestor. WSGI is a protocol that allows servers to talk to Python applications. We don’t discuss WSGI in any depth within this book, but you can learn more about it by reading its documentation.

The Pyramid application object, in particular, is an instance of a class representing a Pyramid router. It has a reference to the application registry which resulted from method calls to the configurator used to configure it. The router consults the registry to obey the policy choices made by a single application. These policy choices were informed by method calls to the Configurator made earlier; in our case, the only policy choices made were implied by calls to its `add_view` and `add_route` methods.

WSGI Application Serving

```python
server = make_server('0.0.0.0', 6543, app)
server.serve_forever()
```
Finally, we actually serve the application to requestors by starting up a WSGI server. We happen to use the `wsgiref.make_server` server maker for this purpose. We pass in as the first argument `'0.0.0.0'`, which means "listen on all TCP interfaces". By default, the HTTP server listens only on the `127.0.0.1` interface, which is problematic if you’re running the server on a remote system and you wish to access it with a web browser from a local system. We also specify a TCP port number to listen on, which is 6543, passing it as the second argument. The final argument is the `app` object (a `router`), which is the application we wish to serve. Finally, we call the server's `serve_forever` method, which starts the main loop in which it will wait for requests from the outside world.

When this line is invoked, it causes the server to start listening on TCP port 6543. The server will serve requests forever, or at least until we stop it by killing the process which runs it (usually by pressing `Ctrl-C` or `Ctrl-Break` in the terminal we used to start it).

**Conclusion**

Our hello world application is one of the simplest possible Pyramid applications, configured ”imperatively”. We can see that it’s configured imperatively because the full power of Python is available to us as we perform configuration tasks.

**References**

For more information about the API of a `Configurator` object, see `Configurator`.

For more information about `view configuration`, see `View Configuration`.

### 0.3.4 Application Configuration

Most people already understand ”configuration” as settings that influence the operation of an application. For instance, it’s easy to think of the values in a `.ini` file parsed at application startup time as ”configuration”. However, if you’re reasonably open-minded, it’s easy to think of `code` as configuration too. Since Pyramid, like most other web application platforms, is a `framework`, it calls into code that you write (as opposed to a `library`, which is code that exists purely for you to call). The act of plugging application code that you’ve written into Pyramid is also referred to within this documentation as ”configuration”; you are configuring Pyramid to call the code that makes up your application.

**See also:**

For information on `.ini` files for Pyramid applications see the `Startup` chapter.

There are two ways to configure a Pyramid application: `imperative configuration` and `declarative configuration`. Both are described below.
Imperative Configuration

"Imperative configuration" just means configuration done by Python statements, one after the next. Here’s one of the simplest Pyramid applications, configured imperatively:

```python
from wsgiref.simple_server import make_server
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.response import Response

def hello_world(request):
    return Response('Hello world!')

if __name__ == '__main__':
    with Configurator() as config:
        config.add_route('hello', '/')
        config.add_view(hello_world, route_name='hello')
        app = config.make_wsgi_app()
        server = make_server('0.0.0.0', 6543, app)
        server.serve_forever()
```

We won’t talk much about what this application does yet. Just note that the configuration statements take place underneath the if __name__ == '__main__': stanza in the form of method calls on a Configurator object (e.g., config.add_view(...)). These statements take place one after the other, and are executed in order, so the full power of Python, including conditionals, can be employed in this mode of configuration.

Declarative Configuration

It’s sometimes painful to have all configuration done by imperative code, because often the code for a single application may live in many files. If the configuration is centralized in one place, you’ll need to have at least two files open at once to see the "big picture": the file that represents the configuration, and the file that contains the implementation objects referenced by the configuration. To avoid this, Pyramid allows you to insert configuration decoration statements very close to code that is referred to by the declaration itself. For example:

```python
from pyramid.response import Response
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(route_name='hello', request_method='GET')
def hello_world(request):
    return Response('Hello World!')
```
The mere existence of configuration decoration doesn’t cause any configuration registration to be performed. Before it has any effect on the configuration of a Pyramid application, a configuration decoration within application code must be found through a process known as a scan.

For example, the `pyramid.view.view_config` decorator in the code example above adds an attribute to the `hello_world` function, making it available for a scan to find it later.

A scan of a module or a package and its subpackages for decorations happens when the `pyramid.config.Configurator.scan()` method is invoked: scanning implies searching for configuration declarations in a package and its subpackages. For example:

```python
from wsgiref.simple_server import make_server
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.response import Response
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(route_name='hello', request_method='GET')
def hello_world(request):
    return Response('Hello World!')

if __name__ == '__main__':
    with Configurator() as config:
        config.add_route('hello', '/')
        config.scan()
    app = config.make_wsgi_app()
    server = make_server('0.0.0.0', 6543, app)
    server.serve_forever()
```

The scanning machinery imports each module and subpackage in a package or module recursively, looking for special attributes attached to objects defined within a module. These special attributes are typically attached to code via the use of a decorator. For example, the `view_config` decorator can be attached to a function or instance method.

Once scanning is invoked, and configuration decoration is found by the scanner, a set of calls are made to a Configurator on your behalf. These calls replace the need to add imperative configuration statements that don’t live near the code being configured.

The combination of configuration decoration and the invocation of a scan is collectively known as declarative configuration.

In the example above, the scanner translates the arguments to `view_config` into a call to the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` method, effectively:
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```python
config.add_view(hello_world, route_name='hello',
request_method='GET')
```

Summary

There are two ways to configure a Pyramid application: declaratively and imperatively. You can choose the mode with which you’re most comfortable; both are completely equivalent. Examples in this documentation will use both modes interchangeably.

0.3.5 Creating a Pyramid Project

As we saw in Creating Your First Pyramid Application, it’s possible to create a Pyramid application completely manually. However, it’s usually more convenient to use our cookiecutter to generate a basic Pyramid project.

A project is a directory that contains at least one Python package. You’ll use the Pyramid cookiecutter to create a project, and you’ll create your application logic within a package that lives inside the project. Even if your application is extremely simple, it is useful to place code that drives the application within a package, because (1) a package is more easily extended with new code, and (2) an application that lives inside a package can also be distributed more easily than one which does not live within a package.

The Pylons Project provides a Pyramid cookiecutter that you can use to generate a project. Our cookiecutter allows several configuration options to generate the type of application you’re trying to construct.

This cookiecutter is rendered using the cookiecutter command that you may install.

See also:

See also Cookiecutter Installation.
Pyramid cookiecutters

The Pyramid cookiecutter released under the Pylons Project offers the following configuration options:

- templating libraries (Jinja2, Chameleon, or Mako)
- the persistence mechanism (no persistence mechanism, SQLAlchemy with SQLite, or ZODB)
- the mechanism of mapping URLs to code (URL dispatch or traversal)
- pyramid-cookiecutter-starter

All configuration options offer a choice of templating language.

The configuration of mapping URLs to code (routing) depends on the backend option selected, with additional variations as follows.

**none**  URL dispatch for routing

**sqlalchemy**  SQLite for persistent storage, SQLAlchemy for an ORM, URL dispatch for routing, and Alembic for database migrations

**zodb**  ZODB for persistent storage and traversal for routing

Creating the Project

In *Installing Pyramid*, you created a virtual Python environment via the `venv` command. We called the virtual environment directory `env` and set an environment variable `VENV` to its path.

We assume that you previously installed cookiecutter, following its installation instructions.

When we invoke cookiecutter, it will create a directory that represents our project.

We assume our current working directory is the value of `VENV`.

On all platforms, generate a project using cookiecutter.

```bash
cookiecutter gh:Pylons/pyramid-cookiecutter-starter --checkout master
```

If prompted for the first item, accept the default `yes` by hitting return.
You've cloned ~/.cookiecutters/pyramid-cookiecutter-starter before. Is it okay to delete and re-clone it? [yes]: yes
project_name [Pyramid Scaffold]: myproject
repo_name [myproject]: myproject
Select template_language:
1 - jinja2
2 - chameleon
3 - mako
Choose from 1, 2, 3 [1]: 1
Select backend:
1 - none
2 - sqlalchemy
3 - zodb
Choose from 1, 2, 3 [1]: 1

We then run through the following commands.

On Unix:

```bash
# Reset our environment variable for a new virtual environment.
export VENV=~/.env/myproject/env
# Change directory into your newly created project.
cd myproject
# Create a new virtual environment...
python3 -m venv $VENV
# ...where we upgrade packaging tools.
$VENV/bin/pip install --upgrade pip setuptools
```

Or on Windows:

```bash
# Reset our environment variable for a new virtual environment.
set VENV=c:\env\myproject\env
# Change directory into your newly created project.
cd myproject
# Create a new virtual environment...
python -m venv %VENV%
# ...where we upgrade packaging tools.
%VENV%\Scripts\pip install --upgrade pip setuptools
```

As a result of invoking the cookiecutter command, a directory named myproject is created. That directory is a project directory. The setup.py file in that directory can be used to distribute your application, or install your application for deployment or development.
An `.ini` file named `development.ini` will be created in the project directory. You will use this `.ini` file to configure a server, to run your application, and to debug your application. It contains configuration that enables an interactive debugger and settings optimized for development.

Another `.ini` file named `production.ini` will also be created in the project directory. It contains configuration that disables any interactive debugger (to prevent inappropriate access and disclosure), and turns off a number of debugging settings. You can use this file to put your application into production.

The `myproject` project directory contains an additional subdirectory named `myproject` representing a Python `package` which holds very simple Pyramid sample code. This is where you’ll edit your application’s Python code and templates.

We created this project in a directory next to its virtual environment directory. However, note that this is not mandatory. The project directory can go more or less anywhere on your filesystem. You don’t need to put it in a special “web server” directory. You could put it within a virtual environment directory. The author uses Linux mainly, and tends to put project directories which he creates within his `~/projects` directory. On Windows, it’s a good idea to put project directories within a directory that contains no space characters, so it’s wise to avoid a path that contains, i.e., `My Documents`. As a result, the author, when he uses Windows, just puts his projects in `C:\projects`.

⚠️ You’ll need to avoid using `cookiecutter` to create a project with the same name as a Python standard library component. In particular, this means you should avoid using the names `site` or `test`, both of which conflict with Python standard library packages. You should also avoid using the name `pyramid`, which will conflict with Pyramid itself.

### Installing your Newly Created Project for Development

To install a newly created project for development, you should `cd` to the newly created project directory and use the Python interpreter from the virtual environment you created during *Installing Pyramid* to invoke the command `pip install -e .`, which installs the project in development mode (`-e` is for "editable") into the current directory (`.`).

The file named `setup.py` will be in the root of the cookiecutter-generated project directory. The `python` you’re invoking should be the one that lives in the `bin` (or `Scripts` on Windows) directory of your virtual Python environment. Your terminal’s current working directory *must* be the newly created project directory.

On Unix:
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$VENV/bin/pip install -e .

Or on Windows:

%VENV%\Scripts\pip install -e .

Elided output from a run of this command on Unix is shown below:

```
Running setup.py develop for myproject
Successfully installed Jinja2-2.11.2 Mako-1.1.3 MarkupSafe-1.1.1
    PasteDeploy-2.1.1 Pygments-2.7.3 hupper-1.10.2 myproject plaster-1.0
    plaster-pastedeploy-0.7 pyramid-1.10.5 pyramid-debugtoolbar-4.9 pyramid-
    jinja2-2.8 pyramid-mako-1.1.0 repoze.lru-0.7 translationstring-1.4
    venusian-3.0.0 waitress-1.4.4 webob-1.8.6 zope.deprecation-4.4.0 zope.
    interface-5.2.0
```

This will install a distribution representing your project into the virtual environment interpreter’s library set so it can be found by import statements and by other console scripts such as pserve, pshell, proutes, and pviews.

Running the Tests for Your Application

To run unit tests for your application, you must first install the testing dependencies.

On Unix:

$VENV/bin/pip install -e ".[testing]"

On Windows:

%VENV%\Scripts\pip install -e ".[testing]"

Once the testing requirements are installed, then you can run the tests using the pytest command that was just installed in the bin directory of your virtual environment.

On Unix:
On Windows:

```
%VENV%\Scripts\pytest -q
```

Here’s sample output from a test run on Unix:

```
$VENV/bin/pytest -q
....
4 passed in 0.31s
```

The tests themselves are found in the `tests` package in your cookiecutter-generated project. Within this project generated by the `pyramid-cookiecutter-starter` cookiecutter, only a few sample tests exist.

- The `-q` option is passed to the `pytest` command to limit the output to a stream of dots. If you don’t pass `-q`, you’ll see verbose test result output (which normally isn’t very useful).

Alternatively, if you’d like to see test coverage, pass the `--cov` option to `pytest`:

```
$VENV/bin/pytest --cov -q
```

Cookiecutters include configuration defaults for `pytest` and test coverage. These configuration files are `pytest.ini` and `.coveragerc`, located at the root of your package. Without these defaults, we would need to specify the path to the module on which we want to run tests and coverage.

```
$VENV/bin/pytest --cov=myproject myproject tests -q
```

See also:

See `pytest`’s documentation for How to invoke pytest or invoke `pytest -h` to see its full set of options.
Running the Project Application

See also:
See also the output of `pserve --help`.

Once a project is installed for development, you can run the application it represents using the `pserve` command against the generated configuration file. In our case, this file is named `development.ini`.

On Unix:

```
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini
```

On Windows:

```
%VENV%\Scripts\pserve development.ini
```

Here’s sample output from a run of `pserve` on Unix:

```
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini
Starting server in PID 77171.
Serving on http://localhost:6543
Serving on http://localhost:6543
```

Access is restricted such that only a browser running on the same machine as Pyramid will be able to access your Pyramid application. However, if you want to open access to other machines on the same network, then edit the `development.ini` file, and replace the `listen` value in the `[server:main]` section, changing it from `localhost:6543` to `*:6543` (this is equivalent to `0.0.0.0:6543` [::]:6543).

For example:

```
[server:main]
use = egg:waitress#main
listen = *:6543
```

Now when you use `pserve` to start the application, it will respond to requests on all IP addresses possessed by your system, not just requests to `localhost`. This is what the `0.0.0.0` in `serving on http://0.0.0.0:6543` means. The server will respond to requests made to `127.0.0.1` and on any external IP address. For example, your system might be configured to have an external IP address `192.168.1.50`. If that’s the case, if you use a browser running on the same system as Pyramid, it will be able to access the application via `http://127.0.0.1:6543` as well as via `http://192.168.1.50:6543`.
However, other people on other computers on the same network will also be able to visit your Pyramid application in their browser by visiting http://192.168.1.50:6543/. The same holds true if you use IPv6. [::] means the same as 0.0.0.0 but for IPv6 protocol.

You can change the port on which the server runs on by changing the same portion of the development.ini file. For example, you can change the listen = localhost:6543 line in the development.ini file's [server:main] section to listen = localhost:8080 to run the server on port 8080 instead of port 6543.

You can shut down a server started this way by pressing Ctrl-C (or Ctrl-Break on Windows).

The default server used to run your Pyramid application when a project is created from a cookiecutter is named Waitress. This server is what prints the Serving on... line when you run pserve. It’s a good idea to use this server during development because it’s very simple. It can also be used for light production. Setting your application up under a different server is not advised until you’ve done some development work under the default server, particularly if you’re not yet experienced with Python web development. Python web server setup can be complex, and you should get some confidence that your application works in a default environment before trying to optimize it or make it “more like production”. It’s awfully easy to get sidetracked trying to set up a non-default server for hours without actually starting to do any development. One of the nice things about Python web servers is that they’re largely interchangeable, so if your application works under the default server, it will almost certainly work under any other server in production if you eventually choose to use a different one. Don’t worry about it right now.

For more detailed information about the startup process, see Startup. For more information about environment variables and configuration file settings that influence startup and runtime behavior, see Environment Variables and .ini File Settings.

**Reloading Code**

During development, it’s often useful to run pserve using its --reload option. When --reload is passed to pserve, changes to any Python module your project uses will cause the server to restart. This typically makes development easier, as changes to Python code made within a Pyramid application is not put into effect until the server restarts.

For example, on Unix:

```
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini --reload
Starting monitor for PID 36224.
Starting server in PID 36224.
Serving on http://localhost:6543
Serving on http://localhost:6543
```
Now if you make a change to any of your project's .py files or .ini files, you'll see the server restart automatically:

```
/file-path-to/myproject/development.ini changed; reloading ...
Gracefully killing the server.
Starting monitor for PID 36286.
Starting server in PID 36286.
Serving on http://localhost:6543
Serving on http://localhost:6543
```

Changes to template files (such as .pt or .mak files) won't cause the server to restart. Changes to template files don't require a server restart as long as the pyramid.reload_templates setting in the development.ini file is true. Changes made to template files when this setting is true will take effect immediately without a server restart.

**Viewing the Application**

Once your application is running via pserve, you may visit http://localhost:6543/ in your browser. You will see something in your browser like what is displayed in the following image:
This is the page shown by default when you visit an unmodified cookiecutter generated pyramid-cookiecutter-starter application in a browser.

The Debug Toolbar
If you click on the Pyramid logo at the top right of the page, a new target window will open to present a debug toolbar that provides various niceties while you’re developing. This logo will float above every HTML page served by Pyramid while you develop an application, and allows you to show the toolbar as necessary.

If you don’t see the Pyramid logo on the top right of the page, it means you’re browsing from a system that does not have debugging access. By default, for security reasons, only a browser originating from localhost (127.0.0.1) can see the debug toolbar. To allow your browser on a remote system to access the server, add a line within the [app:main] section of the development.ini file in the form debugtoolbar.hosts = X.X.X.X. For example, if your Pyramid application is running on a remote system, and you’re browsing from a host with the IP address 192.168.1.1, you’d add something like this to enable the toolbar when your system contacts Pyramid:

```
[app:main]
# ... other settings ...
debugtoolbar.hosts = 192.168.1.1
```
For more information about what the debug toolbar allows you to do, see the documentation for pyramid_debugtoolbar.

The debug toolbar will not be shown (and all debugging will be turned off) when you use the production.ini file instead of the development.ini file to run the application.

You can also turn the debug toolbar off by editing development.ini and commenting out a line. For example, instead of:

```
[app:main]
# ... elided configuration
pyramid.includes =
    pyramid_debugtoolbar
```

Put a hash mark at the beginning of the pyramid_debugtoolbar line:

```
[app:main]
# ... elided configuration
pyramid.includes =
    # pyramid_debugtoolbar
```

Then restart the application to see that the toolbar has been turned off.

Note that if you comment out the pyramid_debugtoolbar line, the # must be in the first column. If you put it anywhere else, and then attempt to restart the application, you’ll receive an error that ends something like this:

```
ImportError: No module named #pyramid_debugtoolbar
```

The Project Structure

The pyramid-cookiecutter-starter cookiecutter generated a project (named myproject), which contains a Python package. The package is also named myproject; the cookiecutter generates a project which contains a package that shares its name.

All Pyramid cookiecutter-generated projects share a similar structure. The myproject project we’ve generated has the following directory structure:
The tests package

The `conftest.py`, `test_functional.py`, and `test_views.py` modules in the `tests` package includes tests for your application.

```python
import os
from pyramid.paster import get_appsettings
from pyramid.scripting import prepare
from pyramid.testing import DummyRequest, testConfig
import pytest
```
import webtest

from myproject import main

def pytest_addoption(parser):
    parser.addoption('--ini', action='store', metavar='INI_FILE')

@pytest.fixture(scope='session')
def ini_file(request):
    # potentially grab this path from a pytest option
    return os.path.abspath(request.config.option.ini or 'testing.ini')

@pytest.fixture(scope='session')
def app_settings(ini_file):
    return get_appsettings(ini_file)

@pytest.fixture(scope='session')
def app(app_settings):
    return main({}, **app_settings)

@pytest.fixture
def testapp(app):
    testapp = webtest.TestApp(app, extra_environ={
        'HTTP_HOST': 'example.com',
    })

    return testapp

@pytest.fixture
def app_request(app):
    """
    A real request.

    This request is almost identical to a real request but it has some
drawbacks in tests as it's harder to mock data and is heavier.
    """

    with prepare(registry=app.registry) as env:
        request = env['request']
        request.host = 'example.com'
        yield request

@pytest.fixture
def dummy_request():
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"""
A lightweight dummy request.

This request is ultra-lightweight and should be used only when the
request itself is not a large focus in the call-stack. It is much easier to
mock and control side-effects using this object, however:

- It does not have request extensions applied.
- Threadlocals are not properly pushed.

"""
request = DummyRequest()
request.host = 'example.com'
return request

@pytest.fixture
def dummy_config(dummy_request):
    """
    A dummy :class:`pyramid.config.Configurator` object. This allows for
    mock configuration, including configuration for ``dummy_request``, as
    well as pushing the appropriate threadlocals.
    """
    with testConfig(request=dummy_request) as config:
        yield config

def test_root(testapp):
    res = testapp.get('/', status=200)
    assert b'Pyramid' in res.body

def test_notfound(testapp):
    res = testapp.get('/badurl', status=404)
    assert res.status_code == 404

from myproject.views.default import my_view
from myproject.views.notfound import notfound_view

def test_my_view(app_request):
The sample `conftest.py` file contains test configuration and fixtures. The sample `test_functional.py` file has two functional tests defined within it. The sample `test_views.py` file has two unit tests defined within it. These tests are executed when you run `pytest -q`. You may add more tests here as you build your application. You are not required to write tests to use Pyramid. These files are provided only for convenience and example.

See *Unit, Integration, and Functional Testing* for more information about writing Pyramid unit tests.

**The myproject Project**

The `myproject` project directory is the distribution and deployment wrapper for your application. It contains both the `myproject` package representing your application as well as files used to describe, run, and test your application.

1. `.coveragerc` configures coverage when running tests.
2. `.gitignore` tells git which files and directories to ignore from source code version control.
3. `CHANGES.txt` describes the changes you’ve made to the application. It is conventionally written in reStructuredText format.
4. `MANIFEST.in` is a `distutils` "manifest" file, naming which files should be included in a source distribution of the package when `python setup.py sdist` is run.
5. `README.txt` describes the application in general. It is conventionally written in reStructuredText format.
6. `development.ini` is a `PasteDeploy` configuration file that can be used to execute your application during development.
7. `production.ini` is a `PasteDeploy` configuration file that can be used to execute your application in a production configuration.
8. pytest.ini is a configuration file for running tests.

9. setup.py is the file you’ll use to test and distribute your application. It is a standard *Setuptools* setup.py file.

10. testing.ini is a *PasteDeploy* configuration file that can be used to execute your application’s tests.

11. tests package which contains unit and functional test code for the application.

**development.ini**

The development.ini file is a *PasteDeploy* configuration file. Its purpose is to specify an application to run when you invoke `pserve`, as well as the deployment settings provided to that application.

The generated development.ini file looks like so:

```
###
# app configuration
###

[app:main]
use = egg:myproject

pyramid.reload_templates = true
pyramid.debug_authorization = false
pyramid.debug_notfound = false
pyramid.debug_routematch = false
pyramid.default_locale_name = en
pyramid.includes =
    pyramid_debugtoolbar

# By default, the toolbar only appears for clients from IP addresses
# '127.0.0.1' and '::1'.
# debugtoolbar.hosts = 127.0.0.1 ::1

###
# wsgi server configuration
###
```
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This file contains several sections including [app:main], [server:main], and several other sections related to logging configuration.

The [app:main] section represents configuration for your Pyramid application. The use setting is the only setting required to be present in the [app:main] section. Its default value, egg:myproject, indicates that our myproject project contains the application that should be served. Other settings added to
this section are passed as keyword arguments to the function named `main` in our package’s `__init__.py` module. You can provide startup-time configuration parameters to your application by adding more settings to this section.

See also:

See *Entry Points and PasteDeploy .ini Files* for more information about the meaning of the `use = egg:myproject` value in this section.

The `pyramid.reload_templates` setting in the `[app:main]` section is a Pyramid-specific setting which is passed into the framework. If it exists, and its value is `true`, supported template changes will not require an application restart to be detected. See *Automatically Reloading Templates* for more information.

⚠️ The `pyramid.reload_templates` option should be turned off for production applications, as template rendering is slowed when it is turned on.

The `pyramid.includes` setting in the `[app:main]` section tells Pyramid to "include" configuration from another package. In this case, the line `pyramid.includes = pyramid_debugtoolbar` tells Pyramid to include configuration from the `pyramid_debugtoolbar` package. This turns on a debugging panel in development mode which can be opened by clicking on the Pyramid logo on the top right of the screen. Including the debug toolbar will also make it possible to interactively debug exceptions when an error occurs.

Various other settings may exist in this section having to do with debugging or influencing runtime behavior of a Pyramid application. See *Environment Variables and .ini File Settings* for more information about these settings.

The name `main` in `[app:main]` signifies that this is the default application run by `pserve` when it is invoked against this configuration file. The name `main` is a convention used by PasteDeploy signifying that it is the default application.

The `[server:main]` section of the configuration file configures a WSGI server which listens on TCP port 6543. It is configured to listen on localhost only (127.0.0.1).

The sections after `# logging configuration` represent Python’s standard library `logging` module configuration for your application. The default configuration sends application logging output to the standard error output of your terminal. For more information see *Logging*.

See the *PasteDeploy* documentation for more information about other types of things you can put into this `.ini` file, such as other applications, *middleware*, and alternate WSGI server implementations.
**production.ini**

The `production.ini` file is a PasteDeploy configuration file with a purpose much like that of `development.ini`. However, it disables the debug toolbar, and filters all log messages except those above the WARN level. It also turns off template development options such that templates are not automatically reloaded when changed, and turns off all debugging options. This file is appropriate to use instead of `development.ini` when you put your application into production.

It's important to use `production.ini` (and not `development.ini`) to benchmark your application and put it into production. `development.ini` configures your system with a debug toolbar that helps development, but the inclusion of this toolbar slows down page rendering times by over an order of magnitude. The debug toolbar is also a potential security risk if you have it configured incorrectly.

**testing.ini**

The `testing.ini` file is a PasteDeploy configuration file with a purpose much like that of `development.ini`. It is similar to `development.ini`, but is optimized to reduce test execution time. It disables the debug toolbar and automatic reloading of templates, as these slow down test execution. This file is appropriate to use instead of `development.ini` when you run your application's tests.

**MANIFEST.in**

The `MANIFEST.in` file is a distutils configuration file which specifies the non-Python files that should be included when a distribution of your Pyramid project is created when you run `python setup.py sdist`. Due to the information contained in the default `MANIFEST.in`, an sdist of your Pyramid project will include `.txt` files, `.ini` files, `.rst` files, graphics files, and template files, as well as `.py` files. See the Python Packaging Authority's Python Packaging User Guide Including files in source distributions with `MANIFEST.in` for more information about the syntax and usage of `MANIFEST.in`.

Without the presence of a `MANIFEST.in` file or without checking your source code into a version control repository, `setup.py sdist` places only Python source files (files ending with a `.py` extension) into tarballs generated by `python setup.py sdist`. This means, for example, if your project was not checked into a setuptools-compatible source control system, and your project directory didn't contain a `MANIFEST.in` file that told the sdist machinery to include `*.pt` files, the `myproject/templates/mytemplate.pt` file would not be included in the generated tarball.

Projects generated by Pyramid cookiecutters include a default `MANIFEST.in` file. The `MANIFEST.in` file contains declarations which tell it to include files like `*.pt`, `*.css` and `*.js` in the generated tarball.
If you include files with extensions other than the files named in the project’s MANIFEST.in and you don’t make use of a Setuptools-compatible version control system, you’ll need to edit the MANIFEST.in file and include the statements necessary to include your new files. In the aforementioned Python Packaging User Guide, see MANIFEST.in commands for more information about how to do this.

You can also delete MANIFEST.in from your project and rely on a Setuptools feature which simply causes all files checked into a version control system to be put into the generated tarball. To allow this to happen, check all the files that you’d like to be distributed along with your application’s Python files into Subversion. After you do this, when you rerun setup.py sdist, all files checked into the version control system will be included in the tarball. If you don’t use Subversion, and instead use a different version control system, you may need to install a Setuptools add-on such as setuptools-git or setuptools-hg for this behavior to work properly.

setup.py

The setup.py file is a Setuptools setup file. It is meant to be used to define requirements for installing dependencies for your package and testing, as well as distributing your application.

setup.py is the de facto standard which Python developers use to distribute their reusable code. You can read more about setup.py files and their usage in the Python Packaging User Guide and Setuptools documentation.

Our generated setup.py looks like this:

```python
import os

from setuptools import setup, find_packages

here = os.path.abspath(os.path.dirname(__file__))

with open(os.path.join(here, 'README.txt')) as f:
    README = f.read()

with open(os.path.join(here, 'CHANGES.txt')) as f:
    CHANGES = f.read()

requires = [
    'plaster_pastedeploy',
    'pyramid',
    'pyramid_jinja2',
    'pyramid_debugtoolbar',
]
```

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The `setup.py` file calls the `Setuptools setup` function, which does various things depending on the arguments passed to `pip` on the command line.

Within the arguments to this function call, information about your application is kept. While it’s beyond the scope of this documentation to explain everything about `Setuptools setup` files, we’ll provide a whirlwind tour of what exists in this file in this section.
Your application’s name can be any string; it is specified in the name field. The version number is specified in the version value. A short description is provided in the description field. The long_description is conventionally the content of the README and CHANGES files appended together. The classifiers field is a list of Trove classifiers describing your application. author and author_email are text fields which probably don’t need any description. url is a field that should point at your application project’s URL (if any). keywords are keywords that describe your project. packages=find_packages(exclude=['tests']) causes all packages within the project to be found when packaging the application. include_package_data will include non-Python files when the application is packaged if those files are checked into version control. zip_safe=False indicates that this package is not safe to use as a zipped egg; instead it will always unpack as a directory, which is more convenient. extras_require is a Python dictionary that defines what is required to be installed for running tests. install_requires indicates that this package depends on the pyramid package. We examined entry_points in our discussion of the development.ini file; this file defines the main entry point that represents our project’s application.

Usually you only need to think about the contents of the setup.py file when distributing your application to other people, when adding Python package dependencies, or when versioning your application for your own use. For fun, you can try this command now:

```
$VENV/bin/python setup.py sdist
```

This will create a tarball of your application in a dist subdirectory named myproject-0.0.tar.gz. You can send this tarball to other people who want to install and use your application.

**The myproject Package**

The myproject package lives inside the myproject project. It contains:

1. An __init__.py file signifies that this is a Python package. It also contains code that helps users run the application, including a main function which is used as a entry point for commands such as pserve, pshell, pviews, and others.

2. A templates directory, which contains Jinja2 (or other types of) templates.

3. A routes.py module, which contains routing code for the application.

4. A views package, which contains view code for the application.

5. A static directory, which contains static files, including images and CSS.

These are purely conventions established by the cookiecutter. Pyramid doesn’t insist that you name things in any particular way. However, it’s generally a good idea to follow Pyramid standards for naming, so that other Pyramid developers can get up to speed quickly on your code when you need help.
We need a small Python module that configures our application and which advertises an entry point for use by our PasteDeploy .ini file. This is the file named __init__.py. The presence of an __init__.py also informs Python that the directory which contains it is a package.

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def main(global_config, **settings):
    """This function returns a Pyramid WSGI application.
    ""
    with Configurator(settings=settings) as config:
        config.include('pyramid_jinja2')
        config.include('.routes')
        config.scan()
    return config.make_wsgi_app()
```

1. Line 1 imports the Configurator class from pyramid.config that we use later.

2. Lines 4-11 define a function named main that returns a Pyramid WSGI application. This function is meant to be called by the PasteDeploy framework as a result of running pserve.

   The main function configures the application.

   Line 7 opens a context manager with an instance of a Configurator.

   Line 8 adds support for Jinja2 templating bindings, allowing us to specify renderers with the .jinja2 extension.

   Line 9 includes the routes.py module.

   Line 10 calls config.scan(), which picks up view registrations declared elsewhere in the package (in this case, in the views.py module).

   Line 11 returns a WSGI application to the caller of the function (Pyramid’s pserve).

See also:

See The Startup Process for more about the application’s settings and main’s arguments and statements.
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routes.py

The `routes.py` module gets included by the main function in our `__init__.py`. It registers a view and a route.

```python
1 def includeme(config):
2     config.add_static_view('static', 'static', cache_max_age=3600)
3     config.add_route('home', '/')
```

Line 2 registers a static view, which will serve up the files from the `myproject:static` asset specification (the `static` directory of the `myproject` package).

Line 3 adds a route to the configuration. This route is later used by a view in the `views` module.

views package

Much of the heavy lifting in a Pyramid application is done by view callables. A view callable is the main tool of a Pyramid web application developer; it is a bit of code which accepts a request and which returns a response.

Our project has a views package by virtue of it being a directory containing an `__init__.py` file. This `__init__.py` file happens to have no content, although it could as a project develops.

We have two view modules in the views package. Let’s look at `default.py`.

```python
1 from pyramid.view import view_config
2
3 @view_config(route_name='home', renderer='myproject:templates/mytemplate.jinja2')
4 def my_view(request):
5     return {'project': 'myproject'}
```

Lines 4-6 define and register a view callable named `my_view`. The function named `my_view` is decorated with a `view_config` decorator (which is processed by the `config.scan()` line in our `__init__.py`). The `view_config` decorator asserts that this view be found when a route named home is matched. In our case, because our `routes.py` maps the route named home to the URL pattern `/`, this route will match when a visitor visits the root URL. The `view_config` decorator also names a renderer, which in this case is a template that will be used to render the result of the view callable. This particular view declaration points at `myproject:templates/mytemplate.jinja2`, which
is an *asset specification* that specifies the mytemplate.jinja2 file within the templates directory of the myproject package. There is a second form of asset specification: a relative asset specification. Instead of using an “absolute” asset specification which includes the package name, in certain circumstances you can omit the package name from the specification. For example, you might be able to use ../_templates/mytemplate.jinja2. The template file pointed to is a Jinja2 template file (templates/mytemplate.jinja2).

This view callable function is handed a single piece of information: the request. The request is an instance of the WebOb Request class representing the browser’s request to our server.

This view is configured to invoke a renderer on a template. The dictionary the view returns (on line 6) provides the value the renderer substitutes into the template when generating HTML. The renderer then returns the HTML in a response.

Dictionaries provide values to templates.

Now let’s look at notfound.py.

```
from pyramid.view import notfound_view_config

@notfound_view_config(renderer='myproject:templates/404.jinja2')
def notfound_view(request):
    request.response.status = 404
    return {}
```

This file is similar to default.py. It merely returns a 404 response status and an empty dictionary to the template at myproject:templates/404.jinja2.

When the application is run with the cookiecutter’s default development.ini configuration, logging is set up to aid debugging. If an exception is raised, uncaught tracebacks are displayed after the startup messages on the console running the server. Also print() statements may be inserted into the application for debugging to send output to this console.

development.ini has a setting that controls how templates are reloaded, pyramid.reload_templates.
• When set to `True` (as in the cookiecutter `development.ini`), changed templates automatically reload without a server restart. This is convenient while developing, but slows template rendering speed.

• When set to `False` (the default value), changing templates requires a server restart to reload them. Production applications should use `pyramid.reload_templates = False`.

See also:

See also *Writing View Callables Which Use a Renderer* for more information about how views, renderers, and templates relate and cooperate.

See also:

Pyramid can also dynamically reload changed Python files. See also *Reloading Code*.

See also:

See also the *The Debug Toolbar*, which provides interactive access to your application’s internals and, should an exception occur, allows interactive access to traceback execution stack frames from the Python interpreter.

static

This directory contains static assets which support the `layout.jinja2` template. It includes CSS and images.

templates/layout.jinja2

This is the base layout content. It contains a single marker for content block. Other templates inherit its content, providing layout for the web application. Its contents are too long to show here, but here is an excerpt:

```python
<div class="col-md-10">
  {% block content %}
  <p>No content</p>
  {% endblock content %}
</div>
```
templates/mytemplate.jinja2

This is the content *Jinja2* template that exists in the project. It is referenced by the call to `@view_config` as the renderer of the `my_view` view callable in the `views/default.py` file. See *Writing View Callables Which Use a Renderer* for more information about renderers. It inherits ("extends") the HTML provided by `layout.jinja2`, replacing the content block with its own content.

```jinja
{% extends "layout.jinja2" %}

{% block content %}

<div class="content">

<h1><span class="font-semi-bold">Pyramid</span>, Starter project</h1>

<p class="lead">Welcome to <span class="font-normal">{{ project }}</span>, a Pyramid application generated by Cookiecutter</p>

</div>

{% endblock content %}
```

Templates are accessed and used by view configurations and sometimes by view functions themselves. See *Using Templates Directly and Templates Used as Renderers via Configuration*.

templates/404.jinja2

This template is similar to `mytemplate.jinja2`, but with a few differences. It is referenced by the call to `@notfound_view_config` as the renderer of the `notfound_view` view callable in the `views/notfound.py` file. It inherits the HTML provided by `layout.jinja2`, replacing the content block with its own content.

```jinja
{% extends "layout.jinja2" %}

{% block content %}

<div class="content">

<h1><span class="font-semi-bold">Pyramid</span>, Starter project</h1>

<p class="lead">404 Page Not Found</p>

</div>

{% endblock content %}
```
Modifying Package Structure

It is best practice for your application’s code layout to not stray too much from accepted Pyramid cookiecutter defaults. If you refrain from changing things very much, other Pyramid coders will be able to more quickly understand your application. However, the code layout choices made for you by a cookiecutter are in no way magical or required. Despite the choices made for you by any cookiecutter, you can decide to lay your code out any way you see fit.

For example, the configuration method named `add_view()` requires you to pass a `dotted Python name` or a direct object reference as the class or function to be used as a view. By default, the `starter` cookiecutter would have you create a `views` directory, and add a single file for each view or collection of related views. However, you might be more comfortable creating a single `views.py` module in your package and add view functions to it.

Whatever structure you prefer, as long as you use the `@view_config` directive to register views in conjunction with `config.scan()`, they will be picked up automatically when the application is restarted.

Using the Interactive Shell

It is possible to use the `pshell` command to load a Python interpreter prompt with a similar configuration as would be loaded if you were running your Pyramid application via `pserve`. This can be a useful debugging tool. See `pshell: The Interactive Shell` for more details.

What Is This pserve Thing

The code generated by a Pyramid cookiecutter assumes that you will be using the `pserve` command to start your application while you do development. `pserve` is a command that reads a `PasteDeploy .ini` file (e.g., `development.ini`), and configures a server to serve a Pyramid application based on the data in the file.

`pserve` is by no means the only way to start up and serve a Pyramid application. As we saw in `Creating Your First Pyramid Application`, `pserve` needn’t be invoked at all to run a Pyramid application. The use of `pserve` to run a Pyramid application is purely conventional based on the output of its cookiecutter. But we strongly recommend using `pserve` while developing your application because many other convenience introspection commands (such as `pviews`, `prequest`, `proutes`, and others) are also implemented in terms of configuration availability of this `.ini` file format. It also configures Pyramid logging and provides the `--reload` switch for convenient restarting of the server when code changes.
Using an Alternate WSGI Server

Pyramid cookiecutters generate projects which use the *Waitress* WSGI server. *Waitress* is a server that is suited for development and light production usage. It’s not the fastest nor the most featureful WSGI server. Instead, its main feature is that it works on all platforms that Pyramid needs to run on, making it a good choice as a default server from the perspective of Pyramid’s developers.

Any WSGI server is capable of running a Pyramid application. But we suggest you stick with the default server for development, and that you wait to investigate other server options until you’re ready to deploy your application to production. Unless for some reason you need to develop on a non-local system, investigating alternate server options is usually a distraction until you’re ready to deploy. But we recommend developing using the default configuration on a local system that you have complete control over; it will provide the best development experience.

One popular production alternative to the default *Waitress* server is *mod_wsgi*. You can use *mod_wsgi* to serve your Pyramid application using the Apache web server rather than any ”pure-Python” server like *Waitress*. It is fast and featureful. See *Running a Pyramid Application under mod_wsgi* for details.

Another good production alternative is *gunicorn*. It’s faster than *Waitress* and slightly easier to configure than *mod_wsgi*, although it depends, in its default configuration, on having a buffering HTTP proxy in front of it. It does not, as of this writing, work on Windows.

Automatically Reloading Your Code

During development, it can be really useful to automatically have the webserver restart when you make changes. *psrve* has a `--reload` switch to enable this. It uses the `hupper` package to enable this behavior. When your code crashes, `hupper` will wait for another change or the `SIGHUP` signal before restarting again.

**inotify support**

By default `hupper` will poll the filesystem for changes to all Python code. This can be pretty inefficient in larger projects. To be nicer to your hard drive, you should install either the watchman or watchdog package in development. `hupper` will use, in order of preference for efficiency, if available, `watchman`, `watchdog`, or finally polling to detect changes to the filesystem.
Monitoring Custom Files

By default, `pserve --reload` will monitor all imported Python code (everything in `sys.modules`) as well as the config file passed to `pserve` (e.g., `development.ini`). You can instruct `pserve` to watch other files for changes as well by defining a `[pserve]` section in your configuration file. For example, let’s say your application loads the `favicon.ico` file at startup and stores it in memory to efficiently serve it many times. When you change it, you want `pserve` to restart:

```
[pserve]
watch_files =
    myproject/static/favicon.ico
```

Paths may be absolute or relative to the configuration file. They may also be an `asset specification`. These paths are passed to `hupper`, which has some basic support for globbing. Acceptable glob patterns depend on the version of Python being used.

0.3.6 Startup

When you cause a Pyramid application to start up in a console window, you’ll see something much like this show up on the console:

```
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini
Starting server in PID 16305.
Serving on http://localhost:6543
Serving on http://localhost:6543
```

This chapter explains what happens between the time you press the "Return" key on your keyboard after typing `pserve development.ini` and the time the lines `Serving on http://localhost:6543` are output to your console.

The Startup Process

The easiest and best-documented way to start and serve a Pyramid application is to use the `pserve` command against a `PasteDeploy .ini` file. This uses the `.ini` file to infer settings and starts a server listening on a port. For the purposes of this discussion, we’ll assume that you are using this command to run your Pyramid application.

Here’s a high-level time-ordered overview of what happens when you press `return` after running `pserve development.ini`. 
1. The pserve command is invoked under your shell with the argument development.ini. As a result, Pyramid recognizes that it is meant to begin to run and serve an application using the information contained within the development.ini file.

2. pserve passes the development.ini path to plaster which finds an available configuration loader that recognizes the ini format.

3. plaster finds the plaster_pastedeploy library which binds the PasteDeploy library and returns a parser that can understand the format.

4. The PasteDeploy finds a section named either [app:main], [pipeline:main], or [composite:main] in the .ini file. This section configures the WSGI webserver which serves your application. As such it is the ini section for your application and can be the source for many of your application’s settings.

   If you’re using a simple application (e.g., [app:main]), the application’s paste.app_factory entry point will be named on the use= line within the section’s configuration. If instead of a simple application, you’re using a WSGI pipeline (e.g., a [pipeline:main] section), the application named on the ”last” element will refer to your Pyramid application. If instead of a simple application or a pipeline, you’re using a ”composite” (e.g., [composite:main]), refer to the documentation for that particular composite to understand how to make it refer to your Pyramid application. In most cases, a Pyramid application built from a cookiecutter will have a single [app:main] section in it, and this will be the application served.

5. The framework finds all logging related configuration in the .ini file and uses it to configure the Python standard library logging system for the application. See Logging Configuration for more information.

6. The application’s entry point, usually the entry point referenced on the above mentioned use= line, is the application’s constructor. It is passed the key/value parameters in the application’s .ini section. The constructor should return a router instance, which is a WSGI application.

   For Pyramid applications, the constructor is a function named main in the __init__.py file within the package in which your application lives. If this function succeeds, it will return a Pyramid router instance. Here’s the contents of an example __init__.py module:

   ```python
   from pyramid.config import Configurator

   def main(global_config, **settings):
       """ This function returns a Pyramid WSGI application. """
       with Configurator(settings=settings) as config:
           config.include('pyramid_jinja2')
           config.include('.routes')
           config.scan()
       return config.make_wsgi_app()
   ```
Note that the constructor function accepts a `global_config` argument, which is a dictionary of key/value pairs mentioned in the [DEFAULT] section of an `.ini` file (if [DEFAULT] is present). It also accepts a **settings** argument, which collects another set of arbitrary key/value pairs. The arbitrary key/value pairs received by this function in **settings** will be composed of all the key/value pairs that are present in the [app:main] section (except for the use= setting) when this function is called when you run `pserve`.

Our generated `development.ini` file looks like so:

```ini
[app:main]
use = egg:myproject
pyramid.reload_templates = true
pyramid.debug_authorization = false
pyramid.debug_notfound = false
pyramid.debug_routematch = false
pyramid.default_locale_name = en
pyramid.includes = pyramid_debugtoolbar

# By default, the toolbar only appears for clients from IP addresses
# '127.0.0.1' and '::1'.
# debugtoolbar.hosts = 127.0.0.1 ::1

[server:main]
use = egg:waitress#main
listen = localhost:6543

[loggers]
keys = root, myproject
```

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In this case, the `myproject.__init__:main` function referred to by the entry point URI `egg:myproject` (see `development.ini` for more information about entry point URIs, and how they relate to callables) will receive the key/value pairs `{pyramid.reload_templates = true, pyramid.debug_authorization = false, pyramid.debug_notfound = false, pyramid.debug_routematch = false, pyramid.default_locale_name = en, and pyramid.includes = pyramid_debugtoolbar}`. See `Environment Variables and .ini File Settings` for the meanings of these keys.

7. The main function begins by making a `configurator`. The dictionary captured via the `**settings` kwarg is passed to the `Configurator` constructor in its `settings` argument. The new configurator holds the application’s `settings` and is able to `commit` any `configuration declarations` the settings contain.

The `settings` dictionary contains all the options in the `[app:main]` section of our `.ini` file except the `use` option (which is internal to PasteDeploy) such as `pyramid.reload_templates`, `pyramid.debug_authorization`, etc. It is `available for use` in your code.
8. The `main` function then calls various methods on the instance of the class `Configurator` created in the previous step. The intent of calling these methods is to populate an application registry, which represents the Pyramid configuration related to the application.

9. The `make_wsgi_app()` method is called. The result is a router instance. The router is associated with the application registry implied by the configurator previously populated by other methods run against the Configurator. The router is a WSGI application.

10. An `ApplicationCreated` event is emitted (see Using Events for more information about events).

11. Assuming there were no errors, the `main` function in `myproject` returns the router instance created by `pyramid.config.Configurator.make_wsgi_app()` back to `pserve`. As far as `pserve` is concerned, it is “just another WSGI application”.

12. `pserve` starts the WSGI server defined within the `[server:main]` section. In our case, this is the Waitress server (use = egg:waitress#main), and it will listen on all interfaces on port 6543 for both IPv4 and IPv6 (listen = localhost:6543). The server code itself is what prints `Serving on http://localhost:6543`. The server serves the application, and the application is running, waiting to receive requests.

See also:

Logging configuration is described in the Logging chapter. There, in Request Logging with Paste’s TransLogger, you will also find an example of how to configure middleware to add pre-packaged functionality to your application.

Deployment Settings

Note that an augmented version of the values passed as **settings** to the Configurator constructor is available in Pyramid view callable code as `request.registry.settings`. You can create objects you wish to access later from view code, and put them into the dictionary you pass to the configurator as settings. They will then be present in the `request.registry.settings` dictionary at application runtime.
0.3.7 Request Processing

Request Processing

-middleware ingress
- execution policy
- tween ingress
- URL dispatch
  - route predicates
- traversal
- view lookup
  - predicates
- view pipeline
- tween egress
- middleware egress

Legend

- event
- external process (middleware, tween)
- internal process
- view deriver
- callback

ContextFound
- authorization
- CSRF checks
- decorators ingress
- view mapper ingress
- view
- view mapper egress
- response adapter
- decorators egress
- response callbacks
- NewResponse
- finished callbacks

BeforeRender
BeforeTraversal
Once a Pyramid application is up and running, it is ready to accept requests and return responses. What happens from the time a WSGI request enters a Pyramid application through to the point that Pyramid hands off a response back to WSGI for upstream processing?

1. A user initiates a request from their browser to the hostname and port number of the WSGI server used by the Pyramid application.

2. The WSGI server used by the Pyramid application passes the WSGI environment to the __call__ method of the Pyramid router object.

3. A request object is created based on the WSGI environment.

4. The application registry and the request object created in the last step are pushed on to the thread local stack that Pyramid uses to allow the functions named get_current_request() and get_current_registry() to work.

5. A NewRequest event is sent to any subscribers.

6. If any route has been defined within application configuration, the Pyramid router calls a URL dispatch "route mapper." The job of the mapper is to examine the request to determine whether any user-defined route matches the current WSGI environment. The router passes the request as an argument to the mapper.

7. If any route matches, the route mapper adds the attributes matchdict and matched_route to the request object. The former contains a dictionary representing the matched dynamic elements of the request’s PATH_INFO value, and the latter contains the IRoute object representing the route which matched.

8. A BeforeTraversal event is sent to any subscribers.

9. Continuing, if any route matches, the root object associated with the found route is generated. If the route configuration which matched has an associated factory argument, then this factory is used to generate the root object; otherwise a default root factory is used.

   However, if no route matches, and if a root_factory argument was passed to the Configurator constructor, that callable is used to generate the root object. If the root_factory argument passed to the Configurator constructor was None, a default root factory is used to generate a root object.

10. The Pyramid router calls a "traverser" function with the root object and the request. The traverser function attempts to traverse the root object (using any existing __getitem__ on the root object and subobjects) to find a context. If the root object has no __getitem__ method, the root itself is assumed to be the context. The exact traversal algorithm is described in Traversal. The traverser function returns a dictionary, which contains a context and a view name as well as other ancillary information.
11. The request is decorated with various names returned from the traverser (such as context, view_name, and so forth), so they can be accessed via, for example, request.context within view code.

12. A ContextFound event is sent to any subscribers.

13. Pyramid looks up a view callable using the context, the request, and the view name. If a view callable doesn’t exist for this combination of objects (based on the type of the context, the type of the request, and the value of the view name, and any predicate attributes applied to the view configuration), Pyramid raises a HTTPNotFound exception, which is meant to be caught by a surrounding exception view.

14. If a view callable was found, Pyramid attempts to call it. If an authorization policy is in use, and the view configuration is protected by a permission, Pyramid determines whether the view callable being asked for can be executed by the requesting user based on credential information in the request and security information attached to the context. If the view execution is allowed, Pyramid calls the view callable to obtain a response. If view execution is forbidden, Pyramid raises a HTTPForbidden exception.

15. If any exception is raised within a root factory, by traversal, by a view callable, or by Pyramid itself (such as when it raises HTTPNotFound or HTTPForbidden), the router catches the exception, and attaches it to the request as the exception attribute. It then attempts to find an exception view callable, that callable is called, and is presumed to generate a response. If an exception view that matches the exception cannot be found, the exception is reraised.

16. The following steps occur only when a response could be successfully generated by a normal view callable or an exception view callable. Pyramid will attempt to execute any response callback functions attached via add_response_callback(). A NewResponse event is then sent to any subscribers. The response object’s __call__ method is then used to generate a WSGI response. The response is sent back to the upstream WSGI server.

17. Pyramid will attempt to execute any finished callback functions attached via add_finished_callback().

18. The thread local stack is popped.
Pyramid Router

1. Obtain a root object from the **root factory**
2. Traverse the model graph from the **root** using the **path**
3. **Traversal** locates the **context** and **view name**
4. Look up a **view callable** in the **registry** using the **context** and **view name**
5. View callable found?
   - No: Return the **Not Found View**
   - Yes: Current user has **authorization** to invoke the view callable?
     - No: Return the **Forbidden View**
     - Yes: Invoke the **view callable**, which returns a **response**
6. Return the **response**
This is a very high-level overview that leaves out various details. For more detail about subsystems invoked by the Pyramid router, such as traversal, URL dispatch, views, and event processing, see URL Dispatch, Views, and Using Events.

### 0.3.8 URL Dispatch

*URL dispatch* provides a simple way to map URLs to *view* code using a simple pattern matching language. An ordered set of patterns is checked one by one. If one of the patterns matches the path information associated with a request, a particular *view callable* is invoked. A view callable is a specific bit of code, defined in your application, that receives the *request* and returns a *response* object.

#### High-Level Operational Overview

If any route configuration is present in an application, the Pyramid *Router* checks every incoming request against an ordered set of URL matching patterns present in a *route map*.

If any route pattern matches the information in the *request*, Pyramid will invoke the *view lookup* process to find a matching view.

If no route pattern in the route map matches the information in the *request* provided in your application, Pyramid will fail over to using *traversal* to perform resource location and view lookup.

#### Route Configuration

*Route configuration* is the act of adding a new *route* to an application. A route has a *name*, which acts as an identifier to be used for URL generation. The name also allows developers to associate a view configuration with the route. A route also has a *pattern*, meant to match against the PATH_INFO portion of a URL (the portion following the scheme and port, e.g., `/foo/bar` in the URL `http://localhost:8080/foo/bar`). It also optionally has a *factory* and a set of *route predicate* attributes.

#### Configuring a Route to Match a View

The `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()` method adds a single *route configuration* to the *application registry*. Here’s an example:
# "config" below is presumed to be an instance of the
# pyramid.config.Configurator class; "myview" is assumed
# to be a "view callable" function
from views import myview
config.add_route('myroute', '/prefix/{one}/{two}
config.add_view(myview, route_name='myroute')

When a view callable added to the configuration by way of add_view() becomes associated with a route
via its route_name predicate, that view callable will always be found and invoked when the associated
route pattern matches during a request.

More commonly, you will not use any add_view statements in your project’s "setup" code. You will
instead use add_route statements, and use a scan to associate view calleables with routes. For example,
if this is a portion of your project’s __init__.py:

    config.add_route('myroute', '/prefix/{one}/{two}
    config.scan('mypackage')

Note that we don’t call add_view() in this setup code. However, the above scan execution config.
scan('mypackage') will pick up each configuration decoration, including any objects decorated with
the pyramid.view.view_config decorator in the mypackage Python package. For example, if
you have a views.py in your package, a scan will pick up any of its configuration decorators, so we can
add one there that references myroute as a route_name parameter:

    from pyramid.view import view_config
    from pyramid.response import Response

    @view_config(route_name='myroute')
    def myview(request):
        return Response('OK')

The above combination of add_route and scan is completely equivalent to using the previous combi-
nation of add_route and add_view.

Route Pattern Syntax

The syntax of the pattern matching language used by Pyramid URL dispatch in the pattern argument is
straightforward. It is close to that of the Routes system used by Pylons.

The pattern used in route configuration may start with a slash character. If the pattern does not start with
a slash character, an implicit slash will be prepended to it at matching time. For example, the following
patterns are equivalent:
and:

/{foo}/bar/baz

If a pattern is a valid URL it won’t be matched against an incoming request. Instead it can be useful for generating external URLs. See External routes for details.

A pattern segment (an individual item between / characters in the pattern) may either be a literal string (e.g., foo) or it may be a replacement marker (e.g., {foo}), or a certain combination of both. A replacement marker does not need to be preceded by a / character.

A replacement marker is in the format {name}, where this means "accept any characters up to the next slash character and use this as the name matchdict value."

A replacement marker in a pattern must begin with an uppercase or lowercase ASCII letter or an underscore, and can be composed only of uppercase or lowercase ASCII letters, underscores, and numbers. For example: a, a_b, _b, and b9 are all valid replacement marker names, but 0a is not.

Changed in version 1.2: A replacement marker could not start with an underscore until Pyramid 1.2. Previous versions required that the replacement marker start with an uppercase or lowercase letter.

A matchdict is the dictionary representing the dynamic parts extracted from a URL based on the routing pattern. It is available as request.matchdict. For example, the following pattern defines one literal segment (foo) and two replacement markers (baz, and bar):

foo/{baz}/{bar}

The above pattern will match these URLs, generating the following matchdicts:

foo/1/2  -> { 'baz': '1', 'bar': '2' }
foo/abc/def  -> { 'baz': 'abc', 'bar': 'def' }

It will not match the following patterns however:

foo/1/2/  -> No match (trailing slash)
bar/abc/def  -> First segment literal mismatch

The match for a segment replacement marker in a segment will be done only up to the first non-alphanumeric character in the segment in the pattern. So, for instance, if this route pattern was used:
foo/{name}.html

The literal path /foo/biz.html will match the above route pattern, and the match result will be {'name': 'biz'}. However, the literal path /foo/biz will not match, because it does not contain a literal .html at the end of the segment represented by {name}.html (it only contains biz, not biz.html).

To capture both segments, two replacement markers can be used:

foo/{name}.{ext}

The literal path /foo/biz.html will match the above route pattern, and the match result will be {'name': 'biz', 'ext': 'html'}. This occurs because there is a literal part of . (period) between the two replacement markers {name} and {ext}.

Replacement markers can optionally specify a regular expression which will be used to decide whether a path segment should match the marker. To specify that a replacement marker should match only a specific set of characters as defined by a regular expression, you must use a slightly extended form of replacement marker syntax. Within braces, the replacement marker name must be followed by a colon, then directly thereafter, the regular expression. The default regular expression associated with a replacement marker ^[^/]+ matches one or more characters which are not a slash. For example, under the hood, the replacement marker {foo} can more verbosely be spelled as {foo: ^[^/]+}. You can change this to be an arbitrary regular expression to match an arbitrary sequence of characters, such as {foo: \d+} to match only digits.

It is possible to use two replacement markers without any literal characters between them, for instance /{foo}{bar}. However, this would be a nonsensical pattern without specifying a custom regular expression to restrict what each marker captures.

Segments must contain at least one character in order to match a segment replacement marker. For example, for the URL /abc/:

• /abc/{foo} will not match.
• /{foo}/ will match.

Note that values representing matched path segments will be URL-unquoted and decoded from UTF-8 into Unicode within the matchdict. So for instance, the following pattern:
foo/\{bar\}\n
When matching the following URL:

```
http://example.com/foo/La%20Pe%C3%B1a
```

The matchdict will look like so (the value is URL-decoded / UTF-8 decoded):

```
{\'bar\': \'La Pe\xf1a\'}
```

Literal strings in the path segment should represent the *decoded* value of the \PATH_INFO\ provided to Pyramid. You don’t want to use a URL-encoded value or a bytestring representing the literal encoded as UTF-8 in the pattern. For example, rather than this:

```
/Foo%20Bar/{baz}
```

You’ll want to use something like this:

```
/Foo Bar/{baz}
```

For patterns that contain "high-order" characters in its literals, you’ll want to use a Unicode value as the pattern as opposed to any URL-encoded or UTF-8-encoded value. For example, you might be tempted to use a bytestring pattern like this:

```
/La Pe\xc3\xb1a/{x}
```

But this will either cause an error at startup time or it won’t match properly. You’ll want to use a Unicode value as the pattern instead rather than raw bytestring escapes. You can use a high-order Unicode value as the pattern by using Python source file encoding plus the "real" character in the Unicode pattern in the source, like so:

```
/La Peñ\a/{x}
```

Or you can ignore source file encoding and use equivalent Unicode escape characters in the pattern.
Dynamic segment names cannot contain high-order characters, so this applies only to literals in the pattern.

If the pattern has a * in it, the name which follows it is considered a "remainder match". A remainder match must come at the end of the pattern. Unlike segment replacement markers, it does not need to be preceded by a slash. For example:

```
foo/{baz}/{bar}*fizzle
```

The above pattern will match these URLs, generating the following matchdicts:

```
foo/1/2/  ->  {'baz': '1', 'bar': '2', 'fizzle': ()}
foo/abc/def/a/b/c  ->  {'baz': 'abc', 'bar': 'def', 'fizzle': ('a', 'b', 'c')}
```

Note that when a *stararg remainder match is matched, the value put into the matchdict is turned into a tuple of path segments representing the remainder of the path. These path segments are URL-unquoted and decoded from UTF-8 into Unicode. For example, for the following pattern:

```
foo/*fizzle
```

When matching the following path:

```
/foo/"La Peñaita"/a/b/c
```

Will generate the following matchdict:

```
{'fizzle': ('La Peñaita', 'a', 'b', 'c')}
```

By default, the *stararg will parse the remainder sections into a tuple split by segment. Changing the regular expression used to match a marker can also capture the remainder of the URL, for example:

```
foo/{baz}/{bar}{fizzle:.*}
```

The above pattern will match these URLs, generating the following matchdicts:
This occurs because the default regular expression for a marker is `[^/]+` which will match everything up to the first `/`, while `{fizzle:.*}` will result in a regular expression match of `.*` capturing the remainder into a single value.

### Route Declaration Ordering

Route configuration declarations are evaluated in a specific order when a request enters the system. As a result, the order of route configuration declarations is very important. The order in which route declarations are evaluated is the order in which they are added to the application at startup time. (This is unlike a different way of mapping URLs to code that Pyramid provides, named traversal, which does not depend on pattern ordering).

For routes added via the `add_route` method, the order that routes are evaluated is the order in which they are added to the configuration imperatively.

For example, route configuration statements with the following patterns might be added in the following order:

```
members/{def}
members/abc
```

In such a configuration, the `members/abc` pattern would never be matched. This is because the match ordering will always match `members/{def}` first; the route configuration with `members/abc` will never be evaluated.

### Route Configuration Arguments

Route configuration `add_route` statements may specify a large number of arguments. They are documented as part of the API documentation at `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()`.

Many of these arguments are route predicate arguments. A route predicate argument specifies that some aspect of the request must be true for the associated route to be considered a match during the route matching process. Examples of route predicate arguments are pattern, xhr, and request_method.

Other arguments are name and factory. These arguments represent neither predicates nor view configuration information.
Route Matching

The main purpose of route configuration is to match (or not match) the `PATH_INFO` present in the WSGI environment provided during a request against a URL path pattern. `PATH_INFO` represents the path portion of the URL that was requested.

The way that Pyramid does this is very simple. When a request enters the system, for each route configuration declaration present in the system, Pyramid checks the request’s `PATH_INFO` against the pattern declared. This checking happens in the order that the routes were declared via `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()`.

When a route configuration is declared, it may contain `route predicate` arguments. All route predicates associated with a route declaration must be `True` for the route configuration to be used for a given request during a check. If any predicate in the set of `route predicate` arguments provided to a route configuration returns `False` during a check, that route is skipped and route matching continues through the ordered set of routes.

If any route matches, the route matching process stops and the view lookup subsystem takes over to find the most reasonable view callable for the matched route. Most often, there’s only one view that will match (a view configured with a `route_name` argument matching the matched route). To gain a better understanding of how routes and views are associated in a real application, you can use the `pviews` command, as documented in `pviews: Displaying Matching Views for a Given URL`.

If no route matches after all route patterns are exhausted, Pyramid falls back to traversal to do resource location and view lookup.

The Matchdict

When the URL pattern associated with a particular route configuration is matched by a request, a dictionary named `matchdict` is added as an attribute of the `request` object. Thus, `request.matchdict` will contain the values that match replacement patterns in the `pattern` element. The keys in a matchdict will be strings. The values will be Unicode objects.

If no route URL pattern matches, the `matchdict` object attached to the request will be `None`. 
The Matched Route

When the URL pattern associated with a particular route configuration is matched by a request, an object named `matched_route` is added as an attribute of the `request` object. Thus, `request.matched_route` will be an object implementing the `IRoute` interface which matched the request. The most useful attribute of the route object is `name`, which is the name of the route that matched.

> If no route URL pattern matches, the `matched_route` object attached to the request will be `None`.

Routing Examples

Let’s check out some examples of how route configuration statements might be commonly declared, and what will happen if they are matched by the information present in a request.

Example 1

The simplest route declaration which configures a route match to `directly` result in a particular view callable being invoked:

```python
config.add_route('idea', 'site/{id}')
config.scan()
```

When a route configuration with a `view` attribute is added to the system, and an incoming request matches the `pattern` of the route configuration, the `view callable` named as the `view` attribute of the route configuration will be invoked.

Recall that the `@view_config` is equivalent to calling `config.add_view`, because the `config.scan()` call will import `mypackage.views`, shown below, and execute `config.add_view` under the hood. Each view then maps the route name to the matching view callable. In the case of the above example, when the URL of a request matches `/site/{id}`, the view callable at the Python dotted path name `mypackage.views.site_view` will be called with the request. In other words, we’ve associated a view callable directly with a route pattern.

When the `/site/{id}` route pattern matches during a request, the `site_view` view callable is invoked with that request as its sole argument. When this route matches, a `matchdict` will be generated and attached to the request as `request.matchdict`. If the specific URL matched is `/site/1`, the `matchdict` will be a dictionary with a single key, `id`; the value will be the string `'1'`, ex.: `{ 'id': '1' }`.

The `mypackage.views` module referred to above might look like so:
The view has access to the matchdict directly via the request, and can access variables within it that match keys present as a result of the route pattern.

See Views, and View Configuration for more information about views.

Example 2

Below is an example of a more complicated set of route statements you might add to your application:

```python
config.add_route('idea', 'ideas/{idea}')
config.add_route('user', 'users/{user}')
config.add_route('tag', 'tags/{tag}')
config.scan()
```

Here is an example of a corresponding mypackage.views module:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config
from pyramid.response import Response

@view_config(route_name='idea')
def idea_view(request):
    return Response(request.matchdict['idea'])

@view_config(route_name='user')
def user_view(request):
    user = request.matchdict['user']
    return Response('The user is {}.').format(user)

@view_config(route_name='tag')
def tag_view(request):
    tag = request.matchdict['tag']
    return Response('The tag is {}.').format(tag)
```

The above configuration will allow Pyramid to service URLs in these forms:
• When a URL matches the pattern `/ideas/{idea}`, the view callable available at the dotted Python pathname `mypackage.views.idea_view` will be called. For the specific URL `/ideas/1`, the `matchdict` generated and attached to the `request` will consist of `{idea: '1'}`.

• When a URL matches the pattern `/users/{user}`, the view callable available at the dotted Python pathname `mypackage.views.user_view` will be called. For the specific URL `/users/1`, the `matchdict` generated and attached to the `request` will consist of `{user: '1'}`.

• When a URL matches the pattern `/tags/{tag}`, the view callable available at the dotted Python pathname `mypackage.views.tag_view` will be called. For the specific URL `/tags/1`, the `matchdict` generated and attached to the `request` will consist of `{tag: '1'}`.

In this example we’ve again associated each of our routes with a `view callable` directly. In all cases, the `request`, which will have a `matchdict` attribute detailing the information found in the URL by the process will be passed to the view callable.

**Example 3**

The `context` resource object passed in to a view found as the result of URL dispatch will, by default, be an instance of the object returned by the `root factory` configured at startup time (the `root_factory` argument to the `Configurator` used to configure the application).

You can override this behavior by passing in a `factory` argument to the `add_route()` method for a particular route. The `factory` should be a callable that accepts a `request` and returns an instance of a class that will be the context resource used by the view.

An example of using a route with a factory:

```python
config.add_route('idea', 'ideas/{idea}', factory='myproject.resources.Idea')
config.scan()
```

The above route will manufacture an `Idea` resource as a `context`, assuming that `mypackage.resources.Idea` resolves to a class that accepts a request in its `__init__`. For example:
In a more complicated application, this root factory might be a class representing a SQLAlchemy model. The view `mypackage.views.idea_view` might look like this:

```python
@view_config(route_name='idea')
def idea_view(request):
    idea = request.context
    return Response(idea)
```

Here, `request.context` is an instance of `Idea`. If indeed the resource object is a SQLAlchemy model, you do not even have to perform a query in the view callable, since you have access to the resource via `request.context`.

See `Route Factories` for more details about how to use route factories.

### Matching the Root URL

It’s not entirely obvious how to use a route pattern to match the root URL ("/"). To do so, give the empty string as a pattern in a call to `add_route()`:

```python
config.add_route('root', '')
```

Or provide the literal string `/` as the pattern:

```python
config.add_route('root', '/')
```

### Generating Route URLs

Use the `pyramid.request.Request.route_url()` method to generate URLs based on route patterns. For example, if you’ve configured a route with the name "foo" and the pattern "{a}/{b}/{c}", you might do this.
url = request.route_url('foo', a='1', b='2', c='3')

This would return something like the string http://example.com/1/2/3 (at least if the current protocol and hostname implied http://example.com).

To generate only the path portion of a URL from a route, use the pyramid.request.Request.route_path() API instead of route_url().

url = request.route_path('foo', a='1', b='2', c='3')

This will return the string /1/2/3 rather than a full URL.

Replacement values passed to route_url or route_path must be Unicode or bytestrings encoded in UTF-8. One exception to this rule exists: if you’re trying to replace a "remainder" match value (a *stararg replacement value), the value may be a tuple containing Unicode strings or UTF-8 strings.

Note that URLs and paths generated by route_url and route_path are always URL-quoted string types (they contain no non-ASCII characters). Therefore, if you’ve added a route like so:

config.add_route('la', '/La Peña/{city}')

And you later generate a URL using route_path or route_url like so:

url = request.route_path('la', city='Québec')

You will wind up with the path encoded to UTF-8 and URL-quoted like so:

/La%20Pe%C3%A7a/Qu%C3%A9bec

If you have a *stararg remainder dynamic part of your route pattern:

config.add_route('abc', 'a/b/c/*foo')

And you later generate a URL using route_path or route_url using a string as the replacement value:
The value you pass will be URL-quoted except for embedded slashes in the result:

```
/a/b/c/Québec/biz
```

You can get a similar result by passing a tuple composed of path elements:

```
url = request.route_path('abc', foo=('Québec', 'biz'))
```

Each value in the tuple will be URL-quoted and joined by slashes in this case:

```
/a/b/c/Québec/biz
```

**Static Routes**

Routes may be added with a `static` keyword argument. For example:

```python
config = Configurator()
config.add_route('page', '/page/{action}', static=True)
```

Routes added with a `True` `static` keyword argument will never be considered for matching at request time. Static routes are useful for URL generation purposes only. As a result, it is usually nonsensical to provide other non-name and non-pattern arguments to `add_route()` when `static` is passed as `True`, as none of the other arguments will ever be employed. A single exception to this rule is use of the `pregenerator` argument, which is not ignored when `static` is `True`.

*External routes* are implicitly static.

New in version 1.1: the `static` argument to `add_route()`.

**External Routes**

New in version 1.5.

Route patterns that are valid URLs, are treated as external routes. Like static routes they are useful for URL generation purposes only and are never considered for matching at request time.
Most pattern replacements and calls to `pyramid.request.Request.route_url()` will work as expected. However, calls to `pyramid.request.Request.route_path()` against external patterns will raise an exception, and passing `_app_url` to `route_url()` to generate a URL against a route that has an external pattern will also raise an exception.

### Redirecting to Slash-Appended Routes

For behavior like Django’s `APPEND_SLASH=True`, use the `append_slash` argument to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_notfound_view()` or the equivalent `append_slash` argument to the `pyramid.view.notfound_view_config` decorator.

Adding `append_slash=True` is a way to automatically redirect requests where the URL lacks a trailing slash, but requires one to match the proper route. When configured, along with at least one other route in your application, this view will be invoked if the value of `PATH_INFO` does not already end in a slash, and if the value of `PATH_INFO` plus a slash matches any route’s pattern. In this case it does an HTTP redirect to the slash-appended `PATH_INFO`. In addition you may pass anything that implements `pyramid.interfaces.IResponse` which will then be used in place of the default class (`pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPFound`).

Let’s use an example. If the following routes are configured in your application:

```python
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPNotFound

def notfound(request):
    return HTTPNotFound()

def no_slash(request):
    return Response('No slash')

def has_slash(request):
    return Response('Has slash')

def main(g, **settings):
    config = Configurator()
```
If a request enters the application with the PATH_INFO value of /no_slash, the first route will match and the browser will show "No slash". However, if a request enters the application with the PATH_INFO value of /no_slash/, no route will match, and the slash-appending not found view will not find a matching route with an appended slash. As a result, the notfound view will be called and it will return a "Not found" body.

If a request enters the application with the PATH_INFO value of /has_slash/, the second route will match. If a request enters the application with the PATH_INFO value of /has_slash, a route will be found by the slash-appending Not Found View. An HTTP redirect to /has_slash/ will be returned to the user’s browser. As a result, the notfound view will never actually be called.

The following application uses the pyramid.view.notfound_view_config and pyramid.view.view_config decorators and a scan to do exactly the same job:

```python
def main(g, **settings):
    config = Configurator()
    config.add_route('noslash', 'no_slash')
    config.add_route('hasslash', 'has_slash/')
    config.add_view(no_slash, route_name='noslash')
    config.add_view(has_slash, route_name='hasslash')
    config.add_notfound_view(notfound, append_slash=True)
```
You should not rely on this mechanism to redirect POST requests. The redirect of the slash-appending Not Found View will turn a POST request into a GET, losing any POST data in the original request.

See pyramid.view and Changing the Not Found View for a more general description of how to configure a view and/or a Not Found View.

### Debugging Route Matching

It’s useful to be able to take a peek under the hood when requests that enter your application aren’t matching your routes as you expect them to. To debug route matching, use the PYRAMID_DEBUG_ROUTEMATCH environment variable or the pyramid.debug_routematch configuration file setting (set either to true). Details of the route matching decision for a particular request to the Pyramid application will be printed to the stderr of the console which you started the application from. For example:

```
1  PYRAMID_DEBUG_ROUTEMATCH=true $VENV/bin/pserve development.ini
2  Starting server in PID 13586.
3  serving on 0.0.0.0:6543 view at http://127.0.0.1:6543
4  2010-12-16 14:45:19,956 no route matched for url \
5  http://localhost:6543/wontmatch
6  2010-12-16 14:45:20,010 no route matched for url \
7  http://localhost:6543/favicon.ico
8  2010-12-16 14:41:52,084 route matched for url \
9  http://localhost:6543/static/logo.png; \n10 route_name: 'static/', ....
```

See Environment Variables and .ini File Settings for more information about how and where to set these values.

You can also use the proutes command to see a display of all the routes configured in your application. For more information, see proutes: Displaying All Application Routes.

### Using a Route Prefix to Compose Applications

New in version 1.2.

The pyramid.config.Configurator.include() method allows configuration statements to be included from separate files. See Rules for Building an Extensible Application for information about this
method. Using `pyramid.config.Configurator.include()` allows you to build your application from small and potentially reusable components.

The `pyramid.config.Configurator.include()` method accepts an argument named `route_prefix` which can be useful to authors of URL-dispatch-based applications. If `route_prefix` is supplied to the include method, it must be a string. This string represents a route prefix that will be prepended to all route patterns added by the included configuration. Any calls to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()` within the included callable will have their pattern prefixed with the value of `route_prefix`. This can be used to help mount a set of routes at a different location than the included callable’s author intended while still maintaining the same route names. For example:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def users_include(config):
    config.add_route('show_users', '/show')

def main(global_config, **settings):
    config = Configurator()
    config.include(users_include, route_prefix='/users')
```

In the above configuration, the `show_users` route will have an effective route pattern of `/users/show` instead of `/show` because the `route_prefix` argument will be prepended to the pattern. The route will then only match if the URL path is `/users/show`, and when the `pyramid.request.Request.route_url()` function is called with the route name `show_users`, it will generate a URL with that same path.

To create a route that matches requests to the `route_prefix` without a trailing slash, pass `inherit_slash=True` to the call to `add_route`.

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def users_include(config):
    config.add_route('show_users', '', inherit_slash=True)

def main(global_config, **settings):
    config = Configurator()
    config.include(users_include, route_prefix='/users')
```

The above configuration will match `/users` instead of `/users/`.

Route prefixes are recursive, so if a callable executed via an include itself turns around and includes another callable, the second-level route prefix will be prepended with the first:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def users_include(config):
    config.add_route('show_users', '', inherit_slash=True)

def main(global_config, **settings):
    config = Configurator()
    config.include(users_include, route_prefix='/users')
```
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def timing_include(config):
    config.add_route('show_times', '/times')

def users_include(config):
    config.add_route('show_users', '/show')
    config.include(timing_include, route_prefix='/timing')

def main(global_config, **settings):
    config = Configurator()
    config.include(users_include, route_prefix='/users')

In the above configuration, the show_users route will still have an effective route pattern of /users/show. The show_times route, however, will have an effective pattern of /users/timing/times.

Route prefixes have no impact on the requirement that the set of route names in any given Pyramid configuration must be entirely unique. If you compose your URL dispatch application out of many small sub-applications using pyramid.config.Configurator.include(), it’s wise to use a dotted name for your route names so they’ll be unlikely to conflict with other packages that may be added in the future. For example:

from pyramid.config import Configurator

def timing_include(config):
    config.add_route('timing.show_times', '/times')

def users_include(config):
    config.add_route('users.show_users', '/show')
    config.include(timing_include, route_prefix='/timing')

def main(global_config, **settings):
    config = Configurator()
    config.include(users_include, route_prefix='/users')

A convenience context manager exists to set the route prefix for any pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route() or pyramid.config.Configurator.include() calls within the context.

from pyramid.config import Configurator

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```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def main(global_config, **settings)
    config = Configurator()
    with config.route_prefix_context('/timing'):
        config.include(timing_include)
        config.add_route('timing.show_times', '/times')
    config.add_route_predicate('any_of', AnyOfPredicate)
    config.add_route('route_to_num', '/{num}', any_of=('num', 'one', 'two', 'three'))
```

**Custom Route Predicates**

A predicate is a callable that accepts two arguments: a dictionary conventionally named `info`, and the current `request` object.

The `info` dictionary has a number of contained values, including `match` and `route`. `match` is a dictionary which represents the arguments matched in the URL by the route. `route` is an object representing the route which was matched (see `pyramid.interfaces.IRoute` for the API of such a route object).

`info['match']` is useful when predicates need access to the route match. Imagine you want to define a route when a part of the URL matches some specific values. You could define three view configurations, each one with its own `match_param` value (see *Predicate Arguments*), but you want to think of it as one route, and associate it with one view. See this code:

```python
class AnyOfPredicate:
    def __init__(self, val, info):
        self.segment_name = val[0]
        self.allowed = tuple(val[0:])

    def text(self):
        args = (self.segment_name,) + self.allowed
        return 'any_of = $s' % (args,)

    __call__(self, info, request):
        return info['match'][self.segment_name] in self.allowed
```

Configure the route to use the `any_of` predicate by setting `any_of` to a tuple of allowed values.
We register this class as a *predicate factory* with the `any_of` keyword argument name. Then we use that new keyword argument with `add_route()`. When the route is requested, Pyramid instantiates the `AnyOfPredicate` class using the value passed to the `any_of` argument. (The `info` parameter passed to the factory contains some metadata, you can ignore it for now.) The resulting instance is a *predicate*. It will determine whether incoming requests satisfy its condition. In the example above, a request for `/three` would match the route’s URL pattern and satisfy the route’s predicate because `three` is one of the allowed values, so the route would be matched. However a request for `/millions` will match the route’s URL pattern but would not satisfy the route’s predicate, and the route would not be matched.

A custom route predicate may also *modify* the `match` dictionary. For instance, a predicate might do some type conversion of values:

```python
class IntegersPredicate:
    def __init__(self, val, info):
        self.segment_names = val

    def text(self):
        return 'integers = %s' % (self.segment_names,)

    phash = text

    def __call__(self, info, request):
        match = info['match']
        for segment_name in self.segment_names:
            try:
                match[segment_name] = int(match[segment_name])
            except (TypeError, ValueError):
                pass
        return True

config.add_route_predicate('integers', IntegersPredicate)
config.add_route('ymd', '/{year}/(month)/(day)',
    integers=('year', 'month', 'day'))
```

Note that a conversion predicate is still a predicate, so it must return `True` or `False`. A predicate that does *only* conversion, such as the one we demonstrate above, should unconditionally return `True`.

To avoid the try/except uncertainty, the route pattern can contain regular expressions specifying requirements for that marker. For instance:

```python
class IntegersPredicate:
    def __init__(self, val, info):
        self.segment_names = val
```

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def text(self):
    return 'integers = %s' % (self.segment_names,)

phash = text

def __call__(self, info, request):
    match = info['match']
    for segment_name in self.segment_names:
        match[segment_name] = int(match[segment_name])
    return True

config.add_route_predicate('integers', IntegersPredicate)
config.add_route('ymd', r'/{year:\d+}/{month:\d+}/{day:\d+}',
                 integers=('%year', '%month', '%day'))

Now the try/except is no longer needed because the route will not match at all unless these markers match \d+ which requires them to be valid digits for an int type conversion.

The match dictionary passed within info to each predicate attached to a route will be the same dictionary. Therefore, when registering a custom predicate which modifies the match dict, the code registering the predicate should usually arrange for the predicate to be the last custom predicate in the custom predicate list. Otherwise, custom predicates which fire subsequent to the predicate which performs the match modification will receive the modified match dictionary.

⚠️ It is a poor idea to rely on ordering of custom predicates to build a conversion pipeline, where one predicate depends on the side effect of another. For instance, it’s a poor idea to register two custom predicates, one which handles conversion of a value to an int, the next which handles conversion of that integer to some custom object. Just do all that in a single custom predicate.

The route object in the info dict is an object that has two useful attributes: name and pattern. The name attribute is the route name. The pattern attribute is the route pattern. Here’s an example of using the route in a set of route predicates:

class TwentyTenPredicate:
    def __init__(self, val, info):
        pass

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The above predicate, when added to a number of route configurations ensures that the year match argument is 2010 if and only if the route name is ymd, ym, or y.

The `text` method is a way to caption the predicates. This will help you with the `pviews` command (see `proutes: Displaying All Application Routes`) and the `pyramid_debugtoolbar`.

The `phash` ("predicate hash") method should return a string that uniquely identifies a specific predicate. A good way to do that is to use the same argument name and value that are in the call to `add_route`, like in the examples above.

See also:

See *Adding a Custom View, Route, or Subscriber Predicate* for more information about custom view, route, and subscriber predicates.

See also `pyramid.interfaces.IRoute` for more API documentation about route objects.

**Route Factories**

Although it is not a particularly common need in basic applications, a "route" configuration declaration can mention a "factory". When a route matches a request, and a factory is attached to the route, the root factory passed at startup time to the `Configurator` is ignored. Instead the factory associated with the route is used to generate a root object. This object will usually be used as the context resource of the view callable ultimately found via view lookup.
The factory can either be a Python object or a *dotted Python name* (a string) which points to such a Python object, as it is above.

In this way, each route can use a different factory, making it possible to supply a different *context* resource object to the view related to each particular route.

A factory must be a callable which accepts a request and returns an arbitrary Python object. For example, the below class can be used as a factory:

```python
class Mine(object):
    def __init__(self, request):
        pass
```

A route factory is actually conceptually identical to the *root factory* described at *The Resource Tree*.

Supplying a different resource factory for each route is useful when you’re trying to use a Pyramid *authorization policy* to provide declarative, ”context sensitive” security checks. Each resource can maintain a separate *ACL*, as documented in *Using Pyramid Security with URL Dispatch*. It is also useful when you wish to combine URL dispatch with *traversal* as documented within *Combining Traversal and URL Dispatch*.

### Using Pyramid Security with URL Dispatch

Pyramid provides its own security framework which consults an *authorization policy* before allowing any application code to be called. This framework operates in terms of an access control list, which is stored as an *__acl__* attribute of a resource object. A common thing to want to do is to attach an *__acl__* to the resource object dynamically for declarative security purposes. You can use the *factory* argument that points at a factory which attaches a custom *__acl__* to an object at its creation time.

Such a factory might look like so:

```python
class Article(object):
    def __init__(self, request):
        matchdict = request.matchdict
        article = matchdict.get('article', None)
        if article == '1':
            self.__acl__ = [ (Allow, 'editor', 'view') ]
```
If the route `archives/{article}` is matched, and the article number is 1, Pyramid will generate an Article context resource with an ACL on it that allows the editor principal the view permission. Obviously you can do more generic things than inspect the route’s match dict to see if the article argument matches a particular string. Our sample Article factory class is not very ambitious.

See Security for more information about Pyramid security and ACLs.

**Route View Callable Registration and Lookup Details**

When a request enters the system which matches the pattern of the route, the usual result is simple: the view callable associated with the route is invoked with the request that caused the invocation.

For most usage, you needn’t understand more than this. How it works is an implementation detail. In the interest of completeness, however, we’ll explain how it *does* work in this section. You can skip it if you’re uninterested.

When a view is associated with a route configuration, Pyramid ensures that a view configuration is registered that will always be found when the route pattern is matched during a request. To do so:

- A special route-specific interface is created at startup time for each route configuration declaration.
- When an add_view statement mentions a route name attribute, a view configuration is registered at startup time. This view configuration uses a route-specific interface as a request type.
- At runtime, when a request causes any route to match, the request object is decorated with the route-specific interface.
- The fact that the request is decorated with a route-specific interface causes the view lookup machinery to always use the view callable registered using that interface by the route configuration to service requests that match the route pattern.

As we can see from the above description, technically, URL dispatch doesn’t actually map a URL pattern directly to a view callable. Instead URL dispatch is a resource location mechanism. A Pyramid resource location subsystem (i.e., URL dispatch or traversal) finds a resource object that is the context of a request. Once the context is determined, a separate subsystem named view lookup is then responsible for finding and invoking a view callable based on information available in the context and the request. When URL dispatch is used, the resource location and view lookup subsystems provided by Pyramid are still being utilized, but in a way which does not require a developer to understand either of them in detail.

If no route is matched using URL dispatch, Pyramid falls back to traversal to handle the request.
References

A tutorial showing how URL dispatch can be used to create a Pyramid application exists in SQLAlchemy + URL dispatch wiki tutorial.

0.3.9 Views

One of the primary jobs of Pyramid is to find and invoke a view callable when a request reaches your application. View callables are bits of code which do something interesting in response to a request made to your application. They are the ”meat” of any interesting web application.

A Pyramid view callable is often referred to in conversational shorthand as a view. In this documentation, however, we need to use less ambiguous terminology because there are significant differences between view configuration, the code that implements a view callable, and the process of view lookup.

This chapter describes how view callables should be defined. We’ll have to wait until a following chapter (entitled View Configuration) to find out how we actually tell Pyramid to wire up view callables to particular URL patterns and other request circumstances.

View Callables

View callables are, at the risk of sounding obvious, callable Python objects. Specifically, view callables can be functions, classes, or instances that implement a `__call__` method (making the instance callable).

View callables must, at a minimum, accept a single argument named `request`. This argument represents a Pyramid Request object. A request object represents a WSGI environment provided to Pyramid by the upstream WSGI server. As you might expect, the request object contains everything your application needs to know about the specific HTTP request being made.

A view callable’s ultimate responsibility is to create a Pyramid Response object. This can be done by creating a Response object in the view callable code and returning it directly or by raising special kinds of exceptions from within the body of a view callable.

Defining a View Callable as a Function

One of the easiest ways to define a view callable is to create a function that accepts a single argument named `request`, and which returns a Response object. For example, this is a ”hello world” view callable implemented as a function:
```python
from pyramid.response import Response

def hello_world(request):
    return Response('Hello world!')
```

**Defining a View Callable as a Class**

A view callable may also be represented by a Python class instead of a function. When a view callable is a class, the calling semantics are slightly different than when it is a function or another non-class callable. When a view callable is a class, the class’s `__init__` method is called with a `request` parameter. As a result, an instance of the class is created. Subsequently, that instance’s `__call__` method is invoked with no parameters. Views defined as classes must have the following traits.

- an `__init__` method that accepts a `request` argument
- a `__call__` (or other) method that accepts no parameters and which returns a response

For example:

```python
from pyramid.response import Response
class MyView(object):
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request
    def __call__(self):
        return Response('hello')
```

The request object passed to `__init__` is the same type of request object described in *Defining a View Callable as a Function*.

If you’d like to use a different attribute than `__call__` to represent the method expected to return a response, you can use an `attr` value as part of the configuration for the view. See *View Configuration Parameters*. The same view callable class can be used in different view configuration statements with different `attr` values, each pointing at a different method of the class if you’d like the class to represent a collection of related view callables.
View Callable Responses

A view callable may return an object that implements the Pyramid `Response` interface. The easiest way to return something that implements the `Response` interface is to return a `pyramid.response.Response` object instance directly. For example:

```python
from pyramid.response import Response

def view(request):
    return Response('OK')
```

Pyramid provides a range of different "exception" classes which inherit from `pyramid.response.Response`. For example, an instance of the class `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPFound` is also a valid response object because it inherits from `Response`. For examples, see `HTTP Exceptions` and `Using a View Callable to do an HTTP Redirect`.

You can also return objects from view callables that aren’t instances of `pyramid.response.Response` in various circumstances. This can be helpful when writing tests and when attempting to share code between view callables. See `Renderers` for the common way to allow for this. A much less common way to allow for view callables to return non-Response objects is documented in `Changing How Pyramid Treats View Responses`.

Using Special Exceptions in View Callables

Usually when a Python exception is raised within a view callable, Pyramid allows the exception to propagate all the way out to the WSGI server which invoked the application. It is usually caught and logged there.

However, for convenience, a special set of exceptions exists. When one of these exceptions is raised within a view callable, it will always cause Pyramid to generate a response. These are known as `HTTP exception` objects.
HTTP Exceptions

All `pyramid.httpexceptions` classes which are documented as inheriting from the `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPException` are `http exception` objects. Instances of an HTTP exception object may either be `returned` or `raised` from within view code. In either case (return or raise) the instance will be used as the view’s response.

For example, the `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPUnauthorized` exception can be raised. This will cause a response to be generated with a 401 Unauthorized status:

```python
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPUnauthorized
def aview(request):
    raise HTTPUnauthorized()
```

An HTTP exception, instead of being raised, can alternately be `returned` (HTTP exceptions are also valid response objects):

```python
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPUnauthorized
def aview(request):
    return HTTPUnauthorized()
```

A shortcut for creating an HTTP exception is the `pyramid.httpexceptions.exception_response()` function. This function accepts an HTTP status code and returns the corresponding HTTP exception. For example, instead of importing and constructing a `HTTPUnauthorized` response object, you can use the `exception_response()` function to construct and return the same object.

```python
from pyramid.httpexceptions import exception_response
def aview(request):
    raise exception_response(401)
```

This is the case because 401 is the HTTP status code for ”HTTP Unauthorized”. Therefore, `raise exception_response(401)` is functionally equivalent to `raise HTTPUnauthorized()`. Documentation which maps each HTTP response code to its purpose and its associated HTTP exception object is provided within `pyramid.httpexceptions`.

New in version 1.1: The `exception_response()` function.
How Pyramid Uses HTTP Exceptions

HTTP exceptions are meant to be used directly by application developers. However, Pyramid itself will raise two HTTP exceptions at various points during normal operations.

- `HTTPNotFound` gets raised when a view to service a request is not found.
- `HTTPForbidden` gets raised when authorization was forbidden by a security policy.

If `HTTPNotFound` is raised by Pyramid itself or within view code, the result of the Not Found View will be returned to the user agent which performed the request.

If `HTTPForbidden` is raised by Pyramid itself or within view code, the result of the Forbidden View will be returned to the user agent which performed the request.

Custom Exception Views

The machinery which allows HTTP exceptions to be raised and caught by specialized views as described in Using Special Exceptions in View Callables can also be used by application developers to convert arbitrary exceptions to responses.

To register an exception view that should be called whenever a particular exception is raised from within Pyramid view code, use `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_exception_view()` to register a view configuration which matches the exception (or a subclass of the exception) and points at a view callable for which you’d like to generate a response. The exception will be passed as the context argument to any view predicate registered with the view, as well as to the view itself. For convenience a new decorator exists, `pyramid.views.exception_view_config`, which may be used to easily register exception views.

For example, given the following exception class in a module named `helloworld.exceptions`:

```python
class ValidationFailure(Exception):
    def __init__(self, msg):
        self.msg = msg
```

You can wire a view callable to be called whenever any of your `other` code raises a `helloworld.exceptions.ValidationFailure` exception:
from pyramid.view import exception_view_config
from helloworld.exceptions import ValidationFailure

@exception_view_config(ValidationFailure)
def failed_validation(exc, request):
    response = Response('Failed validation: %s' % exc.msg)
    response.status_int = 500
    return response

Assuming that a *scan* was run to pick up this view registration, this view callable will be invoked whenever a helloworld.exceptions.ValidationFailure is raised by your application’s view code. The same exception raised by a custom root factory, a custom traverser, or a custom view or route predicate is also caught and hooked.

Other normal view predicates can also be used in combination with an exception view registration:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config
from helloworld.exceptions import ValidationFailure

@exception_view_config(ValidationFailure, route_name='home')
def failed_validation(exc, request):
    response = Response('Failed validation: %s' % exc.msg)
    response.status_int = 500
    return response
```

The above exception view names the *route_name* of *home*, meaning that it will only be called when the route matched has a name of *home*. You can therefore have more than one exception view for any given exception in the system: the ”most specific” one will be called when the set of request circumstances match the view registration.

The only view predicate that cannot be used successfully when creating an exception view configuration is name. The name used to look up an exception view is always the empty string. Views registered as exception views which have a name will be ignored.

> In most cases, you should register an *exception view* by using *pyramid.config.Configurator.add_exception_view()* . However, it is possible to register ”normal” (i.e., non-exception) views against a context resource type which inherits from Exception (i.e., *config.add_view(context=Exception)*). When the view configuration is processed, *two* views are registered. One as a ”normal” view, the other as an *exception view*. This means that you can use an exception as context for a normal view.
The view derivers that wrap these two views may behave differently. See Exception Views and View Derivers for more information about this.

Exception views can be configured with any view registration mechanism: @exception_view_config decorator or imperative add_exception_view styles.

Pyramid’s exception view handling logic is implemented as a tween factory function: pyramid.tweens.excview_tween_factory(). If Pyramid exception view handling is desired, and tween factories are specified via the pyramid.tweens configuration setting, the pyramid.tweens.excview_tween_factory() function must be added to the pyramid.tweens configuration setting list explicitly. If it is not present, Pyramid will not perform exception view handling.

Using a View Callable to do an HTTP Redirect

You can issue an HTTP redirect by using the pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPFound class. Raising or returning an instance of this class will cause the client to receive a "302 Found" response.

To do so, you can return a pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPFound instance.

```python
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPFound

def myview(request):
    return HTTPFound(location='http://example.com')
```

Alternately, you can raise an HTTPFound exception instead of returning one.

```python
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPFound

def myview(request):
    raise HTTPFound(location='http://example.com')
```

When the instance is raised, it is caught by the default exception response handler and turned into a response.
Handling Form Submissions in View Callables (Unicode and Character Set Issues)

Most web applications need to accept form submissions from web browsers and various other clients. In Pyramid, form submission handling logic is always part of a view. For a general overview of how to handle form submission data using the WebOb API, see Request and Response Objects and "Query and POST variables" within the WebOb documentation. Pyramid defers to WebOb for its request and response implementations, and handling form submission data is a property of the request implementation. Understanding WebOb’s request API is the key to understanding how to process form submission data.

There are some defaults that you need to be aware of when trying to handle form submission data in a Pyramid view. Having high-order (i.e., non-ASCII) characters in data contained within form submissions is exceedingly common, and the UTF-8 encoding is the most common encoding used on the web for character data. Since Unicode values are much saner than working with and storing bytestrings, Pyramid configures the WebOb request machinery to attempt to decode form submission values into Unicode from UTF-8 implicitly. This implicit decoding happens when view code obtains form field values via the request.params, request.GET, or request.POST APIs (see pyramid.request for details about these APIs).

Many people find the difference between Unicode and UTF-8 confusing. Unicode is a standard for representing text that supports most of the world’s writing systems. However, there are many ways that Unicode data can be encoded into bytes for transit and storage. UTF-8 is a specific encoding for Unicode that is backwards-compatible with ASCII. This makes UTF-8 very convenient for encoding data where a large subset of that data is ASCII characters, which is largely true on the web. UTF-8 is also the standard character encoding for URLs.

As an example, let’s assume that the following form page is served up to a browser client, and its action points at some Pyramid view code:

```html
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
  <form method="POST" action="myview" accept-charset="UTF-8">
    <div>
      <input type="text" name="firstname"/>
    </div>
    <div>
      <input type="text" name="lastname"/>
    </div>
    <input type="submit" value="Submit"/>
  </form>
</html>
```

The myview view code in the Pyramid application must expect that the values returned by request.params will be of type str, as opposed to type bytes. The following will work to accept a form post from the above form:
```python
def myview(request):
    firstname = request.params['firstname']
    lastname = request.params['lastname']
```

For implicit decoding to work reliably, you should ensure that every form you render that posts to a Pyramid view explicitly defines a charset encoding of UTF-8. This can be done via a response that has a `charset=UTF-8` in its Content-Type header; or, as in the form above, with an accept-charset attribute, informing the browser that the server expects the form content to be encoded using UTF-8. This must be done explicitly because all known browser clients assume that they should encode form data in the same character set implied by the Content-Type value of the response containing the form when subsequently submitting that form. There is no other generally accepted way to tell browser clients which charset to use to encode form data. If you do not specify an encoding explicitly, the browser client will choose to encode form data in its default character set before submitting it, which may not be UTF-8 as the server expects. If a request containing form data encoded in a non-UTF-8 charset is handled by your view code, eventually the request code accessed within your view will throw an error when it can’t decode some high-order character encoded in another character set within form data, e.g., when `request.params['somename']` is accessed.

If you are using the Response class to generate a response, or if you use the pyramid.renderers.render_* templating APIs, the UTF-8 charset is set automatically as the default via the Content-Type header. If you return a Content-Type header without an explicit charset, a request will add a `;charset=utf-8` trailer to the Content-Type header value for you for response content types that are textual (e.g., text/html or application/xml) as it is rendered. If you are using your own response object, you will need to ensure you do this yourself.

**Alternate View Callable Argument/Calling Conventions**

Usually view callables are defined to accept only a single argument: `request`. However, a view callable may alternately be defined as any class, function, or callable that accepts two positional arguments: a `context` resource as the first argument and a `request` as the second argument.

The `context` and `request` arguments passed to a view function defined in this style can be defined as follows:

- **context** The resource object found via tree traversal or URL dispatch.
- **request** A Pyramid Request object representing the current WSGI request.

The following types work as view callables in this style:

1. Functions that accept two arguments: `context` and `request`, e.g.:
from pyramid.response import Response

def view(context, request):
    return Response('OK')

2. Classes that have an __init__ method that accepts context, request, and a __call__ method which accepts no arguments, e.g.:

class view(object):
    def __init__(self, context, request):
        self.context = context
        self.request = request
    
    def __call__(self):
        return Response('OK')

3. Arbitrary callables that have a __call__ method that accepts context, request, e.g.:

class View(object):
    def __call__(self, context, request):
        return Response('OK')

    view = View()  # this is the view callable

This style of calling convention is most useful for traversal based applications, where the context object is frequently used within the view callable code itself.

No matter which view calling convention is used, the view code always has access to the context via request.context.

Passing Configuration Variables to a View

For information on passing a variable from the configuration .ini files to a view, see Deployment Settings.
Pylons-1.0-Style "Controller" Dispatch

A package named `pyramid_handlers` (available from PyPI) provides an analogue of Pylons-style "controllers", which are a special kind of view class which provides more automation when your application uses URL dispatch solely.

0.3.10 Renderers

A view callable needn’t always return a `Response` object. If a view happens to return something which does not implement the Pyramid Response interface, Pyramid will attempt to use a `renderer` to construct a response. For example:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(renderer='json')
def hello_world(request):
    return {
        'content': 'Hello!'}
```

The above example returns a `dictionary` from the view callable. A dictionary does not implement the Pyramid response interface, so you might believe that this example would fail. However, since a `renderer` is associated with the view callable through its `view configuration` (in this case, using a `renderer` argument passed to `view_config()`), if the view does not return a Response object, the renderer will attempt to convert the result of the view to a response on the developer’s behalf.

Of course, if no renderer is associated with a view’s configuration, returning anything except an object which implements the Response interface will result in an error. And, if a renderer is used, whatever is returned by the view must be compatible with the particular kind of renderer used, or an error may occur during view invocation.

One exception exists: it is always OK to return a Response object, even when a `renderer` is configured. In such cases, the renderer is bypassed entirely.

Various types of renderers exist, including serialization renderers and renderers which use templating systems.
Writing View Callables Which Use a Renderer

As we’ve seen, a view callable needn’t always return a Response object. Instead, it may return an arbitrary Python object, with the expectation that a renderer will convert that object into a response instance on your behalf. Some renderers use a templating system, while other renderers use object serialization techniques. In practice, renderers obtain application data values from Python dictionaries so, in practice, view callables which use renderers return Python dictionaries.

View callables can explicitly call renderers, but typically don’t. Instead view configuration declares the renderer used to render a view callable’s results. This is done with the renderer attribute. For example, this call to add_view() associates the json renderer with a view callable:

```python
config.add_view('myproject.views.my_view', renderer='json')
```

When this configuration is added to an application, the myproject.views.my_view view callable will now use a json renderer, which renders view return values to a JSON response serialization.

Pyramid defines several Built-in Renderers, and additional renderers can be added by developers to the system as necessary. See Adding and Changing Renderers.

Views which use a renderer and return a non-Response value can vary non-body response attributes (such as headers and the HTTP status code) by attaching a property to the request.response attribute. See Varying Attributes of Rendered Responses.

As already mentioned, if the view callable associated with a view configuration returns a Response object (or its instance), any renderer associated with the view configuration is ignored, and the response is passed back to Pyramid unchanged. For example:

```python
from pyramid.response import Response
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(renderer='json')
def view(request):
    return Response('OK')  # json renderer avoided
```

Likewise for an HTTP exception response:

```python
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPFound
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(renderer='json')
def view(request):
    return HTTPFound(location='http://example.com')  # json renderer avoided
```
You can of course also return the `request.response` attribute instead to avoid rendering:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(renderer='json')
def view(request):
    request.response.body = 'OK'
    return request.response  # json renderer avoided
```

### Built-in Renderers

Several built-in renderers exist in Pyramid. These renderers can be used in the `renderer` attribute of view configurations.

> Bindings for officially supported templating languages can be found at *Available Add-On Template System Bindings*.

#### string: String Renderer

The `string` renderer renders a view callable result to a string. If a view callable returns a non-Response object, and the `string` renderer is associated in that view’s configuration, the result will be to run the object through the Python `str` function to generate a string.

Here’s an example of a view that returns a dictionary. If the `string` renderer is specified in the configuration for this view, the view will render the returned dictionary to the `str()` representation of the dictionary:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(renderer='string')
def hello_world(request):
    return {'content': 'Hello!'}
```

The body of the response returned by such a view will be a string representing the `str()` serialization of the return value:
Views which use the string renderer can vary non-body response attributes by using the API of the `request.response` attribute. See *Varying Attributes of Rendered Responses*.

**JSON Renderer**

The `json` renderer renders view callable results to `JSON`. By default, it passes the return value through the `json.dumps` standard library function, and wraps the result in a response object. It also sets the response content-type to `application/json`.

Here’s an example of a view that returns a dictionary. Since the `json` renderer is specified in the configuration for this view, the view will render the returned dictionary to a JSON serialization:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(renderer='json')
def hello_world(request):
    return {'content': 'Hello!'}
```

The body of the response returned by such a view will be a string representing the JSON serialization of the return value:

```json
{"content": "Hello!"}
```

The return value needn’t be a dictionary, but the return value must contain values serializable by the configured serializer (by default `json.dumps`).

You can configure a view to use the JSON renderer by naming `json` as the `renderer` argument of a view configuration, e.g., by using `add_view()`:

```python
config.add_view('myproject.views.hello_world',
                name='hello',
                context='myproject.resources.Hello',
                renderer='json')
```

Views which use the JSON renderer can vary non-body response attributes by using the API of the `request.response` attribute. See *Varying Attributes of Rendered Responses*. 0.3. Narrative Documentation
### Serializing Custom Objects

Some objects are not, by default, JSON-serializable (such as datetimes and other arbitrary Python objects). You can, however, register code that makes non-serializable objects serializable in two ways:

- Define a `__json__` method on objects in your application.

- For objects you don’t ”own”, you can register a JSON renderer that knows about an adapter for that kind of object.

#### Using a Custom `__json__` Method

Custom objects can be made easily JSON-serializable in Pyramid by defining a `__json__` method on the object’s class. This method should return values natively JSON-serializable (such as ints, lists, dictionaries, strings, and so forth). It should accept a single additional argument, `request`, which will be the active request object at render time.

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config

class MyObject(object):
    def __init__(self, x):
        self.x = x

    def __json__(self, request):
        return {'x':self.x}

@view_config(renderer='json')
def objects(request):
    return [MyObject(1), MyObject(2)]

# the JSON value returned by `objects` will be:
# [{"x": 1}, {"x": 2}]
```

#### Using the `add_adapter` Method of a Custom JSON Renderer

If you aren’t the author of the objects being serialized, it won’t be possible (or at least not reasonable) to add a custom `__json__` method to their classes in order to influence serialization. If the object passed to the renderer is not a serializable type and has no `__json__` method, usually a `TypeError` will be raised during serialization. You can change this behavior by creating a custom JSON renderer and adding adapters to handle custom types. The renderer will attempt to adapt non-serializable objects using the registered adapters. A short example follows:
The add_adapter method should accept two arguments: the class of the object that you want this adapter to run for (in the example above, `datetime.datetime`), and the adapter itself.

The adapter should be a callable. It should accept two arguments: the object needing to be serialized and `request`, which will be the current request object at render time. The adapter should raise a `TypeError` if it can’t determine what to do with the object.

See `pyramid.renderers.JSON` and `Adding and Changing Renderers` for more information.

New in version 1.4: Serializing custom objects.

### JSONP Renderer

New in version 1.1.

`pyramid.renderers.JSONP` is a JSONP renderer factory helper which implements a hybrid JSON/JSONP renderer. JSONP is useful for making cross-domain AJAX requests.

Unlike other renderers, a JSONP renderer needs to be configured at startup time "by hand". Configure a JSONP renderer using the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_renderer()` method:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.renderers import JSONP

cfg = Configurator()
cfg.add_renderer('jsonp', JSONP(param_name='callback'))
```

Once this renderer is registered via `add_renderer()` as above, you can use `jsonp` as the renderer parameter to @view_config or `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()`:
When a view is called that uses a JSONP renderer:

- If there is a parameter in the request’s HTTP query string (aka request.GET) that matches the param_name of the registered JSONP renderer (by default, callback), the renderer will return a JSONP response.
- If there is no callback parameter in the request’s query string, the renderer will return a ”plain” JSON response.

Javascript library AJAX functionality will help you make JSONP requests. For example, JQuery has a getJSON function, and has equivalent (but more complicated) functionality in its ajax function.

For example (JavaScript):

```javascript
var api_url = 'http://api.geonames.org/timezoneJSON' +
'?lat=38.301733840000004' +
'&lng=-77.45869621' +
'&username=fred' +
'&callback=?';
jqxhr = $.getJSON(api_url);
```

The string `callback=?` above in the url param to the JQuery getJSON function indicates to jQuery that the query should be made as a JSONP request; the `callback` parameter will be automatically filled in for you and used.

The same custom-object serialization scheme defined used for a ”normal” JSON renderer in Serializing Custom Objects can be used when passing values to a JSONP renderer too.

**Varying Attributes of Rendered Responses**

Before a response constructed by a renderer is returned to Pyramid, several attributes of the request are examined which have the potential to influence response behavior.

View callables that don’t directly return a response should use the API of the pyramid.response. Response attribute, available as request.response during their execution, to influence associated response behavior.

For example, if you need to change the response status from within a view callable that uses a renderer, assign the status attribute to the response attribute of the request before returning a result:
```python
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(name='gone', renderer='templates/gone.pt')
def myview(request):
    request.response.status = '404 Not Found'
    return {'URL':request.URL}
```

Note that mutations of `request.response` in views which return a Response object directly will have no effect unless the response object returned is `request.response`. For example, the following example calls `request.response.set_cookie`, but this call will have no effect because a different Response object is returned.

```python
from pyramid.response import Response

def view(request):
    request.response.set_cookie('abc', '123')  # this has no effect
    return Response('OK')  # because we're returning a different response
```

If you mutate `request.response` and you’d like the mutations to have an effect, you must return `request.response`:

```python
def view(request):
    request.response.set_cookie('abc', '123')
    return request.response
```

For more information on attributes of the request, see the API documentation in `pyramid.request`. For more information on the API of `request.response`, see `pyramid.request.Request.response`.

### Adding and Changing Renderers

New templating systems and serializers can be associated with Pyramid renderer names. To this end, configuration declarations can be made which change an existing `renderer factory`, and which add a new renderer factory.

Renderers can be registered imperatively using the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_renderer()` API.

For example, to add a renderer which renders views which have a `renderer` attribute that is a path that ends in `.jinja2`:
config.add_renderer('.jinja2', 'mypackage.MyJinja2Renderer')

The first argument is the renderer name. The second argument is a reference to an implementation of a renderer factory or a dotted Python name referring to such an object.

Adding a New Renderer

You may add a new renderer by creating and registering a renderer factory.

A renderer factory implementation should conform to the pyramid.interfaces.IRendererFactory interface. It should be capable of creating an object that conforms to the pyramid.interfaces.IRenderer interface. A typical class that follows this setup is as follows:

```python
class RendererFactory:
    def __init__(self, info):
        """ Constructor: info will be an object having the following attributes: name (the renderer name), package (the package that was 'current' at the time the renderer was registered), type (the renderer type name), registry (the current application registry) and settings (the deployment settings dictionary). """

    def __call__(self, value, system):
        """ Call the renderer implementation with the value and the system value passed in as arguments and return the result (a bytes or string object). The value is the return value of a view. The system value is a dictionary containing available system values (e.g., view, context, and request). """
```

The formal interface definition of the info object passed to a renderer factory constructor is available as pyramid.interfaces.IRendererInfo.

There are essentially two different kinds of renderer factories:

- A renderer factory which expects to accept an asset specification, or an absolute path, as the name attribute of the info object fed to its constructor. These renderer factories are registered with a name value that begins with a dot (.). These types of renderer factories usually relate to a file on the filesystem, such as a template.
A renderer factory which expects to accept a token that does not represent a filesystem path or an asset specification in the `name` attribute of the `info` object fed to its constructor. These renderer factories are registered with a `name` value that does not begin with a dot. These renderer factories are typically object serializers.

**Asset Specifications**

An asset specification is a colon-delimited identifier for an `asset`. The colon separates a Python package name from a package subpath. For example, the asset specification `my.package:static/baz.css` identifies the file named `baz.css` in the `static` subdirectory of the `my.package` Python package.

Here’s an example of the registration of a simple renderer factory via `add_renderer()`, where `config` is an instance of `pyramid.config.Configurator()`:

```python
config.add_renderer(name='amf', factory='my.package.MyAMFRenderer')
```

Adding the above code to your application startup configuration will allow you to use the `my.package.MyAMFRenderer` renderer factory implementation in view configurations. Your application can use this renderer by specifying `amf` in the `renderer` attribute of a view configuration:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(renderer='amf')
def myview(request):
    return {'Hello':'world'}
```

At startup time, when a `view configuration` is encountered which has a `name` attribute that does not contain a dot, the full `name` value is used to construct a renderer from the associated renderer factory. In this case, the view configuration will create an instance of an `MyAMFRenderer` for each view configuration which includes `amf` as its renderer value. The `name` passed to the `MyAMFRenderer` constructor will always be `amf`.

Here’s an example of the registration of a more complicated renderer factory, which expects to be passed a filesystem path:

```python
config.add_renderer(name='.jinja2', factory='my.package.MyJinja2Renderer')
```
Adding the above code to your application startup will allow you to use the `my.package.MyJinja2Renderer` renderer factory implementation in view configurations by referring to any renderer which ends in `.jinja2` in the renderer attribute of a view configuration:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(renderer='templates/mytemplate.jinja2')
def myview(request):
    return {'Hello': 'world'}
```

When a `view configuration` is encountered at startup time which has a name attribute that does contain a dot, the value of the name attribute is split on its final dot. The second element of the split is typically the filename extension. This extension is used to look up a renderer factory for the configured view. Then the value of `renderer` is passed to the factory to create a renderer for the view. In this case, the view configuration will create an instance of a `MyJinja2Renderer` for each view configuration which includes anything ending with `.jinja2` in its renderer value. The name passed to the `MyJinja2Renderer` constructor will be the full value that was set as `renderer=` in the view configuration.

**Adding a Default Renderer**

To associate a `default` renderer with `all` view configurations (even ones which do not possess a `renderer` attribute), pass `None` as the name attribute to the renderer tag:

```python
config.add_renderer(None, 'mypackage.json_renderer_factory')
```

**Changing an Existing Renderer**

Pyramid supports overriding almost every aspect of its setup through its `Conflict Resolution` mechanism. This means that, in most cases, overriding a renderer is as simple as using the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_renderer()` method to redefine the template extension. For example, if you would like to override the `json` renderer to specify a new renderer, you could do the following:

```python
json_renderer = pyramid.renderers.JSON()
config.add_renderer('json', json_renderer)
```

After doing this, any views registered with the `json` renderer will use the new renderer.
Overriding a Renderer at Runtime

⚠️ This is an advanced feature, not typically used by ”civilians”.

In some circumstances, it is necessary to instruct the system to ignore the static renderer declaration provided by the developer in view configuration, replacing the renderer with another *after a request starts*. For example, an ”omnipresent” XML-RPC implementation that detects that the request is from an XML-RPC client might override a view configuration statement made by the user instructing the view to use a template renderer with one that uses an XML-RPC renderer. This renderer would produce an XML-RPC representation of the data returned by an arbitrary view callable.

To use this feature, create a `NewRequest subscriber` which sniffs at the request data and which conditionally sets an `override_renderer` attribute on the request itself, which in turn is the *name* of a registered renderer. For example:

```python
from pyramid.events import subscriber
from pyramid.events import NewRequest

@subscriber(NewRequest)
def set_xmlrpc_params(event):
    request = event.request
    if (request.content_type == 'text/xml'
        and request.method == 'POST'
        and not 'soapaction' in request.headers
        and not 'x-pyramid-avoid-xmlrpc' in request.headers):
        params, method = parse_xmlrpc_request(request)
        request.xmlrpc_params, request.xmlrpc_method = params, method
        request.is_xmlrpc = True
        request.override_renderer = 'xmlrpc'
    return True
```

The result of such a subscriber will be to replace any existing static renderer configured by the developer with a (notional, nonexistent) XML-RPC renderer, if the request appears to come from an XML-RPC client.
0.3.11 Templates

A template is a file on disk which can be used to render dynamic data provided by a view. Pyramid offers a number of ways to perform templating tasks out of the box, and provides add-on templating support through a set of bindings packages.

Before discussing how built-in templates are used in detail, we’ll discuss two ways to render templates within Pyramid in general: directly and via renderer configuration.

Using Templates Directly

The most straightforward way to use a template within Pyramid is to cause it to be rendered directly within a view callable. You may use whatever API is supplied by a given templating engine to do so.

Pyramid provides various APIs that allow you to render templates directly from within a view callable. For example, if there is a Chameleon ZPT template named foo.pt in a directory named templates in your application, you can render the template from within the body of a view callable like so:

```python
from pyramid.renderers import render_to_response

def sample_view(request):
    return render_to_response('templates/foo.pt',
                              {'foo':1, 'bar':2},
                              request=request)
```

The `sample_view` view callable function above returns a response object which contains the body of the templates/foo.pt template. In this case, the templates directory should live in the same directory as the module containing the `sample_view` function. The template author will have the names foo and bar available as top-level names for replacement or comparison purposes.

In the example above, the path templates/foo.pt is relative to the directory containing the file which defines the view configuration. In this case, this is the directory containing the file that defines the sample_view function. Although a renderer path is usually just a simple relative pathname, a path named as a renderer can be absolute, starting with a slash on Unix or a drive letter prefix on Windows. The path can alternatively be an asset specification in the form some.dotted.package_name: relative/path. This makes it possible to address template assets which live in another package. For example:

```python
from pyramid.renderers import render_to_response

def sample_view(request):
    return render_to_response('mypackage:templates/foo.pt',
                              {'foo':1, 'bar':2},
                              request=request)
```
An asset specification points at a file within a Python package. In this case, it points at a file named `foo.pt` within the `templates` directory of the `mypackage` package. Using an asset specification instead of a relative template name is usually a good idea, because calls to `render_to_response()` using asset specifications will continue to work properly if you move the code containing them to another location.

In the examples above we pass in a keyword argument named `request` representing the current Pyramid request. Passing a request keyword argument will cause the `render_to_response` function to supply the renderer with more correct system values (see System Values Used During Rendering), because most of the information required to compose proper system values is present in the request. If your template relies on the name `request` or `context`, or if you’ve configured special `renderer globals`, make sure to pass `request` as a keyword argument in every call to a `pyramid.renderers.render_*` function.

Every view must return a `response` object, except for views which use a `renderer` named via view configuration (which we’ll see shortly). The `pyramid.renderers.render_to_response()` function is a shortcut function that actually returns a response object. This allows the example view above to simply return the result of its call to `render_to_response()` directly.

Obviously not all APIs you might call to get response data will return a response object. For example, you might render one or more templates to a string that you want to use as response data. The `pyramid.renderers.render()` API renders a template to a string. We can manufacture a `response` object directly, and use that string as the body of the response:

```python
from pyramid.renderers import render
from pyramid.response import Response

def sample_view(request):
    result = render('mypackage:templates/foo.pt',
                    {'foo':1, 'bar':2},
                    request=request)
    response = Response(result)
    return response
```

Because `view callable` functions are typically the only code in Pyramid that need to know anything about templates, and because view functions are very simple Python, you can use whatever templating system with which you’re most comfortable within Pyramid. Install the templating system, import its API functions into your views module, use those APIs to generate a string, then return that string as the body of a Pyramid `Response` object.

For example, here’s an example of using “raw” Mako from within a Pyramid view:
from mako.template import Template
from pyramid.response import Response

def make_view(request):
    template = Template(filename='/templates/template.mak')
    result = template.render(name=request.params['name'])
    response = Response(result)
    return response

You probably wouldn’t use this particular snippet in a project, because it’s easier to use the supported Mako bindings. But if your favorite templating system is not supported as a renderer extension for Pyramid, you can create your own simple combination as shown above.

If you use third-party templating languages without cooperating Pyramid bindings directly within view callables, the auto-template-reload strategy explained in Automatically Reloading Templates will not be available, nor will the template asset overriding capability explained in Overriding Assets be available, nor will it be possible to use any template using that language as a renderer. However, it’s reasonably easy to write custom templating system binding packages for use under Pyramid so that templates written in the language can be used as renderers. See Adding and Changing Renderers for instructions on how to create your own template renderer and Available Add-On Template System Bindings for example packages.

If you need more control over the status code and content-type, or other response attributes from views that use direct templating, you may set attributes on the response that influence these values.

Here’s an example of changing the content-type and status of the response object returned by render_to_response():

from pyramid.renderers import render_to_response

def sample_view(request):
    response = render_to_response('templates/foo.pt',
                                 {'foo':1, 'bar':2},
                                 request=request)
    response.content_type = 'text/plain'
    response.status_int = 204
    return response

Here’s an example of manufacturing a response object using the result of render() (a string):
from pyramid.renderers import render
from pyramid.response import Response

def sample_view(request):
    result = render('mypackage:templates/foo.pt',
                    {'foo': 1, 'bar': 2},
                    request=request)
    response = Response(result)
    response.content_type = 'text/plain'
    return response

System Values Used During Rendering

When a template is rendered using `render_to_response()` or `render()`, or a `renderer=` argument to view configuration (see Templates Used as Renderers via Configuration), the renderer representing the template will be provided with a number of system values. These values are provided to the template:

- **request** The value provided as the `request` keyword argument to `render_to_response` or `render` or the request object passed to the view when the `renderer=` argument to view configuration is being used to render the template.

- **req** An alias for `request`.

- **context** The current Pyramid context if `request` was provided as a keyword argument to `render_to_response` or `render`, or `None` if the `request` keyword argument was not provided. This value will always be provided if the template is rendered as the result of a `renderer=` argument to the view configuration being used.

- **get_csrf_token()** A convenience function to access the current CSRF token. See Using the `get_csrf_token` global in templates for more information.

- **renderer_name** The renderer name used to perform the rendering, e.g., `mypackage:templates/foo.pt`.

- **renderer_info** An object implementing the `pyramid.interfaces.IRendererInfo` interface. Basically, an object with the following attributes: `name`, `package`, and `type`.

- **view** The view callable object that was used to render this template. If the view callable is a method of a class-based view, this will be an instance of the class that the method was defined on. If the view callable is a function or instance, it will be that function or instance. Note that this value will only be automatically present when a template is rendered as a result of a `renderer=` argument; it will be `None` when the `render_to_response` or `render` APIs are used.

You can define more values which will be passed to every template executed as a result of rendering by defining `renderer globals`.

What any particular renderer does with these system values is up to the renderer itself, but most template renderers make these names available as top-level template variables.
Templates Used as Renderers via Configuration

An alternative to using `render_to_response()` to render templates manually in your view callable code is to specify the template as a renderer in your `view configuration`. This can be done with any of the templating languages supported by Pyramid.

To use a renderer via view configuration, specify a template *asset specification* as the `renderer` argument, or attribute to the `view configuration` of a `view callable`. Then return a `dictionary` from that `view callable`. The dictionary items returned by the `view callable` will be made available to the renderer template as top-level names.

The association of a template as a renderer for a `view configuration` makes it possible to replace code within a `view callable` that handles the rendering of a template.

Here’s an example of using a `view_config` decorator to specify a `view configuration` that names a template renderer:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(renderer='templates/foo.pt')
def my_view(request):
    return {'foo': 1, 'bar': 2}
```

You do not need to supply the `request` value as a key in the dictionary result returned from a renderer-configured `view callable`. Pyramid automatically supplies this value for you, so that the “most correct” system values are provided to the renderer.

Similar renderer configuration can be done imperatively. See `Writing View Callables Which Use a Renderer`. 

⚠️ The `renderer` argument to the `@view_config` configuration decorator shown above is the template *path*. In the example above, the path `templates/foo.pt` is *relative*. Relative to what, you ask? Because we’re using a Chameleon renderer, it means ”relative to the directory in which the file that defines the view configuration lives”. In this case, this is the directory containing the file that defines the `my_view` function.
See also:

See also *Built-in Renderers*.

Although a renderer path is usually just a simple relative pathname, a path named as a renderer can be absolute, starting with a slash on Unix or a drive letter prefix on Windows. The path can alternatively be an *asset specification* in the form `some.dotted.package_name: relative/path`, making it possible to address template assets which live in another package.

Not just any template from any arbitrary templating system may be used as a renderer. Bindings must exist specifically for Pyramid to use a templating language template as a renderer.

**Why Use a Renderer via View Configuration**

Using a renderer in view configuration is usually a better way to render templates than using any rendering API directly from within a *view callable* because it makes the view callable more unit-testable. Views which use templating or rendering APIs directly must return a *Response* object. Making testing assertions about response objects is typically an indirect process, because it means that your test code often needs to somehow parse information out of the response body (often HTML). View callables configured with renderers externally via view configuration typically return a dictionary, as above. Making assertions about results returned in a dictionary is almost always more direct and straightforward than needing to parse HTML.

By default, views rendered via a template renderer return a *Response* object which has a *status code* of 200 OK, and a *content-type* of text/html. To vary attributes of the response of a view that uses a renderer, such as the content-type, headers, or status attributes, you must use the API of the *pyramid.response*. *Response* object exposed as request.response within the view before returning the dictionary. See *Varying Attributes of Rendered Responses* for more information.

The same set of system values are provided to templates rendered via a renderer view configuration as those provided to templates rendered imperatively. See *System Values Used During Rendering*.

**Debugging Templates**

A *NameError* exception resulting from rendering a template with an undefined variable (e.g. `${wrong}`) might end up looking like this:
The output tells you which template the error occurred in, as well as displaying the arguments passed to the template itself.

**Automatically Reloading Templates**

It's often convenient to see changes you make to a template file appear immediately without needing to restart the application process. Pyramid allows you to configure your application development environment so that a change to a template will be automatically detected, and the template will be reloaded on the next rendering.

⚠️ Auto-template-reload behavior is not recommended for production sites as it slows rendering slightly; it's usually only desirable during development.

In order to turn on automatic reloading of templates, you can use an environment variable or a configuration file setting.

To use an environment variable, start your application under a shell using the `PYRAMID_RELOAD_TEMPLATES` operating system environment variable set to 1. For example:

```
PYRAMID_RELOAD_TEMPLATES=1 $VENV/bin/pserve myproject.ini
```

To use a setting in the application `.ini` file for the same purpose, set the `pyramid.reload_templates` key to `true` within the application’s configuration section, e.g.
Available Add-On Template System Bindings

The Pylons Project maintains several packages providing bindings to different templating languages including the following:

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0.3.12 View Configuration

View lookup is the Pyramid subsystem responsible for finding and invoking a view callable. View configuration controls how view lookup operates in your application. During any given request, view configuration information is compared against request data by the view lookup subsystem in order to find the ”best” view callable for that request.

In earlier chapters, you have been exposed to a few simple view configuration declarations without much explanation. In this chapter we will explore the subject in detail.

Mapping a Resource or URL Pattern to a View Callable

A developer makes a view callable available for use within a Pyramid application via view configuration. A view configuration associates a view callable with a set of statements that determine the set of circumstances which must be true for the view callable to be invoked.

A view configuration statement is made about information present in the context resource (or exception) and the request.

View configuration is performed in one of two ways:

- By running a scan against application source code which has a pyramid.view.view_config decorator attached to a Python object as per Adding View Configuration Using the @view_config Decorator.

- By using the pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view() method as per Adding View Configuration Using add_view().
View Configuration Parameters

All forms of view configuration accept the same general types of arguments.

Many arguments supplied during view configuration are *view predicate* arguments. View predicate arguments used during view configuration are used to narrow the set of circumstances in which *view lookup* will find a particular view callable.

*View predicate* attributes are an important part of view configuration that enables the *view lookup* subsystem to find and invoke the appropriate view. The greater the number of predicate attributes possessed by a view’s configuration, the more specific the circumstances need to be before the registered view callable will be invoked. The fewer the number of predicates which are supplied to a particular view configuration, the more likely it is that the associated view callable will be invoked. A view with five predicates will always be found and evaluated before a view with two, for example.

This does not mean however, that Pyramid “stops looking” when it finds a view registration with predicates that don’t match. If one set of view predicates does not match, the ”next most specific” view (if any) is consulted for predicates, and so on, until a view is found, or no view can be matched up with the request. The first view with a set of predicates all of which match the request environment will be invoked.

If no view can be found with predicates which allow it to be matched up with the request, Pyramid will return an error to the user’s browser, representing a ”not found” (404) page. See *Changing the Not Found View* for more information about changing the default Not Found View.

Other view configuration arguments are non-predicate arguments. These tend to modify the response of the view callable or prevent the view callable from being invoked due to an authorization policy. The presence of non-predicate arguments in a view configuration does not narrow the circumstances in which the view callable will be invoked.

Non-Predicate Arguments

**permission** The name of a *permission* that the user must possess in order to invoke the *view callable.* See *Configuring View Security* for more information about view security and permissions.

If *permission* is not supplied, no permission is registered for this view (it’s accessible by any caller).
attr The view machinery defaults to using the __call__ method of the view callable (or the function itself, if the view callable is a function) to obtain a response. The attr value allows you to vary the method attribute used to obtain the response. For example, if your view was a class, and the class has a method named index and you wanted to use this method instead of the class’s __call__ method to return the response, you’d say attr="index" in the view configuration for the view. This is most useful when the view definition is a class.

If attr is not supplied, None is used (implying the function itself if the view is a function, or the __call__ callable attribute if the view is a class).

renderer Denotes the renderer implementation which will be used to construct a response from the associated view callable’s return value.

See also:

See also Renderers.

This is either a single string term (e.g., json) or a string implying a path or asset specification (e.g., templates/views.pt) naming a renderer implementation. If the renderer value does not contain a dot (.), the specified string will be used to look up a renderer implementation, and that renderer implementation will be used to construct a response from the view return value. If the renderer value contains a dot (.), the specified term will be treated as a path, and the filename extension of the last element in the path will be used to look up the renderer implementation, which will be passed the full path.

When the renderer is a path—although a path is usually just a simple relative pathname (e.g., templates/foo.pt, implying that a template named "foo.pt" is in the "templates" directory relative to the directory of the current package)—the path can be absolute, starting with a slash on Unix or a drive letter prefix on Windows. The path can alternatively be a asset specification in the form some.dotted.package_name:relative/path, making it possible to address template assets which live in a separate package.

The renderer attribute is optional. If it is not defined, the "null" renderer is assumed (no rendering is performed and the value is passed back to the upstream Pyramid machinery unchanged). Note that if the view callable itself returns a response (see View Callable Responses), the specified renderer implementation is never called.

http_cache When you supply an http_cache value to a view configuration, the Expires and Cache-Control headers of a response generated by the associated view callable are modified. The value for http_cache may be one of the following:
A nonzero integer. If it’s a nonzero integer, it’s treated as a number of seconds. This number of seconds will be used to compute the Expires header and the Cache-Control: max-age parameter of responses to requests which call this view. For example: http_cache=3600 instructs the requesting browser to 'cache this response for an hour, please'.

A datetime.timedelta instance. If it’s a datetime.timedelta instance, it will be converted into a number of seconds, and that number of seconds will be used to compute the Expires header and the Cache-Control: max-age parameter of responses to requests which call this view. For example: http_cache=datetime.timedelta(days=1) instructs the requesting browser to 'cache this response for a day, please'.

Zero (0). If the value is zero, the Cache-Control and Expires headers present in all responses from this view will be composed such that client browser cache (and any intermediate caches) are instructed to never cache the response.

A two-tuple. If it’s a two-tuple (e.g., http_cache=(1, {'public':True})), the first value in the tuple may be a nonzero integer or a datetime.timedelta instance. In either case this value will be used as the number of seconds to cache the response. The second value in the tuple must be a dictionary. The values present in the dictionary will be used as input to the Cache-Control response header. For example: http_cache=(3600, {'public':True}) means 'cache for an hour, and add public to the Cache-Control header of the response'. All keys and values supported by the webob.cachecontrol.CacheControl interface may be added to the dictionary. Supplying {'public':True} is equivalent to calling response.cache_control.public = True.

Providing a non-tuple value as http_cache is equivalent to calling response.cache_expires(value) within your view’s body.

Providing a two-tuple value as http_cache is equivalent to calling response.cache_expires(value[0], **value[1]) within your view’s body.

If you wish to avoid influencing the Expires header, and instead wish to only influence Cache-Control headers, pass a tuple as http_cache with the first element of None, i.e., (None, {'public':True}).

require_csrf

CSRF checks will affect any request method that is not defined as a "safe" method by RFC2616. In practice this means that GET, HEAD, OPTIONS, and TRACE methods will pass untouched and all others methods will require CSRF. This option is used in combination with the pyramid.require_default_csrf setting to control which request parameters are checked for CSRF tokens.
This feature requires a configured session factory.

If this option is set to True then CSRF checks will be enabled for POST requests to this view. The required token will be whatever was specified by the pyramid.require_default_csrf setting, or will fallback to csrf_token.

If this option is set to a string then CSRF checks will be enabled and it will be used as the required token regardless of the pyramid.require_default_csrf setting.

If this option is set to False then CSRF checks will be disabled regardless of the pyramid.require_default_csrf setting.

In addition, if this option is set to True or a string then CSRF origin checking will be enabled.

See Checking CSRF Tokens Automatically for more information.

New in version 1.7.

**wrapper** The view name of a different view configuration which will receive the response body of this view as the request.wrapped_body attribute of its own request, and the response returned by this view as the request.wrapped_response attribute of its own request. Using a wrapper makes it possible to "chain" views together to form a composite response. The response of the outermost wrapper view will be returned to the user. The wrapper view will be found as any view is found. See View Configuration. The "best" wrapper view will be found based on the lookup ordering. "Under the hood" this wrapper view is looked up via pyramid.view.render_view_to_response(context, request, 'wrapper_viewname'). The context and request of a wrapper view is the same context and request of the inner view.

If wrapper is not supplied, no wrapper view is used.

**decorator** A dotted Python name to a function (or the function itself) which will be used to decorate the registered view callable. The decorator function will be called with the view callable as a single argument. The view callable it is passed will accept (context, request). The decorator must return a replacement view callable which also accepts (context, request). The decorator may also be an iterable of decorators, in which case they will be applied one after the other to the view, in reverse order. For example:

```python
@view_config(..., decorator=(decorator2, decorator1))
def myview(request):
    ...
```

Is similar to decorating the view callable directly:
An important distinction is that each decorator will receive a response object implementing `pyramid.interfaces.IResponse` instead of the raw value returned from the view callable. All decorators in the chain must return a response object or raise an exception:

```python
def log_timer(wrapped):
    def wrapper(context, request):
        start = time.time()
        response = wrapped(context, request)
        duration = time.time() - start
        response.headers['X-View-Time'] = '%.3f' % (duration,)
        log.info('view took %.3f seconds', duration)
        return response
    return wrapper
```

**mapper** A Python object or dotted Python name which refers to a view mapper, or None. By default it is None, which indicates that the view should use the default view mapper. This plug-point is useful for Pyramid extension developers, but it's not very useful for "civilians" who are just developing stock Pyramid applications. Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain.

**accept** A media type that will be matched against the Accept HTTP request header. If this value is specified, it must be a specific media type such as `text/html` or `text/html;level=1`. If the media type is acceptable by the Accept header of the request, or if the Accept header isn’t set at all in the request, this predicate will match. If this does not match the Accept header of the request, view matching continues.

If accept is not specified, the HTTP_ACCEPT HTTP header is not taken into consideration when deciding whether or not to invoke the associated view callable.

The accept argument is technically not a predicate and does not support wrapping with `pyramid.config.not_()`.

See Accept Header Content Negotiation for more information.

Changed in version 1.10: Specifying a media range is deprecated and will be removed in Pyramid 2.0. Use explicit media types to avoid any ambiguities in content negotiation.

Changed in version 2.0: Removed support for media ranges.
exception_only

When this value is True, the context argument must be a subclass of Exception. This flag indicates that only an exception view should be created, and that this view should not match if the traversal context matches the context argument. If the context is a subclass of Exception and this value is False (the default), then a view will be registered to match the traversal context as well.

New in version 1.8.

Predicate Arguments

These arguments modify view lookup behavior. In general the more predicate arguments that are supplied, the more specific and narrower the usage of the configured view.

name The view name required to match this view callable. A name argument is typically only used when your application uses traversal. Read Traversal to understand the concept of a view name.

If name is not supplied, the empty string is used (implying the default view).

calendar An object representing a Python class of which the context resource must be an instance or the interface that the context resource must provide in order for this view to be found and called. This predicate is true when the context resource is an instance of the represented class or if the context resource provides the represented interface; it is otherwise false.

It is possible to pass an exception class as the context if your context may subclass an exception. In this case two views will be registered. One will match normal incoming requests, and the other will match as an exception view which only occurs when an exception is raised during the normal request processing pipeline.

If context is not supplied, the value None, which matches any resource, is used.

route_name If route_name is supplied, the view callable will be invoked only when the named route has matched.

This value must match the name of a route configuration declaration (see URL Dispatch) that must match before this view will be called. Note that the route configuration referred to by route_name will usually have a *traverse token in the value of its pattern, representing a part of the path that will be used by traversal against the result of the route’s root factory.

If route_name is not supplied, the view callable will only have a chance of being invoked if no other route was matched. This is when the request/context pair found via resource location does not indicate it matched any configured route.
**request_type** This value should be an *interface* that the *request* must provide in order for this view to be found and called.

If *request_type* is not supplied, the value *None* is used, implying any request type.

*This is an advanced feature, not often used by "civilians".*

**request_method** This value can be either a string (such as "GET", "POST", "PUT", "DELETE", "HEAD", or "OPTIONS") representing an HTTP REQUEST_METHOD or a tuple containing one or more of these strings. A view declaration with this argument ensures that the view will only be called when the *method* attribute of the request (i.e., the REQUEST_METHOD of the WSGI environment) matches a supplied value.

Changed in version 1.4: The use of "GET" also implies that the view will respond to "HEAD".

If *request_method* is not supplied, the view will be invoked regardless of the REQUEST_METHOD of the WSGI environment.

**request_param** This argument can be any string or a sequence of strings. A view declaration with this argument ensures that the view will only be called when the *request* has a key in the *request.params* dictionary (an HTTP GET or POST variable) that has a name which matches the supplied value.

If any value supplied has an = sign in it, e.g., *request_param="foo=123"*, then the key (foo) must both exist in the *request.params* dictionary, and the value must match the right hand side of the expression (123) for the view to "match" the current request.

If *request_param* is not supplied, the view will be invoked without consideration of keys and values in the *request.params* dictionary.

**match_param** This argument may be either a single string of the format "key=value" or a tuple containing one or more of these strings.

This argument ensures that the view will only be called when the *request* has key/value pairs in its *matchdict* that equal those supplied in the predicate. For example, *match_param="action=edit"* would require the *action* parameter in the *matchdict* match the right hand side of the expression (edit) for the view to "match" the current request.

If the *match_param* is a tuple, every key/value pair must match for the predicate to pass.

If *match_param* is not supplied, the view will be invoked without consideration of the keys and values in *request.matchdict*.

New in version 1.2.
**containment** This value should be a reference to a Python class or *interface* that a parent object in the context resource’s *lineage* must provide in order for this view to be found and called. The resources in your resource tree must be "location-aware" to use this feature.

If *containment* is not supplied, the interfaces and classes in the lineage are not considered when deciding whether or not to invoke the view callable.

See *Location-Aware Resources* for more information about location-awareness.

**xhr** This value should be either *True* or *False*. If this value is specified and is *True*, the WSGI environment must possess an HTTP_X_REQUESTED_WITH header (i.e., X-Requested-With) that has the value XMLHttpRequest for the associated view callable to be found and called. This is useful for detecting AJAX requests issued from jQuery, Prototype, and other Javascript libraries.

If *xhr* is not specified, the HTTP_X_REQUESTED_WITH HTTP header is not taken into consideration when deciding whether or not to invoke the associated view callable.

**header** This param matches one or more HTTP header names or header name/value pairs. If specified, this param must be a string or a sequence of strings, each string being a header name or a `headername:headervalue` pair.

- Each string specified as a bare header name without a value (for example If-Modified-Since) will match a request if it contains an HTTP header with that same name. The case of the name is not significant, and the header may have any value in the request.

- Each string specified as a name/value pair (that is, if it contains a : (colon), like User-Agent:Mozilla/.*)) will match a request only if it contains an HTTP header with the requested name (ignoring case, so User-Agent or user-agent would both match), *and* the value of the HTTP header matches the value requested (Mozilla/.* in our example). The value portion is interpreted as a regular expression.

The view will only be invoked if all strings are matching.

If *header* is not specified, the composition, presence, or absence of HTTP headers is not taken into consideration when deciding whether or not to invoke the associated view callable.

**path_info** This value represents a regular expression pattern that will be tested against the PATH_INFO WSGI environment variable to decide whether or not to call the associated view callable. If the regex matches, this predicate will be *True*.

If *path_info* is not specified, the WSGI PATH_INFO is not taken into consideration when deciding whether or not to invoke the associated view callable.
physical_path If specified, this value should be a string or a tuple representing the physical path of the context found via traversal for this predicate to match as true. For example, physical_path='/', physical_path='/a/b/c', or physical_path=('','a', 'b', 'c'). This is not a path prefix match or a regex, but a whole-path match. It’s useful when you want to always potentially show a view when some object is traversed to, but you can’t be sure about what kind of object it will be, so you can’t use the context predicate. The individual path elements between slash characters or in tuple elements should be the Unicode representation of the name of the resource and should not be encoded in any way.

New in version 1.4a3.

is_authenticated This value, if specified, must be either True or False. If it is specified and True, only a request from an authenticated user, as determined by the security policy in use, will satisfy the predicate. If it is specified and False, only a request from a user who is not authenticated will satisfy the predicate.

New in version 2.0.

effective_principals If specified, this value should be a principal identifier or a sequence of principal identifiers. If the pyramid.request.Request.effective_principals() method indicates that every principal named in the argument list is present in the current request, this predicate will return True; otherwise it will return False. For example: effective_principals=pyramid.authorization.Authenticated or effective_principals=('fred', 'group:admins').

New in version 1.4a4.

Deprecated since version 2.0: Use is_authenticated or a custom predicate.

custom_predicates If custom_predicates is specified, it must be a sequence of references to custom predicate callables. Custom predicates can be combined with predefined predicates as necessary. Each custom predicate callable should accept two arguments, context and request, and should return either True or False after doing arbitrary evaluation of the context resource and/or the request. If all callables return True, the associated view callable will be considered viable for a given request. This parameter is kept around for backward compatibility.

Deprecated since version 1.5: See section below for new-style custom predicates.

**predicates** Extra keyword parameters are used to invoke custom predicates, defined in your app or by third-party packages extending Pyramid and registered via pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view_predicate(). Use custom predicates when no set of predefined predicates do what you need. See View and Route Predicates for more information about custom predicates.

New in version 1.4a1.
Inverting Predicate Values

You can invert the meaning of any predicate value by wrapping it in a call to `pyramid.config.not_`.

```python
from pyramid.config import not_
config.add_view(
    'mypackage.views.my_view',
    route_name='ok',
    request_method=not_('POST')
)
```

The above example will ensure that the view is called if the request method is not POST, at least if no other view is more specific.

This technique of wrapping a predicate value in `not_` can be used anywhere predicate values are accepted:

- `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()`
- `pyramid.view.view_config()`

New in version 1.5.

Adding View Configuration Using the `@view_config` Decorator

⚠️ Using this feature tends to slow down application startup slightly, as more work is performed at application startup to scan for view configuration declarations. For maximum startup performance, use the view configuration method described in *Adding View Configuration Using add_view()* instead.

The `view_config` decorator can be used to associate view configuration information with a function, method, or class that acts as a Pyramid view callable.

Here’s an example of the `view_config` decorator that lives within a Pyramid application module `views.py`:
from resources import MyResource
from pyramid.view import view_config
from pyramid.response import Response

@view_config(route_name='ok', request_method='POST', permission='read')
def my_view(request):
    return Response('OK')

Using this decorator as above replaces the need to add this imperative configuration stanza:

```python
cfg.add_view('mypackage.views.my_view', route_name='ok',
             request_method='POST', permission='read')
```

All arguments to view_config may be omitted. For example:

```python
from pyramid.response import Response
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config()
def my_view(request):
    """ My view ""
    return Response()
```

Such a registration as the one directly above implies that the view name will be my_view, registered with a context argument that matches any resource type, using no permission, registered against requests with any request method, request type, request param, route name, or containment.

The mere existence of a @view_config decorator doesn’t suffice to perform view configuration. All that the decorator does is ”annotate” the function with your configuration declarations, it doesn’t process them. To make Pyramid process your pyramid.view.view_config declarations, you must use the scan method of a pyramid.config.Configurator:

```python
# config is assumed to be an instance of the
# pyramid.config.Configurator class
config.scan()
```

Please see Declarative Configuration for detailed information about what happens when code is scanned for configuration declarations resulting from use of decorators like view_config.

See pyramid.config for additional API arguments to the scan() method. For example, the method allows you to supply a package argument to better control exactly which code will be scanned.
All arguments to the `view_config` decorator mean precisely the same thing as they would if they were passed as arguments to the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` method save for the `view` argument. Usage of the `view_config` decorator is a form of *declarative configuration*, while `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` is a form of *imperative configuration*. However, they both do the same thing.

**@view_config Placement**

A `view_config` decorator can be placed in various points in your application.

If your view callable is a function, it may be used as a function decorator:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config
from pyramid.response import Response

@view_config(route_name='edit')
def edit(request):
    return Response('edited!')
```

If your view callable is a class, the decorator can also be used as a class decorator. All the arguments to the decorator are the same when applied against a class as when they are applied against a function. For example:

```python
from pyramid.response import Response
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(route_name='hello')
class MyView(object):
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request

    def __call__(self):
        return Response('hello')
```

More than one `view_config` decorator can be stacked on top of any number of others. Each decorator creates a separate view registration. For example:
from pyramid.view import view_config
from pyramid.response import Response

@view_config(route_name='edit')
@view_config(route_name='change')
def edit(request):
    return Response('edited!')

This registers the same view under two different names.

The decorator can also be used against a method of a class:

class MyView(object):
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request

    @view_config(route_name='hello')
def amethod(self):
        return Response('hello')

When the decorator is used against a method of a class, a view is registered for the class, so the class constructor must accept an argument list in one of two forms: either a single argument, request, or two arguments, context, request.

The method which is decorated must return a response.

Using the decorator against a particular method of a class is equivalent to using the attr parameter in a decorator attached to the class itself. For example, the above registration implied by the decorator being used against the amethod method could be written equivalently as follows:

class MyView(object):
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request

    def amethod(self):
        return Response('hello')
Adding View Configuration Using `add_view()`

The `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` method within `pyramid.config` is used to configure a view "imperatively" (without a `view_config` decorator). The arguments to this method are very similar to the arguments that you provide to the `view_config` decorator. For example:

```python
from pyramid.response import Response

def hello_world(request):
    return Response('hello!')

# config is assumed to be an instance of the
# pyramid.config.Configurator class
config.add_view(hello_world, route_name='hello')
```

The first argument, a `view callable`, is the only required argument. It must either be a Python object which is the view itself or a *dotted Python name* to such an object. In the above example, the `view callable` is the `hello_world` function.

When you use only `add_view()` to add view configurations, you don’t need to issue a `scan` in order for the view configuration to take effect.

@`view_defaults` Class Decorator

New in version 1.3.

If you use a class as a view, you can use the `pyramid.view.view_defaults` class decorator on the class to provide defaults to the view configuration information used by every `@view_config` decorator that decorates a method of that class.

For instance, if you’ve got a class that has methods that represent "REST actions", all of which are mapped to the same route but different request methods, instead of this:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config
from pyramid.response import Response

class RESTView(object):
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request
```

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You can do this:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_defaults
from pyramid.view import view_config
from pyramid.response import Response

@view_defaults(route_name='rest')
class RESTView(object):
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request

    @view_config(request_method='GET')
def get(self):
        return Response('get')

    @view_config(request_method='POST')
def post(self):
        return Response('post')

    @view_config(request_method='DELETE')
def delete(self):
        return Response('delete')
```

In the above example, we were able to take the `route_name='rest'` argument out of the call to each individual `@view_config` statement because we used a `@view_defaults` class decorator to provide the argument as a default to each view method it possessed.

Arguments passed to `@view_config` will override any default passed to `@view_defaults`.

The `view_defaults` class decorator can also provide defaults to the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` directive when a decorated class is passed to that directive as its `view` argument. For example, instead of this:
```python
from pyramid.response import Response
from pyramid.config import Configurator

class RESTView(object):
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request

    def get(self):
        return Response('get')

    def post(self):
        return Response('post')

    def delete(self):
        return Response('delete')

def main(global_config, **settings):
    config = Configurator()
    config.add_route('rest', '/rest')
    config.add_view(
        RESTView, route_name='rest', attr='get', request_method='GET'
    )
    config.add_view(
        RESTView, route_name='rest', attr='post', request_method='POST'
    )
    config.add_view(
        RESTView, route_name='rest', attr='delete', request_method='DELETE'
    )
    return config.make_wsgi_app()
```

To reduce the amount of repetition in the `config.add_view` statements, we can move the `route_name='rest'` argument to a `@view_defaults` class decorator on the `RESTView` class:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_defaults
from pyramid.response import Response
from pyramid.config import Configurator

@view_defaults(route_name='rest')
class RESTView(object):
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request

    def get(self):
        return Response('get')

    def post(self):
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```
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\[\text{return} \ \text{Response('post')}\]

\[\text{def \ delete(self):}\\ \text{return} \ \text{Response('delete')}\]

\[\text{def \ main(global_config, **settings):}\\ \text{config} = \text{Configurator()}\\ \text{config.add_route('rest', '/rest')}\\ \text{config.add_view(RESTView, attr='get', request_method='GET')}\\ \text{config.add_view(RESTView, attr='post', request_method='POST')}\\ \text{config.add_view(RESTView, attr='delete', request_method='DELETE')}\\ \text{return} \ \text{config.make_wsgi_app()}\]

\textit{pyramid.view.view_defaults} accepts the same set of arguments that \textit{pyramid.view.view_config} does, and they have the same meaning. Each argument passed to \textit{view_defaults} provides a default for the view configurations of methods of the class it’s decorating.

Normal Python inheritance rules apply to defaults added via \textit{view_defaults}. For example:

\[\text{\@view_defaults(route_name='rest')}\]
\[\text{class \ Foo(object):}\\ \text{\quad \text{pass}}\]
\[\text{\quad class \ Bar(Foo):}\\ \text{\quad \text{pass}}\]

The \texttt{Bar} class above will inherit its view defaults from the arguments passed to the \textit{view_defaults} decorator of the \texttt{Foo} class. To prevent this from happening, use a \textit{view_defaults} decorator without any arguments on the subclass:

\[\text{\@view_defaults(route_name='rest')}\]
\[\text{class \ Foo(object):}\\ \text{\quad \text{pass}}\]
\[\text{\quad @view_defaults()}\]
\[\text{class \ Bar(Foo):}\\ \text{\quad \text{pass}}\]

The \textit{view_defaults} decorator only works as a class decorator; using it against a function or a method will produce nonsensical results.
## Configuring View Security

If an authorization policy is active, any permission attached to a view configuration found during view lookup will be verified. This will ensure that the currently authenticated user possesses that permission against the context resource before the view function is actually called. Here’s an example of specifying a permission in a view configuration using `add_view()`:

```python
# config is an instance of pyramid.config.Configurator
config.add_route('add', '/add.html', factory='mypackage.Blog')
config.add_view('myproject.views.add_entry', route_name='add',
    permission='add')
```

When an authorization policy is enabled, this view will be protected with the `add` permission. The view will not be called if the user does not possess the `add` permission relative to the current context. Instead the forbidden view result will be returned to the client as per Protecting Views with Permissions.

### NotFound Errors

It’s useful to be able to debug `NotFound` error responses when they occur unexpectedly due to an application registry misconfiguration. To debug these errors, use the `PYRAMID_DEBUG_NOTFOUND` environment variable or the `pyramid.debug_notfound` configuration file setting. Details of why a view was not found will be printed to stderr, and the browser representation of the error will include the same information. See Environment Variables and .ini File Settings for more information about how, and where to set these values.

### Accept Header Content Negotiation

The `accept` argument to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` can be used to control view lookup by dispatching to different views based on the HTTP Accept request header. Consider the example below in which there are three views configured.

```python
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPNotAcceptable
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(accept='application/json', renderer='json')
@view_config(accept='text/html', renderer='templates/hello.jinja2')
def myview(request):
    (continues on next page)
```
Each view relies on the `Accept` header to trigger an appropriate response renderer. The appropriate view is selected here when the client specifies headers such as `Accept: text/*` or `Accept: application/json, text/html; q=0.9` in which only one of the views matches or it's clear based on the preferences which one should win. Similarly, if the client specifies a media type that no view is registered to handle, such as `Accept: text/plain`, it will fall through to `myview_unacceptable` and raise 406 Not Acceptable.

There are a few cases in which the client may specify an `Accept` header such that it's not clear which view should win. For example:

- `Accept: */*`.
- More than one acceptable media type with the same quality.
- A missing `Accept` header.
- An invalid `Accept` header.

In these cases the preferred view is not clearly defined (see RFC 7231#section-5.3.2) and Pyramid will select one randomly. This can be controlled by telling Pyramid what the preferred relative ordering is between various media types by using `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_accept_view_order()`. For example:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def main(global_config, **settings):
    config = Configurator(settings=settings)
    config.add_accept_view_order('text/html')
    config.add_accept_view_order('application/json',
                                weighs_more_than='text/html',
                                )
    config.scan()
    return config.make_wsgi_app()
```

Now, the `application/json` view should always be preferred in cases where the client wasn’t clear.
Default Accept Ordering

Pyramid will always sort multiple views with the same (name, context, route_name) first by the specificity of the accept offer. For any set of media type offers with the same type/subtype, the offers with params will weigh more than the bare type/subtype offer. This means that text/plain;charset=utf8 will always be offered before text/plain.

By default, within a given type/subtype, the order of offers is unspecified. For example, text/plain;charset=utf8 versus text/plain;charset=latin1 are sorted randomly. Similarly, between media types the order is also unspecified other than the defaults described below. For example, image/jpeg versus image/png versus application/pdf. In these cases, the ordering may be controlled using pyramid.config.Configurator.add_accept_view_order(). For example, to sort text/plain higher than text/html and to prefer a charset=utf8 versus a charset=latin-1 within the text/plain media type:

```python
config.add_accept_view_order('text/html')
config.add_accept_view_order('text/plain;charset=latin-1')
config.add_accept_view_order('text/plain', weighs_more_than='text/html')
config.add_accept_view_order('text/plain;charset=utf8', weighs_more_than='text/plain;charset=latin-1')
```

It is an error to try and sort accept headers across levels of specificity. You can only sort a type/subtype against another type/subtype, not against a type/subtype;params. That ordering is a hard requirement.

By default, Pyramid defines a very simple priority ordering for views that prefers human-readable responses over JSON:

- text/html
- application/xhtml+xml
- application/xml
- text/xml
- text/plain
- application/json

API clients tend to be able to specify their desired headers with more control than web browsers, and can specify the correct Accept value, if necessary. Therefore, the motivation for this ordering is to optimize for readability. Media types that are not listed above are ordered randomly during view lookup between otherwise-similar views. The defaults can be overridden using pyramid.config.Configurator.add_accept_view_order() as described above.
Influencing HTTP Caching

New in version 1.1.

When a non-None http_cache argument is passed to a view configuration, Pyramid will set Expires and Cache-Control response headers in the resulting response, causing browsers to cache the response data for some time. See http_cache in Non-Predicate Arguments for the allowable values and what they mean.

Sometimes it’s undesirable to have these headers set as the result of returning a response from a view, even though you’d like to decorate the view with a view configuration decorator that has http_cache. Perhaps there’s an alternative branch in your view code that returns a response that should never be cacheable, while the ”normal” branch returns something that should always be cacheable. If this is the case, set the prevent_auto attribute of the response.cache_control object to a non-False value. For example, the below view callable is configured with a @view_config decorator that indicates any response from the view should be cached for 3600 seconds. However, the view itself prevents caching from taking place unless there’s a should_cache GET or POST variable:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(http_cache=3600)
def view(request):
    response = Response()
    if 'should_cache' not in request.params:
        response.cache_control.prevent_auto = True
    return response
```

Note that the http_cache machinery will overwrite or add to caching headers you set within the view itself, unless you use prevent_auto.

You can also turn off the effect of http_cache entirely for the duration of a Pyramid application lifetime. To do so, set the PYRAMID_PREVENT_HTTP_CACHE environment variable or the pyramid.prevent_http_cache configuration value setting to a true value. For more information, see Preventing HTTP Caching.

Note that setting pyramid.prevent_http_cache will have no effect on caching headers that your application code itself sets. It will only prevent caching headers that would have been set by the Pyramid HTTP caching machinery invoked as the result of the http_cache argument to view configuration.
Debugging View Configuration

See pviews: Displaying Matching Views for a Given URL for information about how to display each of the view callables that might match for a given URL. This can be an effective way to figure out why a particular view callable is being called instead of the one you’d like to be called.

0.3.13 Static Assets

An asset is any file contained within a Python package which is not a Python source code file. For example, each of the following is an asset:

- a GIF image file contained within a Python package or contained within any subdirectory of a Python package.
- a CSS file contained within a Python package or contained within any subdirectory of a Python package.
- a JavaScript source file contained within a Python package or contained within any subdirectory of a Python package.
- A directory within a package that does not have an __init__.py in it (if it possessed an __init__.py it would be a package).
- a Chameleon or Mako template file contained within a Python package.

The use of assets is quite common in most web development projects. For example, when you create a Pyramid application using the cookiecutter, as described in Creating the Project, the directory representing the application contains a Python package. Within that Python package, there are directories full of files which are static assets. For example, there’s a static directory which contains .css, .js, and .gif files. These asset files are delivered when a user visits an application URL.

Understanding Asset Specifications

Let’s imagine you’ve created a Pyramid application that uses a Chameleon ZPT template via the pyramid.renderers.render_to_response() API. For example, the application might address the asset using the asset specification myapp:templates/some_template.pt using that API within a views.py file inside a myapp package:
"Under the hood", when this API is called, Pyramid attempts to make sense out of the string `myapp:templates/some_template.pt` provided by the developer. This string is an *asset specification*. It is composed of two parts:

- The *package name* (myapp)
- The *asset name* (templates/some_template.pt), relative to the package directory.

The two parts are separated by a colon : character.

Pyramid uses the Python `pkg_resources` API to resolve the package name and asset name to an absolute (operating system-specific) file name. It eventually passes this resolved absolute filesystem path to the Chameleon templating engine, which then uses it to load, parse, and execute the template file.

There is a second form of asset specification: a *relative* asset specification. Instead of using an "absolute" asset specification which includes the package name, in certain circumstances you can omit the package name from the specification. For example, you might be able to use `templates/mytemplate.pt` instead of `myapp:templates/some_template.pt`. Such asset specifications are usually relative to a "current package". The "current package" is usually the package which contains the code that uses the asset specification. Pyramid APIs which accept relative asset specifications typically describe to what the asset is relative in their individual documentation.

### Serving Static Assets

Pyramid makes it possible to serve up static asset files from a directory on a filesystem to an application user’s browser. Use the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_static_view()` to instruct Pyramid to serve static assets, such as JavaScript and CSS files. This mechanism makes a directory of static files available at a name relative to the application root URL, e.g., `/static`, or as an external URL.

```
from pyramid.renderers import render_to_response
render_to_response('myapp:templates/some_template.pt', {}, request)
```

```
add_static_view() cannot serve a single file, nor can it serve a directory of static files directly relative to the root URL of a Pyramid application. For these features, see Advanced: Serving Static Assets Using a View Callable.
```

Here’s an example of a use of `add_static_view()` that will serve files up from the `/var/www/static` directory of the computer which runs the Pyramid application as URLs beneath the `/static` URL prefix.
The name represents a URL prefix. In order for files that live in the path directory to be served, a URL that requests one of them must begin with that prefix. In the example above, name is static and path is /var/www/static. In English this means that you wish to serve the files that live in /var/www/static as sub-URLs of the /static URL prefix. Therefore, the file /var/www/static/foo.css will be returned when the user visits your application’s URL /static/foo.css.

A static directory named at path may contain subdirectories recursively, and any subdirectories may hold files; these will be resolved by the static view as you would expect. The Content-Type header returned by the static view for each particular type of file is dependent upon its file extension.

By default, all files made available via add_static_view() are accessible by completely anonymous users. Simple authorization can be required, however. To protect a set of static files using a permission, in addition to passing the required name and path arguments, also pass the permission keyword argument to add_static_view(). The value of the permission argument represents the permission that the user must have relative to the current context when the static view is invoked. A user will be required to possess this permission to view any of the files represented by path of the static view. If your static assets must be protected by a more complex authorization scheme, see Advanced: Serving Static Assets Using a View Callable.

Here’s another example that uses an asset specification instead of an absolute path as the path argument. To convince add_static_view() to serve files up under the /static URL from the a/b/c/static directory of the Python package named some_package, we can use a fully qualified asset specification as the path:

```python
# config is an instance of pyramid.config.Configurator
cfg.add_static_view(name='static', path='some_package:a/b/c/static')
```

The path provided to add_static_view() may be a fully qualified asset specification or an absolute path.

Instead of representing a URL prefix, the name argument of a call to add_static_view() can alternately be a URL. Each of the examples we’ve seen so far have shown usage of the name argument as a URL prefix. However, when name is a URL, static assets can be served from an external webserver. In this mode, the name is used as the URL prefix when generating a URL using pyramid.request.Request.static_url().

For example, add_static_view() may be fed a name argument which is http://example.com/images:
# config is an instance of pyramid.config.Configurator
c
config.add_static_view(name='http://example.com/images',
    path='mypackage:images')

Because `add_static_view()` is provided with a name argument that is the URL http://example.com/images, subsequent calls to `static_url()` with paths that start with the path argument passed to `add_static_view()` will generate a URL something like http://example.com/images/logo.png. The external webserver listening on example.com must be itself configured to respond properly to such a request. The `static_url()` API is discussed in more detail later in this chapter.

## Serving Pre-compressed Assets

New in version 2.0.

It’s possible to configure Pyramid to serve pre-compressed static assets. This can greatly reduce the bandwidth required to serve assets - most modern browsers support gzip, deflate, and br (brotli) encoded responses. A client declares support for encoded responses using the `Accept-Encoding` HTTP header. For example, `Accept-Encoding: gzip, default, br`. The response will then contain the pre-compressed content with the `Content-Encoding` header set to the matched encoding. This feature assumes that the static assets exist unencoded (`identity` encoding) as well as in zero or more encoded formats. If the encoded version of a file is missing, or the client doesn’t declare support for the encoded version, the unencoded version is returned instead.

In order to configure this in your application, the first step is to compress your assets. For example, update your static asset pipeline to export .gz versions of every file. Second, add `content_encodings=['gzip']` when invoking `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_static_view()`.

The encoded file extensions are determined by `mimetypes.encodings_map`. So, if your desired encoding is missing, you’ll need to add it there:

```python
import mimetypes
mimetypes.encodings_map['.br'] = 'br'  # add brotli
```

It is not necessary for every file to support every encoding, but Pyramid will not serve an encoding that is not declared.
Generating Static Asset URLs

When an `add_static_view()` method is used to register a static asset directory, a special helper API named `pyramid.request.Request.static_url()` can be used to generate the appropriate URL for an asset that lives in one of the directories named by the static registration `path` attribute.

For example, let’s assume you create a set of static declarations like so:

```
config.add_static_view(name='static1', path='mypackage:assets/1')
config.add_static_view(name='static2', path='mypackage:assets/2')
```

These declarations create URL-accessible directories which have URLs that begin with `/static1` and `/static2`, respectively. The assets in the `assets/1` directory of the `mypackage` package are consulted when a user visits a URL which begins with `/static1`, and the assets in the `assets/2` directory of the `mypackage` package are consulted when a user visits a URL which begins with `/static2`.

You needn’t generate the URLs to static assets ”by hand” in such a configuration. Instead, use the `static_url()` API to generate them for you. For example:

```
from pyramid.renderers import render_to_response

def my_view(request):
    css_url = request.static_url('mypackage:assets/1/foo.css')
    js_url = request.static_url('mypackage:assets/2/foo.js')
    return render_to_response('templates/my_template.pt',
                               dict(css_url=css_url, js_url=js_url),
                               request=request)
```

If the request ”application URL” of the running system is `http://example.com`, the `css_url` generated above would be: `http://example.com/static1/foo.css`. The `js_url` generated above would be `http://example.com/static2/foo.js`.

One benefit of using the `static_url()` function rather than constructing static URLs ”by hand” is that if you need to change the name of a static URL declaration, the generated URLs will continue to resolve properly after the rename.

URLs may also be generated by `static_url()` to static assets that live outside the Pyramid application. This will happen when the `add_static_view()` API associated with the `path` fed to `static_url()` is a `URL` instead of a view name. For example, the `name` argument may be `http://example.com` while the `path` given may be `mypackage:images`:
config.add_static_view(name='http://example.com/images',
                       path='mypackage:images')

Under such a configuration, the URL generated by `static_url` for assets which begin with `mypackage:images` will be prefixed with `http://example.com/images`:

```python
request.static_url('mypackage:images/logo.png')
# -> http://example.com/images/logo.png
```

Using `static_url()` in conjunction with a `add_static_view()` makes it possible to put static media on a separate webserver during production (if the `name` argument to `add_static_view()` is a URL), while keeping static media package-internal and served by the development webserver during development (if the `name` argument to `add_static_view()` is a URL prefix).

For example, we may define a custom setting named `media_location` which we can set to an external URL in production when our assets are hosted on a CDN.

```python
media_location = settings.get('media_location', 'static')
config = Configurator(settings=settings)
config.add_static_view(path='myapp:static', name=media_location)
```

Now we can optionally define the setting in our ini file:

```ini
# production.ini
[app:main]
use = egg:myapp#main
media_location = http://static.example.com/
```

It is also possible to serve assets that live outside of the source by referring to an absolute path on the filesystem. There are two ways to accomplish this.

First, `add_static_view()` supports taking an absolute path directly instead of an asset spec. This works as expected, looking in the file or folder of files and serving them up at some URL within your application or externally. Unfortunately, this technique has a drawback in that it is not possible to use the `static_url()` method to generate URLs, since it works based on an asset specification.

New in version 1.6.

The second approach, available in Pyramid 1.6+, uses the asset overriding APIs described in the Overriding Assets section. It is then possible to configure a ”dummy” package which then serves its file or folder from an absolute path.
config.add_static_view(path='myapp:static_images', name='static')
config.override_asset(to_override='myapp:static_images/',
    override_with='/abs/path/to/images/')

From this configuration it is now possible to use `static_url()` to generate URLs to the data in the
folder by doing something like `request.static_url('myapp:static_images/foo.png')`. While it is not necessary that the `static_images` file or folder actually exist in the `myapp` package, it is important that the `myapp` portion points to a valid package. If the folder does exist, then the overridden folder is given priority, if the file’s name exists in both locations.

**Cache Busting**

New in version 1.6.

In order to maximize performance of a web application, you generally want to limit the number of times
a particular client requests the same static asset. Ideally a client would cache a particular static asset "forever", requiring it to be sent to the client a single time. The HTTP protocol allows you to send headers with an HTTP response that can instruct a client to cache a particular asset for an amount of time. As long as the client has a copy of the asset in its cache and that cache hasn’t expired, the client will use the cached copy rather than request a new copy from the server. The drawback to sending cache headers to the client for a static asset is that at some point the static asset may change, and then you’ll want the client to load a new copy of the asset. Under normal circumstances you’d just need to wait for the client’s cached copy to expire before they get the new version of the static resource.

A commonly used workaround to this problem is a technique known as *cache busting*. Cache busting schemes generally involve generating a URL for a static asset that changes when the static asset changes. This way headers can be sent along with the static asset instructing the client to cache the asset for a very long time. When a static asset is changed, the URL used to refer to it in a web page also changes, so the client sees it as a new resource and requests the asset, regardless of any caching policy set for the resource’s old URL.

Pyramid can be configured to produce cache busting URLs for static assets using `add_cache_buster()`:

```python
import time
from pyramid.static import QueryStringConstantCacheBuster

# config is an instance of pyramid.config.Configurator
config.add_static_view(name='static', path='mypackage:folder/static/')
config.add_cache_buster('mypackage:folder/static/','
    QueryStringConstantCacheBuster(str(int(time.time()))))
```
Adding the cachebuster instructs Pyramid to add the current time for a static asset to the query string in the asset’s URL:

```python
1 js_url = request.static_url('mypackage:folder/static/js/myapp.js')
2 # Returns: 'http://www.example.com/static/js/myapp.js?x=1445318121'
```

When the web server restarts, the time constant will change and therefore so will its URL.

Cache busting is an inherently complex topic as it integrates the asset pipeline and the web application. It is expected and desired that application authors will write their own cache buster implementations conforming to the properties of their own asset pipelines. See *Customizing the Cache Buster* for information on writing your own.

### Disabling the Cache Buster

It can be useful in some situations (e.g., development) to globally disable all configured cache busters without changing calls to `add_cache_buster()`. To do this set the `PYRAMID_PREVENT_CACHEBUST` environment variable or the `pyramid.prevent_cachebust` configuration value to a true value.

### Customizing the Cache Buster

Calls to `add_cache_buster()` may use any object that implements the interface `ICacheBuster`.

Pyramid ships with a very simplistic `QueryStringConstantCacheBuster`, which adds an arbitrary token you provide to the query string of the asset’s URL. This is almost never what you want in production as it does not allow fine-grained busting of individual assets.

In order to implement your own cache buster, you can write your own class from scratch which implements the `ICacheBuster` interface. Alternatively you may choose to subclass one of the existing implementations. One of the most likely scenarios is you’d want to change the way the asset token is generated. To do this just subclass `QueryStringCacheBuster` and define a `tokenize(pathspec)` method. Here is an example which uses Git to get the hash of the current commit:
import os
import subprocess
from pyramid.static import QueryStringCacheBuster

class GitCacheBuster(QueryStringCacheBuster):
    """
    Assuming your code is installed as a Git checkout, as opposed to an egg
    from an egg repository like PYPI, you can use this cachebuster to get
    the current commit's SHA1 to use as the cache bust token.
    """
    def __init__(self, param='x', repo_path=None):
        super(GitCacheBuster, self).__init__(param=param)
        if repo_path is None:
            repo_path = os.path.dirname(os.path.abspath(__file__)).
        self.sha1 = subprocess.check_output(
            ['git', 'rev-parse', 'HEAD'],
            cwd=repo_path).strip()

    def tokenize(self, pathspec):
        return self.sha1

A simple cache buster that modifies the path segment can be constructed as well:

import posixpath
class PathConstantCacheBuster(object):
    def __init__(self, token):
        self.token = token

    def __call__(self, request, subpath, kw):
        base_subpath, ext = posixpath.splitext(subpath)
        new_subpath = base_subpath + self.token + ext
        return new_subpath, kw

The caveat with this approach is that modifying the path segment changes the file name, and thus must
match what is actually on the filesystem in order for add_static_view() to find the file. It’s better to
use the ManifestCacheBuster for these situations, as described in the next section.
Path Segments and Choosing a Cache Buster

Many caching HTTP proxies will fail to cache a resource if the URL contains a query string. Therefore, in general, you should prefer a cache busting strategy which modifies the path segment rather than methods which add a token to the query string.

You will need to consider whether the Pyramid application will be serving your static assets, whether you are using an external asset pipeline to handle rewriting urls internal to the css/javascript, and how fine-grained do you want the cache busting tokens to be.

In many cases you will want to host the static assets on another web server or externally on a CDN. In these cases your Pyramid application may not even have access to a copy of the static assets. In order to cache bust these assets you will need some information about them.

If you are using an external asset pipeline to generate your static files you should consider using the `ManifestCacheBuster`. This cache buster can load a standard JSON formatted file generated by your pipeline and use it to cache bust the assets. This has many performance advantages as Pyramid does not need to look at the files to generate any cache busting tokens, but still supports fine-grained per-file tokens.

Assuming an example `manifest.json` like:

```json
{
    "css/main.css": "css/main-678b7c80.css",
    "images/background.png": "images/background-a8169106.png"
}
```

The following code would set up a cachebuster:

```python
from pyramid.static import ManifestCacheBuster
config.add_static_view(
    name='http://mycdn.example.com/',
    path='mypackage:static')
config.add_cache_buster(
    'mypackage:static/',
    ManifestCacheBuster('myapp:static/manifest.json'))
```

It’s important to note that the cache buster only handles generating cache-busted URLs for static assets. It does NOT provide any solutions for serving those assets. For example, if you generated a URL for `css/main-678b7c80.css` then that URL needs to be valid either by configuring `add_static_view` properly to point to the location of the files or some other mechanism such as the files existing on your CDN or rewriting the incoming URL to remove the cache bust tokens.
CSS and JavaScript source and cache busting

Often one needs to refer to images and other static assets inside CSS and JavaScript files. If cache busting is active, the final static asset URL is not available until the static assets have been assembled. These URLs cannot be handwritten. Below is an example of how to integrate the cache buster into the entire stack. Remember, it is just an example and should be modified to fit your specific tools.

- First, process the files by using a precompiler which rewrites URLs to their final cache-busted form. Then, you can use the `ManifestCacheBuster` to synchronize your asset pipeline with Pyramid, allowing the pipeline to have full control over the final URLs of your assets.

Now that you are able to generate static URLs within Pyramid, you’ll need to handle URLs that are out of our control. To do this you may use some of the following options to get started:

- Configure your asset pipeline to rewrite URL references inline in CSS and JavaScript. This is the best approach because then the files may be hosted by Pyramid or an external CDN without having to change anything. They really are static.

- Templatize JS and CSS, and call `request.static_url()` inside their template code. While this approach may work in certain scenarios, it is not recommended because your static assets will not really be static and are now dependent on Pyramid to be served correctly. See Advanced: Serving Static Assets Using a View Callable for more information on this approach.

If your CSS and JavaScript assets use URLs to reference other assets it is recommended that you implement an external asset pipeline that can rewrite the generated static files with new URLs containing cache busting tokens. The machinery inside Pyramid will not help with this step as it has very little knowledge of the asset types your application may use. The integration into Pyramid is simply for linking those assets into your HTML and other dynamic content.

Advanced: Serving Static Assets Using a View Callable

For more flexibility, static assets can be served by a view callable which you register manually. For example, if you’re using `URL dispatch`, you may want static assets to only be available as a fallback if no previous route matches. Alternatively, you might like to serve a particular static asset manually, because its download requires authentication.

Note that you cannot use the `static_url()` API to generate URLs against assets made accessible by registering a custom static view.
Root-Relative Custom Static View (URL Dispatch Only)

The `pyramid.static.static_view` helper class generates a Pyramid view callable. This view callable can serve static assets from a directory. An instance of this class is actually used by the `add_static_view()` configuration method, so its behavior is almost exactly the same once it’s configured.

⚠️ The following example will not work for applications that use traversal; it will only work if you use URL dispatch exclusively. The root-relative route we’ll be registering will always be matched before traversal takes place, subverting any views registered via `add_view` (at least those without a `route_name`). A `static_view` static view cannot be made root-relative when you use traversal unless it’s registered as a Not Found View.

To serve files within a directory located on your filesystem at `/path/to/static/dir` as the result of a ”catchall” route hanging from the root that exists at the end of your routing table, create an instance of the `static_view` class inside a `static.py` file in your application root as below.

```python
from pyramid.static import static_view

static_view = static_view('/path/to/static/dir', use_subpath=True)
```

ℹ️ For better cross-system flexibility, use an asset specification as the argument to `static_view` instead of a physical absolute filesystem path, e.g., `mypackage:static`, instead of `/path/to/mypackage/static`.

Subsequently, you may wire the files that are served by this view up to be accessible as `/<filename>` using a configuration method in your application’s startup code.

```python
# .. every other add_route declaration should come
# before this one, as it will, by default, catch all requests

config.add_route('catchall_static', '/<subpath>')
config.add_view('myapp.static.static_view', route_name='catchall_static')
```

The special name `*subpath` above is used by the `static_view` view callable to signify the path of the file relative to the directory you’re serving.
Registering a View Callable to Serve a "Static" Asset

You can register a simple view callable to serve a single static asset. To do so, do things "by hand". First define the view callable.

```python
import os
from pyramid.response import FileResponse

def favicon_view(request):
    here = os.path.dirname(__file__)
    icon = os.path.join(here, 'static', 'favicon.ico')
    return FileResponse(icon, request=request)
```

The above bit of code within `favicon_view` computes "here", which is a path relative to the Python file in which the function is defined. It then creates a `pyramid.response.FileResponse` using the file path as the response’s `path` argument and the request as the response’s `request` argument. `pyramid.response.FileResponse` will serve the file as quickly as possible when it’s used this way. It makes sure to set the right content length and content_type, too, based on the file extension of the file you pass.

You might register such a view via configuration as a view callable that should be called as the result of a traversal:

```python
config.add_view('myapp.views.favicon_view', name='favicon.ico')
```

Or you might register it to be the view callable for a particular route:

```python
config.add_route('favicon', '/favicon.ico')
config.add_view('myapp.views.favicon_view', route_name='favicon')
```

Because this is a simple view callable, it can be protected with a `permission` or can be configured to respond under different circumstances using `view predicate` arguments.

Overriding Assets

It can often be useful to override specific assets from "outside" a given Pyramid application. For example, you may wish to reuse an existing Pyramid application more or less unchanged. However, some specific template file owned by the application might have inappropriate HTML, or some static asset (such as a logo file or some CSS file) might not be appropriate. You could just fork the application entirely, but it’s often more convenient to just override the assets that are inappropriate and reuse the application "as is". This
is particularly true when you reuse some “core” application over and over again for some set of customers (such as a CMS application, or some bug tracking application), and you want to make arbitrary visual modifications to a particular application deployment without forking the underlying code.

To this end, Pyramid contains a feature that makes it possible to “override” one asset with one or more other assets. In support of this feature, a Configurator API exists named `pyramid.config.Configurator.override_asset()`. This API allows you to override the following kinds of assets defined in any Python package:

- Individual template files.

- A directory containing multiple template files.

- Individual static files served up by an instance of the `pyramid.static.static_view` helper class.

- A directory of static files served up by an instance of the `pyramid.static.static_view` helper class.

- Any other asset (or set of assets) addressed by code that uses the Setuptools `pkg_resources` API.

The `override_asset` API

An individual call to `override_asset()` can override a single asset. For example:

```python
config.override_asset(
    to_override='some.package:templates/mytemplate.pt',
    override_with='another.package:othertemplates/anothertemplate.pt')
```

The string value passed to both `to_override` and `override_with` sent to the `override_asset` API is called an asset specification. The colon separator in a specification separates the package name from the asset name. The colon and the following asset name are optional. If they are not specified, the override attempts to resolve every lookup into a package from the directory of another package. For example:

```python
config.override_asset(to_override='some.package',
                      override_with='another.package')
```

Individual subdirectories within a package can also be overridden:
config.override_asset(to_override='some.package:templates/',
    override_with='another.package:othertemplates/')

If you wish to override a directory with another directory, you must make sure to attach the slash to the end of both the to_override specification and the override_with specification. If you fail to attach a slash to the end of a specification that points to a directory, you will get unexpected results.

You cannot override a directory specification with a file specification, and vice versa; a startup error will occur if you try. You cannot override an asset with itself; a startup error will occur if you try.

Only individual package assets may be overridden. Overrides will not traverse through subpackages within an overridden package. This means that if you want to override assets for both some.package:templates, and some.package.views:templates, you will need to register two overrides.

The package name in a specification may start with a dot, meaning that the package is relative to the package in which the configuration construction file resides (or the package argument to the Configurator class construction). For example:

config.override_asset(to_override='.subpackage:templates/',
    override_with='another.package:templates/')

Multiple calls to override_asset which name a shared to_override but a different override_with specification can be "stacked" to form a search path. The first asset that exists in the search path will be used; if no asset exists in the override path, the original asset is used.

Asset overrides can actually override assets other than templates and static files. Any software which uses the pkg_resources.get_resource_filename(), pkg_resources.get_resource_stream(), or pkg_resources.get_resource_string() APIs will obtain an overridden file when an override is used.

New in version 1.6: As of Pyramid 1.6, it is also possible to override an asset by supplying an absolute path to a file or directory. This may be useful if the assets are not distributed as part of a Python package.

**Cache Busting and Asset Overrides**

Overriding static assets that are being hosted using pyramid.config.Configurator.add_static_view() can affect your cache busting strategy when using any cache busters that are asset-aware such as pyramid.static.ManifestCacheBuster. What sets asset-aware cache
busters apart is that they have logic tied to specific assets. For example, a manifest is only generated for a specific set of pre-defined assets. Now, imagine you have overridden an asset defined in this manifest with a new, unknown version. By default, the cache buster will be invoked for an asset it has never seen before and will likely end up returning a cache busting token for the original asset rather than the asset that will actually end up being served! In order to get around this issue, it’s possible to attach a different `pyramid.interfaces.ICacheBuster` implementation to the new assets. This would cause the original assets to be served by their manifest, and the new assets served by their own cache buster. To do this, `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_cache_buster()` supports an explicit option. For example:

```python
from pyramid.static import ManifestCacheBuster

# define a static view for myapp:static assets
config.add_static_view('static', 'myapp:static')

# setup a cache buster for your app based on the myapp:static assets
my_cb = ManifestCacheBuster('myapp:static/manifest.json')
config.add_cache_buster('myapp:static', my_cb)

# override an asset
config.override_asset(
    to_override='myapp:static/background.png',
    override_with='theme:static/background.png')

# override the cache buster for theme:static assets
theme_cb = ManifestCacheBuster('theme:static/manifest.json')
config.add_cache_buster('theme:static', theme_cb, explicit=True)
```

In the above example there is a default cache buster, `my_cb`, for all assets served from the `myapp:static` folder. This would also affect `theme:static/background.png` when generating URLs via `request.static_url('myapp:static/background.png')`.

The `theme_cb` is defined explicitly for any assets loaded from the `theme:static` folder. Explicit cache busters have priority and thus `theme_cb` would be invoked for `request.static_url('myapp:static/background.png')`, but `my_cb` would be used for any other assets like `request.static_url('myapp:static/favicon.ico')`. 
0.3.14 Request and Response Objects

Pyramid uses the WebOb package as a basis for its request and response object implementations. The request object that is passed to a Pyramid view is an instance of the pyramid.request.Request class, which is a subclass of webob.Request class. The response returned from a Pyramid view renderer is an instance of the pyramid.response.Response class, which is a subclass of the webob.Response class. Users can also return an instance of pyramid.response.Response directly from a view as necessary.

WebOb is a project separate from Pyramid with a separate set of authors and a fully separate set of documentation. Pyramid adds some functionality to the standard WebOb request, which is documented in the pyramid.request API documentation.

WebOb provides objects for HTTP requests and responses. Specifically it does this by wrapping the WSGI request environment and response status, header list, and app_iter (body) values.

WebOb request and response objects provide many conveniences for parsing WSGI requests and forming WSGI responses. WebOb is a nice way to represent "raw" WSGI requests and responses. However, we won’t cover that use case in this document, as users of Pyramid don’t typically need to use the WSGI-related features of WebOb directly. The reference documentation shows many examples of creating requests and using response objects in this manner, however.

Request

The request object is a wrapper around the WSGI environ dictionary. This dictionary contains keys for each header, keys that describe the request (including the path and query string), a file-like object for the request body, and a variety of custom keys. You can always access the environ with req.environ.

Some of the most important and interesting attributes of a request object are below.

req.method  The request method, e.g., GET, POST

req.GET    A multidict with all the variables in the query string.

req.POST   A multidict with all the variables in the request body. This only has variables if the request was a POST and it is a form submission.
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**req.params** A *multidict* with a combination of everything in *req.GET* and *req.POST*.

**req.body** The contents of the body of the request. This contains the entire request body as a string. This is useful when the request is a *POST* that is *not* a form submission, or a request like a *PUT*. You can also get *req.body_file* for a file-like object.

**req.json_body** The JSON-decoded contents of the body of the request. See *Dealing with a JSON-Encoded Request Body*.

**req.cookies** A simple dictionary of all the cookies.

**req.headers** A dictionary of all the headers. This dictionary is case-insensitive.

**req.urlvars** and **req.urlargs** *req.urlvars* are the keyword parameters associated with the request URL. *req.urlargs* are the positional parameters. These are set by products like Routes and Selector.

Also for standard HTTP request headers, there are usually attributes such as *req.accept_language*, *req.content_length*, and *req.user_agent*. These properties expose the *parsed* form of each header, for whatever parsing makes sense. For instance, *req.if_modified_since* returns a *date-time* object (or None if the header is was not provided).

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⚠️ Full API documentation for the Pyramid request object is available in *pyramid.request*.

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**Special Attributes Added to the Request by Pyramid**

In addition to the standard *WebOb* attributes, Pyramid adds special attributes to every request: context, registry, root, subpath, traversed, view_name, virtual_root, virtual_root_path, session, matchdict, and matched_route. These attributes are documented further within the *pyramid.request.Request* API documentation.
URLs

In addition to these attributes, there are several ways to get the URL of the request and its parts. We’ll show various values for an example URL `http://localhost/app/blog?id=10`, where the application is mounted at `http://localhost/app`.

- **req.url** The full request URL with query string, e.g., `http://localhost/app/blog?id=10`
- **req.host** The host information in the URL, e.g., `localhost`
- **req.host_url** The URL with the host, e.g., `http://localhost`
- **req.application_url** The URL of the application (just the `SCRIPT_NAME` portion of the path, not `PATH_INFO`), e.g., `http://localhost/app`
- **req.path_url** The URL of the application including the `PATH_INFO`, e.g., `http://localhost/app/blog`
- **req.path** The URL including `PATH_INFO` without the host or scheme, e.g., `/app/blog`
- **req.path_qs** The URL including `PATH_INFO` and the query string, e.g., `/app/blog?id=10`
- **req.query_string** The query string in the URL, e.g., `id=10`
- **req.relative_url(url, to_application=False)** Gives a URL relative to the current URL. If `to_application` is True, then resolves it relative to `req.application_url`.

Methods

There are methods of request objects documented in `pyramid.request.Request` but you’ll find that you won’t use very many of them. Here are a couple that might be useful:

- **Request.blank(base_url)** Creates a new request with blank information, based at the given URL. This can be useful for subrequests and artificial requests. You can also use `req.copy()` to copy an existing request, or for subrequests `req.copy_get()` which copies the request but always turns it into a GET (which is safer to share for subrequests).

- **req.get_response(wsgi_application)** This method calls the given WSGI application with this request, and returns a `pyramid.response.Response` object. You can also use this for subrequests or testing.
Text (Unicode)

Most of the properties of the request object will be text values. The values in `req.POST`, `req.GET`, `req.params`, and `req.cookies` will contain text and are generated assuming a UTF-8 charset. The client can indicate the charset with something like `Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded; charset=utf8`, but browsers seldom set this. You can reset the charset of an existing request with `newreq = req.decode('utf-8')`, or during instantiation with `Request(environ, charset='utf8')`.

Multidict

Several attributes of a WebOb request are multidict structures (such as `request.GET`, `request.POST`, and `request.params`). A multidict is a dictionary where a key can have multiple values. The quintessential example is a query string like `?pref=red&pref=blue`; the `pref` variable has two values: red and blue.

In a multidict, when you do `request.GET['pref']`, you'll get back only "blue" (the last value of `pref`). This returned result might not be expected—sometimes returning a string, and sometimes returning a list—and may be cause of frequent exceptions. If you want all the values back, use `request.GET.getall('pref')`. If you want to be sure there is one and only one value, use `request.GET.getone('pref')`, which will raise an exception if there is zero or more than one value for `pref`.

When you use operations like `request.GET.items()`, you'll get back something like `[('pref', 'red'), ('pref', 'blue')]`. All the key/value pairs will show up. Similarly `request.GET.keys()` returns `['pref', 'pref']`. Multidict is a view on a list of tuples; all the keys are ordered, and all the values are ordered.

API documentation for a multidict exists as `pyramid.interfaces.IMultiDict`.

Dealing with a JSON-Encoded Request Body

New in version 1.1.

`pyramid.request.Request.json_body` is a property that returns a JSON-decoded representation of the request body. If the request does not have a body, or the body is not a properly JSON-encoded value, an exception will be raised when this attribute is accessed.

This attribute is useful when you invoke a Pyramid view callable via, for example, jQuery’s `$ .ajax` function, which has the potential to send a request with a JSON-encoded body.

Using `request.json_body` is equivalent to:
Here’s how to construct an AJAX request in JavaScript using jQuery that allows you to use the request.

json_body attribute when the request is sent to a Pyramid application:

```javascript
jQuery.ajax({
  type: 'POST',
  url: 'http://localhost:6543/', // the pyramid server
  data: JSON.stringify({'a': 1}),
  contentType: 'application/json'
});
```

When such a request reaches a view in your application, the request.json_body attribute will be available in the view callable body.

```python
@view_config(renderer='string')
def aview(request):
  print(request.json_body)
  return 'OK'
```

For the above view, printed to the console will be:

```json
{'a': 1}
```

For bonus points, here’s a bit of client-side code that will produce a request that has a body suitable for reading via request.json_body using Python’s urllib2 instead of a JavaScript AJAX request:

```python
import urllib2
import json

json_payload = json.dumps({'a': 1})
headers = {'Content-Type': 'application/json'}
req = urllib2.Request('http://localhost:6543/', json_payload, headers)
resp = urllib2.urlopen(req)
```

If you are doing Cross-origin resource sharing (CORS), then the standard requires the browser to do a pre-flight HTTP OPTIONS request. The easiest way to handle this is to add an extra view_config for the same route, with request_method set to OPTIONS, and set the desired response header before returning. You can find examples of response headers Access control CORS, Preflighted requests.
Cleaning up after a Request

Sometimes it’s required to perform some cleanup at the end of a request when a database connection is involved.

For example, let’s say you have a mypackage Pyramid application package that uses SQLAlchemy, and you’d like the current SQLAlchemy database session to be removed after each request. Put the following in the mypackage.__init__ module:

```python
from mypackage.models import DBSession
from pyramid.events import subscriber
from pyramid.events import NewRequest

def cleanup_callback(request):
    DBSession.remove()

@subscriber(NewRequest)
def add_cleanup_callback(event):
    event.request.add_finished_callback(cleanup_callback)
```

Registering the cleanup_callback finished callback at the start of a request (by causing the add_cleanup_callback to receive a pyramid.events.NewRequest event at the start of each request) will cause the DBSession to be removed whenever request processing has ended. Note that in the example above, for the pyramid.events.subscriber decorator to work, the pyramid.config.Configurator.scan() method must be called against your mypackage package during application initialization.

This is only an example. In particular, it is not necessary to cause DBSession.remove to be called in an application generated from the Pyramid cookiecutter, because these all use the pyramid_tm package. The cleanup done by DBSession.remove is unnecessary when pyramid_tm middleware is configured into the application.

More Details

More detail about the request object API is available as follows.

- **pyramid.request.Request** API documentation
- WebOb documentation. All methods and attributes of a webob.Request documented within the WebOb documentation will work with request objects created by Pyramid.
Response

The Pyramid response object can be imported as `pyramid.response.Response`. This class is a subclass of the `webob.Response` class. The subclass does not add or change any functionality, so the WebOb Response documentation will be completely relevant for this class as well.

A response object has three fundamental parts:

- `response.status` The response code plus reason message, like `200 OK`. To set the code without a message, use `status_int`, i.e., `response.status_int = 200`.

- `response.headerlist` A list of all the headers, like `[('Content-Type', 'text/html')]`. There’s a case-insensitive `multidict` in `response.headers` that also allows you to access these same headers.

- `response.app_iter` An iterable (such as a list or generator) that will produce the content of the response. This is also accessible as `response.body` (bytes), `response.text` (a Unicode string, informed by `response.charset`), and `response.body_file` (a file-like object; writing to it appends to `app_iter`).

Everything else in the object typically derives from this underlying state. Here are some highlights:

- `response.content_type` The content type not including the charset parameter.

  Typical use: `response.content_type = 'text/html'`.

  Default value: `response.content_type = 'text/html'`.

- `response.charset` The charset parameter of the content-type, it also informs encoding in `response.text`. `response.content_type_params` is a dictionary of all the parameters.

- `response.set_cookie(name, value, max_age=None, path='/', ...)` Set a cookie. The keyword arguments control the various cookie parameters. The `max_age` argument is the length for the cookie to live in seconds (you may also use a timedelta object). The `Expires` key will also be set based on the value of `max_age`.

- `response.delete_cookie(name, path='/', domain=None)` Delete a cookie from the client. This sets `max_age` to 0 and the cookie value to ''.

- `response.cache_expires(seconds=0)` This makes the response cacheable for the given number of seconds, or if `seconds` is 0 then the response is uncacheable (this also sets the `Expires` header).

- `response(environ, start_response)` The response object is a WSGI application. As an application, it acts according to how you create it. It can do conditional responses if you pass `conditional_response=True` when instantiating (or set that attribute later). It can also do HEAD and Range requests.
Headers

Like the request, most HTTP response headers are available as properties. These are parsed, so you can do things like `response.last_modified = os.path.getmtime(filename)`.

The details are available in the `webob.response` API documentation.

Instantiating the Response

Of course most of the time you just want to make a response. Generally any attribute of the response can be passed in as a keyword argument to the class, e.g.:

```python
from pyramid.response import Response
response = Response(body='hello world!', content_type='text/plain')
```

The status defaults to '200 OK'.

The value of `content_type` defaults to `webob.response.Response.default_content_type`, which is `text/html`. You can subclass `pyramid.response.Response` and set `default_content_type` to override this behavior.

Exception Responses

To facilitate error responses like 404 Not Found, the module `pyramid.httpexceptions` contains classes for each kind of error response. These include boring but appropriate error bodies. The exceptions exposed by this module, when used under Pyramid, should be imported from the `pyramid.httpexceptions` module. This import location contains subclasses and replacements that mirror those in the `webob.exc` module.

Each class is named `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTP*`, where * is the reason for the error. For instance, `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPNotFound` subclasses `pyramid.response.Response`, so you can manipulate the instances in the same way. A typical example is:

```python
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPNotFound
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPMovedPermanently
response = HTTPNotFound('There is no such resource')
# or:
response = HTTPMovedPermanently(location=new_url)
```
More Details

More details about the response object API are available in the `pyramid.response` documentation. More details about exception responses are in the `pyramid.httpexceptions` API documentation. The WebOb documentation is also useful.

0.3.15 Sessions

A session is a namespace which is valid for some period of continual activity that can be used to represent a user’s interaction with a web application.

This chapter describes how to configure sessions, what session implementations Pyramid provides out of the box, how to store and retrieve data from sessions, and a session-specific feature: flash messages.

Using the Default Session Factory

In order to use sessions, you must set up a `session factory` during your Pyramid configuration.

A very basic session factory implementation is provided in the Pyramid core. It uses a cookie to store session information. This implementation has the following limitations:

- The session information in the cookies used by this implementation is *not* encrypted, so it can be viewed by anyone with access to the cookie storage of the user’s browser or anyone with access to the network along which the cookie travels.

- The maximum number of bytes that are storable in a serialized representation of the session is fewer than 4000. This is suitable only for very small data sets.

It is digitally signed, however, and thus a client cannot easily tamper with the content without having access to the secret key.

You can configure this session factory in your Pyramid application by using the `pyramid.config.Contributor.set_session_factory()` method.

```python
from pyramid.session import SignedCookieSessionFactory
my_session_factory = SignedCookieSessionFactory('itsaseekreet')

from pyramid.config import Configurator
config = Configurator()
config.set_session_factory(my_session_factory)
```
By default the `SignedCookieSessionFactory()` implementation contains the following security concerns:

- Session data is *unencrypted* (but it is signed / authenticated).

  This means an attacker cannot change the session data, but they can view it. You should not use it when you keep sensitive information in the session object, as the information can be easily read by both users of your application and third parties who have access to your users’ network traffic.

  At the very least, use TLS and set `secure=True` to avoid arbitrary users on the network from viewing the session contents.

- If you use this sessioning implementation, and you inadvertently create a cross-site scripting vulnerability in your application, because the session data is stored unencrypted in a cookie, it will also be easier for evildoers to obtain the current user’s cross-site scripting token.

  Set `httponly=True` to mitigate this vulnerability by hiding the cookie from client-side JavaScript.

In short, use a different session factory implementation (preferably one which keeps session data on the server) for anything but the most basic of applications where “session security doesn’t matter”, you are sure your application has no cross-site scripting vulnerabilities, and you are confident your secret key will not be exposed.

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**Using a Session Object**

Once a session factory has been configured for your application, you can access session objects provided by the session factory via the `session` attribute of any `request` object. For example:

```python
from pyramid.response import Response

def myview(request):
    session = request.session
    if 'abc' in session:
        session['fred'] = 'yes'
    session['abc'] = '123'
    if 'fred' in session:
```
The first time this view is invoked produces Fred was not in the session. Subsequent invocations produce Fred was in the session, assuming of course that the client side maintains the session’s identity across multiple requests.

You can use a session much like a Python dictionary. It supports all dictionary methods, along with some extra attributes and methods.

Extra attributes:

**created** An integer timestamp indicating the time that this session was created.

**new** A boolean. If new is True, this session is new. Otherwise, it has been constituted from data that was already serialized.

Extra methods:

**changed()** Call this when you mutate a mutable value in the session namespace. See the gotchas below for details on when and why you should call this.

**invalidate()** Call this when you want to invalidate the session (dump all data, and perhaps set a clearing cookie).

The formal definition of the methods and attributes supported by the session object are in the `pyramid.interfaces.ISession` documentation.

Some gotchas:

- Keys and values of session data must be JSON-serializable. This means, typically, that they are instances of basic types of objects, such as strings, lists, dictionaries, tuples, integers, etc. If you place an object in a session data key or value that is not JSON-serializable, an error will be raised when the session is serialized. Please also see upgrading_session_20.

- If you place a mutable value (for example, a list or a dictionary) in a session object, and you subsequently mutate that value, you must call the `changed()` method of the session object. In this case, the session has no way to know that it was modified. However, when you modify a session object directly, such as setting a value (i.e., `__setitem__`), or removing a key (e.g., `del` or `pop`), the session will automatically know that it needs to re-serialize its data, thus calling `changed()` is unnecessary. There is no harm in calling `changed()` in either case, so when in doubt, call it after you’ve changed sessioning data.
Using Alternate Session Factories

The following session factories exist at the time of this writing.

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<td>Redis</td>
<td>Server-side session library for Pyramid, using Redis for storage.</td>
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<td>pyramid_beaker</td>
<td>Beaker</td>
<td>Session factory for Pyramid backed by the Beaker sessioning system.</td>
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Creating Your Own Session Factory

If none of the default or otherwise available sessioning implementations for Pyramid suit you, you may create your own session object by implementing a session factory. Your session factory should return a session. The interfaces for both types are available in pyramid.interfaces.ISessionFactory and pyramid.interfaces.ISession. You might use the cookie implementation in the pyramid.session module as inspiration.

Flash Messages

"Flash messages" are simply a queue of message strings stored in the session. To use flash messaging, you must enable a session factory as described in Using the Default Session Factory or Using Alternate Session Factories.

Flash messaging has two main uses: to display a status message only once to the user after performing an internal redirect, and to allow generic code to log messages for single-time display without having direct access to an HTML template. The user interface consists of a number of methods of the session object.

Using the session.flash Method

To add a message to a flash message queue, use a session object’s flash() method:
The `flash()` method appends a message to a flash queue, creating the queue if necessary.

`flash()` accepts three arguments:

```
flash(message, queue=''', allow_duplicate=True)
```

The `message` argument is required. It represents a message you wish to later display to a user. It is usually a string but the `message` you provide is not modified in any way.

The `queue` argument allows you to choose a queue to which to append the message you provide. This can be used to push different kinds of messages into flash storage for later display in different places on a page. You can pass any name for your queue, but it must be a string. Each queue is independent, and can be popped by `pop_flash()` or examined via `peek_flash()` separately. `queue` defaults to the empty string. The empty string represents the default flash message queue.

```
request.session.flash(msg, 'myappsqueue')
```

The `allow_duplicate` argument defaults to `True`. If this is `False`, and you attempt to add a message value which is already present in the queue, it will not be added.

### Using the `session.pop_flash` Method

Once one or more messages have been added to a flash queue by the `session.flash()` API, the `session.pop_flash()` API can be used to pop an entire queue and return it for use.

To pop a particular queue of messages from the flash object, use the session object’s `pop_flash()` method. This returns a list of the messages that were added to the flash queue, and empties the queue.

```
pop_flash(queue='')
```

Calling `session.pop_flash()` again like above without a corresponding call to `session.flash()` will return an empty list, because the queue has already been popped.
Using the `session.peek_flash` Method

Once one or more messages have been added to a flash queue by the `session.flash()` API, the `session.peek_flash()` API can be used to "peek" at that queue. Unlike `session.pop_flash()`, the queue is not popped from flash storage.

`peek_flash(queue=")

0.3.16 Using Events

An event is an object broadcast by the Pyramid framework at interesting points during the lifetime of an application. You don’t need to use events in order to create most Pyramid applications, but they can be useful when you want to perform slightly advanced operations. For example, subscribing to an event can allow you to run some code as the result of every new request.

Events in Pyramid are always broadcast by the framework. However, they only become useful when you register a subscriber. A subscriber is a function that accepts a single argument named `event`:

```python
1  def mysubscriber(event):
   2   print(event)
```

The above is a subscriber that simply prints the event to the console when it’s called.

The mere existence of a subscriber function, however, is not sufficient to arrange for it to be called. To arrange for the subscriber to be called, you’ll need to use the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_subscriber()` method or you’ll need to use the `pyramid.events.subscriber()` decorator to decorate a function found via a `scan`. 
Configuring an Event Listener Imperatively

You can imperatively configure a subscriber function to be called for some event type via the `add_subscriber()` method:

```python
from pyramid.events import NewRequest
from subscribers import mysubscriber

# "config" below is assumed to be an instance of a
# pyramid.config.Configurator object
config.add_subscriber(mysubscriber, NewRequest)
```

The first argument to `add_subscriber()` is the subscriber function (or a dotted Python name which refers to a subscriber callable); the second argument is the event type.

See also:

See also `Configurator`.

Configuring an Event Listener Using a Decorator

You can configure a subscriber function to be called for some event type via the `pyramid.events.subscriber()` function.

```python
from pyramid.events import NewRequest
from pyramid.events import subscriber

@subscriber(NewRequest)
def mysubscriber(event):
    event.request.foo = 1
```

When the `subscriber()` decorator is used, a `scan` must be performed against the package containing the decorated function for the decorator to have any effect.

Either of the above registration examples implies that every time the Pyramid framework emits an event object that supplies an `pyramid.events.NewRequest` interface, the `mysubscriber` function will be called with an `event` object.
As you can see, a subscription is made in terms of a class (such as `pyramid.events.NewResponse`). The event object sent to a subscriber will always be an object that possesses an interface. For `pyramid.events.NewResponse`, that interface is `pyramid.interfaces.INewResponse`. The interface documentation provides information about available attributes and methods of the event objects.

The return value of a subscriber function is ignored. Subscribers to the same event type are not guaranteed to be called in any particular order relative to each other.

All the concrete Pyramid event types are documented in the `pyramid.events` API documentation.

**An Example**

If you create event listener functions in a `subscribers.py` file in your application like so:

```python
1  def handle_new_request(event):
2      print('request', event.request)
3
4  def handle_new_response(event):
5      print('response', event.response)
```

You may configure these functions to be called at the appropriate times by adding the following code to your application’s configuration startup:

```python
1  # config is an instance of pyramid.config.Configurator
2  config.add_subscriber('myproject.subscribers.handle_new_request',
3                        'pyramid.events.NewRequest')
4  config.add_subscriber('myproject.subscribers.handle_new_response',
5                        'pyramid.events.NewResponse')
```

Either mechanism causes the functions in `subscribers.py` to be registered as event subscribers. Under this configuration, when the application is run, each time a new request or response is detected, a message will be printed to the console.

Each of our subscriber functions accepts an `event` object and prints an attribute of the event object. This begs the question: how can we know which attributes a particular event has?

We know that `pyramid.events.NewRequest` event objects have a `request` attribute, which is a `request` object, because the interface defined at `pyramid.interfaces.INewRequest` says it must. Likewise, we know that `pyramid.interfaces.NewResponse` events have a `response` attribute, which is a response object constructed by your application, because the interface defined at `pyramid.interfaces.INewResponse` says it must (`pyramid.events.NewResponse` objects also have a `request`).
Creating Your Own Events

In addition to using the events that the Pyramid framework creates, you can create your own events for use in your application. This can be useful to decouple parts of your application.

For example, suppose your application has to do many things when a new document is created. Rather than putting all this logic in the view that creates the document, you can create the document in your view and then fire a custom event. Subscribers to the custom event can take other actions, such as indexing the document, sending email, or sending a message to a remote system.

An event is simply an object. There are no required attributes or method for your custom events. In general, your events should keep track of the information that subscribers will need. Here are some example custom event classes:

```python
class DocCreated(object):
    def __init__(self, doc, request):
        self.doc = doc
        self.request = request

class UserEvent(object):
    def __init__(self, user):
        self.user = user

class UserLoggedIn(UserEvent):
    pass
```

Some Pyramid applications choose to define custom events classes in an events module.

You can subscribe to custom events in the same way that you subscribe to Pyramid events—either imperatively or with a decorator. You can also use custom events with subscriber predicates. Here’s an example of subscribing to a custom event with a decorator:

```python
from pyramid.events import subscriber
from .events import DocCreated
from .index import index_doc

@subscriber(DocCreated)
def index_doc(event):
    # index the document using our application's index_doc function
    index_doc(event.doc, event.request)
```
The above example assumes that the application defines a DocCreated event class and an index_doc function.

To fire your custom events use the `pyramid.registry.Registry.notify()` method, which is most often accessed as `request.registry.notify`. For example:

```python
from .events import DocCreated

def new_doc_view(request):
    doc = MyDoc()
    event = DocCreated(doc, request)
    request.registry.notify(event)
    return {'document': doc}
```

This example view will notify all subscribers to the custom DocCreated event.

Note that when you fire an event, all subscribers are run synchronously so it’s generally not a good idea to create event handlers that may take a long time to run. Although event handlers could be used as a central place to spawn tasks on your own message queues.

### 0.3.17 Environment Variables and .ini File Settings

Pyramid behavior can be configured through a combination of operating system environment variables and .ini configuration file application section settings. The meaning of the environment variables and the configuration file settings overlap.

Where a configuration file setting exists with the same meaning as an environment variable, and both are present at application startup time, the environment variable setting takes precedence.

The term "configuration file setting name" refers to a key in the .ini configuration for your application. The configuration file setting names documented in this chapter are reserved for Pyramid use. You should not use them to indicate application-specific configuration settings.
Reloading Templates

When this value is true, templates are automatically reloaded whenever they are modified without restarting the application, so you can see changes to templates take effect immediately during development. This flag is meaningful to Chameleon and Mako templates, as well as most third-party template rendering extensions.

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Reloading Assets

Don’t cache any asset file data when this value is true.

See also:

See also Overriding Assets.

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For backwards compatibility purposes, aliases can be used for configuring asset reloading: PYRAMID_RELOAD_RESOURCES (envvar) and pyramid.reload_resources (config file).

Debugging Authorization

Print view authorization failure and success information to stderr when this value is true.

See also:

See also Debugging View Authorization Failures.

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Debugging Not Found Errors

Print view-related NotFound debug messages to stderr when this value is true.

See also:

See also NotFound Errors.

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Debugging Route Matching

Print debugging messages related to url dispatch route matching when this value is true.

See also:

See also Debugging Route Matching.

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Preventing HTTP Caching

Prevent the http_cache view configuration argument from having any effect globally in this process when this value is true. No HTTP caching-related response headers will be set by the Pyramid http_cache view configuration feature when this is true.

See also:

See also Influencing HTTP Caching.

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Preventing Cache Busting

Prevent the `cachebust` static view configuration argument from having any effect globally in this process when this value is true. No cache buster will be configured or used when this is true.

New in version 1.6.

See also:

See also *Cache Busting*.

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Debugging All

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Reloading All

Turns on all `reload*` settings.

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Default Locale Name

The value supplied here is used as the default locale name when a *locale negotiator* is not registered.

See also:

See also *Localization-Related Deployment Settings*.

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<td>pyramid.default_locale_name or default_locale_name</td>
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Including Packages

`pyramid.includes` instructs your application to include other packages. Using the setting is equivalent to using the `pyramid.config.Configurator.include()` method.

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The value assigned to `pyramid.includes` should be a sequence. The sequence can take several different forms.

1) It can be a string.

   If it is a string, the package names can be separated by spaces:

   ```
   package1 package2 package3
   ```

   The package names can also be separated by carriage returns:

   ```
   package1
   package2
   package3
   ```

2) It can be a Python list, where the values are strings:

   ```
   ['package1', 'package2', 'package3']
   ```

   Each value in the sequence should be a *dotted Python name*.

`pyramid.includes` vs. `pyramid.config.Configurator.include()`

Two methods exist for including packages: `pyramid.includes` and `pyramid.config.Configurator.include()`. This section explains their equivalence.

Using PasteDeploy

Using the following `pyramid.includes` setting in the PasteDeploy `.ini` file in your application:
[app:main]
pyramid.includes = pyramid_debugtoolbar
    pyramid_tm

Is equivalent to using the following statements in your configuration code:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def main(global_config, **settings):
    config = Configurator(settings=settings)
    # ...
    config.include('pyramid_debugtoolbar')
    config.include('pyramid_tm')
    # ...
```

It is fine to use both or either form.

**Plain Python**

Using the following `pyramid.includes` setting in your plain-Python Pyramid application:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

if __name__ == '__main__':
    settings = {'pyramid.includes':'pyramid_debugtoolbar pyramid_tm'}
    config = Configurator(settings=settings)

Is equivalent to using the following statements in your configuration code:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

if __name__ == '__main__':
    settings = {}
    config = Configurator(settings=settings)
    config.include('pyramid_debugtoolbar')
    config.include('pyramid_tm')
```

It is fine to use both or either form.
Explicit Tween Configuration

This value allows you to perform explicit tween ordering in your configuration. Tweens are bits of code used by add-on authors to extend Pyramid. They form a chain, and require ordering.

Ideally you won’t need to use the `pyramid.tweens` setting at all. Tweens are generally ordered and included “implicitly” when an add-on package which registers a tween is ”included”. Packages are included when you name a `pyramid.includes` setting in your configuration or when you call `pyramid.config.Configurator.include()`.

Authors of included add-ons provide ”implicit” tween configuration ordering hints to Pyramid when their packages are included. However, the implicit tween ordering is only best-effort. Pyramid will attempt to provide an implicit order of tweens as best it can using hints provided by add-on authors, but because it’s only best-effort, if very precise tween ordering is required, the only surefire way to get it is to use an explicit tween order. You may be required to inspect your tween ordering (see `ptweens: Displaying ”Tweens”`) and add a `pyramid.tweens` configuration value at the behest of an add-on author.

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The value assigned to `pyramid.tweens` should be a sequence. The sequence can take several different forms.

1) It can be a string.

   If it is a string, the tween names can be separated by spaces:

   ```
   pkg.tween_factory1 pkg.tween_factory2 pkg.tween_factory3
   ```

   The tween names can also be separated by carriage returns:

   ```
   pkg.tween_factory1
   pkg.tween_factory2
   pkg.tween_factory3
   ```

2) It can be a Python list, where the values are strings:

   ```
   ['pkg.tween_factory1', 'pkg.tween_factory2', 'pkg.tween_factory3']
   ```

Each value in the sequence should be a *dotted Python name*. 
PasteDeploy Configuration vs. Plain-Python Configuration

Using the following `pyramid.tweens` setting in the PasteDeploy `.ini` file in your application:

```
[app:main]
pyramid.tweens = pyramid_debugtoolbar.toolbar.tween_factory
                 pyramid.tweens.excview_tween_factory
                 pyramid_tm.tm_tween_factory
```

Is equivalent to using the following statements in your configuration code:

```
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def main(global_config, **settings):
    settings['pyramid.tweens'] = [
        'pyramid_debugtoolbar.toolbar.tween_factory',
        'pyramid.tweens.excview_tween_factory',
        'pyramid_tm.tm_tween_factory',
    ]
    config = Configurator(settings=settings)
```

It is fine to use both or either form.

**Examples**

Let’s presume your configuration file is named `MyProject.ini`, and there is a section representing your application named `[app:main]` within the file that represents your Pyramid application. The configuration file settings documented in the above “Config File Setting Name” column would go in the `[app:main]` section. Here’s an example of such a section:

```
[app:main]
use = egg:MyProject
pyramid.reload_templates = true
pyramid.debug_authorization = true
```

You can also use environment variables to accomplish the same purpose for settings documented as such. For example, you might start your Pyramid application using the following command line:
If you started your application this way, your Pyramid application would behave in the same manner as if
you had placed the respective settings in the `[app:main]` section of your application’s `.ini` file.

If you want to turn all debug settings (every setting that starts with `pyramid.debug_`) on in one fell swoop, you can use `PYRAMID_DEBUG_ALL=1` as an environment variable setting or you may use `pyramid.debug_all=true` in the config file. Note that this does not affect settings that do not start with `pyramid.debug_*` such as `pyramid.reload_templates`.

If you want to turn all `pyramid.reload` settings (every setting that starts with `pyramid.reload_`) on in one fell swoop, you can use `PYRAMID_RELOAD_ALL=1` as an environment variable setting or you may use `pyramid.reload_all=true` in the config file. Note that this does not affect settings that do not start with `pyramid.reload_*` such as `pyramid.debug_notfound`.

Specifying configuration settings via environment variables is generally most useful during development, where you may wish to augment or override the more permanent settings in the configuration file. This is useful because many of the reload and debug settings may have performance or security (i.e., disclosure) implications that make them undesirable in a production environment.

### Understanding the Distinction Between reload_templates and reload_assets

The difference between `pyramid.reload_assets` and `pyramid.reload_templates` is a bit subtle. Templates are themselves also treated by Pyramid as asset files (along with other static files), so the distinction can be confusing. It’s helpful to read *Overriding Assets* for some context about assets in general.

When `pyramid.reload_templates` is true, Pyramid takes advantage of the underlying templating system’s ability to check for file modifications to an individual template file. When `pyramid.reload_templates` is true, but `pyramid.reload_assets` is not true, the template filename returned by the `pkg_resources` package (used under the hood by asset resolution) is cached by Pyramid on the first request. Subsequent requests for the same template file will return a cached template filename. The underlying templating system checks for modifications to this particular file for every request. Setting `pyramid.reload_templates` to True doesn't affect performance dramatically (although it should still not be used in production because it has some effect).
However, when `pyramid.reload_assets` is true, Pyramid will not cache the template filename, meaning you can see the effect of changing the content of an overridden asset directory for templates without restarting the server after every change. Subsequent requests for the same template file may return different filenames based on the current state of overridden asset directories. Setting `pyramid.reload_assets` to True affects performance dramatically, slowing things down by an order of magnitude for each template rendering. However, it’s convenient to enable when moving files around in overridden asset directories. `pyramid.reload_assets` makes the system very slow when templates are in use. Never set `pyramid.reload_assets` to True on a production system.

### Adding a Custom Setting

From time to time, you may need to add a custom setting to your application. Here’s how:

- If you’re using an `.ini` file, change the `.ini` file, adding the setting to the `[app:foo]` section representing your Pyramid application. For example:

  ```
  [app:main]
  # .. other settings
  debug_frobnosticator = True
  ```

- In the `main()` function that represents the place that your Pyramid WSGI application is created, anticipate that you’ll be getting this key/value pair as a setting and do any type conversion necessary.

If you’ve done any type conversion of your custom value, reset the converted values into the `settings` dictionary before you pass the dictionary as `settings` to the `Configurator`. For example:

```python
def main(global_config, **settings):
    # ...
    from pyramid.settings import asbool
    debug_frobnosticator = asbool(settings.get('debug_frobnosticator', 'false'))
    settings['debug_frobnosticator'] = debug_frobnosticator
    config = Configurator(settings=settings)
```

It’s especially important that you mutate the `settings` dictionary with the converted version of the variable before passing it to the Configurator: the configurator makes a copy of `settings`, it doesn’t use the one you pass directly.
• When creating an includeme function that will be later added to your application’s configuration you may access the settings dictionary through the instance of the Configurator that is passed into the function as its only argument. For Example:

```python
def includeme(config):
    settings = config.registry.settings
    debug_frobnosticator = settings['debug_frobnosticator']
```

• In the runtime code from where you need to access the new settings value, find the value in the registry.settings dictionary and use it. In view code (or any other code that has access to the request), the easiest way to do this is via request.registry.settings. For example:

```python
settings = request.registry.settings
debug_frobnosticator = settings['debug_frobnosticator']
```

If you wish to use the value in code that does not have access to the request and you wish to use the value, you’ll need to use the pyramid.threadlocal.get_current_registry() API to obtain the current registry, then ask for its settings attribute. For example:

```python
registry = pyramid.threadlocal.get_current_registry()
settings = registry.settings
debug_frobnosticator = settings['debug_frobnosticator']
```

### 0.3.18 Logging

Pyramid allows you to make use of the Python standard library logging module. This chapter describes how to configure logging and how to send log messages to loggers that you’ve configured.

⚠️ This chapter assumes you’ve used our cookiecutter to create a project which contains development.ini and production.ini files which help configure logging. The Pyramid cookiecutter provided by the Pylons Project does this. If you’re not using our cookiecutter, or if you’ve used a third-party cookiecutter which does not create these files, the configuration information in this chapter may not be applicable.
Logging Configuration

A Pyramid project created from our cookiecutter is configured to allow you to send messages to Python standard library logging package loggers from within your application. In particular, the PasteDeploy development.ini and production.ini files created when you use our cookiecutter include a basic configuration for the Python logging package. These .ini file sections are passed to the logging module’s config file configuration engine.

PasteDeploy .ini files use the Python standard library ConfigParser format. This is the same format used as the Python logging module’s Configuration file format. The application-related and logging-related sections in the configuration file can coexist peacefully. The logging-related sections in the file configure logging when you run pserve.

If the configuration .ini file, specified when invoking pserve, contains a [loggers] section then on startup the following process takes place:

1. The pserve command calls the pyramid.paster.setup_logging() function, passing the .ini file.

2. setup_logging is a thin wrapper which calls the Python standard library’s logging.config.fileConfig().

3. logging.config.fileConfig() reads the logging configuration from the .ini file and configures logging.

Default logging configuration is provided in both the default development.ini and the production.ini files. If you use our cookiecutter to generate a Pyramid project with the name of the package as hello_world, then the logging configuration in the development.ini file is as follows:

```ini
###
# logging configuration
###

[loggers]
keys = root, myproject

[handlers]
keys = console

[formatters]
```
The `production.ini` file uses the `WARN` level in its logger configuration instead of `DEBUG`, but it is otherwise identical.

In this logging configuration:

- a logger named `root` is created that logs messages at a level above or equal to the `INFO` level to `stderr`, with the following format:

```
2007-08-17 15:04:08,704 INFO [packagename] Loading resource, id: 86
```

- a logger named `myproject` is configured that logs messages sent at a level above or equal to `DEBUG` to `stderr` in the same format as the root logger.

The `root` logger will be used by all applications in the Pyramid process that ask for a logger (via `logging.getLogger`) that has a name which begins with anything except your project’s package name (e.g., `myproject`). The logger with the same name as your package name is reserved for your own usage in your Pyramid application. Its existence means that you can log to a known logging location from any Pyramid application generated via our cookiecutter.

Pyramid and many other libraries (such as Beaker, SQLAlchemy, Paste) log a number of messages to the root logger for debugging purposes. Switching the root logger level to `DEBUG` reveals them:
Some configurations of the Pyramid cookiecutter configure additional loggers for additional subsystems they use (such as SQLAlchemy). Take a look at the production.ini and development.ini files rendered when you create a project from our cookiecutter.

### Sending Logging Messages

Python’s special __name__ variable refers to the current module’s fully qualified name. From any module in a package named myproject, the __name__ builtin variable will always be something like myproject, or myproject.subpackage or myproject.package.subpackage if your project is named myproject. Sending a message to this logger will send it to the myproject logger.

To log messages to the package-specific logger configured in your .ini file, simply create a logger object using the __name__ builtin and call methods on it.

```python
import logging
log = logging.getLogger(__name__)

def myview(request):
    content_type = 'text/plain'
    content = 'Hello World!'
    log.debug('Returning: %s (content-type: %s)', content, content_type)
    request.response.content_type = content_type
    return request.response
```

This will result in the following printed to the console, on stderr:

```
(content-type: text/plain)
```

### Filtering log messages

Often there’s too much log output to sift through, such as when switching the root logger’s level to DEBUG.

For example, you’re diagnosing database connection issues in your application and only want to see SQLAlchemy’s DEBUG messages in relation to database connection pooling. You can leave the root logger’s level at the less verbose INFO level and set that particular SQLAlchemy logger to DEBUG on its own, apart from the root logger:
[logger_sqlalchemy.pool]
level = DEBUG
handlers =
qualname = sqlalchemy.pool

then add it to the list of loggers:

[loggers]
keys = root, myproject, sqlalchemy.pool

No handlers need to be configured for this logger as by default non-root loggers will propagate their log records up to their parent logger’s handlers. The root logger is the top level parent of all loggers.

This technique is used in the default development.ini. The root logger’s level is set to INFO, whereas the application’s log level is set to DEBUG:

# Begin logging configuration
[loggers]
keys = root, myproject

[logger_myproject]
level = DEBUG
handlers =
qualname = myproject

All of the child loggers of the myproject logger will inherit the DEBUG level unless they’re explicitly set differently. Meaning the myproject.views, myproject.models, and all your app’s modules’ loggers by default have an effective level of DEBUG too.

For more advanced filtering, the logging module provides a logging.Filter object; however it cannot be used directly from the configuration file.

Advanced Configuration

To capture log output to a separate file, use logging.FileHandler (or logging.handlers.RotatingFileHandler):
Before it’s recognized, it needs to be added to the list of handlers:

```python
[handler_filelog]
class = FileHandler
args = ('%(here)s/myproject.log','a')
level = INFO
formatter = generic
```

and finally utilized by a logger.

```python
[handlers]
keys = console, myproject, filelog
```

These final three lines of configuration direct all of the root logger’s output to the `myproject.log` as well as the console.

**Logging Exceptions**

To log or email exceptions generated by your Pyramid application, use the `pyramid_exclog` package. Details about its configuration are in its documentation.

**Request Logging with Paste’s TransLogger**

The WSGI design is modular. Waitress logs error conditions, debugging output, etc., but not web traffic. For web traffic logging, Paste provides the TransLogger middleware. TransLogger produces logs in the Apache Combined Log Format. But TransLogger does not write to files; the Python logging system must be configured to do this. The Python `logging.FileHandler` logging handler can be used alongside TransLogger to create an access.log file similar to Apache’s.

Like any standard middleware with a Paste entry point, TransLogger can be configured to wrap your application using .ini file syntax. First rename your Pyramid .ini file’s [app:main] section to [app:mypyramidapp], then add a [filter:translogger] section, then use a [pipeline:main] section file to form a WSGI pipeline with both the translogger and your application in it. For instance, change from this:
To this:

```ini
[app:main]
use = egg:myproject

[app:mypyramidapp]
use = egg:myproject

[filter:translogger]
use = egg:Paste#translogger
setup_console_handler = False

[pipeline:main]
pipeline = translogger
  mypyramidapp
```

Using PasteDeploy this way to form and serve a pipeline is equivalent to wrapping your app in a TransLogger instance via the bottom of the `main` function of your project’s `__init__` file:

```python
# ...
app = config.make_wsgi_app()
from paste.translogger import TransLogger
app = TransLogger(app, setup_console_handler=False)
return app
```

TransLogger will automatically setup a logging handler to the console when called with no arguments, so it “just works” in environments that don’t configure logging. Since our logging handlers are configured, we disable the automation via `setup_console_handler = False`.

With the filter in place, TransLogger’s logger (named the `wsgi` logger) will propagate its log messages to the parent logger (the root logger), sending its output to the console when we request a page:

```
00:50:53,694 INFO [myproject.views] Returning: Hello World!
        (content-type: text/plain)
        "GET /hello HTTP/1.1" 404 - "-
"Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; U; Intel macOS; en-US; rv:1.8.1.6) Gecko/20070725 Firefox/2.0.0.6"
```
To direct TransLogger to an `access.log` FileHandler, we need the following to add a FileHandler (named `accesslog`) to the list of handlers, and ensure that the `wsgi` logger is configured and uses this handler accordingly:

```ini
# Begin logging configuration

[loggers]
keys = root, myproject, wsgi

[handlers]
keys = console, accesslog

[logger_wsgi]
level = INFO
handlers = accesslog
qualname = wsgi
propagate = 0

[handler_accesslog]
class = FileHandler
args = ('%(here)s/access.log','a')
level = INFO
formatter = generic
```

As mentioned above, non-root loggers by default propagate their log records to the root logger’s handlers (currently the console handler). Setting `propagate` to 0 (`False`) here disables this; so the `wsgi` logger directs its records only to the `accesslog` handler.

Finally, there’s no need to use the `generic` formatter with TransLogger as TransLogger itself provides all the information we need. We’ll use a formatter that passes through the log messages as is. Add a new formatter called `accesslog` by including the following in your configuration file:

```ini
[formatters]
keys = generic, accesslog

[formatter_accesslog]
format = %(message)s
```

Finally alter the existing configuration to wire this new `accesslog` formatter into the FileHandler:

```ini
[handler_accesslog]
class = FileHandler
args = ('%(here)s/access.log','a')
level = INFO
formatter = accesslog
```
0.3.19 PasteDeploy Configuration Files

Packages generated via a cookiecutter make use of a system created by Ian Bicking named PasteDeploy. PasteDeploy defines a way to declare WSGI application configuration in an .ini file.

Pyramid uses this configuration file format as input to its WSGI server runner pserve, as well as other commands such as pviews, pshell, proutes, and ptweens.

PasteDeploy is not a particularly integral part of Pyramid. It’s possible to create a Pyramid application which does not use PasteDeploy at all. We show a Pyramid application that doesn’t use PasteDeploy in Creating Your First Pyramid Application. However, the Pyramid cookiecutter renders PasteDeploy configuration files, to provide new developers with a standardized way of setting deployment values, and to provide new users with a standardized way of starting, stopping, and debugging an application.

This chapter is not a replacement for documentation about PasteDeploy; it only contextualizes the use of PasteDeploy within Pyramid. For detailed documentation, see https://docs.pylonsproject.org/projects/pastedeploy/en/latest/.

PasteDeploy

plaster is the system that Pyramid uses to load settings from configuration files. The most common format for these files is an .ini format structured in a way defined by PasteDeploy. The format supports mechanisms to define WSGI app deployment settings, WSGI server settings and logging. This allows the pserve command to work, allowing you to stop and start a Pyramid application easily.

Entry Points and PasteDeploy .ini Files

In the Creating a Pyramid Project chapter, we breezed over the meaning of a configuration line in the deployment.ini file. This was the use = egg:myproject line in the [app:main] section. We breezed over it because it’s pretty confusing and “too much information” for an introduction to the system. We’ll try to give it a bit of attention here. Let’s see the config file again:

```plaintext
###
# app configuration
# https://docs.pylonsproject.org/projects/pyramid/en/latest/narr/
  ← environment.html
###

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[app:main]
use = egg:myproject

pyramid.reload_templates = true
pyramid.debug_authorization = false
pyramid.debug_notfound = false
pyramid.debug_routematch = false
pyramid.default_locale_name = en
pyramid.includes =
  pyramid_debugtoolbar

# By default, the toolbar only appears for clients from IP addresses
# '127.0.0.1' and '::1'.
# debugtoolbar.hosts = 127.0.0.1 ::1

###
# wsgi server configuration
###

[server:main]
use = egg:waitress#main
listen = localhost:6543

###
# logging configuration
###

[loggers]
keys = root, myproject

[handlers]
keys = console

[formatters]
keys = generic

[logger_root]
level = INFO
handlers = console

[logger_myproject]
level = DEBUG
handlers =

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The line in [app:main] above that says use = egg:myproject is actually shorthand for a longer spelling: use = egg:myproject#main. The #main part is omitted for brevity, as #main is a default defined by PasteDeploy. egg:myproject#main is a string which has meaning to PasteDeploy. It points at a *Setuptools entry point* named main defined in the myproject project.

Take a look at the generated setup.py file for this project.

```python
import os

from setuptools import setup, find_packages

here = os.path.abspath(os.path.dirname(__file__))
with open(os.path.join(here, 'README.txt')) as f:
    README = f.read()
with open(os.path.join(here, 'CHANGES.txt')) as f:
    CHANGES = f.read()

requires = [
    'plaster_pastedeploy',
    'pyramid',
    'pyramid_jinja2',
    'pyramid_debugtoolbar',
    'waitress',
]

tests_require = [
    'WebTest',
    'pytest',
    'pytest-cov',
]

setup(
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```
Note that `entry_points` is assigned a string which looks a lot like an `.ini` file. This string representation of an `.ini` file has a section named `[paste.app_factory]`. Within this section, there is a key named `main` (the entry point name) which has a value `myproject:main`. The `key` `main` is what our `egg:myproject#main` value of the `use` section in our config file is pointing at, although it is actually shortened to `egg:myproject` there. The value represents a `dotted Python name` path, which refers to a callable in our `myproject` package's `__init__.py` module.

The `egg:` prefix in `egg:myproject` indicates that this is an entry point `URI` specifier, where the "scheme" is "egg". An "egg" is created when you install your project.

In English, this entry point can thus be referred to as a "PasteDeploy application factory in the `myproject` project which has the entry point named `main` where the entry point refers to a `main` function in the `mypackage` module". Indeed, if you open up the `__init__.py` module generated within the cookiecutter-generated package, you’ll see a `main` function. This is the function called by `PasteDeploy` when the `pserve` command is invoked against our application. It accepts a global configuration object and `returns` an instance of our application.
[DEFAULT] Section of a PasteDeploy .ini File

You can add a [DEFAULT] section to your PasteDeploy .ini file. Such a section should consist of global parameters that are shared by all the applications, servers, and middleware defined within the configuration file. The values in a [DEFAULT] section will be passed to your application’s main function as global_config (see the reference to the main function in __init__.py).

Alternative Configuration File Formats

It is possible to use different file formats with Pyramid if you do not like PasteDeploy. Under the hood all command-line scripts such as pserve and pshell pass the config_uri (e.g., development.ini or production.ini) to the plaster library which performs a lookup for an appropriate parser. For .ini files it uses PasteDeploy but you can register your own configuration formats that plaster will find instead.

0.3.20 Command-Line Pyramid

Your Pyramid application can be controlled and inspected using a variety of command-line utilities. These utilities are documented in this chapter.

We commonly refer to this collection of utilities as "p-scripts", which is short for "Pyramid console scripts".

Each p-script's command line usage details is available in the p* Scripts Documentation.

Running p-scripts

All of the Pyramid console scripts may be run either:

• by its name

• as a Python module

Running by p* script name

Each of Pyramid’s console scripts may be run by its name. For example:
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini --reload

$VENV/bin/ is a convention we use to simplify Pyramid documentation. It represents the bin directory in a virtual environment, where $VENV is an environment variable representing its path. See Installing Pyramid on a Unix System and Why use $VENV/bin/pip instead of source bin/activate, then pip for more information.

Using Custom Arguments to Python when Running p* Scripts

New in version 1.5.

Each of Pyramid’s console scripts (pserve, pviews, etc.) can be run using python3 -m, allowing custom arguments to be sent to the Python interpreter at runtime. For example:

```
python3 -m pyramid.scripts.pserve development.ini --reload
```

`pviews`: Displaying Matching Views for a Given URL

See also:

See also the output of `pviews --help`.

For a big application with several views, it can be hard to keep the view configuration details in your head, even if you defined all the views yourself. You can use the pviews command in a terminal window to print a summary of matching routes and views for a given URL in your application. The pviews command accepts two arguments. The first argument to pviews is the path to your application’s .ini file and section name inside the .ini file which points to your application. This should be of the format `config_file#section_name`. The second argument is the URL to test for matching views. The `section_name` may be omitted; if it is, it’s considered to be main.

Here is an example for a simple view configuration using traversal:
The output always has the requested URL at the top and below that all the views that matched with their view configuration details. In this example only one view matches, so there is just a single View section. For each matching view, the full code path to the associated view callable is shown, along with any permissions and predicates that are part of that view configuration.

A more complex configuration might generate something like this:

```python
$VENV/bin/pviews development.ini#shootout /about

URL = /about

    context: <shootout.models.RootFactory object at 0xa56668c>
    view name: about

    Route:
    ------
    route name: about
    route pattern: /about
    route path: /about
    subpath:
    route predicates (request method = GET)

    View:
    ------
    shootout.views.about_view
    required permission = view
    view predicates (request_param testing, header X/header)

    Route:
    ------
    route name: about_post
    route pattern: /about
```

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In this case, we are dealing with a URL dispatch application. This specific URL has two matching routes. The matching route information is displayed first, followed by any views that are associated with that route. As you can see from the second matching route output, a route can be associated with more than one view.

For a URL that doesn’t match any views, pviews will simply print out a Not found message.

**pshell: The Interactive Shell**

**See also:**

See also the output of pshell --help.

Once you’ve installed your program for development using pip install -e ., you can use an interactive Python shell to execute expressions in a Python environment exactly like the one that will be used when your application runs ”for real”. To do so, use the pshell command line utility.

The argument to pshell follows the format config_file#section_name where config_file is the path to your application’s .ini file and section_name is the app section name inside the .ini file which points to your application. For example, your application .ini file might have an [app:main] section that looks like so:

```ini
[app:main]
use = egg:MyProject
pyramid.reload_templates = true
pyramid.debug_authorization = false
pyramid.debug_notfound = false
pyramid.debug_templates = true
pyramid.default_locale_name = en
```
The WSGI application that is loaded will be available in the shell as the `app` global. Also, if the application that is loaded is the Pyramid app with no surrounding middleware, the `root` object returned by the default `root_factory`, `registry`, and `request` will be available.

You can also simply rely on the `main` default section name by omitting any hash after the filename:

```
$VENV/bin/pshell starter/development.ini
```

Press Ctrl-D to exit the interactive shell (or Ctrl-Z on Windows).

**Extending the Shell**

It is convenient when using the interactive shell often to have some variables significant to your application already loaded as globals when you start the `pshell`. To facilitate this, `pshell` will look for a special `[pshell]` section in your `.ini` file and expose the subsequent key/value pairs to the shell. Each key is a variable name that will be global within the pshell session; each value is a `dotted Python name`. If
specified, the special key **setup** should be a *dotted Python name* pointing to a callable that accepts the dictionary of globals that will be loaded into the shell. This allows for some custom initializing code to be executed each time the `pshell` is run. The `setup` callable can also be specified from the commandline using the `--setup` option which will override the key in the `.ini` file.

For example, you want to expose your model to the shell along with the database session so that you can mutate the model on an actual database. Here, we’ll assume your model is stored in the `myapp.models` package and that you’re using `pyramid_tm` to configure a transaction manager on the request as `request.tm`.

```ini
[pshell]
setup = myapp.lib.pshell.setup
models = myapp.models
```

By defining the `setup` callable, we will create the module `myapp.lib.pshell` containing a callable named `setup` that will receive the global environment before it is exposed to the shell. Here we mutate the environment’s request as well as add a new value containing a WebTest version of the application to which we can easily submit requests. The `setup` callable can also be a generator which can wrap the entire shell lifecycle, executing code when the shell exits.

```python
# myapp/lib/pshell.py
from contextlib import suppress
from transaction.interfaces import NoTransaction
from webtest import TestApp

def setup(env):
    request = env['request']
    request.host = 'www.example.com'
    request.scheme = 'https'

    env['testapp'] = TestApp(env['app'])

    # start a transaction which can be used in the shell
    request.tm.begin()

    # if using the SQLAlchemy backend from our cookiecutter, the dbsession
    # is
    # connected to the transaction manager above
    env['tm'] = request.tm
    env['dbsession'] = request.dbsession

    try:
        yield
    finally:
```

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with suppress(NoTransaction):
    request.tm.abort()

When this .ini file is loaded, the extra variable `models` will be available for use immediately. Since a `setup` callable was also specified, it is executed and new variables `testapp`, `tm`, and `dbsession` are exposed, and the request is configured to generate URLs from the host `http://www.example.com`. For example:

```
$VENV/bin/pshell starter/development.ini
Python 2.6.5 (r265:79063, Apr 29 2010, 00:31:32)
[GCC 4.4.3] on linux2
Type "help" for more information.

Environment:
    app     The WSGI application.
    registry Active Pyramid registry.
    request Active request object.
    root    Root of the default resource tree.
    root_factory Default root factory used to create `root`.
    testapp <webtest.TestApp object at ...>

Custom Variables:
    dbsession
    model    myapp.models
    tm

>>> testapp.get('/
<200 OK text/html body='<!DOCTYPE...l>
'
>>> request.route_url('home')
'https://www.example.com/'
>>> user = dbsession.query(models.User).get(1)
>>> user.name = 'Joe'
>>> tm.commit()
>>> tm.begin()
>>> user = dbsession.query(models.User).get(1)
>>> user.name == 'Joe'
'Joe'
```
Alternative Shells

The `pshell` command can be easily extended with alternate REPLs if the default python REPL is not satisfactory. Assuming you have a binding installed such as `pyramid_ipython` it will normally be auto-selected and used. You may also specifically invoke your choice with the `-p` choice or `--python-shell` choice option.

```
$VENV/bin/pshell -p ipython development.ini#MyProject
```

You may use the `--list-shells` option to see the available shells.

```
$VENV/bin/pshell --list-shells
Available shells:
  bpython
  ipython
  python
```

If you want to use a shell that isn’t supported out of the box, you can introduce a new shell by registering an entry point in your `setup.py`:

```
setup(
    entry_points={
        'pyramid.pshell_runner': [
            'myshell=my_app:ptpython_shell_factory',
        ],
    },
)
```

And then your shell factory should return a function that accepts two arguments, `env` and `help`, which would look like this:

```
from ptpython.repl import embed

def ptpython_shell_runner(env, help):
    print(help)
    return embed(locals=env)
```

Changed in version 1.6: User-defined shells may be registered using entry points. Prior to this the only supported shells were `ipython`, `bpython` and `python`.

`ipython` and `bpython` have been moved into their respective packages `pyramid_ipython` and `pyramid_bpython`. 
Setting a Default Shell

You may use the default_shell option in your [pshell] ini section to specify a list of preferred shells.

```ini
[pshell]
default_shell = ptpython ipython bpython
```

New in version 1.6.

proutes: Displaying All Application Routes

See also:

See also the output of proutes --help.

You can use the proutes command in a terminal window to print a summary of routes related to your application. Much like the pshell command (see pshell: The Interactive Shell), the proutes command accepts one argument with the format config_file#section_name. The config_file is the path to your application’s .ini file, and section_name is the app section name inside the .ini file which points to your application. By default, the section_name is main and can be omitted.

For example:

```bash
$VENV/bin/proutes development.ini
```

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Pattern</th>
<th>View</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>__debugtoolbar</td>
<td>/_debug_toolbar/*subpath</td>
<td>&lt;wsgiapp&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>__static/</td>
<td>/static/*subpath</td>
<td>dummy_</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>__static2/</td>
<td>/static2/*subpath</td>
<td>/var/www/static/</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>__pdt_images/</td>
<td>/pdt_images/*subpath</td>
<td>pyramid_</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>__debugtoolbar:static/img</td>
<td>*</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>a</td>
<td>/</td>
<td>&lt;unknown&gt;</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>no_view_attached</td>
<td>/</td>
<td>&lt;unknown&gt;</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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proutes generates a table with four columns: Name, Pattern, View, and Method. The items listed in the Name column are route names, the items listed in the Pattern column are route patterns, the items listed in the View column are representations of the view callable that will be invoked when a request matches the associated route pattern, and the items listed in the Method column are the request methods that are associated with the route name. The View column may show <unknown> if no associated view callable could be found. The Method column, for the route name, may show either <route mismatch> if the view callable does not accept any of the route’s request methods, or * if the view callable will accept any of the route’s request methods. If no routes are configured within your application, nothing will be printed to the console when proutes is executed.

It is convenient when using the proutes command often to configure which columns and the order you would like to view them. To facilitate this, proutes will look for a special [proutes] section in your .ini file and use those as defaults.

For example you may remove the request method and place the view first:

```
[proutes]
format = view
  name
  pattern
```

You can also separate the formats with commas or spaces:

```
[proutes]
format = view name pattern

d[proutes]
format = view, name, pattern
```

If you want to temporarily configure the columns and order, there is the argument --format, which is a comma separated list of columns you want to include. The current available formats are name, pattern, view, and method.
ptweens: Displaying "Tweens"

See also:

See also the output of ptweens --help.

A tween is a bit of code that sits between the main Pyramid application request handler and the WSGI application which calls it. A user can get a representation of both the implicit tween ordering (the ordering specified by calls to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_tween()) and the explicit tween ordering (specified by the pyramid.tweens configuration setting) using the ptweens command. Tween factories will show up represented by their standard Python dotted name in the ptweens output.

For example, here's the ptweens command run against a system configured without any explicit tweens:

```
$VENV/bin/ptweens development.ini
"pyramid.tweens" config value NOT set (implicitly ordered tweens used)

Implicit Tween Chain

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Position</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Alias</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>INGRESS</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>pyramid_debugtoolbar.toolbar.toolbar_tween_factory</td>
<td>pdbt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>pyramid.tweens.excview_tween_factory</td>
<td>excview</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

```

Here's the ptweens command run against a system configured with explicit tweens defined in its development.ini file:

```
$VENV/bin/ptweens development.ini
"pyramid.tweens" config value set (explicitly ordered tweens used)

Explicit Tween Chain (used)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Position</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>INGRESS</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>starter.tween_factory2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>starter.tween_factory1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>pyramid.tweens.excview_tween_factory</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Implicit Tween Chain (not used)

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Here's the application configuration section of the `development.ini` used by the above `ptweens` command which reports that the explicit tween chain is used:

```ini
[app:main]
use = egg:starter
reload_templates = true
debug_authorization = false
debug_notfound = false
debug_routematch = false
debug_templates = true
default_locale_name = en
pyramid.include = pyramid_debugtoolbar
pyramid.tweens = starter.tween_factory2
    starter.tween_factory1
    pyramid.tweens.excview_tween_factory
```

See *Registering Tweens* for more information about tweens.

**prequest: Invoking a Request**

See also:

See also the output of `prequest --help`.

You can use the `prequest` command-line utility to send a request to your application and see the response body without starting a server.

There are two required arguments to `prequest`:

- The config file/section: follows the format `config_file#section_name`, where `config_file` is the path to your application’s `.ini` file and `section_name` is the app section name inside the `.ini` file. The `section_name` is optional; it defaults to `main`. For example: `development.ini`. 

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• The path: this should be the non-URL-quoted path element of the URL to the resource you’d like to be rendered on the server. For example, /.

For example:

```
$VENV/bin/prequest development.ini /
```

This will print the body of the response to the console on which it was invoked.

Several options are supported by prequest. These should precede any config file name or URL.

prequest has a -d (i.e., --display-headers) option which prints the status and headers returned by the server before the output:

```
$VENV/bin/prequest -d development.ini /
```

This will print the status, headers, and the body of the response to the console.

You can add request header values by using the --header option:

```
$VENV/bin/prequest --header=Host:example.com development.ini /
```

Headers are added to the WSGI environment by converting them to their CGI/WSGI equivalents (e.g., Host=example.com will insert the HTTP_HOST header variable as the value example.com). Multiple --header options can be supplied. The special header value content-type sets the CONTENT_TYPE in the WSGI environment.

By default, prequest sends a GET request. You can change this by using the -m (aka --method) option. GET, HEAD, POST, and DELETE are currently supported. When you use POST, the standard input of the prequest process is used as the POST body:

```
$VENV/bin/prequest -mPOST development.ini / < somefile
```

**pdistreport:** Showing All Installed Distributions and Their Versions

New in version 1.5.

**See also:**

See also the output of `pdistreport --help`.

You can use the pdistreport command to show the Pyramid version in use, the Python version in use, and all installed versions of Python distributions in your Python environment:
pdistreport takes no options. Its output is useful to paste into a pastebin when you are having problems and need someone with more familiarity with Python packaging and distribution than you have to look at your environment.

**Writing a Script**

All web applications are, at their hearts, systems which accept a request and return a response. When a request is accepted by a Pyramid application, the system receives state from the request which is later relied on by your application code. For example, one *view callable* may assume it’s working against a request that has a `request.matchdict` of a particular composition, while another assumes a different composition of the matchdict.

In the meantime, it’s convenient to be able to write a Python script that can work ”in a Pyramid environment”, for instance to update database tables used by your Pyramid application. But a ”real” Pyramid environment doesn’t have a completely static state independent of a request; your application (and Pyramid itself) is almost always reliant on being able to obtain information from a request. When you run a Python script that simply imports code from your application and tries to run it, there just is no request data, because there isn’t any real web request. Therefore some parts of your application and some Pyramid APIs will not work.

For this reason, Pyramid makes it possible to run a script in an environment much like the environment produced when a particular *request* reaches your Pyramid application. This is achieved by using the `pyramid.paster.bootstrap()` command in the body of your script.

New in version 1.1: `pyramid.paster.bootstrap()`

Changed in version 1.8: Added the ability for `bootstrap` to cleanup automatically via the `with` statement.

In the simplest case, `pyramid.paster.bootstrap()` can be used with a single argument, which accepts the `PasteDeploy.ini` file representing your Pyramid application’s configuration as a single argument:
from pyramid.paster import bootstrap

with bootstrap('/path/to/my/development.ini') as env:
    print(env['request'].route_url('home'))

`pyramid.paster.bootstrap()` returns a dictionary containing framework-related information. This dictionary will always contain a `request` object as its `request` key.

The following keys are available in the `env` dictionary returned by `pyramid.paster.bootstrap()`:

**request**

A `pyramid.request.Request` object implying the current request state for your script.

**app**

The WSGI application object generated by bootstrapping.

**root**

The `resource` root of your Pyramid application. This is an object generated by the `root_factory` configured in your application.

**registry**

The `application registry` of your Pyramid application.

**closer**

A parameterless callable that can be used to pop an internal Pyramid threadlocal stack (used by `pyramid.threadlocal.get_current_registry()` and `pyramid.threadlocal.get_current_request()`) when your scripting job is finished.

Let’s assume that the `/path/to/my/development.ini` file used in the example above looks like so:
The configuration loaded by the above bootstrap example will use the configuration implied by the [pipeline:main] section of your configuration file by default. Specifying /path/to/my/development.ini is logically equivalent to specifying /path/to/my/development.ini#main. In this case, we’ll be using a configuration that includes an app object which is wrapped in the Paste “translogger” middleware (which logs requests to the console).

You can also specify a particular section of the PasteDeploy .ini file to load instead of main:

```python
from pyramid.paster import bootstrap

with bootstrap('/path/to/my/development.ini#another') as env:
    print(env['request'].route_url('home'))
```

The above example specifies the another app, pipeline, or composite section of your PasteDeploy configuration file. The app object present in the env dictionary returned by `pyramid.paster.bootstrap()` will be a Pyramid router.

### Changing the Request

By default, Pyramid will generate a request object in the env dictionary for the URL http://localhost:80/. This means that any URLs generated by Pyramid during the execution of your script will be anchored here. This is generally not what you want.

So how do we make Pyramid generate the correct URLs?

Assuming that you have a route configured in your application like so:
You need to inform the Pyramid environment that the WSGI application is handling requests from a certain base. For example, we want to simulate mounting our application at https://example.com/prefix, to ensure that the generated URLs are correct for our deployment. This can be done by either mutating the resulting request object, or more simply by constructing the desired request and passing it into `bootstrap()`:

```python
from pyramid.paster import bootstrap
from pyramid.request import Request

request = Request.blank('/', base_url='https://example.com/prefix')
with bootstrap('/path/to/my/development.ini#another', request=request) as env:
    print(env['request'].application_url)
    # will print 'https://example.com/prefix'
```

Now you can readily use Pyramid’s APIs for generating URLs:

```python
env['request'].route_url('verify', code='1337')
# will return 'https://example.com/prefix/verify/1337'
```

### Cleanup

If you’re using the `with`-statement variant then there’s nothing to worry about. However if you’re using the returned environment directly then when your scripting logic finishes, it’s good manners to call the `closer` callback:

```python
from pyramid.paster import bootstrap

env = bootstrap('/path/to/my/development.ini')

# .. do stuff ...

env['closer']()
```
Setting Up Logging

By default, `pyramid.paster.bootstrap()` does not configure logging parameters present in the configuration file. If you’d like to configure logging based on `[logger]` and related sections in the configuration file, use the following command:

```python
import pyramid.paster
pyramid.paster.setup_logging('/path/to/my/development.ini')
```

See *Logging* for more information on logging within Pyramid.

Making Your Script into a Console Script

A “console script” is *Setuptools* terminology for a script that gets installed into the `bin` directory of a Python virtual environment (or “base” Python environment) when a *distribution* which houses that script is installed. Because it’s installed into the `bin` directory of a virtual environment when the distribution is installed, it’s a convenient way to package and distribute functionality that you can call from the command-line. It’s often more convenient to create a console script than it is to create a `.py` script and instruct people to call it with the ”right” Python interpreter. A console script generates a file that lives in `bin`, and when it’s invoked it will always use the ”right” Python environment, which means it will always be invoked in an environment where all the libraries it needs (such as Pyramid) are available.

In general, you can make your script into a console script by doing the following:

- Use an existing distribution (such as one you’ve already created via *cookiecutter*) or create a new distribution that possesses at least one package or module. It should, within any module within the distribution, house a callable (usually a function) that takes no arguments and which runs any of the code you wish to run.

- Add a `[console_scripts]` section to the `entry_points` argument of the distribution which creates a mapping between a script name and a dotted name representing the callable you added to your distribution.

- Run `pip install -e .` or `pip install .` to get your distribution reinstalled. When you reinstall your distribution, a file representing the script that you named in the last step will be in the `bin` directory of the virtual environment in which you installed the distribution. It will be executable. Invoking it from a terminal will execute your callable.

As an example, let’s create some code that can be invoked by a console script that prints the deployment settings of a Pyramid application. To do so, we’ll pretend you have a distribution with a package in it named *myproject*. Within this package, we’ll pretend you’ve added a `scripts.py` module which contains the following code:
# myproject.scripts module

```python
import optparse
import sys
import textwrap

from pyramid.paster import bootstrap

def settings_show():
    description = ""
    Print the deployment settings for a Pyramid application. Example:
    'show_settings deployment.ini'
    ""
    usage = "usage: %prog config_uri"
    parser = optparse.OptionParser(
        usage=usage,
        description=textwrap.dedent(description)
    )
    parser.add_option(
        '-o', '--omit',
        dest='omit',
        metavar='PREFIX',
        type='string',
        action='append',
        help="Omit settings which start with PREFIX (you can use this "
        "option multiple times)"
    )

    options, args = parser.parse_args(sys.argv[1:])
    if not len(args) >= 1:
        print('You must provide at least one argument')
        return 2
    config_uri = args[0]
    omit = options.omit
    if omit is None:
        omit = []
    with bootstrap(config_uri) as env:
        settings = env['registry'].settings
        for k, v in settings.items():
            if any([k.startswith(x) for x in omit]):
                continue
            print('%-40s %-20s % (k, v))
```

This script uses the Python `optparse` module to allow us to make sense out of extra arguments passed to the script. It uses the `pyramid.paster.bootstrap()` function to get information about the application defined by a config file, and prints the deployment settings defined in that config file.
After adding this script to the package, you’ll need to tell your distribution’s setup.py about its existence. Within your distribution’s top-level directory, your setup.py file will look something like this:

```python
import os

from setuptools import setup, find_packages

here = os.path.abspath(os.path.dirname(__file__))

with open(os.path.join(here, 'README.txt')) as f:
    README = f.read()

with open(os.path.join(here, 'CHANGES.txt')) as f:
    CHANGES = f.read()

requires = ['pyramid', 'pyramid_debugtoolbar']

tests_require = [
    'WebTest',
    'pytest',
    'pytest-cov',
]

setup(name='MyProject',
      version='0.0',
      description='My project',
      long_description=README + '

' + CHANGES,
      classifiers=[
          "Programming Language :: Python",
          "Framework :: Pyramid",
          "Topic :: Internet :: WWW/HTTP",
          "Topic :: Internet :: WWW/HTTP :: WSGI :: Application",
      ],
      author='",
      author_email='",
      url='",
      keywords='web pyramid pylons',
      packages=find_packages(exclude=['tests']),
      include_package_data=True,
      zip_safe=False,
      install_requires=requires,
      extras_require={
          'testing': tests_require,
      },
      entry_points = """\n[paste.app_factory]
main = myproject:main
""",

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We're going to change the `setup.py` file to add a `[console_scripts]` section within the `entry_points` string. Within this section, you should specify a `scriptname = dotted.path.to:yourfunction` line. For example:

```
[console_scripts]
show_settings = myproject.scripts:settings_show
```

The `show_settings` name will be the name of the script that is installed into `bin`. The colon (:) between `myproject.scripts` and `settings_show` above indicates that `myproject.scripts` is a Python module, and `settings_show` is the function in that module which contains the code you'd like to run as the result of someone invoking the `show_settings` script from their command line.

The result will be something like:

```
import os

from setuptools import setup, find_packages

here = os.path.abspath(os.path.dirname(__file__))
with open(os.path.join(here, 'README.txt')) as f:
    README = f.read()

with open(os.path.join(here, 'CHANGES.txt')) as f:
    CHANGES = f.read()

requires = ['pyramid', 'pyramid_debugtoolbar']

tests_require = [
    'WebTest',
    'pytest',
    'pytest-cov',
]

setup(name='MyProject',
      version='0.0',
      description='My project',
      long_description=README + '

' + CHANGES,
      classifiers=[
        "Programming Language :: Python",
        "Framework :: Pyramid",
        "Topic :: Internet :: WWW/HTTP",
      ]
)
Once you've done this, invoking $VENV/bin/pip install -e . will install a file named show_settings into the $somevenv/bin directory with a small bit of Python code that points to your entry point. It will be executable. Running it without any arguments will print an error and exit. Running it with a single argument that is the path of a config file will print the settings. Running it with an --omit=foo argument will omit the settings that have keys that start with foo. Running it with two "omit" options (e.g., --omit=foo --omit=bar) will omit all settings that have keys that start with either foo or bar:

```
$VENV/bin/show_settings development.ini --omit=pyramid --omit=debugtoolbar
debug_routematch False
debug_templates True
reload_templates True
mako.directories []
debug_notfound False
default_locale_name en
reload_resources False
debug_authorization False
reload_assets False
prevent_http_cache False
```

Pyramid’s pserve, pshell, prequest, ptweens, and other p* scripts are implemented as console scripts. When you invoke one of those, you are using a console script.
0.3.21 Internationalization and Localization

*Internationalization* (i18n) is the act of creating software with a user interface that can potentially be displayed in more than one language or cultural context. *Localization* (l10n) is the process of displaying the user interface of an internationalized application in a particular language or cultural context.

Pyramid offers internationalization and localization subsystems that can be used to translate the text of buttons, error messages, and other software- and template-defined values into the native language of a user of your application.

Creating a Translation String

While you write your software, you can insert specialized markup into your Python code that makes it possible for the system to translate text values into the languages used by your application’s users. This markup creates a translation string. A translation string is an object that behaves mostly like a normal Unicode string, except that it also carries around extra information related to its job as part of the Pyramid translation machinery.

Using the TranslationString Class

The most primitive way to create a translation string is to use the `pyramid.i18n.TranslationString` callable:

```python
from pyramid.i18n import TranslationString

ts = TranslationString('Add')
```

This creates a `str`-like object that is a TranslationString.

For people more familiar with Zope i18n, a TranslationString is a lot like a `zope.i18nmessageid.Message` object. It is not a subclass, however. For people more familiar with Pylons or Django i18n, using a TranslationString is a lot like using "lazy" versions of related gettext APIs.

The first argument to TranslationString is the msgid; it is required. It represents the key into the translation mappings provided by a particular localization. The msgid argument must be a string. The msgid may optionally contain replacement markers. For instance:
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```python
from pyramid.i18n import TranslationString

ts = TranslationString('Add ${number}')
```

Within the string above, ${number} is a replacement marker. It will be replaced by whatever is in the `mapping` for a translation string. The mapping may be supplied at the same time as the replacement marker itself:

```python
from pyramid.i18n import TranslationString

ts = TranslationString('Add ${number}', mapping={'number':1})
```

Any number of replacement markers can be present in the `msgid` value, any number of times. Only markers which can be replaced by the values in the `mapping` will be replaced at translation time. The others will not be interpolated and will be output literally.

A translation string should also usually carry a `domain`. The domain represents a translation category to disambiguate it from other translations of the same `msgid`, in case they conflict.

```python
from pyramid.i18n import TranslationString

ts = TranslationString('Add ${number}', mapping={'number':1},
                      domain='form')
```

The above translation string named a domain of `form`. A `translator` function will often use the domain to locate the right translator file on the filesystem which contains translations for a given domain. In this case, if it were trying to translate our `msgid` to German, it might try to find a translation from a `gettext` file within a translation directory like this one:

```
locale/de/LC_MESSAGES/form.mo
```

In other words, it would want to take translations from the `form.mo` translation file in the German language.

Finally, the `TranslationString` constructor accepts a `default` argument. If a `default` argument is supplied, it replaces usages of the `msgid` as the `default value` for the translation string. When `default` is `None`, the `msgid` value passed to a `TranslationString` is used as an implicit message identifier. Message identifiers are matched with translations in translation files, so it is often useful to create translation strings with "opaque" message identifiers unrelated to their default text:

```python
from pyramid.i18n import TranslationString

ts = TranslationString('add-number', default='Add ${number}',
                       domain='form', mapping={'number':1})
```

When default text is used, Default text objects may contain replacement values.

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Another way to generate a translation string is to use the `TranslationStringFactory` object. This object is a translation string factory. Basically a translation string factory presets the domain value of any translation string generated by using it. For example:

```python
from pyramid.i18n import TranslationStringFactory
_
    = TranslationStringFactory('pyramid')
ts = _('add-number', default='Add ${number}', mapping={'number':1})
```

We assigned the translation string factory to the name __. This is a convention which will be supported by translation file generation tools.

After assigning _ to the result of a `TranslationStringFactory()`, the subsequent result of calling _ will be a `TranslationString` instance. Even though a domain value was not passed to _ (as would have been necessary if the `TranslationString` constructor were used instead of a translation string factory), the domain attribute of the resulting translation string will be `pyramid`. As a result, the previous code example is completely equivalent (except for spelling) to:

```python
from pyramid.i18n import TranslationString as _
ts = _('add-number', default='Add ${number}', mapping={'number':1},
    domain='pyramid')
```

You can set up your own translation string factory much like the one provided above by using the `TranslationStringFactory` class. For example, if you’d like to create a translation string factory which presets the domain value of generated translation strings to `form`, you’d do something like this:

```python
from pyramid.i18n import TranslationStringFactory
_
    = TranslationStringFactory('form')
ts = _('add-number', default='Add ${number}', mapping={'number':1})
```

Creating a unique domain for your application via a translation string factory is best practice. Using your own unique translation domain allows another person to reuse your application without needing to merge your translation files with their own. Instead they can just include your package’s translation directory via the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_translation_dirs()` method.

For people familiar with Zope internationalization, a `TranslationStringFactory` is a lot like a `zope.i18nmessageid.MessageFactory` object. It is not a subclass, however.
Working with gettext Translation Files

The basis of Pyramid translation services is GNU gettext. Once your application source code files and templates are marked up with translation markers, you can work on translations by creating various kinds of gettext files.

The steps a developer must take to work with gettext message catalog files within a Pyramid application are very similar to the steps a Pylons developer must take to do the same. See the Pylons Internationalization and Localization documentation for more information.

GNU gettext uses three types of files in the translation framework, .pot files, .po files, and .mo files.

.po (Portable Object files)

The list of messages in a .pot file are translated by a human to a particular language; the result is saved as a .po file.

.mo (Machine Object) files

A .po file is turned into a machine-readable binary file, which is the .mo file. Compiling the translations to machine code makes the localized program start faster.

The tools for working with gettext translation files related to a Pyramid application are Lingua and Gettext. Lingua can scrape i18n references out of Python and Chameleon files and create the .pot file. Gettext includes msgmerge tool to update a .po file from an updated .pot file and msgfmt to compile .po files to .mo files.

Installing Lingua and Gettext

In order for the commands related to working with gettext translation files to work properly, you will need to have Lingua and Gettext installed into the same environment in which Pyramid is installed.
Installation on Unix

Gettext is often already installed on Unix systems. You can check if it is installed by testing if the `msgfmt` command is available. If it is not available you can install it through the packaging system from your OS; the package name is almost always `gettext`. For example on a Debian or Ubuntu system run this command:

```
sudo apt-get install gettext
```

Installing Lingua is done with the Python packaging tools. If the `virtual environment` into which you’ve installed your Pyramid application lives at the environment variable `$VENV`, you can install Lingua like so:

```
$VENV/bin/pip install lingua
```

Installation on Windows

There are several ways to install Gettext on Windows: it is included in the Cygwin collection, or you can use the installer from the GnuWin32, or compile it yourself. Make sure the installation path is added to your `$PATH`.

Installing Lingua is done with the Python packaging tools. If the `virtual environment` into which you’ve installed your Pyramid application lives at the environment variable `%VENV%`, you can install Lingua like so:

```
%VENV%\Scripts\pip install lingua
```

Extracting Messages from Code and Templates

Once Lingua is installed, you may extract a message catalog template from the code and Chameleon templates which reside in your Pyramid application. You run a `pot-create` command to extract the messages:

```
cd /file/path/to/myapplication_setup.py
mkdir -p myapplication/locale
$VENV/bin/pot-create -o myapplication/locale/myapplication.pot src
```

The message catalog `.pot` template will end up in `myapplication/locale/myapplication.pot`. 

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Initializing a Message Catalog File

Once you’ve extracted messages into a .pot file (see Extracting Messages from Code and Templates), to begin localizing the messages present in the .pot file, you need to generate at least one .po file. A .po file represents translations of a particular set of messages to a particular locale. Initialize a .po file for a specific locale from a pre-generated .pot template by using the msginit command from Gettext:

```
cd /file/path/to/myapplication_setup.py
cd myapplication/locale
mkdir -p es/LC_MESSAGES
msginit -l es -o es/LC_MESSAGES/myapplication.po
```

This will create a new message catalog .po file in myapplication/locale/es/LC_MESSAGES/myapplication.po.

Once the file is there, it can be worked on by a human translator. One tool which may help with this is Poedit.

Note that Pyramid itself ignores the existence of all .po files. For a running application to have translations available, a .mo file must exist. See Compiling a Message Catalog File.

Updating a Catalog File

If more translation strings are added to your application, or translation strings change, you will need to update existing .po files based on changes to the .pot file, so that the new and changed messages can also be translated or re-translated.

First, regenerate the .pot file as per Extracting Messages from Code and Templates. Then use the msgmerge command from Gettext.

```
cd /file/path/to/myapplication_setup.py
cd myapplication/locale
msgmerge --update es/LC_MESSAGES/myapplication.po myapplication.pot
```

Compiling a Message Catalog File

Finally, to prepare an application for performing actual runtime translations, compile .po files to .mo files using the msgfmt command from Gettext:
This will create a .mo file for each .po file in your application. As long as the translation directory in which the .mo file ends up in is configured into your application (see Adding a Translation Directory), these translations will be available to Pyramid.

Using a Localizer

A localizer is an object that allows you to perform translation or pluralization ”by hand” in an application. You may use the pyramid.request.Request.localizer attribute to obtain a localizer. The localizer object will be configured to produce translations implied by the active locale negotiator, or a default localizer object if no explicit locale negotiator is registered.

```
def aview(request):
    localizer = request.localizer
```

If you need to create a localizer for a locale, use the pyramid.i18n.make_localizer() function.

Performing a Translation

A localizer has a translate method which accepts either a translation string or a Unicode string and which returns a Unicode string representing the translation. Generating a translation in a view component of an application might look like so:

```
from pyramid.i18n import TranslationString

ts = TranslationString('Add ${number}', mapping={'number':1},
    domain='pyramid')

def aview(request):
    localizer = request.localizer
    translated = localizer.translate(ts) # translation string
    # ... use translated ...
```
The request.localizer attribute will be a `pyramid.i18n.Localizer` object bound to the locale name represented by the request. The translation returned from its `pyramid.i18n.Localizer.translate()` method will depend on the domain attribute of the provided translation string as well as the locale of the localizer.

If you’re using Chameleon templates, you don’t need to pre-translate translation strings this way. See Chameleon Template Support for Translation Strings.

Performing a Pluralization

A `localizer` has a `pluralize` method with the following signature:

```python
def pluralize(singular, plural, n, domain=None, mapping=None):
    # ...
```

The simplest case is the `singular` and `plural` arguments being passed as Unicode literals. This returns the appropriate literal according to the locale pluralization rules for the number `n`, and interpolates `mapping`.

```python
def aview(request):
    localizer = request.localizer
    translated = localizer.pluralize('Item', 'Items', 1, 'mydomain')
    # ... use translated ...
```

However, for support of other languages, the `singular` argument should be a Unicode value representing a message identifier. In this case the `plural` value is ignored. `domain` should be a translation domain, and `mapping` should be a dictionary that is used for replacement value interpolation of the translated string.

The value of `n` will be used to find the appropriate plural form for the current language, and `pluralize` will return a Unicode translation for the message id `singular`. The message file must have defined `singular` as a translation with plural forms.

The argument provided as `singular` may be a translation string object, but the domain and mapping information attached is ignored.
```python
def aview(request):
    localizer = request.localizer
    num = 1
    translated = localizer.pluralize('item_plural', '${number} items',
                                    num, 'mydomain', mapping={'number':num})
```

The corresponding message catalog must have language plural definitions and plural alternatives set.

```plaintext
"Plural-Forms: nplurals=3; plural=n==0 ? 0 : n==1 ? 1 : 2;"
msgid "item_plural"
msgid_plural ""
msgstr[0] "No items"
msgstr[1] "${number} item"
msgstr[2] "${number} items"
```

More information on complex plurals can be found in the gettext documentation.

### Obtaining the Locale Name for a Request

You can obtain the locale name related to a request by using the `pyramid.request.Request.locale_name()` attribute of the request.

```python
def aview(request):
    locale_name = request.locale_name
```

The locale name of a request is dynamically computed; it will be the locale name negotiated by the currently active `locale negotiator`, or the `default locale name` if the locale negotiator returns `None`. You can change the default locale name by changing the `pyramid.default_locale_name` setting. See `Default Locale Name`.

Once `locale_name()` is first run, the locale name is stored on the request object. Subsequent calls to `locale_name()` will return the stored locale name without invoking the `locale negotiator`. To avoid this caching, you can use the `pyramid.i18n.negotiate_locale_name()` function:

```python
from pyramid.i18n import negotiate_locale_name
def aview(request):
    locale_name = negotiate_locale_name(request)
```

You can also obtain the locale name related to a request using the `locale_name` attribute of a `localizer`.
```python
def aview(request):
    localizer = request.localizer
    locale_name = localizer.locale_name
```

Obtaining the locale name as an attribute of a localizer is equivalent to obtaining a locale name by asking for the `locale_name()` attribute.

### Performing Date Formatting and Currency Formatting

Pyramid does not itself perform date and currency formatting for different locales. However, *Babel* can help you do this via the `babel.core.Locale` class. The Babel documentation for this class provides minimal information about how to perform date and currency related locale operations. See *Installing Lingua and Gettext* for information about how to install Babel.

The `babel.core.Locale` class requires a `locale name` as an argument to its constructor. You can use Pyramid APIs to obtain the locale name for a request to pass to the `babel.core.Locale` constructor. See *Obtaining the Locale Name for a Request*. For example:

```python
from babel.core import Locale

def aview(request):
    locale_name = request.locale_name
    locale = Locale(locale_name)
```

### Chameleon Template Support for Translation Strings

When a *translation string* is used as the subject of textual rendering by a *Chameleon* template renderer, it will automatically be translated to the requesting user’s language if a suitable translation exists. This is true of both the ZPT and text variants of the Chameleon template renderers.

For example, in a Chameleon ZPT template, the translation string represented by "some_translation_string" in each example below will go through translation before being rendered:

```xml
<span tal:content="some_translation_string"/>
```
The features represented by attributes of the i18n namespace of Chameleon will also consult the Pyramid translations. See https://chameleon.readthedocs.io/en/latest/reference.html#translation-i18n.

Unlike when Chameleon is used outside of Pyramid, when it is used within Pyramid, it does not support use of the zope.i18n translation framework. Applications which use Pyramid should use the features documented in this chapter rather than zope.i18n.

Third party Pyramid template renderers might not provide this support out of the box and may need special code to do an equivalent. For those, you can always use the more manual translation facility described in *Performing a Translation*.

**Mako Pyramid i18n Support**

There exists a recipe within the *Pyramid Community Cookbook* named Mako Internationalization which explains how to add idiomatic i18n support to Mako templates.

**Jinja2 Pyramid i18n Support**

The add-on pyramid_jinja2 provides a scaffold with an example of how to use internationalization with Jinja2 in Pyramid. See the documentation sections *Internalization (i18n)* and `pcreate template i18n`.

**Localization-Related Deployment Settings**

A Pyramid application will have a `pyramid.default_locale_name` setting. This value represents the *default locale name* used when the `locale negotiator` returns `None`. Pass it to the `Configurator` constructor at startup time:
You may alternately supply a `pyramid.default_locale_name` via an application’s `.ini` file:

```
[app:main]
use = egg:MyProject
pyramid.reload_templates = true
pyramid.debug_authorization = false
pyramid.debug_notfound = false
pyramid.default_locale_name = de
```

If this value is not supplied via the Configurator constructor or via a config file, it will default to `en`.

If this setting is supplied within the Pyramid application `.ini` file, it will be available as a settings key:

```
from pyramid.threadlocal import get_current_registry
settings = get_current_registry().settings
default_locale_name = settings['pyramid.default_locale_name']
```

"Detecting" Available Languages

Other systems provide an API that returns the set of "available languages" as indicated by the union of all languages in all translation directories on disk at the time of the call to the API.

It is by design that Pyramid doesn’t supply such an API. Instead the application itself is responsible for knowing the "available languages". The rationale is this: any particular application deployment must always know which languages it should be translatable to anyway, regardless of which translation files are on disk.

Here’s why: it’s not a given that because translations exist in a particular language within the registered set of translation directories that this particular deployment wants to allow translation to that language. For example, some translations may exist but they may be incomplete or incorrect. Or there may be translations to a language but not for all translation domains.

Any nontrivial application deployment will always need to be able to selectively choose to allow only some languages even if that set of languages is smaller than all those detected within registered translation directories. The easiest way to allow for this is to make the application entirely responsible for knowing which
languages are allowed to be translated to instead of relying on the framework to divine this information from translation directory file info.

You can set up a system to allow a deployer to select available languages based on convention by using the `pyramid.settings` mechanism.

Allow a deployer to modify your application’s `.ini` file:

```ini
[app:main]
use = egg:MyProject
# ... 
available_languages = fr de en ru
```

Then as a part of the code of a custom `locale negotiator`:

```python
from pyramid.settings import aslist

def my_locale_negotiator(request):
    languages = aslist(request.registry.settings['available_languages'])
    # ...
```

This is only a suggestion. You can create your own “available languages” configuration scheme as necessary.

**Activating Translation**

By default, a Pyramid application performs no translation. To turn translation on you must:

- add at least one `translation directory` to your application.

- ensure that your application sets the `locale name` correctly.
Adding a Translation Directory

gettext is the underlying machinery behind the Pyramid translation machinery. A translation directory is a directory organized to be useful to gettext. A translation directory usually includes a listing of language directories, each of which itself includes an LC_MESSAGES directory. Each LC_MESSAGES directory should contain one or more .mo files. Each .mo file represents a message catalog, which is used to provide translations to your application.

Adding a translation directory registers all of its constituent message catalog files within your Pyramid application to be available to use for translation services. This includes all of the .mo files found within all LC_MESSAGES directories within each locale directory in the translation directory.

You can add a translation directory imperatively by using the pyramid.config.Configurator.add_translation_dirs() during application startup. For example:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator
config.add_translation_dirs('my.application:locale/',
                           'another.application:locale/')
```

A message catalog in a translation directory added via add_translation_dirs() will be merged into translations from a message catalog added earlier if both translation directories contain translations for the same locale and translation domain.

Setting the Locale

When the default locale negotiator (see The Default Locale Negotiator) is in use, you can inform Pyramid of the current locale name by doing any of these things before any translations need to be performed:

- Set the _LOCALE_ attribute of the request to a valid locale name (usually directly within view code), e.g., request._LOCALE_ = 'de'.
- Ensure that a valid locale name value is in the request.params dictionary under the key named _LOCALE_. This is usually the result of passing a _LOCALE_ value in the query string or in the body of a form post associated with a request. For example, visiting http://my.application?_LOCALE_=de.
- Ensure that a valid locale name value is in the request.cookies dictionary under the key named _LOCALE_. This is usually the result of setting a _LOCALE_ cookie in a prior response, e.g., response.set_cookie('_LOCALE_', 'de').

If this locale negotiation scheme is inappropriate for a particular application, you can configure a custom locale negotiator function into that application as required. See Using a Custom Locale Negotiator.
Locale Negotiators

A locale negotiator informs the operation of a localizer by telling it what locale name is related to a particular request. A locale negotiator is a bit of code which accepts a request and which returns a locale name. It is consulted when `pyramid.i18n.Localizer.translate()` or `pyramid.i18n.Localizer.pluralize()` is invoked. It is also consulted when `locale_name()` is accessed or when `negotiate_locale_name()` is invoked.

The Default Locale Negotiator

Most applications can make use of the default locale negotiator, which requires no additional coding or configuration.

The default locale negotiator implementation named `default_locale_negotiator` uses the following set of steps to determine the locale name.

- First the negotiator looks for the `_LOCALE_` attribute of the request object (possibly set directly by view code or by a listener for an event).
- Then it looks for the `request.params['_LOCALE_']` value.
- Then it looks for the `request.cookies['_LOCALE_']` value.
- If no locale can be found via the request, it falls back to using the default locale name (see Localization-Related Deployment Settings).
- Finally if the default locale name is not explicitly set, it uses the locale name en.

Using a Custom Locale Negotiator

Locale negotiation is sometimes policy-laden and complex. If the (simple) default locale negotiation scheme described in Activating Translation is inappropriate for your application, you may create a special locale negotiator. Subsequently you may override the default locale negotiator by adding your newly created locale negotiator to your application’s configuration.

A locale negotiator is simply a callable which accepts a request and returns a single locale name or `None` if no locale can be determined.

Here’s an implementation of a simple locale negotiator:
def my_locale_negotiator(request):
    locale_name = request.params.get('my_locale')
    return locale_name

If a locale negotiator returns None, it signifies to Pyramid that the default application locale name should be used.

You may add your newly created locale negotiator to your application’s configuration by passing an object which can act as the negotiator (or a dotted Python name referring to the object) as the locale_negotiator argument of the Configurator instance during application startup. For example:

```
from pyramid.config import Configurator
config = Configurator(locale_negotiator=my_locale_negotiator)
```

Alternatively, use the `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_locale_negotiator()` method.

For example:

```
from pyramid.config import Configurator
config = Configurator()
config.set_locale_negotiator(my_locale_negotiator)
```

### 0.3.22 Virtual Hosting

"Virtual hosting" is, loosely, the act of serving a Pyramid application or a portion of a Pyramid application under a URL space that it does not "naturally" inhabit.

Pyramid provides facilities for serving an application under a URL “prefix”, as well as serving a portion of a traversal based application under a root URL.
Hosting an Application Under a URL Prefix

Pyramid supports a common form of virtual hosting whereby you can host a Pyramid application as a ”subset” of some other site (e.g., under http://example.com/mypyrormidapplication/ as opposed to under http://example.com/).

If you use a “pure Python” environment, this functionality can be provided by rutter, forming a ”composite” WSGI application. Alternatively, you can use mod_wsgi to serve your application, which handles this virtual hosting translation for you ”under the hood”.

If you use the rutter composite application ”in front” of a Pyramid application or if you use mod_wsgi to serve up a Pyramid application, nothing special needs to be done within the application for URLs to be generated that contain a prefix. Rutter and mod_wsgi manipulate the WSGI environment in such a way that the PATH_INFO and SCRIPT_NAME variables are correct for some given prefix.

Here’s an example of a PasteDeploy configuration snippet that includes a rutter composite.

```python
[app:mypyrormidapp]
use = egg:mypyrormidapp

[composite:main]
use = egg:rutter#urlmap
/pyrmidapp = mypyrormidapp
```

This ”roots” the Pyramid application at the prefix /pyrmidapp and serves up the composite as the ”main” application in the file.

If you’re using an Apache server to proxy to a urlmap composite, you may have to use the ProxyPreserveHost directive to pass the original HTTP_HOST header along to the application, so URLs get generated properly. As of this writing the urlmap composite does not seem to respect the HTTP_X_FORWARDED_HOST parameter, which will contain the original host header even if HTTP_HOST is incorrect.

If you use mod_wsgi, you do not need to use a composite application in your .ini file. The WSGIScriptAlias configuration setting in a mod_wsgi configuration does the work for you:

```ini
WSGIScriptAlias /pyrmidapp /Users/chrism/projects/modwsgi/env/pyrmid.wsgi
```

In the above configuration, we root a Pyramid application at /pyrmidapp within the Apache configuration.
Virtual Root Support

Pyramid also supports "virtual roots", which can be used in traversal-based (but not URL dispatch-based) applications.

Virtual root support is useful when you'd like to host some resource in a Pyramid resource tree as an application under a URL pathname that does not include the resource path itself. For example, you might want to serve the object at the traversal path /cms as an application reachable via http://example.com/ (as opposed to http://example.com/cms).

To specify a virtual root, cause an environment variable to be inserted into the WSGI environ named HTTP_X_VHM_ROOT with a value that is the absolute pathname to the resource object in the resource tree that should behave as the "root" resource. As a result, the traversal machinery will respect this value during traversal (prepending it to the PATH_INFO before traversal starts), and the pyramid.request.Request.resource_url() API will generate the "correct" virtually-rooted URLs.

An example of an Apache mod_proxy configuration that will host the /cms subobject as http://www.example.com/ using this facility is below:

```
NameVirtualHost *:80
<VirtualHost *:80>
  ServerName www.example.com
  RewriteEngine On
  RewriteRule ^/(.*) http://127.0.0.1:6543/$1 [L,P]
  ProxyPreserveHost on
  RequestHeader add X-Vhm-Root /cms
</VirtualHost>
```

Use of the RequestHeader directive requires that the Apache mod_headers module be available in the Apache environment you're using.

For a Pyramid application running under mod_wsgi, the same can be achieved using SetEnv:

```
<Location /
  SetEnv HTTP_X_VHM_ROOT /cms
</Location>
```

Setting a virtual root has no effect when using an application based on URL dispatch.
Further Documentation and Examples

The API documentation in `pyramid.traversal` documents a `pyramid.traversal.virtual_root()` API. When called, it returns the virtual root object (or the physical root object if no virtual root has been specified).

Running a Pyramid Application under mod_wsgi has detailed information about using mod_wsgi to serve Pyramid applications.

0.3.23 Unit, Integration, and Functional Testing

Unit testing is, not surprisingly, the act of testing a ”unit” in your application. In this context, a ”unit” is often a function or a method of a class instance. The unit is also referred to as a ”unit under test”.

The goal of a single unit test is to test only some permutation of the ”unit under test”. If you write a unit test that aims to verify the result of a particular codepath through a Python function, you need only be concerned about testing the code that lives in the function body itself. If the function accepts a parameter that represents a complex application ”domain object” (such as a resource, a database connection, or an SMTP server), the argument provided to this function during a unit test need not be and likely should not be a ”real” implementation object. For example, although a particular function implementation may accept an argument that represents an SMTP server object, and the function may call a method of this object when the system is operating normally that would result in an email being sent, a unit test of this codepath of the function does not need to test that an email is actually sent. It just needs to make sure that the function calls the method of the object provided as an argument that would send an email if the argument happened to be the ”real” implementation of an SMTP server object.

An integration test, on the other hand, is a different form of testing in which the interaction between two or more ”units” is explicitly tested. Integration tests verify that the components of your application work together. You might make sure that an email was actually sent in an integration test.

A functional test is a form of integration test in which the application is run ”literally”. You would have to make sure that an email was actually sent in a functional test, because it tests your code end to end.

It is often considered best practice to write each type of tests for any given codebase. Unit testing often provides the opportunity to obtain better ”coverage”: it’s usually possible to supply a unit under test with arguments and/or an environment which causes all of its potential codepaths to be executed. This is usually not as easy to do with a set of integration or functional tests, but integration and functional testing provides a measure of assurance that your ”units” work together, as they will be expected to when your application is run in production.

The suggested mechanism for unit and integration testing of a Pyramid application is the Python unittest module. Although this module is named unittest, it is actually capable of driving both unit and integration tests. A good unittest tutorial is available within Dive Into Python 3 by Mark Pilgrim.

Pyramid provides a number of facilities that make unit, integration, and functional tests easier to write. The facilities become particularly useful when your code calls into Pyramid-related framework functions.
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Test Set Up and Tear Down

Pyramid uses a ”global” (actually thread local) data structure to hold two items: the current request and the current application registry. These data structures are available via the pyramid.threadlocal.get_current_request() and pyramid.threadlocal.get_current_registry() functions, respectively. See Thread Locals for information about these functions and the data structures they return.

If your code uses these get_current_* functions or calls Pyramid code which uses get_current_* functions, you will need to call pyramid.testing.setUp() in your test setup and you will need to call pyramid.testing.tearDown() in your test teardown. setUp() pushes a registry onto the thread local stack, which makes the get_current_* functions work. It returns a Configurator object which can be used to perform extra configuration required by the code under test. tearDown() pops the thread local stack.

Normally when a Configurator is used directly with the main block of a Pyramid application, it defers performing any ”real work” until its .commit method is called (often implicitly by the pyramid.config.Configurator.make_wsgi_app() method). The Configurator returned by setUp() is an autocommitting Configurator, however, which performs all actions implied by methods called on it immediately. This is more convenient for unit testing purposes than needing to call pyramid.config.Configurator.commit() in each test after adding extra configuration statements.

The use of the setUp() and tearDown() functions allows you to supply each unit test method in a test case with an environment that has an isolated registry and an isolated request for the duration of a single test. Here’s an example of using this feature:

```python
import unittest
from pyramid import testing

class MyTest(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        self.config = testing.setUp()

    def tearDown(self):
        testing.tearDown()
```

The above will make sure that get_current_registry() called within a test case method of MyTest will return the application registry associated with the config Configurator instance. Each test case method attached to MyTest will use an isolated registry.

The setUp() and tearDown() functions accept various arguments that influence the environment of the test. See the pyramid.testing API for information about the extra arguments supported by these functions.
If you also want to make `get_current_request()` return something other than `None` during the course of a single test, you can pass a request object into the `pyramid.testing.setUp()` within the setUp method of your test:

```python
import unittest
from pyramid import testing

class MyTest(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        request = testing.DummyRequest()
        self.config = testing.setUp(request=request)

    def tearDown(self):
        testing.tearDown()
```

If you pass a request object into `pyramid.testing.setUp()` within your test case’s setUp, any test method attached to the MyTest test case that directly or indirectly calls `get_current_request()` will receive the request object. Otherwise, during testing, `get_current_request()` will return `None`. We use a “dummy” request implementation supplied by `pyramid.testing.DummyRequest` because it’s easier to construct than a “real” Pyramid request object.

**Test setup using a context manager**

An alternative style of setting up a test configuration is to use the with statement and `pyramid.testing.testConfig()` to create a context manager. The context manager will call `pyramid.testing.setUp()` before the code under test and `pyramid.testing.tearDown()` afterwards.

This style is useful for small self-contained tests. For example:

```python
import unittest
class MyTest(unittest.TestCase):
    def test_my_function(self):
        from pyramid import testing
        with testing.testConfig() as config:
            config.add_route('bar', '/bar/{id}')
            my_function_which_needs_route_bar()
```
What?

Thread local data structures are always a bit confusing, especially when they’re used by frameworks. Sorry. So here’s a rule of thumb: if you don’t know whether you’re calling code that uses the `get_current_registry()` or `get_current_request()` functions, or you don’t care about any of this, but you still want to write test code, just always call `pyramid.testing.setUp()` in your test’s `setUp` method and `pyramid.testing.tearDown()` in your tests’ `tearDown` method. This won’t really hurt anything if the application you’re testing does not call any `get_current*` function.

Using the Configurator and `pyramid.testing` APIs in Unit Tests

The Configurator API and the `pyramid.testing` module provide a number of functions which can be used during unit testing. These functions make configuration declaration calls to the current application registry, but typically register a “stub” or “dummy” feature in place of the ”real” feature that the code would call if it was being run normally.

For example, let’s imagine you want to unit test a Pyramid view function.

```python
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPForbidden

def view_fn(request):
    if request.has_permission('edit'):
        raise HTTPForbidden
    return {'greeting': 'hello'}
```

This code implies that you have defined a renderer imperatively in a relevant `pyramid.config.Configurator` instance, otherwise it would fail when run normally.

Without doing anything special during a unit test, the call to `has_permission()` in this view function will always return a `True` value. When a Pyramid application starts normally, it will populate an application registry using configuration declaration calls made against a Configurator. But if this application registry is not created and populated (e.g., by initializing the configurator with an authorization policy), like when you invoke application code via a unit test, Pyramid API functions will tend to either fail or return default results. So how do you test the branch of the code in this view function that raises `HTTPForbidden`?

The testing API provided by Pyramid allows you to simulate various application registry registrations for use under a unit testing framework without needing to invoke the actual application configuration implied by its `main` function. For example, if you wanted to test the above `view_fn` (assuming it lived in the package named `my.package`), you could write a `unittest.TestCase` that used the testing API.
In the above example, we create a MyTest test case that inherits from unittest.TestCase. If it’s in our Pyramid application, it will be found when pytest is run. It has two test methods.

The first test method, test_view_fn_forbidden tests the view_fn when the security policy forbids the current user the edit permission. Its third line registers a “dummy” “non-permissive” authorization policy using the testing_securitypolicy() method, which is a special helper method for unit testing.

We then create a pyramid.testing.DummyRequest object which simulates a WebOb request object API. A pyramid.testing.DummyRequest is a request object that requires less setup than a “real” Pyramid request. We call the function being tested with the manufactured request. When the function is called, pyramid.request.Request.has_permission() will call the ”dummy” security policy we’ve registered through testing_securitypolicy(), which denies access. We check that the view function raises a HTTPForbidden error.

The second test method, named test_view_fn.allowed, tests the alternate case, where the security policy allows access. Notice that we pass different values to testing_securitypolicy() to obtain this result. We assert at the end of this that the view function returns a value.
Note that the test calls the `pyramid.testing.setUp()` function in its `setUp` method and the `pyramid.testing.tearDown()` function in its `tearDown` method. We assign the result of `pyramid.testing.setUp()` as `config` on the unittest class. This is a `Configurator` object and all methods of the configurator can be called as necessary within tests. If you use any of the `Configurator` APIs during testing, be sure to use this pattern in your test case’s `setUp` and `tearDown`; these methods make sure you’re using a "fresh" `application registry` per test run.

See the `pyramid.testing` chapter for the entire Pyramid-specific testing API. This chapter describes APIs for registering a security policy, registering resources at paths, registering event listeners, registering views and view permissions, and classes representing "dummy" implementations of a request and a resource.

**See also:**

See also the various methods of the `Configurator` documented in `pyramid.config` that begin with the `testing_` prefix.

**Creating Integration Tests**

In Pyramid, a `unit test` typically relies on "mock" or "dummy" implementations to give the code under test enough context to run.

"Integration testing" implies another sort of testing. In the context of a Pyramid integration test, the test logic exercises the functionality of the code under test and its integration with the rest of the Pyramid framework.

Creating an integration test for a Pyramid application usually means invoking the application’s `include` function via `pyramid.config.Configurator.include()` within the test’s setup code. This causes the entire Pyramid environment to be set up, simulating what happens when your application is run "for real". This is a heavy-hammer way of making sure that your tests have enough context to run properly, and tests your code’s integration with the rest of Pyramid.

**See also:**

See also *Including Configuration from External Sources*

Writing unit tests that use the `Configurator` API to set up the right "mock" registrations is often preferred to creating integration tests. Unit tests will run faster (because they do less for each test) and are usually easier to reason about.
Creating Functional Tests

Functional tests test your literal application.

In Pyramid, functional tests are typically written using the WebTest package, which provides APIs for invoking HTTP(S) requests to your application. We also like pytest and pytest-cov to provide simple testing and coverage reports.

Regardless of which testing package you use, be sure to add a tests_require dependency on that package to your application's setup.py file. Using the project myproject generated by the starter cookiecutter as described in Creating a Pyramid Project, we would insert the following code immediately following the requires block in the file myproject/setup.py.

```python
requires = [
    'plaster_pastedeploy',
    'pyramid',
    'pyramid_jinja2',
    'pyramid_debugtoolbar',
    'waitress',
]

tests_require = [
    'WebTest',
    'pytest',
    'pytest-cov',
]
```

Remember to change the dependency.

```python
zip_safe=False,
extras_require={
    'testing': tests_require,
},
install_requires=requires,
```

As always, whenever you change your dependencies, make sure to run the correct pip install -e command.

```
$VENV/bin/pip install -e ".[testing]"
```

In your myproject project, your package is named myproject which contains a views package containing a default.py module, which in turn contains a view function my_view that returns an HTML body when the root URL is invoked:
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(route_name='home', renderer='myproject:templates/mytemplate.jinja2')
def my_view(request):
    return {'project': 'myproject'}

Test configuration and fixtures are defined in conftest.py. In the following example, we define a test fixture.

@ pytest.fixture
def testapp(app):
    testapp = webtest.TestApp(app, extra_environ={'HTTP_HOST': 'example.com',})
    return testapp

This fixture is used in the following example functional tests, to demonstrate invoking the above view:

def test_root(testapp):
    res = testapp.get('/', status=200)
    assert b'Pyramid' in res.body

def test_notfound(testapp):
    res = testapp.get('/badurl', status=404)
    assert res.status_code == 404

When these tests are run, each test method creates a "real" WSGI application using the main function in your myproject.__init__ module, using WebTest to wrap that WSGI application. It assigns the result to res.

In the test named test_root, the TestApp’s GET method is used to invoke the root URL. An assertion is made that the returned HTML contains the text Pyramid.

In the test named test_notfound, the TestApp’s GET method is used to invoke a bad URL / badurl. An assertion is made that the returned status code in the response is 404.

See the WebTest documentation for further information about the methods available to a webtest.app.TestApp instance.
0.3.24 Resources

A resource is an object that represents a ”place” in a tree related to your application. Every Pyramid application has at least one resource object: the root resource. Even if you don’t define a root resource manually, a default one is created for you. The root resource is the root of a resource tree. A resource tree is a set of nested dictionary-like objects which you can use to represent your website’s structure.

In an application which uses traversal to map URLs to code, the resource tree structure is used heavily to map each URL to a view callable. When traversal is used, Pyramid will walk through the resource tree by traversing through its nested dictionary structure in order to find a context resource. Once a context resource is found, the context resource and data in the request will be used to find a view callable.

In an application which uses URL dispatch, the resource tree is only used indirectly, and is often ”invisible” to the developer. In URL dispatch applications, the resource ”tree” is often composed of only the root resource by itself. This root resource sometimes has security declarations attached to it, but is not required to have any. In general, the resource tree is much less important in applications that use URL dispatch than applications that use traversal.

In ”Zope-like” Pyramid applications, resource objects also often store data persistently, and offer methods related to mutating that persistent data. In these kinds of applications, resources not only represent the site structure of your website, but they become the domain model of the application.

Also:

• The context and containment predicate arguments to add_view() (or a view_config() decorator) reference a resource class or resource interface.

• A root factory returns a resource.

• A resource is exposed to view code as the context of a view.

• Various helpful Pyramid API methods expect a resource as an argument (e.g., resource_url() and others).
Defining a Resource Tree

When traversal is used (as opposed to a purely URL dispatch based application), Pyramid expects to be able to traverse a tree composed of resources (the resource tree). Traversal begins at a root resource, and descends into the tree recursively, trying each resource’s __getitem__ method to resolve a path segment to another resource object. Pyramid imposes the following policy on resource instances in the tree:

- A container resource (a resource which contains other resources) must supply a __getitem__ method which is willing to resolve a Unicode name to a sub-resource. If a sub-resource by a particular name does not exist in a container resource, the __getitem__ method of the container resource must raise a KeyError. If a sub-resource by that name does exist, the container’s __getitem__ should return the sub-resource.

- Leaf resources, which do not contain other resources, must not implement a __getitem__, or if they do, their __getitem__ method must always raise a KeyError.

See Traversal for more information about how traversal works against resource instances.

Here’s a sample resource tree, represented by a variable named root:

```python
class Resource(dict):
    pass

root = Resource({'a':Resource({'b':Resource({'c':Resource()})})})
```

The resource tree we’ve created above is represented by a dictionary-like root object which has a single child named 'a'. 'a' has a single child named 'b', and 'b' has a single child named 'c', which has no children. It is therefore possible to access the 'c' leaf resource like so:

```python
root['a']['b']['c']
```

If you returned the above root object from a root factory, the path /a/b/c would find the 'c' object in the resource tree as the result of traversal.

In this example, each of the resources in the tree is of the same class. This is not a requirement. Resource elements in the tree can be of any type. We used a single class to represent all resources in the tree for the sake of simplicity, but in a "real" app, the resources in the tree can be arbitrary.

Although the example tree above can service a traversal, the resource instances in the above example are not aware of location, so their utility in a "real" application is limited. To make best use of built-in Pyramid API facilities, your resources should be "location-aware". The next section details how to make resources location-aware.
Location-Aware Resources

In order for certain Pyramid location, security, URL-generation, and traversal APIs to work properly against the resources in a resource tree, all resources in the tree must be location-aware. This means they must have two attributes: `__parent__` and `__name__`.

The `__parent__` attribute of a location-aware resource should be a reference to the resource’s parent resource instance in the tree. The `__name__` attribute should be the name with which a resource’s parent refers to the resource via `__getitem__`.

The `__parent__` of the root resource should be `None` and its `__name__` should be the empty string. For instance:

```python
class MyRootResource(object):
    __name__ = ''
    __parent__ = None
```

A resource returned from the root resource’s `__getitem__` method should have a `__parent__` attribute that is a reference to the root resource, and its `__name__` attribute should match the name by which it is reachable via the root resource’s `__getitem__`. A container resource within the root resource should have a `__getitem__` that returns resources with a `__parent__` attribute that points at the container, and these sub-objects should have a `__name__` attribute that matches the name by which they are retrieved from the container via `__getitem__`. This pattern continues recursively “up” the tree from the root.

The `__parent__` attributes of each resource form a linked list that points “downwards” toward the root. This is analogous to the .. entry in filesystem directories. If you follow the `__parent__` values from any resource in the resource tree, you will eventually come to the root resource, just like if you keep executing the `cd ..` filesystem command, eventually you will reach the filesystem root directory.

⚠️ If your root resource has a `__name__` argument that is not `None` or the empty string, URLs returned by the `resource_url()` function, and paths generated by the `resource_path()` and `resource_path_tuple()` APIs, will be generated improperly. The value of `__name__` will be prepended to every path and URL generated (as opposed to a single leading slash or empty tuple element).
For your convenience

If you’d rather not manage the __name__ and __parent__ attributes of your resources ”by hand”, an add-on package named pyramid_traversalwrapper can help.

In order to use this helper feature, you must first install the pyramid_traversalwrapper package (available via PyPI), then register its ModelGraphTraverser as the traversal policy, rather than the default Pyramid traverser. The package contains instructions for doing so.

Once Pyramid is configured with this feature, you will no longer need to manage the __parent__ and __name__ attributes on resource objects ”by hand”. Instead, as necessary during traversal, Pyramid will wrap each resource (even the root resource) in a LocationProxy, which will dynamically assign a __name__ and a __parent__ to the traversed resource, based on the last traversed resource and the name supplied to __getitem__. The root resource will have a __name__ attribute of None and a __parent__ attribute of None.

Applications which use tree-walking Pyramid APIs require location-aware resources. These APIs include (but are not limited to) resource_url(), find_resource(), find_root(), find_interface(), resource_path(), resource_path_tuple(), traverse(), virtual_root(), and (usually) has_permission() and principals_allowed_by_permission().

In general, since so much Pyramid infrastructure depends on location-aware resources, it’s a good idea to make each resource in your tree location-aware.

Generating the URL of a Resource

If your resources are location-aware, you can use the pyramid.request.Request.resource_url() API to generate a URL for the resource. This URL will use the resource’s position in the parent tree to create a resource path, and it will prefix the path with the current application URL to form a fully-qualified URL with the scheme, host, port, and path. You can also pass extra arguments to resource_url() to influence the generated URL.

The simplest call to resource_url() looks like this:

```python
url = request.resource_url(resource)
```
The request in the above example is an instance of a Pyramid request object.

If the resource referred to as resource in the above example was the root resource, and the host that was used to contact the server was example.com, the URL generated would be http://example.com/. However, if the resource was a child of the root resource named a, the generated URL would be http://example.com/a/.

A slash is appended to all resource URLs when resource_url() is used to generate them in this simple manner, because resources are "places" in the hierarchy, and URLs are meant to be clicked on to be visited. Relative URLs that you include on HTML pages rendered as the result of the default view of a resource are more apt to be relative to these resources than relative to their parent.

You can also pass extra elements to resource_url():

```python
url = request.resource_url(resource, 'foo', 'bar')
```

If the resource referred to as resource in the above example was the root resource, and the host that was used to contact the server was example.com, the URL generated would be http://example.com/foo/bar. Any number of extra elements can be passed to resource_url() as extra positional arguments. When extra elements are passed, they are appended to the resource’s URL. A slash is not appended to the final segment when elements are passed.

You can also pass a query string:

```python
url = request.resource_url(resource, query={'a':1})
```

If the resource referred to as resource in the above example was the root resource, and the host that was used to contact the server was example.com, the URL generated would be http://example.com/?a=1.

When a virtual root is active, the URL generated by resource_url() for a resource may be "shorter" than its physical tree path. See Virtual Root Support for more information about virtually rooting a resource.

For more information about generating resource URLs, see the documentation for pyramid.request.Request.resource_url().
Overriding Resource URL Generation

If a resource object implements a `__resource_url__` method, this method will be called when `resource_url()` is called to generate a URL for the resource, overriding the default URL returned for the resource by `resource_url()`.

The `__resource_url__` hook is passed two arguments: `request` and `info`. `request` is the `request` object passed to `resource_url()`. `info` is a dictionary with the following keys:

- **physical_path** A string representing the "physical path" computed for the resource, as defined by `pyramid.traversal.resource_path(resource)`. It will begin and end with a slash.

- **virtual_path** A string representing the "virtual path" computed for the resource, as defined by Virtual Root Support. This will be identical to the physical path if virtual rooting is not enabled. It will begin and end with a slash.

- **app_url** A string representing the application URL generated during `request.resource_url`. It will not end with a slash. It represents a potentially customized URL prefix, containing potentially custom scheme, host and port information passed by the user to `request.resource_url`. It should be preferred over use of `request.application_url`.

The `__resource_url__` method of a resource should return a string representing a URL. If it cannot override the default, it should return `None`. If it returns `None`, the default URL will be returned.

Here's an example `__resource_url__` method.

```python
class Resource(object):
    def __resource_url__(self, request, info):
        return info['app_url'] + info['virtual_path']
```

The above example actually just generates and returns the default URL, which would have been what was generated by the default `resource_url` machinery, but your code can perform arbitrary logic as necessary. For example, your code may wish to override the hostname or port number of the generated URL.

Note that the URL generated by `__resource_url__` should be fully qualified, should end in a slash, and should not contain any query string or anchor elements (only path elements) to work with `resource_url()`.

**Generating the Path To a Resource**

`pyramid.traversal.resource_path()` returns a string object representing the absolute physical path of the resource object based on its position in the resource tree. Each segment of the path is separated with a slash character.
from pyramid.traversal import resource_path
url = resource_path(resource)

If resource in the example above was accessible in the tree as root['a']['b'], the above example would generate the string /a/b.

Any positional arguments passed in to resource_path() will be appended as path segments to the end of the resource path.

from pyramid.traversal import resource_path
url = resource_path(resource, 'foo', 'bar')

If resource in the example above was accessible in the tree as root['a']['b'], the above example would generate the string /a/b/foo/bar.

The resource passed in must be location-aware.

The presence or absence of a virtual root has no impact on the behavior of resource_path().

Finding a Resource by Path

If you have a string path to a resource, you can grab the resource from that place in the application's resource tree using pyramid.traversal.find_resource().

You can resolve an absolute path by passing a string prefixed with a / as the path argument:

from pyramid.traversal import find_resource
url = find_resource(anyresource, '/path')

Or you can resolve a path relative to the resource that you pass in to pyramid.traversal.find_resource() by passing a string that isn't prefixed by /:

from pyramid.traversal import find_resource
url = find_resource(anyresource, 'path')

Often the paths you pass to find_resource() are generated by the resource_path() API. These APIs are "mirrors" of each other.

If the path cannot be resolved when calling find_resource() (if the respective resource in the tree does not exist), a KeyError will be raised.

See the pyramid.traversal.find_resource() documentation for more information about resolving a path to a resource.
Obtaining the Lineage of a Resource

`pyramid.location.lineage()` returns a generator representing the lineage of the location-aware resource object.

The `lineage()` function returns the resource that is passed into it, then each parent of the resource in order. For example, if the resource tree is composed like so:

```python
class Thing(object): pass
ting1 = Thing()
ting2 = Thing()
ting2.__parent__ = thing1
```

Calling `lineage(thing2)` will return a generator. When we turn it into a list, we will get:

```python
list(lineage(thing2))
[<Thing object at thing2>, <Thing object at thing1>]
```

The generator returned by `lineage()` first returns unconditionally the resource that was passed into it. Then, if the resource supplied a `__parent__` attribute, it returns the resource represented by `resource.__parent__`. If that resource has a `__parent__` attribute, it will return that resource’s parent, and so on, until the resource being inspected either has no `__parent__` attribute or has a `__parent__` attribute of None.

See the documentation for `pyramid.location.lineage()` for more information.

Determining if a Resource is in the Lineage of Another Resource

Use the `pyramid.location.inside()` function to determine if one resource is in the lineage of another resource.

For example, if the resource tree is:

```python
class Thing(object): pass
a = Thing()
b = Thing()
b.__parent__ = a
```
Calling `inside(b, a)` will return True, because `b` has a lineage that includes `a`. However, calling `inside(a, b)` will return False because `a` does not have a lineage that includes `b`.

The argument list for `inside()` is `(resource1, resource2). resource1 is ”inside” resource2 if resource2 is a lineage ancestor of resource1. It is a lineage ancestor if its parent (or one of its parent’s parents, etc.) is an ancestor.

See `pyramid.location.inside()` for more information.

**Finding the Root Resource**

Use the `pyramid.traversal.find_root()` API to find the root resource. The root resource is the resource at the root of the resource tree. The API accepts a single argument: `resource`. This is a resource that is location-aware. It can be any resource in the tree for which you want to find the root.

For example, if the resource tree is:

```python
class Thing(object): pass
a = Thing()
b = Thing()
b.__parent__ = a
```

Calling `find_root(b)` will return `a`.

The root resource is also available as `request.root` within view callable code.

The presence or absence of a virtual root has no impact on the behavior of `find_root()`. The root object returned is always the physical root object.

**Resources Which Implement Interfaces**

Resources can optionally be made to implement an interface. An interface is used to tag a resource object with a ”type” that later can be referred to within view configuration and by `pyramid.traversal.find_interface()`.

Specifying an interface instead of a class as the context or containment predicate arguments within view configuration statements makes it possible to use a single view callable for more than one class of resource objects. If your application is simple enough that you see no reason to want to do this, you can skip reading this section of the chapter.

For example, here’s some code which describes a blog entry which also declares that the blog entry implements an interface.
import datetime
from zope.interface import implementer
from zope.interface import Interface

class IBlogEntry(Interface):
    pass

@implementer(IBlogEntry)
class BlogEntry(object):
    def __init__(self, title, body, author):
        self.title = title
        self.body = body
        self.author = author
        self.created = datetime.datetime.now()

This resource consists of two things: the class which defines the resource constructor as the class BlogEntry, and an interface attached to the class via an implementer class decorator using the IBlogEntry interface as its sole argument.

The interface object used must be an instance of a class that inherits from zope.interface.Interface.

A resource class may implement zero or more interfaces. You specify that a resource implements an interface by using the zope.interface.implementer() function as a class decorator. The above BlogEntry resource implements the IBlogEntry interface.

You can also specify that a particular resource instance provides an interface as opposed to its class. When you declare that a class implements an interface, all instances of that class will also provide that interface. However, you can also just say that a single object provides the interface. To do so, use the zope.interface.directlyProvides() function:
zope.interface.directlyProvides() will replace any existing interface that was previously provided by an instance. If a resource object already has instance-level interface declarations that you don’t want to replace, use the zope.interface.alsoProvides() function:

```python
import datetime
from zope.interface import alsoProvides
from zope.interface import directlyProvides
from zope.interface import Interface

class IBlogEntry1(Interface):
    pass

class IBlogEntry2(Interface):
    pass

class BlogEntry(object):
    def __init__(self, title, body, author):
        self.title = title
        self.body = body
        self.author = author
        self.created = datetime.datetime.now()

directlyProvides(entry, IBlogEntry1)
alsoProvides(entry, IBlogEntry2)
```

zope.interface.alsoProvides() will augment the set of interfaces directly provided by an instance instead of overwriting them like zope.interface.directlyProvides() does.

For more information about how resource interfaces can be used by view configuration, see Using Resource Interfaces in View Configuration.
Finding a Resource with a Class or Interface in Lineage

Use the `find_interface()` API to locate a parent that is of a particular Python class, or which implements some `interface`.

For example, if your resource tree is composed as follows:

```python
class Thing1(object): pass
class Thing2(object): pass

a = Thing1()
b = Thing2()
b.__parent__ = a
```

Calling `find_interface(a, Thing1)` will return the `a` resource because `a` is of class `Thing1` (the resource passed as the first argument is considered first, and is returned if the class or interface specification matches).

Calling `find_interface(b, Thing1)` will return the `a` resource because `a` is of class `Thing1` and `a` is the first resource in `b`’s lineage of this class.

Calling `find_interface(b, Thing2)` will return the `b` resource.

The second argument to `find_interface` may also be a `interface` instead of a class. If it is an interface, each resource in the lineage is checked to see if the resource implements the specified interface (instead of seeing if the resource is of a class).

**See also:**

See also *Resources Which Implement Interfaces*.

Pyramid API Functions That Act Against Resources

A resource object is used as the `context` provided to a view. See *Traversal* and *URL Dispatch* for more information about how a resource object becomes the context.

The APIs provided by `pyramid.traversal` are used against resource objects. These functions can be used to find the ”path” of a resource, the root resource in a resource tree, or to generate a URL for a resource.

The APIs provided by `pyramid.location` are used against resources. These can be used to walk down a resource tree, or conveniently locate one resource “inside” another.

Some APIs on the `pyramid.request.Request` accept a resource object as a parameter. For example, the `has_permission()` API accepts a resource object as one of its arguments; the ACL is obtained from this resource or one of its ancestors. Other security related APIs on the `pyramid.request.Request` class also accept `context` as an argument, and a context is always a resource.
0.3.25 Hello Traversal World

Traversal is an alternative to URL dispatch which allows Pyramid applications to map URLs to code.

If code speaks louder than words, maybe this will help. Here is a single-file Pyramid application that uses traversal:

```python
from wsgiref.simple_server import make_server
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.response import Response

class Resource(dict):
    pass

def get_root(request):
    return Resource({
        'a': Resource({
            'b': Resource({
                'c': Resource()})})})

def hello_world_of_resources(context, request):
    output = "Here's a resource and its children: %s" % context
    return Response(output)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    with Configurator() as config:
        config.set_root_factory(get_root)
        config.add_view(hello_world_of_resources, context=Resource)
        app = config.make_wsgi_app()
        server = make_server('0.0.0.0', 6543, app)
        server.serve_forever()
```

You may notice that this application is intentionally very similar to the "hello world" application from Creating Your First Pyramid Application.

On lines 6-7, we create a trivial resource class that’s just a dictionary subclass.

On lines 10-11, we hard-code a resource tree in our root factory function.

On lines 14-15, we define a single view callable that can display a single instance of our Resource class, passed as the context argument.

The rest of the file sets up and serves our Pyramid WSGI app. Line 22 is where our view gets configured for use whenever the traversal ends with an instance of our Resource class.

Interestingly, there are no URLs explicitly configured in this application. Instead, the URL space is defined entirely by the keys in the resource tree.
Example requests

If this example is running on http://localhost:6543, and the user browses to http://localhost:6543/a/b, Pyramid will call get_root(request) to get the root resource, then traverse the tree from there by key; starting from the root, it will find the child with key "a", then its child with key "b"; then use that as the context argument for calling hello_world_of_resources.

Or, if the user browses to http://localhost:6543/, Pyramid will stop at the root—the outermost Resource instance, in this case—and use that as the context argument to the same view.

Or, if the user browses to a key that doesn’t exist in this resource tree, like http://localhost:6543/xyz or http://localhost:6543/a/b/c/d, the traversal will end by raising a KeyError, and Pyramid will turn that into a 404 HTTP response.

A more complicated application could have many types of resources, with different view callables defined for each type, and even multiple views for each type.

See also:

Full technical details may be found in Traversal.

For more about why you might use traversal, see Much Ado About Traversal.

0.3.26 Much Ado About Traversal

(Or, why you should care about it.)

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Traversal is an alternative to URL dispatch which allows Pyramid applications to map URLs to code.

Ex-Zope users who are already familiar with traversal and view lookup conceptually may want to skip directly to the Traversal chapter, which discusses technical details. This chapter is mostly aimed at people who have previous Pylons experience or experience in another framework which does not provide traversal, and need an introduction to the ”why” of traversal.
Some folks who have been using Pylons and its Routes-based URL matching for a long time are being exposed for the first time, via Pyramid, to new ideas such as "traversal" and "view lookup" as a way to route incoming HTTP requests to callable code. Some of the same folks believe that traversal is hard to understand. Others question its usefulness; URL matching has worked for them so far, so why should they even consider dealing with another approach, one which doesn’t fit their brain and which doesn’t provide any immediately obvious value?

You can be assured that if you don’t want to understand traversal, you don’t have to. You can happily build Pyramid applications with only URL dispatch. However, there are some straightforward, real-world use cases that are much more easily served by a traversal-based approach than by a pattern-matching mechanism. Even if you haven’t yet hit one of these use cases yourself, understanding these new ideas is worth the effort for any web developer so you know when you might want to use them. Traversal is actually a straightforward metaphor easily comprehended by anyone who’s ever used a run-of-the-mill file system with folders and files.

**URL Dispatch**

Let’s step back and consider the problem we’re trying to solve. An HTTP request for a particular path has been routed to our web application. The requested path will possibly invoke a specific view callable function defined somewhere in our app. We’re trying to determine which callable function, if any, should be invoked for a given requested URL.

Many systems, including Pyramid, offer a simple solution. They offer the concept of "URL matching". URL matching approaches this problem by parsing the URL path and comparing the results to a set of registered "patterns", defined by a set of regular expressions or some other URL path templating syntax. Each pattern is mapped to a callable function somewhere; if the request path matches a specific pattern, the associated function is called. If the request path matches more than one pattern, some conflict resolution scheme is used, usually a simple order precedence so that the first match will take priority over any subsequent matches. If a request path doesn’t match any of the defined patterns, a "404 Not Found" response is returned.

In Pyramid, we offer an implementation of URL matching which we call URL dispatch. Using Pyramid syntax, we might have a match pattern such as /{userid}/photos/{photoid}, mapped to a photo_view() function defined somewhere in our code. Then a request for a path such as /joeschmoe/photos/photo1 would be a match, and the photo_view() function would be invoked to handle the request. Similarly, /{userid}/blog/{year}/{month}/{postid} might map to a blog_post_view() function, so /joeschmoe/blog/2010/12/urlmatching would trigger the function, which presumably would know how to find and render the urlmatching blog post.
Historical Refresher

Now that we’ve refreshed our understanding of URL dispatch, we’ll dig in to the idea of traversal. Before we do, though, let’s take a trip down memory lane. If you’ve been doing web work for a while, you may remember a time when we didn’t have fancy web frameworks like Pylons and Pyramid. Instead, we had general purpose HTTP servers that primarily served files off of a file system. The "root" of a given site mapped to a particular folder somewhere on the file system. Each segment of the request URL path represented a subdirectory. The final path segment would be either a directory or a file, and once the server found the right file it would package it up in an HTTP response and send it back to the client. So serving up a request for /joeschmoe/photos/photo1 literally meant that there was a joeschmoe folder somewhere, which contained a photos folder, which in turn contained a photo1 file. If at any point along the way we find that there is not a folder or file matching the requested path, we return a 404 response.

As the web grew more dynamic, however, a little bit of extra complexity was added. Technologies such as CGI and HTTP server modules were developed. Files were still looked up on the file system, but if the file ended with (for example) .cgi or .php, or if it lived in a special folder, instead of simply sending the file to the client the server would read the file, execute it using an interpreter of some sort, and then send the output from this process to the client as the final result. The server configuration specified which files would trigger some dynamic code, with the default case being to just serve the static file.

Traversal (a.k.a., Resource Location)

Believe it or not, if you understand how serving files from a file system works, you understand traversal. And if you understand that a server might do something different based on what type of file a given request specifies, then you understand view lookup.

The major difference between file system lookup and traversal is that a file system lookup steps through nested directories and files in a file system tree, while traversal steps through nested dictionary-type objects in a resource tree. Let’s take a detailed look at one of our example paths, so we can see what I mean.

The path /joeschmoe/photos/photo1, has four segments: /, joeschmoe, photos and photo1. With file system lookup we might have a root folder (/) containing a nested folder (joeschmoe), which contains another nested folder (photos), which finally contains a JPG file (photo1). With traversal, we instead have a dictionary-like root object. Asking for the joeschmoe key gives us another dictionary-like object. Asking in turn for the photos key gives us yet another mapping object, which finally (hopefully) contains the resource that we’re looking for within its values, referenced by the photo1 key.

In pure Python terms, then, the traversal or ”resource location” portion of satisfying the /joeschmoe/photos/photo1 request will look something like this pseudocode:
get_root() is some function that returns a root traversal resource. If all of the specified keys exist, then the returned object will be the resource that is being requested, analogous to the JPG file that was retrieved in the file system example. If a KeyError is generated anywhere along the way, Pyramid will return 404. (This isn’t precisely true, as you’ll see when we learn about view lookup below, but the basic idea holds.)

**What Is a "Resource"?**

"Files on a file system I understand", you might say. "But what are these nested dictionary things? Where do these objects, these 'resources', live? What are they?"

Since Pyramid is not a highly opinionated framework, it makes no restriction on how a resource is implemented; a developer can implement them as they wish. One common pattern used is to persist all of the resources, including the root, in a database as a graph. The root object is a dictionary-like object. Dictionary-like objects in Python supply a __getitem__ method which is called when key lookup is done. Under the hood, when adict is a dictionary-like object, Python translates adict['a'] to adict.__getitem__('a'). Try doing this in a Python interpreter prompt if you don’t believe us:

```python
>>> adict = {}
>>> adict['a'] = 1
1
>>> adict.__getitem__('a')
1
```

The dictionary-like root object stores the ids of all of its subresources as keys, and provides a __getitem__ implementation that fetches them. So get_root() fetches the unique root object, while get_root()['joeschmoe'] returns a different object, also stored in the database, which in turn has its own subresources and __getitem__ implementation, and so on. These resources might be persisted in a relational database, one of the many "NoSQL" solutions that are becoming popular these days, or anywhere else; it doesn’t matter. As long as the returned objects provide the dictionary-like API (i.e., as long as they have an appropriately implemented __getitem__ method), then traversal will work.

In fact, you don’t need a "database" at all. You could use plain dictionaries, with your site’s URL structure hard-coded directly in the Python source. Or you could trivially implement a set of objects with __getitem__ methods that search for files in specific directories, and thus precisely recreate the traditional mechanism of having the URL path mapped directly to a folder structure on the file system. Traversal is in fact a superset of file system lookup.

See the chapter entitled **Resources** for a more technical overview of resources.
View Lookup

At this point we’re nearly there. We’ve covered traversal, which is the process by which a specific resource is retrieved according to a specific URL path. But what is “view lookup”?

The need for view lookup is simple: there is more than one possible action that you might want to take after finding a resource. With our photo example, for instance, you might want to view the photo in a page, but you might also want to provide a way for the user to edit the photo and any associated metadata. We’ll call the former the view view, and the latter will be the edit view. (Original, I know.) Pyramid has a centralized view application registry where named views can be associated with specific resource types. So in our example, we’ll assume that we’ve registered view and edit views for photo objects, and that we’ve specified the view view as the default, so that /joeschmoe/photos/photo1/view and /joeschmoe/photos/photo1 are equivalent. The edit view would sensibly be provided by a request for /joeschmoe/photos/photo1/edit.

Hopefully it’s clear that the first portion of the edit view’s URL path is going to resolve to the same resource as the non-edit version, specifically the resource returned by get_root()['joeschmoe']['photos']['photo1']. But traversal ends there; the photo1 resource doesn’t have an edit key. In fact, it might not even be a dictionary-like object, in which case photo1['edit'] would be meaningless. When the Pyramid resource location has been resolved to a leaf resource, but the entire request path has not yet been expended, the very next path segment is treated as a view name. The registry is then checked to see if a view of the given name has been specified for a resource of the given type. If so, the view callable is invoked, with the resource passed in as the related context object (also available as request.context). If a view callable could not be found, Pyramid will return a ”404 Not Found” response.

You might conceptualize a request for /joeschmoe/photos/photo1/edit as ultimately converted into the following piece of Pythonic pseudocode:

```python
context = get_root()['joeschmoe']['photos']['photo1']
view_callable = get_view(context, 'edit')
request.context = context
view_callable(request)
```

The get_root and get_view functions don’t really exist. Internally, Pyramid does something more complicated. But the example above is a reasonable approximation of the view lookup algorithm in pseudocode.
Use Cases

Why should we care about traversal? URL matching is easier to explain, and it’s good enough, right?

In some cases, yes, but certainly not in all cases. So far we’ve had very structured URLs, where our paths have had a specific, small number of pieces, like this:

```
/{userid}/{typename}/{objectid}[/{view_name}]`
```

In all of the examples thus far, we’ve hard coded the typename value, assuming that we’d know at development time what names were going to be used ("photos", "blog", etc.). But what if we don’t know what these names will be? Or, worse yet, what if we don’t know anything about the structure of the URLs inside a user’s folder? We could be writing a CMS where we want the end user to be able to arbitrarily add content and other folders inside his folder. He might decide to nest folders dozens of layers deep. How will you construct matching patterns that could account for every possible combination of paths that might develop?

It might be possible, but it certainly won’t be easy. The matching patterns are going to become complex quickly as you try to handle all of the edge cases.

With traversal, however, it’s straightforward. Twenty layers of nesting would be no problem. Pyramid will happily call `__getitem__` as many times as it needs to, until it runs out of path segments or until a resource raises a `KeyError`. Each resource only needs to know how to fetch its immediate children, and the traversal algorithm takes care of the rest. Also, since the structure of the resource tree can live in the database and not in the code, it’s simple to let users modify the tree at runtime to set up their own personalized “directory” structures.

Another use case in which traversal shines is when there is a need to support a context-dependent security policy. One example might be a document management infrastructure for a large corporation, where members of different departments have varying access levels to the various other departments’ files. Reasonably, even specific files might need to be made available to specific individuals. Traversal does well here if your resources actually represent the data objects related to your documents, because the idea of a resource authorization is baked right into the code resolution and calling process. Resource objects can store ACLs, which can be inherited and/or overridden by the subresources.

If each resource can thus generate a context-based ACL, then whenever view code is attempting to perform a sensitive action, it can check against that ACL to see whether the current user should be allowed to perform the action. In this way you achieve so called ”instance based” or ”row level” security which is considerably harder to model using a traditional tabular approach. Pyramid actively supports such a scheme, and in fact if you register your views with guarded permissions and use an authorization policy, Pyramid can check against a resource’s ACL when deciding whether or not the view itself is available to the current user.
In summary, there are entire classes of problems that are more easily served by traversal and view lookup than by URL dispatch. If your problems don’t require it, great, stick with URL dispatch. But if you’re using Pyramid and you ever find that you do need to support one of these use cases, you’ll be glad you have traversal in your toolkit.

It is even possible to mix and match traversal with URL dispatch in the same Pyramid application. See the Combining Traversal and URL Dispatch chapter for details.

0.3.27 Traversal

This chapter explains the technical details of how traversal works in Pyramid.

For a quick example, see Hello Traversal World.

For more about why you might use traversal, see Much Ado About Traversal.

A traversal uses the URL (Universal Resource Locator) to find a resource located in a resource tree, which is a set of nested dictionary-like objects. Traversal is done by using each segment of the path portion of the URL to navigate through the resource tree. You might think of this as looking up files and directories in a file system. Traversal walks down the path until it finds a published resource, analogous to a file system “directory” or “file”. The resource found as the result of a traversal becomes the context of the request. Then, the view lookup subsystem is used to find some view code willing to ”publish” this resource by generating a response.

Using Traversal to map a URL to code is optional. If you’re creating your first Pyramid application, it probably makes more sense to use URL dispatch to map URLs to code instead of traversal, as new Pyramid developers tend to find URL dispatch slightly easier to understand. If you use URL dispatch, you needn’t read this chapter.

Traversal Details

Traversal is dependent on information in a request object. Every request object contains URL path information in the PATH_INFO portion of the WSGI environment. The PATH_INFO string is the portion of a request’s URL following the hostname and port number, but before any query string elements or fragment
element. For example the PATH_INFO portion of the URL http://example.com:8080/a/b/c?foo=1 is /a/b/c.

Traversal treats the PATH_INFO segment of a URL as a sequence of path segments. For example, the PATH_INFO string /a/b/c is converted to the sequence ['a', 'b', 'c'].

This path sequence is then used to descend through the resource tree, looking up a resource for each path segment. Each lookup uses the __getitem__ method of a resource in the tree.

For example, if the path info sequence is ['a', 'b', 'c']:

- *Traversal* starts by acquiring the root resource of the application by calling the root factory. The root factory can be configured to return whatever object is appropriate as the traversal root of your application.

- Next, the first element ('a') is popped from the path segment sequence and is used as a key to lookup the corresponding resource in the root. This invokes the root resource’s __getitem__ method using that value ('a') as an argument.

- If the root resource "contains" a resource with key 'a', its __getitem__ method will return it. The context temporarily becomes the "A" resource.

- The next segment ('b') is popped from the path sequence, and the "A" resource’s __getitem__ is called with that value ('b') as an argument; we’ll presume it succeeds.

- The "A" resource’s __getitem__ returns another resource, which we’ll call "B". The context temporarily becomes the "B" resource.

Traversal continues until the path segment sequence is exhausted or a path element cannot be resolved to a resource. In either case, the context resource is the last object that the traversal successfully resolved. If any resource found during traversal lacks a __getitem__ method, or if its __getitem__ method raises a KeyError, traversal ends immediately, and that resource becomes the context.

The results of a traversal also include a view name. If traversal ends before the path segment sequence is exhausted, the view name is the next remaining path segment element. If the traversal expends all of the path segments, then the view name is the empty string (' ').

The combination of the context resource and the view name found via traversal is used later in the same request by the view lookup subsystem to find a view callable. How Pyramid performs view lookup is explained within the View Configuration chapter.
The Resource Tree

The resource tree is a set of nested dictionary-like resource objects that begins with a root resource. In order to use traversal to resolve URLs to code, your application must supply a resource tree to Pyramid.

In order to supply a root resource for an application the Pyramid Router is configured with a callback known as a root factory. The root factory is supplied by the application at startup time as the root_factory argument to the Configurator.

The root factory is a Python callable that accepts a request object, and returns the root object of the resource tree. A function or class is typically used as an application’s root factory. Here’s an example of a simple root factory class:

```python
class Root (dict):
    def __init__(self, request):
        pass
```

Here’s an example of using this root factory within startup configuration, by passing it to an instance of a Configurator named config:

```python
config = Configurator (root_factory=Root)
```

The root_factory argument to the Configurator constructor registers this root factory to be called to generate a root resource whenever a request enters the application. The root factory registered this way is also known as the global root factory. A root factory can alternatively be passed to the Configurator as a dotted Python name which can refer to a root factory defined in a different module.

If no root factory is passed to the Pyramid Configurator constructor, or if the root_factory value specified is None, a default root factory is used. The default root factory always returns a resource that has no child resources; it is effectively empty.

Usually a root factory for a traversal-based application will be more complicated than the above Root class. In particular it may be associated with a database connection or another persistence mechanism. The above Root class is analogous to the default root factory present in Pyramid. The default root factory is very simple and not very useful.

If the items contained within the resource tree are ”persistent” (they have state that lasts longer than the execution of a single process), they become analogous to the concept of domain model objects used by many other frameworks.
The resource tree consists of container resources and leaf resources. There is only one difference between a container resource and a leaf resource: container resources possess a __getitem__ method (making it “dictionary-like”) while leaf resources do not. The __getitem__ method was chosen as the signifying difference between the two types of resources because the presence of this method is how Python itself typically determines whether an object is ”containerish” or not (dictionary objects are ”containerish”).

Each container resource is presumed to be willing to return a child resource or raise a KeyError based on a name passed to its __getitem__.

Leaf-level instances must not have a __getitem__. If instances that you’d like to be leaves already happen to have a __getitem__ through some historical inequity, you should subclass these resource types and cause their __getitem__ methods to simply raise a KeyError. Or just disuse them and think up another strategy.

Usually the traversal root is a container resource, and as such it contains other resources. However, it doesn’t need to be a container. Your resource tree can be as shallow or as deep as you require.

In general, the resource tree is traversed beginning at its root resource using a sequence of path elements described by the PATH_INFO of the current request. If there are path segments, the root resource’s __getitem__ is called with the next path segment, and it is expected to return another resource. The resulting resource’s __getitem__ is called with the very next path segment, and it is expected to return another resource. This happens ad infinitum until all path segments are exhausted.

### The Traversal Algorithm

This section will attempt to explain the Pyramid traversal algorithm. We’ll provide a description of the algorithm, a diagram of how the algorithm works, and some example traversal scenarios that might help you understand how the algorithm operates against a specific resource tree.

We’ll also talk a bit about view lookup. The View Configuration chapter discusses view lookup in detail, and it is the canonical source for information about views. Technically, view lookup is a Pyramid subsystem that is separated from traversal entirely. However, we’ll describe the fundamental behavior of view lookup in the examples in the next few sections to give you an idea of how traversal and view lookup cooperate, because they are almost always used together.
A Description of the Traversal Algorithm

When a user requests a page from your traversal-powered application, the system uses this algorithm to find a context resource and a view name.

1. The request for the page is presented to the Pyramid router in terms of a standard WSGI request, which is represented by a WSGI environment and a WSGI start_response callable.

2. The router creates a request object based on the WSGI environment.

3. The root factory is called with the request. It returns a root resource.

4. The router uses the WSGI environment’s PATH_INFO information to determine the path segments to traverse. The leading slash is stripped off PATH_INFO, and the remaining path segments are split on the slash character to form a traversal sequence.

The traversal algorithm by default attempts to first URL-unquote and then Unicode-decode each path segment derived from PATH_INFO from its natural string representation. URL unquoting is performed using the Python standard library urllib.unquote function. Conversion from a URL-decoded string into Unicode is attempted using the UTF-8 encoding. If any URL-unquoted path segment in PATH_INFO is not decodeable using the UTF-8 decoding, a TypeError is raised. A segment will be fully URL-unquoted and UTF-8-decoded before it is passed in to the __getitem__ of any resource during traversal.

Thus a request with a PATH_INFO variable of /a/b/c maps to the traversal sequence ['a', 'b', 'c'].

5. Traversal begins at the root resource returned by the root factory. For the traversal sequence ['a', 'b', 'c'], the root resource’s __getitem__ is called with the name 'a'. Traversal continues through the sequence. In our example, if the root resource’s __getitem__ called with the name 'a' returns a resource (a.k.a. resource "A"), that resource’s __getitem__ is called with the name 'b'. If resource "A" returns a resource "B" when asked for 'b', resource B’s __getitem__ is then asked for the name 'c', and may return resource "C".

6. Traversal ends when either (a) the entire path is exhausted, (b) when any resource raises a KeyError from its __getitem__, (c) when any non-final path element traversal does not have a __getitem__ method (resulting in an AttributeError), or (d) when any path element is prefixed with the set of characters @@ (indicating that the characters following the @@ token should be treated as a view name).

7. When traversal ends for any of the reasons in the previous step, the last resource found during traversal is deemed to be the context. If the path has been exhausted when traversal ends, the view name is deemed to be the empty string (''). However, if the path was not exhausted before traversal terminated, the first remaining path segment is treated as the view name.
8. Any subsequent path elements after the view name is found are deemed the subpath. The subpath is always a sequence of path segments that come from PATH_INFO that are "left over" after traversal has completed.

Once the context resource, the view name, and associated attributes such as the subpath are located, the job of traversal is finished. It passes back the information it obtained to its caller, the Pyramid Router, which subsequently invokes view lookup with the context and view name information.

The traversal algorithm exposes two special cases:

- You will often end up with a view name that is the empty string as the result of a particular traversal. This indicates that the view lookup machinery should lookup the default view. The default view is a view that is registered with no name or a view which is registered with a name that equals the empty string.

- If any path segment element begins with the special characters @@ (think of them as goggles), the value of that segment minus the goggle characters is considered the view name immediately and traversal stops there. This allows you to address views that may have the same names as resource names in the tree unambiguously.

Finally, traversal is responsible for locating a virtual root. A virtual root is used during "virtual hosting". See the Virtual Hosting chapter for information. We won't speak more about it in this chapter.
Traversing Algorithm Examples

No one can be expected to understand the traversal algorithm by analogy and description alone, so let’s examine some traversal scenarios that use concrete URLs and resource tree compositions.

Let’s pretend the user asks for `http://example.com/foo/bar/baz/biz/buz.txt`. The request’s PATH_INFO in that case is `/foo/bar/baz/biz/buz.txt`. Let’s further pretend that when this request comes in, we’re traversing the following resource tree:

```
/--
   |  
   |-- foo
       |  
       |-- bar
```

Here’s what happens:

- *traversal* traverses the root, and attempts to find ”foo”, which it finds.
- *traversal* traverses ”foo”, and attempts to find ”bar”, which it finds.
- *traversal* traverses ”bar”, and attempts to find ”baz”, which it does not find (the ”bar” resource raises a KeyError when asked for ”baz”).

The fact that it does not find ”baz” at this point does not signify an error condition. It signifies the following:

- The context is the ”bar” resource (the context is the last resource found during traversal).
- The view name is baz.
- The subpath is (’biz’, ’buz.txt’).

At this point, traversal has ended, and view lookup begins.

Because it’s the ”context” resource, the view lookup machinery examines ”bar” to find out what ”type” it is. Let’s say it finds that the context is a Bar type (because ”bar” happens to be an instance of the class Bar). Using the view name (baz) and the type, view lookup asks the application registry this question:

- Please find me a view callable registered using a view configuration with the name ”baz” that can be used for the class Bar.

Let’s say that view lookup finds no matching view type. In this circumstance, the Pyramid router returns the result of the Not Found View and the request ends.

However, for this tree:
The user asks for http://example.com/foo/bar/baz/biz/buz.txt

- *traversal* traverses "foo", and attempts to find "bar", which it finds.

- *traversal* traverses "bar", and attempts to find "baz", which it finds.

- *traversal* traverses "baz", and attempts to find "biz", which it finds.

- *traversal* traverses "biz", and attempts to find "buz.txt", which it does not find.

The fact that it does not find a resource related to "buz.txt" at this point does not signify an error condition. It signifies the following:

- The *context* is the "biz" resource (the context is the last resource found during traversal).

- The *view name* is "buz.txt".

- The *subpath* is an empty sequence ( () ).

At this point, traversal has ended, and *view lookup* begins.

Because it's the "context" resource, the view lookup machinery examines the "biz" resource to find out what "type" it is. Let's say it finds that the resource is a *Biz* type (because "biz" is an instance of the Python class *Biz*). Using the *view name* (*buz.txt*) and the type, view lookup asks the *application registry* this question:

- Please find me a *view callable* registered with a *view configuration* with the name *buz.txt* that can be used for class *Biz*.

Let's say that question is answered by the application registry. In such a situation, the application registry returns a *view callable*. The view callable is then called with the current *WebOb request* as the sole argument, *request*. It is expected to return a response.
The Example View Callables Accept Only a Request; How Do I Access the Context Resource?

Most of the examples in this documentation assume that a view callable is typically passed only a request object. Sometimes your view callables need access to the context resource, especially when you use traversal. You might use a supported alternative view callable argument list in your view callables such as the (context, request) calling convention described in Alternate View Callable Argument/Calling Conventions. But you don’t need to if you don’t want to. In view callables that accept only a request, the context resource found by traversal is available as the context attribute of the request object, e.g., request.context. The view name is available as the view_name attribute of the request object, e.g., request.view_name. Other Pyramid-specific request attributes are also available as described in Special Attributes Added to the Request by Pyramid.

Using Resource Interfaces in View Configuration

Instead of registering your views with a context that names a Python resource class, you can optionally register a view callable with a context which is an interface. An interface can be attached arbitrarily to any resource object. View lookup treats context interfaces specially, and therefore the identity of a resource can be divorced from that of the class which implements it. As a result, associating a view with an interface can provide more flexibility for sharing a single view between two or more different implementations of a resource type. For example, if two resource objects of different Python class types share the same interface, you can use the same view configuration to specify both of them as a context.

In order to make use of interfaces in your application during view dispatch, you must create an interface and mark up your resource classes or instances with interface declarations that refer to this interface.

To attach an interface to a resource class, you define the interface and use the zope.interface.implementer() class decorator to associate the interface with the class.

```python
from zope.interface import Interface
from zope.interface import implementer

class IHello(Interface):
    """ A marker interface """

@implementer(IHello)
class Hello(object):
    pass
```

To attach an interface to a resource instance, you define the interface and use the zope.interface.alsoProvides() function to associate the interface with the instance. This function mutates the instance in such a way that the interface is attached to it.
from zope.interface import Interface
from zope.interface import alsoProvides

class IHello(Interface):
    """ A marker interface """

class Hello(object):
    pass

def make_hello():
    hello = Hello()
    alsoProvides(hello, IHello)
    return hello

Regardless of how you associate an interface—with either a resource instance or a resource class—the resulting code to associate that interface with a view callable is the same. Assuming the above code that defines an IHello interface lives in the root of your application, and its module is named ”resources.py”, the interface declaration below will associate the mypackage.views.hello_world view with resources that implement, or provide, this interface.

# config is an instance of pyramid.config.Configurator
config.add_view('mypackage.views.hello_world', name='hello.html',
                context='mypackage.resources.IHello')

Any time a resource that is determined to be the context provides this interface, and a view named hello.html is looked up against it as per the URL, the mypackage.views.hello_world view callable will be invoked.

Note, in cases where a view is registered against a resource class, and a view is also registered against an interface that the resource class implements, an ambiguity arises. Views registered for the resource class take precedence over any views registered for any interface the resource class implements. Thus, if one view configuration names a context of both the class type of a resource, and another view configuration names a context of interface implemented by the resource’s class, and both view configurations are otherwise identical, the view registered for the context’s class will ”win”.

For more information about defining resources with interfaces for use within view configuration, see Resources Which Implement Interfaces.
References

A tutorial showing how traversal can be used within a Pyramid application exists in ZODB + Traversal Wiki Tutorial.

See the View Configuration chapter for detailed information about view lookup.

The pyramid.traversal module contains API functions that deal with traversal, such as traversal invocation from within application code.

The pyramid.request.Request.resource_url() method generates a URL when given a resource retrieved from a resource tree.

0.3.28 Security

Pyramid provides an optional, declarative security system. The system determines the identity of the current user (authentication) and whether or not the user has access to certain resources (authorization).

The Pyramid security system can prevent a view from being invoked based on the security policy. Before a view is invoked, the authorization system can use the credentials in the request along with the context resource to determine if access will be allowed. Here’s how it works at a high level:

- A user may or may not have previously visited the application and supplied authentication credentials, including a userid. If so, the application may have called pyramid.security.remember() to remember these.
- A request is generated when a user visits the application.
- Based on the request, a context resource is located through resource location. A context is located differently depending on whether the application uses traversal or URL dispatch, but a context is ultimately found in either case. See the URL Dispatch chapter for more information.
- A view callable is located by view lookup using the context as well as other attributes of the request.
- If a security policy is in effect and the view configuration associated with the view callable that was found has a permission associated with it, the policy is passed request, the context, and the permission associated with the view; it will allow or deny access.
- If the security policy allows access, the view callable is invoked.
- If the security policy denies access, the view callable is not invoked. Instead the forbidden view is invoked.

The security system is enabled by modifying your application to include a security policy. Pyramid comes with a variety of helpers to assist in the creation of this policy.
Writing a Security Policy

Pyramid does not enable any security policy by default. All views are accessible by completely anonymous users. In order to begin protecting views from execution based on security settings, you need to write a security policy.

Security policies are simple classes implementing `pyramid.interfaces.ISecurityPolicy`. A simple security policy might look like the following:

```python
from pyramid.security import Allowed, Denied

class SessionSecurityPolicy:
    def identity(self, request):
        """ Return app-specific user object. """
        userid = request.session.get('userid')
        if userid is None:
            return None
        return load_identity_from_db(request, userid)

    def authenticated_userid(self, request):
        """ Return a string ID for the user. """
        identity = self.identity(request)
        if identity is None:
            return None
        return string(identity.id)

    def permits(self, request, context, permission):
        """ Allow access to everything if signed in. """
        identity = self.identity(request)
        if identity is not None:
            return Allowed('User is signed in.')
        else:
            return Denied('User is not signed in.')

    def remember(self, request, userid, **kw):
        request.session['userid'] = userid
        return []

    def forget(self, request, **kw):
        del request.session['userid']
        return []
```

Use the `set_security_policy()` method of the Configurator to enforce the security policy on your application.
See also:

For more information on implementing the `permits` method, see *Allowing and Denying Access With a Security Policy*.

## Writing a Security Policy Using Helpers

To assist in writing common security policies, Pyramid provides several helpers. The following authentication helpers assist with implementing `identity`, `remember`, and `forget`.

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For example, our above security policy can leverage these helpers like so:

```python
from pyramid.security import Allowed, Denied
from pyramid.authentication import SessionAuthenticationHelper

class SessionSecurityPolicy:
    def __init__(self):
        self.helper = SessionAuthenticationHelper()

    def identity(self, request):
        """ Return app-specific user object. ""
        userid = self.helper.authenticated_userid(request)
        if userid is None:
            return None
        return load_identity_from_db(request, userid)

    def authenticated_userid(self, request):
        """ Return a string ID for the user. ""
```

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Helpers are intended to be used with application-specific code. Notice how the above code takes the userid from the helper and uses it to load the identity from the database. authenticated_userid pulls the userid from the identity in order to guarantee that the user ID stored in the session exists in the database ("authenticated").

**Protecting Views with Permissions**

To protect a view callable from invocation based on a user’s security settings when a particular type of resource becomes the context, you must pass a permission to view configuration. Permissions are usually just strings, and they have no required composition: you can name permissions whatever you like.

For example, the following view declaration protects the view named add_entry.html when the context resource is of type Blog with the add permission using the pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view() API:

```python
# config is an instance of pyramid.config.Configurator
config.add_view('mypackage.views.blog_entry_add_view',
    name='add_entry.html',
    context='mypackage.resources.Blog',
    permission='add')
```
The equivalent view registration including the add permission name may be performed via the @view_config decorator:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config
from resources import Blog

@view_config(context=Blog, name='add_entry.html', permission='add')
def blog_entry_add_view(request):
    """ Add blog entry code goes here ""
    pass
```

As a result of any of these various view configuration statements, if an security policy is in place when the view callable is found during normal application operations, the security policy will be queried to see if the requesting user is allowed the add permission within the current context. If the policy allows access, blog_entry_add_view will be invoked. If not, the Forbidden view will be invoked.

### Allowing and Denying Access With a Security Policy

To determine whether access is allowed to a view with an attached permission, Pyramid calls the permits method of the security policy. permits should return an instance of `pyramid.security.Allowed` or `pyramid.security.Denied`. Both classes accept a string as an argument, which should detail why access was allowed or denied.

A simple permits implementation that grants access based on a user role might look like so:

```python
from pyramid.security import Allowed, Denied
class SecurityPolicy:
    def permits(self, request, context, permission):
        identity = self.identity(request)

        if identity is None:
            return Denied('User is not signed in.')
        if identity.role == 'admin':
            allowed = ['read', 'write', 'delete']
        elif identity.role == 'editor':
            allowed = ['read', 'write']
        else:
            allowed = ['read']

        if permission in allowed:
```
17  return Allowed(
18       'Access granted for user $s with role $s.',
19       identity,
20       identity.role,
21     )
22 else:
23  return Denied(
24       'Access denied for user $s with role $s.',
25       identity,
26       identity.role,
27     )

Setting a Default Permission

If a permission is not supplied to a view configuration, the registered view will always be executable by entirely anonymous users: any security policy in effect is ignored.

In support of making it easier to configure applications which are ”secure by default”, Pyramid allows you to configure a default permission. If supplied, the default permission is used as the permission string to all view registrations which don’t otherwise name a permission argument.

The `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_default_permission()` method supports configuring a default permission for an application.

When a default permission is registered:

- If a view configuration names an explicit permission, the default permission is ignored for that view registration, and the view-configuration-named permission is used.

- If a view configuration names the permission `pyramid.security.NO_PERMISSION_REQUIRED`, the default permission is ignored, and the view is registered without a permission (making it available to all callers regardless of their credentials).

⚠️ When you register a default permission, all views (even exception view views) are protected by a permission. For all views which are truly meant to be anonymously accessible, you will need to associate the view’s configuration with the `pyramid.security.NO_PERMISSION_REQUIRED` permission.
Implementing ACL Authorization

A common way to implement authorization is using an *ACL*. An ACL is a *context*-specific list of access control entries, which allow or deny access to permissions based on a user’s principals.

Pyramid provides `pyramid.authorization.ACLHelper` to assist with an ACL-based implementation of permits. Application-specific code should construct a list of principals for the user and call `pyramid.authorization.ACLHelper.permits()`, which will return an `pyramid.authorization.ACLAllowed` or `pyramid.authorization.ACLDenied` object. An implementation might look like this:

```python
from pyramid.authorization import ACLHelper, Everyone, Authenticated

class SecurityPolicy:
    def permits(self, request, context, permission):
        principals = [Everyone]
        if identity is not None:
            principals.append(Authenticated)
            principals.append('user:' + identity.id)
            principals.append('group:' + identity.group)
        return ACLHelper().permits(context, principals, permission)
```

To associate an ACL with a resource, add an `__acl__` attribute to the resource object. This attribute can be defined on the resource *instance* if you need instance-level security, or it can be defined on the resource *class* if you just need type-level security.

For example, an ACL might be attached to the resource for a blog via its class:

```python
from pyramid.authorization import Allow
from pyramid.authorization import Everyone

class Blog(object):
    __acl__ = [
        (Allow, Everyone, 'view'),
        (Allow, 'group:editors', 'add'),
        (Allow, 'group:editors', 'edit'),
    ]
```

Or, if your resources are persistent, an ACL might be specified via the `__acl__` attribute of an *instance* of a resource:
from pyramid.authorization import Allow
from pyramid.authorization import Everyone

class Blog(object):
    pass

blog = Blog()

blog.__acl__ = [
    (Allow, Everyone, 'view'),
    (Allow, 'group:editors', 'add'),
    (Allow, 'group:editors', 'edit'),
]

Whether an ACL is attached to a resource’s class or an instance of the resource itself, the effect is the same. It is useful to decorate individual resource instances with an ACL (as opposed to just decorating their class) in applications such as content management systems where fine-grained access is required on an object-by-object basis.

Dynamic ACLs are also possible by turning the ACL into a callable on the resource. This may allow the ACL to dynamically generate rules based on properties of the instance.

from pyramid.authorization import Allow
from pyramid.authorization import Everyone

class Blog(object):
    def __acl__(self):
        return [
            (Allow, Everyone, 'view'),
            (Allow, self.owner, 'edit'),
        ]

    def __init__(self, owner):
        self.owner = owner

⚠️ Writing __acl__ as properties is discouraged because an AttributeError occurring in fget or fset will be silently dismissed (this is consistent with Python getattr and hasattr behaviors). For dynamic ACLs, simply use callables, as documented above.
Elements of an ACL

Here’s an example ACL:

```python
from pyramid.authorization import Allow
from pyramid.authorization import Everyone
__acl__ = [
    (Allow, Everyone, 'view'),
    (Allow, 'group:editors', 'add'),
    (Allow, 'group:editors', 'edit'),
]
```

The example ACL indicates that the `pyramid.authorization.Everyone` principal—a special system-defined principal indicating, literally, everyone—is allowed to view the blog, and the `group:editors` principal is allowed to add to and edit the blog.

Each element of an ACL is an ACE, or access control entry. For example, in the above code block, there are three ACEs: (Allow, Everyone, 'view'), (Allow, 'group:editors', 'add'), and (Allow, 'group:editors', 'edit').

The first element of any ACE is either `pyramid.authorization.Allow`, or `pyramid.authorization.Deny`, representing the action to take when the ACE matches. The second element is a principal. The third argument is a permission or sequence of permission names.

A principal is usually a user id, however it also may be a group id if your authentication system provides group information.

Each ACE in an ACL is processed by the ACL helper in the order dictated by the ACL. So if you have an ACL like this:

```python
from pyramid.authorization import Allow
from pyramid.authorization import Deny
from pyramid.authorization import Everyone
__acl__ = [
    (Allow, Everyone, 'view'),
    (Deny, Everyone, 'view'),
]
```

The ACL helper will allow everyone the view permission, even though later in the ACL you have an ACE that denies everyone the view permission. On the other hand, if you have an ACL like this:
The ACL helper will deny everyone the view permission, even though later in the ACL, there is an ACE that allows everyone.

The third argument in an ACE can also be a sequence of permission names instead of a single permission name. So instead of creating multiple ACEs representing a number of different permission grants to a single `group:editors` group, we can collapse this into a single ACE, as below.

```
from pyramid.authorization import Allow
from pyramid.authorization import Everyone

__acl__ = [
    (Allow, Everyone, 'view'),
    (Allow, 'group:editors', ('add', 'edit')),
]
```

### Special Principal Names

Special principal names exist in the `pyramid.authorization` module. They can be imported for use in your own code to populate ACLs, e.g., `pyramid.authorization.Everyone`.

**`pyramid.authorization.Everyone`**

Literally, everyone, no matter what. This object is actually a string under the hood (`system.Everyone`). Every user is the principal named "Everyone" during every request, even if a security policy is not in use.

**`pyramid.authorization.Authenticated`**

Any user with credentials as determined by the current security policy. You might think of it as any user that is "logged in". This object is actually a string under the hood (`system.Authenticated`).

```
from Pyramid.WebFramework.Version2.1.dev0

1 from pyramid.authorization import Everyone
2 from pyramid.authorization import Allow
3 from pyramid.authorization import Deny
4
5 __acl__ = [
6     (Deny, Everyone, 'view'),
7     (Allow, Everyone, 'view'),
8 ]
```
Special Permissions

Special permission names exist in the `pyramid.authorization` module. These can be imported for use in ACLs.

`pyramid.authorization.ALL_PERMISSIONS`

An object representing, literally, *all* permissions. Useful in an ACL like so: `(Allow, 'fred', ALL_PERMISSIONS)`. The `ALL_PERMISSIONS` object is actually a stand-in object that has a `__contains__` method that always returns `True`, which, for all known authorization policies, has the effect of indicating that a given principal has any permission asked for by the system.

Special ACEs

A convenience ACE is defined representing a deny to everyone of all permissions in `pyramid.authorization.DENY_ALL`. This ACE is often used as the *last* ACE of an ACL to explicitly cause inheriting authorization policies to "stop looking up the traversal tree" (effectively breaking any inheritance). For example, an ACL which allows *only* `fred` the view permission for a particular resource, despite what inherited ACLs may say, might look like so:

```python
from pyramid.authorization import Allow
from pyramid.authorization import DENY_ALL

__acl__ = [ (Allow, 'fred', 'view'), DENY_ALL ]
```

Under the hood, the `pyramid.authorization.DENY_ALL` ACE equals the following:

```python
from pyramid.authorization import ALL_PERMISSIONS
__acl__ = [ (Deny, Everyone, ALL_PERMISSIONS) ]
```

ACL Inheritance and Location-Awareness

While the ACL helper is in place, if a resource object does not have an ACL when it is the context, its `parent` is consulted for an ACL. If that object does not have an ACL, *its* parent is consulted for an ACL, ad infinitum, until we’ve reached the root and there are no more parents left.

In order to allow the security machinery to perform ACL inheritance, resource objects must provide *location-awareness*. Providing *location-awareness* means two things: the root object in the resource tree must have a `__name__` attribute and a `__parent__` attribute.
An object with a \_\_parent\_\_ attribute and a \_\_name\_\_ attribute is said to be *location-aware*. Location-aware objects define a \_\_parent\_\_ attribute which points at their parent object. The root object’s \_\_parent\_\_ is None.

See also:

See also `pyramid.location` for documentations of functions which use location-awareness.

See also:

See also *Location-Aware Resources*.

### Changing the Forbidden View

When Pyramid denies a view invocation due to an authorization denial, the special *forbidden* view is invoked. Out of the box, this forbidden view is very plain. See *Changing the Forbidden View* within *Using Hooks* for instructions on how to create a custom forbidden view and arrange for it to be called when view authorization is denied.

### Debugging View Authorization Failures

If your application in your judgment is allowing or denying view access inappropriately, start your application under a shell using the `PYRAMID_DEBUG_AUTHORIZATION` environment variable set to 1. For example:

```
PYRAMID_DEBUG_AUTHORIZATION=1 $VENV/bin/pserve myproject.ini
```

When any authorization takes place during a top-level view rendering, a message will be logged to the console (to stderr) about what ACE in which ACL permitted or denied the authorization based on authentication information.

This behavior can also be turned on in the application `.ini` file by setting the `pyramid.debug_authorization` key to `true` within the application’s configuration section, e.g.:
With this debug flag turned on, the response sent to the browser will also contain security debugging information in its body.

**Debugging Imperative Authorization Failures**

The `pyramid.request.Request.has_permission()` API is used to check security within view functions imperatively. It returns instances of objects that are effectively booleans. But these objects are not raw `True` or `False` objects, and have information attached to them about why the permission was allowed or denied. The object will be one of `pyramid.authorization.ACLAllowed`, `pyramid.authorization.ACLDenied`, `pyramid.security.Allowed`, or `pyramid.security.Denied`, as documented in `pyramid.security`. At the very minimum, these objects will have a `msg` attribute, which is a string indicating why the permission was denied or allowed. Introspecting this information in the debugger or via print statements when a call to `has_permission()` fails is often useful.

**Admonishment Against Secret-Sharing**

A "secret" is required by various components of Pyramid. For example, the helper below might be used for a security policy and uses a secret value `seekrit`:

```
helper = AuthTktCookieHelper('seekrit')
```

A `session factory` also requires a secret:

```
my_session_factory = SignedCookieSessionFactory('itsaseekreet')
```

It is tempting to use the same secret for multiple Pyramid subsystems. For example, you might be tempted to use the value `seekrit` as the secret for both the helper and the session factory defined above. This is a bad idea, because in both cases, these secrets are used to sign the payload of the data.

If you use the same secret for two different parts of your application for signing purposes, it may allow an attacker to get his chosen plaintext signed, which would allow the attacker to control the content of the payload. Re-using a secret across two different subsystems might drop the security of signing to zero. Keys should not be re-used across different contexts where an attacker has the possibility of providing a chosen plaintext.
Preventing Cross-Site Request Forgery Attacks

Cross-site request forgery attacks are a phenomenon whereby a user who is logged in to your website might inadvertently load a URL because it is linked from, or embedded in, an attacker’s website. If the URL is one that may modify or delete data, the consequences can be dire.

You can avoid most of these attacks by issuing a unique token to the browser and then requiring that it be present in all potentially unsafe requests. Pyramid provides facilities to create and check CSRF tokens.

By default Pyramid comes with a session-based CSRF implementation `pyramid.csrf.SessionCSRFStoragePolicy`. To use it, you must first enable a session factory as described in Using the Default Session Factory or Using Alternate Session Factories. Alternatively, you can use a cookie-based implementation `pyramid.csrf.CookieCSRFStoragePolicy` which gives some additional flexibility as it does not require a session for each user. You can also define your own implementation of `pyramid.interfaces.ICSRFStoragePolicy` and register it with the `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_csrf_storage_policy()` directive.

For example:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

config = Configurator()
config.set_csrf_storage_policy(MyCustomCSRFPolicy())
```

Using the `csrf.get_csrf_token` Method

To get the current CSRF token, use the `pyramid.csrf.get_csrf_token` method.

```python
from pyramid.csrf import get_csrf_token

token = get_csrf_token(request)
```

The `get_csrf_token()` method accepts a single argument: the request. It returns a CSRF `token` string. If `get_csrf_token()` or `new_csrf_token()` was invoked previously for this user, then the existing token will be returned. If no CSRF token previously existed for this user, then a new token will be set into the session and returned. The newly created token will be opaque and randomized.
Using the `get_csrf_token` global in templates

Templates have a `get_csrf_token()` method inserted into their globals, which allows you to get the current token without modifying the view code. This method takes no arguments and returns a CSRF token string. You can use the returned token as the value of a hidden field in a form that posts to a method that requires elevated privileges, or supply it as a request header in AJAX requests.

For example, include the CSRF token as a hidden field:

```html
<form method="post" action="/myview">
  <input type="hidden" name="csrf_token" value="${get_csrf_token()}">
  <input type="submit" value="Delete Everything">
</form>
```

Or include it as a header in a jQuery AJAX request:

```javascript
var csrfToken = "${get_csrf_token()}";
$.ajax({
  type: "POST",
  url: "/myview",
  headers: { 'X-CSRF-Token': csrfToken }
}).done(function() {
  alert("Deleted");
});
```

The handler for the URL that receives the request should then require that the correct CSRF token is supplied.

Using the `csrf.new_csrf_token` Method

To explicitly create a new CSRF token, use the `csrf.new_csrf_token()` method. This differs only from `csrf.get_csrf_token()` inasmuch as it clears any existing CSRF token, creates a new CSRF token, sets the token into the user, and returns the token.

```python
from pyramid.csrf import new_csrf_token
token = new_csrf_token(request)
```

It is not possible to force a new CSRF token from a template. If you want to regenerate your CSRF token then do it in the view code and return the new token as part of the context.
Checking CSRF Tokens Manually

In request handling code, you can check the presence and validity of a CSRF token with `pyramid.csrf.check_csrf_token()`. If the token is valid, it will return `True`, otherwise it will raise `HTTPBadRequest`. Optionally, you can specify `raises=False` to have the check return `False` instead of raising an exception.

By default, it checks for a POST parameter named `csrf_token` or a header named `X-CSRF-Token`.

```python
from pyramid.csrf import check_csrf_token

def myview(request):
    # Require CSRF Token
    check_csrf_token(request)
    # ...
```

Checking CSRF Tokens Automatically

New in version 1.7.

Pyramid supports automatically checking CSRF tokens on requests with an unsafe method as defined by RFC2616. Any other request may be checked manually. This feature can be turned on globally for an application using the `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_default_csrf_options()` directive. For example:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

config = Configurator()
config.set_default_csrf_options(require_csrf=True)
```

CSRF checking may be explicitly enabled or disabled on a per-view basis using the `require_csrf` view option. A value of `True` or `False` will override the default set by `set_default_csrf_options`. For example:

```python
@view_config(route_name='hello', require_csrf=False)
def myview(request):
    # ...
```
When CSRF checking is active, the token and header used to find the supplied CSRF token will be `csrf_token` and `X-CSRF-Token`, respectively, unless otherwise overridden by `set_default.csrf_options`. The token is checked against the value in `request.POST` which is the submitted form body. If this value is not present, then the header will be checked.

In addition to token based CSRF checks, if the request is using HTTPS then the automatic CSRF checking will also check the referrer of the request to ensure that it matches one of the trusted origins. By default the only trusted origin is the current host, however additional origins may be configured by setting `pyramid.csrf_trusted_origins` to a list of domain names (and ports if they are non-standard). If a host in the list of domains starts with a . then that will allow all subdomains as well as the domain without the . If no `Referer` or `Origin` header is present in an HTTPS request, the CSRF check will fail unless `allow_no_origin` is set. The special `Origin: null` can be allowed by adding `null` to the `pyramid.csrf_trusted_origins` list.

It is possible to opt out of checking the origin by passing `check_origin=False`. This is useful if the CSRF storage policy is known to be secure such that the token cannot be easily used by an attacker.

If CSRF checks fail then a `pyramid.exceptions.BadCSRFToken` or `pyramid.exceptions.BadCSRFOrigin` exception will be raised. This exception may be caught and handled by an exception view but, by default, will result in a 400 Bad Request response being sent to the client.

### 0.3.29 Combining Traversal and URL Dispatch

When you write most Pyramid applications, you’ll be using one or the other of two available resource location subsystems: traversal or URL dispatch. However, to solve a limited set of problems, it’s useful to use both traversal and URL dispatch together within the same application. Pyramid makes this possible via hybrid applications.

```

⚠️ Reasoning about the behavior of a "hybrid" URL dispatch + traversal application can be challenging. To successfully reason about using URL dispatch and traversal together, you need to understand URL pattern matching, root factories, and the traversal algorithm, and the potential interactions between them. Therefore, we don’t recommend creating an application that relies on hybrid behavior unless you must.

```

### A Review of Non-Hybrid Applications

When used according to the tutorials in its documentation, Pyramid is a "dual-mode” framework: the tutorials explain how to create an application in terms of using either URL dispatch or traversal. This chapter details how you might combine these two dispatch mechanisms, but we’ll review how they work in isolation before trying to combine them.
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URL Dispatch Only

An application that uses URL dispatch exclusively to map URLs to code will often have statements like this within its application startup configuration:

```python
# config is an instance of pyramid.config.Configurator
cfg = config

cfg.add_route('foobar', '{foo}/{bar}')
cfg.add_route('bazbuz', '{baz}/{buz}')

cfg.add_view('myproject.views.foobar', route_name='foobar')
cfg.add_view('myproject.views.bazbuz', route_name='bazbuz')
```

Each route corresponds to one or more view callables. Each view callable is associated with a route by passing a route_name parameter that matches its name during a call to add_view(). When a route is matched during a request, view lookup is used to match the request to its associated view callable. The presence of calls to add_route() signify that an application is using URL dispatch.

Traversal Only

An application that uses only traversal will have view configuration declarations that look like this:

```python
# config is an instance of pyramid.config.Configurator
cfg = config

cfg.add_view('mypackage.views.foobar', name='foobar')
cfg.add_view('mypackage.views.bazbuz', name='bazbuz')
```

When the above configuration is applied to an application, the mypackage.views.foobar view callable above will be called when the URL /foobar is visited. Likewise, the view mypackage.views.bazbuz will be called when the URL /bazbuz is visited.

Typically, an application that uses traversal exclusively won’t perform any calls to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route() in its startup code.
Hybrid Applications

Either traversal or URL dispatch alone can be used to create a Pyramid application. However, it is also possible to combine the concepts of traversal and URL dispatch when building an application, the result of which is a hybrid application. In a hybrid application, traversal is performed after a particular route has matched.

A hybrid application is a lot more like a "pure" traversal-based application than it is like a "pure" URL-dispatch based application. But unlike in a "pure" traversal-based application, in a hybrid application traversal is performed during a request after a route has already matched. This means that the URL pattern that represents the pattern argument of a route must match the PATH_INFO of a request, and after the route pattern has matched, most of the "normal" rules of traversal with respect to resource location and view lookup apply.

There are only four real differences between a purely traversal-based application and a hybrid application:

- In a purely traversal-based application, no routes are defined. In a hybrid application, at least one route will be defined.

- In a purely traversal-based application, the root object used is global, implied by the root factory provided at startup time. In a hybrid application, the root object at which traversal begins may be varied on a per-route basis.

- In a purely traversal-based application, the PATH_INFO of the underlying WSGI environment is used wholesale as a traversal path. In a hybrid application, the traversal path is not the entire PATH_INFO string, but a portion of the URL determined by a matching pattern in the matched route configuration’s pattern.

- In a purely traversal-based application, view configurations which do not mention a route_name argument are considered during view lookup. In a hybrid application, when a route is matched, only view configurations which mention that route’s name as a route_name are considered during view lookup.

More generally, a hybrid application is a traversal-based application except:

- the traversal root is chosen based on the route configuration of the route that matched, instead of from the root_factory supplied during application startup configuration.

- the traversal path is chosen based on the route configuration of the route that matched, rather than from the PATH_INFO of a request.

- the set of views that may be chosen during view lookup when a route matches are limited to those which specifically name a route_name in their configuration that is the same as the matched route’s name.

To create a hybrid mode application, use a route configuration that implies a particular root factory and which also includes a pattern argument that contains a special dynamic part: either *traverse or *subpath.
The Root Object for a Route Match

A hybrid application implies that traversal is performed during a request after a route has matched. Traversal, by definition, must always begin at a root object. Therefore it’s important to know which root object will be traversed after a route has matched.

Figuring out which root object results from a particular route match is straightforward. When a route is matched:

- If the route’s configuration has a factory argument which points to a root factory callable, that callable will be called to generate a root object.

- If the route’s configuration does not have a factory argument, the global root factory will be called to generate a root object. The global root factory is the callable implied by the root_factory argument passed to the Configurator at application startup time.

- If a root_factory argument is not provided to the Configurator at startup time, a default root factory is used. The default root factory is used to generate a root object.

Root factories related to a route were explained previously within Route Factories. Both the global root factory and default root factory were explained previously within The Resource Tree.

Using *traverse in a Route Pattern

A hybrid application most often implies the inclusion of a route configuration that contains the special token *traverse at the end of a route’s pattern:

```python
config.add_route('home', '{foo}/{bar}/*traverse')
```

A *traverse token at the end of the pattern in a route’s configuration implies a ”remainder” capture value. When it is used, it will match the remainder of the path segments of the URL. This remainder becomes the path used to perform traversal.

The *remainder route pattern syntax is explained in more detail within Route Pattern Syntax.
A hybrid mode application relies more heavily on traversal to do resource location and view lookup than most examples indicate within URL Dispatch.

Because the pattern of the above route ends with *traverse*, when this route configuration is matched during a request, Pyramid will attempt to use traversal against the root object implied by the root factory that is implied by the route’s configuration. Since no root_factory argument is explicitly specified for this route, this will either be the global root factory for the application, or the default root factory. Once traversal has found a context resource, view lookup will be invoked in almost exactly the same way it would have been invoked in a "pure" traversal-based application.

Let’s assume there is no global root factory configured in this application. The default root factory cannot be traversed; it has no useful __getitem__ method. So we’ll need to associate this route configuration with a custom root factory in order to create a useful hybrid application. To that end, let’s imagine that we’ve created a root factory that looks like so in a module named routes.py:

```python
class Resource(object):
    def __init__(self, subobjects):
        self.subobjects = subobjects

    def __getitem__(self, name):
        return self.subobjects[name]

root = Resource(
    {'a': Resource({'b': Resource({'c': Resource({})})})})

def root_factory(request):
    return root
```

Above we’ve defined a (bogus) resource tree that can be traversed, and a root_factory function that can be used as part of a particular route configuration statement:

```python
config.add_route('home', '{foo}/{bar}/{*traverse}',
                 factory='mypackage.routes.root_factory')
```

The factory above points at the function we’ve defined. It will return an instance of the Resource class as a root object whenever this route is matched. Instances of the Resource class can be used for tree traversal because they have a __getitem__ method that does something nominally useful. Since traversal uses __getitem__ to walk the resources of a resource tree, using traversal against the root resource implied by our route statement is a reasonable thing to do.
We could have also used our `root_factory` function as the `root_factory` argument of the `Configurator` constructor, instead of associating it with a particular route inside the route’s configuration. Every hybrid route configuration that is matched, but which does not name a `factory` attribute, will use the global `root_factory` function to generate a root object.

When the route configuration named `home` above is matched during a request, the matchdict generated will be based on its pattern: `{foo}/{bar}`/*traverse. The ”capture value” implied by the *traverse element in the pattern will be used to traverse the resource tree in order to find a context resource, starting from the root object returned from the root factory. In the above example, the `root` object found will be the instance named `root` in `routes.py`.

If the URL that matched a route with the pattern `{foo}/{bar}`/*traverse is `http://example.com/one/two/a/b/c`, the traversal path used against the root object will be `a/b/c`. As a result, Pyramid will attempt to traverse through the edges 'a', 'b', and 'c', beginning at the root object.

In our above example, this particular set of traversal steps will mean that the `context` resource of the view would be the `Resource` object we’ve named 'c' in our bogus resource tree, and the `view name` resulting from traversal will be the empty string. If you need a refresher about why this outcome is presumed, see `The Traversal Algorithm`.

At this point, a suitable view callable will be found and invoked using `view lookup` as described in `View Configuration`, but with a caveat: in order for `view lookup` to work, we need to define a view configuration that will match when `view lookup` is invoked after a route matches:

```python
config.add_route('home', '{foo}/{bar}/*traverse',
                 factory='mypackage.routes.root_factory')
config.add_view('mypackage.views.myview', route_name='home')
```

Note that the above call to `add_view()` includes a `route_name` argument. View configurations that include a `route_name` argument are meant to associate a particular view declaration with a route, using the route’s name, in order to indicate that the view should only be invoked when the route matches.

Calls to `add_view()` may pass a `route_name` attribute, which refers to the value of an existing route’s `name` argument. In the above example, the route name is `home`, referring to the name of the route defined above it.

The above `mypackage.views.myview` view callable will be invoked when the following conditions are met:

- The route named ”home” is matched.
• The view name resulting from traversal is the empty string.

• The context resource is any object.

It is also possible to declare alternative views that may be invoked when a hybrid route is matched:

```python
config.add_route('home', '{foo}/(bar)/*traverse',
                 factory='mypackage.routes.root_factory')
config.add_view('mypackage.views.myview', route_name='home')
config.add_view('mypackage.views.another_view', route_name='home',
                name='another')
```

The add_view call for `mypackage.views.another_view` above names a different view and, more importantly, a different view name. The above `mypackage.views.another_view` view will be invoked when the following conditions are met:

• The route named "home" is matched.

• The view name resulting from traversal is another.

• The context resource is any object.

For instance, if the URL `http://example.com/one/two/a/another` is provided to an application that uses the previously mentioned resource tree, the `mypackage.views.another_view` view callable will be called instead of the `mypackage.views.myview` view callable because the view name will be another instead of the empty string.

More complicated matching can be composed. All arguments to route configuration statements and view configuration statements are supported in hybrid applications (such as predicate arguments).

**Using the traverse Argument in a Route Definition**

Rather than using the `*traverse` remainder marker in a pattern, you can use the `traverse` argument to the `add_route()` method.

When you use the `*traverse` remainder marker, the traversal path is limited to being the remainder segments of a request URL when a route matches. However, when you use the `traverse` argument or attribute, you have more control over how to compose a traversal path.

Here’s a use of the `traverse` pattern in a call to `add_route()`:
The syntax of the `traverse` argument is the same as it is for `pattern`.

If, as above, the `pattern` provided is `/articles/{article}/edit`, and the `traverse` argument provided is `/{article}`, when a request comes in that causes the route to match in such a way that the `article` match value is 1 (when the request URI is `/articles/1/edit`), the traversal path will be generated as `/1`. This means that the root object’s `__getitem__` will be called with the name 1 during the traversal phase. If the 1 object exists, it will become the context of the request. The Traversal chapter has more information about traversal.

If the traversal path contains segment marker names which are not present in the `pattern` argument, a runtime error will occur. The `traverse` pattern should not contain segment markers that do not exist in the `path`.

Note that the `traverse` argument is ignored when attached to a route that has a `*traverse` remainder marker in its `pattern`.

Traversal will begin at the root object implied by this route (either the global root, or the object returned by the `factory` associated with this route).

**Making Global Views Match**

By default, only view configurations that mention a `route_name` will be found during view lookup when a route that has a `*traverse` in its `pattern` matches. You can allow views without a `route_name` attribute to match a route by adding the `use_global_views` flag to the route definition. For example, the `myproject.views.bazbuz` view below will be found if the route named `abc` below is matched and the PATH_INFO is `/abc/bazbuz`, even though the view configuration statement does not have the `route_name="abc"` attribute.

```python
config.add_route('abc', '/abc/*traverse', use_global_views=True)
config.add_view('myproject.views.bazbuz', name='bazbuz')
```
Using *subpath in a Route Pattern

There are certain extremely rare cases when you’d like to influence the traversal subpath when a route matches without actually performing traversal. For instance, the pyramid.wsgi.wsgiapp2() decorator and the pyramid.static.static_view helper attempt to compute PATH_INFO from the request’s subpath when its use_subpath argument is True, so it’s useful to be able to influence this value.

When *subpath exists in a pattern, no path is actually traversed, but the traversal algorithm will return a subpath list implied by the capture value of *subpath. You’ll see this pattern most commonly in route declarations that look like this:

```python
from pyramid.static import static_view
www = static_view('mypackage:static', use_subpath=True)
config.add_route('static', '/static/*subpath')
config.add_view(www, route_name='static')
```

mypackage.views.www is an instance of pyramid.static.static_view. This effectively tells the static helper to traverse everything in the subpath as a filename.

Generating Hybrid URLs

New in version 1.5.

The pyramid.request.Request.resource_url() method and the pyramid.request. Request.resource_path() method both accept optional keyword arguments that make it easier to generate route-prefixed URLs that contain paths to traversal resources: route_name, route_kw, and route_remainder_name.

Any route that has a pattern that contains a *remainder pattern (any stararg remainder pattern, such as *traverse, *subpath, or *fred) can be used as the target name for request.resource_url(..., route_name=) and request.resource_path(..., route_name=).

For example, let’s imagine you have a route defined in your Pyramid application like so:

```python
config.add_route('mysection', '/mysection*traverse')
```

If you’d like to generate the URL http://example.com/mysection/a/, you can use the following incantation, assuming that the variable a below points to a resource that is a child of the root with a __name__ of a:
request.resource_url(a, route_name='mysection')

You can generate only the path portion /mysection/a/ assuming the same:

request.resource_path(a, route_name='mysection')

The path is virtual host aware, so if the X-Vhm-Root environment variable is present in the request, and it’s set to /a, the above call to request.resource_url would generate http://example.com/mysection/, and the above call to request.resource_path would generate /mysection/. See Virtual Root Support for more information.

If the route you’re trying to use needs simple dynamic part values to be filled in to successfully generate the URL, you can pass these as the route_kw argument to resource_url and resource_path. For example, assuming that the route definition is like so:

```python
config.add_route('mysection', '/{id}/mysection*traverse')
```

You can pass route_kw in to fill in {id} above:

```python
request.resource_url(a, route_name='mysection', route_kw={'id':'1'})
```

If you pass route_kw but do not pass route_name, route_kw will be ignored.

By default this feature works by calling route_url under the hood, and passing the value of the resource path to that function as traverse. If your route has a different *stararg remainder name (such as *subpath), you can tell resource_url or resource_path to use that instead of traverse by passing route_remainder_name. For example, if you have the following route:

```python
config.add_route('mysection', '/mysection*subpath')
```

You can fill in the *subpath value using resource_url by doing:

```python
request.resource_path(a, route_name='mysection',
route_remainder_name='subpath')
```
If you pass `route_remainder_name` but do not pass `route_name`, `route_remainder_name` will be ignored.

If you try to use `resource_path` or `resource_url` when the `route_name` argument points at a route that does not have a remainder stararg, an error will not be raised, but the generated URL will not contain any remainder information either.

All other values that are normally passable to `resource_path` and `resource_url` (such as `query`, `anchor`, `host`, `port`, and positional elements) work as you might expect in this configuration.

Note that this feature is incompatible with the `__resource_url__` feature (see *Overriding Resource URL Generation*) implemented on resource objects. Any `__resource_url__` supplied by your resource will be ignored when you pass `route_name`.

### 0.3.30 Invoking a Subrequest

New in version 1.4.

Pyramid allows you to invoke a subrequest at any point during the processing of a request. Invoking a subrequest allows you to obtain a `response` object from a view callable within your Pyramid application while you’re executing a different view callable within the same application.

Here’s an example application which uses a subrequest:

```python
from wsgiref.simple_server import make_server
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.request import Request

def view_one(request):
    subreq = Request.blank('/view_two')
    response = request.invoke_subrequest(subreq)
    return response

def view_two(request):
    request.response.body = 'This came from view_two'
    return request.response

if __name__ == '__main__':
    config = Configurator()
    config.add_route('one', '/view_one')
    config.add_route('two', '/view_two')
    config.add_view(view_one, route_name='one')
    config.add_view(view_two, route_name='two')
    app = config.make_wsgi_app()
    server = make_server('0.0.0.0', 8080, app)
    server.serve_forever()
```
When /view_one is visted in a browser, the text printed in the browser pane will be This came from view_two. The view_one view used the `pyramid.request.Request.invoke_subrequest()` API to obtain a response from another view (view_two) within the same application when it executed. It did so by constructing a new request that had a URL that it knew would match the view_two view registration, and passed that new request along to `pyramid.request.Request.invoke_subrequest()`(). The view_two view callable was invoked, and it returned a response. The view_one view callable then simply returned the response it obtained from the view_two view callable.

Note that it doesn’t matter if the view callable invoked via a subrequest actually returns a literal Response object. Any view callable that uses a renderer or which returns an object that can be interpreted by a response adapter when found and invoked via `pyramid.request.Request.invoke_subrequest()`() will return a Response object:

```python
from wsgiref.simple_server import make_server
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.request import Request

def view_one(request):
    subreq = Request.blank('/view_two')
    response = request.invoke_subrequest(subreq)
    return response

def view_two(request):
    return 'This came from view_two'

if __name__ == '__main__':
    config = Configurator()
    config.add_route('one', '/view_one')
    config.add_route('two', '/view_two')
    config.add_view(view_one, route_name='one')
    config.add_view(view_two, route_name='two', renderer='string')
    app = config.make_wsgi_app()
    server = make_server('0.0.0.0', 8080, app)
    server.serve_forever()
```

Even though the view_two view callable returned a string, it was invoked in such a way that the string renderer associated with the view registration that was found turned it into a ”real” response object for consumption by view_one.

Being able to unconditionally obtain a response object by invoking a view callable indirectly is the main advantage to using `pyramid.request.Request.invoke_subrequest()` instead of simply importing a view callable and executing it directly. Note that there’s not much advantage to invoking a view
using a subrequest if you can invoke a view callable directly. Subrequests are slower and are less convenient if you actually do want just the literal information returned by a function that happens to be a view callable.

Note that, by default, if a view callable invoked by a subrequest raises an exception, the exception will be raised to the caller of `invoke_subrequest()` even if you have an exception view configured:

```python
from wsgiref.simple_server import make_server
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.request import Request

def view_one(request):
    subreq = Request.blank('/view_two')
    response = request.invoke_subrequest(subreq)
    return response

def view_two(request):
    raise ValueError('foo')

def excview(request):
    request.response.body = b'An exception was raised'
    request.response.status_int = 500
    return request.response

if __name__ == '__main__':
    config = Configurator()
    config.add_route('one', '/view_one')
    config.add_route('two', '/view_two')
    config.add_view(view_one, route_name='one')
    config.add_view(view_two, route_name='two', renderer='string')
    config.add_view(excview, context=Exception)
    app = config.make_wsgi_app()
    server = make_server('0.0.0.0', 8080, app)
    server.serve_forever()
```

When we run the above code and visit /view_one in a browser, the `excview` exception view will not be executed. Instead, the call to `invoke_subrequest()` will cause a `ValueError` exception to be raised and a response will never be generated. We can change this behavior; how to do so is described below in our discussion of the `use_tweens` argument.
Subrequests with Tweens

The `pyramid.request.Request.invoke_subrequest()` API accepts two arguments: a required positional argument `request`, and an optional keyword argument `use_tweens` which defaults to `False`.

The `request` object passed to the API must be an object that implements the Pyramid request interface (such as a `pyramid.request.Request` instance). If `use_tweens` is `True`, the request will be sent to the `tween` in the tween stack closest to the request ingress. If `use_tweens` is `False`, the request will be sent to the main router handler, and no tweens will be invoked.

In the example above, the call to `invoke_subrequest()` will always raise an exception. This is because it’s using the default value for `use_tweens`, which is `False`. Alternatively, you can pass `use_tweens=True` to ensure that it will convert an exception to a Response if an exception view is configured, instead of raising the exception. This is because exception views are called by the exception view tween as described in Custom Exception Views when any view raises an exception.

We can cause the subrequest to be run through the tween stack by passing `use_tweens=True` to the call to `invoke_subrequest()`, like this:

```python
from wsgiref.simple_server import make_server
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.request import Request

def view_one(request):
    subreq = Request.blank('/view_two')
    response = request.invoke_subrequest(subreq, use_tweens=True)
    return response

def view_two(request):
    raise ValueError('foo')

def excview(request):
    request.response.body = b'An exception was raised'
    request.response.status_int = 500
    return request.response

if __name__ == '__main__':
    config = Configurator()
    config.add_route('one', '/view_one')
    config.add_route('two', '/view_two')
    config.add_view(view_one, route_name='one')
    config.add_view(view_two, route_name='two', renderer='string')
    config.add_view(excview, context=Exception)
```

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app = config.make_wsgi_app()
server = make_server('0.0.0.0', 8080, app)
server.serve_forever()

In the above case, the call to `request.invoke_subrequest(subreq)` will not raise an exception. Instead, it will retrieve a "500" response from the attempted invocation of `view_two`, because the tween which invokes an exception view to generate a response is run, and therefore `excview` is executed.

This is one of the major differences between specifying the `use_tweens=True` and `use_tweens=False` arguments to `invoke_subrequest()`. `use_tweens=True` may also imply invoking a transaction commit or abort for the logic executed in the subrequest if you’ve got `pyramid_tm` in the tween list, injecting debug HTML if you’ve got `pyramid_debugtoolbar` in the tween list, and other tween-related side effects as defined by your particular tween list.

The `invoke_subrequest()` function also unconditionally does the following:

- It manages the threadlocal stack so that `get_current_request()` and `get_current_registry()` work during a request (they will return the subrequest instead of the original request).
- It adds a `registry` attribute and an `invoke_subrequest` attribute (a callable) to the request object to which it is handed.
- It sets request extensions (such as those added via `add_request_method()`) on the subrequest object passed as `request`.
- It causes a `NewRequest` event to be sent at the beginning of request processing.
- It causes a `ContextFound` event to be sent when a context resource is found.
- It ensures that the user implied by the request passed in has the necessary authorization to invoke the view callable before calling it.
- It calls any `response callback` functions defined within the subrequest’s lifetime if a response is obtained from the Pyramid application.
- It causes a `NewResponse` event to be sent if a response is obtained.
- It calls any `finished callback` functions defined within the subrequest’s lifetime.
The invocation of a subrequest has more or less exactly the same effect as the invocation of a request received by the Pyramid router from a web client when use_tweens=True. When use_tweens=False, the tweens are skipped but all the other steps take place.

It’s a poor idea to use the original request object as an argument to invoke_subrequest(). You should construct a new request instead as demonstrated in the above example, using pyramid.request.Request.blank(). Once you’ve constructed a request object, you’ll need to massage it to match the view callable that you’d like to be executed during the subrequest. This can be done by adjusting the subrequest’s URL, its headers, its request method, and other attributes. The documentation for pyramid.request.Request exposes the methods you should call and attributes you should set on the request that you create, then massage it into something that will actually match the view you’d like to call via a subrequest.

We’ve demonstrated use of a subrequest from within a view callable, but you can use the invoke_subrequest() API from within a tween or an event handler as well. Even though you can do it, it’s usually a poor idea to invoke invoke_subrequest() from within a tween, because tweens already, by definition, have access to a function that will cause a subrequest (they are passed a handle function). It’s fine to invoke invoke_subrequest() from within an event handler, however.

Invoking an Exception View

New in version 1.7.

Pyramid apps may define exception views which can handle any raised exceptions that escape from your code while processing a request. By default an unhandled exception will be caught by the EXCVIEW tween, which will then lookup an exception view that can handle the exception type, generating an appropriate error response.

In Pyramid 1.7 the pyramid.request.Request.invoke_exception_view() was introduced, allowing a user to invoke an exception view while manually handling an exception. This can be useful in a few different circumstances:

- Manually handling an exception losing the current call stack or flow.
- Handling exceptions outside of the context of the EXCVIEW tween. The tween only covers certain parts of the request processing pipeline (See Request Processing). There are also some corner cases where an exception can be raised that will still bubble up to middleware, and possibly to the web server in which case a generic 500 Internal Server Error will be returned to the client.

Below is an example usage of pyramid.request.Request.invoke_exception_view():

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```python
def foo(request):
    try:
        some_func_that_errors()
        return response
    except Exception:
        response = request.invoke_exception_view()
        if response is not None:
            return response
        else:
            # there is no exception view for this exception, simply
            # re-raise and let someone else handle it
            raise
```

Please note that in most cases you do not need to write code like this, and you may rely on the EXCVIEW tween to handle this for you.

### 0.3.31 Using Hooks

"Hooks" can be used to influence the behavior of the Pyramid framework in various ways.

#### Changing the Not Found View

When Pyramid can’t map a URL to view code, it invokes a *Not Found View*, which is a *view callable*. The default Not Found View can be overridden through application configuration.

If your application uses *imperative configuration*, you can replace the Not Found View by using the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_notfound_view()` method:

```python
def notfound(request):
    return Response('Not Found', status='404 Not Found')

def main(globals, **settings):
    config = Configurator()
    config.add_notfound_view(notfound)
```

The *Not Found View* callable is a view callable like any other.

If your application instead uses `pyramid.view.view_config` decorators and a *scan*, you can replace the Not Found View by using the `pyramid.view.notfound_view_config` decorator:
from pyramid.view import notfound_view_config

@notfound_view_config()
def notfound(request):
    return Response('Not Found', status='404 Not Found')

def main(globals, **settings):
    config = Configurator()
    config.scan()

This does exactly what the imperative example above showed.

Your application can define multiple Not Found Views if necessary. Both pyramid.config.Configurator.add_notfound_view() and pyramid.view.notfound_view_config take most of the same arguments as pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view and pyramid.view.view_config, respectively. This means that Not Found Views can carry predicates limiting their applicability. For example:

from pyramid.view import notfound_view_config

@notfound_view_config(request_method='GET')
def notfound_get(request):
    return Response('Not Found during GET', status='404 Not Found')

@notfound_view_config(request_method='POST')
def notfound_post(request):
    return Response('Not Found during POST', status='404 Not Found')

def main(globals, **settings):
    config = Configurator()
    config.scan()

The notfound_get view will be called when a view could not be found and the request method was GET. The notfound_post view will be called when a view could not be found and the request method was POST.

Like any other view, the Not Found View must accept at least a request parameter, or both context and request. The request is the current request representing the denied action. The context (if used in the call signature) will be the instance of the HTTPNotFound exception that caused the view to be called.

Both pyramid.config.Configurator.add_notfound_view() and pyramid.view.notfound_view_config can be used to automatically redirect requests to slash-appended routes. See Redirecting to Slash-Appended Routes for examples.

Here's some sample code that implements a minimal Not Found View callable:
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPNotFound

def notfound(request):
    return HTTPNotFound()  

When a Not Found View callable is invoked, it is passed a request. The exception attribute of the request will be an instance of the HTTPNotFound exception that caused the Not Found View to be called. The value of request.exception.message will be a value explaining why the Not Found exception was raised. This message has different values depending on whether the pyramid.debug_notfound environment setting is true or false.

When a Not Found View callable accepts an argument list as described in Alternate View Callable Argument/Calling Conventions, the context passed as the first argument to the view callable will be the HTTPNotFound exception instance. If available, the resource context will still be available as request.context.

The Not Found View callables are only invoked when a HTTPNotFound exception is raised. If the exception is returned from a view then it will be treated as a regular response object and it will not trigger the custom view.

Changing the Forbidden View

When Pyramid can’t authorize execution of a view based on the authorization policy in use, it invokes a forbidden view. The default forbidden response has a 403 status code and is very plain, but the view which generates it can be overridden as necessary.

The forbidden view callable is a view callable like any other. The view configuration which causes it to be a "forbidden" view consists of using the pyramid.config.Configurator.add_forbidden_view() API or the pyramid.view.forbidden_view_config decorator.

For example, you can add a forbidden view by using the pyramid.config.Configurator.add_forbidden_view() method to register a forbidden view:
def forbidden(request):
    return Response('forbidden')

def main(globals, **settings):
    config = Configurator()
    config.add_forbidden_view(forbidden)

If instead you prefer to use decorators and a scan, you can use the pyramid.view.forbidden_view_config decorator to mark a view callable as a forbidden view:

from pyramid.view import forbidden_view_config

@forbidden_view_config()
def forbidden(request):
    return Response('forbidden')

def main(globals, **settings):
    config = Configurator()
    config.scan()

Like any other view, the forbidden view must accept at least a request parameter, or both context and request. If a forbidden view callable accepts both context and request, the HTTP Exception is passed as context. The context as found by the router when the view was denied (which you normally would expect) is available as request.context. The request is the current request representing the denied action.

Here's some sample code that implements a minimal forbidden view:

from pyramid.view import view_config
from pyramid.response import Response

def forbidden_view(request):
    return Response('forbidden')

When a forbidden view callable is invoked, it is passed a request. The exception attribute of the request will be an instance of the HTTPForbidden exception that caused the forbidden view to be called. The value of request.exception.message will be a value explaining why the forbidden exception was raised, and request.exception.result will be extended information about the forbidden exception. These messages have different values depending on whether the pyramid.debug_authorization environment setting is true or false.
The forbidden view callables are only invoked when a HTTPForbidden exception is raised. If the exception is returned from a view then it will be treated as a regular response object and it will not trigger the custom view.

**Changing the Request Factory**

Whenever Pyramid handles a request from a WSGI server, it creates a request object based on the WSGI environment it has been passed. By default, an instance of the `pyramid.request.Request` class is created to represent the request object.

The class (a.k.a., ”factory”) that Pyramid uses to create a request object instance can be changed by passing a request_factory argument to the constructor of the configurator. This argument can be either a callable or a dotted Python name representing a callable.

```python
from pyramid.request import Request
class MyRequest(Request):
    pass
config = Configurator(request_factory=MyRequest)
```

If you’re doing imperative configuration, and you’d rather do it after you’ve already constructed a configurator, it can also be registered via the `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_request_factory()` method:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.request import Request
class MyRequest(Request):
    pass
config = Configurator()
config.set_request_factory(MyRequest)
```
Adding Methods or Properties to a Request Object

New in version 1.4.

Since each Pyramid application can only have one request factory, changing the request factory is not that extensible, especially if you want to build composable features (e.g., Pyramid add-ons and plugins).

A lazy property can be registered to the request object via the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_request_method()` API. This allows you to specify a callable that will be available on the request object, but will not actually execute the function until accessed.

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def total(request, *args):
    return sum(args)

def prop(request):
    print("getting the property")
    return "the property"

config = Configurator()
config.add_request_method(total)
config.add_request_method(prop, reify=True)
```

In the above example, `total` is added as a method. However, `prop` is added as a property and its result is cached per-request by setting `reify=True`. This way, we eliminate the overhead of running the function multiple times.

```bash
>>> request.total(1, 2, 3)
6
>>> request.prop
getting the property
'the property'
>>> request.prop
'the property'
```

To not cache the result of `request.prop`, set `property=True` instead of `reify=True`.

Here is an example of passing a class to `Configurator.add_request_method`:
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.decorator import reify

class ExtraStuff(object):
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request
    def total(self, *args):
        return sum(args)
    @reify
    def prop(self):
        print("getting the property")
        return "the property"

config = Configurator()
config.add_request_method(ExtraStuff, 'extra', reify=True)

We attach and cache an object named extra to the request object.

```python
>>> request.extra.total(1, 2, 3)
6
>>> request.extra.prop
getting the property
'the property'
>>> request.extra.prop
'the property'
```

Changing the Response Factory

New in version 1.6.

Whenever Pyramid returns a response from a view, it creates a response object. By default, an instance of the pyramid.response.Response class is created to represent the response object.

The factory that Pyramid uses to create a response object instance can be changed by passing a pyramid.interfaces.IResponseFactory argument to the constructor of the configurator. This argument can be either a callable or a dotted Python name representing a callable.

The factory takes a single positional argument, which is a Request object. The argument may be None.
If you’re doing imperative configuration and you’d rather do it after you’ve already constructed a *configurator*, it can also be registered via the `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_response_factory()` method:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.response import Response

class MyResponse(Response):
    pass

config = Configurator()
config.set_response_factory(lambda r: MyResponse())
```

### Using the Before Render Event

Subscribers to the `pyramid.events.BeforeRender` event may introspect and modify the set of *renderer globals* before they are passed to a *renderer*. This event object itself has a dictionary-like interface that can be used for this purpose. For example:

```python
from pyramid.events import subscriber
from pyramid.events import BeforeRender

@subscriber(BeforeRender)
def add_global(event):
    event['mykey'] = 'foo'
```

An object of this type is sent as an event just before a *renderer* is invoked.

If a subscriber attempts to add a key that already exists in the renderer globals dictionary, a `KeyError` is raised. This limitation is enforced because event subscribers do not possess any relative ordering. The set of keys added to the renderer globals dictionary by all `pyramid.events.BeforeRender` subscribers and renderer globals factories must be unique.
The dictionary returned from the view is accessible through the `rendering_val` attribute of a `BeforeRender` event.

Suppose you return `{'mykey': 'somevalue', 'mykey2': 'somevalue2'}` from your view callable, like so:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(renderer='some_renderer')
def myview(request):
    return {'mykey': 'somevalue', 'mykey2': 'somevalue2'}
```

`rendering_val` can be used to access these values from the `BeforeRender` object:

```python
from pyramid.events import subscriber
from pyramid.events import BeforeRender

@subscriber(BeforeRender)
def read_return(event):
    # {'mykey': 'somevalue'} is returned from the view
    print(event.rendering_val['mykey'])
```

See the API documentation for the `BeforeRender` event interface at `pyramid.interfaces.IBeforeRender`.

### Using Response Callbacks

Unlike many other web frameworks, Pyramid does not eagerly create a global response object. Adding a `response callback` allows an application to register an action to be performed against whatever response object is returned by a view, usually in order to mutate the response.

The `pyramid.request.Request.add_response_callback()` method is used to register a response callback.

A response callback is a callable which accepts two positional parameters: `request` and `response`. For example:

```python
def cache_callback(request, response):
    """Set the cache_control max_age for the response""
    if request.exception is not None:
        response.cache_control.max_age = 360
    request.add_response_callback(cache_callback)
```
No response callback is called if an unhandled exception happens in application code, or if the response object returned by a view callable is invalid. Response callbacks are, however, invoked when a exception view is rendered successfully. In such a case, the request.exception attribute of the request when it enters a response callback will be an exception object instead of its default value of None.

Response callbacks are called in the order they’re added (first-to-most-recently-added). All response callbacks are called before the NewResponse event is sent. Errors raised by response callbacks are not handled specially. They will be propagated to the caller of the Pyramid router application.

A response callback has a lifetime of a single request. If you want a response callback to happen as the result of every request, you must re-register the callback into every new request (perhaps within a subscriber of a NewRequest event).

### Using Finished Callbacks

A finished callback is a function that will be called unconditionally by the Pyramid router at the very end of request processing. A finished callback can be used to perform an action at the end of a request unconditionally.

The `pyramid.request.Request.add_finished_callback()` method is used to register a finished callback.

A finished callback is a callable which accepts a single positional parameter: request. For example:

```python
import logging
log = logging.getLogger(__name__)

def log_callback(request):
    """Log information at the end of request""
    log.debug('Request is finished.')
request.add_finished_callback(log_callback)
```

Finished callbacks are called in the order they’re added (first-to-most-recently-added). Finished callbacks (unlike a response callback) are always called, even if an exception happens in application code that prevents a response from being generated.

The set of finished callbacks associated with a request are called very late in the processing of that request; they are essentially the very last thing called by the router before a request "ends". They are called after response processing has already occurred in a top-level finally: block within the router request processing code. As a result, mutations performed to the request provided to a finished callback will have
no meaningful effect, because response processing will have already occurred, and the request’s scope will expire almost immediately after all finished callbacks have been processed.

Errors raised by finished callbacks are not handled specially. They will be propagated to the caller of the Pyramid router application.

A finished callback has a lifetime of a single request. If you want a finished callback to happen as the result of every request, you must re-register the callback into every new request (perhaps within a subscriber of a NewRequest event).

### Changing the Traverser

The default traversal algorithm that Pyramid uses is explained in *The Traversal Algorithm*. Though it is rarely necessary, this default algorithm can be swapped out selectively for a different traversal pattern via configuration.

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from myapp.traversal import Traverser
config = Configurator()
config.add_traverser(Traverser)
```

In the example above, `myapp.traversal.Traverser` is assumed to be a class that implements the following interface:

```python
class Traverser(object):
    def __init__(self, root):
        """ Accept the root object returned from the root factory """

    def __call__(self, request):
        """ Return a dictionary with (at least) the keys `\'root\', `\'context\', `\'view_name\', `\'subpath\', `\'traversed\', `\'virtual_root\', and `\'virtual_root_path\'. These values are typically the result of a resource tree traversal. `\'root\' is the physical root object, `\'context\' will be a resource object, `\'view_name\' will be the view name used (a string), `\'subpath\' will be a sequence of strings that followed the view name but were not traversed, `\'traversed\' will be a sequence of strings that were traversed (including the virtual root path, if any) `\'virtual_root\' will be a resource object representing the virtual root (or the physical root if traversal was not performed), and """
```

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``virtual_root_path`` will be a sequence representing the virtual root path (a sequence of strings) or ``None`` if traversal was not performed.

Extra keys for special purpose functionality can be added as necessary.

All values returned in the dictionary will be made available as attributes of the ``request`` object.

```

More than one traversal algorithm can be active at the same time. For instance, if your root factory returns more than one type of object conditionally, you could claim that an alternative traverser adapter is "for" only one particular class or interface. When the root factory returned an object that implemented that class or interface, a custom traverser would be used. Otherwise the default traverser would be used. For example:

```python
from myapp.traversal import Traverser
from myapp.resources import MyRoot
from pyramid.config import Configurator
config = Configurator()
config.add_traverser(Traverser, MyRoot)
```

If the above stanza was added to a Pyramid __init__.py file's main function, Pyramid would use the myapp.traversal.Traverser only when the application root factory returned an instance of the myapp.resources.MyRoot object. Otherwise it would use the default Pyramid traverser to do traversal.

**Changing How pyramid.request.Request.resource_url() Generates a URL**

When you add a traverser as described in Changing the Traverser, it’s often convenient to continue to use the pyramid.request.Request.resource_url() API. However, since the way traversal is done will have been modified, the URLs it generates by default may be incorrect when used against resources derived from your custom traverser.

If you’ve added a traverser, you can change how resource_url() generates a URL for a specific type of resource by adding a call to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_resource_url_adapter().

For example:
from myapp.traversal import ResourceURLAdapter
from myapp.resources import MyRoot

cfg.add_resource_url_adapter(ResourceURLAdapter, MyRoot)

In the above example, the myapp.traversal.ResourceURLAdapter class will be used to provide services to resource_url() any time the resource passed to resource_url is of the class myapp.resources.MyRoot. The resource_iface argument MyRoot represents the type of interface that must be possessed by the resource for this resource url factory to be found. If the resource_iface argument is omitted, this resource URL adapter will be used for all resources.

The API that must be implemented by a class that provides IResourceURL is as follows:

class MyResourceURL(object):
    
    """ An adapter which provides the virtual and physical paths of a resource """

    def __init__(self, resource, request):
        """ Accept the resource and request and set self.physical_path and
        self.virtual_path """
        self.virtual_path = some_function_of(resource, request)
        self.virtual_path_tuple = some_function_of(resource, request)
        self.physical_path = some_other_function_of(resource, request)
        self.physical_path_tuple = some_function_of(resource, request)

The default context URL generator is available for perusal as the class pyramid.traversal.ResourceURL in the traversal module.

See pyramid.config.Configurator.add_resource_url_adapter() for more information.

### Changing How Pyramid Treats View Responses

New in version 1.1.

It is possible to control how Pyramid treats the result of calling a view callable on a per-type basis by using a hook involving pyramid.config.Configurator.add_response_adapter() or the response_adapter decorator.

Pyramid, in various places, adapts the result of calling a view callable to the IResponse interface to ensure that the object returned by the view callable is a "true" response object. The vast majority of time,
the result of this adaptation is the result object itself, as view callables written by "civilians" who read the narrative documentation contained in this manual will always return something that implements the IResponse interface. Most typically, this will be an instance of the pyramid.response.Response class or a subclass. If a civilian returns a non-Response object from a view callable that isn’t configured to use a renderer, they will typically expect the router to raise an error. However, you can hook Pyramid in such a way that users can return arbitrary values from a view callable by providing an adapter which converts the arbitrary return value into something that implements IResponse.

For example, if you’d like to allow view callables to return bare string objects (without requiring a renderer to convert a string to a response object), you can register an adapter which converts the string to a Response:

```
from pyramid.response import Response

def string_response_adapter(s):
    response = Response(s)
    return response

# config is an instance of pyramid.config.Configurator
config.add_response_adapter(string_response_adapter, str)
```

Likewise, if you want to be able to return a simplified kind of response object from view callables, you can use the IResponse hook to register an adapter to the more complex IResponse interface:

```
from pyramid.response import Response

class SimpleResponse(object):
    def __init__(self, body):
        self.body = body

    def simple_response_adapter(simple_response):
        response = Response(simple_response.body)
        return response

# config is an instance of pyramid.config.Configurator
config.add_response_adapter(simple_response_adapter, SimpleResponse)
```

If you want to implement your own Response object instead of using the pyramid.response.Response object in any capacity at all, you’ll have to make sure that the object implements every attribute and method outlined in pyramid.interfaces.IResponse and you’ll have to ensure that it uses zope.interface.implementer(IResponse) as a class decorator.
When an alternate response object implementation is returned by a view callable, if that object asserts that it implements `IResponse` (via `zope.interface.implementer(IResponse)`), an adapter needn’t be registered for the object; Pyramid will use it directly.

An `IResponse` adapter for `webob.Response` (as opposed to `pyramid.response.Response`) is registered by Pyramid by default at startup time, as by their nature, instances of this class (and instances of subclasses of the class) will natively provide `IResponse`. The adapter registered for `webob.Response` simply returns the response object.

Instead of using `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_response_adapter()`, you can use the `pyramid.response.response_adapter` decorator:

```python
from pyramid.response import Response
from pyramid.response import response_adapter

@response_adapter(str)
def string_response_adapter(s):
    response = Response(s)
    return response
```

The above example, when scanned, has the same effect as:

```python
config.add_response_adapter(string_response_adapter, str)
```

The `response_adapter` decorator will have no effect until activated by a `scan`.

**Using a View Mapper**

The default calling conventions for view callables are documented in the `Views` chapter. You can change the way users define view callables by employing a `view mapper`.

A view mapper is an object that accepts a set of keyword arguments and which returns a callable. The returned callable is called with the `view callable` object. The returned callable should itself return another callable which can be called with the "internal calling protocol" (`context, request`).

You can use a view mapper in a number of ways:
• by setting a __view_mapper__ attribute (which is the view mapper object) on the view callable itself

• by passing the mapper object to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view() (or its declarative and decorator equivalents) as the mapper argument

• by registering a default view mapper

Here’s an example of a view mapper that emulates (somewhat) a Pylons “controller”. The mapper is initialized with some keyword arguments. Its __call__ method accepts the view object (which will be a class). It uses the attr keyword argument it is passed to determine which attribute should be used as an action method. The wrapper method it returns accepts (context, request) and returns the result of calling the action method with keyword arguments implied by the matchdict after popping the action out of it. This somewhat emulates the Pylons style of calling action methods with routing parameters pulled out of the route matching dict as keyword arguments.

```python
# framework

class PylonsControllerViewMapper(object):
    def __init__(self, **kw):
        self.kw = kw

    def __call__(self, view):
        attr = self.kw['attr']
        def wrapper(context, request):
            matchdict = request.matchdict.copy()
            matchdict.pop('action', None)
            inst = view(request)
            meth = getattr(inst, attr)
            return meth(**matchdict)
        return wrapper

class BaseController(object):
    __view_mapper__ = PylonsControllerViewMapper
```

A user might make use of these framework components like so:

```python
# user application

from pyramid.response import Response
from pyramid.config import Configurator
import pyramid_handlers
from wsgiref.simple_server import make_server
```

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The pyramid.config.Configurator.set_view_mapper() method can be used to set a default view mapper (overriding the superdefault view mapper used by Pyramid itself).

A single view registration can use a view mapper by passing the mapper as the mapper argument to add_view().

Registering Configuration Decorators

Decorators such as view_config don’t change the behavior of the functions or classes they’re decorating. Instead when a scan is performed, a modified version of the function or class is registered with Pyramid.

You may wish to have your own decorators that offer such behaviour. This is possible by using the Venusian package in the same way that it is used by Pyramid.

By way of example, let’s suppose you want to write a decorator that registers the function it wraps with a Zope Component Architecture “utility” within the application registry provided by Pyramid. The application registry and the utility inside the registry is likely only to be available once your application’s configuration is at least partially completed. A normal decorator would fail as it would be executed before the configuration had even begun.

However, using Venusian, the decorator could be written as follows:
def __init__(self, path):
    self.path = path

def register(self, scanner, name, wrapped):
    registry = scanner.config.registry
    registry.getUtility(IMyUtility).register(
        self.path, wrapped)

def __call__(self, wrapped):
    venusian.attach(wrapped, self.register)
    return wrapped

This decorator could then be used to register functions throughout your code:

```python
@registerFunction('/some/path')
def my_function():
    do_stuff()
```

However, the utility would only be looked up when a `scan` was performed, enabling you to set up the utility in advance:

```python
from zope.interface import implementer
from wsgiref.simple_server import make_server
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from mypackage.interfaces import IMyUtility

@implementer(IMyUtility)
class UtilityImplementation:
    def __init__(self):
        self.registrations = {}

    def register(self, path, callable_):
        self.registrations[path] = callable_

if __name__ == '__main__':
    config = Configurator()
    config.registry.registerUtility(UtilityImplementation())
    config.scan()
    app = config.make_wsgi_app()
    server = make_server('0.0.0.0', 8080, app)
    server.serve_forever()
```

For full details, please read the Venusian documentation.
Registering Tweens

New in version 1.2: Tweens

A tween (a contraction of the word "between") is a bit of code that sits between the Pyramid router’s main request handling function and the upstream WSGI component that uses Pyramid as its "app". This is a feature that may be used by Pyramid framework extensions to provide, for example, Pyramid-specific view timing support bookkeeping code that examines exceptions before they are returned to the upstream WSGI application. Tweens behave a bit like WSGI middleware, but they have the benefit of running in a context in which they have access to the Pyramid request, response, and application registry, as well as the Pyramid rendering machinery.

Creating a Tween

To create a tween, you must write a "tween factory". A tween factory must be a globally importable callable which accepts two arguments: handler and registry. handler will be either the main Pyramid request handling function or another tween. registry will be the Pyramid application registry represented by this Configurator. A tween factory must return the tween (a callable object) when it is called.

A tween is called with a single argument, request, which is the request created by Pyramid’s router when it receives a WSGI request. A tween should return a response, usually the one generated by the downstream Pyramid application.

You can write the tween factory as a simple closure-returning function:

```python
def simple_tween_factory(handler, registry):
    # one-time configuration code goes here

    def simple_tween(request):
        # code to be executed for each request before
        # the actual application code goes here

        response = handler(request)

        # code to be executed for each request after
        # the actual application code goes here

        return response

    return simple_tween
```

Alternatively, the tween factory can be a class with the __call__ magic method:
class simple_tween_factory(object):
    def __init__(self, handler, registry):
        self.handler = handler
        self.registry = registry

        # one-time configuration code goes here

    def __call__(self, request):
        # code to be executed for each request before
        # the actual application code goes here

        response = self.handler(request)

        # code to be executed for each request after
        # the actual application code goes here

        return response

You should avoid mutating any state on the tween instance. The tween is invoked once per request and any
shared mutable state needs to be carefully handled to avoid any race conditions.

The closure style performs slightly better and enables you to conditionally omit the tween from the request
processing pipeline (see the following timing tween example), whereas the class style makes it easier to
have shared mutable state and allows subclassing.

Here’s a complete example of a tween that logs the time spent processing each request:

# in a module named myapp.tweens

import time
from pyramid.settings import asbool
import logging

log = logging.getLogger(__name__)

def timing_tween_factory(handler, registry):
    if asbool(registry.settings.get('do_timing')):
        # if timing support is enabled, return a wrapper
def timing_tween(request):
    start = time.time()
    try:
        response = handler(request)
    finally:
        end = time.time()
18 log.debug('The request took $s seconds' % (end - start))
19
20 return response
21 return timing_tween
22 # if timing support is not enabled, return the original
23 # handler
24 return handler

In the above example, the tween factory defines a timing_tween tween and returns it if asbool(registry.settings.get('do_timing')) is true. It otherwise simply returns the handler which it was given. The registry.settings attribute is a handle to the deployment settings provided by the user (usually in an .ini file). In this case, if the user has defined a do_timing setting and that setting is True, the user has said they want to do timing, so the tween factory returns the timing tween; it otherwise just returns the handler it has been provided, preventing any timing.

The example timing tween simply records the start time, calls the downstream handler, logs the number of seconds consumed by the downstream handler, and returns the response.

Registering an Implicit Tween Factory

Once you’ve created a tween factory, you can register it into the implicit tween chain using the pyramid.config.Configurator.add_tween() method using its dotted Python name.

Here’s an example of registering a tween factory as an ”implicit” tween in a Pyramid application:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator
config = Configurator()
config.add_tween('myapp.tweens.timing_tween_factory')
```

Note that you must use a dotted Python name as the first argument to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_tween(); this must point at a tween factory. You cannot pass the tween factory object itself to the method: it must be dotted Python name that points to a globally importable object. In the above example, we assume that a timing_tween_factory tween factory was defined in a module named myapp.tweens, so the tween factory is importable as myapp.tweens.timing_tween_factory.

When you use pyramid.config.Configurator.add_tween(), you’re instructing the system to use your tween factory at startup time unless the user has provided an explicit tween list in their configuration. This is what’s meant by an ”implicit” tween. A user can always elect to supply an explicit tween
list, reordering or disincluding implicitly added tweens. See *Explicit Tween Ordering* for more information about explicit tween ordering.

If more than one call to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_tween()` is made within a single application configuration, the tweens will be chained together at application startup time. The *first* tween factory added via `add_tween` will be called with the Pyramid exception view tween factory as its handler argument, then the tween factory added directly after that one will be called with the result of the first tween factory as its handler argument, and so on, ad infinitum until all tween factories have been called. The Pyramid router will use the outermost tween produced by this chain (the tween generated by the very last tween factory added) as its request handler function. For example:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

config = Configurator()
config.add_tween('myapp.tween_factory1')
config.add_tween('myapp.tween_factory2')
```

The above example will generate an implicit tween chain that looks like this.

```
IGINESS (implicit)
myapp.tween_factory2
myapp.tween_factory1
pyramid.tweens.excview_tween_factory (implicit)
MAIN (implicit)
```

**Suggesting Implicit Tween Ordering**

By default, as described above, the ordering of the chain is controlled entirely by the relative ordering of calls to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_tween()`. However, the caller of `add_tween` can provide an optional hint that can influence the implicit tween chain ordering by supplying `under` or `over` (or both) arguments to `add_tween()`. These hints are only used when an explicit tween ordering is not used. See *Explicit Tween Ordering* for a description of how to set an explicit tween ordering.

Allowable values for `under` or `over` (or both) are:

- None (the default),
- a *dotted Python name* to a tween factory: a string representing the predicted dotted name of a tween factory added in a call to `add_tween` in the same configuration session,
• one of the constants `pyramid.tweens.MAIN`, `pyramid.tweens.INGRESS`, or `pyramid.tweens.EXCVIEW`, or

• an iterable of any combination of the above. This allows the user to specify fallbacks if the desired tween is not included, as well as compatibility with multiple other tweens.

Effectively, `over` means ”closer to the request ingress than” and `under` means ”closer to the main Pyramid application than”. You can think of an onion with outer layers over the inner layers, the application being under all the layers at the center.

For example, the following call to `add_tween()` will attempt to place the tween factory represented by `myapp.tween_factory` directly ”above” (in `ptweens` order) the main Pyramid request handler.

```python
import pyramid.tweens
cfg.add_tween('myapp.tween_factory', over=pyramid.tweens.MAIN)
```

The above example will generate an implicit tween chain that looks like this.

```
INGRESS (implicit)
pyramid.tweens.excview_tween_factory (implicit)
myapp.tween_factory
MAIN (implicit)
```

Likewise, calling the following call to `add_tween()` will attempt to place this tween factory ”above” the main handler but ”below” a separately added tween factory:

```python
import pyramid.tweens
cfg.add_tween('myapp.tween_factory1',
             over=pyramid.tweens.MAIN)
cfg.add_tween('myapp.tween_factory2',
             over=pyramid.tweens.MAIN,
             under='myapp.tween_factory1')
```

The above example will generate an implicit tween chain that looks like this:

```
INGRESS (implicit)
pyramid.tweens.excview_tween_factory (implicit)
myapp.tween_factory1
myapp.tween_factory2
MAIN (implicit)
```
Specifying neither \texttt{over} nor \texttt{under} is equivalent to specifying \texttt{under=INGRESS}.

If all options for \texttt{under} (or \texttt{over}) cannot be found in the current configuration, it is an error. If some options are specified purely for compatibility with other tweens, just add a fallback of \texttt{MAIN} or \texttt{INGRESS}. For example, \texttt{under=('someothertween', 'someothertween2', INGRESS)}. This constraint will require the tween to be located under the \texttt{someothertween} tween, the \texttt{someothertween2} tween, and \texttt{INGRESS}. If any of these is not in the current configuration, this constraint will only organize itself based on the tweens that are present.

\section*{Explicit Tween Ordering}

Implicit tween ordering is obviously only best-effort. Pyramid will attempt to provide an implicit order of tweens as best it can using hints provided by calls to \texttt{add_tween()}.

But because it’s only best-effort, if very precise tween ordering is required, the only surefire way to get it is to use an explicit tween order. The deploying user can override the implicit tween inclusion and ordering implied by calls to \texttt{add_tween()} entirely by using the \texttt{pyramid.tweens} settings value. When used, this settings value must be a list of Python dotted names which will override the ordering (and inclusion) of tween factories in the implicit tween chain. For example:

\begin{verbatim}
[app:main]
use = egg:MyApp
pyramid.reload_templates = true
pyramid.debug_authorization = false
pyramid.debug_notfound = false
pyramid.debug_routematch = false
pyramid.debug_templates = true
pyramid.tweens = myapp.my_cool_tween_factory
   pyramid.tweens.excview_tween_factory
\end{verbatim}

In the above configuration, calls made during configuration to \texttt{pyramid.config.Configurator.add_tween()} are ignored, and the user is telling the system to use the tween factories he has listed in the \texttt{pyramid.tweens} configuration setting (each is a \texttt{dotted Python name} which points to a tween factory) instead of any tween factories added via \texttt{pyramid.config.Configurator.add_tween()}. The first tween factory in the \texttt{pyramid.tweens} list will be used as the producer of the effective Pyramid request handling function; it will wrap the tween factory declared directly "below" it, ad infinitum. The "main" Pyramid request handler is implicit, and always "at the bottom".

Pyramid’s own \texttt{exception view} handling logic is implemented as a tween factory function: \texttt{pyramid.tweens.excview_tween_factory()}. If Pyramid exception view handling is desired, and tween factories are specified via the \texttt{pyramid.tweens} configuration setting, the \texttt{pyramid.tweens.excview_tween_factory()} function must be added to the \texttt{pyramid.tweens} configuration setting list explicitly. If it is not present, Pyramid will not perform exception view handling.
Tween Conflicts and Ordering Cycles

Pyramid will prevent the same tween factory from being added to the tween chain more than once using configuration conflict detection. If you wish to add the same tween factory more than once in a configuration, you should either: (a) use a tween factory that is a separate globally importable instance object from the factory that it conflicts with; (b) use a function or class as a tween factory with the same logic as the other tween factory it conflicts with, but with a different __name__ attribute; or (c) call pyramid.config.Configurator.commit() between calls to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_tween().

If a cycle is detected in implicit tween ordering when over and under are used in any call to add_tween, an exception will be raised at startup time.

Displaying Tween Ordering

The ptweens command-line utility can be used to report the current implicit and explicit tween chains used by an application. See ptweens: Displaying "Tweens".

Adding a Custom View, Route, or Subscriber Predicate

New in version 1.4.

View and Route Predicates

View and route predicates used during configuration allow you to narrow the set of circumstances under which a view or route will match. For example, the request_method view predicate can be used to ensure a view callable is only invoked when the request’s method is POST:

```
@view_config(request_method='POST')
def someview(request):
  ...
```

Likewise, a similar predicate can be used as a route predicate:
Many other built-in predicates exist (request_param, and others). You can add custom predicates to the list of available predicates by using one of pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view_predicate() or pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route_predicate(). The former adds a view predicate, the latter a route predicate.

When using one of those APIs, you pass a name and a factory to add a predicate during Pyramid’s configuration stage. For example:

```python
config.add_view_predicate('content_type', ContentTypePredicate)
```

The above example adds a new predicate named content_type to the list of available predicates for views. This will allow the following view configuration statement to work:

```python
@view_config(content_type='File')
def aview(request): ...
```

The first argument to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view_predicate(), the name, is a string representing the name that is expected to be passed to view_config (or its imperative analogue add_view).

The second argument is a view or route predicate factory, or a dotted Python name which refers to a view or route predicate factory. A view or route predicate factory is most often a class with a constructor (__init__), a text method, a phash method, and a __call__ method. For example:

```python
class ContentTypePredicate(object):
    def __init__(self, val, info):
        self.val = val

    def text(self):
        return 'content_type = %s' % (self.val,)

    phash = text

    def __call__(self, context, request):
        return request.content_type == self.val
```
The constructor of an `pyramid.interfaces.IPredicateFactory` takes two arguments: `val` and `info`. The `val` argument will be the argument passed to `view_config` (or `add_view`). In the example above, it will be the string `File`. The second argument, `info`, will be an `pyramid.interfaces.IPredicateInfo` instance created relative to the action configuring the predicate. This means the `info.package` value is the package where the action is invoked passing in `val` and `info`. `maybe_dotted` is also relative to this package.

The `text` method must return a string. It should be useful to describe the behavior of the predicate in error messages.

The `phash` method must return a string or a sequence of strings. It’s most often the same as `text`, as long as `text` uniquely describes the predicate’s name and the value passed to the constructor. If `text` is more general, or doesn’t describe things that way, `phash` should return a string with the name and the value serialized. The result of `phash` is not seen in output anywhere, it just informs the uniqueness constraints for view configuration.

The `__call__` method differs depending on whether the predicate is used as a `view predicate` or a `route predicate`:

- When used as a route predicate, the `__call__` signature is `(info, request)`. The `info` object is a dictionary containing two keys: `match` and `route`. `info['match']` is the match-dict containing the patterns matched in the route pattern. `info['route']` is the `pyramid.interfaces.IRoute` object for the current route.

- When used as a view predicate, the `__call__` signature is `(context, request)`. The `context` is the result of traversal performed using either the route’s `root factory` or the app’s `default root factory`.

In all cases the `__call__` method is expected to return `True` or `False`.

It is possible to use the same predicate factory as both a view predicate and as a route predicate, but they’ll need to handle the `info` or `context` argument specially (many predicates do not need this argument) and you’ll need to call `add_view Predicate` and `add_route Predicate` separately with the same factory.

**Subscriber Predicates**

Subscriber predicates work almost exactly like view and route predicates. They narrow the set of circumstances in which a subscriber will be called. There are several minor differences between a subscriber predicate and a view or route predicate:
There are no default subscriber predicates. You must register one to use one.

The \_\_call\_\_ method of a subscriber predicate accepts a single event object instead of a context and a request.

Not every subscriber predicate can be used with every event type. Some subscriber predicates will assume a certain event type.

Here’s an example of a subscriber predicate that can be used in conjunction with a subscriber that subscribes to the \texttt{pyramid.events.NewRequest} event type.

```python
class RequestPathStartsWith(object):
    def \_\_init\_\_(self, val, info):
        self.val = val

    def text(self):
        return 'request_path_startswith = %s' % (self.val,)

    phash = text

    def \_\_call\_\_(self, event):
        return event.request.path.startswith(self.val)
```

Once you’ve created a subscriber predicate, it may be registered via \texttt{pyramid.config.Configurator.add_subscriber_predicate()}. For example:

```python
config.add_subscriber_predicate(
    'request_path_startswith', RequestPathStartsWith)
```

Once a subscriber predicate is registered, you can use it in a call to \texttt{pyramid.config.Configurator.add_subscriber()} or to \texttt{pyramid.events.subscriber}. Here’s an example of using the previously registered \texttt{request_path_startswith} predicate in a call to \texttt{add_subscriber()}:

```python
# define a subscriber in your code
def yosubscriber(event):
    event.request.yo = 'YO!'

# and at configuration time
config.add_subscriber(yosubscriber, NewRequest, request_path_startswith=’/add_yo’)
```
Here’s the same subscriber/predicate/event-type combination used via `subscriber`.

```python
from pyramid.events import subscriber

@subscriber(NewRequest, request_path_startswith='/add_yo')
def yosubscriber(event):
    event.request.yo = 'YO!

```

In either of the above configurations, the `yosubscriber` callable will only be called if the request path starts with `/add_yo`. Otherwise the event subscriber will not be called.

Note that the `request_path_startswith` subscriber you defined can be used with events that have a `request` attribute, but not ones that do not. So, for example, the predicate can be used with subscribers registered for `pyramid.events.NewRequest` and `pyramid.events.ContextFound` events, but it cannot be used with subscribers registered for `pyramid.events.ApplicationCreated` because the latter type of event has no `request` attribute. The point being, unlike route and view predicates, not every type of subscriber predicate will necessarily be applicable for use in every subscriber registration. It is not the responsibility of the predicate author to make every predicate make sense for every event type; it is the responsibility of the predicate consumer to use predicates that make sense for a particular event type registration.

**View Derivers**

New in version 1.7.

Every URL processed by Pyramid is matched against a custom view pipeline. See *Request Processing* for how this works. The view pipeline itself is built from the user-supplied `view callable`, which is then composed with `view derivers`. A view deriver is a composable element of the view pipeline which is used to wrap a view with added functionality. View derivers are very similar to the `decorator` argument to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()`, except that they have the option to execute for every view in the application.

It is helpful to think of a `view deriver` as middleware for views. Unlike tweens or WSGI middleware which are scoped to the application itself, a view deriver is invoked once per view in the application, and can use configuration options from the view to customize its behavior.
Built-in View Derivers

There are several built-in view derivers that Pyramid will automatically apply to any view. Below they are defined in order from furthest to closest to the user-defined view callable:

secured_view

Enforce the permission defined on the view. This element is a no-op if no permission is defined. Note there will always be a permission defined if a default permission was assigned via `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_default_permission()` unless the view is an exception view.

This element will also output useful debugging information when `pyramid.debug_authorization` is enabled.

csrft_view

Used to check the CSRF token provided in the request. This element is a no-op if `require_csrf` view option is not True. Note there will always be a `require_csrf` option if a default value was assigned via `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_default_csrf_options()` unless the view is an exception view.

owrapped_view

Invokes the wrapped view defined by the wrapper option.

http_cached_view

Applies cache control headers to the response defined by the `http_cache` option. This element is a no-op if the `pyramid.prevent_http_cache` setting is enabled or the `http_cache` option is None.

decorated_view

Wraps the view with the decorators from the decorator option.

rendered_view

Adapts the result of the view callable into a response object. Below this point the result may be any Python object.

mapped_view

Applies the view mapper defined by the mapper option or the application’s default view mapper to the view callable. This is always the closest deriver to the user-defined view and standardizes the view pipeline interface to accept (context, request) from all previous view derivers.
Any view derivers defined under the rendered_view are not guaranteed to receive a valid response object. Rather they will receive the result from the view mapper which is likely the original response returned from the view. This is possibly a dictionary for a renderer but it may be any Python object that may be adapted into a response.

Custom View Derivers

It is possible to define custom view derivers which will affect all views in an application. There are many uses for this, but most will likely be centered around monitoring and security. In order to register a custom view deriver, you should create a callable that conforms to the pyramid.interfaces.IViewDerive interface, and then register it with your application using pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view_deriver(). The callable should accept the view to be wrapped and the info object which is an instance of pyramid.interfaces.IViewDeriveInfo. For example, below is a callable that can provide timing information for the view pipeline:

```python
class TimingView:
    def __init__(self, context, request):
        start = time.time()
        response = view(context, request)
        end = time.time()

        response.headers['X-View-Performance'] = '%.3f' % (end - start,

    return response

def timing_view(view, info):
    if info.options.get('timed'):
        def wrapper_view(context, request):
            start = time.time()
            response = view(context, request)
            end = time.time()
            response.headers['X-View-Performance'] = '%.3f' % (end - start,

            return response

        return wrapper_view

    return view

timing_view.options = ('timed',)
config.add_view_deriver(timing_view)
```

The setting of timed on the timing_view signifies to Pyramid that timed is a valid view_config keyword argument now. The timing_view custom view deriver as registered above will only be active for any view defined with a timed=True value passed as one of its view_config keywords.

For example, this view configuration will not be a timed view:
@view_config(route_name='home')
def home(request):
    return Response('Home')

But this view *will* have timing information added to the response headers:

@view_config(route_name='home', timed=True)
def home(request):
    return Response('Home')

View derivers are unique in that they have access to most of the options passed to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` in order to decide what to do, and they have a chance to affect every view in the application.

**Exception Views and View Derivers**

A *view deriver* has the opportunity to wrap any view, including an *exception view*. In general this is fine, but certain view derivers may wish to avoid doing certain things when handling exceptions. For example, the `csrf_view` and `secured_view` built-in view derivers will not perform security checks on exception views unless explicitly told to do so.

You can check for `info.exception_only` on the `pyramid.interfaces.IViewDeriverInfo` object when wrapping the view to determine whether you are wrapping an exception view or a normal view.

**Ordering View Derivers**

By default, every new view deriver is added between the `decorated_view` and `rendered_view` built-in derivers. It is possible to customize this ordering using the `over` and `under` options. Each option can use the names of other view derivers in order to specify an ordering. There should rarely be a reason to worry about the ordering of the derivers except when the deriver depends on other operations in the view pipeline.

Both `over` and `under` may also be iterables of constraints. For either option, if one or more constraints was defined, at least one must be satisfied, else a `pyramid.exceptions.ConfigurationError` will be raised. This may be used to define fallback constraints if another deriver is missing.
Two sentinel values exist, `pyramid.viewderivers.INGRESS` and `pyramid.viewderivers.VIEW`, which may be used when specifying constraints at the edges of the view pipeline. For example, to add a deriver at the start of the pipeline you may use `under=INGRESS`.

It is not possible to add a view deriver under the `mapped_view` as the `view mapper` is intimately tied to the signature of the user-defined `view callable`. If you simply need to know what the original view callable was, it can be found as `info.original_view` on the provided `pyramid.interfaces.IViewDeriverInfo` object passed to every view deriver.

⚠️ The default constraints for any view deriver are `over='rendered_view'` and `under='decorated_view'`. When escaping these constraints you must take care to avoid cyclic dependencies between derivers. For example, if you want to add a new view deriver before `secured_view` then simply specifying `over='secured_view'` is not enough, because the default is also under `decorated_view` there will be an unsatisfiable cycle. You must specify a valid `under` constraint as well, such as `under=INGRESS` to fall between INGRESS and `secured_view` at the beginning of the view pipeline.

### 0.3.32 Pyramid Configuration Introspection

New in version 1.3.

When Pyramid starts up, each call to a `configuration directive` causes one or more `introspectable` objects to be registered with an `introspector`. The introspector can be queried by application code to obtain information about the configuration of the running application. This feature is useful for debug toolbars, command-line scripts which show some aspect of configuration, and for runtime reporting of startup-time configuration settings.

#### Using the Introspector

Here’s an example of using Pyramid’s introspector from within a view callable:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config
from pyramid.response import Response

@view_config(route_name='bar')
def show_current_route_pattern(request):
    introspector = request.registry.introspector
    route_name = request.matched_route.name
    route_intr = introspector.get('routes', route_name)
    return Response(str(route_intr['pattern']))
```
This view will return a response that contains the "pattern" argument provided to the `add_route` method of the route which matched when the view was called. It uses the `pyramid.interfaces.IIntrospector.get()` method to return an introspectable in the category `routes` with a `discriminator` equal to the matched route name. It then uses the returned introspectable to obtain a "pattern" value.

The introspectable returned by the query methods of the introspector has methods and attributes described by `pyramid.interfaces.IIntrospectable`. In particular, the `get()`, `get_category()`, `categories()`, `categorized()`, and `related()` methods of an introspector can be used to query for introspectables.

**Introspectable Objects**

Introspectable objects are returned from query methods of an introspector. Each introspectable object implements the attributes and methods documented at `pyramid.interfaces.IIntrospectable`.

The important attributes shared by all introspectables are the following:

- **title**
  
  A human-readable text title describing the introspectable

- **category_name**
  
  A text category name describing the introspection category to which this introspectable belongs. It is often a plural if there are expected to be more than one introspectable registered within the category.

- **discriminator**
  
  A hashable object representing the unique value of this introspectable within its category.

- **discriminator_hash**
  
  The integer hash of the discriminator (useful in HTML links).

- **type_name**
  
  The text name of a subtype within this introspectable’s category. If there is only one type name in this introspectable’s category, this value will often be a singular version of the category name but it can be an arbitrary value.
action_info

An object describing the directive call site which caused this introspectable to be registered. It contains attributes described in `pyramid.interfaces.IActionInfo`.

Besides having the attributes described above, an introspectable is a dictionary-like object. An introspectable can be queried for data values via its `__getitem__`, `get`, `keys`, `values`, or `items` methods. For example:

```python
1 route_intr = introspector.get('routes', 'edit_user')
2 pattern = route_intr['pattern']
```

Pyramid Introspection Categories

The list of concrete introspection categories provided by built-in Pyramid configuration directives follows. Add-on packages may supply other introspectives in categories not described here.

subscribers

Each introspectable in the `subscribers` category represents a call to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_subscriber()` (or the decorator equivalent). Each will have the following data.

subscriber

The subscriber callable object (the resolution of the `subscriber` argument passed to `add_subscriber`).

interfaces

A sequence of interfaces (or classes) that are subscribed to (the resolution of the `ifaces` argument passed to `add_subscriber`).

derived_subscriber

A wrapper around the subscriber used internally by the system so it can call it with more than one argument if your original subscriber accepts only one.

predicates
The predicate objects created as the result of passing predicate arguments to `add_subscriber`.

**derived_predicates**

Wrappers around the predicate objects created as the result of passing predicate arguments to `add_subscriber` (to be used when predicates take only one value but must be passed more than one).

**response adapters**

Each introspectable in the `response adapters` category represents a call to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_response_adapter()` (or a decorator equivalent). Each will have the following data.

**adapter**

The adapter object (the resolved adapter argument to `add_response_adapter`).

**type**

The resolved `type_or_iface` argument passed to `add_response_adapter`.

**root factories**

Each introspectable in the `root factories` category represents a call to `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_root_factory()` (or the Configurator constructor equivalent) or a factory argument passed to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()`. Each will have the following data.

**factory**

The factory object (the resolved factory argument to `set_root_factory`).

**route_name**

The name of the route which will use this factory. If this is the `default` root factory (if it’s registered during a call to `set_root_factory`), this value will be `None`.

**session factory**
Only one introspectable will exist in the `session factory` category. It represents a call to `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_session_factory()` (or the Configurator constructor equivalent). It will have the following data.

```
factory
The factory object (the resolved factory argument to set_session_factory).
```

**request factory**

Only one introspectable will exist in the `request factory` category. It represents a call to `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_request_factory()` (or the Configurator constructor equivalent). It will have the following data.

```
factory
The factory object (the resolved factory argument to set_request_factory).
```

**locale negotiator**

Only one introspectable will exist in the `locale negotiator` category. It represents a call to `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_locale_negotiator()` (or the Configurator constructor equivalent). It will have the following data.

```
negotiator
The factory object (the resolved negotiator argument to set_locale_negotiator).
```

**renderer factories**

Each introspectable in the `renderer factories` category represents a call to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_renderer()` (or the Configurator constructor equivalent). Each will have the following data.

```
name
The name of the renderer (the value of the name argument to add_renderer).

factory
```
The factory object (the resolved factory argument to add_renderer).

routes

Each introspectable in the routes category represents a call to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route(). Each will have the following data.

name

The name argument passed to add_route.

pattern

The pattern argument passed to add_route.

factory

The (resolved) factory argument passed to add_route.

xhr

The xhr argument passed to add_route.

request_method

The request_method argument passed to add_route.

request_methods

A sequence of request method names implied by the request_method argument passed to add_route or the value None if a request_method argument was not supplied.

path_info

The path_info argument passed to add_route.

request_param

The request_param argument passed to add_route.

header
The header argument passed to add_route.

accept

The accept argument passed to add_route.

traverse

The traverse argument passed to add_route.

custom_predicates

The custom_predicates argument passed to add_route.

pregenerator

The pregenerator argument passed to add_route.

static

The static argument passed to add_route.

use_global_views

The use_global_views argument passed to add_route.

object

The \texttt{pyramid.interfaces.IRoute} object that is used to perform matching and generation for this route.

security policy

There will be one and only one introspectable in the security policy category. It represents a call to the \texttt{pyramid.config.Configurator.set_security_policy()} method (or its Configurator constructor equivalent). It will have the following data:

policy

The policy object (the resolved policy argument to \texttt{set_security_policy}).

authentication policy
There will be one and only one introspectable in the authentication policy category. It represents a call to the `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_authentication_policy()` method (or its Configurator constructor equivalent). It will have the following data.

policy

The policy object (the resolved policy argument to `set_authentication_policy`).

authorization policy

There will be one and only one introspectable in the authorization policy category. It represents a call to the `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_authorization_policy()` method (or its Configurator constructor equivalent). It will have the following data.

policy

The policy object (the resolved policy argument to `set_authorization_policy`).

default permission

There will be one and only one introspectable in the default permission category. It represents a call to the `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_default_permission()` method (or its Configurator constructor equivalent). It will have the following data.

value

The permission name passed to `set_default_permission`.

default csrf options

There will be one and only one introspectable in the default csrf options category. It represents a call to the `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_default_csrf_options()` method. It will have the following data.

require_csrf

The default value for `require_csrf` if left unspecified on calls to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()`.
token

The name of the token searched in `request.POST` to find a valid CSRF token.

header

The name of the request header searched to find a valid CSRF token.

safe_methods

The list of HTTP methods considered safe and exempt from CSRF checks.

views

Each introspectable in the `views` category represents a call to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()`. Each will have the following data.

name

The name argument passed to `add_view`.

context

The (resolved) `context` argument passed to `add_view`.

containment

The (resolved) `containment` argument passed to `add_view`.

request_param

The `request_param` argument passed to `add_view`.

request_methods

A sequence of request method names implied by the `request_method` argument passed to `add_view` or the value `None` if a `request_method` argument was not supplied.

route_name

The `route_name` argument passed to `add_view`. 
attr

The `attr` argument passed to `add_view`.

xhr

The `xhr` argument passed to `add_view`.

accept

The `accept` argument passed to `add_view`.

header

The `header` argument passed to `add_view`.

path_info

The `path_info` argument passed to `add_view`.

match_param

The `match_param` argument passed to `add_view`.

csrftoken

The `csrf_token` argument passed to `add_view`.

callable

The (resolved) `view` argument passed to `add_view`. Represents the "raw" view callable.

derived_callable

The view callable derived from the `view` argument passed to `add_view`. Represents the view callable which Pyramid itself calls (wrapped in security and other wrappers).

mapper

The (resolved) `mapper` argument passed to `add_view`.
decorator

The (resolved) decorator argument passed to add_view.

permissions

Each introspectable in the permissions category represents a call to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view() that has an explicit permission argument or a call to pyramid.config.Configurator.set_default_permission(). Each will have the following data.

value

The permission name passed to add_view or set_default_permission.

templates

Each introspectable in the templates category represents a call to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view() that has a renderer argument which points to a template. Each will have the following data.

name

The renderer’s name (a string).

type

The renderer’s type (a string).

renderer

The pyramid.interfaces.IRendererInfo object which represents this template’s renderer.

view mappers

Each introspectable in the view mappers category represents a call to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view() that has an explicit mapper argument or a call to pyramid.config.Configurator.set_view_mapper(). Each will have the following data.

mapper
The (resolved) mapper argument passed to add_view or set_view_mapper.

asset overrides

Each introspectable in the asset overrides category represents a call to pyramid.config.Configurator.override_asset(). Each will have the following data.

to_override

The to_override argument (an asset spec) passed to override_asset.

override_with

The override_with argument (an asset spec) passed to override_asset.

translation directories

Each introspectable in the translation directories category represents an individual element in a specs argument passed to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_translation_dirs(). Each will have the following data.

directory

The absolute path of the translation directory.

spec

The asset specification passed to add_translation_dirs.

tweens

Each introspectable in the tweens category represents a call to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_tween(). Each will have the following data.

name

The dotted name to the tween factory as a string (passed as the tween_factory argument to add_tween).

factory

The (resolved) tween factory object.
type
  implicit or explicit as a string.

under
  The `under` argument passed to `add_tween` (a string).

over
  The `over` argument passed to `add_tween` (a string).

static views
  Each introspectable in the `static views` category represents a call to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_static_view()`. Each will have the following data.

  name
    The `name` argument provided to `add_static_view`.

  spec
    A normalized version of the `spec` argument provided to `add_static_view`.

traversers
  Each introspectable in the `traversers` category represents a call to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_traverser()`. Each will have the following data.

  iface
    The (resolved) interface or class object that represents the return value of a root factory for which this traverser will be used.

  adapter
    The (resolved) traverser class.

resource url adapters
  Each introspectable in the `resource url adapters` category represents a call to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_resource_url_adapter()`. Each will have the following data.

  adapter
    The (resolved) resource URL adapter class.

  resource_iface
    The (resolved) interface or class object that represents the resource interface for which this URL adapter is registered.

  request_iface
    The (resolved) interface or class object that represents the request interface for which this URL adapter is registered.
Introspection in the Toolbar

The Pyramid debug toolbar (part of the `pyramid_debugtoolbar` package) provides a canned view of all registered introspectables and their relationships. It is currently under the "Global" tab in the main navigation, and it looks something like this:

![Pyramid Debug Toolbar]

### Introspection

#### Permissions

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**Source**

Line 9 of file `/Users/stevepiercy/projects/hack-on-pyramid/scaffolds/scaffolds/__init__.py`:

```
config.add_static_view('static', 'static', cache_max_age=3600)
```

**References**

view object <pyramid.static.static_view object at 0x105bed110>

### Renderer factories

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Disabling Introspection

You can disable Pyramid introspection by passing the flag `introspection=False` to the `Configurator` constructor in your application setup:

```
from pyramid.config import Configurator
config = Configurator(..., introspection=False)
```

When `introspection` is `False`, all introspectables generated by configuration directives are thrown away.

0.3.33 Extending an Existing Pyramid Application

If a Pyramid developer has obeyed certain constraints while building an application, a third party should be able to change the application’s behavior without needing to modify its source code. The behavior of a Pyramid application that obeys certain constraints can be *overridden* or *extended* without modification.

We’ll define some jargon here for the benefit of identifying the parties involved in such an effort.

**Developer** The original application developer.

**Integrator** Another developer who wishes to reuse the application written by the original application developer in an unanticipated context. They may also wish to modify the original application without changing the original application’s source code.

The Difference Between "Extensible" and "Pluggable" Applications

Other web frameworks, such as *Django*, advertise that they allow developers to create "pluggable applications". They claim that if you create an application in a certain way, it will be integratable in a sensible, structured way into another arbitrarily-written application or project created by a third-party developer.

Pyramid, as a platform, does not claim to provide such a feature. The platform provides no guarantee that you can create an application and package it up such that an arbitrary integrator can use it as a subcomponent in a larger Pyramid application or project. Pyramid does not mandate the constraints necessary for such a pattern to work satisfactorily. Because Pyramid is not very "opinionated", developers are able to use wildly different patterns and technologies to build an application. A given Pyramid application may happen to be reusable by a particular third party integrator because the integrator and the original developer may share similar base technology choices (such as the use of a particular relational database or ORM). But the same
application may not be reusable by a different developer, because they have made different technology choices which are incompatible with the original developer’s.

As a result, the concept of a ”pluggable application” is left to layers built above Pyramid, such as a ”CMS” layer or ”application server” layer. Such layers are apt to provide the necessary ”opinions” (such as mandating a storage layer, a templating system, and a structured, well-documented pattern of registering that certain URLs map to certain bits of code) which makes the concept of a ”pluggable application” possible. ”Pluggable applications”, thus, should not plug into Pyramid itself but should instead plug into a system written atop Pyramid.

Although it does not provide for ”pluggable applications”, Pyramid does provide a rich set of mechanisms which allows for the extension of a single existing application. Such features can be used by frameworks built using Pyramid as a base. All Pyramid applications may not be pluggable, but all Pyramid applications are extensible.

**Rules for Building an Extensible Application**

There is only one rule you need to obey if you want to build a maximally extensible Pyramid application: as a developer, you should factor any overridable imperative configuration you’ve created into functions which can be used via `pyramid.config.Configurator.include()`, rather than inlined as calls to methods of a `Configurator` within the main function in your application’s `__init__.py`. For example, rather than:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

if __name__ == '__main__':
    config = Configurator()
    config.add_view('myapp.views.view1', name='view1')
    config.add_view('myapp.views.view2', name='view2')
```

You should move the calls to `add_view` outside of the (non-reusable) `if __name__ == '__main__'` block, and into a reusable function:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

if __name__ == '__main__':
    config = Configurator()
    config.include(add_views)

def add_views(config):
    config.add_view('myapp.views.view1', name='view1')
    config.add_view('myapp.views.view2', name='view2')
```
Doing this allows an integrator to maximally reuse the configuration statements that relate to your application by allowing them to selectively include or exclude the configuration functions you’ve created from an ”override package”.

Alternatively you can use ZCML for the purpose of making configuration extensible and overridable. ZCML declarations that belong to an application can be overridden and extended by integrators as necessary in a similar fashion. If you use only ZCML to configure your application, it will automatically be maximally extensible without any manual effort. See pyramid_zcml for information about using ZCML.

**Fundamental Plugpoints**

The fundamental ”plug points” of an application developed using Pyramid are routes, views, and assets. Routes are declarations made using the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()` method. Views are declarations made using the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` method. Assets are files that are accessed by Pyramid using the `pkg_resources` API such as static files and templates via a asset specification. Other directives and configurator methods also deal in routes, views, and assets. For example, the `add_handler` directive of the `pyramid_handlers` package adds a single route and some number of views.

**Extending an Existing Application**

The steps for extending an existing application depend largely on whether the application does or does not use configuration decorators or imperative code.

**If the Application Has Configuration Decorations**

You’ve inherited a Pyramid application which you’d like to extend or override that uses `pyramid.view.view_config` decorators or other configuration decoration decorators.

If you just want to extend the application, you can run a scan against the application’s package, then add additional configuration that registers more views or routes.

```python
if __name__ == '__main__':
    config.scan('someotherpackage')
    config.add_view('mypackage.views.myview', name='myview')
```

If you want to override configuration in the application, you may need to run `pyramid.config.Configurator.commit()` after performing the scan of the original package, then add additional configuration that registers more views or routes which perform overrides.
if __name__ == '__main__':
    config.scan('someotherpackage')
    config.commit()
    config.add_view('mypackage.views.myview', name='myview')

Once this is done, you should be able to extend or override the application like any other (see Extending the Application).

You can alternatively just prevent a scan from happening by omitting any call to the pyramid.config.Configurator.scan() method. This will cause the decorators attached to objects in the target application to do nothing. At this point, you will need to convert all the configuration done in decorators into equivalent imperative configuration or ZCML, and add that configuration or ZCML to a separate Python package as described in Extending the Application.

Extending the Application

To extend or override the behavior of an existing application, you will need to create a new package which includes the configuration of the old package, and you’ll perhaps need to create implementations of the types of things you’d like to override (such as views), to which they are referred within the original package.

The general pattern for extending an existing application looks something like this:

- Create a new Python package. The easiest way to do this is to create a new Pyramid application using our cookiecutter. See Creating the Project for more information.

- In the new package, create Python files containing views and other overridden elements, such as templates and static assets as necessary.

- Install the new package into the same Python environment as the original application (e.g., $VENV/bin/pip install -e . or $VENV/bin/pip install .).

- Change the main function in the new package’s __init__.py to include the original Pyramid application’s configuration functions via pyramid.config.Configurator.include() statements or a scan.

- Wire the new views and assets created in the new package up using imperative registrations within the main function of the __init__.py file of the new application. This wiring should happen after including the configuration functions of the old application. These registrations will extend or override any registrations performed by the original application. See Overriding Views, Overriding Routes, and Overriding Assets.
Overriding Views

The view configuration declarations that you make which override application behavior will usually have the same view predicate attributes as the original that you wish to override. These <view> declarations will point at “new” view code in the override package that you’ve created. The new view code itself will usually be copy-and-paste copies of view callables from the original application with slight tweaks.

For example, if the original application has the following configure_views configuration method:

```python
def configure_views(config):
    config.add_view('theoriginalapp.views.theview', name='theview')
```

You can override the first view configuration statement made by configure_views within the override package, after loading the original configuration function:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from originalapp import configure_views

if __name__ == '__main__':
    config = Configurator()
    config.include(configure_views)
    config.add_view('theoverrideapp.views.theview', name='theview')
```

In this case, the theoriginalapp.views.theview view will never be executed. Instead, a new view, theoverrideapp.views.theview will be executed when request circumstances dictate.

A similar pattern can be used to extend the application with add_view declarations. Just register a new view against some other set of predicates to make sure the URLs it implies are available on some other page rendering.

Overriding Routes

Route setup is currently typically performed in a sequence of ordered calls to add_route(). Because these calls are ordered relative to each other, and because this ordering is typically important, you should retain their relative ordering when performing an override. Typically this means copying all the add_route statements into the override package’s file and changing them as necessary. Then exclude any add_route statements from the original application.
Overriding Assets

Assets are files on the filesystem that are accessible within a Python package. An entire chapter is devoted to assets: Static Assets. Within this chapter is a section named Overriding Assets. This section of that chapter describes in detail how to override package assets with other assets by using the pyramid.config.Configurator.override_asset() method. Add such override_asset calls to your override package’s __init__.py to perform overrides.

0.3.34 Advanced Configuration

To support application extensibility, the Pyramid Configurator by default detects configuration conflicts and allows you to include configuration imperatively from other packages or modules. It also by default performs configuration in two separate phases. This allows you to ignore relative configuration statement ordering in some circumstances.

Conflict Detection

Here’s a familiar example of one of the simplest Pyramid applications, configured imperatively:

```python
from wsgiref.simple_server import make_server
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.response import Response

def hello_world(request):
    return Response('Hello world!')

if __name__ == '__main__':
    config = Configurator()
    config.add_view(hello_world)
    app = config.make_wsgi_app()
    server = make_server('0.0.0.0', 8080, app)
    server.serve_forever()
```

When you start this application, all will be OK. However, what happens if we try to add another view to the configuration with the same set of predicate arguments as one we’ve already added?
```python
from wsgiref.simple_server import make_server
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.response import Response

def hello_world(request):
    return Response('Hello world!')

def goodbye_world(request):
    return Response('Goodbye world!')

if __name__ == '__main__':
    config = Configurator()

    config.add_view(hello_world, name='hello')

    # conflicting view configuration
    config.add_view(goodbye_world, name='hello')

    app = config.make_wsgi_app()
    server = make_server('0.0.0.0', 8080, app)
    server.serve_forever()
```

The application now has two conflicting view configuration statements. When we try to start it again, it won’t start. Instead we’ll receive a traceback that ends something like this:

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "app.py", line 12, in <module>
    app = config.make_wsgi_app()
  File "pyramid/config.py", line 839, in make_wsgi_app
    self.commit()
  File "pyramid/pyramid/config.py", line 473, in commit
    self._ctx.execute_actions()
    ... more code ...
pyramid.exceptions.ConfigurationConflictError:
  Conflicting configuration actions
  For: ('view', None, '', None, <InterfaceClass pyramid.interfaces.IView>,
       None, None, None, None, None, None, False, None, None, None)
  Line 14 of file app.py in <module>: 'config.add_view(hello_world)'
  Line 17 of file app.py in <module>: 'config.add_view(goodbye_world)'
```

This traceback is trying to tell us:

- We’ve got conflicting information for a set of view configuration statements (The For: line).
There are two statements which conflict, shown beneath the `For:` line: `config.add_view(hello_world, 'hello')` on line 14 of `app.py`, and `config.add_view(goodbye_world, 'hello')` on line 17 of `app.py`.

These two configuration statements are in conflict because we’ve tried to tell the system that the set of `predicate` values for both view configurations are exactly the same. Both the `hello_world` and `goodbye_world` views are configured to respond under the same set of circumstances. This circumstance, the `view name` represented by the `name=` predicate, is `hello`.

This presents an ambiguity that Pyramid cannot resolve. Rather than allowing the circumstance to go unreported, by default Pyramid raises a `ConfigurationConflictError` error and prevents the application from running.

Conflict detection happens for any kind of configuration: imperative configuration or configuration that results from the execution of a `scan`.

**Manually Resolving Conflicts**

There are a number of ways to manually resolve conflicts: by changing registrations to not conflict, by strategically using `pyramid.config.Configurator.commit()`, or by using an “autocommitting” configurator.

**The Right Thing**

The most correct way to resolve conflicts is to ”do the needful”: change your configuration code to not have conflicting configuration statements. The details of how this is done depends entirely on the configuration statements made by your application. Use the detail provided in the `ConfigurationConflictError` to track down the offending conflicts and modify your configuration code accordingly.

If you’re getting a conflict while trying to extend an existing application, and that application has a function which performs configuration like this one:

```python
def add_routes(config):
    config.add_route(...)```

Don’t call this function directly with `config` as an argument. Instead, use `pyramid.config.Configurator.include()`.
Using *include()* instead of calling the function directly provides a modicum of automated conflict resolution, with the configuration statements you define in the calling code overriding those of the included function.

**See also:**

See also *Automatic Conflict Resolution* and *Including Configuration from External Sources*.

**Using** `config.commit()`

You can manually commit a configuration by using the `commit()` method between configuration calls. After a commit, more *configuration declarations* may be added to a *configurator*. New declarations will not conflict with committed declarations. The new declarations will override committed declarations.

For example, we prevent conflicts from occurring in the application we examined previously by adding a `commit`. Here’s the application that generates conflicts:

```python
from wsgiref.simple_server import make_server
from pyramid.config import Configurator
from pyramid.response import Response

def hello_world(request):
    return Response('Hello world!')

def goodbye_world(request):
    return Response('Goodbye world!')

if __name__ == '__main__':
    config = Configurator()

    config.add_view(hello_world, name='hello')

    # conflicting view configuration
    config.add_view(goodbye_world, name='hello')

    app = config.make_wsgi_app()
    server = make_server('0.0.0.0', 8080, app)
    server.serve_forever()
```

We can prevent the two `add_view` calls from conflicting by issuing a call to `commit()` between them:
In the above example we’ve issued a call to `commit()` between the two `add_view` calls. `commit()` will execute any pending configuration statements.

Calling `commit()` is safe at any time. It executes all pending configuration actions and leaves the configuration action list "clean".

Note that `commit()` has no effect when you’re using an autocommitting configurator (see Using an Autocommitting Configurator).

### Using an Autocommitting Configurator

You can also use a heavy hammer to circumvent conflict detection by using a configurator constructor parameter: `autocommit=True`. For example:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

if __name__ == '__main__':
    config = Configurator(autocommit=True)
```
When the `autocommit` parameter passed to the Configurator is `True`, conflict detection (and `Two-Phase Configuration`) is disabled. Configuration statements will be executed immediately, and succeeding statements will override preceding ones.

`commit()` has no effect when `autocommit` is `True`.

If you use a Configurator in code that performs unit testing, it’s usually a good idea to use an autocommitting Configurator, because you are usually unconcerned about conflict detection or two-phase configuration in test code.

**Automatic Conflict Resolution**

If your code uses the `include()` method to include external configuration, some conflicts are automatically resolved. Configuration statements that are made as the result of an ”include” will be overridden by configuration statements that happen within the caller of the ”include” method.

Automatic conflict resolution supports this goal. If a user wants to reuse a Pyramid application, and they want to customize the configuration of this application without hacking its code ”from outside”, they can ”include” a configuration function from the package and override only some of its configuration statements within the code that does the include. No conflicts will be generated by configuration statements within the code that does the including, even if configuration statements in the included code would conflict if it was moved ”up” to the calling code.

**Methods Which Provide Conflict Detection**

These are the methods of the configurator which provide conflict detection:

- `add_renderer()`
- `add_request_method()`
- `add_resource_url_adapter()`
- `add_response_adapter()`
- `add_route()`
- `add_traverser()`
• add_view()
• set_authentication_policy()
• set_authorization_policy()
• set_default_permission()
• set_locale_negotiator()
• set_request_factory()
• set_root_factory()
• set_security_policy()
• set_session_factory()
• set_view_mapper()

add_static_view() also indirectly provides conflict detection, because it’s implemented in terms of the conflict-aware add_route and add_view methods.

Including Configuration from External Sources

Some application programmers will factor their configuration code in such a way that it is easy to reuse and override configuration statements. For example, such a developer might factor out a function used to add routes to their application:

```python
def add_routes(config):
    config.add_route(...)  
```

Rather than calling this function directly with config as an argument, instead use pyramid.config.Configurator.include():

```python
config.include(add_routes)
```

Using include rather than calling the function directly will allow Automatic Conflict Resolution to work. include() can also accept a module as an argument:
import myapp

config.include(myapp)

For this to work properly, the myapp module must contain a callable with the special name includeme, which should perform configuration (like the add_routes callable we showed above as an example). include() can also accept a dotted Python name to a function or a module.

See The <include> Tag for a declarative alternative to the include() method.

Two-Phase Configuration

When a non-autocommitting Configurator is used to do configuration (the default), configuration execution happens in two phases. In the first phase, ”eager” configuration actions (actions that must happen before all others, such as registering a renderer) are executed, and discriminators are computed for each of the actions that depend on the result of the eager actions. In the second phase, the discriminators of all actions are compared to do conflict detection.

Due to this, for configuration methods that have no internal ordering constraints, execution order of configuration method calls is not important. For example, the relative ordering of add_view() and add_renderer() is unimportant when a non-autocommitting configurator is used. This code snippet:

```python
config.add_view('some.view', renderer='path_to_custom/renderer.rn')
config.add_renderer('.rn', SomeCustomRendererFactory)
```

Has the same result as:

```python
config.add_renderer('.rn', SomeCustomRendererFactory)
config.add_view('some.view', renderer='path_to_custom/renderer.rn')
```

Even though the view statement depends on the registration of a custom renderer, due to two-phase configuration, the order in which the configuration statements are issued is not important. add_view will be able to find the .rn renderer even if add_renderer is called after add_view.

The same is untrue when you use an autocommitting configurator (see Using an Autocommitting Configurator). When an autocommitting configurator is used, two-phase configuration is disabled, and configuration statements must be ordered in dependency order.

Some configuration methods, such as add_route() have internal ordering constraints: the routes they imply require relative ordering. Such ordering constraints are not absolved by two-phase configuration. Routes are still added in configuration execution order.
More Information

For more information, see the article A Whirlwind Tour of Advanced Configuration Tactics in the Pyramid Community Cookbook.

0.3.35 Extending Pyramid Configuration

Pyramid allows you to extend its Configurator with custom directives. Custom directives can use other directives, they can add a custom action, they can participate in conflict resolution, and they can provide some number of introspectable objects.

Adding Methods to the Configurator via add_directive

Framework extension writers can add arbitrary methods to a Configurator by using the pyramid.config.Configurator.add_directive() method of the configurator. Using add_directive() makes it possible to extend a Pyramid configurator in arbitrary ways, and allows it to perform application-specific tasks more succinctly.

The add_directive() method accepts two positional arguments: a method name and a callable object. The callable object is usually a function that takes the configurator instance as its first argument and accepts other arbitrary positional and keyword arguments. For example:

```python
from pyramid.events import NewRequest
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def add_newrequest_subscriber(config, subscriber):
    config.add_subscriber(subscriber, NewRequest)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    config = Configurator()
    config.add_directive('add_newrequest_subscriber',
                         add_newrequest_subscriber)
```

Once add_directive() is called, a user can then call the added directive by its given name as if it were a built-in method of the Configurator:

```python
def mysubscriber(event):
    print(event.request)
config.add_newrequest_subscriber(mysubscriber)
```
A call to `add_directive()` is often "hidden" within an `include()` function within a "frameworky" package meant to be included as per Including Configuration from External Sources via `include()`. For example, if you put this code in a package named `pyramid_subscriberhelpers`:

```python
def includeme(config):
    config.add_directive('add_newrequest_subscriber',
                        add_newrequest_subscriber)
```

The user of the add-on package `pyramid_subscriberhelpers` would then be able to install it and subsequently do:

```python
def mysubscriber(event):
    print(event.request)

from pyramid.config import Configurator
config = Configurator()
config.include('pyramid_subscriberhelpers')
cfg.add_newrequest_subscriber(mysubscriber)
```

### Using `config.action` in a Directive

If a custom directive can’t do its work exclusively in terms of existing configurator methods (such as `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_subscriber()` as above), the directive may need to make use of the `pyramid.config.Configurator.action()` method. This method adds an entry to the list of "actions" that Pyramid will attempt to process when `pyramid.config.Configurator.commit()` is called. An action is simply a dictionary that includes a *discriminator*, possibly a callback function, and possibly other metadata used by Pyramid’s action system.

Here’s an example directive which uses the "action" method:

```python
def add_jammyjam(config, jammyjam):
    def register():
        config.registry.jammyjam = jammyjam
        config.action('jammyjam', register)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    config = Configurator()
    config.add_directive('add_jammyjam', add_jammyjam)
```
Fancy, but what does it do? The action method accepts a number of arguments. In the above directive named `add_jammyjam`, we call `action()` with two arguments: the string `jammyjam` is passed as the first argument named `discriminator`, and the closure function named `register` is passed as the second argument named `callable`.

When the `action()` method is called, it appends an action to the list of pending configuration actions. All pending actions with the same discriminator value are potentially in conflict with one another (see Conflict Detection). When the `commit()` method of the Configurator is called (either explicitly or as the result of calling `make_wsgi_app()`), conflicting actions are potentially automatically resolved as per Automatic Conflict Resolution. If a conflict cannot be automatically resolved, a `pyramid.exceptions.ConfigurationConflictError` is raised and application startup is prevented.

In our above example, therefore, if a consumer of our `add_jammyjam` directive did this:

```python
config.add_jammyjam('first')
config.add_jammyjam('second')
```

When the action list was committed resulting from the set of calls above, our user’s application would not start, because the discriminators of the actions generated by the two calls are in direct conflict. Automatic conflict resolution cannot resolve the conflict (because no `config.include` is involved), and the user provided no intermediate `pyramid.config.Configurator.commit()` call between the calls to `add_jammyjam` to ensure that the successive calls did not conflict with each other.

This demonstrates the purpose of the discriminator argument to the action method: it’s used to indicate a uniqueness constraint for an action. Two actions with the same discriminator will conflict unless the conflict is automatically or manually resolved. A discriminator can be any hashable object, but it is generally a string or a tuple. You use a discriminator to declaratively ensure that the user doesn’t provide ambiguous configuration statements.

But let’s imagine that a consumer of `add_jammyjam` used it in such a way that no configuration conflicts are generated.

```python
config.add_jammyjam('first')
```

What happens now? When the `add_jammyjam` method is called, an action is appended to the pending actions list. When the pending configuration actions are processed during `commit()`, and no conflicts occur, the `callable` provided as the second argument to the `action()` method within `add_jammyjam` is called with no arguments. The callable in `add_jammyjam` is the `register` closure function. It simply sets the value `config.registry.jammyjam` to whatever the user passed in as the `jammyjam` argument to the `add_jammyjam` function. Therefore, the result of the user’s call to our directive will set the `jammyjam` attribute of the registry to the string `first`. A callable is used by a directive to defer the result of a user’s call to the directive until conflict detection has had a chance to do its job.
Other arguments exist to the `action()` method, including `args`, `kw`, `order`, and `introspectables`.

`args` and `kw` exist as values, which if passed will be used as arguments to the callable function when it is called back. For example, our directive might use them like so:

```python
def add_jammyjam(config, jammyjam):
    def register(*arg, **kw):
        config.registry.jammyjam_args = arg
        config.registry.jammyjam_kw = kw
        config.registry.jammyjam = jammyjam
    config.action('jammyjam', register, args=('one',), kw={'two': 'two'})
```

In the above example, when this directive is used to generate an action, and that action is committed, `config.registry.jammyjam_args` will be set to `('one',)` and `config.registry.jammyjam_kw` will be set to `{'two': 'two'}`. `args` and `kw` are honestly not very useful when your callable is a closure function, because you already usually have access to every local in the directive without needing them to be passed back. They can be useful, however, if you don’t use a closure as a callable.

`order` is a crude order control mechanism. `order` defaults to the integer 0; it can be set to any other integer. All actions that share an order will be called before other actions that share a higher order. This makes it possible to write a directive with callable logic that relies on the execution of the callable of another directive being done first. For example, Pyramid’s `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` directive registers an action with a higher order than the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()` method. Due to this, the `add_view` method’s callable can assume that, if a `route_name` was passed to it, that a route by this name was already registered by `add_route`, and if such a route has not already been registered, it’s a configuration error (a view that names a nonexistent route via its `route_name` parameter will never be called).

Changed in version 1.6: As of Pyramid 1.6 it is possible for one action to invoke another. See Ordering Actions for more information.

Finally, `introspectables` is a sequence of `introspectable` objects. You can pass a sequence of introspectables to the `action()` method, which allows you to augment Pyramid’s configuration introspection system.

**Ordering Actions**

In Pyramid every `action` has an inherent ordering relative to other actions. The logic within actions is deferred until a call to `pyramid.config.Configurator.commit()` (which is automatically
invoked by `pyramid.config.Configurator.make_wsgi_app()`). This means you may call `config.add_view(route_name='foo')` before `config.add_route('foo', '/foo')` because nothing actually happens until commit-time. During a commit cycle, conflicts are resolved, and actions are ordered and executed.

By default, almost every action in Pyramid has an order of `pyramid.config.PHASE3_CONFIG`. Every action within the same order-level will be executed in the order it was called. This means that if an action must be reliably executed before or after another action, the order must be defined explicitly to make this work. For example, views are dependent on routes being defined. Thus the action created by `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()` has an order of `pyramid.config.PHASE2_CONFIG`.

**Pre-defined Phases**

`pyramid.config.PHASE0_CONFIG`
- This phase is reserved for developers who want to execute actions prior to Pyramid’s core directives.

`pyramid.config.PHASE1_CONFIG`
- `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_accept_view_order()`
- `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_renderer()`
- `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route_predicate()`
- `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_subscriber_predicate()`
- `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view_deriver()`
- `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view_predicate()`
- `pyramid.config.Configurator.override_asset()`
- `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_authorization_policy()`
- `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_default_csrf_options()`
- `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_default_permission()`
- `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_view_mapper()`

`pyramid.config.PHASE2_CONFIG`
- `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()`
- `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_authentication_policy()`
- `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_security_policy()`

`pyramid.config.PHASE3_CONFIG`
- The default for all builtin or custom directives unless otherwise specified.
Calling Actions from Actions

New in version 1.6.

Pyramid’s configurator allows actions to be added during a commit-cycle as long as they are added to the current or a later order phase. This means that your custom action can defer decisions until commit-time and then do things like invoke `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()`. It can also provide better conflict detection if your addon needs to call more than one other action.

For example, let’s make an addon that invokes `add_route` and `add_view`, but we want it to conflict with any other call to our addon:

```python
from pyramid.config import PHASE0_CONFIG

def includeme(config):
    config.add_directive('add_auto_route', add_auto_route)

def add_auto_route(config, name, view):
    def register():
        config.add_view(route_name=name, view=view)
        config.add_route(name, '/' + name)
    config.action(('auto route', name), register, order=PHASE0_CONFIG)
```

Now someone else can use your addon and be informed if there is a conflict between this route and another, or two calls to `add_auto_route`. Notice how we had to invoke our action before `add_view` or `add_route`. If we tried to invoke this afterward, the subsequent calls to `add_view` and `add_route` would cause conflicts because that phase had already been executed, and the configurator cannot go back in time to add more views during that commit-cycle.

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def main(global_config, **settings):
    config = Configurator()
    config.include('auto_route_addon')
    config.add_auto_route('foo', my_view)

def my_view(request):
    return request.response
```
Adding Configuration Introspection

New in version 1.3.

Pyramid provides a configuration introspection system that can be used by debugging tools to provide visibility into the configuration of a running application.

All built-in Pyramid directives (such as `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` and `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()`) register a set of introspectables when called. For example, when you register a view via `add_view`, the directive registers at least one introspectable: an introspectable about the view registration itself, providing human-readable values for the arguments passed into it. You can later use the introspection query system to determine whether a particular view uses a renderer, or whether a particular view is limited to a particular request method, or against which routes a particular view is registered. The Pyramid ”debug toolbar” makes use of the introspection system in various ways to display information to Pyramid developers.

Introspection values are set when a sequence of `introspectable` objects is passed to the `action()` method. Here’s an example of a directive which uses introspectables:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def add_jammyjam(config, value):
    def register():
        config.registry.jammyjam = value
        intr = config.introspectable(category_name='jammyjams',
                                      discriminator='jammyjam',
                                      title='a jammyjam',
                                      type_name=None)
        intr['value'] = value
        config.action('jammyjam', register, introspectables=(intr,))

if __name__ == '__main__':
    config = Configurator()
    config.add_directive('add_jammyjam', add_jammyjam)
```

If you notice, the above directive uses the `introspectable` attribute of a Configurator (`pyramid.config.Configurator.introspectable`) to create an introspectable object. The introspectable object’s constructor requires at least four arguments: the `category_name`, the `discriminator`, the `title`, and the `type_name`.

The `category_name` is a string representing the logical category for this introspectable. Usually the `category_name` is a pluralization of the type of object being added via the action.

The `discriminator` is a value unique within the category (unlike the action discriminator, which must be unique within the entire set of actions). It is typically a string or tuple representing the values unique
to this introspectable within the category. It is used to generate links and as part of a relationship-forming target for other introspectables.

The title is a human-consumable string that can be used by introspection system frontends to show a friendly summary of this introspectable.

The type_name is a value that can be used to subtype this introspectable within its category for sorting and presentation purposes. It can be any value.

An introspectable is also dictionary-like. It can contain any set of key/value pairs, typically related to the arguments passed to its related directive. While the category_name, discriminator, title, and type_name are metadata about the introspectable, the values provided as key/value pairs are the actual data provided by the introspectable. In the above example, we set the value key to the value of the value argument passed to the directive.

Our directive above mutates the introspectable, and passes it in to the action method as the first element of a tuple as the value of the introspectable keyword argument. This associates this introspectable with the action. Introspection tools will then display this introspectable in their index.

## Introspectable Relationships

Two introspectables may have relationships between each other.

```python
def add_jammyjam(config, value, template):
    def register():
        config.registry.jammyjam = (value, template)
        intr = config.introspectable(category_name='jammyjams',
                                       discriminator='jammyjam',
                                       title='a jammyjam',
                                       type_name=None)

        intr['value'] = value
        tmpl_intr = config.introspectable(category_name='jammyjam templates',
                                            discriminator=template,
                                            title=template,
                                            type_name=None)

        tmpl_intr['value'] = template
        intr.relate('jammyjam templates', template)
        config.action('jammyjam', register, introspectables=(intr, tmpl_intr))

if __name__ == '__main__':
    config = Configurator()
    config.add_directive('add_jammyjam', add_jammyjam)
```
In the above example, the add_jammyjam directive registers two introspectables: the first is related to the value passed to the directive, and the second is related to the template passed to the directive. If you believe a concept within a directive is important enough to have its own introspectable, you can cause the same directive to register more than one introspectable, registering one introspectable for the "main idea" and another for a related concept.

The call to intr.relate above (pyramid.interfaces.IIntrospectable.relate()) is passed two arguments: a category name and a directive. The example above effectively indicates that the directive wishes to form a relationship between the intr introspectable and the tmpl_intr introspectable; the arguments passed to relate are the category name and discriminator of the tmpl_intr introspectable.

Relationships need not be made between two introspectables created by the same directive. Instead a relationship can be formed between an introspectable created in one directive and another introspectable created in another by calling relate on either side with the other directive’s category name and discriminator. An error will be raised at configuration commit time if you attempt to relate an introspectable with another nonexistent introspectable, however.

Introspectable relationships will show up in frontend system renderings of introspection values. For example, if a view registration names a route name, the introspectable related to the view callable will show a reference to the route to which it relates and vice versa.

### 0.3.36 Pyramid cookiecutters

A cookiecutter is a command-line utility that creates projects from cookiecutters (project templates).

The Pylons Project supports one official Pyramid cookiecutter pyramid-cookiecutter-starter.

Cookiecutters that use Pyramid can be found using a search of the GitHub topic "cookiecutter-template" for "Pyramid".

You can extend Pyramid by creating a cookiecutter project template. This is useful if you would like to distribute a customizable configuration of Pyramid to other users. Once you have created a cookiecutter, other people can use it to create a custom version of your Pyramid application.

New in version 1.8: Added cookiecutter support.

Changed in version 1.10: Merged features from pyramid-cookiecutter-alchemy and pyramid-cookiecutter-zodb into the single cookiecutter to rule them all, pyramid-cookiecutter-starter.

Deprecated since version 1.10: pyramid-cookiecutter-alchemy and pyramid-cookiecutter-zodb are no longer supported. Use pyramid-cookiecutter-starter going forward.
Basics

See Cookiecutter Installation to get started.

Then see the README of pyramid-cookiecutter-starter for its usage to generate a starter project.

The pyramid-cookiecutter-starter on its master branch is a good starting point to develop your own cookiecutter. Development of cookiecutters is documented under Learn the Basics of Cookiecutter by Creating a Cookiecutter. See Cookiecutter Features for details of what is possible.

0.3.37 Upgrading Pyramid

When a new version of Pyramid is released, it will sometimes deprecate a feature or remove a feature that was deprecated in an older release. When features are removed from Pyramid, applications that depend on those features will begin to break. This chapter explains how to ensure your Pyramid applications keep working when you upgrade the Pyramid version you’re using.

About Release Numbering

Conventionally, application version numbering in Python is described as major.minor.micro. If your Pyramid version is ”1.2.3”, it means you’re running a version of Pyramid with the major version ”1”, the minor version ”2” and the micro version ”3”. A ”major” release is one that increments the first-dot number; 2.X.X might follow 1.X.X. A ”minor” release is one that increments the second-dot number; 1.3.X might follow 1.2.X. A ”micro” release is one that increments the third-dot number; 1.2.3 might follow 1.2.2. In general, micro releases are ”bugfix-only”, and contain no new features, minor releases contain new features but are largely backwards compatible with older versions, and a major release indicates a large set of backwards incompatibilities.

The Pyramid core team is conservative when it comes to removing features. We don’t remove features unnecessarily, but we’re human and we make mistakes which cause some features to be evolutionary dead ends. Though we are willing to support dead-end features for some amount of time, some eventually have to be removed when the cost of supporting them outweighs the benefit of keeping them around, because each feature in Pyramid represents a certain documentation and maintenance burden.
Deprecation and removal policy

When a feature is scheduled for removal from Pyramid or any of its official add-ons, the core development team takes these steps:

- Using the feature will begin to generate a `DeprecationWarning`, indicating the version in which the feature became deprecated.

- A note is added to the documentation indicating that the feature is deprecated.

- A note is added to the Pyramid Change History about the deprecation.

When a deprecated feature is eventually removed:

- The feature is removed.

- A note is added to the Pyramid Change History about the removal.

Features are never removed in micro releases. They are only removed in minor and major releases. Deprecated features are kept around for at least three minor releases from the time the feature became deprecated. Therefore, if a feature is added in Pyramid 1.0, but it’s deprecated in Pyramid 1.1, it will be kept around through all 1.1.X releases, all 1.2.X releases and all 1.3.X releases. It will finally be removed in the first 1.4.X release.

Sometimes features are "docs-deprecated" instead of formally deprecated. This means that the feature will be kept around indefinitely, but it will be removed from the documentation or a note will be added to the documentation telling folks to use some other newer feature. This happens when the cost of keeping an old feature around is very minimal and the support and documentation burden is very low. For example, we might rename a function that is an API without changing the arguments it accepts. In this case, we’ll often rename the function, and change the docs to point at the new function name, but leave around a backwards compatibility alias to the old function name so older code doesn’t break.

"Docs deprecated” features tend to work ”forever”, meaning that they won’t be removed, and they’ll never generate a deprecation warning. However, such changes are noted in the Pyramid Change History, so it’s possible to know that you should change older spellings to newer ones to ensure that people reading your code can find the APIs you’re using in the Pyramid docs.
Python support policy

At the time of a Pyramid version release, each supports all versions of Python through the end of their lifespans. The end-of-life for a given version of Python is when security updates are no longer released.

- Python 3.6 Lifespan 2021-12-23.
- Python 3.7 Lifespan 2023-06-27.
- Python 3.8 Lifespan 2024-10-??.
- Python 3.9 Lifespan TBD.

To determine the Python support for a specific release of Pyramid, view its `tox.ini` file at the root of the repository’s version.

Consulting the change history

Your first line of defense against application failures caused by upgrading to a newer Pyramid release is always to read the Pyramid Change History to find the deprecations and removals for each release between the release you’re currently running and the one to which you wish to upgrade. The change history notes every deprecation within a Deprecation section and every removal within a Backwards Incompatibilities section for each release.

The change history often contains instructions for changing your code to avoid deprecation warnings and how to change docs-deprecated spellings to newer ones. You can follow along with each deprecation explanation in the change history, simply doing a grep or other code search to your application, using the change log examples to remediate each potential problem.

Testing your application under a new Pyramid release

Once you’ve upgraded your application to a new Pyramid release and you’ve remediated as much as possible by using the change history notes, you’ll want to run your application’s tests (see Run the tests) in such a way that you can see DeprecationWarnings printed to the console when the tests run.

```
python -Wd setup.py test -q
```

The `-Wd` argument tells Python to print deprecation warnings to the console. See the Python `-W` flag documentation for more information.

As your tests run, deprecation warnings will be printed to the console explaining the deprecation and providing instructions about how to prevent the deprecation warning from being issued. For example:
python -Wd setup.py test -q
# .. elided ...
running build_ext
/home/chrism/projects/pyramid/env27/myproj/myproj/views.py:3:
DeprecationWarning: static: The "pyramid.view.static" class is deprecated
as of Pyramid 1.1; use the "pyramid.static.static_view" class instead with
the "use_subpath" argument set to True.
    from pyramid.view import static
.
Ran 1 test in 0.014s
OK

In the above case, it’s line #3 in the myproj.views module (from pyramid.view import static) that is causing the problem:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config
from pyramid.view import static
myview = static('static', 'static')
```

The deprecation warning tells me how to fix it, so I can change the code to do things the newer way:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config
from pyramid.static import static_view
myview = static_view('static', 'static', use_subpath=True)
```

When I run the tests again, the deprecation warning is no longer printed to my console:

```python
python -Wd setup.py test -q
# .. elided ...
running build_ext
.
Ran 1 test in 0.014s
OK
```
My application doesn’t have any tests or has few tests

If your application has no tests, or has only moderate test coverage, running tests won’t tell you very much, because the Pyramid codepaths that generate deprecation warnings won’t be executed.

In this circumstance, you can start your application interactively under a server run with the PYTHONWARNINGS environment variable set to `default`. On Unix, you can do that via:

```shell
$VENV/bin/pserve development.ini
```

On Windows, you need to issue two commands:

```shell
set PYTHONWARNINGS=default
Scripts\pserve development.ini
```

At this point, it’s ensured that deprecation warnings will be printed to the console whenever a codepath is hit that generates one. You can then click around in your application interactively to try to generate them, and remediate as explained in *Testing your application under a new Pyramid release*.

See the PYTHONWARNINGS environment variable documentation or the Python -W flag documentation for more information.

Upgrading to the very latest Pyramid release

When you upgrade your application to the most recent Pyramid release, it’s advisable to upgrade step-wise through each most recent minor release, beginning with the one that you know your application currently runs under, and ending on the most recent release. For example, if your application is running in production on Pyramid 1.2.1, and the most recent Pyramid 1.3 release is Pyramid 1.3.3, and the most recent Pyramid release is 1.4.4, it’s advisable to do this:

- Upgrade your environment to the most recent 1.2 release. For example, the most recent 1.2 release might be 1.2.3, so upgrade to it. Then run your application’s tests under 1.2.3 as described in *Testing your application under a new Pyramid release*. Note any deprecation warnings and remediate.

- Upgrade to the most recent 1.3 release, 1.3.3. Run your application’s tests, note any deprecation warnings, and remediate.

- Upgrade to 1.4.4. Run your application’s tests, note any deprecation warnings, and remediate.

If you skip testing your application under each minor release (for example if you upgrade directly from 1.2.1 to 1.4.4), you might miss a deprecation warning and waste more time trying to figure out an error caused by a feature removal than it would take to upgrade stepwise through each minor release.
0.3.38 Thread Locals

A thread local variable is a variable that appears to be a ”global” variable to an application which uses it. However, unlike a true global variable, one thread or process serving the application may receive a different value than another thread or process when that variable is ”thread local”.

When a request is processed, Pyramid makes two thread local variables available to the application: a ”registry” and a ”request”.

Why and How Pyramid Uses Thread Local Variables

How are thread locals beneficial to Pyramid and application developers who use Pyramid? Well, usually they're decidedly not. Using a global or a thread local variable in any application usually makes it a lot harder to understand for a casual reader. Use of a thread local or a global is usually just a way to avoid passing some value around between functions, which is itself usually a very bad idea, at least if code readability counts as an important concern.

For historical reasons, however, thread local variables are indeed consulted by various Pyramid API functions. For example, the implementation of the pyramid.security function named authenticated_userid() (deprecated as of 1.5) retrieves the thread local application registry as a matter of course to find an security policy. It uses the pyramid.threadlocal.get_current_registry() function to retrieve the application registry, from which it looks up the security policy; it then uses the security policy to retrieve the authenticated user id. This is how Pyramid allows arbitrary security policies to be ”plugged in”.

When they need to do so, Pyramid internals use two API functions to retrieve the request and application registry: get_current_request() and get_current_registry(). The former returns the ”current” request; the latter returns the ”current” registry. Both get_current_* functions retrieve an object from a thread-local data structure. These API functions are documented in pyramid.threadlocal.

These values are thread locals rather than true globals because one Python process may be handling multiple simultaneous requests or even multiple Pyramid applications. If they were true globals, Pyramid could not handle multiple simultaneous requests or allow more than one Pyramid application instance to exist in a single Python process.

Because one Pyramid application is permitted to call another Pyramid application from its own view code (perhaps as a WSGI app with help from the pyramid.wsgi.wsgiapp2() decorator), these variables are managed in a stack during normal system operations. The stack instance itself is a threading.local.

During normal operations, the thread locals stack is managed by a Router object. At the beginning of a request, the Router pushes the application’s registry and the request on to the stack. At the end of a request,
the stack is popped. The topmost request and registry on the stack are considered "current". Therefore, when the system is operating normally, the very definition of "current" is defined entirely by the behavior of a pyramid Router.

However, during unit testing, no Router code is ever invoked, and the definition of "current" is defined by the boundary between calls to the `pyramid.config.Configurator.begin()` and `pyramid.config.Configurator.end()` methods (or between calls to the `pyramid.testing.setUp()` and `pyramid.testing.tearDown()` functions). These functions push and pop the threadlocal stack when the system is under test. See Test Set Up and Tear Down for the definitions of these functions.

Scripts which use Pyramid machinery but never actually start a WSGI server or receive requests via HTTP, such as scripts which use the `pyramid.scripting` API, will never cause any Router code to be executed. However, the `pyramid.scripting` APIs also push some values on to the thread locals stack as a matter of course. Such scripts should expect the `get_current_request()` function to always return None, and should expect the `get_current_registry()` function to return exactly the same application registry for every request.

### Why You Shouldn’t Abuse Thread Locals

You probably should almost never use the `get_current_request()` or `get_current_registry()` functions, except perhaps in tests. In particular, it’s almost always a mistake to use `get_current_request` or `get_current_registry` in application code because its usage makes it possible to write code that can be neither easily tested nor scripted. Inappropriate usage is defined as follows:

- `get_current_request` should never be called within the body of a view callable, or within code called by a view callable. View callables already have access to the request (it’s passed in to each as request).

- `get_current_request` should never be called in resource code. If a resource needs access to the request, it should be passed the request by a view callable.

- `get_current_request` function should never be called because it’s "easier" or "more elegant" to think about calling it than to pass a request through a series of function calls when creating some API design. Your application should instead, almost certainly, pass around data derived from the request rather than relying on being able to call this function to obtain the request in places that actually have no business knowing about it. Parameters are meant to be passed around as function arguments; this is why they exist. Don’t try to "save typing" or create "nicer APIs" by using this function in the place where a request is required; this will only lead to sadness later.
• Neither `get_current_request` nor `get_current_registry` should ever be called within application-specific forks of third-party library code. The library you’ve forked almost certainly has nothing to do with Pyramid, and making it dependent on Pyramid (rather than making your pyramid application depend upon it) means you’re forming a dependency in the wrong direction.

Use of the `get_current_request()` function in application code is still useful in very limited circumstances. As a rule of thumb, usage of `get_current_request` is useful **within code which is meant to eventually be removed**. For instance, you may find yourself wanting to deprecate some API that expects to be passed a request object in favor of one that does not expect to be passed a request object. But you need to keep implementations of the old API working for some period of time while you deprecate the older API. So you write a “facade” implementation of the new API which calls into the code which implements the older API. Since the new API does not require the request, your facade implementation doesn’t have local access to the request when it needs to pass it into the older API implementation. After some period of time, the older implementation code is disused and the hack that uses `get_current_request` is removed. This would be an appropriate place to use the `get_current_request`.

Use of the `get_current_registry()` function should be limited to testing scenarios. The registry made current by use of the `pyramid.config.Configurator.begin()` method during a test (or via `pyramid.testing.setUp()`) when you do not pass one in is available to you via this API.

### 0.3.39 Using the Zope Component Architecture in Pyramid

Under the hood, Pyramid uses a *Zope Component Architecture* component registry as its application registry. The Zope Component Architecture is referred to colloquially as the "ZCA."

The `zope.component` API used to access data in a traditional Zope application can be opaque. For example, here is a typical "unnamed utility" lookup using the `zope.component.getUtility()` global API as it might appear in a traditional Zope application:

```python
from pyramid.interfaces import ISettings
from zope.component import getUtility
settings = getUtility(ISettings)
```

After this code runs, `settings` will be a Python dictionary. But it’s unlikely that any "civilian" will be able to figure this out just by reading the code casually. When the `zope.component.getUtility()` API is used by a developer, the conceptual load on a casual reader of code is high.

While the ZCA is an excellent tool with which to build a framework such as Pyramid, it is not always the best tool with which to build an application due to the opacity of the `zope.component` APIs. Accordingly, Pyramid tends to hide the presence of the ZCA from application developers. You needn’t understand the ZCA to create a Pyramid application; its use is effectively only a framework implementation detail.

However, developers who are already used to writing *Zope* applications often still wish to use the ZCA while building a Pyramid application. Pyramid makes this possible.
Using the ZCA global API in a Pyramid application

Zope uses a single ZCA registry—the "global" ZCA registry—for all Zope applications that run in the same Python process, effectively making it impossible to run more than one Zope application in a single process.

However, for ease of deployment, it’s often useful to be able to run more than a single application per process. For example, use of a PasteDeploy "composite" allows you to run separate individual WSGI applications in the same process, each answering requests for some URL prefix. This makes it possible to run, for example, a TurboGears application at /turbo
gears and a Pyramid application at /pyramid, both served up using the same WSGI server within a single Python process.

Most production Zope applications are relatively large, making it impractical due to memory constraints to run more than one Zope application per Python process. However, a Pyramid application may be very small and consume very little memory, so it’s a reasonable goal to be able to run more than one Pyramid application per process.

In order to make it possible to run more than one Pyramid application in a single process, Pyramid defaults to using a separate ZCA registry per application.

While this services a reasonable goal, it causes some issues when trying to use patterns which you might use to build a typical Zope application to build a Pyramid application. Without special help, ZCA "global" APIs such as zope.component.getUtility() and zope.component.getSiteManager() will use the ZCA "global" registry. Therefore, these APIs will appear to fail when used in a Pyramid application, because they’ll be consulting the ZCA global registry rather than the component registry associated with your Pyramid application.

There are three ways to fix this: by disusing the ZCA global API entirely, by using pyramid.config.Configurator.hook_zca() or by passing the ZCA global registry to the Configurator constructor at startup time. We’ll describe all three methods in this section.

Disusing the global ZCA API

ZCA "global" API functions such as zope.component.getSiteManager, zope.component.getUtility, zope.component.getAdapter(), and zope.component.getMultiAdapter() aren’t strictly necessary. Every component registry has a method API that offers the same functionality; it can be used instead. For example, presuming the registry value below is a Zope Component Architecture component registry, the following bit of code is equivalent to zope.component.getUtility(IFoo):

```python
def my_function(registry):
    return registry.component.getUtility(IFoo)
```
The full method API is documented in the `zope.component` package, but it largely mirrors the "global" API almost exactly.

If you are willing to disuse the "global" ZCA APIs and use the method interface of a registry instead, you need only know how to obtain the Pyramid component registry.

There are two ways of doing so:

- use the `pyramid.threadlocal.get_current_registry()` function within Pyramid view or resource code. This will always return the "current" Pyramid application registry.

- use the attribute of the `request` object named `registry` in your Pyramid view code, e.g., `request.registry`. This is the ZCA component registry related to the running Pyramid application.

See *Thread Locals* for more information about `pyramid.threadlocal.get_current_registry()`.

### Enabling the ZCA global API by using `hook_zca`

Consider the following bit of idiomatic Pyramid startup code:

```python
def app(global_settings, **settings):
    config = Configurator(settings=settings)
    config.include('some.other.package')
    return config.make_wsgi_app()
```

When the `app` function above is run, a `Configurator` is constructed. When the configurator is created, it creates a new application registry (a ZCA component registry). A new registry is constructed whenever the `registry` argument is omitted, when a `Configurator` constructor is called, or when a `registry` argument with a value of `None` is passed to a `Configurator` constructor.

During a request, the application registry created by the Configurator is "made current". This means calls to `get_current_registry()` in the thread handling the request will return the component registry associated with the application.
As a result, application developers can use `get_current_registry` to get the registry and thus get access to utilities and such, as per *Disusing the global ZCA API*. But they still cannot use the global ZCA API. Without special treatment, the ZCA global APIs will always return the global ZCA registry (the one in `zope.component.globalregistry.base`).

To "fix" this and make the ZCA global APIs use the "current" Pyramid registry, you need to call `hook_zca()` within your setup code. For example:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def app(global_settings, **settings):
    config = Configurator(settings=settings)
    config.hook_zca()
    config.include('some.other.application')
    return config.make_wsgi_app()
```

We’ve added a line to our original startup code, line number 5, which calls `config.hook_zca()`. The effect of this line under the hood is that an analogue of the following code is executed:

```python
from zope.component import getSiteManager
from pyramid.threadlocal import get_current_registry
getSiteManager.sethook(get_current_registry)
```

This causes the ZCA global API to start using the Pyramid application registry in threads which are running a Pyramid request.

Calling `hook_zca` is usually sufficient to "fix" the problem of being able to use the global ZCA API within a Pyramid application. However, it also means that a Zope application that is running in the same process may start using the Pyramid global registry instead of the Zope global registry, effectively inverting the original problem. In such a case, follow the steps in the next section, *Enabling the ZCA global API by using the ZCA global registry*.

### Enabling the ZCA global API by using the ZCA global registry

You can tell your Pyramid application to use the ZCA global registry at startup time instead of constructing a new one:
```
from zope.component import getGlobalSiteManager
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def app(global_settings, **settings):
    globalreg = getGlobalSiteManager()
    config = Configurator(registry=globalreg)
    config.setup_registry(settings=settings)
    config.include('some.other.application')
    return config.make_wsgi_app()
```

Lines 5, 6, and 7 above are the interesting ones. Line 5 retrieves the global ZCA component registry. Line 6 creates a `Configurator`, passing the global ZCA registry into its constructor as the `registry` argument. Line 7 ”sets up” the global registry with Pyramid-specific registrations; this is code that is normally executed when a registry is constructed rather than created, but we must call it ”by hand” when we pass an explicit registry.

At this point, Pyramid will use the ZCA global registry rather than creating a new application-specific registry. Since by default the ZCA global API will use this registry, things will work as you might expect in a Zope app when you use the global ZCA API.

## 0.4 API Documentation

### 0.4.1 API Documentation

Comprehensive reference material for every public API exposed by Pyramid:

```python
pyramid.authentication
```

**Helper Classes**

```python
class SessionAuthenticationHelper(prefix='auth. ')
    A helper for use with a security policy which stores user data in the configured session.
```

Constructor Arguments

`prefix`
A prefix used when storing the authentication parameters in the session. Defaults to 'auth.'. Optional.

**authenticated_userid**(request)
Return the stored userid.

**forget**(request, **kw)
Remove the stored userid from the session.

**remember**(request, userid, **kw)
Store a userid in the session.

class **AuthTktCookieHelper**(secret, cookie_name='auth_tkt', secure=False, include_ip=False, timeout=None, reissue_time=None, max_age=None, http_only=False, path='/', wild_domain=True, hashalg='sha512', parent_domain=False, domain=None, samesite='Lax')
A helper class for security policies that obtains data from an "auth ticket" cookie.

Constructor Arguments

**secret**
The secret (a string) used for auth_tkt cookie signing. This value should be unique across all values provided to Pyramid for various subsystem secrets (see *Admonishment Against Secret-Sharing*). Required.

**cookie_name**
Default: auth_tkt. The cookie name used (string). Optional.

**secure**
Default: True. Only send the cookie back over a secure conn. Optional.

**include_ip**
Default: True. Make the requesting IP address part of the authentication data in the cookie. Optional.

For IPv6 this option is not recommended. The mod_auth_tkt specification does not specify how to handle IPv6 addresses, so using this option in combination with IPv6 addresses may cause an incompatible cookie. It ties the authentication ticket to that individual's IPv6 address.
timeout

Default: None. Maximum number of seconds which a newly issued ticket will be considered valid. After this amount of time, the ticket will expire (effectively logging the user out). If this value is None, the ticket never expires. Optional.

reissue_time

Default: None. If this parameter is set, it represents the number of seconds that must pass before an authentication token cookie is automatically reissued as the result of a request which requires authentication. The duration is measured as the number of seconds since the last auth_tkt cookie was issued and 'now'. If this value is 0, a new ticket cookie will be reissued on every request which requires authentication.

A good rule of thumb: if you want auto-expired cookies based on inactivity: set the timeout value to 1200 (20 mins) and set the reissue_time value to perhaps a tenth of the timeout value (120 or 2 mins). It's nonsensical to set the timeout value lower than the reissue_time value, as the ticket will never be reissued if so. However, such a configuration is not explicitly prevented.

Optional.

max_age

Default: None. The max age of the auth_tkt cookie, in seconds. This differs from timeout inasmuch as timeout represents the lifetime of the ticket contained in the cookie, while this value represents the lifetime of the cookie itself. When this value is set, the cookie’s Max-Age and Expires settings will be set, allowing the auth_tkt cookie to last between browser sessions. It is typically nonsensical to set this to a value that is lower than timeout or reissue_time, although it is not explicitly prevented. Optional.

path

Default: / . The path for which the auth_tkt cookie is valid. May be desirable if the application only serves part of a domain. Optional.

http_only


wild_domain
Default: True. An auth_tkt cookie will be generated for the wildcard domain. If your site is hosted as example.com this will make the cookie available for sites underneath example.com such as www.example.com. Optional.

**parent_domain**

Default: False. An auth_tkt cookie will be generated for the parent domain of the current site. For example if your site is hosted under www.example.com a cookie will be generated for .example.com. This can be useful if you have multiple sites sharing the same domain. This option supersedes the **wild_domain** option. Optional.

**domain**

Default: None. If provided the auth_tkt cookie will only be set for this domain. This option is not compatible with **wild_domain** and **parent_domain**. Optional.

**hashalg**

Default: sha512 (the literal string).

Any hash algorithm supported by Python’s `hashlib.new()` function can be used as the `hashalg`.

Cookies generated by different instances of AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy using different `hashalg` options are not compatible. Switching the `hashalg` will imply that all existing users with a valid cookie will be required to re-login.

Optional.

**debug**

Default: False. If debug is True, log messages to the Pyramid debug logger about the results of various authentication steps. The output from debugging is useful for reporting to maillist or IRC channels when asking for support. Optional.

**samesite**

Default: 'Lax'. The 'samesite' option of the session cookie. Set the value to None to turn off the samesite option. Optional.

Changed in version 2.0: The default `hashalg` was changed from md5 to sha512.
class AuthTicket(secret, userid, ip, tokens=(), user_data='', time=None, cookie_name='auth_tkt', secure=False, hashalg='md5')

This class represents an authentication token. You must pass in the shared secret, the userid, and the IP address. Optionally you can include tokens (a list of strings, representing role names), 'user_data', which is arbitrary data available for your own use in later scripts. Lastly, you can override the cookie name and timestamp.

Once you provide all the arguments, use .cookie_value() to generate the appropriate authentication ticket.

Usage:

```python
token = AuthTicket('sharedsecret', 'username', 
                  os.environ['REMOTE_ADDR'], tokens=['admin'])
val = token.cookie_value()
```

cookie_value()

digest()

exception BadTicket(msg, expected=None)

Exception raised when a ticket can’t be parsed. If we get far enough to determine what the expected digest should have been, expected is set. This should not be shown by default, but can be useful for debugging.

forget(request)

Return a set of expires Set-Cookie headers, which will destroy any existing auth_tkt cookie when attached to a response.

identify(request)

Return a dictionary with authentication information, or None if no valid auth_tkt is attached to request.

static parse_ticket(secret, ticket, ip, hashalg='md5')

Parse the ticket, returning (timestamp, userid, tokens, user_data).

If the ticket cannot be parsed, a BadTicket exception will be raised with an explanation.

remember(request, userid, max_age=None, tokens=())

Return a set of Set-Cookie headers; when set into a response, these headers will represent a valid authentication ticket.
max_age  The max age of the auth_tkt cookie, in seconds. When this value is set, the cookie’s Max-Age and Expires settings will be set, allowing the auth_tkt cookie to last between browser sessions. If this value is None, the max_age value provided to the helper itself will be used as the max_age value. Default: None.

tokens  A sequence of strings that will be placed into the auth_tkt tokens field. Each string in the sequence must be of the Python str type and must match the regex `^[A-Za-z\[A-Za-z0-9+-_]\]+$`. Tokens are available in the returned identity when an auth_tkt is found in the request and unpacked. Default: ()

Helper Functions

eextract_http_basic_credentials(request)  
A helper function for extraction of HTTP Basic credentials from a given request.

Returns a HTTPBasicCredentials 2-tuple with username and password attributes or None if no credentials could be found.

class HTTPBasicCredentials(username, password)

  property password
      Alias for field number 1

  property username
      Alias for field number 0

Authentication Policies

Authentication policies have been deprecated by the new security system. See upgrading_auth_20 for more information.

class AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy(secret,       callback=None,
                                  cookie_name='auth_tkt',       secure=False,
                                  include_ip=False,
                                  timeout=None,        reissue_time=None,
                                  max_age=None,
                                  path='/',        http_only=False,
                                  wild_domain=True,      debug=False,
                                  hashalg='sha512',       parent_domain=False,
                                  domain=None,
                                  samesite='Lax')

A Pyramid authentication policy which obtains data from a Pyramid ”auth ticket” cookie.
Constructor Arguments

secret

The secret (a string) used for auth_tkt cookie signing. This value should be unique across all values provided to Pyramid for various subsystem secrets (see Admonishment Against Secret-Sharing). Required.

callback

Default: None. A callback passed the userid and the request, expected to return None if the userid doesn’t exist or a sequence of principal identifiers (possibly empty) if the user does exist. If callback is None, the userid will be assumed to exist with no principals. Optional.

cookie_name

Default: auth_tkt. The cookie name used (string). Optional.

secure

Default: False. Only send the cookie back over a secure conn. Optional.

include_ip

Default: False. Make the requesting IP address part of the authentication data in the cookie. Optional.

For IPv6 this option is not recommended. The mod_auth_tkt specification does not specify how to handle IPv6 addresses, so using this option in combination with IPv6 addresses may cause an incompatible cookie. It ties the authentication ticket to that individual’s IPv6 address.

timeout

Default: None. Maximum number of seconds which a newly issued ticket will be considered valid. After this amount of time, the ticket will expire (effectively logging the user out). If this value is None, the ticket never expires. Optional.

reissue_time
Default: None. If this parameter is set, it represents the number of seconds that
must pass before an authentication token cookie is automatically reissued as the
result of a request which requires authentication. The duration is measured as
the number of seconds since the last auth_tkt cookie was issued and 'now'. If
this value is 0, a new ticket cookie will be reissued on every request which
requires authentication.

A good rule of thumb: if you want auto-expired cookies based on inactivity:
set the timeout value to 1200 (20 mins) and set the reissue_time value
to perhaps a tenth of the timeout value (120 or 2 mins). It’s nonsensical to
set the timeout value lower than the reissue_time value, as the ticket
will never be reissued if so. However, such a configuration is not explicitly
prevented.

Optional.

max_age

Default: None. The max age of the auth_tkt cookie, in seconds. This differs
from timeout inasmuch as timeout represents the lifetime of the ticket
contained in the cookie, while this value represents the lifetime of the cookie
itself. When this value is set, the cookie’s Max-Age and Expires settings
will be set, allowing the auth_tkt cookie to last between browser sessions. It
is typically nonsensical to set this to a value that is lower than timeout or
reissue_time, although it is not explicitly prevented. Optional.

path

Default: /. The path for which the auth_tkt cookie is valid. May be desirable
if the application only serves part of a domain. Optional.

http_only

Default: False. Hide cookie from JavaScript by setting the HttpOnly flag.
Not honored by all browsers. Optional.

wild_domain

Default: True. An auth_tkt cookie will be generated for the wildcard domain.
If your site is hosted as example.com this will make the cookie available for
sites underneath example.com such as www.example.com. Optional.

parent_domain
Default: **False**. An auth_tkt cookie will be generated for the parent domain of the current site. For example if your site is hosted under `www.example.com` a cookie will be generated for `.example.com`. This can be useful if you have multiple sites sharing the same domain. This option supercedes the `wild_domain` option. Optional.

domain

Default: **None**. If provided the auth_tkt cookie will only be set for this domain. This option is not compatible with `wild_domain` and `parent_domain`. Optional.

hashalg

Default: **sha512** (the literal string).

Any hash algorithm supported by Python’s `hashlib.new()` function can be used as the `hashalg`.

Cookies generated by different instances of AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy using different `hashalg` options are not compatible. Switching the `hashalg` will imply that all existing users with a valid cookie will be required to re-login. Optional.

debug

Default: **False**. If `debug` is `True`, log messages to the Pyramid debug logger about the results of various authentication steps. The output from debugging is useful for reporting to maillist or IRC channels when asking for support.

samesite

Default: **'Lax'**. The 'samesite' option of the session cookie. Set the value to the string 'None' to turn off the samesite option.

Changed in version 1.4: Added the `hashalg` option, defaulting to `sha512`.

Changed in version 1.5: Added the `domain` option.

Added the `parent_domain` option.

Changed in version 1.10: Added the `samesite` option and made the default 'Lax'.

Objects of this class implement the interface described by `pyramid.interfaces.IAuthenticationPolicy`.

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**authenticated_userid** *(request)*

Return the authenticated userid or None.

If no callback is registered, this will be the same as `unauthenticated_userid`.

If a callback is registered, this will return the userid if and only if the callback returns a value that is not None.

**effective_principals** *(request)*

A list of effective principals derived from request.

This will return a list of principals including, at least, `pyramid.authorization.Everyone`. If there is no authenticated userid, or the callback returns None, this will be the only principal:

```
return [Everyone]
```

If the callback does not return None and an authenticated userid is found, then the principals will include `pyramid.authorization.Authenticated`, the `authenticated_userid` and the list of principals returned by the callback:

```
extra_principals = callback(userid, request)
return [Everyone, Authenticated, userid] + extra_principals
```

**forget** *(request)*

A list of headers which will delete appropriate cookies.

**remember** *(request, userid, **kw)*

Accepts the following kw args: `max_age=<int-seconds>`, `tokens=<sequence-of-ascii-strings>`.

Return a list of headers which will set appropriate cookies on the response.

**unauthenticated_userid** *(request)*

The userid key within the auth_tkt cookie.

**class RemoteUserAuthenticationPolicy** *(environ_key='REMOTE_USER',
  callback=None, debug=False)*

A Pyramid authentication policy which obtains data from the REMOTE_USER WSGI environment variable.

Constructor Arguments

- `environ_key`
**Default:** REMOTE_USER. The key in the WSGI environ which provides the userid.

**callback**

**Default:** None. A callback passed the userid and the request, expected to return None if the userid doesn’t exist or a sequence of principal identifiers (possibly empty) representing groups if the user does exist. If `callback` is None, the userid will be assumed to exist with no group principals.

**debug**

**Default:** False. If `debug` is True, log messages to the Pyramid debug logger about the results of various authentication steps. The output from debugging is useful for reporting to maillist or IRC channels when asking for support.

Objects of this class implement the interface described by `pyramid.interfaces.IAuthenticationPolicy`.

**authenticated_userid** *(request)*

Return the authenticated userid or None.

If no callback is registered, this will be the same as `unauthenticated_userid`.

If a callback is registered, this will return the userid if and only if the callback returns a value that is not None.

**effective_principals** *(request)*

A list of effective principals derived from request.

This will return a list of principals including, at least, `pyramid.authorization.Everyone`. If there is no authenticated userid, or the callback returns None, this will be the only principal:

```
return [Everyone]
```

If the callback does not return None and an authenticated userid is found, then the principals will include `pyramid.authorization.Authenticated`, the `authenticated_userid` and the list of principals returned by the callback:
extra_principals = callback(userid, request)
return [Everyone, Authenticated, userid] + extra_principals

**forget** *(request)*
A no-op. The REMOTE_USER does not provide a protocol for forgetting the user. This will be application-specific and can be done somewhere else or in a subclass.

**remember** *(request, userid, **kw)*
A no-op. The REMOTE_USER does not provide a protocol for remembering the user. This will be application-specific and can be done somewhere else or in a subclass.

**unauthenticated_userid** *(request)*
The REMOTE_USER value found within the environ.

**class SessionAuthenticationPolicy** *(prefix='auth.', callback=None, debug=False)*
A Pyramid authentication policy which gets its data from the configured session. For this authentication policy to work, you will have to follow the instructions in the *Sessions* to configure a session factory.

Constructor Arguments

**prefix**
A prefix used when storing the authentication parameters in the session. Defaults to ’auth.’. Optional.

**callback**
Default: None. A callback passed the userid and the request, expected to return None if the userid doesn’t exist or a sequence of principal identifiers (possibly empty) if the user does exist. If callback is None, the userid will be assumed to exist with no principals. Optional.

**debug**
Default: False. If debug is True, log messages to the Pyramid debug logger about the results of various authentication steps. The output from debugging is useful for reporting to maillist or IRC channels when asking for support.
**authenticated_userid** *(request)*

Return the authenticated userid or None.

If no callback is registered, this will be the same as unauthenticated_userid.

If a callback is registered, this will return the userid if and only if the callback returns a value that is not None.

**effective_principals** *(request)*

A list of effective principals derived from request.

This will return a list of principals including, at least, *pyramid.authorization.Everyone*. If there is no authenticated userid, or the callback returns None, this will be the only principal:

```
    return [Everyone]
```

If the callback does not return None and an authenticated userid is found, then the principals will include *pyramid.authorization.Authenticated*, the authenticated_userid and the list of principals returned by the callback:

```
    extra_principals = callback(userid, request)
    return [Everyone, Authenticated, userid] + extra_principals
```

**forget** *(request)*

Remove the stored userid from the session.

**remember** *(request, userid, **kw)*

Store a userid in the session.

**class BasicAuthAuthenticationPolicy** *(check, realm='Realm', debug=False)*

A Pyramid authentication policy which uses HTTP standard basic authentication protocol to authenticate users. To use this policy you will need to provide a callback which checks the supplied user credentials against your source of login data.

Constructor Arguments

**check**
A callback function passed a username, password and request, in that order as positional arguments. Expected to return None if the userid doesn’t exist or a sequence of principal identifiers (possibly empty) if the user does exist.

realm

Default: "Realm". The Basic Auth Realm string. Usually displayed to the user by the browser in the login dialog.

debg

Default: False. If debug is True, log messages to the Pyramid debug logger about the results of various authentication steps. The output from debugging is useful for reporting to maillist or IRC channels when asking for support.

Issuing a challenge

Regular browsers will not send username/password credentials unless they first receive a challenge from the server. The following recipe will register a view that will send a Basic Auth challenge to the user whenever there is an attempt to call a view which results in a Forbidden response:

```python
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPUnauthorized
from pyramid.security import forget
from pyramid.view import forbidden_view_config

@forbidden_view_config()
def forbidden_view(request):
    if request.authenticated_userid is None:
        response = HTTPUnauthorized()
        response.headers.update(forget(request))
        return response
    return HTTPForbidden()
```

authenticated_userid(request)

Return the authenticated userid or None.

If no callback is registered, this will be the same as unauthenticated_userid.

If a callback is registered, this will return the userid if and only if the callback returns a value that is not None.
effective_principals(request)
A list of effective principals derived from request.

This will return a list of principals including, at least, pyramid.authorization.Everyone. If there is no authenticated userid, or the callback returns None, this will be the only principal:

```python
return [Everyone]
```

If the callback does not return None and an authenticated userid is found, then the principals will include pyramid.authorization.Authenticated, the authenticated_userid and the list of principals returned by the callback:

```python
extra_principals = callback(userid, request)
return [Everyone, Authenticated, userid] + extra_principals
```

forget(request)
Returns challenge headers. This should be attached to a response to indicate that credentials are required.

remember(request, userid, **kw)
A no-op. Basic authentication does not provide a protocol for remembering the user. Credentials are sent on every request.

unauthenticated_userid(request)
The userid parsed from the Authorization request header.

class RepozeWho1AuthenticationPolicy(identifier_name='auth_tkt', callback=None)
A Pyramid authentication policy which obtains data from the repoze.who 1.X WSGI 'API' (the repoze.who.identity key in the WSGI environment).

Constructor Arguments

identifier_name

Default: auth_tkt. The repoze.who plugin name that performs remember/forget. Optional.

callback
Default: None. A callback passed the repozé.who identity and the request, expected to return None if the user represented by the identity doesn’t exist or a sequence of principal identifiers (possibly empty) representing groups if the user does exist. If callback is None, the userid will be assumed to exist with no group principals.

Objects of this class implement the interface described by pyramid.interfaces.IAuthenticationPolicy.

**authenticated_userid**(request)

Return the authenticated userid or None.

If no callback is registered, this will be the same as unauthenticated_userid.

If a callback is registered, this will return the userid if and only if the callback returns a value that is not None.

**effective_principals**(request)

A list of effective principals derived from the identity.

This will return a list of principals including, at least, pyramid.authorization.Everyone. If there is no identity, or the callback returns None, this will be the only principal.

If the callback does not return None and an identity is found, then the principals will include pyramid.authorization.Authenticated, the authenticated_userid and the list of principals returned by the callback.

**forget**(request)

Forget the current authenticated user.

Return headers that, if included in a response, will delete the cookie responsible for tracking the current user.

**remember**(request, userid, **kw)

Store the userid as repozé.who.userid.

The identity to authenticated to repozé.who will contain the given userid as userid, and provide all keyword arguments as additional identity keys. Useful keys could be max_age or userdata.

**unauthenticated_userid**(request)

Return the repozé.who.userid key from the detected identity.
class ACLHelper
A helper for use with constructing a security policy which consults an ACL object attached to a context to determine authorization information about a principal or multiple principals. If the context is part of a lineage, the context’s parents are consulted for ACL information too.

permits (context, principals, permission)
Return an instance of pyramid.authorization.ACLAllowed if the ACL allows access a user with the given principals, return an instance of pyramid.authorization.ACLDenied if not.

When checking if principals are allowed, the security policy consults the context for an ACL first. If no ACL exists on the context, or one does exist but the ACL does not explicitly allow or deny access for any of the effective principals, consult the context’s parent ACL, and so on, until the lineage is exhausted or we determine that the policy permits or denies.

During this processing, if any pyramid.authorization.Deny ACE is found matching any principal in principals, stop processing by returning an pyramid.authorization.ACLDenied instance (equals False) immediately. If any pyramid.authorization.Allow ACE is found matching any principal, stop processing by returning an pyramid.authorization.ACLAllowed instance (equals True) immediately. If we exhaust the context’s lineage, and no ACE has explicitly permitted or denied access, return an instance of pyramid.authorization.ACLDenied (equals False).

principals_allowed_by_permission (context, permission)
Return the set of principals explicitly granted the permission named permission according to the ACL directly attached to the context as well as inherited ACLs based on the lineage.

When computing principals allowed by a permission, we compute the set of principals that are explicitly granted the permission in the provided context. We do this by walking ‘up’ the object graph from the root to the context. During this walking process, if we find an explicit pyramid.authorization.Allow ACE for a principal that matches the permission, the principal is included in the allow list. However, if later in the walking process that principal is mentioned in any pyramid.authorization.Deny ACE for the permission, the principal is removed from the allow list. If a pyramid.authorization.Deny to the principal pyramid.authorization.Everyone is encountered during the walking process that matches the permission, the allow list is cleared for all principals encountered in previous ACLs. The walking process ends after we’ve processed the any ACL directly attached to context; a set of principals is returned.
class ACLAuthorizationPolicy

An authorization policy which consults an ACL object attached to a context to determine authorization information about a principal or multiple principals. This class is a wrapper around ACLHelper, refer to that class for more detailed documentation.

Objects of this class implement the pyramid.interfaces.IAuthorizationPolicy interface.

Deprecated since version 2.0: Authorization policies have been deprecated by the new security system. See upgrading_auth_20 for more information.

Constants

Everyone

The special principal id named Everyone. This principal id is granted to all requests. Its actual value is the string 'system.Everyone'.

New in version 2.0: Moved from pyramid.security into pyramid.authorization.

Authenticated

The special principal id named Authenticated. This principal id is granted to all requests which contain any other non-Everyone principal id (according to the authentication policy). Its actual value is the string 'system.Authenticated'.

New in version 2.0: Moved from pyramid.security into pyramid.authorization.

ALL_PERMISSIONS

An object that can be used as the permission member of an ACE which matches all permissions unconditionally. For example, an ACE that uses ALL_PERMISSIONS might be composed like so: ('Deny', 'system.Everyone', ALL_PERMISSIONS).

New in version 2.0: Moved from pyramid.security into pyramid.authorization.

DENY_ALL

A convenience shorthand ACE that defines ('Deny', 'system.Everyone', ALL_PERMISSIONS). This is often used as the last ACE in an ACL in systems that use an “inheriting” security policy, representing the concept “don’t inherit any other ACEs”.

New in version 2.0: Moved from pyramid.security into pyramid.authorization.
Return Values

class ACLDenied(ace, acl, permission, principals, context)

    static __new__(cls, ace, acl, permission, principals, context)
    Create a new instance.

    Parameters

    • ace -- The ACE that matched, triggering the result.
    • acl -- The ACL containing ace.
    • permission -- The required permission.
    • principals -- The list of principals provided.
    • context -- The context providing the lineage searched.

    New in version 2.0: Moved from pyramid.security into pyramid.authorization.

    property msg
    A string indicating why the result was generated.

class ACLAllowed(ace, acl, permission, principals, context)

    static __new__(cls, ace, acl, permission, principals, context)
    Create a new instance.

    Parameters

    • ace -- The ACE that matched, triggering the result.
    • acl -- The ACL containing ace.
    • permission -- The required permission.
    • principals -- The list of principals provided.
    • context -- The context providing the lineage searched.

    New in version 2.0: Moved from pyramid.security into pyramid.authorization.

    property msg
    A string indicating why the result was generated.
class Configurator (registry=None, package=None, settings=None, root_factory=None, security_policy=None, authentication_policy=None, authorization_policy=None, renderers=None, debug_logger=None, locale_negotiator=None, request_factory=None, response_factory=None, default_permission=None, session_factory=None, default_view_mapper=None, autocommit=False, exceptionresponse_view=<function default_exceptionresponse_view>, route_prefix=None, introspection=True, root_package=None)

A Configurator is used to configure a Pyramid application registry.

The Configurator lifecycle can be managed by using a context manager to automatically handle calling `pyramid.config.Configurator.begin()` and `pyramid.config.Configurator.end()` as well as `pyramid.config.Configurator.commit()`.

```python
with Configurator(settings=settings) as config:
    config.add_route('home', '/')
    app = config.make_wsgi_app()
```

If the `registry` argument is not `None`, it must be an instance of the `pyramid.registry.Registry` class representing the registry to configure. If `registry` is `None`, the configurator will create a `pyramid.registry.Registry` instance itself; it will also perform some default configuration that would not otherwise be done. After its construction, the configurator may be used to add further configuration to the registry.

⚠️ If `registry` is assigned the above-mentioned class instance, all other constructor arguments are ignored, with the exception of `package`.

If the `package` argument is passed, it must be a reference to a Python `package` (e.g. `sys.modules[ 'thepackage' ]`) or a `dotted Python name` to the same. This value is used as a basis to convert relative paths passed to various configuration methods, such as methods which accept a `renderer` argument, into absolute paths. If `None` is passed (the default), the package is assumed to be the Python package in which the `caller` of the Configurator constructor lives.

If the `root_package` is passed, it will propagate through the configuration hierarchy as a way for included packages to locate resources relative to the package in which the main Configurator
was created. If None is passed (the default), the root_package will be derived from the package argument. The package attribute is always pointing at the package being included when using include(), whereas the root_package does not change.

If the settings argument is passed, it should be a Python dictionary representing the deployment settings for this application. These are later retrievable using the pyramid.registry.Registry.settings attribute (aka request.registry.settings).

If the root_factory argument is passed, it should be an object representing the default root factory for your application or a dotted Python name to the same. If it is None, a default root factory will be used.

If security_policy is passed, it should be an instance of a security policy or a dotted Python name to the same.

If authentication_policy is passed, it should be an instance of an authentication policy or a dotted Python name to the same.

If authorization_policy is passed, it should be an instance of an authorization policy or a dotted Python name to the same.

A ConfigurationError will be raised when an authorization policy is supplied without also supplying an authentication policy (authorization requires authentication).

If renderers is None (the default), a default set of renderer factories is used. Else, it should be a list of tuples representing a set of renderer factories which should be configured into this application, and each tuple representing a set of positional values that should be passed to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_renderer().

If debug_logger is not passed, a default debug logger that logs to a logger will be used (the logger name will be the package name of the caller of this configurator). If it is passed, it should be an instance of the logging.Logger (PEP 282) standard library class or a Python logger name. The debug logger is used by Pyramid itself to log warnings and authorization debugging information.

If locale_negotiator is passed, it should be a locale negotiator implementation or a dotted Python name to same. See Using a Custom Locale Negotiator.

If request_factory is passed, it should be a request factory implementation or a dotted Python name to the same. See Changing the Request Factory. By default it is None, which means use the default request factory.
If `response_factory` is passed, it should be a `response factory` implementation or a `dotted Python name` to the same. See Changing the Response Factory. By default it is None, which means use the default response factory.

If `default_permission` is passed, it should be a `permission string` to be used as the default permission for all view configuration registrations performed against this Configurator. An example of a permission string: '|view|'. Adding a default permission makes it unnecessary to protect each view configuration with an explicit permission, unless your application policy requires some exception for a particular view. By default, `default_permission` is None, meaning that view configurations which do not explicitly declare a permission will always be executable by entirely anonymous users (any authorization policy in effect is ignored).

See also: Setting a Default Permission.

If `session_factory` is passed, it should be an object which implements the `session factory` interface. If a nondefault value is passed, the `session_factory` will be used to create a session object when `request.session` is accessed. Note that the same outcome can be achieved by calling `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_session_factory()`. By default, this argument is None, indicating that no session factory will be configured (and thus accessing `request.session` will throw an error) unless `set_session_factory` is called later during configuration.

If `autocommit` is True, every method called on the configurator will cause an immediate action, and no configuration conflict detection will be used. If `autocommit` is False, most methods of the configurator will defer their action until `pyramid.config.Configurator.commit()` is called. When `pyramid.config.Configurator.commit()` is called, the actions implied by the called methods will be checked for configuration conflicts unless `autocommit` is True. If a conflict is detected, a ConfigurationConflictError will be raised. Calling `pyramid.config.Configurator.make_wsgi_app()` always implies a final commit.

If `default_view_mapper` is passed, it will be used as the default `view mapper` factory for view configurations that don’t otherwise specify one (see `pyramid.interfaces.IViewMapperFactory`). If `default_view_mapper` is not passed, a superdefault view mapper will be used.

If `exceptionresponse_view` is passed, it must be a `view callable` or None. If it is a view callable, it will be used as an exception view callable when an `exception response` is raised. If `exceptionresponse_view` is None, no exception response view will be registered, and all raised exception responses will be bubbled up to Pyramid’s caller. By default, the `pyramid.httpexceptions.default_exceptionresponse_view` function is used as the exceptionresponse_view.
If `route_prefix` is passed, all routes added with `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()` will have the specified path prepended to their pattern.

If `introspection` is passed, it must be a boolean value. If it’s `True`, introspection values during actions will be kept for use for tools like the debug toolbar. If it’s `False`, introspection values provided by registrations will be ignored. By default, it is `True`.

New in version 1.1: The `exception_response_view` argument.

New in version 1.2: The `route_prefix` argument.

New in version 1.3: The `introspection` argument.

New in version 1.6: The `root_package` argument. The `response_factory` argument.

New in version 1.9: The ability to use the configurator as a context manager with the `with`-statement to make threadlocal configuration available for further configuration with an implicit commit.

Controlling Configuration State

```
commit()
```

Commit any pending configuration actions. If a configuration conflict is detected in the pending configuration actions, this method will raise a `ConfigurationConflictError`; within the traceback of this error will be information about the source of the conflict, usually including file names and line numbers of the cause of the configuration conflicts.

⚠️ You should think very carefully before manually invoking `commit()`.
Especially not as part of any reusable configuration methods. Normally it should only be done by an application author at the end of configuration in order to override certain aspects of an addon.

```
begin(request=<object object>)
```

Indicate that application or test configuration has begun. This pushes a dictionary containing the `application registry` implied by `registry` attribute of this configurator and the `request` implied by the `request` argument onto the thread local stack consulted by various `pyramid.threadlocal` API functions.

If `request` is not specified and the registry owned by the configurator is already pushed as the current threadlocal registry then this method will keep the current threadlocal request unchanged.

Changed in version 1.8: The current threadlocal request is propagated if the current threadlocal registry remains unchanged.
end()

Indicate that application or test configuration has ended. This pops the last value pushed onto the thread local stack (usually by the begin method) and returns that value.

include(callable, route_prefix=None)

Include a configuration callable, to support imperative application extensibility.

⚠️ In versions of Pyramid prior to 1.2, this function accepted *callables, but this has been changed to support only a single callable.

A configuration callable should be a callable that accepts a single argument named config, which will be an instance of a Configurator. However, be warned that it will not be the same configurator instance on which you call this method. The code which runs as a result of calling the callable should invoke methods on the configurator passed to it which add configuration state. The return value of a callable will be ignored.

Values allowed to be presented via the callable argument to this method: any callable Python object or any dotted Python name which resolves to a callable Python object. It may also be a Python module, in which case, the module will be searched for a callable named includeme, which will be treated as the configuration callable.

For example, if the includeme function below lives in a module named myapp.myconfig:

```python
# myapp.myconfig module

def my_view(request):
    from pyramid.response import Response
    return Response('OK')

def includeme(config):
    config.add_view(my_view)
```

You might cause it to be included within your Pyramid application like so:
from pyramid.config import Configurator

def main(global_config, **settings):
    config = Configurator()
    config.include('myapp.myconfig.includeme')

Because the function is named includeme, the function name can also be omitted from the dotted name reference:

from pyramid.config import Configurator

def main(global_config, **settings):
    config = Configurator()
    config.include('myapp.myconfig')

Included configuration statements will be overridden by local configuration statements if an included callable causes a configuration conflict by registering something with the same configuration parameters.

If the route_prefix is supplied, it must be a string and will have a similar effect to using `pyramid.config.Configurator.route_prefix_context()`. Any calls to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()` within the included callable will have their pattern prefixed with the value of route_prefix. This can be used to help mount a set of routes at a different location than the included callable's author intended, while still maintaining the same route names. For example:

from pyramid.config import Configurator

def included(config):
    config.add_route('show_users', '/show')

def main(global_config, **settings):
    config = Configurator()
    config.include(included, route_prefix='/users')

In the above configuration, the show_users route will have an effective route pattern of /users/show, instead of /show because the route_prefix argument will be prepended to the pattern.

New in version 1.2: The route_prefix parameter.
Changed in version 1.9: The included function is wrapped with a call to `pyramid.config.Configurator.begin()` and `pyramid.config.Configurator.end()` while it is executed.

**make_wsgi_app()**

Commits any pending configuration statements, sends a `pyramid.events.ApplicationCreated` event to all listeners, adds this configuration’s registry to `pyramid.config.global_registries`, and returns a Pyramid WSGI application representing the committed configuration state.

**route_prefix_context(route_prefix)**

Return this configurator with a route prefix temporarily set.

When the context exits, the route_prefix is reset to the original.

route_prefix is a string suitable to be used as a route prefix, or None.

Example Usage:

```python
config = Configurator()
with config.route_prefix_context('foo'):
    config.add_route('bar', '/bar')
```

New in version 1.10.

**scan** (package=None, categories=('pyramid'), onerror=None, ignore=None, **kw)

Scan a Python package and any of its subpackages for objects marked with configuration decoration such as `pyramid.view.view_config`. Any decorated object found will influence the current configuration state.

The package argument should be a Python package or module object (or a dotted Python name which refers to such a package or module). If package is None, the package of the caller is used.

The categories argument, if provided, should be the Venusian ‘scan categories’ to use during scanning. Providing this argument is not often necessary; specifying scan categories is an extremely advanced usage. By default, categories is ['pyramid'] which will execute only Pyramid-related Venusian decorator callbacks such as from `pyramid.view.view_config`. See the Venusian documentation for more information about limiting a scan by using an explicit set of categories. Pass None to pick up all Venusian decorators.
The `onerror` argument, if provided, should be a Venusian `onerror` callback function. The `onerror` function is passed to `venusian.Scanner.scan()` to influence error behavior when an exception is raised during the scanning process. See the `Venusian` documentation for more information about `onerror` callbacks.

The `ignore` argument, if provided, should be a Venusian `ignore` value. Providing an `ignore` argument allows the scan to ignore particular modules, packages, or global objects during a scan. `ignore` can be a string or a callable, or a list containing strings or callables. The simplest usage of `ignore` is to provide a module or package by providing a full path to its dotted name. For example: `config.scan(ignore='my.module.subpackage')` would ignore the `my.module.subpackage` package during a scan, which would prevent the subpackage and any of its submodules from being imported and scanned. See the `Venusian` documentation for more information about the `ignore` argument.

To perform a scan, Pyramid creates a Venusian `Scanner` object. The `kw` argument represents a set of keyword arguments to pass to the Venusian `Scanner` object’s constructor. See the `venusian` documentation (its `Scanner` class) for more information about the constructor. By default, the only keyword arguments passed to the `Scanner` constructor are `{'config':self}` where `self` is this configurator object. This services the requirement of all built-in Pyramid decorators, but extension systems may require additional arguments. Providing this argument is not often necessary; it’s an advanced usage.

New in version 1.1: The `**kw` argument.

New in version 1.3: The `ignore` argument.

Changed in version 2.0: The `categories` argument now defaults to `['pyramid']` instead of `None` to control which decorator callbacks are executed.

Adding Routes and Views

```python
add_route(name, pattern=None, factory=None, for_=None, header=None, xhr=None, accept=None, path_info=None, request_method=None, request_param=None, traverse=None, custom_predicates=(), use_global_views=False, path=None, pregenerator=None, static=False, inherit_slash=None, **predicates)
```

Add a route configuration to the current configuration state. Arguments to `add_route` are divided into predicate and non-predicate types. Route predicate arguments narrow the circumstances in which a route will match a request; non-predicate arguments are informational.

Non-Predicate Arguments

`name`
The name of the route, e.g. myroute. This attribute is required. It must be unique among all defined routes in a given application.

factory
A Python object (often a function or a class) or a dotted Python name which refers to the same object that will generate a Pyramid root resource object when this route matches. For example, mypackage.resources.MyFactory. If this argument is not specified, a default root factory will be used. See The Resource Tree for more information about root factories.

traverse
If you would like to cause the context to be something other than the root object when this route matches, you can spell a traversal pattern as the traverse argument. This traversal pattern will be used as the traversal path: traversal will begin at the root object implied by this route (either the global root, or the object returned by the factory associated with this route).

The syntax of the traverse argument is the same as it is for pattern. For example, if the pattern provided to add_route is articles/{article}/edit, and the traverse argument provided to add_route is /{article}, when a request comes in that causes the route to match in such a way that the article match value is '1' (when the request URI is /articles/1/edit), the traversal path will be generated as /1. This means that the root object’s __getitem__ will be called with the name '1' during the traversal phase. If the '1' object exists, it will become the context of the request. Traversal has more information about traversal.

If the traversal path contains segment marker names which are not present in the pattern argument, a runtime error will occur. The traverse pattern should not contain segment markers that do not exist in the pattern argument.

A similar combining of routing and traversal is available when a route is matched which contains a *traverse remainder marker in its pattern (see Using *traverse in a Route Pattern). The traverse argument to add_route allows you to associate route patterns with an arbitrary traversal path without using a *traverse remainder marker; instead you can use other match information.

Note that the traverse argument to add_route is ignored when attached to a route that has a *traverse remainder marker in its pattern.
This option should be a callable object that implements the `pyramid.interfaces.IRoutePregenerator` interface. A pregenerator is a callable called by the `pyramid.request.Request.route_url()` function to augment or replace the arguments it is passed when generating a URL for the route. This is a feature not often used directly by applications, it is meant to be hooked by frameworks that use Pyramid as a base.

**use_global_views**

When a request matches this route, and view lookup cannot find a view which has a `route_name` predicate argument that matches the route, try to fall back to using a view that otherwise matches the context, request, and view name (but which does not match the `route_name` predicate).

**static**

If `static` is `True`, this route will never match an incoming request; it will only be useful for URL generation. By default, `static` is `False`. See *Static Routes*.

New in version 1.1.

**inherit_slash**

This argument can only be used when the `pattern` is an empty string (`''`). By default, the composed route pattern will always include a trailing slash, but this argument provides a way to opt-out if both, you (the developer invoking `add_route`) and the integrator (the developer setting the `route_prefix`), agree that the pattern should not contain a trailing slash. For example:

```python
with config.route_prefix_context('/users'):
    config.add_route('users', '', inherit_slash=True)
```

In this example, the resulting route pattern will be `/users`. Alternatively, if the route prefix were `/users/`, then the resulting route pattern would be `/users/`.

New in version 2.0.

**Predicate Arguments**

**pattern**

The pattern of the route e.g. `ideas/{idea}`. This argument is required. See *Route Pattern Syntax* for information about the syntax of route patterns. If the pattern doesn’t match the current URL, route matching continues.

For backwards compatibility purposes (as of Pyramid 1.0), a path keyword argument passed to this function will be used to represent the pattern value if the `pattern` argument is `None`. If both path and `pattern` are passed, `pattern` wins.
xhr
This value should be either True or False. If this value is specified and is True, the request must possess an HTTP_X_REQUESTED_WITH (aka X-Requested-With) header for this route to match. This is useful for detecting AJAX requests issued from jQuery, Prototype and other Javascript libraries. If this predicate returns False, route matching continues.

request_method
A string representing an HTTP method name, e.g. GET, POST, HEAD, DELETE, PUT or a tuple of elements containing HTTP method names. If this argument is not specified, this route will match if the request has any request method. If this predicate returns False, route matching continues.

Changed in version 1.2: The ability to pass a tuple of items as request_method. Previous versions allowed only a string.

path_info
This value represents a regular expression pattern that will be tested against the PATH_INFO WSGI environment variable. If the regex matches, this predicate will return True. If this predicate returns False, route matching continues.

request_param
This value can be any string or an iterable of strings. A view declaration with this argument ensures that the associated route will only match when the request has a key in the request.params dictionary (an HTTP GET or POST variable) that has a name which matches the supplied value. If the value supplied as the argument has a = sign in it, e.g. request_param=“foo=123”, then both the key (foo) must exist in the request.params dictionary, and the value must match the right hand side of the expression (123) for the route to ”match” the current request. If this predicate returns False, route matching continues.

header
This argument can be a string or an iterable of strings for HTTP headers. The matching is determined as follow:

• If a string does not contain a : (colon), it will be considered to be the header name (example If-Modified-Since). In this case, the header specified by the name must be present in the request for this string to match. Case is not significant.
• If a string contains a colon, it will be considered a name/value pair (for example User-Agent:Mozilla/.* or Host=localhost), where the value part is a regular expression. The header specified by the name must be present in the request and the regular expression specified as the value part must match the value of the request header. Case is not significant for the header name, but it is for the value.

All strings must be matched for this predicate to return True. If this predicate returns False, route matching continues.
accept
A media type that will be matched against the Accept HTTP request header. If this value is specified, it may be a specific media type such as text/html, or a list of the same. If the media type is acceptable by the Accept header of the request, or if the Accept header isn’t set at all in the request, this predicate will match. If this does not match the Accept header of the request, route matching continues.

If accept is not specified, the HTTP_ACCEPT HTTP header is not taken into consideration when deciding whether or not to select the route.

Unlike the accept argument to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view(), this value is strictly a predicate and supports pyramid.config.not_().

Changed in version 1.10: Specifying a media range is deprecated due to changes in WebOb and ambiguities that occur when trying to match ranges against ranges in the Accept header. Support will be removed in Pyramid 2.0. Use a list of specific media types to match more than one type.

Changed in version 2.0: Removed support for media ranges.

is_authenticated
This value, if specified, must be either True or False. If it is specified and True, only a request from an authenticated user, as determined by the security policy in use, will satisfy the predicate. If it is specified and False, only a request from a user who is not authenticated will satisfy the predicate.

New in version 2.0.

effective_principals
If specified, this value should be a principal identifier or a sequence of principal identifiers. If the pyramid.request.Request.effective_principals property indicates that every principal named in the argument list is present in the current request, this predicate will return True; otherwise it will return False. For example: effective_principals=pyramid.authorization.Authenticated or effective_principals=('fred', 'group:admins').

New in version 1.4a4.

Deprecated since version 2.0: Use is_authenticated or a custom predicate.

custom_predicates
Deprecated since version 1.5: This value should be a sequence of references to custom predicate callables. Use custom predicates when no set of predefined predicates does what you need. Custom predicates can be combined with predefined predicates as necessary. Each custom predicate callable should accept two arguments: info and request and should return either True or False after doing arbitrary evaluation of the info and/or the request. If all custom and non-custom predicate callables return True the associated route will be considered viable for a given request. If any predicate callable returns False, route matching continues. Note that the value info passed to a custom route predicate is a dictionary containing matching information; see Custom Route Predicates for more information about info.

**predicates**

Pass extra keyword parameters to use custom predicates registered via `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route_predicate()`. More than one custom predicate can be used at the same time. See View and Route Predicates for more information about custom predicates.

New in version 1.4.

**add_static_view**(name, path, **kw)

Add a view used to render static assets such as images and CSS files.

The name argument is a string representing an application-relative local URL prefix. It may alternately be a full URL.

The path argument is the path on disk where the static files reside. This can be an absolute path, a package-relative path, or a asset specification.

The cache_max_age keyword argument is input to set the Expires and Cache-Control headers for static assets served. Note that this argument has no effect when the name is a url prefix. By default, this argument is None, meaning that no particular Expires or Cache-Control headers are set in the response.

The content_encodings keyword argument is a list of alternative file encodings supported in the Accept-Encoding HTTP Header. Alternative files are found using file extensions defined in mimetypes.encodings_map. An encoded asset will be returned with the Content-Encoding header set to the selected encoding. If the asset contains alternative encodings then the Accept-Encoding value will be added to the response’s Vary header. By default, the list is empty and no alternatives will be supported.

The permission keyword argument is used to specify the permission required by a user to execute the static view. By default, it is the string pyramid.security.NO_PERMISSION_REQUIRED, a special sentinel which indicates that, even if a
**default permission** exists for the current application, the static view should be rendered to completely anonymous users. This default value is permissive because, in most web apps, static assets seldom need protection from viewing. If permission is specified, the security checking will be performed against the default root factory ACL.

Any other keyword arguments sent to `add_static_view` are passed on to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()` (e.g. factory, perhaps to define a custom factory with a custom ACL for this static view).

**Usage**

The `add_static_view` function is typically used in conjunction with the `pyramid.request.Request.static_url()` method. `add_static_view` adds a view which renders a static asset when some URL is visited; `pyramid.request.Request.static_url()` generates a URL to that asset.

The name argument to `add_static_view` is usually a simple URL prefix (e.g. 'images'). When this is the case, the `pyramid.request.Request.static_url()` API will generate a URL which points to a Pyramid view, which will serve up a set of assets that live in the package itself. For example:

```python
add_static_view('images', 'mypackage:images/')
```

Code that registers such a view can generate URLs to the view via `pyramid.request.Request.static_url()`:

```python
request.static_url('mypackage:images/logo.png')
```

When `add_static_view` is called with a name argument that represents a URL prefix, as it is above, subsequent calls to `pyramid.request.Request.static_url()` with paths that start with the path argument passed to `add_static_view` will generate a URL something like `http://<Pyramid app URL>/images/logo.png`, which will cause the logo.png file in the images subdirectory of the mypackage package to be served.

`add_static_view` can alternately be used with a name argument which is a URL, causing static assets to be served from an external webserver. This happens when the name argument is a fully qualified URL (e.g. starts with `http://` or
similar). In this mode, the `name` is used as the prefix of the full URL when generating a URL using `pyramid.request.Request.static_url()`. Furthermore, if a protocol-relative URL (e.g. `//example.com/images`) is used as the `name` argument, the generated URL will use the protocol of the request (http or https, respectively).

For example, if `add_static_view` is called like so:

```python
add_static_view('http://example.com/images', 
                'mypackage:images/')
```

Subsequently, the URLs generated by `pyramid.request.Request.static_url()` for that static view will be prefixed with `http://example.com/images` (the external webserver listening on `example.com` must be itself configured to respond properly to such a request):

```python
static_url('mypackage:images/logo.png', request)
```

See `Serving Static Assets` for more information.

Changed in version 2.0: Added the `content_encodings` argument.

```python
add_view(view=None, name='', for_=None, permission=None, request_type=None, route_name=None, request_method=None, request_param=None, containment=None, attr=None, renderer=None, wrapper=None, xhr=None, accept=None, header=None, path_info=None, custom_predicates=(), context=None,decorator=None, mapper=None, http_cache=None, match_param=None, require_csrf=None, exception_only=False, **view_options)
```

Add a view configuration to the current configuration state. Arguments to `add_view` are broken down below into predicate arguments and non-predicate arguments. Predicate arguments narrow the circumstances in which the view callable will be invoked when a request is presented to Pyramid; non-predicate arguments are informational.

Non-Predicate Arguments

```python
view
```

A view callable or a dotted Python name which refers to a view callable. This argument is required unless a `renderer` argument also exists. If a `renderer` argument is passed, and a `view` argument is not provided, the view callable defaults to a callable that returns an empty dictionary (see `Writing View Callables Which Use a Renderer`).
permission

A permission that the user must possess in order to invoke the view callable. See Configuring View Security for more information about view security and permissions. This is often a string like view or edit.

If permission is omitted, a default permission may be used for this view registration if one was named as the pyramid.config.Configurator constructor's default_permission argument, or if pyramid.config.Configurator.set_default_permission() was used prior to this view registration. Pass the value pyramid.security.NO_PERMISSION_REQUIRED as the permission argument to explicitly indicate that the view should always be executable by entirely anonymous users, regardless of the default permission, bypassing any authorization policy that may be in effect.

attr

This knob is most useful when the view definition is a class.

The view machinery defaults to using the __call__ method of the view callable (or the function itself, if the view callable is a function) to obtain a response. The attr value allows you to vary the method attribute used to obtain the response. For example, if your view was a class, and the class has a method named index and you wanted to use this method instead of the class' __call__ method to return the response, you'd say attr="index" in the view configuration for the view.

renderer

This is either a single string term (e.g. json) or a string implying a path or asset specification (e.g. templates/views.pt) naming a renderer implementation. If the renderer value does not contain a dot ., the specified string will be used to look up a renderer implementation, and that renderer implementation will be used to construct a response from the view return value. If the renderer value contains a dot (.), the specified term will be treated as a path, and the filename extension of the last element in the path will be used to look up the renderer implementation, which will be passed the full path. The renderer implementation will be used to construct a response from the view return value.

Note that if the view itself returns a response (see View Callable Responses), the specified renderer implementation is never called.

When the renderer is a path, although a path is usually just a simple relative pathname (e.g. templates/foo.pt, implying that a template named "foo.pt" is in the "templates" directory relative to the directory of
the current package of the Configurator), a path can be absolute, starting with a slash on UNIX or a drive letter prefix on Windows. The path can alternately be a asset specification in the form some.dotted.package_name:relative/path, making it possible to address template assets which live in a separate package.

The renderer attribute is optional. If it is not defined, the ”null” renderer is assumed (no rendering is performed and the value is passed back to the upstream Pyramid machinery unmodified).

http_cache
New in version 1.1.

When you supply an http_cache value to a view configuration, the Expires and Cache-Control headers of a response generated by the associated view callable are modified. The value for http_cache may be one of the following:

• A nonzero integer. If it's a nonzero integer, it's treated as a number of seconds. This number of seconds will be used to compute the Expires header and the Cache-Control: max-age parameter of responses to requests which call this view. For example: http_cache=3600 instructs the requesting browser to 'cache this response for an hour, please'.

• A datetime.timedelta instance. If it's a datetime.timedelta instance, it will be converted into a number of seconds, and that number of seconds will be used to compute the Expires header and the Cache-Control: max-age parameter of responses to requests which call this view. For example: http_cache=datetime.timedelta(days=1) instructs the requesting browser to 'cache this response for a day, please'.

• Zero (0). If the value is zero, the Cache-Control and Expires headers present in all responses from this view will be composed such that client browser cache (and any intermediate caches) are instructed to never cache the response.

• A two-tuple. If it's a two tuple (e.g. http_cache=(1, {'public':True})), the first value in the tuple may be a nonzero integer or a datetime.timedelta instance; in either case this value will be used as the number of seconds to cache the response. The second value in the tuple must be a dictionary. The values present in the dictionary will be used as input to the Cache-Control response header. For example: http_cache=(3600, {'public':True}) means 'cache for an hour, and add public to the Cache-Control header of the response'. All keys and values supported by the webob.cachecontrol.CacheControl interface may be added to the dictionary. Supplying {'public':True} is equivalent to calling response.cache_control.public = True.
Providing a non-tuple value as `http_cache` is equivalent to calling `response.cache_expires(value)` within your view’s body.

Providing a two-tuple value as `http_cache` is equivalent to calling `response.cache_expires(value[0], **value[1])` within your view’s body.

If you wish to avoid influencing the `Expires` header, and instead wish to only influence `Cache-Control` headers, pass a tuple as `http_cache` with the first element of `None`, e.g.: `(None, {'public':True})`.

If you wish to prevent a view that uses `http_cache` in its configuration from having its caching response headers changed by this machinery, set `response.cache_control.prevent_auto = True` before returning the response from the view. This effectively disables any HTTP caching done by `http_cache` for that response.

```python
require_csrf
```

New in version 1.7.

A boolean option or `None`. Default: `None`.

If this option is set to `True` then CSRF checks will be enabled for requests to this view. The required token or header default to `csrf_token` and `X-CSRF-Token`, respectively.

CSRF checks only affect "unsafe" methods as defined by RFC2616. By default, these methods are anything except `GET`, `HEAD`, `OPTIONS`, and `TRACE`.

The defaults here may be overridden by `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_default_csrf_options()`.

This feature requires a configured `session factory`.

If this option is set to `False` then CSRF checks will be disabled regardless of the default `require_csrf` setting passed to `set_default_csrf_options`.

See [Checking CSRF Tokens Automatically](#) for more information.
The view name of a different view configuration which will receive the response body of this view as the request.wrapped_body attribute of its own request, and the response returned by this view as the request.wrapped_response attribute of its own request. Using a wrapper makes it possible to “chain” views together to form a composite response. The response of the outermost wrapper view will be returned to the user. The wrapper view will be found as any view is found: see View Configuration. The ”best” wrapper view will be found based on the lookup ordering: ”under the hood” this wrapper view is looked up via pyramid.view.render_view_to_response(context, request, 'wrapper_viewname'). The context and request of a wrapper view is the same context and request of the inner view. If this attribute is unspecified, no view wrapping is done.

decorator

A dotted Python name to function (or the function itself, or an iterable of the aforementioned) which will be used to decorate the registered view callable. The decorator function(s) will be called with the view callable as a single argument. The view callable it is passed will accept (context, request). The decorator(s) must return a replacement view callable which also accepts (context, request).

If decorator is an iterable, the callables will be combined and used in the order provided as a decorator. For example:

```python
@view_config(...,
    decorator=(decorator2,
               decorator1))
def myview(request):
    ....
```

Is similar to doing:

```python
@view_config(...) @decorator2 @decorator1
def myview(request):
    ...
```

Except with the existing benefits of decorator= (having a common decorator syntax for all view calling conventions and not having to think about preserving function attributes such as __name__ and __module__ within decorator logic).
An important distinction is that each decorator will receive a response object implementing `pyramid.interfaces.IResponse` instead of the raw value returned from the view callable. All decorators in the chain must return a response object or raise an exception:

```python
def log_timer(wrapped):
    def wrapper(context, request):
        start = time.time()
        response = wrapped(context, request)
        duration = time.time() - start
        response.headers['X-View-Time'] = '\%.3f' %
        log.info('view took %.3f seconds', duration)
        return response
    return wrapper
```

Changed in version 1.4a4: Passing an iterable.

mapper
A Python object or dotted Python name which refers to a view mapper, or None. By default it is None, which indicates that the view should use the default view mapper. This plug-point is useful for Pyramid extension developers, but it’s not very useful for ‘civilians’ who are just developing stock Pyramid applications. Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain.

accept
A media type that will be matched against the Accept HTTP request header. If this value is specified, it must be a specific media type such as text/html or text/html;level=1. If the media type is acceptable by the Accept header of the request, or if the Accept header isn’t set at all in the request, this predicate will match. If this does not match the Accept header of the request, view matching continues.

If accept is not specified, the HTTP_ACCEPT HTTP header is not taken into consideration when deciding whether or not to invoke the associated view callable.

The accept argument is technically not a predicate and does not support wrapping with `pyramid.config.not_()`.

See Accept Header Content Negotiation for more information.

Changed in version 1.10: Specifying a media range is deprecated and will be removed in Pyramid 2.0. Use explicit media types to avoid any ambiguities in content negotiation.

Changed in version 2.0: Removed support for media ranges.
exception_only

New in version 1.8.

When this value is True, the context argument must be a subclass of Exception. This flag indicates that only an exception view should be created, and that this view should not match if the traversal context matches the context argument. If the context is a subclass of Exception and this value is False (the default), then a view will be registered to match the traversal context as well.

Predicate Arguments

name

The view name. Read Traversal to understand the concept of a view name.

context

An object or a dotted Python name referring to an interface or class object that the context must be an instance of, or the interface that the context must provide in order for this view to be found and called. This predicate is true when the context is an instance of the represented class or if the context provides the represented interface; it is otherwise false. This argument may also be provided to add_view as for (an older, still-supported spelling). If the view should only match when handling exceptions, then set the exception_only to True.

route_name

This value must match the name of a route configuration declaration (see URL Dispatch) that must match before this view will be called.

request_type

This value should be an interface that the request must provide in order for this view to be found and called. This value exists only for backwards compatibility purposes.

request_method

This value can be either a string (such as "GET", "POST", "PUT", "DELETE", "HEAD" or "OPTIONS") representing an HTTP REQUEST_METHOD, or a tuple containing one or more of these strings. A view declaration with this argument ensures that the view will only be called when the method attribute of the request (aka the REQUEST_METHOD of the WSGI environment) matches a supplied value. Note that use of GET also implies that the view will respond to HEAD as of Pyramid 1.4.

Changed in version 1.2: The ability to pass a tuple of items as request_method. Previous versions allowed only a string.

request_param

This value can be any string or any sequence of strings. A view declaration with this argument ensures that the view will only be called when the request has a key in the request.params dictionary (an HTTP GET or POST
variable) that has a name which matches the supplied value (if the value is a string) or values (if the value is a tuple). If any value supplied has a `=` sign in it, e.g. `request_param="foo=123"`, then the key (foo) must both exist in the `request.params` dictionary, and the value must match the right hand side of the expression (123) for the view to “match” the current request.

**match_param**

New in version 1.2.

This value can be a string of the format "key=value" or a tuple containing one or more of these strings.

A view declaration with this argument ensures that the view will only be called when the `request` has key/value pairs in its `matchdict` that equal those supplied in the predicate. E.g. `match_param="action=edit"` would require the action parameter in the `matchdict` match the right hand side of the expression (edit) for the view to “match” the current request.

If the `match_param` is a tuple, every key/value pair must match for the predicate to pass.

**containment**

This value should be a Python class or `interface` (or a dotted Python name) that an object in the lineage of the context must provide in order for this view to be found and called. The nodes in your object graph must be “location-aware” to use this feature. See Location-Aware Resources for more information about location-awareness.

**xhr**

This value should be either `True` or `False`. If this value is specified and is `True`, the `request` must possess an `HTTP_X_REQUESTED_WITH` (aka `X-Requested-With`) header that has the value `XMLHttpRequest` for this view to be found and called. This is useful for detecting AJAX requests issued from jQuery, Prototype and other Javascript libraries.

**header**

This argument can be a string or an iterable of strings for HTTP headers. The matching is determined as follow:

- If a string does not contain a : (colon), it will be considered to be a header name (example `If-Modified-Since`). In this case, the header specified by the name must be present in the request for this string to match. Case is not significant.
- If a string contains a colon, it will be considered a name/value pair (for example `User-Agent:Mozilla/.*` or `Host:localhost`), where the value part is a regular expression. The header specified by the name must be present in the request and the regular expression specified as the value part must match the value of the request header. Case is not significant for the header name, but it is for the value.
All strings must be matched for this predicate to return `True`. If this predicate returns `False`, view matching continues.

**path_info**
This value represents a regular expression pattern that will be tested against the `PATH_INFO` WSGI environment variable. If the regex matches, this predicate will be `True`.

**physical_path**
If specified, this value should be a string or a tuple representing the physical path of the context found via traversal for this predicate to match as true. For example: `physical_path='/'` or `physical_path='a/b/c'` or `physical_path=('a', 'b', 'c')`. This is not a path prefix match or a regex, it’s a whole-path match. It’s useful when you want to always potentially show a view when some object is traversed to, but you can’t be sure about what kind of object it will be, so you can’t use the context predicate. The individual path elements in between slash characters or in tuple elements should be the Unicode representation of the name of the resource and should not be encoded in any way.

New in version 1.4a3.

**is_authenticated**
This value, if specified, must be either `True` or `False`. If it is specified and `True`, only a request from an authenticated user, as determined by the security policy in use, will satisfy the predicate. If it is specified and `False`, only a request from a user who is not authenticated will satisfy the predicate.

New in version 2.0.

**effective_principals**
If specified, this value should be a `principal` identifier or a sequence of principal identifiers. If the `pyramid.request.Request.effective_principals` property indicates that every principal named in the argument list is present in the current request, this predicate will return `True`; otherwise it will return `False`. For example: `effective_principals=pyramid.authorization.Authenticated` or `effective_principals=('fred', 'group:admins')`.

New in version 1.4a4.

Deprecated since version 2.0: Use `is_authenticated` or a custom predicate.

**custom_predicates**
Deprecated since version 1.5: This value should be a sequence of references to custom predicate callables. Each custom predicate callable should accept two arguments: context and request and should return either True or False after doing arbitrary evaluation of the context and/or the request. The ability to register custom view predicates via `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view_predicate()` obsoletes this argument, but it is kept around for backwards compatibility.

**view_options**

Pass extra keyword parameters to use custom predicates or set a value for a view deriver. See `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view_predicate()` and `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view_deriver()`. See *View and Route Predicates* for more information about custom predicates and *View Derivers* for information about view derivers.

Changed in version 2.0: Removed support for the `check_csrf` predicate.

```
add_notfound_view(view=None, attr=None, renderer=None, wrapper=None, route_name=None, request_type=None, request_method=None, request_param=None, containment=None, xhr=None, accept=None, header=None, path_info=None, custom_predicates=(), decorator=None, mapper=None, match_param=None, append_slash=False, **view_options)
```

Add a default *Not Found View* to the current configuration state. The view will be called when Pyramid or application code raises an `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPNotFound` exception (e.g., when a view cannot be found for the request). The simplest example is:

```python
def notfound(request):
    return Response('Not Found', status='404 Not Found')
config.add_notfound_view(notfound)
```

If view argument is not provided, the view callable defaults to `default_exceptionresponse_view()`.

All arguments except `append_slash` have the same meaning as `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` and each predicate argument restricts the set of circumstances under which this notfound view will be invoked. Unlike `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()`, this method will raise an exception if passed `name`, `permission`, `require_csrf`, `context`, `for__`, or `exception_only` keyword arguments. These argument values make no sense in the context of a Not Found View.
If `append_slash` is True, when this Not Found View is invoked, and the current path info does not end in a slash, the notfound logic will attempt to find a route that matches the request’s path info suffixed with a slash. If such a route exists, Pyramid will issue a redirect to the URL implied by the route; if it does not, Pyramid will return the result of the view callable provided as `view`, as normal.

If the argument provided as `append_slash` is not a boolean but instead implements `IResponse`, the append_slash logic will behave as if `append_slash=True` was passed, but the provided class will be used as the response class instead of the default `HTTPTemporaryRedirect` response class when a redirect is performed. For example:

```python
from pyramid.httpexceptions import HTTPMovedPermanently
config.add_notfound_view(append_slash=HTTPMovedPermanently)
```

The above means that a redirect to a slash-appended route will be attempted, but instead of `HTTPTemporaryRedirect` being used, `HTTPMovedPermanently` will be used for the redirect response if a slash-appended route is found.

`HTTPTemporaryRedirect` class is used as default response, which is equivalent to `HTTPFound` with addition of redirecting with the same HTTP method (useful when doing POST requests).

New in version 1.3.

Changed in version 1.6: The `append_slash` argument was modified to allow any object that implements the `IResponse` interface to specify the response class used when a redirect is performed.

Changed in version 1.8: The view is created using `exception_only=True`.

```python
add_forbidden_view(view=None, attr=None, renderer=None, wrapper=None, route_name=None, request_type=None, request_method=None, request_param=None, containment=None, xhr=None, accept=None, header=None, path_info=None, custom_predicates=(), decorator=None, mapper=None, match_param=None, **view_options)
```

Add a forbidden view to the current configuration state. The view will be called when Pyramid or application code raises a `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPForbidden` exception and the set of circumstances implied by the predicates provided are matched. The simplest example is:
def forbidden(request):
    return Response('Forbidden', status='403 Forbidden')
config.add_forbidden_view(forbidden)

If view argument is not provided, the view callable defaults to default_exceptionresponse_view().

All arguments have the same meaning as pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view() and each predicate argument restricts the set of circumstances under which this forbidden view will be invoked. Unlike pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view(), this method will raise an exception if passed name, permission, require_csrf, context, for_, or exception_only keyword arguments. These argument values make no sense in the context of a forbidden exception view.

New in version 1.3.

Changed in version 1.8: The view is created using exception_only=True.

add_exception_view(view=None, context=None, **view_options)
Add an exception view for the specified exception to the current configuration state. The view will be called when Pyramid or application code raises the given exception.

This method accepts almost all of the same arguments as pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view() except for name, permission, for_, require_csrf, and exception_only.

By default, this method will set context=Exception, thus registering for most default Python exceptions. Any subclass of Exception may be specified.

New in version 1.8.

Adding an Event Subscriber

add_subscriber(subscriber, iface=None, **predicates)
Add an event subscriber for the event stream implied by the supplied iface interface.

The subscriber argument represents a callable object (or a dotted Python name which identifies a callable); it will be called with a single object event whenever
Pyramid emits an event associated with the iface, which may be an interface or a class or a dotted Python name to a global object representing an interface or a class.

Using the default iface value, None will cause the subscriber to be registered for all event types. See Using Events for more information about events and subscribers.

Any number of predicate keyword arguments may be passed in **predicates. Each predicate named will narrow the set of circumstances in which the subscriber will be invoked. Each named predicate must have been registered via pyramid.config.Configurator.add_subscriber_predicate() before it can be used. See Subscriber Predicates for more information.

New in version 1.4: The **predicates argument.

Using Security

**set_security_policy**(policy)
Override the Pyramid security policy in the current configuration. The policy argument must be an instance of a security policy or a dotted Python name that points at an instance of a security policy.

Using the security_policy argument to the pyramid.config.Configurator constructor can be used to achieve the same purpose.

**set_authentication_policy**(policy)
Deprecated since version 2.0: Authentication policies have been replaced by security policies. See upgrading_auth_20 for more information.

Override the Pyramid authentication policy in the current configuration. The policy argument must be an instance of an authentication policy or a dotted Python name that points at an instance of an authentication policy.

Using the authentication_policy argument to the pyramid.config.Configurator constructor can be used to achieve the same purpose.
**set_authorization_policy** *(policy)*

Deprecated since version 2.0: Authentication policies have been replaced by security policies. See upgrading_auth_20 for more information.

Override the Pyramid *authorization policy* in the current configuration. The *policy* argument must be an instance of an authorization policy or a *dotted Python name* that points at an instance of an authorization policy.

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> Using the *authorization_policy* argument to the *pyramid.config.Configurator* constructor can be used to achieve the same purpose.

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**set_default_csrf_options** *(require_csrf=True, **token**='csrf_token', **header**='X-CSRF-Token', **safe_methods**=('GET', 'HEAD', 'OPTIONS', 'TRACE'), **check_origin**=True, **allow_no_origin**=False, **callback**=None)*

Set the default CSRF options used by subsequent view registrations.

*require_csrf* controls whether CSRF checks will be automatically enabled on each view in the application. This value is used as the fallback when *require_csrf* is left at the default of None on *pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()*.

*token* is the name of the CSRF token used in the body of the request, accessed via *request.POST[token]*. Default: *csrf_token*.

*header* is the name of the header containing the CSRF token, accessed via *request.headers[header]*. Default: *X-CSRF-Token*.

If *token* or *header* are set to None they will not be used for checking CSRF tokens.

*safe_methods* is an iterable of HTTP methods which are expected to not contain side-effects as defined by RFC2616. Safe methods will never be automatically checked for CSRF tokens. Default: ('GET', 'HEAD', 'OPTIONS', 'TRACE').
check_origin is a boolean. If False, the Origin and Referer headers will not be validated as part of automated CSRF checks.

allow_no_origin is a boolean. If True, a request lacking both an Origin and Referer header will pass the CSRF check. This option has no effect if check_origin is False.

If callback is set, it must be a callable accepting (request) and returning True if the request should be checked for a valid CSRF token. This callback allows an application to support alternate authentication methods that do not rely on cookies which are not subject to CSRF attacks. For example, if a request is authenticated using the Authorization header instead of a cookie, this may return False for that request so that clients do not need to send the X-CSRF-Token header. The callback is only tested for non-safe methods as defined by safe_methods.

New in version 1.7.

Changed in version 1.8: Added the callback option.

Changed in version 2.0: Added the allow_no_origin and check_origin options.

set.csrf.storage_policy (policy)
Set the CSRF storage policy used by subsequent view registrations.

policy is a class that implements the pyramid.interfaces.ICSRFStoragePolicy() interface and defines how to generate and persist CSRF tokens.

set.default.permission (permission)
Set the default permission to be used by all subsequent view configuration registrations. permission should be a permission string to be used as the default permission. An example of a permission string: 'view'. Adding a default permission makes it unnecessary to protect each view configuration with an explicit permission, unless your application policy requires some exception for a particular view.

If a default permission is not set, views represented by view configuration registrations which do not explicitly declare a permission will be executable by entirely anonymous users (any authorization policy is ignored).

Later calls to this method override will conflict with earlier calls; there can be only one default permission active at a time within an application.
If a default permission is in effect, view configurations meant to create a truly anonymously accessible view (even exception view views) must use the value of the permission importable as `pyramid.security.NO_PERMISSION_REQUIRED`. When this string is used as the permission for a view configuration, the default permission is ignored, and the view is registered, making it available to all callers regardless of their credentials.

See also:

See also Setting a Default Permission.

Using the `default_permission` argument to the `pyramid.config.Configurator` constructor can be used to achieve the same purpose.

```
add_permission(permission_name)
```

A configurator directive which registers a free-standing permission without associating it with a view callable. This can be used so that the permission shows up in the introspectable data under the permissions category (permissions mentioned via `add_view` already end up in there). For example:

```python
cfg = Configurator()
cfg.add_permission('view')
```

Extending the Request Object

```
add_request_method(callable=None, name=None, property=False, reify=False)
```

Add a property or method to the request object.

When adding a method to the request, `callable` may be any function that receives the request object as the first parameter. If `name` is `None` then it will be computed from the name of the `callable`.

When adding a property to the request, `callable` can either be a callable that accepts the request as its single positional parameter, or it can be a
property descriptor. If callable is a property descriptor, it has to be an instance of a class which is a subclass of property. If name is None, the name of the property will be computed from the name of the callable.

If the callable is a property descriptor a ValueError will be raised if name is None or reify is True.

See `pyramid.request.Request.set_property()` for more details on property vs reify. When reify is True, the value of property is assumed to also be True.

In all cases, callable may also be a dotted Python name which refers to either a callable or a property descriptor.

If callable is None then the method is only used to assist in conflict detection between different addons requesting the same attribute on the request object.

This is the recommended method for extending the request object and should be used in favor of providing a custom request factory via `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_request_factory()`.

New in version 1.4.

Using I18N

```python
add_translation_dirs(*specs, **kw)
```

Add one or more translation directory paths to the current configuration state. The specs argument is a sequence that may contain absolute directory paths (e.g. `/usr/share/locale`) or asset specification names naming a directory path (e.g. `some.package:locale`) or a combination of the two.

Example:

```python
config.add_translation_dirs('/usr/share/locale', 'some.package:locale')
```
The translation directories are defined as a list in which translations defined later have precedence over translations defined earlier.

By default, consecutive calls to `add_translation_dirs` will add directories to the start of the list. This means later calls to `add_translation_dirs` will have their translations trumped by earlier calls. If you explicitly need this call to trump an earlier call then you may set `override` to `True`.

If multiple specs are provided in a single call to `add_translation_dirs`, the directories will be inserted in the order they’re provided (earlier items are trumped by later items).

Changed in version 1.8: The `override` parameter was added to allow a later call to `add_translation_dirs` to override an earlier call, inserting folders at the beginning of the translation directory list.

**set_locale_negotiator** *(negotiator)*

Set the `locale negotiator` for this application. The `locale negotiator` is a callable which accepts a `request` object and which returns a `locale name`. The `negotiator` argument should be the locale negotiator implementation or a `dotted Python name` which refers to such an implementation.

Later calls to this method override earlier calls; there can be only one locale negotiator active at a time within an application. See Activating Translation for more information.

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Using the `locale_negotiator` argument to the `pyramid.config.Configurator` constructor can be used to achieve the same purpose.

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Overriding Assets

**override_asset** *(to_override, override_with, _override=None)*

Add a Pyramid asset override to the current configuration state.

`to_override` is an `asset specification` to the asset being overridden.

`override_with` is an `asset specification` to the asset that is performing the override. This may also be an absolute path.

See Static Assets for more information about asset overrides.
Getting and Adding Settings

**add_settings** *(settings=None, **kw)*

Augment the *deployment settings* with one or more key/value pairs.

You may pass a dictionary:

```python
config.add_settings({'external_uri': 'http://example.com'})
```

Or a set of key/value pairs:

```python
config.add_settings(external_uri='http://example.com')
```

This function is useful when you need to test code that accesses the *pyramid.registry.Registry.settings* API (or the *pyramid.config.Configurator.get_settings()* API) and which uses values from that API.

**get_settings()**

Return a *deployment settings* object for the current application. A deployment settings object is a dictionary-like object that contains key/value pairs based on the dictionary passed as the *settings* argument to the *pyramid.config.Configurator* constructor.

- the *pyramid.registry.Registry.settings* API performs the same duty.

Hooking Pyramid Behavior

**add_accept_view_order** *(value, weighs_more_than=None, weighs_less_than=None)*

Specify an ordering preference for the *accept* view option used during *view lookup*.

By default, if two views have different *accept* options and a request specifies *Accept: */* or omits the header entirely then it is random which view will be selected. This method provides a way to specify a server-side, relative ordering between accept media types.
value should be a media type as specified by RFC 7231#section-5.3.2. For example, text/plain;charset=utf8, application/json or text/html.

weighs_more_than and weighs_less_than control the ordering of media types. Each value may be a string or a list of strings. If all options for weighs_more_than (or weighs_less_than) cannot be found, it is an error.

Earlier calls to add_accept_view_order are given higher priority over later calls, assuming similar constraints but standard conflict resolution mechanisms can be used to override constraints.

See Accept Header Content Negotiation for more information.

New in version 1.10.

**add_renderer** *(name, factory)*
Add a Pyramid renderer factory to the current configuration state.

The *name* argument is the renderer name. Use None to represent the default renderer (a renderer which will be used for all views unless they name another renderer specifically).

The *factory* argument is Python reference to an implementation of a renderer factory or a dotted Python name to same.

**add_resource_url_adapter** *(adapter, resource_iface=None)*
New in version 1.3.

When you add a traverser as described in Changing the Traverser, it’s convenient to continue to use the pyramid.request.Request.resource_url() API. However, since the way traversal is done may have been modified, the URLs that resource_url generates by default may be incorrect when resources are returned by a custom traverser.

If you’ve added a traverser, you can change how resource_url() generates a URL for a specific type of resource by calling this method.

The *adapter* argument represents a class that implements the IResourceURL interface. The class constructor should accept two arguments in its constructor (the resource and the request) and the resulting instance
should provide the attributes detailed in that interface (virtual_path and physical_path, in particular).

The resource_iface argument represents a class or interface that the resource should possess for this url adapter to be used when pyramid.request.Request.resource_url() looks up a resource url adapter. If resource_iface is not passed, or it is passed as None, the url adapter will be used for every type of resource.

See Changing How pyramid.request.Request.resource_url() Generates a URL for more information.

add_response_adapter (adapter, type_or_iface)
When an object of type (or interface) type_or_iface is returned from a view callable, Pyramid will use the adapter adapter to convert it into an object which implements the pyramid.interfaces.IResponse interface. If adapter is None, an object returned of type (or interface) type_or_iface will itself be used as a response object.

adapter and type_or_interface may be Python objects or strings representing dotted names to importable Python global objects.

See Changing How Pyramid Treats View Responses for more information.

add_traverser (adapter, iface=None)
The superdefault traversal algorithm that Pyramid uses is explained in The Traversal Algorithm. Though it is rarely necessary, this default algorithm can be swapped out selectively for a different traversal pattern via configuration. The section entitled Changing the Traverser details how to create a traverser class.

For example, to override the superdefault traverser used by Pyramid, you might do something like this:

```python
from myapp.traversal import MyCustomTraverser
config.add_traverser(MyCustomTraverser)
```

This would cause the Pyramid superdefault traverser to never be used; instead all traversal would be done using your MyCustomTraverser class, no matter which object was returned by the root factory of this application. Note that we passed no arguments to the iface keyword parameter. The default value of iface, None represents that the registered traverser
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should be used when no other more specific traverser is available for the object returned by the root factory.

However, more than one traversal algorithm can be active at the same time. The traverser used can depend on the result of the root factory. For instance, if your root factory returns more than one type of object conditionally, you could claim that an alternate traverser adapter should be used against one particular class or interface returned by that root factory. When the root factory returned an object that implemented that class or interface, a custom traverser would be used. Otherwise, the default traverser would be used. The iface argument represents the class of the object that the root factory might return or an interface that the object might implement.

To use a particular traverser only when the root factory returns a particular class:

```python
config.add_traverser(MyCustomTraverser, MyRootClass)
```

When more than one traverser is active, the "most specific" traverser will be used (the one that matches the class or interface of the value returned by the root factory most closely).

Note that either adapter or iface can be a dotted Python name or a Python object.

See Changing the Traverser for more information.

add_tween (tween_factory, under=None, over=None)

New in version 1.2.

Add a 'tween factory'. A tween (a contraction of 'between') is a bit of code that sits between the Pyramid router's main request handling function and the upstream WSGI component that uses Pyramid as its 'app'. Tweens are a feature that may be used by Pyramid framework extensions, to provide, for example, Pyramid-specific view timing support, bookkeeping code that examines exceptions before they are returned to the upstream WSGI application, or a variety of other features. Tweens behave a bit like WSGI 'middleware' but they have the benefit of running in a context in which they have access to the Pyramid application registry as well as the Pyramid rendering machinery.
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You can view the tween ordering configured into a given Pyramid application by using the `ptweens` command. See ptweens: Displaying "Tweens".

The `tween_factory` argument must be a *dotted Python name* to a global object representing the tween factory.

The `under` and `over` arguments allow the caller of `add_tween` to provide a hint about where in the tween chain this tween factory should be placed when an implicit tween chain is used. These hints are only used when an explicit tween chain is not used (when the `pyramid.tweens` configuration value is not set). Allowable values for `under` or `over` (or both) are:

• None (the default).
• A *dotted Python name* to a tween factory: a string representing the dotted name of a tween factory added in a call to `add_tween` in the same configuration session.
• One of the constants `pyramid.tweens.MAIN`, `pyramid.tweens.INGRESS`, or `pyramid.tweens.EXCVIEW`.
• An iterable of any combination of the above. This allows the user to specify fallbacks if the desired tween is not included, as well as compatibility with multiple other tweens.

`under` means 'closer to the main Pyramid application than', `over` means 'closer to the request ingress than'.

For example, calling `add_tween('myapp.tfactory', over=pyramid.tweens.MAIN)` will attempt to place the tween factory represented by the dotted name `myapp.tfactory` directly 'above' (in `ptweens` order) the main Pyramid request handler. Likewise, calling `add_tween('myapp.tfactory', over=pyramid.tweens.MAIN, under='mypkg.someothertween')` will attempt to place this tween factory 'above' the main handler but 'below' (a fictional) 'mypkg.someothertween' tween factory.

If all options for `under` (or `over`) cannot be found in the current configuration, it is an error. If some options are specified purely for compatibility with other tweens, just add a fallback of `MAIN` or `INGRESS`. For example, `under=('mypkg.someothertween', 'mypkg.someothertween2', INGRESS)`. This constraint will require the tween to be located under both the 'mypkg.someothertween' tween, the 'mypkg.someothertween2' tween, and INGRESS. If any of these is not in
the current configuration, this constraint will only organize itself based on the tweens that are present.

Specifying neither over nor under is equivalent to specifying under=INGRESS.

Implicit tween ordering is obviously only best-effort. Pyramid will attempt to present an implicit order of tweens as best it can, but the only surefire way to get any particular ordering is to use an explicit tween order. A user may always override the implicit tween ordering by using an explicit pyramid.tweens configuration value setting.

under, and over arguments are ignored when an explicit tween chain is specified using the pyramid.tweens configuration value.

For more information, see Registering Tweens.

**add_route_predicate**(name, factory, weighs_more_than=None, weighs_less_than=None)

Adds a route predicate factory. The view predicate can later be named as a keyword argument to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route().

name should be the name of the predicate. It must be a valid Python identifier (it will be used as a keyword argument to add_route).

factory should be a predicate factory or dotted Python name which refers to a predicate factory.

See View and Route Predicates for more information.

New in version 1.4.

**add_subscriber_predicate**(name, factory, weighs_more_than=None, weighs_less_than=None)

New in version 1.4.

Adds a subscriber predicate factory. The associated subscriber predicate can later be named as a keyword argument to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_subscriber() in the **predicates anonymous keyword argument dictionary.
name should be the name of the predicate. It must be a valid Python identifier (it will be used as a **predicates keyword argument to add_subscriber()).

factory should be a predicate factory or dotted Python name which refers to a predicate factory.

See Subscriber Predicates for more information.

add_view_predicate(name, factory, weighs_more_than=None,
                   weighs_less_than=None)
New in version 1.4.

Adds a view predicate factory. The associated view predicate can later be named as a keyword argument to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view() in the predicates anonymous keyword argument dictionary.

name should be the name of the predicate. It must be a valid Python identifier (it will be used as a keyword argument to add_view by others).

factory should be a predicate factory or dotted Python name which refers to a predicate factory.

See View and Route Predicates for more information.

add_view_deriver(deriver, name=None, under=None, over=None)
New in version 1.7.

Add a view deriver to the view pipeline. View derivers are a feature used by extension authors to wrap views in custom code controllable by view-specific options.

deriver should be a callable conforming to the pyramid.interfaces.IViewDeriver interface.

name should be the name of the view deriver. There are no restrictions on the name of a view deriver. If left unspecified, the name will be constructed from the name of the deriver.

The under and over options can be used to control the ordering of view derivers by providing hints about where in the view pipeline the deriver is used. Each option may be a string or a list of strings. At least one view
deriver in each, the over and under directions, must exist to fully satisfy the constraints.

under means closer to the user-defined view callable, and over means closer to view pipeline ingress.

The default value for over is rendered_view and under is decorated_view. This places the deriver somewhere between the two in the view pipeline. If the deriver should be placed elsewhere in the pipeline, such as above decorated_view, then you MUST also specify under to something earlier in the order, or a CyclicDependencyError will be raised when trying to sort the derivers.

See View Derivers for more information.

**set_execution_policy**(policy)
Override the Pyramid execution policy in the current configuration. The policy argument must be an instance of an pyramid.interfaces.IExecutionPolicy or a dotted Python name that points at an instance of an execution policy.

**set_request_factory**(factory)
The object passed as factory should be an object (or a dotted Python name which refers to an object) which will be used by the Pyramid router to create all request objects. This factory object must have the same methods and attributes as the pyramid.request.Request class (particularly __call__, and blank).

See `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_request_method()` for a less intrusive way to extend the request objects with custom methods and properties.

ℹ️ Using the request_factory argument to the `pyramid.config.Configurator` constructor can be used to achieve the same purpose.

**set_root_factory**(factory)
Add a root factory to the current configuration state. If the factory argument is None a default root factory will be registered.

ℹ️ Using the root_factory argument to the `pyramid.config.Configurator` constructor can be used to achieve the same purpose.
set_session_factory (factory)
Configure the application with a session factory. If this method is called, the factory argument must be a session factory callable or a dotted Python name to that factory.

Using the session_factory argument to the pyramid.config.Configurator constructor can be used to achieve the same purpose.

set_view_mapper (mapper)
Setting a view mapper makes it possible to make use of view callable objects which implement different call signatures than the ones supported by Pyramid as described in its narrative documentation.

The mapper argument should be an object implementing pyramid.interfaces.IViewMapperFactory or a dotted Python name to such an object. The provided mapper will become the default view mapper to be used by all subsequent view configuration registrations.

See also:
See also Using a View Mapper.

Using the default_view_mapper argument to the pyramid.config.Configurator constructor can be used to achieve the same purpose.

Extension Author APIs

action (discriminator, callable=None, args=(), kw=None, order=0, introspectables=(), **extra)
Register an action which will be executed when pyramid.config.Configurator.commit() is called (or executed immediately if autocommit is True).

This method is typically only used by Pyramid framework extension authors, not by Pyramid application developers.
The discriminator uniquely identifies the action. It must be given, but it can be None, to indicate that the action never conflicts. It must be a hashable value.

The callable is a callable object which performs the task associated with the action when the action is executed. It is optional.

args and kw are tuple and dict objects respectively, which are passed to callable when this action is executed. Both are optional.

order is a grouping mechanism; an action with a lower order will be executed before an action with a higher order (has no effect when autocommit is True).

introspectables is a sequence of introspectable objects (or the empty sequence if no introspectable objects are associated with this action). If this configurator’s introspection attribute is False, these introspectables will be ignored.

extra provides a facility for inserting extra keys and values into an action dictionary.

add Directive(name, directive, action_wrap=True)
Add a directive method to the configurator.

⚠️ This method is typically only used by Pyramid framework extension authors, not by Pyramid application developers.

Framework extenders can add directive methods to a configurator by instructing their users to call config.
add Directive('somename', 'some.callable'). This will make some.callable accessible as config.somename.
some.callable should be a function which accepts config as a first argument, and arbitrary positional and keyword arguments following. It should use config.action as necessary to perform actions. Directive methods can then be invoked like ‘built-in’ directives such as add view, add route, etc.

The action_wrap argument should be True for directives which perform config.action with potentially conflicting discriminators. action_wrap will cause the directive to be wrapped in a decorator which provides more accurate conflict cause information.

add Directive does not participate in conflict detection, and later calls to add Directive will override earlier calls.
with_package (package)

Return a new Configurator instance with the same registry as this configurator. package may be an actual Python package object or a dotted Python name representing a package.

derive_view (view, attr=None, renderer=None)

Create a view callable using the function, instance, or class (or dotted Python name referring to the same) provided as view object.

⚠️ This method is typically only used by Pyramid framework extension authors, not by Pyramid application developers.

This is API is useful to framework extenders who create pluggable systems which need to register "proxy" view callables for functions, instances, or classes which meet the requirements of being a Pyramid view callable. For example, a some_other_framework function in another framework may want to allow a user to supply a view callable, but he may want to wrap the view callable in his own before registering the wrapper as a Pyramid view callable. Because a Pyramid view callable can be any of a number of valid objects, the framework extender will not know how to call the user-supplied object. Running it through derive_view normalizes it to a callable which accepts two arguments: context and request.

For example:

def some_other_framework (user_supplied_view):
    config = Configurator(reg)
    proxy_view = config.derive_view(user_supplied_view)

def my_wrapper (context, request):
    do_something_that_mutates(request)
    return proxy_view(context, request)
config.add_view(my_wrapper)

The view object provided should be one of the following:

• A function or another non-class callable object that accepts a request as a single positional argument and which returns a response object.

• A function or other non-class callable object that accepts two positional arguments, context, request and which returns a response object.
• A class which accepts a single positional argument in its constructor named request, and which has a __call__ method that accepts no arguments that returns a response object.
• A class which accepts two positional arguments named context, request, and which has a __call__ method that accepts no arguments that returns a response object.
• A dotted Python name which refers to any of the kinds of objects above. This API returns a callable which accepts the arguments context, request and which returns the result of calling the provided view object.

The attr keyword argument is most useful when the view object is a class. It names the method that should be used as the callable. If attr is not provided, the attribute effectively defaults to __call__. See Defining a View Callable as a Class for more information.

The renderer keyword argument should be a renderer name. If supplied, it will cause the returned callable to use a renderer to convert the user-supplied view result to a response object. If a renderer argument is not supplied, the user-supplied view must itself return a response object.

Utility Methods

absolute_asset_spec(relative_spec)
Resolve the potentially relative asset specification string passed as relative_spec into an absolute asset specification string and return the string. Use the package of this configurator as the package to which the asset specification will be considered relative when generating an absolute asset specification. If the provided relative_spec argument is already absolute, or if the relative_spec is not a string, it is simply returned.

maybe_dotted(dotted)
Resolve the dotted Python name dotted to a global Python object. If dotted is not a string, return it without attempting to do any name resolution. If dotted is a relative dotted name (e.g. .foo.bar, consider it relative to the package argument supplied to this Configurator's constructor.

ZCA-Related APIs

hook_zca()
Call zope.component.getSiteManager.sethook() with the argument pyramid.threadlocal.get_current_registry, causing the Zope Component Architecture 'global' APIs such as zope.component.getSiteManager(), zope.component.getAdapter() and others to use the Pyramid application registry rather than the Zope 'global' registry.
unhook_zca()

Call zope.component.getSiteManager.reset() to undo the action of pyramid.config.Configurator.hook_zca().

setup_registry(settings=None, root_factory=None, security_policy=None, authentication_policy=None, authorization_policy=None, renderers=None, debug_logger=None, locale_negotiator=None, request_factory=None, response_factory=None, default_permission=None, session_factory=None, default_view_mapper=None, exceptionresponse_view=<function default_exceptionresponse_view>)

When you pass a non-None registry argument to the Configurator constructor, no initial setup is performed against the registry. This is because the registry you pass in may have already been initialized for use under Pyramid via a different configurator. However, in some circumstances (such as when you want to use a global registry instead of a registry created as a result of the Configurator constructor), or when you want to reset the initial setup of a registry, you do want to explicitly initialize the registry associated with a Configurator for use under Pyramid. Use setup_registry to do this initialization.

setup_registry configures settings, a root factory, security policies, renderers, a debug logger, a locale negotiator, and various other settings using the configurator’s current registry, as per the descriptions in the Configurator constructor.

Testing Helper APIs

testing_add_renderer(path, renderer=None)

Unit/integration testing helper: register a renderer at path (usually a relative filename ala templates/foo.pt or an asset specification) and return the renderer object. If the renderer argument is None, a 'dummy' renderer will be used. This function is useful when testing code that calls the pyramid.renderers.render() function or pyramid.renderers.render_to_response() function or any other render_* or get_* API of the pyramid.renderers module.

Note that calling this method for with a path argument representing a renderer factory type (e.g. for foo.pt usually implies the chameleon_zpt renderer factory) clobbers any existing renderer factory registered for that type.
This method is also available under the alias testing_add_template (an older name for it).

**testing_add_subscriber** (*event_iface=None*)

Unit/integration testing helper: Registers a subscriber which listens for events of the type `event_iface`. This method returns a list object which is appended to by the subscriber whenever an event is captured.

When an event is dispatched that matches the value implied by the `event_iface` argument, that event will be appended to the list. You can then compare the values in the list to expected event notifications. This method is useful when testing code that wants to call `pyramid.registry.Registry.notify()`, or `zope.component.event.dispatch()`.

The default value of `event_iface` (None) implies a subscriber registered for any kind of event.

**testing_resources** (*resources*)

Unit/integration testing helper: registers a dictionary of resource objects that can be resolved via the `pyramid.traversal.find_resource()` API.

The `pyramid.traversal.find_resource()` API is called with a path as one of its arguments. If the dictionary you register when calling this method contains that path as a string key (e.g. `/foo/bar` or `foo/bar`), the corresponding value will be returned to `find_resource` (and thus to your code) when `pyramid.traversal.find_resource()` is called with an equivalent path string or tuple.

**testing_securitypolicy** (*userid=None, identity=None, permissive=True, remember_result=None, forget_result=None*)

Unit/integration testing helper. Registers a faux security policy.

This function is most useful when testing code that uses the security APIs, such as `pyramid.request.Request.identity()`, `pyramid.request.Request.authenticated_userid`, or `pyramid.request.Request.has_permission()`.

The behavior of the registered security policy depends on the arguments passed to this method.
Parameters

- **userid** *(str)* -- If provided, the policy’s authenticated_userid method will return this value. As a result, `pyramid.request.Request.authenticated_userid` will have this value as well.
- **identity** *(object)* -- If provided, the policy’s identity method will return this value. As a result, `pyramid.request.Request.identity` will have this value.
- **permissive** *(bool)* -- If true, the policy will allow access to any user for any permission. If false, the policy will deny all access.
- **remember_result** *(list)* -- If provided, the policy’s remember method will return this value. Otherwise, remember will return an empty list.
- **forget_result** *(list)* -- If provided, the policy’s forget method will return this value. Otherwise, forget will return an empty list.

New in version 1.4: The remember_result argument.

New in version 1.4: The forget_result argument.

Changed in version 2.0: Removed groupids argument and add identity argument.

Attributes

**introspectable**

A shortcut attribute which points to the `pyramid.registry.Introspectable` class (used during directives to provide introspection to actions).

New in version 1.3.

**introspector**

The introspector related to this configuration. It is an instance implementing the `pyramid.interfaces.IIntrospector` interface.

New in version 1.3.

**registry**

The application registry which holds the configuration associated with this configurator.
**global_registries**

The set of registries that have been created for Pyramid applications, one for each call to `pyramid.config.Configurator.make_wsgi_app()` in the current process. The object itself supports iteration and has a `last` property containing the last registry loaded.

The registries contained in this object are stored as weakrefs, thus they will only exist for the lifetime of the actual applications for which they are being used.

```python
from pyramid.config import not_

config.add_view(
    'mypackage.views.my_view',
    route_name='ok',
    request_method=not_('POST')
)
```

The above example will ensure that the view is called if the request method is `not POST`, at least if no other view is more specific.

This technique of wrapping a predicate value in `not_` can be used anywhere predicate values are accepted:

- `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()`
- `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()`
- `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_subscriber()`
- `pyramid.view.view_config()`
- `pyramid.events.subscriber()`

New in version 1.5.

**PHASE0_CONFIG**

**PHASE1_CONFIG**

**PHASE2_CONFIG**

**PHASE3_CONFIG**
class LegacySessionCSRFStoragePolicy
A CSRF storage policy that defers control of CSRF storage to the session.

This policy maintains compatibility with legacy ISession implementations that know how to manage CSRF tokens themselves via ISession.new_csrf_token and ISession.get_csrf_token.

Note that using this CSRF implementation requires that a session factory is configured.

New in version 1.9.

class SessionCSRFStoragePolicy (key='_csrft_')
A CSRF storage policy that persists the CSRF token in the session.

Note that using this CSRF implementation requires that a session factory is configured.

key
The session key where the CSRF token will be stored. Default: _csrft_.

New in version 1.9.

class CookieCSRFStoragePolicy (cookie_name='csrf_token', secure=False, httponly=False, domain=None, max_age=None, path='/', samesite='Lax')
An alternative CSRF implementation that stores its information in unauthenticated cookies, known as the 'Double Submit Cookie' method in the OWASP CSRF guidelines. This gives some additional flexibility with regards to scaling as the tokens can be generated and verified by a front-end server.

New in version 1.9.
**check_csrf_token** *(request, supplied_token)*
Returns True if the supplied_token is valid.

**get_csrf_token** *(request)*
Returns the currently active CSRF token by checking the cookies sent with the current request.

**new_csrf_token** *(request)*
Sets a new CSRF token into the request and returns it.

**get_csrf_token** *(request)*
Get the currently active CSRF token for the request passed, generating a new one using `new_csrf_token(request)` if one does not exist. This calls the equivalent method in the chosen CSRF protection implementation.

New in version 1.9.

**new_csrf_token** *(request)*
Generate a new CSRF token for the request passed and persist it in an implementation defined manner. This calls the equivalent method in the chosen CSRF protection implementation.

New in version 1.9.

**check_csrf_origin** *(request, *, trusted_origins=None, allow_no_origin=False, raises=True)*
Check the Origin of the request to see if it is a cross site request or not.

If the value supplied by the Origin or Referer header isn’t one of the trusted origins and raises is True, this function will raise a `pyramid.exceptions.BadCSRFOrigin` exception, but if raises is False, this function will return False instead. If the CSRF origin checks are successful this function will return True unconditionally.

Additional trusted origins may be added by passing a list of domain (and ports if non-standard like ['example.com', 'dev.example.com:8080']) in with the trusted_origins parameter. If trusted_origins is None (the default) this list of additional domains will be pulled from the `pyramid.csrf_trusted_origins` setting.

allow_no_origin determines whether to return True when the origin cannot be determined via either the Referer or Origin header. The default is False which will reject the check.

Note that this function will do nothing if request.scheme is not https.

New in version 1.7.

Changed in version 1.9: Moved from `pyramid.session` to `pyramid.csrf`

Changed in version 2.0: Added the allow_no_origin option.
check_csrf_token(request, token='csrf_token', header='X-CSRF-Token', raises=True)

Check the CSRF token returned by the pyramid.interfaces.ICSRFStoragePolicy implementation against the value in request.POST.get(token) (if a POST request) or request.headers.get(header). If a token keyword is not supplied to this function, the string csrf_token will be used to look up the token in request.POST. If a header keyword is not supplied to this function, the string X-CSRF-Token will be used to look up the token in request.headers.

If the value supplied by post or by header cannot be verified by the pyramid.interfaces.ICSRFStoragePolicy, and raises is True, this function will raise an pyramid.exceptions.BadCSRFToken exception. If the values differ and raises is False, this function will return False. If the CSRF check is successful, this function will return True unconditionally.

See Checking CSRF Tokens Automatically for information about how to secure your application automatically against CSRF attacks.

New in version 1.4a2.

Changed in version 1.7a1: A CSRF token passed in the query string of the request is no longer considered valid. It must be passed in either the request body or a header.

Changed in version 1.9: Moved from pyramid.session to pyramid.csrf and updated to use the configured pyramid.interfaces.ICSRFStoragePolicy to verify the CSRF token.

pyramid.decorator

reify(wrapped)

Use as a class method decorator. It operates almost exactly like the Python @property decorator, but it puts the result of the method it decorates into the instance dict after the first call, effectively replacing the function it decorates with an instance variable. It is, in Python parlance, a non-data descriptor. The following is an example and its usage:

```python
>>> from pyramid.decorator import reify

>>> class Foo:
    ...
    @reify
    ...
    def jammy(self):
    ...        print('jammy called')
    ...
    return 1

>>> f = Foo()
>>> v = f.jammy
jammy called
```
>>> print(v)
1
>>> f.jammy
1
>>> # jammy func not called the second time; it replaced itself with 1
>>> # Note: reassignment is possible
>>> f.jammy = 2
>>> f.jammy
2

pyramid.events

Functions

subscriber(*ifaces, **predicates)

Decorator activated via a scan which treats the function being decorated as an event subscriber for the set of interfaces passed as *ifaces and the set of predicate terms passed as **predicates to the decorator constructor.

For example:

```python
from pyramid.events import NewRequest
from pyramid.events import subscriber

@subscriber(NewRequest)
def mysubscriber(event):
    event.request.foo = 1
```

More than one event type can be passed as a constructor argument. The decorated subscriber will be called for each event type.

```python
from pyramid.events import NewRequest, NewResponse
from pyramid.events import subscriber

@subscriber(NewRequest, NewResponse)
def mysubscriber(event):
    print(event)
```

When the subscriber decorator is used without passing an arguments, the function it decorates is called for every event sent:
from pyramid.events import subscriber

@subscriber()
def mysubscriber(event):
    print(event)

This method will have no effect until a scan is performed against the package or module which contains it, ala:

from pyramid.config import Configurator
config = Configurator()
config.scan('somepackage_containing_subscribers')

Any **predicate arguments will be passed along to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_subscriber(). See Subscriber Predicates for a description of how predicates can narrow the set of circumstances in which a subscriber will be called.

Two additional keyword arguments which will be passed to the venusian attach function are _depth and _category.

_depth is provided for people who wish to reuse this class from another decorator. The default value is 0 and should be specified relative to the subscriber invocation. It will be passed in to the venusian attach function as the depth of the callstack when Venusian checks if the decorator is being used in a class or module context. It’s not often used, but it can be useful in this circumstance.

_category sets the decorator category name. It can be useful in combination with the category argument of scan to control which views should be processed.

See the venusian.attach() function in Venusian for more information about the _depth and _category arguments.

Changed in version 1.9.1: Added the _depth and _category arguments.

Event Types

class ApplicationCreated(app)
An instance of this class is emitted as an event when the pyramid.config.Configurator.make_wsgi_app() is called. The instance has an attribute, app, which is an instance of the router that will handle WSGI requests. This class implements the pyramid.interfaces.IApplicationCreated interface.
class NewRequest(request)
An instance of this class is emitted as an event whenever Pyramid begins to process a new request. The event instance has an attribute, request, which is a request object. This event class implements the pyramid.interfaces.INewRequest interface.

class ContextFound(request)
An instance of this class is emitted as an event after the Pyramid router finds a context object (after it performs traversal) but before any view code is executed. The instance has an attribute, request, which is the request object generated by Pyramid.

Notably, the request object will have an attribute named context, which is the context that will be provided to the view which will eventually be called, as well as other attributes attached by context-finding code.

This class implements the pyramid.interfaces.IContextFound interface.

As of Pyramid 1.0, for backwards compatibility purposes, this event may also be imported as pyramid.events.AfterTraversal.

class BeforeTraversal(request)
An instance of this class is emitted as an event after the Pyramid router has attempted to find a route object but before any traversal or view code is executed. The instance has an attribute, request, which is the request object generated by Pyramid.

Notably, the request object may have an attribute named matched_route, which is the matched route if found. If no route matched, this attribute is not available.

This class implements the pyramid.interfaces.IBeforeTraversal interface.

class NewResponse(request, response)
An instance of this class is emitted as an event whenever any Pyramid view or exception view returns a response.

The instance has two attributes: request, which is the request which caused the response, and response, which is the response object returned by a view or renderer.

If the response was generated by an exception view, the request will have an attribute named exception, which is the exception object which caused the exception view to be executed. If the response was generated by a 'normal' view, this attribute of the request will be None.
This event will not be generated if a response cannot be created due to an exception that is not caught by an exception view (no response is created under this circumstance).

This class implements the `pyramid.interfaces.INewResponse` interface.

Postprocessing a response is usually better handled in a WSGI middleware component than in subscriber code that is called by a `pyramid.interfaces.INewResponse` event. The `pyramid.interfaces.INewResponse` event exists almost purely for symmetry with the `pyramid.interfaces.INewRequest` event.

class BeforeRender (system, rendering_val=None)

Subscribers to this event may introspect and modify the set of *renderer globals* before they are passed to a *renderer*. This event object itself has a dictionary-like interface that can be used for this purpose. For example:

```python
from pyramid.events import subscriber
from pyramid.events import BeforeRender

@subscriber(BeforeRender)
def add_global(event):
    event['mykey'] = 'foo'
```

An object of this type is sent as an event just before a *renderer* is invoked.

If a subscriber adds a key via `__setitem__` that already exists in the renderer globals dictionary, it will overwrite the older value there. This can be problematic because event subscribers to the BeforeRender event do not possess any relative ordering. For maximum interoperability with other third-party subscribers, if you write an event subscriber meant to be used as a BeforeRender subscriber, your subscriber code will need to ensure no value already exists in the renderer globals dictionary before setting an overriding value (which can be done using `.get` or `__contains__` of the event object).

The dictionary returned from the view is accessible through the `rendering_val` attribute of a *BeforeRender* event.

Suppose you return `{'mykey': 'somevalue', 'mykey2': 'somevalue2'}` from your view callable, like so:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(renderer='some_renderer')
def myview(request):
    return {'mykey': 'somevalue', 'mykey2': 'somevalue2'}
```
rendering_val can be used to access these values from the BeforeRender object:

```python
from pyramid.events import subscriber
from pyramid.events import BeforeRender

@subscriber(BeforeRender)
def read_return(event):
    # {'mykey': 'somevalue'} is returned from the view
    print(event.rendering_val['mykey'])
```

In other words, rendering_val is the (non-system) value returned by a view or passed to render* as value. This feature is new in Pyramid 1.2.

For a description of the values present in the renderer globals dictionary, see System Values Used During Rendering.

See also:
See also pyramid.interfaces.IBeforeRender.

```python
update(E, **F)
    Update D from dict/iterable E and F. If E has a .keys() method, does: for k in E: D[k] = E[k]
    If E lacks .keys() method, does: for (k, v) in E: D[k] = v. In either case, this is followed by:
    for k in F: D[k] = F[k].

clear() → None. Remove all items from D.

copy() → a shallow copy of D

fromkeys(value=None, /)
    Create a new dictionary with keys from iterable and values set to value.

get(key, default=None, /)
    Return the value for key if key is in the dictionary, else default.

items() → a set-like object providing a view on D’s items

keys() → a set-like object providing a view on D’s keys

pop(k[, d]) → v, remove specified key and return the corresponding value.
    If key is not found, d is returned if given, otherwise KeyError is raised

popitem() → (k, v), remove and return some (key, value) pair as a
    2-tuple; but raise KeyError if D is empty.

setdefault(key, default=None, /)
    Insert key with a value of default if key is not in the dictionary.
    Return the value for key if key is in the dictionary, else default.

values() → an object providing a view on D’s values
```
See Using Events for more information about how to register code which subscribes to these events.

**pyramid.exceptions**

**exception BadCSRFOrigin**(detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)

This exception indicates the request has failed cross-site request forgery origin validation.

**exception BadCSRFToken**(detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)

This exception indicates the request has failed cross-site request forgery token validation.

**exception PredicateMismatch**(detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)

This exception is raised by multiviews when no view matches all given predicates.

This exception subclasses the HTTPNotFound exception for a specific reason: if it reaches the main exception handler, it should be treated as HTTPNotFound by any exception view registrations. Thus, typically, this exception will not be seen publicly.

However, this exception will be raised if the predicates of all views configured to handle another exception context cannot be successfully matched. For instance, if a view is configured to handle a context of HTTPForbidden and the configured with additional predicates, then PredicateMismatch will be raised if:

- An original view callable has raised HTTPForbidden (thus invoking an exception view); and
- The given request fails to match all predicates for said exception view associated with HTTPForbidden.

The same applies to any type of exception being handled by an exception view.

**Forbidden**

alias of pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPForbidden

**NotFound**

alias of pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPNotFound

**exception ConfigurationError**

Raised when inappropriate input values are supplied to an API method of a Configurator

**exception URLError**

This exception is raised when Pyramid cannot successfully decode a URL or a URL path segment. This exception behaves just like the Python builtin UnicodeDecodeError. It is a subclass of the builtin UnicodeDecodeError exception only for identity purposes, mostly so an exception view can be registered when a URL cannot be decoded.
HTTP Exceptions

This module contains Pyramid HTTP exception classes. Each class relates to a single HTTP status code. Each class is a subclass of the `HTTPException`. Each exception class is also a `response` object.

Each exception class has a status code according to RFC 2068 or RFC 7538: codes with 100-300 are not really errors; 400s are client errors, and 500s are server errors.

**Exception**

- **HTTPException**
  - **HTTPSuccessful**
    - 200 - HTTPOk
    - 201 - HTTPCreated
    - 202 - HTTPAccepted
    - 203 - HTTPNonAuthoritativeInformation
    - 204 - HTTPNoContent
    - 205 - HTTPResetContent
    - 206 - HTTPPartialContent
  - **HTTPRedirection**
    - 300 - HTTPMultipleChoices
    - 301 - HTTPMovedPermanently
    - 302 - HTTPFound
    - 303 - HTTPSeeOther
    - 304 - HTTPNotModified
    - 305 - HTTPUseProxy
    - 307 - HTTPTemporaryRedirect
    - 308 - HTTPPermanentRedirect
  - **HTTPError**
    - **HTTPClientError**
• 400 - HTTPBadRequest
• 401 - HTTPUnauthorized
• 402 - HTTPPaymentRequired
• 403 - HTTPForbidden
• 404 - HTTPNotFound
• 405 - HTTPMethodNotAllowed
• 406 - HTTPNotAcceptable
• 407 - HTTPProxyAuthenticationRequired
• 408 - HTTPRequestTimeout
• 409 - HTTPConflict
• 410 - HTTPGone
• 411 - HTTPLengthRequired
• 412 - HTTPPreconditionFailed
• 413 - HTTPRequestEntityTooLarge
• 414 - HTTPRequestURITooLong
• 415 - HTTPUnsupportedMediaType
• 416 - HTTPRangeNotSatisfiable
• 417 - HTTPExpectationFailed
• 418 - HTTPHeaderFieldsTooLarge
• 422 - HTTPUnprocessableEntity
• 423 - HTTPLocked
• 424 - HTTPFailedDependency
• 428 - HTTPPreconditionRequired
• 429 - HTTPTooManyRequests
• 431 - HTTPRequestHeaderFieldsTooLarge

HttpException

• 500 - HTTPInternalServerError
• 501 - HTTPNotImplemented
• 502 - HTTPBadGateway
• 503 - HTTPServiceUnavailable
HTTP exceptions are also response objects, thus they accept most of the same parameters that can be passed to a regular Response. Each HTTP exception also has the following attributes:

- **code** the HTTP status code for the exception
- **title** remainder of the status line (stuff after the code)
- **explanation** a plain-text explanation of the error message that is not subject to environment or header substitutions; it is accessible in the template via `${explanation}`
- **detail** a plain-text message customization that is not subject to environment or header substitutions; accessible in the template via `${detail}`
- **body_template** a String.template-format content fragment used for environment and header substitution; the default template includes both the explanation and further detail provided in the message.

Each HTTP exception accepts the following parameters, any others will be forwarded to its Response superclass:

- **detail** a plain-text override of the default detail
- **headers** a list of (k,v) header pairs, or a dict, to be added to the response; use the content_type='application/json' kwarg and other similar kwargs to to change properties of the response supported by the pyramid.response.Response superclass
- **comment** a plain-text additional information which is usually stripped/hidden for end-users
- **body_template** a string.Template object containing a content fragment in HTML that frames the explanation and further detail
- **body** a string that will override the body_template and be used as the body of the response.

Substitution of response headers into template values is always performed. Substitution of WSGI environment values is performed if a request is passed to the exception’s constructor.

The subclasses of _HTTPMove (HTTPMultipleChoices, HTTPMovedPermanently, HTTPFound, HTTPSeeOther, HTTPUseProxy, HTTPTemporaryRedirect, and :class: ~HTTPPermanentRedirect) are redirections that require a “Location’ field. Reflecting this, these subclasses have one additional keyword argument: location, which indicates the location to which to redirect.
status_map
A mapping of integer status code to HTTP exception class (e.g. the integer "401" maps to `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPUnauthorized`). All mapped exception classes are children of `pyramid.httpexceptions`.

exception_response(status_code, **kw)
Creates an HTTP exception based on a status code. Example:

```python
raise exception_response(404) # raises an HTTPNotFound exception.
```

The values passed as `kw` are provided to the exception’s constructor.

exception HTTPException (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)

exception HTTPOk (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)
subclass of HTTPSuccessful
Indicates that the request has succeeded.

code: 200, title: OK

exception HTTPRedirection (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)
base class for exceptions with status codes in the 300s (redirections)
This is an abstract base class for 3xx redirection. It indicates that further action needs to be taken by the user agent in order to fulfill the request. It does not necessarily signal an error condition.

exception HTTPError (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)
base class for exceptions with status codes in the 400s and 500s
This is an exception which indicates that an error has occurred, and that any work in progress should not be committed.

exception HTTPClientError (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)
base class for the 400s, where the client is in error
This is an error condition in which the client is presumed to be in-error. This is an expected problem, and thus is not considered a bug. A server-side traceback is not warranted. Unless specialized, this is a ’400 Bad Request’
exception HTTPServerError

```
(base_class_for_the_500s, where_the_server_is_in-error)

This is an error condition in which the server is presumed to be in-error. Unless specialized, this is a '500 Internal Server Error'.
```

exception HTTPCreated

```
(subclass_of_HTTPSuccessful)

This indicates that request has been fulfilled and resulted in a new resource being created.
```

code: 201, title: Created

exception HTTPAccepted

```
(subclass_of_HTTPSuccessful)

This indicates that the request has been accepted for processing, but the processing has not been completed.
```

code: 202, title: Accepted

exception HTTPNonAuthoritativeInformation

```
(subclass_of_HTTPSuccessful)

This indicates that the returned metainformation in the entity-header is not the definitive set as available from the origin server, but is gathered from a local or a third-party copy.
```

code: 203, title: Non-Authoritative Information

exception HTTPNoContent

```
(subclass_of_HTTPSuccessful)

This indicates that the server has fulfilled the request but does not need to return an entity-body, and might want to return updated metainformation.
```

code: 204, title: No Content

exception HTTPResetContent

```
(subclass_of_HTTPSuccessful)

This indicates that the server has fulfilled the request and the user agent SHOULD reset the document view which caused the request to be sent.
```

code: 205, title: Reset Content
exception `HTTPPartialContent` 
`detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)` 
subclass of `HTTPSuccessful` 
This indicates that the server has fulfilled the partial GET request for the resource. 
code: 206, title: Partial Content

exception `HTTPMultipleChoices` 
`location=", detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, **kw)` 
subclass of `_HTTPMove` 
This indicates that the requested resource corresponds to any one of a set of representations, each with its own specific location, and agent-driven negotiation information is being provided so that the user can select a preferred representation and redirect its request to that location. 
code: 300, title: Multiple Choices

exception `HTTPMovedPermanently` 
`location=", detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, **kw)` 
subclass of `_HTTPMove` 
This indicates that the requested resource has been assigned a new permanent URI and any future references to this resource SHOULD use one of the returned URIs. 
code: 301, title: Moved Permanently

exception `HTTPFound` 
`location=", detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, **kw)` 
subclass of `_HTTPMove` 
This indicates that the requested resource resides temporarily under a different URI. 
code: 302, title: Found

exception `HTTPSeeOther` 
`location=", detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, **kw)` 
subclass of `_HTTPMove` 
This indicates that the response to the request can be found under a different URI and SHOULD be retrieved using a GET method on that resource. 
code: 303, title: See Other

exception `HTTPNotModified` 
`detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)` 
subclass of `HTTPRedirection` 
This indicates that if the client has performed a conditional GET request and access is allowed, but the document has not been modified, the server SHOULD respond with this status code. 
code: 304, title: Not Modified
exception HTTPUseProxy (location=", detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, **kw)

subclass of _HTTPMove

This indicates that the requested resource MUST be accessed through the proxy given by the Location field.

code: 305, title: Use Proxy

exception HTTPTemporaryRedirect (location=", detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, **kw)

subclass of _HTTPMove

This indicates that the requested resource resides temporarily under a different URI.

code: 307, title: Temporary Redirect

exception HTTPPermanentRedirect (location=", detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, **kw)

subclass of _HTTPMove

This indicates that the requested resource resides permanently under a different URI and that the request method must not be changed.

code: 308, title: Permanent Redirect

exception HTTPBadRequest (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)

subclass of HTTPClientError

This indicates that the body or headers failed validity checks, preventing the server from being able to continue processing.

code: 400, title: Bad Request

exception HTTPUnauthorized (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)

subclass of HTTPClientError

This indicates that the request requires user authentication.

code: 401, title: Unauthorized

exception HTTPPaymentRequired (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)

subclass of HTTPClientError

code: 402, title: Payment Required
exception HTTPForbidden (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, result=None, **kw)

subclass of HTTPClientError

This indicates that the server understood the request, but is refusing to fulfill it.

code: 403, title: Forbidden

Raise this exception within view code to immediately return the forbidden view to the invoking user. Usually this is a basic 403 page, but the forbidden view can be customized as necessary. See Changing the Forbidden View. A Forbidden exception will be the context of a Forbidden View.

This exception’s constructor treats two arguments specially. The first argument, detail, should be a string. The value of this string will be used as the message attribute of the exception object. The second special keyword argument, result is usually an instance of pyramid.security.Denied or pyramid.authorization.ACLDenied each of which indicates a reason for the forbidden error. However, result is also permitted to be just a plain boolean False object or None. The result value will be used as the result attribute of the exception object. It defaults to None.

The Forbidden View can use the attributes of a Forbidden exception as necessary to provide extended information in an error report shown to a user.

exception HTTPNotFoundException (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)

subclass of HTTPClientError

This indicates that the server did not find anything matching the Request-URI.

code: 404, title: Not Found

Raise this exception within view code to immediately return the Not Found View to the invoking user. Usually this is a basic 404 page, but the Not Found View can be customized as necessary. See Changing the Not Found View.

This exception’s constructor accepts a detail argument (the first argument), which should be a string. The value of this string will be available as the message attribute of this exception, for availability to the Not Found View.

exception HTTPMethodNotAllowed (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)

subclass of HTTPClientError

This indicates that the method specified in the Request-Line is not allowed for the resource identified by the Request-URI.

code: 405, title: Method Not Allowed
exception HTTPNotAcceptable:
subclass of HTTPClientError
This indicates the resource identified by the request is only capable of generating response entities which have content characteristics not acceptable according to the accept headers sent in the request.
code: 406, title: Not Acceptable

exception HTTPProxyAuthenticationRequired:
subclass of HTTPClientError
This is similar to 401, but indicates that the client must first authenticate itself with the proxy.
code: 407, title: Proxy Authentication Required

exception HTTPRequestTimeout:
subclass of HTTPClientError
This indicates that the client did not produce a request within the time that the server was prepared to wait.
code: 408, title: Request Timeout

exception HTTPConflict:
subclass of HTTPClientError
This indicates that the request could not be completed due to a conflict with the current state of the resource.
code: 409, title: Conflict

exception HTTPGone:
subclass of HTTPClientError
This indicates that the requested resource is no longer available at the server and no forwarding address is known.
code: 410, title: Gone

exception HTTPLengthRequired:
subclass of HTTPClientError
This indicates that the server refuses to accept the request without a defined Content-Length.
code: 411, title: Length Required
exception HTTPPreconditionFailed (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)

subclass of HTTPClientError

This indicates that the precondition given in one or more of the request-header fields evaluated to false when it was tested on the server.

code: 412, title: Precondition Failed

exception HTTPRequestEntityTooLarge (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)

subclass of HTTPClientError

This indicates that the server is refusing to process a request because the request entity is larger than the server is willing or able to process.

code: 413, title: Request Entity Too Large

exception HTTPRequestURITooLong (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)

subclass of HTTPClientError

This indicates that the server is refusing to service the request because the Request-URI is longer than the server is willing to interpret.

code: 414, title: Request-URI Too Long

exception HTTPUnsupportedMediaType (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)

subclass of HTTPClientError

This indicates that the server is refusing to service the request because the entity of the request is in a format not supported by the requested resource for the requested method.

code: 415, title: Unsupported Media Type

exception HTTPRequestRangeNotSatisfiable (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)

subclass of HTTPClientError

The server SHOULD return a response with this status code if a request included a Range request-header field, and none of the range-specifier values in this field overlap the current extent of the selected resource, and the request did not include an If-Range request-header field.

code: 416, title: Request Range Not Satisfiable
exception HTTPExpectationFailed (
detail=None, headers=None, comment=None,
body_template=None, json_formatter=None,
**kw)

subclass of HTTPClientError

This indicates that the expectation given in an Expect request-header field could not be met by this server.

code: 417, title: Expectation Failed

exception HTTPUnprocessableEntity (
detail=None, headers=None, comment=None,
body_template=None, json_formatter=None,
**kw)

subclass of HTTPClientError

This indicates that the server is unable to process the contained instructions.

May be used to notify the client that their JSON/XML is well formed, but not correct for the current request.

See RFC4918 section 11 for more information.

code: 422, title: Unprocessable Entity

exception HTTPLocked (
detail=None, headers=None, comment=None,
body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)

subclass of HTTPClientError

This indicates that the resource is locked.

code: 423, title: Locked

exception HTTPFailedDependency (
detail=None, headers=None, comment=None,
body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)

subclass of HTTPClientError

This indicates that the method could not be performed because the requested action depended on another action and that action failed.

code: 424, title: Failed Dependency

exception HTTPInternalServerError (
detail=None, headers=None, comment=None,
body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)

subclass of HTTPServerError

This indicates that the server encountered an unexpected condition which prevented it from fulfilling the request.

code: 500, title: Internal Server Error
exception HTTPNotImplemented (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, 
body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)
subclass of HTTPServerError
This indicates that the server does not support the functionality required to fulfill the request.
code: 501, title: Not Implemented

exception HTTPBadGateway (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, 
body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)
subclass of HTTPServerError
This indicates that the server, while acting as a gateway or proxy, received an invalid response from
the upstream server it accessed in attempting to fulfill the request.
code: 502, title: Bad Gateway

exception HTTPServiceUnavailable (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, 
body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)
subclass of HTTPServerError
This indicates that the server is currently unable to handle the request due to a temporary overloading
or maintenance of the server.
code: 503, title: Service Unavailable

exception HTTPGatewayTimeout (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, 
body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)
subclass of HTTPServerError
This indicates that the server, while acting as a gateway or proxy, did not receive a timely response
from the upstream server specified by the URI (e.g. HTTP, FTP, LDAP) or some other auxiliary
server (e.g. DNS) it needed to access in attempting to complete the request.
code: 504, title: Gateway Timeout

exception HTTPVersionNotSupported (detail=None, headers=None, comment=None, 
body_template=None, json_formatter=None, **kw)
subclass of HTTPServerError
This indicates that the server does not support, or refuses to support, the HTTP protocol version that
was used in the request message.
code: 505, title: HTTP Version Not Supported
exception HTTPInsufficientStorage(
    detail=None, headers=None, comment=None,
    body_template=None, json_formatter=None,
    **kw)

subclass of HTTPServerError

This indicates that the server does not have enough space to save the resource.

code: 507, title: Insufficient Storage

pyramid.i18n

class TranslationString(msgid, domain=None, default=None, mapping=None, context=None)

The constructor for a translation string. A translation string is a Unicode-like object that has some extra metadata.

This constructor accepts one required argument named msgid. msgid must be the message identifier for the translation string. It must be a unicode object or a str object encoded in the default system encoding.

Optional keyword arguments to this object’s constructor include domain, default, and mapping.

domain represents the translation domain. By default, the translation domain is None, indicating that this translation string is associated with the default translation domain (usually messages).

default represents an explicit default text for this translation string. Default text appears when the translation string cannot be translated. Usually, the msgid of a translation string serves double duty as its default text. However, using this option you can provide a different default text for this translation string. This feature is useful when the default of a translation string is too complicated or too long to be used as a message identifier. If default is provided, it must be a unicode object or a str object encoded in the default system encoding (usually means ASCII). If default is None (its default value), the msgid value used by this translation string will be assumed to be the value of default.

mapping, if supplied, must be a dictionary-like object which represents the replacement values for any translation string replacement marker instances found within the msgid (or default) value of this translation string.

context represents the translation context. By default, the translation context is None.

After a translation string is constructed, it behaves like most other unicode objects; its msgid value will be displayed when it is treated like a unicode object. Only when its ugettext method is called will it be translated.

Its default value is available as the default attribute of the object, its translation domain is available as the domain attribute, and the mapping is available as the mapping attribute. The object otherwise behaves much like a Unicode string.
TranslationStringFactory *(factory_domain)*
Create a factory which will generate translation strings without requiring that each call to the factory be passed a domain value. A single argument is passed to this class’ constructor: domain. This value will be used as the domain values of translationstring.TranslationString objects generated by the __call__ of this class. The msgid, mapping, and default values provided to the __call__ method of an instance of this class have the meaning as described by the constructor of the translationstring.TranslationString.

class Localizer *(locale_name, translations)*
An object providing translation and pluralizations related to the current request’s locale name. A pyramid.i18n.Localizer object is created using the pyramid.i18n.get_localizer() function.

locale_name
The locale name for this localizer (e.g. en or en_US).

pluralize *(singular, plural, n, domain=None, mapping=None)*
Return a string translation by using two message identifier objects as a singular/plural pair and an n value representing the number that appears in the message using gettext plural forms support. The singular and plural objects should be strings. There is no reason to use translation string objects as arguments as all metadata is ignored.

n represents the number of elements. domain is the translation domain to use to do the pluralization, and mapping is the interpolation mapping that should be used on the result. If the domain is not supplied, a default domain is used (usually messages).

Example:

```python
num = 1
translated = localizer.pluralize('Add ${num} item',
    'Add ${num} items',
    num,
    mapping={'num':num})
```

If using the gettext plural support, which is required for languages that have pluralisation rules other than n != 1, the singular argument must be the message_id defined in the translation file. The plural argument is not used in this case.

Example:

```python
num = 1
translated = localizer.pluralize('item_plural',
    '',
    num,
    mapping={'num':num})
```
**translate**(tstring, domain=None, mapping=None)

Translate a **translation string** to the current language and interpolate any **replacement markers** in the result. The `translate` method accepts three arguments: `tstring` (required), `domain` (optional) and `mapping` (optional). When called, it will translate the `tstring` translation string using the current locale. If the current locale could not be determined, the result of interpolation of the default value is returned. The optional domain argument can be used to specify or override the domain of the `tstring` (useful when `tstring` is a normal string rather than a translation string). The optional mapping argument can specify or override the `tstring` interpolation mapping, useful when the `tstring` argument is a simple string instead of a translation string.

Example:

```python
from pyramid.i18n import TranslationString
ts = TranslationString('Add ${item}', domain='mypackage',
                        mapping={'item': 'Item'})
translated = localizer.translate(ts)
```

Example:

```python
translated = localizer.translate('Add ${item}', domain='mypackage',
                               mapping={'item': 'Item'})
```

**get_localizer**(request)

Deprecated since version 1.5: Use the `pyramid.request.Request.localizer` attribute directly instead. Retrieve a `pyramid.i18n.Localizer` object corresponding to the current request’s locale name.

**negotiate_locale_name**(request)

Negotiate and return the **locale name** associated with the current request.

**get_locale_name**(request)

Deprecated since version 1.5: Use `pyramid.request.Request.locale_name` directly instead. Return the **locale name** associated with the current request.

**default_locale_negotiator**(request)

The default `locale negotiator`. Returns a locale name or **None**.

- First, the negotiator looks for the `__LOCALE__` attribute of the request object (possibly set by a view or a listener for an event). If the attribute exists and it is not **None**, its value will be used.
- Then it looks for the `request.params['__LOCALE__']` value.
• Then it looks for the `request.cookies['_LOCALE_']` value.

• Finally, the negotiator returns `None` if the locale could not be determined via any of the previous checks (when a locale negotiator returns `None`, it signifies that the default locale name should be used.)

```python
make_localizer(current_locale_name, translation_directories)
```

Create a `pyramid.i18n.Localizer` object corresponding to the provided locale name from the translations found in the list of translation directories.

See *Internationalization and Localization* for more information about using Pyramid internationalization and localization services within an application.

### pyramid.interfaces

#### Event-Related Interfaces

```python
interface IApplicationCreated
```

Event issued when the `pyramid.config.Configurator.make_wsgi_app()` method is called. See the documentation attached to `pyramid.events.ApplicationCreated` for more information.

For backwards compatibility with Pyramid versions before 1.0, this interface can also be imported as `pyramid.interfaces.IWSGIApplicationCreatedEvent`.

```python
app
```

Created application

```python
interface INewRequest
```

An event type that is emitted whenever Pyramid begins to process a new request. See the documentation attached to `pyramid.events.NewRequest` for more information.

```python
request
```

The request object

```python
interface IContextFound
```

An event type that is emitted after Pyramid finds a context object but before it calls any view code. See the documentation attached to `pyramid.events.ContextFound` for more information.
For backwards compatibility with versions of Pyramid before 1.0, this event interface can also be imported as `pyramid.interfaces.IAfterTraversal`.

**request**

The request object

**interface IBeforeTraversal**

An event type that is emitted after Pyramid attempted to find a route but before it calls any traversal or view code. See the documentation attached to `pyramid.events.Routefound` for more information.

**request**

The request object

**interface INewResponse**

An event type that is emitted whenever any Pyramid view returns a response. See the documentation attached to `pyramid.events.NewResponse` for more information.

**request**

The request object

**response**

The response object

**interface IBeforeRender**

Extends: `pyramid.interfaces<IDict`

Subscribers to this event may introspect and modify the set of *renderer globals* before they are passed to a renderer. The event object itself provides a dictionary-like interface for adding and removing *renderer globals*. The keys and values of the dictionary are those globals. For example:

```python
from repoze.events import subscriber
from pyramid.interfaces import IBeforeRender

@subscriber(IBeforeRender)
def add_global(event):
    event['mykey'] = 'foo'
```

**See also:**

See also *Using the Before Render Event.*

**rendering_val**

The value returned by a view or passed to a `render` method for this rendering.
Other Interfaces

interface ISecurityPolicy

authenticated_userid (request)
Return a userid string identifying the trusted and verified user, or None if unauthenticated.

If the result is None, then pyramid.request.Request.is_authenticated will return False.

forget (request, **kw)
Return a set of headers suitable for 'forgetting' the current user on subsequent requests. An individual security policy and its consumers can decide on the composition and meaning of **kw.

identity (request)
Return the identity of the current user. The object can be of any shape, such as a simple ID string or an ORM object.

permits (request, context, permission)
Return an instance of pyramid.security.Allowed if a user of the given identity is allowed the permission in the current context, else return an instance of pyramid.security.Denied.

remember (request, userid, **kw)
Return a set of headers suitable for 'remembering' the userid named userid when set in a response. An individual security policy and its consumers can decide on the composition and meaning of **kw.

interface IAuthenticationPolicy
An object representing a Pyramid authentication policy.

Deprecated since version 2.0: Authentication policies have been removed in favor of security policies. See upgrading_auth_20 for more information.

authenticated_userid (request)
Return the authenticated userid or None if no authenticated userid can be found. This method of the policy should ensure that a record exists in whatever persistent store is used related to the user (the user should not have been deleted); if a record associated with the current id does not exist in a persistent store, it should return None.
**effective_principals** *(request)*
Return a sequence representing the effective principals typically including the *userid* and any groups belonged to by the current user, always including 'system' groups such as pyramid.authorization.Everyone and pyramid.authorization.Authenticated.

**forget** *(request)*
Return a set of headers suitable for 'forgetting' the current user on subsequent requests.

**remember** *(request, userid, **kw)*
Return a set of headers suitable for 'remembering' the *userid* named *userid* when set in a response. An individual authentication policy and its consumers can decide on the composition and meaning of **kw**.

**unauthenticated_userid** *(request)*
Return the *unauthenticated* *userid*. This method performs the same duty as authenticated_userid but is permitted to return the *userid* based only on data present in the request; it needn't (and shouldn’t) check any persistent store to ensure that the user record related to the request *userid* exists.

This method is intended primarily a helper to assist the authenticated_userid method in pulling credentials out of the request data, abstracting away the specific headers, query strings, etc that are used to authenticate the request.

### interface IAuthorizationPolicy
An object representing a Pyramid authorization policy.

Deprecated since version 2.0: Authentication policies have been removed in favor of security policies. See upgrading_auth_20 for more information.

**permits** *(context, principals, permission)*
Return an instance of pyramid.security.Allowed if any of the principals is allowed the permission in the current context, else return an instance of pyramid.security.Denied.

**principals_allowed_by_permission** *(context, permission)*
Return a set of principal identifiers allowed by the permission in context. This behavior is optional; if you choose to not implement it you should define this method as something which raises a NotImplementedError. This method will only be called when the pyramid.security.principals_allowed_by_permission API is used.

### interface IExceptionResponse
Extends: pyramid.interfaces.IException, pyramid.interfaces.IResponse
An interface representing a WSGI response which is also an exception object. Register an exception view using this interface as a context to apply the registered view for all exception types raised by Pyramid internally (any exception that inherits from `pyramid.response.Response`, including `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPNotFound` and `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPForbidden`).

```python
prepare(environ)
```
Prepares the response for being called as a WSGI application

**interface IRoute**
Interface representing the type of object returned from IRoutesMapper.

```python
get_route
```

**factory**
The *root factory* used by the Pyramid router when this route matches (or `None`)

```python
generate(kw)
```
Generate a URL based on filling in the dynamic segment markers in the pattern using the `kw` dictionary provided.

```python
match(path)
```
If the `path` passed to this function can be matched by the `pattern` of this route, return a dictionary (the `matchdict`), which will contain keys representing the dynamic segment markers in the pattern mapped to values extracted from the provided `path`.

If the `path` passed to this function cannot be matched by the `pattern` of this route, return `None`.

```python
name
```
The route name

```python
pattern
```
The route pattern

```python
predicates
```
A sequence of *route predicate* objects used to determine if a request matches this route or not after basic pattern matching has been completed.

```python
pregenerator
```
This attribute should either be `None` or a callable object implementing the IRoutePregenerator interface

**interface IRoutePregenerator**

```python
__call__(request, elements, kw)
```
A pregenerator is a function associated by a developer with a route. The pregenerator for a route is called by `pyramid.request.Request.route_url()`
in order to adjust the set of arguments passed to it by the user for special purposes, such as Pylons 'subdomain' support. It will influence the URL returned by `route_url`.

A pregenerator should return a two-tuple of (`elements`, `kw`) after examining the originals passed to this function, which are the arguments (`request`, `elements`, `kw`). The simplest pregenerator is:

```python
def pregenerator(request, elements, kw):
    return elements, kw
```

You can employ a pregenerator by passing a `pregenerator` argument to the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()` function.

**interface ICSRFStoragePolicy**
An object that offers the ability to verify CSRF tokens and generate new ones.

- `check_csrf_token(request, token)`
  Determine if the supplied `token` is valid. Most implementations should simply compare the `token` to the current value of `get_csrf_token` but it is possible to verify the token using any mechanism necessary using this method.

  Returns `True` if the `token` is valid, otherwise `False`.

- `get_csrf_token(request)`
  Return a cross-site request forgery protection token. It will be an ascii-compatible unicode string. If a token was previously set for this user via `new_csrf_token`, that token will be returned. If no CSRF token was previously set, `new_csrf_token` will be called, which will create and set a token, and this token will be returned.

- `new_csrf_token(request)`
  Create and return a new, random cross-site request forgery protection token. The token will be an ascii-compatible unicode string.

**interface ISession**
Extends: `pyramid.interfaces.IDict`
An interface representing a session (a web session object, usually accessed via `request.session`.

Keys and values of a session must be JSON-serializable.

⚠️ In Pyramid 2.0 the session was changed to only be required to support types that can be serialized using JSON. It’s recommended to switch any session imple-
mentations to support only JSON and to only store primitive types in sessions. See upgrading_session_20 for more information about why this change was made.

Changed in version 1.9: Sessions are no longer required to implement get_csrf_token and new_csrf_token. CSRF token support was moved to the pluggable pyramid.interfaces.ICSRFStoragePolicy configuration hook.

Changed in version 2.0: Sessions now need to be JSON-serializable. This is more strict than the previous requirement of pickleable objects.

changed()
Mark the session as changed. A user of a session should call this method after he or she mutates a mutable object that is a value of the session (it should not be required after mutating the session itself). For example, if the user has stored a dictionary in the session under the key foo, and he or she does session['foo'] = {}, changed() needn't be called. However, if subsequently he or she does session['foo']['a'] = 1, changed() must be called for the sessioning machinery to notice the mutation of the internal dictionary.

created
Integer representing Epoch time when created.

flash(msg, queue='', allow_duplicate=True)
Push a flash message onto the end of the flash queue represented by queue. An alternate flash message queue can used by passing an optional queue, which must be a string. If allow_duplicate is false, if the msg already exists in the queue, it will not be re-added.

invalidate()
Invalidate the session. The action caused by invalidate is implementation-dependent, but it should have the effect of completely dissociating any data stored in the session with the current request. It might set response values (such as one which clears a cookie), or it might not.

An invalidated session may be used after the call to invalidate with the effect that a new session is created to store the data. This enables workflows requiring an entirely new session, such as in the case of changing privilege levels or preventing fixation attacks.

new
Boolean attribute. If True, the session is new.

peek_flash(queue='')
Peek at a queue in the flash storage. The queue remains in flash storage after this
message is called. The queue is returned; it is a list of flash messages added by `pyramid.interfaces.ISession.flash()`

```python
pop_flash(queue='')
```

Pop a queue from the flash storage. The queue is removed from flash storage after this message is called. The queue is returned; it is a list of flash messages added by `pyramid.interfaces.ISession.flash()`

**interface ISessionFactory**

An interface representing a factory which accepts a request object and returns an ISession object

```python
__call__(request)
```

Return an ISession object

**interface IRendererInfo**

An object implementing this interface is passed to every `renderer factory` constructor as its only argument (conventionally named `info`)

```python
clone()
```

Return a shallow copy that does not share any mutable state.

**name**

The value passed by the user as the renderer name

**package**

The "current package" when the renderer configuration statement was found

**registry**

The "current" application registry when the renderer was created

**settings**

The deployment settings dictionary related to the current application

**type**

The renderer type name

**interface IRendererFactory**

```python
__call__(info)
```

Return an object that implements `pyramid.interfaces.IRenderer`. `info` is an object that implements `pyramid.interfaces.IRendererInfo`.

**interface IRenderer**

```python
__call__(value, system)
```

Call the renderer with the result of the view (`value`) passed in and return a result
(a string or unicode object useful as a response body). Values computed by the system are passed by the system in the `system` parameter, which is a dictionary. Keys in the dictionary include: `view` (the view callable that returned the value), `renderer_name` (the template name or simple name of the renderer), `context` (the context object passed to the view), and `request` (the request object passed to the view).

```python
interface IRequestFactory
A utility which generates a request

__call__ (environ)
Return an instance of `pyramid.request.Request`

`blank` (path)
Return an empty request object (see `pyramid.request.Request.blank`)
```

```python
interface IResponseFactory
A utility which generates a response

__call__ (request)
Return a response object implementing IResponse, e.g. `pyramid.response.Response`). It should handle the case when `request` is None.
```

```python
interface IRouter
WSGI application which routes requests to 'view' code based on a view registry.

`invoke_request` (request)
Invoke the Pyramid request pipeline.

See Request Processing for information on the request pipeline.

The output should be a `pyramid.interfaces.IResponse` object or a raised exception.
```

```python
registry
Component architecture registry local to this application.
```

```python
request_context (environ)
Create a new request context from a WSGI environ.

The request context is used to push/pop the threadlocals required when processing the request. It also contains an initialized `pyramid.interfaces.IRequest` instance using the registered `pyramid.interfaces.IRequestFactory`. The context may be used as a context manager to control the threadlocal lifecycle:

```python
with router.request_context(environ) as request:
    ...
```
Alternatively, the context may be used without the `with` statement by manually invoking its `begin()` and `end()` methods.

```python
ctx = router.request_context(environ)
request = ctx.begin()
try:
    ...
finally:
    ctx.end()
```

**interface IViewMapperFactory**

__call__(self, **kw)

Return an object which implements `pyramid.interfaces.IViewMapper`. `kw` will be a dictionary containing view-specific arguments, such as `permission`, `predicates`, `attr`, `renderer`, and other items. An IViewMapperFactory is used by `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` to provide a plugpoint to extension developers who want to modify potential view callable invocation signatures and response values.

**interface IViewMapper**

__call__(self, object)

Provided with an arbitrary object (a function, class, or instance), returns a callable with the call signature `(context, request)`. The callable returned should itself return a Response object. An IViewMapper is returned by `pyramid.interfaces.IViewMapperFactory`.

**interface IDict**

__contains__(k)

Return `True` if key `k` exists in the dictionary.

__delitem__(k)

Delete an item from the dictionary which is passed to the renderer as the renderer globals dictionary.

__getitem__(k)

Return the value for key `k` from the dictionary or raise a `KeyError` if the key doesn’t exist.

__iter__()

Return an iterator over the keys of this dictionary.
__setitem__ (k, value)
   Set a key/value pair into the dictionary

clear()
   Clear all values from the dictionary

get (k, default=None)
   Return the value for key k from the renderer dictionary, or the default if no such
   value exists.

items()
   Return a list of [(k,v)] pairs from the dictionary

keys()
   Return a list of keys from the dictionary

pop (k, default=None)
   Pop the key k from the dictionary and return its value. If k doesn’t exist, and default
   is provided, return the default. If k doesn’t exist and default is not provided, raise
   a KeyError.

popitem()
   Pop the item with key k from the dictionary and return it as a two-tuple (k, v). If
   k doesn’t exist, raise a KeyError.

setdefault (k, default=None)
   Return the existing value for key k in the dictionary. If no value with k exists
   in the dictionary, set the default value into the dictionary under the k name
   passed. If a value already existed in the dictionary, return it. If a value did not
   exist in the dictionary, return the default

update (d)
   Update the renderer dictionary with another dictionary d.

values()
   Return a list of values from the dictionary

interface IMultiDict
   Extends: pyramid.interfaces.IDict

   An ordered dictionary that can have multiple values for each key. A multidict adds the
   methods getall, getone, mixed, extend, add, and dict_of_lists to the
   normal dictionary interface. A multidict data structure is used as request.POST,
   request.GET, and request.params within an Pyramid application.

add (key, value)
   Add the key and value, not overwriting any previous value.

dict_of_lists()
   Returns a dictionary where each key is associated with a list of values.
extend (other=None, **kwargs)
Add a set of keys and values, not overwriting any previous values. The other structure may be a list of two-tuples or a dictionary. If **kwargs is passed, its value will overwrite existing values.

getall (key)
Return a list of all values matching the key (may be an empty list)

getone (key)
Get one value matching the key, raising a KeyError if multiple values were found.

mixed()
Returns a dictionary where the values are either single values, or a list of values when a key/value appears more than once in this dictionary. This is similar to the kind of dictionary often used to represent the variables in a web request.

interface IResponse
Represents a WSGI response using the WebOb response interface. Some attribute and method documentation of this interface references RFC 2616.

This interface is most famously implemented by pyramid.response.Response and the HTTP exception classes in pyramid.httpexceptions.

RequestClass
Alias for pyramid.request.Request

__call__ (environ, start_response)
WSGI call interface, should call the start_response callback and should return an iterable

accept_ranges
Gets and sets and deletes the Accept-Ranges header. For more information on Accept-Ranges see RFC 2616, section 14.5

age
Gets and sets and deletes the Age header. Converts using int. For more information on Age see RFC 2616, section 14.6.

allow
Gets and sets and deletes the Allow header. Converts using list. For more information on Allow see RFC 2616, Section 14.7.

app_iter
Returns the app_iter of the response.
If body was set, this will create an app_iter from that body (a single-item list)

app_iter_range (start, stop)
Return a new app_iter built from the response app_iter that serves up only the given start:stop range.
**authenticated_userid**
A string to identify the authenticated user or None.

**body**
The body of the response, as a str. This will read in the entire app_iter if necessary.

**body_file**
A file-like object that can be used to write to the body. If you passed in a list app_iter, that app_iter will be modified by writes.

**cache_control**
Get/set/modify the Cache-Control header (RFC 2616 section 14.9)

**cacheExpires**
Get/set the Cache-Control and Expires headers. This sets the response to expire in the number of seconds passed when set.

**charset**
Get/set the charset (in the Content-Type)

**conditional_response_app (environ, start_response)**
Like the normal __call__ interface, but checks conditional headers:
- If-Modified-Since (304 Not Modified; only on GET, HEAD)
- If-None-Match (304 Not Modified; only on GET, HEAD)
- Range (406 Partial Content; only on GET, HEAD)

**content_disposition**
Gets and sets and deletes the Content-Disposition header. For more information on Content-Disposition see RFC 2616 section 19.5.1.

**content_encoding**
Gets and sets and deletes the Content-Encoding header. For more information about Content-Encoding see RFC 2616 section 14.11.

**content_language**
Gets and sets and deletes the Content-Language header. Converts using list. For more information about Content-Language see RFC 2616 section 14.12.

**content_length**
Gets and sets and deletes the Content-Length header. For more information on Content-Length see RFC 2616 section 14.17. Converts using int.

**content_location**
Gets and sets and deletes the Content-Location header. For more information on Content-Location see RFC 2616 section 14.14.
content_md5
Gets and sets and deletes the Content-MD5 header. For more information on
Content-MD5 see RFC 2616 section 14.14.

content_range
Gets and sets and deletes the Content-Range header. For more information on
Content-Range see section 14.16. Converts using ContentRange object.

content_type
Get/set the Content-Type header (or None), without the charset or any parameters.
If you include parameters (or ; at all) when setting the content_type, any existing
parameters will be deleted; otherwise they will be preserved.

content_type_params
A dictionary of all the parameters in the content type. This is not a view, set to
change, modifications of the dict would not be applied otherwise.

copy()
Makes a copy of the response and returns the copy.

date
Gets and sets and deletes the Date header. For more information on Date see RFC
2616 section 14.18. Converts using HTTP date.

delete_cookie(name, path='/', domain=None)
Delete a cookie from the client. Note that path and domain must match how the
cookie was originally set. This sets the cookie to the empty string, and max_age=0
so that it should expire immediately.

encode_content(encoding='gzip', lazy=False)
Encode the content with the given encoding (only gzip and identity are supported).

environ
Get/set the request environ associated with this response, if any.

etag
Gets and sets and deletes the ETag header. For more information on ETag see

expires
Gets and sets and deletes the Expires header. For more information on Expires
see RFC 2616 section 14.21. Converts using HTTP date.

headerlist
The list of response headers.

headers
The headers in a dictionary-like object
**identity**  
An object containing authentication information related to the current request. The object’s type and meaning is defined by the configured security policy.

**is_authenticated**  
A boolean indicating whether the request has an authenticated user, as determined by the security policy in use.

The value is determined by the result of `pyramid.request.Request.authenticated_userid`.

**last_modified**  
Gets and sets and deletes the Last-Modified header. For more information on Last-Modified see RFC 2616 section 14.29. Converts using HTTP date.

**location**  
Gets and sets and deletes the Location header. For more information on Location see RFC 2616 section 14.30.

**md5_etag**  
Generate an etag for the response object using an MD5 hash of the body (the body parameter, or self.body if not given). Sets self.etag. If set_content_md5 is True sets self.content_md5 as well.

**merge_cookies**  
Merge the cookies that were set on this response with the given resp object (which can be any WSGI application). If the resp is a webob.Response object, then the other object will be modified in-place.

**pragma**  
Gets and sets and deletes the Pragma header. For more information on Pragma see RFC 2616 section 14.32.

**request**  
Return the request associated with this response if any.

**retry_after**  
Gets and sets and deletes the Retry-After header. For more information on Retry-After see RFC 2616 section 14.37. Converts using HTTP date or delta seconds.

**server**  
Gets and sets and deletes the Server header. For more information on Server see RFC216 section 14.38.

**set_cookie**  
Set (add) a cookie for the response
status
  The status string.

status_int
  The status as an integer

unicode_body
  Get/set the unicode value of the body (using the charset of the Content-Type)

unset_cookie (name, strict=True)
  Unset a cookie with the given name (remove it from the response).

vary
  Gets and sets and deletes the Vary header. For more information on Vary see section 14.44. Converts using list.

wwwAuthenticate
  Gets and sets and deletes the WWW-Authenticate header. For more information on WWW-Authenticate see RFC 2616 section 14.47. Converts using 'parse_auth' and 'serialize_auth'.

interface IIntrospectable
  An introspectable object used for configuration introspection. In addition to the methods below, objects which implement this interface must also implement all the methods of Python’s collections.MutableMapping (the "dictionary interface"), and must be hashable.

__hash__()
  Introspectables must be hashable. The typical implementation of an introspectable’s __hash__ is:

```python
return hash((self.category_name,) + (self.discriminator, !))
```

action_info
  An IActionInfo object representing the caller that invoked the creation of this introspectable (usually a sentinel until updated during self.register)

category_name
  introspection category name

discriminator
  introspectable discriminator (within category) (must be hashable)

discriminator_hash
  an integer hash of the discriminator
order
integer order in which registered with introspector (managed by introspector, usu-
ally)

register \((introspector, action\_info)\)
Register this IIntrospectable with an introspector. This method is invoked
during action execution. Adds the introspectable and its relations to the in-
trospector. \(introspector\) should be an object implementing IIntrospec-
tor. \(action\_info\) should be a object implementing the interface \(pyramid.\)
\(interfaces.IActionInfo\) representing the call that registered this intro-
spectable. Pseudocode for an implementation of this method:

```python
def register(self, introspector, action_info):
    self.action_info = action_info
    introspector.add(self)
    for methodname, category_name, discriminator in self._relations:
        method = getattr(introspector, methodname)
        method((i.category_name, i.discriminator),
               (category_name, discriminator))
```

relate \((category\_name, discriminator)\)
Indicate an intent to relate this IIntrospectable with another IIntrospectable (the
one associated with the \(category\_name\) and \(discriminator\)) during ac-
tion execution.

title
Text title describing this introspectable

type\_name
Text type name describing this introspectable

unrelate \((category\_name, discriminator)\)
Indicate an intent to break the relationship between this IIntrospectable with an-
other IIntrospectable (the one associated with the \(category\_name\) and dis-
riminator) during action execution.

interface IIIntrospector

add \((intr)\)
Add the IIntrospectable \(intr\) (use instead of \(pyramid.interfaces.\)
IIIntrospector.add() when you have a custom IIIntrospectable). Replaces
any existing introspectable registered using the same category/discriminator.

This method is not typically called directly, instead it’s called indirectly by
\(pyramid.interfaces.IIntrospector.register()\)
categories()

Return a sorted sequence of category names known by this introspector

categorized(sort_key=None)

Get a sequence of tuples in the form [(category_name, [{'introspectable':IIntrospectable, 'related':[sequence of related IIntrospectables]}), ...]] representing all known introspectables. If sort_key is None, each introspectables sequence will be returned in the order the introspectables were added to the introspector. Otherwise, sort_key should be a function that accepts an IIntrospectable and returns a value from it (ala the key function of Python’s sorted callable).

get(category_name, discriminator, default=None)

Get the IIntrospectable related to the category_name and the discriminator (or discriminator hash) discriminator. If it does not exist in the introspector, return the value of default

get_category(category_name, default=None, sort_key=None)

Get a sequence of dictionaries in the form [{'introspectable':IIntrospectable, 'related':[sequence of related IIntrospectables]}], ...] where each introspectable is part of the category associated with category_name.

If the category named category_name does not exist in the introspector the value passed as default will be returned.

If sort_key is None, the sequence will be returned in the order the introspectables were added to the introspector. Otherwise, sort_key should be a function that accepts an IIntrospectable and returns a value from it (ala the key function of Python’s sorted callable).

relate(*pairs)

Given any number of (category_name, discriminator) pairs passed as positional arguments, relate the associated introspectables to each other. The introspectable related to each pair must have already been added via .add or .add_intr; a KeyError will result if this is not true. An error will not be raised if any pair has already been associated with another.

This method is not typically called directly, instead it’s called indirectly by pyramid.interfaces.IIntrospector.register()

related(intr)

Return a sequence of IIntrospectables related to the IIntrospectable intr. Return the empty sequence if no relations for exist.
**remove**(*category_name*, *discriminator*)

Remove the IIntrospectable related to *category_name* and *discriminator* from the introspector, and fix up any relations that the introspectable participates in. This method will not raise an error if an introspectable related to the *category_name* and *discriminator* does not exist.

**unrelate**(*pairs*)

Given any number of (*category_name*, *discriminator*) pairs passed as positional arguments, unrelate the associated introspectables from each other. The introspectable related to each pair must have already been added via .add or .add_intr; a KeyError will result if this is not true. An error will not be raised if any pair is not already related to another.

This method is not typically called directly, instead it's called indirectly by pyramid.interfaces.IIntrospector.register().

**interface IActionInfo**

Class which provides code introspection capability associated with an action. The ParserInfo class used by ZCML implements the same interface.

**__str__**()

Return a representation of the action information (including source code from file, if possible)

**file**

Filename of action-invoking code as a string

**line**

Starting line number in file (as an integer) of action-invoking code. This will be None if the value could not be determined.

**interface IAssetDescriptor**

Describes an asset.

**abspath**()

Returns an absolute path in the filesystem to the asset.

**absspec**()

Returns the absolute asset specification for this asset (e.g. mypackage:templates/foo.pt).

**exists**()

Returns True if asset exists, otherwise returns False.

**isdir**()

Returns True if the asset is a directory, otherwise returns False.

**listdir**()

Returns iterable of filenames of directory contents. Raises an exception if asset is
not a directory.

stream()
Returns an input stream for reading asset contents. Raises an exception if the asset is a directory or does not exist.

interface IResourceURL

physical_path
The physical url path of the resource as a string.

physical_path_tuple
The physical url path of the resource as a tuple. (New in 1.5)

virtual_path
The virtual url path of the resource as a string.

virtual_path_tuple
The virtual url path of the resource as a tuple. (New in 1.5)

interface ICacheBuster
A cache buster modifies the URL generation machinery for static_url(). See Cache Busting.

New in version 1.6.

__call__(request, subpath, kw)
Modifies a subpath and/or keyword arguments from which a static asset URL will be computed during URL generation.

The subpath argument is a path of /-delimited segments that represent the portion of the asset URL which is used to find the asset. The kw argument is a dict of keywords that are to be passed eventually to static_url() for URL generation. The return value should be a two-tuple of (subpath, kw) where subpath is the relative URL from where the file is served and kw is the same input argument. The return value should be modified to include the cache bust token in the generated URL.

The kw dictionary contains extra arguments passed to static_url() as well as some extra items that may be useful including:

- pathspec is the path specification for the resource to be cache busted.
- rawspec is the original location of the file, ignoring any calls to pyramid.
  config.Configurator.override_asset().

The pathspec and rawspec values are only different in cases where an asset has been mounted into a virtual location using pyramid.
config.Configurator.override_asset(). For example, with
a call to \texttt{request.static_url('myapp:static/foo.png')},
the \texttt{``pathspec is myapp:static/foo.png whereas the rawspec}
may be themepkg:bar.png, assuming a call to \texttt{config.}
\texttt{override_asset('myapp:static/foo.png', 'themepkg:bar.}
\texttt{png')}.

\textbf{interface IViewDeriver}

\begin{verbatim}
__call__(view, info)

Derive a new view from the supplied view.

View options, package information and registry are available on info, an instance
of \texttt{pyramid.interfaces.IViewDeriverInfo}.

The view is a callable accepting (context, request).

\textbf{options}

A list of supported options to be passed to \texttt{pyramid.config.}
\texttt{Configurator.add_view()}. This attribute is optional.
\end{verbatim}

\textbf{interface IViewDeriverInfo}

An object implementing this interface is passed to every \textit{view deriver} during config-
uration.

\textbf{exception_only}

The view will only be invoked for exceptions

\textbf{options}

The view options passed to the view, including any default values that were not
overridden

\textbf{original_view}

The original view object being wrapped

\textbf{package}

The ”current package” where the view configuration statement was found

\textbf{predicates}

The list of predicates active on the view

\textbf{registry}

The ”current” application registry where the view was created

\textbf{settings}

The deployment settings dictionary related to the current application

\textbf{interface IPredicateFactory}
**__call__** *(value, info)*  
Create a *IPredicate* instance for a specific value.

**interface IPredicateInfo**

**maybe_dotted** *(value)*  
Resolve the *dotted Python name* dotted to a global Python object. If *dotted* is not a string, return it without attempting to do any name resolution. If *dotted* is a relative dotted name (e.g. `.foo.bar`, consider it relative to the *package*.

**package**  
The "current package” where the predicate configuration statement was found

**registry**  
The "current” application registry where the predicate was invoked

**settings**  
The deployment settings dictionary related to the current application

**interface IPredicate**

**phash()**  
A unique string for the predicate containing both the name and value.  
Often implementations simply set `phash = text`

**text()**  
A textual description of the predicate used in the introspector.  
For example, `content_type = application/json` for a *Content-TypePredicate* with a value `== 'application/json'`.

**interface IRoutePredicate**  
Extends: *pyramid.interfaces.IPredicate*

**__call__**(info, request)  
The info object is a dictionary containing two keys:

- "match" is a dictionary of parameters that becomes `request.matchdict` if the route is selected (all route predicates match).
- "route" is the *IRoute* object being matched.

Return `True` if the route should be selected or `False` otherwise.

**interface ISubscriberPredicate**  
Extends: *pyramid.interfaces.IPredicate*

**__call__**(args)  
The args is usually just a single event argument sent to `registry.notify`.
Return True if the subscriber should be executed for the given arguments or False otherwise.

```python
interface IViewPredicate
   Extends: pyramid.interfaces.IPredicate
   __call__(context, request)
   Return True if the view should be selected for the given arguments or False otherwise.
```

**pyramid.location**

**lineage**(resource)

Return a generator representing the *lineage* of the resource object implied by the resource argument. The generator first returns resource unconditionally. Then, if resource supplies a __parent__ attribute, return the resource represented by resource.__parent__. If that resource has a __parent__ attribute, return that resource’s parent, and so on, until the resource being inspected either has no __parent__ attribute or which has a __parent__ attribute of None. For example, if the resource tree is:

```python
ting1 = Thing()
thing2 = Thing()
thing2.__parent__ = thing1
```

Calling `lineage(thing2)` will return a generator. When we turn it into a list, we will get:

```python
list(lineage(thing2))
[ <Thing object at thing2>, <Thing object at thing1> ]
```

**inside**(resource1, resource2)

Is resource1 ‘inside’ resource2? Return True if so, else False.

resource1 is ‘inside’ resource2 if resource2 is a lineage ancestor of resource1. It is a lineage ancestor if its parent (or one of its parent’s parents, etc.) is an ancestor.

**pyramid.paster**

**bootstrap**(config_uri, request=None, options=None)

Load a WSGI application from the PasteDeploy config file specified by config_uri. The environment will be configured as if it is currently serving request, leaving a natural environment in place to write scripts that can generate URLs and utilize renderers.
This function returns a dictionary with **app**, **root**, **closer**, **request**, and **registry** keys. **app** is the WSGI app loaded (based on the **config_uri**), **root** is the traversal root resource of the Pyramid application, and **closer** is a parameterless callback that may be called when your script is complete (it pops a threadlocal stack).

Most operations within Pyramid expect to be invoked within the context of a WSGI request, thus it's important when loading your application to anchor it when executing scripts and other code that is not normally invoked during active WSGI requests.

For a complex config file containing multiple Pyramid applications, this function will setup the environment under the context of the last-loaded Pyramid application. You may load a specific application yourself by using the lower-level functions `pyramid.paster.get_app()` and `pyramid.scripting.prepare()` in conjunction with `pyramid.config.global_registries`.

**config_uri** -- specifies the PasteDeploy config file to use for the interactive shell. The format is `inifile#name`. If the name is left off, `main` will be assumed.

**request** -- specified to anchor the script to a given set of WSGI parameters. For example, most people would want to specify the host, scheme and port such that their script will generate URLs in relation to those parameters. A request with default parameters is constructed for you if none is provided. You can mutate the request's **environ** later to setup a specific host/port/scheme/etc.

**options** Is passed to `get_app` for use as variable assignments like `{"http_port": 8080}` and then use `%(http_port)s` in the config file.

This function may be used as a context manager to call the **closer** automatically:

```python
with bootstrap('development.ini') as env:
    request = env['request']
    # ...
```

See *Writing a Script* for more information about how to use this function.

Changed in version 1.8: Added the ability to use the return value as a context manager.

Changed in version 2.0: Request finished callbacks added via `pyramid.request.Request.add_finished_callback()` will be invoked by the **closer**.

### get_app(config_uri=None, name=None, options=None)

Return the WSGI application named **name** in the PasteDeploy config file specified by **config_uri**.
options, if passed, should be a dictionary used as variable assignments like {'http_port': 8080}. This is useful if e.g. %(http_port)s is used in the config file.

If the name is None, this will attempt to parse the name from the config_uri string expecting the format *inifile#name*. If no name is found, the name will default to "main".

**get_appsettings (config_uri, name=None, options=None)**

Return a dictionary representing the key/value pairs in an app section within the file represented by config_uri.

options, if passed, should be a dictionary used as variable assignments like {'http_port': 8080}. This is useful if e.g. %(http_port)s is used in the config file.

If the name is None, this will attempt to parse the name from the config_uri string expecting the format *inifile#name*. If no name is found, the name will default to "main".

**setup_logging (config_uri, global_conf=None)**

Set up Python logging with the filename specified via config_uri (a string in the form *filename#sectionname*).

Extra defaults can optionally be specified as a dict in global_conf.

**pyramid.path**

**CALLER_PACKAGE**

A constant used by the constructor of pyramid.path.DottedNameResolver and pyramid.path.AssetResolver.

**class DottedNameResolver (package=pyramid.path.CALLER_PACKAGE)**

A class used to resolve a dotted Python name to a package or module object.

New in version 1.3.

The constructor accepts a single argument named package which may be any of:

- A fully qualified (not relative) dotted name to a module or package
- a Python module or package object
- The value None
- The constant value pyramid.path.CALLER_PACKAGE.
The default value is `pyramid.path.CALLER_PACKAGE`.

The `package` is used when a relative dotted name is supplied to the `resolve()` method. A dotted name which has a . (dot) or : (colon) as its first character is treated as relative.

If `package` is `None`, the resolver will only be able to resolve fully qualified (not relative) names. Any attempt to resolve a relative name will result in a `ValueError` exception.

If `package` is `pyramid.path.CALLER_PACKAGE`, the resolver will treat relative dotted names as relative to the caller of the `resolve()` method.

If `package` is a `module` or `module name` (as opposed to a package or package name), its containing package is computed and this package used to derive the package name (all names are resolved relative to packages, never to modules). For example, if the `package` argument to this type was passed the string `xml.dom.expatbuilder`, and `.mindom` is supplied to the `resolve()` method, the resulting import would be for `xml.minidom`, because `xml.dom.expatbuilder` is a module object, not a package object.

If `package` is a `package` or `package name` (as opposed to a module or module name), this package will be used to relative compute dotted names. For example, if the `package` argument to this type was passed the string `xml.dom`, and `.minidom` is supplied to the `resolve()` method, the resulting import would be for `xml.minidom`.

**maybe_resolve**(*dotted*)

This method behaves just like `resolve()`, except if the `dotted` value passed is not a string, it is simply returned. For example:

```python
import xml
r = DottedNameResolver()
v = r.maybe_resolve(xml)
# v is the xml module; no exception raised
```

**resolve**(*dotted*)

This method resolves a dotted name reference to a global Python object (an object which can be imported) to the object itself.

Two dotted name styles are supported:

- `pkg_resources`-style dotted names where non-module attributes of a package are separated from the rest of the path using a `:` (e.g. `package.module:attr`).

- `zope.dottedname`-style dotted names where non-module attributes of a package are separated from the rest of the path using a `.` (e.g. `package.module.attr`).

These styles can be used interchangeably. If the supplied name contains a `:` (colon), the `pkg_resources` resolution mechanism will be chosen, otherwise the `zope.dottedname` resolution mechanism will be chosen.

If the `dotted` argument passed to this method is not a string, a `ValueError` will be raised.
When a dotted name cannot be resolved, a `ValueError` error is raised.

Example:

```python
r = DottedNameResolver()
v = r.resolve('xml')  # v is the xml module
```

class AssetResolver (package=pyramid.path.CALLER_PACKAGE)
A class used to resolve an asset specification to an asset descriptor.

New in version 1.3.

The constructor accepts a single argument named `package` which may be any of:

- A fully qualified (not relative) dotted name to a module or package
- A Python module or package object
- The value `None`
- The constant value `pyramid.path.CALLER_PACKAGE`.

The default value is `pyramid.path.CALLER_PACKAGE`.

The `package` is used when a relative asset specification is supplied to the `resolve()` method. An asset specification without a colon in it is treated as relative.

If `package` is `None`, the resolver will only be able to resolve fully qualified (not relative) asset specifications. Any attempt to resolve a relative asset specification will result in a `ValueError` exception.

If `package` is `pyramid.path.CALLER_PACKAGE`, the resolver will treat relative asset specifications as relative to the caller of the `resolve()` method.

If `package` is a `module` or `module name` (as opposed to a package or package name), its containing package is computed and this package is used to derive the package name (all names are resolved relative to packages, never to modules). For example, if the `package` argument to this type was passed the string `xml.dom.expatbuilder`, and `template.pt` is supplied to the `resolve()` method, the resulting absolute asset spec would be `xml.minidom:template.pt`, because `xml.dom.expatbuilder` is a module object, not a package object.

If `package` is a `package` or `package name` (as opposed to a module or module name), this package will be used to compute relative asset specifications. For example, if the `package` argument to this type was passed the string `xml.dom`, and `template.pt` is supplied to the `resolve()` method, the resulting absolute asset spec would be `xml.minidom:template.pt`.

`resolve(spec)`
Resolve the asset spec named as `spec` to an object that has the attributes and methods described in `pyramid.interfaces.IAssetDescriptor`. 
If `spec` is an absolute filename (e.g. `/path/to/myproject/templates/foo.pt`) or an absolute asset spec (e.g. `myproject:templates.foo.pt`), an asset descriptor is returned without taking into account the package passed to this class’ constructor.

If `spec` is a *relative* asset specification (an asset specification without a `:` in it, e.g. `templates/foo.pt`), the package argument of the constructor is used as the package portion of the asset spec. For example:

```python
a = AssetResolver('myproject')
resolver = a.resolve('templates/foo.pt')
print(resolver.abspath())
# -> /path/to/myproject/templates/foo.pt
```

If the AssetResolver is constructed without a `package` argument of `None`, and a relative asset specification is passed to `resolve`, a `ValueError` exception is raised.

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### pyramid.registry

#### class Registry

`package_name=pyramid.path.CALLER_PACKAGE, *args, **kw)

A registry object is an application registry.

It is used by the framework itself to perform mappings of URLs to view callables, as well as servicing other various framework duties. A registry has its own internal API, but this API is rarely used by Pyramid application developers (it’s usually only used by developers of the Pyramid framework and Pyramid addons). But it has a number of attributes that may be useful to application developers within application code, such as `settings`, which is a dictionary containing application deployment settings.

For information about the purpose and usage of the application registry, see *Using the Zope Component Architecture in Pyramid*.

The registry may be used both as an `pyramid.interfaces.IDict` and as a Zope component registry. These two ways of storing configuration are independent. Applications will tend to prefer to store information as key-values whereas addons may prefer to use the component registry to avoid naming conflicts and to provide more complex lookup mechanisms.

The application registry is usually accessed as `request.registry` in application code. By the time a registry is used to handle requests it should be considered frozen and read-only. Any changes to its internal state should be done with caution and concern for thread-safety.

**settings**

The dictionary-like `deployment settings` object. See *Deployment Settings* for information. This object is often accessed as `request.registry.settings` or `config.registry.settings` in a typical Pyramid application.
package_name
New in version 1.6.

When a registry is set up (or created) by a Configurator, this attribute will be the shortcut for pyramid.config.Configurator.package_name.

This attribute is often accessed as request.registry.package_name or config.registry.package_name or config.package_name in a typical Pyramid application.

introspector
New in version 1.3.

When a registry is set up (or created) by a Configurator, the registry will be decorated with an instance named introspector implementing the pyramid.interfaces.IIntrospector interface.

See also:
See also pyramid.config.Configurator.introspector.

When a registry is created "by hand", however, this attribute will not exist until set up by a configurator.

This attribute is often accessed as request.registry.introspector in a typical Pyramid application.

notify (*events)
Fire one or more events. All event subscribers to the event(s) will be notified. The subscribers will be called synchronously. This method is often accessed as request.registry.notify in Pyramid applications to fire custom events. See Creating Your Own Events for more information.

class Introspectable
New in version 1.3.

The default implementation of the interface pyramid.interfaces.IIntrospectable used by framework extenders. An instance of this class is created when pyramid.config.Configurator.introspectable is called.

class Deferred(func)
Can be used by a third-party configuration extender to wrap a discriminator during configuration if an immediately hashable discriminator cannot be computed because it relies on unresolved values. The function should accept no arguments and should return a hashable discriminator.

New in version 1.4.

undefer (v)
Function which accepts an object and returns it unless it is a pyramid.registry.Deferred
instance. If it is an instance of that class, its `resolve` method is called, and the result of the method is returned.

New in version 1.4.

```python
class predvalueq(iterable=(), /
```
A subtype of tuple used to represent a sequence of predicate values

New in version 1.4.

`pyramid.renderers`

`get_renderer(renderer_name, package=None, registry=None)`
Return the renderer object for the renderer `renderer_name`.

You may supply a relative asset spec as `renderer_name`. If the `package` argument is supplied, a relative renderer name will be converted to an absolute asset specification by combining the package `package` with the relative asset specification `renderer_name`. If `package` is `None` (the default), the package name of the `caller` of this function will be used as the package.

You may directly supply an `application registry` using the `registry` argument, and it will be used to look up the renderer. Otherwise, the current thread-local registry (obtained via `get_current_registry()`) will be used.

`render(renderer_name, value, request=None, package=None)`
Using the renderer `renderer_name` (a template or a static renderer), render the value (or set of values) present in `value`. Return the result of the renderer’s `__call__` method (usually a string or Unicode).

If the `renderer_name` refers to a file on disk, such as when the renderer is a template, it’s usually best to supply the name as an `asset specification` (e.g. `packagename:path/to/template.pt`).

You may supply a relative asset spec as `renderer_name`. If the `package` argument is supplied, a relative renderer path will be converted to an absolute asset specification by combining the package `package` with the relative asset specification `renderer_name`. If `package` is `None` (the default), the package name of the `caller` of this function will be used as the package.

The `value` provided will be supplied as the input to the renderer. Usually, for template renderings, this should be a dictionary. For other renderers, this will need to be whatever sort of value the renderer expects.

The 'system' values supplied to the renderer will include a basic set of top-level system names, such as `request`, `context`, `renderer_name`, and `view`. See `System Values Used During Rendering` for the full list. If `renderer globals` have been specified, these will also be used to augment the value.
Supply a request parameter in order to provide the renderer with the most correct 'system' values (request and context in particular).

**render_to_response**(renderer_name, value, request=None, package=None, response=None)

Using the renderer renderer_name (a template or a static renderer), render the value (or set of values) using the result of the renderer’s __call__ method (usually a string or Unicode) as the response body.

If the renderer name refers to a file on disk (such as when the renderer is a template), it’s usually best to supply the name as a asset specification.

You may supply a relative asset spec as renderer_name. If the package argument is supplied, a relative renderer name will be converted to an absolute asset specification by combining the package package with the relative asset specification renderer_name. If you do not supply a package (or package is None) the package name of the caller of this function will be used as the package.

The value provided will be supplied as the input to the renderer. Usually, for template renderings, this should be a dictionary. For other renderers, this will need to be whatever sort of value the renderer expects.

The 'system' values supplied to the renderer will include a basic set of top-level system names, such as request, context, renderer_name, and view. See System Values Used During Rendering for the full list. If renderer globals have been specified, these will also be used to argument the value.

Supply a request parameter in order to provide the renderer with the most correct 'system' values (request and context in particular). Keep in mind that any changes made to request. response prior to calling this function will not be reflected in the resulting response object. A new response object will be created for each call unless one is passed as the response argument.

Changed in version 1.6: In previous versions, any changes made to request. response outside of this function call would affect the returned response. This is no longer the case. If you wish to send in a pre-initialized response then you may pass one in the response argument.

**class JSON**(serializer=<function dumps>, adapters=(), **kw)

Renderer that returns a JSON-encoded string.

Configure a custom JSON renderer using the add_renderer() API at application startup time:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

config = Configurator()
config.add_renderer('myjson', JSON(indent=4))
```

Once this renderer is registered as above, you can use myjson as the renderer= parameter to @view_config or add_view():
Custom objects can be serialized using the renderer by either implementing the \_\_json\_\_ magic method, or by registering adapters with the renderer. See *Serializing Custom Objects* for more information.

The default serializer uses \texttt{json.JSONEncoder}. A different serializer can be specified via the \texttt{serializer} argument. Custom serializers should accept the object, a callback \texttt{default}, and any extra \texttt{kw} keyword arguments passed during renderer construction. This feature isn’t widely used but it can be used to replace the stock JSON serializer with, say, simplejson. If all you want to do, however, is serialize custom objects, you should use the method explained in *Serializing Custom Objects* instead of replacing the serializer.

New in version 1.4: Prior to this version, there was no public API for supplying options to the underlying serializer without defining a custom renderer.

\texttt{add_adapter(type\_or\_iface, adapter)}

When an object of the type (or interface) \texttt{type\_or\_iface} fails to automatically encode using the serializer, the renderer will use the adapter \texttt{adapter} to convert it into a JSON-serializable object. The adapter must accept two arguments: the object and the currently active request.

```python
class Foo:
    x = 5

def foo_adapter(obj, request):
    return obj.x

renderer = JSON(indent=4)
renderer.add_adapter(Foo, foo_adapter)
```

When you’ve done this, the JSON renderer will be able to serialize instances of the \texttt{Foo} class when they’re encountered in your view results.

\texttt{class JSONP(param\_name=’callback’, **kw)}

JSONP renderer factory helper which implements a hybrid \texttt{json/jsonp} renderer. JSONP is useful for making cross-domain AJAX requests.
Configure a JSONP renderer using the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_renderer()` API at application startup time:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

cfg = Configurator()
cfg.add_renderer('jsonp', JSONP(param_name='callback'))
```

The class’ constructor also accepts arbitrary keyword arguments. All keyword arguments except `param_name` are passed to the `json.dumps` function as its keyword arguments.

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator

cfg = Configurator()
cfg.add_renderer('jsonp', JSONP(param_name='callback', indent=4))
```

Changed in version 1.4: The ability of this class to accept a **kw in its constructor.

The arguments passed to this class’ constructor mean the same thing as the arguments passed to `pyramid.renderers.JSON` (including `serializer` and `adapters`).

Once this renderer is registered via `add_renderer()` as above, you can use `jsonp` as the `renderer=` parameter to `@view_config` or `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view`:

```python
from pyramid.view import view_config

@view_config(renderer='jsonp')
def myview(request):
    return {'greeting': 'Hello world'}
```

When a view is called that uses the JSONP renderer:

- If there is a parameter in the request’s HTTP query string that matches the `param_name` of the registered JSONP renderer (by default, `callback`), the renderer will return a JSONP response.
- If there is no callback parameter in the request’s query string, the renderer will return a ‘plain’ JSON response.

New in version 1.1.

**See also:**

See also `JSONP Renderer`.

`add_adapter(type_or_iface, adapter)`

When an object of the type (or interface) `type_or_iface` fails to automatically encode
using the serializer, the renderer will use the adapter \texttt{adapter} to convert it into a JSON-serializable object. The adapter must accept two arguments: the object and the currently active request.

```python
class Foo:
    x = 5

def foo_adapter(obj, request):
    return obj.x

renderer = JSON(indent=4)
renderer.add_adapter(Foo, foo_adapter)
```

When you’ve done this, the JSON renderer will be able to serialize instances of the Foo class when they’re encountered in your view results.

\texttt{null\_renderer}

An object that can be used in advanced integration cases as input to the view configuration \texttt{renderer= argument}. When the null renderer is used as a view renderer argument, Pyramid avoids converting the view callable result into a Response object. This is useful if you want to reuse the view configuration and lookup machinery outside the context of its use by the Pyramid router.

\texttt{pyramid.request}

\texttt{class Request (environ}, \texttt{charset=None, unicode\_errors=None, decode\_param\_names=None,}
\texttt{ **kw)}

A subclass of the WebOb Request class. An instance of this class is created by the \texttt{router} and is provided to a view callable (and to other subsystems) as the \texttt{request} argument.

The documentation below (save for the \texttt{add\_response\_callback} and \texttt{add\_finished\_callback} methods, which are defined in this subclass itself, and the attributes \texttt{context}, \texttt{registry}, \texttt{root}, \texttt{subpath}, \texttt{traversed}, \texttt{view\_name}, \texttt{virtual\_root}, and \texttt{virtual\_root\_path}, each of which is added to the request by the \texttt{router} at request ingress time) are autogenerated from the WebOb source code used when this documentation was generated.

Due to technical constraints, we can’t yet display the WebOb version number from which this documentation is autogenerated, but it will be the 'prevailing WebOb version' at the time of the release of this Pyramid version. See \url{https://webob.org/} for further information.

\texttt{context}

The \texttt{context} will be available as the \texttt{context} attribute of the \texttt{request} object. It will be the context object implied by the current request. See \textit{Traversal} for information about context objects.
registry
The application registry will be available as the registry attribute of the request object. See Using the Zope Component Architecture in Pyramid for more information about the application registry.

root
The root object will be available as the root attribute of the request object. It will be the resource object at which traversal started (the root). See Traversal for information about root objects.

subpath
The traversal subpath will be available as the subpath attribute of the request object. It will be a sequence containing zero or more elements (which will be Unicode objects). See Traversal for information about the subpath.

traversed
The "traversal path" will be available as the traversed attribute of the request object. It will be a sequence representing the ordered set of names that were used to traverse to the context, not including the view name or subpath. If there is a virtual root associated with the request, the virtual root path is included within the traversal path. See Traversal for more information.

view_name
The view name will be available as the view_name attribute of the request object. It will be a single string (possibly the empty string if we’re rendering a default view). See Traversal for information about view names.

virtual_root
The virtual root will be available as the virtual_root attribute of the request object. It will be the virtual root object implied by the current request. See Virtual Hosting for more information about virtual roots.

virtual_root_path
The virtual root path will be available as the virtual_root_path attribute of the request object. It will be a sequence representing the ordered set of names that were used to traverse to the virtual root object. See Virtual Hosting for more information about virtual roots.

exception
If an exception was raised by a root factory or a view callable, or at various other points where Pyramid executes user-defined code during the processing of a request, the exception object which was caught will be available as the exception attribute of the request within a exception view, a response callback or a finished callback. If no exception occurred, the value of request.exception will be None within response and finished callbacks.

exc_info
If an exception was raised by a root factory or a view callable, or at various other points where Pyramid executes user-defined code during the processing of a request, result of sys.
exc_info() will be available as the exc_info attribute of the request within a exception view, a response callback or a finished callback. If no exception occurred, the value of request.exc_info will be None within response and finished callbacks.

**response**

This attribute is actually a "reified" property which returns an instance of the pyramid.response.Response class. The response object returned does not exist until this attribute is accessed. Once it is accessed, subsequent accesses to this request object will return the same Response object.

The request.response API can is used by renderers. A render obtains the response object it will return from a view that uses that renderer by accessing request.response. Therefore, it’s possible to use the request.response API to set up a response object with ”the right” attributes (e.g. by calling request.response.set_cookie(...) or request.response.content_type = 'text/plain', etc) within a view that uses a renderer. For example, within a view that uses a renderer:

```python
response = request.response
response.set_cookie('mycookie', 'mine, all mine!')
return {'text': 'Value that will be used by the renderer'}
```

Mutations to this response object will be preserved in the response sent to the client after rendering. For more information about using request.response in conjunction with a renderer, see Varying Attributes of Rendered Responses.

Non-renderer code can also make use of request.response instead of creating a response ”by hand”. For example, in view code:

```python
response = request.response
response.body = 'Hello!'
response.content_type = 'text/plain'
return response
```

Note that the response in this circumstance is not ”global”; it still must be returned from the view code if a renderer is not used.

**session**

If a session factory has been configured, this attribute will represent the current user’s session object. If a session factory has not been configured, requesting the request.session attribute will cause a pyramid.exceptions.ConfigurationError to be raised.

**matchdict**

If a route has matched during this request, this attribute will be a dictionary containing the values matched by the URL pattern associated with the route. If a route has not matched during this request, the value of this attribute will be None. See The Matchdict.
matched_route
If a route has matched during this request, this attribute will be an object representing the route matched by the URL pattern associated with the route. If a route has not matched during this request, the value of this attribute will be None. See The Matched Route.

authenticated_userid
A property which returns the userid of the currently authenticated user or None if there is no security policy in effect or there is no currently authenticated user.

unauthenticated_userid
Deprecated since version 2.0: unauthenticated_userid has been deprecated in version 2.0. Use authenticated_userid or identity instead. See upgrading_auth_20 for more information.

A property which returns a value which represents the claimed (not verified) userid of the credentials present in the request. None if there is no authentication policy in effect or there is no user data associated with the current request. This differs from authenticated_userid, because the effective authentication policy will not ensure that a record associated with the userid exists in persistent storage. Even if the userid does not exist in persistent storage, this value will be the value of the userid claimed by the request data.

effective_principals
Deprecated since version 2.0: The new security policy has removed the concept of principals. See upgrading_auth_20 for more information.

A property which returns the list of 'effective' principal identifiers for this request. This list typically includes the userid of the currently authenticated user if a user is currently authenticated, but this depends on the authentication policy in effect. If no authentication policy is in effect, this will return a sequence containing only the pyramid.authorization.Everyone principal.

invoke_subrequest(request, use_tweens=False)
New in version 1.4a1.

Obtain a response object from the Pyramid application based on information in the request object provided. The request object must be an object that implements the Pyramid request interface (such as a pyramid.request.Request instance). If use_tweens is True, the request will be sent to the tween in the tween stack closest to the request ingress. If use_tweens is False, the request will be sent to the main router handler, and no tweens will be invoked.

This function also:
• manages the threadlocal stack (so that get_current_request() and get_current_registry() work during a request)
• Adds a registry attribute (the current Pyramid registry) and a invoke_subrequest attribute (a callable) to the request object it’s handed.
- sets request extensions (such as those added via `add_request_method()`) on the request it’s passed.

- causes a `NewRequest` event to be sent at the beginning of request processing.

- causes a `ContextFound` event to be sent when a context resource is found.

- Ensures that the user implied by the request passed has the necessary authorization to invoke view callable before calling it.

- Calls any `response callback` functions defined within the request’s lifetime if a response is obtained from the Pyramid application.

- causes a `NewResponse` event to be sent if a response is obtained.

- Calls any `finished callback` functions defined within the request’s lifetime.

`invoke_subrequest` isn’t actually a method of the Request object; it’s a callable added when the Pyramid router is invoked, or when a subrequest is invoked. This means that it’s not available for use on a request provided by e.g. the `pshell` environment.

See also:

See also *Invoking a Subrequest*.

```python
invoke_exception_view(exc_info=None, request=None, secure=True, reraise=False)
```

Executes an exception view related to the request it’s called upon. The arguments it takes are these:

`exc_info`

If provided, should be a 3-tuple in the form provided by `sys.exc_info()`. If not provided, `sys.exc_info()` will be called to obtain the current interpreter exception information. Default: `None`.

`request`

If the request to be used is not the same one as the instance that this method is called upon, it may be passed here. Default: `None`.

`secure`

If the exception view should not be rendered if the current user does not have the appropriate permission, this should be `True`. Default: `True`.

`reraise`

A boolean indicating whether the original error should be reraised if a `response` object could not be created. If `False` then an `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPNotFound` exception will be raised. Default: `False`.
If a response is generated then `request.exception` and `request.exc_info` will be left at the values used to render the response. Otherwise the previous values for `request.exception` and `request.exc_info` will be restored.

New in version 1.7.

Changed in version 1.9: The `request.exception` and `request.exc_info` properties will reflect the exception used to render the response where previously they were reset to the values prior to invoking the method.

Also added the `reraise` argument.

**has_permission**(permission, context=None)

Given a permission and an optional context, returns an instance of `pyramid.security`. `Allowed` if the permission is granted to this request with the provided context, or the context already associated with the request. Otherwise, returns an instance of `pyramid.security.Denied`. This method delegates to the current security policy. Returns `pyramid.security.Allowed` unconditionally if no security policy has been registered for this request. If `context` is not supplied or is supplied as `None`, the context used is the `request.context` attribute.

**Parameters**

- **permission**(str) -- Does this request have the given permission?
- **context**(object) -- A resource object or None

**Returns** Either `pyramid.security.Allowed` or `pyramid.security.Denied`.

**add_response_callback**(callback)

Add a callback to the set of callbacks to be called by the `router` at a point after a `response` object is successfully created. Pyramid does not have a global response object: this functionality allows an application to register an action to be performed against the response once one is created.

A 'callback' is a callable which accepts two positional parameters: request and response. For example:

```python
def cache_callback(request, response):
    'Set the cache_control max_age for the response'
    response.cache_control.max_age = 360
    request.add_response_callback(cache_callback)
```

Response callbacks are called in the order they’re added (first-to-most-recently-added). No response callback is called if an exception happens in application code, or if the response object returned by view code is invalid.
All response callbacks are called after the tweens and before the pyramid.events. NewResponse event is sent.

Errors raised by callbacks are not handled specially. They will be propagated to the caller of the Pyramid router application.

**See also:**

See also Using Response Callbacks.

**add_finished_callback** *(callback)*

Add a callback to the set of callbacks to be called unconditionally by the router at the very end of request processing.

`callback` is a callable which accepts a single positional parameter: `request`. For example:

```python
import transaction

def commit_callback(request):
    '''commit or abort the transaction associated with request'''

    if request.exception is not None:
        transaction.abort()
    else:
        transaction.commit()

request.add_finished_callback(commit_callback)
```

Finished callbacks are called in the order they’re added (first- to most-recently- added). Finished callbacks (unlike response callbacks) are always called, even if an exception happens in application code that prevents a response from being generated.

The set of finished callbacks associated with a request are called very late in the processing of that request; they are essentially the last thing called by the router. They are called after response processing has already occurred in a top-level finally: block within the router request processing code. As a result, mutations performed to the request provided to a finished callback will have no meaningful effect, because response processing will have already occurred, and the request’s scope will expire almost immediately after all finished callbacks have been processed.

Errors raised by finished callbacks are not handled specially. They will be propagated to the caller of the Pyramid router application.

**See also:**

See also Using Finished Callbacks.

**route_url** *(route_name, *elements, **kw)*

Generates a fully qualified URL for a named Pyramid route configuration.
Use the route's name as the first positional argument. Additional positional arguments (*elements) are appended to the URL as path segments after it is generated.

Use keyword arguments to supply values which match any dynamic path elements in the route definition. Raises a KeyError exception if the URL cannot be generated for any reason (not enough arguments, for example).

For example, if you’ve defined a route named "foobar" with the path {foo}/{bar}/
*traverse:

```python
request.route_url('foobar', foo='1')  # => <KeyError exception>
request.route_url('foobar', foo='1', bar='2')  # => <KeyError exception>
request.route_url('foobar', foo='1', bar='2', traverse=('a', 'b'))  # => http://e.com/1/2/a/b
request.route_url('foobar', foo='1', bar='2', traverse='a/b')  # => http://e.com/1/2/a/b
```

Values replacing :segment arguments can be passed as strings or Unicode objects. They will be encoded to UTF-8 and URL-quoted before being placed into the generated URL.

Values replacing *remainder arguments can be passed as strings or tuples of Unicode/string values. If a tuple is passed as a *remainder replacement value, its values are URL-quoted and encoded to UTF-8. The resulting strings are joined with slashes and rendered into the URL. If a string is passed as a *remainder replacement value, it is tacked on to the URL after being URL-quoted-except-for-embedded slashes.

If _query is provided, it will be used to compose a query string that will be tacked on to the end of the URL. The value of _query may be a sequence of two-tuples or a data structure with an .items() method that returns a sequence of two-tuples (presumably a dictionary). This data structure will be turned into a query string per the documentation of the pyramid.url.urlencode() function. This will produce a query string in the x-www-form-urlencoded format. A non-x-www-form-urlencoded query string may be used by passing a string value as _query in which case it will be URL-quoted (e.g. query="foo bar" will become "foo%20bar"). However, the result will not need to be in k=v form as required by x-www-form-urlencoded. After the query data is turned into a query string, a leading ? is prepended, and the resulting string is appended to the generated URL.
Python data structures that are passed as `_query` which are sequences or dictionaries are turned into a string under the same rules as when run through `urlliburlencode()` with the `doseq` argument equal to `True`. This means that sequences can be passed as values, and a `k=v` pair will be placed into the query string for each value.

If a keyword argument `_anchor` is present, its string representation will be quoted per RFC 3986#section-3.5 and used as a named anchor in the generated URL (e.g. if `_anchor` is passed as `foo` and the route URL is `http://example.com/route/url`, the resulting generated URL will be `http://example.com/route/url#foo`).

If `_anchor` is passed as a string, it should be UTF-8 encoded. If `_anchor` is passed as a Unicode object, it will be converted to UTF-8 before being appended to the URL.

If both `_anchor` and `_query` are specified, the anchor element will always follow the query element, e.g. `http://example.com?foo=1#bar`.

If any of the keyword arguments `_scheme`, `_host`, or `_port` is passed and is non-None, the provided value will replace the named portion in the generated URL. For example, if you pass `_host='foo.com'`, and the URL that would have been generated without the host replacement is `http://example.com/a`, the result will be `http://foo.com/a`.

Note that if `_scheme` is passed as `https`, and `_port` is not passed, the `_port` value is assumed to have been passed as 443. Likewise, if `_scheme` is passed as `http` and `_port` is not passed, the `_port` value is assumed to have been passed as 80. To avoid this behavior, always explicitly pass `_port` whenever you pass `_scheme`.

If a keyword `_app_url` is present, it will be used as the protocol/hostname/port/leading path prefix of the generated URL. For example, using an `_app_url` of `http://example.com:8080/foo` would cause the URL `http://example.com:8080/foo/fleeb/flub` to be returned from this function if the expansion of the route pattern associated with the `route_name` expanded to `/fleeb/flub`. If `_app_url` is not specified, the result of `request.application_url` will be used as the prefix (the default).

If both `_app_url` and any of `_scheme`, `_host`, or `_port` are passed, `_app_url` takes precedence and any values passed for `_scheme`, `_host`, and `_port` will be ignored.

This function raises a `KeyError` if the URL cannot be generated due to missing replacement names. Extra replacement names are ignored.

If the route object which matches the `route_name` argument has a `pregenerator`, the `*elements` and `**kw` arguments passed to this function might be augmented or changed.

Changed in version 1.5: Allow the `_query` option to be a string to enable alternative encodings.
The \_anchor option will be escaped instead of using its raw string representation.

Changed in version 1.9: If \_query or \_anchor are falsey (such as None or an empty string) they will not be included in the generated url.

\texttt{route\_path (route\_name, *elements, **kw)}

Generates a path (aka a 'relative URL', a URL minus the host, scheme, and port) for a named Pyramid route configuration.

This function accepts the same argument as \texttt{pyramid.request.Request.route\_url ()} and performs the same duty. It just omits the host, port, and scheme information in the return value; only the script_name, path, query parameters, and anchor data are present in the returned string.

For example, if you've defined a route named 'foobar' with the path /\{foo\}/\{bar\}, this call to \texttt{route\_path}:

\begin{verbatim}
request.route_path('foobar', foo='1', bar='2')
\end{verbatim}

Will return the string /1/2.

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\textbf{Tip} Calling \texttt{request.route\_path ('route')} is the same as calling \texttt{request.route\_url ('route', \_app_url=request.script\_name)}. \texttt{pyramid.request.Request.route\_path ()} is, in fact, implemented in terms of \texttt{pyramid.request.Request.route\_url ()} in just this way. As a result, any \_app_url passed within the **kw values to \texttt{route\_path} will be ignored.

\texttt{current\_route\_url (*elements, **kw)}

Generates a fully qualified URL for a named Pyramid route configuration based on the 'current route'.

This function supplements \texttt{pyramid.request.Request.route\_url ()}. It presents an easy way to generate a URL for the 'current route' (defined as the route which matched when the request was generated).

The arguments to this method have the same meaning as those with the same names passed to \texttt{pyramid.request.Request.route\_url ()}. It also understands an extra argument which \texttt{route\_url} does not named \_route\_name.

The route name used to generate a URL is taken from either the \_route\_name key-word argument or the name of the route which is currently associated with the request if \_route\_name was not passed. Keys and values from the current request \texttt{matchdict} are combined with the kw arguments to form a set of defaults named newkw. Then \texttt{request.route\_url (route\_name, *elements, **newkw)} is called, returning a URL.

Examples follow.
If the 'current route' has the route pattern /foo/{page} and the current url path is /foo/1, the matchdict will be {'page': '1'}. The result of request.current_route_url() in this situation will be /foo/1.

If the 'current route' has the route pattern /foo/{page} and the current url path is /foo/1, the matchdict will be {'page': '1'}. The result of request.current_route_url(page='2') in this situation will be /foo/2.

Usage of the _route_name keyword argument: if our routing table defines routes /foo/{action} named 'foo' and /foo/{action}/{page} named fooaction, and the current url pattern is /foo/view (which has matched the /foo/{action} route), we may want to use the matchdict args to generate a URL to the fooaction route. In this scenario, request.current_route_url(_route_name='fooaction', page='5') Will return string like: /foo/view/5.

current_route_path(*elements, **kw)
Generates a path (aka a 'relative URL', a URL minus the host, scheme, and port) for the Pyramid route configuration matched by the current request.

This function accepts the same argument as pyramid.request.Request.current_route_url() and performs the same duty. It just omits the host, port, and scheme information in the return value; only the script_name, path, query parameters, and anchor data are present in the returned string.

For example, if the route matched by the current request has the pattern /{foo}/{bar}, this call to current_route_path:

```
request.current_route_path(foo='1', bar='2')
```

Will return the string /1/2.

Calling request.current_route_path('route') is the same as calling request.current_route_url('route', _app_url=request.script_name). pyramid.request.Request.current_route_path() is, in fact, implemented in terms of pyramid.request.Request.current_route_url() in just this way. As a result, any _app_url passed within the **kw values to current_route_path will be ignored.

static_url(path, **kw)
Generates a fully qualified URL for a static asset. The asset must live within a location defined via the pyramid.config.Configurator.add_static_view() configuration declaration (see Serving Static Assets).

Example:
The path argument points at a file or directory on disk which a URL should be generated for. The path may be either a relative path (e.g. `static/foo.css`) or an absolute path (e.g. `/abspath/to/static/foo.css`) or a asset specification (e.g. `mypackage:static/foo.css`).

The purpose of the **kw argument is the same as the purpose of the `pyramid.request.Request.route_url()` **kw argument. See the documentation for that function to understand the arguments which you can provide to it. However, typically, you don’t need to pass anything as *kw when generating a static asset URL.

This function raises a ValueError if a static view definition cannot be found which matches the path specification.

**static_path**(path, **kw)
Generates a path (aka a 'relative URL', a URL minus the host, scheme, and port) for a static resource.

This function accepts the same argument as `pyramid.request.Request.static_url()` and performs the same duty. It just omits the host, port, and scheme information in the return value; only the script_name, path, query parameters, and anchor data are present in the returned string.

Example:

```
request.static_path('mypackage:static/foo.css') =>
/static/foo.css
```

Calling `request.static_path(apath)` is the same as calling `request.static_url(apath, _app_url=request.script_name)`. `pyramid.request.Request.static_path()` is, in fact, implemented in terms of `pyramid.request.Request.static_url()` in just this way. As a result, any _app_url passed within the **kw values to static_path will be ignored.

**resource_url**(resource, *elements, **kw)
Generate a string representing the absolute URL of the resource object based on the wsgi. url_scheme, HTTP_HOST or SERVER_NAME in the request, plus any SCRIPT_NAME. The overall result of this method is always a UTF-8 encoded string.

Examples:
Any positional arguments passed in as elements must be strings Unicode objects, or integer objects. These will be joined by slashes and appended to the generated resource URL. Each of the elements passed in is URL-quoted before being appended; if any element is Unicode, it will converted to a UTF-8 bytestring before being URL-quoted. If any element is an integer, it will be converted to its string representation before being URL-quoted.

If no elements arguments are specified, the resource URL will end with a trailing slash. If any elements are used, the generated URL will not end in a trailing slash.

If query is provided, it will be used to compose a query string that will be tacked on to the end of the URL. The value of query may be a sequence of two-tuples or a data structure with an .items() method that returns a sequence of two-tuples (presumably a dictionary). This data structure will be turned into a query string per the documentation of the pyramid.url.urlencode() function. This will produce a query string in the x-www-form-urlencoded format. A non-x-www-form-urlencoded query string may be used by passing a string value as query in which case it will be URL-quoted (e.g. query=”foo bar” will become ”foo%20bar”). However, the result will not need to be in k=v form as required by x-www-form-urlencoded. After the query data is turned into a query string, a leading ? is prepended, and the resulting string is appended to the generated URL.

Python data structures that are passed as query which are sequences or dictionaries
are turned into a string under the same rules as when run through `urllib.urlencode()` with the `doseq` argument equal to `True`. This means that sequences can be passed as values, and a `k=v` pair will be placed into the query string for each value.

If a keyword argument `anchor` is present, its string representation will be used as a named anchor in the generated URL (e.g. if `anchor` is passed as `foo` and the resource URL is `http://example.com/resource/url`, the resulting generated URL will be `http://example.com/resource/url#foo`).

> If `anchor` is passed as a string, it should be UTF-8 encoded. If `anchor` is passed as a Unicode object, it will be converted to UTF-8 before being appended to the URL.

If both `anchor` and `query` are specified, the `anchor` element will always follow the `query` element, e.g. `http://example.com?foo=1#bar`.

If any of the keyword arguments `scheme`, `host`, or `port` is passed and is non-`None`, the provided value will replace the named portion in the generated URL. For example, if you pass `host='foo.com'`, and the URL that would have been generated without the host replacement is `http://example.com/a`, the result will be `http://foo.com/a`.

If `scheme` is passed as `https`, and an explicit `port` is not passed, the `port` value is assumed to have been passed as `443`. Likewise, if `scheme` is passed as `http` and `port` is not passed, the `port` value is assumed to have been passed as `80`. To avoid this behavior, always explicitly pass `port` whenever you pass `scheme`.

If a keyword argument `app_url` is passed and is not `None`, it should be a string that will be used as the port/hostname/initial path portion of the generated URL instead of the default request application URL. For example, if `app_url='http://foo'`, then the resulting url of a resource that has a path of `/baz/bar` will be `http://foo/baz/bar`. If you want to generate completely relative URLs with no leading scheme, host, port, or initial path, you can pass `app_url=''`. Passing `app_url=''` when the resource path is `/baz/bar` will return `/baz/bar`.

If `app_url` is passed and any of `scheme`, `port`, or `host` are also passed, `app_url` will take precedence and the values passed for `scheme`, `host`, and/or `port` will be ignored.

If the `resource` passed in has a `__resource_url__` method, it will be used to generate the URL (scheme, host, port, path) for the base resource which is operated upon by this function.

**See also:**

See also *Overriding Resource URL Generation*.

If `route_name` is passed, this function will delegate its URL production to the `route_url` function. Calling `resource_url(someresource, 'element1', 'element2',
query={'a':1}, route_name='blogentry') is roughly equivalent to doing:

```python
traversal_path = request.resource_path(someobject)
url = request.route_url(
    'blogentry',
    'element1',
    'element2',
    _query={'a': '1'},
    traverse=traversal_path,
)
```

It is only sensible to pass route_name if the route being named has a *remainder* stararg value such as *traverse*. The remainder value will be ignored in the output otherwise.

By default, the resource path value will be passed as the name traverse when route_url is called. You can influence this by passing a different route_remainder_name value if the route has a different *stararg* value at its end. For example if the route pattern you want to replace has a *subpath* stararg ala /foo*subpath*:

```python
request.resource_url(
    resource,
    route_name='myroute',
    route_remainder_name='subpath'
)
```

If route_name is passed, it is also permissible to pass route_kw, which will passed as additional keyword arguments to route_url. Saying `resource_url(someresource, 'element1', 'element2', route_name='blogentry', route_kw={'id': '4'}, _query={'a': '1'})` is roughly equivalent to:

```python
traversal_path = request.resource_path_tuple(someobject)
kw = {'id': '4', '_query': {'a': '1'}, 'traverse': traversal_path}
url = request.route_url(
    'blogentry',
    'element1',
    'element2',
    **kw,
)
```

If route_kw or route_remainder_name is passed, but route_name is not passed, both route_kw and route_remainder_name will be ignored. If route_name is passed, the __resource_url__ method of the resource passed is ignored unconditionally. This feature is incompatible with resources which generate their own URLs.
If the resource used is the result of a traversal, it must be location-aware. The resource can also be the context of a URL dispatch; contexts found this way do not need to be location-aware.

If a ‘virtual root path’ is present in the request environment (the value of the WSGI environ key HTTP_X_VHM_ROOT), and the resource was obtained via traversal, the URL path will not include the virtual root prefix (it will be stripped off the left hand side of the generated URL).

For backwards compatibility purposes, this method is also aliased as the model_url method of request.

Changed in version 1.3: Added the app_url keyword argument.

Changed in version 1.5: Allow the query option to be a string to enable alternative encodings.

The anchor option will be escaped instead of using its raw string representation.

Added the route_name, route_kw, and route_remainder_name keyword arguments.

Changed in version 1.9: If query or anchor are falsey (such as None or an empty string) they will not be included in the generated url.

resource_path (resource, *elements, **kw)

Generates a path (aka a ‘relative URL’, a URL minus the host, scheme, and port) for a resource.

This function accepts the same argument as pyramid.request.Request.resource_url() and performs the same duty. It just omits the host, port, and scheme information in the return value; only the script_name, path, query parameters, and anchor data are present in the returned string.

Calling request.resource_path(resource) is the same as calling request.resource_path(resource, app_url=request.script_name).

pyramid.request.Request.resource_path() is, in fact, implemented in terms of pyramid.request.Request.resource_url() in just this way. As a result, any app_url passed within the **kw values to route_path will be ignored. scheme, host, and port are also ignored.
**set_property** *(callable, name=None, reify=False)*

Add a callable or a property descriptor to the request instance.

Properties, unlike attributes, are lazily evaluated by executing an underlying callable when accessed. They can be useful for adding features to an object without any cost if those features go unused.

A property may also be reified via the `pyramid.decorator.reify` decorator by setting `reify=True`, allowing the result of the evaluation to be cached. Thus the value of the property is only computed once for the lifetime of the object.

callable can either be a callable that accepts the request as its single positional parameter, or it can be a property descriptor.

If the callable is a property descriptor a `ValueError` will be raised if `name` is `None` or `reify` is `True`.

If `name` is `None`, the name of the property will be computed from the name of the `callable`.

```python
def _connect(request):
    conn = request.registry.dbsession()

def cleanup(request):
    # since version 1.5, request.exception is no
    # longer eagerly cleared
    if request.exception is not None:
        conn.rollback()
    else:
        conn.commit()
        conn.close()
    request.add_finished_callback(cleanup)
    return conn

@subscriber(NewRequest)
def new_request(event):
    request = event.request
    request.set_property(_connect, 'db', reify=True)
```

The subscriber doesn’t actually connect to the database, it just provides the API which, when accessed via `request.db`, will create the connection. Thanks to `reify`, only one connection is made per-request even if `request.db` is accessed many times.

This pattern provides a way to augment the `request` object without having to subclass it, which can be useful for extension authors.

New in version 1.3.

**localizer**

A `localizer` which will use the current locale name to translate values.
locale_name
The locale name of the current request as computed by the locale negotiator.
New in version 1.5.

property GET
Return a MultiDict containing all the variables from the QUERY_STRING.

property POST
Return a MultiDict containing all the variables from a form request. Returns an empty dict-like object for non-form requests.
Form requests are typically POST requests, however any other requests with an appropriate Content-Type are also supported.

ResponseClass
alias of pyramid.response.Response

property accept
Property representing the Accept header.

(RFC 7231, section 5.3.2)
The header value in the request environ is parsed and a new object representing the header is created every time we get the value of the property. (set and del change the header value in the request environ, and do not involve parsing.)

property accept_charset
Property representing the Accept-Charset header.

(RFC 7231, section 5.3.3)
The header value in the request environ is parsed and a new object representing the header is created every time we get the value of the property. (set and del change the header value in the request environ, and do not involve parsing.)

property accept_encoding
Property representing the Accept-Encoding header.

(RFC 7231, section 5.3.4)
The header value in the request environ is parsed and a new object representing the header is created every time we get the value of the property. (set and del change the header value in the request environ, and do not involve parsing.)

property accept_language
Property representing the Accept-Language header.

(RFC 7231, section 5.3.5)
The header value in the request environ is parsed and a new object representing the header is created every time we get the value of the property. (set and del change the header value in the request environ, and do not involve parsing.)

**property application_url**

The URL including SCRIPT_NAME (no PATH_INFO or query string)

**as_bytes** *(skip_body=False)*

Return HTTP bytes representing this request. If skip_body is True, exclude the body. If skip_body is an integer larger than one, skip body only if its length is bigger than that number.

**property authorization**

Gets and sets the Authorization header (HTTP spec section 14.8). Converts it using parse_auth and serialize_auth.

**classmethod blank**(path, environ=None, base_url=None, headers=None, POST=None, **kw)

Create a blank request environ (and Request wrapper) with the given path (path should be urlencoded), and any keys from environ.

The path will become path_info, with any query string split off and used.

All necessary keys will be added to the environ, but the values you pass in will take precedence. If you pass in base_url then wsgi.url_scheme, HTTP_HOST, and SCRIPT_NAME will be filled in from that value.

Any extra keyword will be passed to __init__.

**property body**

Return the content of the request body.

**property body_file**

Input stream of the request (wsgi.input). Setting this property resets the content_length and seekable flag (unlike setting req.body_file_raw).

**property body_file_raw**

Gets and sets the wsgi.input key in the environment.

**property body_file_seekable**

Get the body of the request (wsgi.input) as a seekable file-like object. Middleware and routing applications should use this attribute over .body_file.

If you access this value, CONTENT_LENGTH will also be updated.

**property cache_control**

Get/set/modify the Cache-Control header (HTTP spec section 14.9)

**call_application**(application, catch_exc_info=False)

Call the given WSGI application, returning (status_string, headerlist, app_iter)
Be sure to call `app_iter.close()` if it's there.

If `catch_exc_info` is true, then returns `(status_string, headerlist, app_iter, exc_info)`, where the fourth item may be None, but won't be if there was an exception. If you don't do this and there was an exception, the exception will be raised directly.

**property client_addr**

The effective client IP address as a string. If the `HTTP_X_FORWARDED_FOR` header exists in the WSGI environ, this attribute returns the client IP address present in that header (e.g. if the header value is `192.168.1.1, 192.168.1.2`, the value will be `192.168.1.1`). If no `HTTP_X_FORWARDED_FOR` header is present in the environ at all, this attribute will return the value of the `REMOTE_ADDR` header. If the `REMOTE_ADDR` header is unset, this attribute will return the value `None`.

⚠️ It is possible for user agents to put someone else’s IP or just any string in `HTTP_X_FORWARDED_FOR` as it is a normal HTTP header. Forward proxies can also provide incorrect values (private IP addresses etc). You cannot “blindly” trust the result of this method to provide you with valid data unless you’re certain that `HTTP_X_FORWARDED_FOR` has the correct values. The WSGI server must be behind a trusted proxy for this to be true.

**property content_length**

Gets and sets the `Content-Length` header (HTTP spec section 14.13). Converts it using `int`.

**property content_type**

Return the content type, but leaving off any parameters (like charset, but also things like the type in `application/atom+xml; type=entry`)

If you set this property, you can include parameters, or if you don’t include any parameters in the value then existing parameters will be preserved.

**property cookies**

Return a dictionary of cookies as found in the request.

`copy()`

Copy the request and environment object.

This only does a shallow copy, except of `wsgi.input`

`copy_body()`

Copies the body, in cases where it might be shared with another request object and that is not desired.

This copies the body either into a `BytesIO` object (through setting `req.body`) or a temporary file.
**copy_get()**
Copies the request and environment object, but turning this request into a GET along the way. If this was a POST request (or any other verb) then it becomes GET, and the request body is thrown away.

**property date**
Gets and sets the `Date` header (HTTP spec section 14.8). Converts it using HTTP date.

**property domain**
Returns the domain portion of the host value. Equivalent to:

```python
domain = request.host
if ':' in domain and domain[-1] != '': # Check for ] because of IPv6
    domain = domain.rsplit(':', 1)[0]
```

This will be equivalent to the domain portion of the `HTTP_HOST` value in the environment if it exists, or the `SERVER_NAME` value in the environment if it doesn’t. For example, if the environment contains an `HTTP_HOST` value of `foo.example.com:8000`, `request.domain` will return `foo.example.com`.

Note that this value cannot be set on the request. To set the host value use `webob.request.Request.host()` instead.

**classmethod from_bytes(b)**
Create a request from HTTP bytes data. If the bytes contain extra data after the request, raise a `ValueError`.

**classmethod from_file(fp)**
Read a request from a file-like object (it must implement `.read(size)` and `.readline()`).

It will read up to the end of the request, not the end of the file (unless the request is a POST or PUT and has no `Content-Length`, in that case, the entire file is read).

This reads the request as represented by `str(req)`; it may not read every valid HTTP request properly.

**get_response(application=None, catch_exc_info=False)**
Like `.call_application(application)`, except returns a response object with `.status`, `.headers`, and `.body` attributes.

This will use `self.ResponseClass` to figure out the class of the response object to return.

If `application` is not given, this will send the request to `self.make_default_send_app()`.

**property headers**
All the request headers as a case-insensitive dictionary-like object.
property host
    Host name provided in HTTP_HOST, with fall-back to SERVER_NAME

property host_port
    The effective server port number as a string. If the HTTP_HOST header exists in the WSGI environ, this attribute returns the port number present in that header. If the HTTP_HOST header exists but contains no explicit port number: if the WSGI url scheme is "https", this attribute returns "443", if the WSGI url scheme is "http", this attribute returns "80". If no HTTP_HOST header is present in the environ at all, this attribute will return the value of the SERVER_PORT header (which is guaranteed to be present).

property host_url
    The URL through the host (no path)

property http_version
    Gets and sets the SERVER_PROTOCOL key in the environment.

property identity
    Return an opaque object identifying the current user or None if no user is authenticated or there is no security policy in effect.

property if_match
    Gets and sets the If-Match header (HTTP spec section 14.24). Converts it as a Etag.

property if_modified_since
    Gets and sets the If-Modified-Since header (HTTP spec section 14.25). Converts it using HTTP date.

property if_none_match
    Gets and sets the If-None-Match header (HTTP spec section 14.26). Converts it as a Etag.

property if_range
    Gets and sets the If-Range header (HTTP spec section 14.27). Converts it using IfRange object.

property if_unmodified_since
    Gets and sets the If-Unmodified-Since header (HTTP spec section 14.28). Converts it using HTTP date.

property is_authenticated
    Return True if a user is authenticated for this request.

property is_body_readable
    webob.is_body_readable is a flag that tells us that we can read the input stream even though CONTENT_LENGTH is missing.

property is_body_seekable
    Gets and sets the webob.is_body_seekable key in the environment.
is_response(ob)

Return True if the object passed as ob is a valid response object, False otherwise.

property is_xhr

Is X-Requested-With header present and equal to XMLHttpRequest?

Note: this isn’t set by every XMLHttpRequest request, it is only set if you are using a Javascript library that sets it (or you set the header yourself manually). Currently Prototype and jQuery are known to set this header.

property json

Access the body of the request as JSON

property json_body

Access the body of the request as JSON

make_body_seekable()

This forces environ['wsgi.input'] to be seekable. That means that, the content is copied into a BytesIO or temporary file and flagged as seekable, so that it will not be unnecessarily copied again.

After calling this method the .body_file is always seeked to the start of file and .content_length is not None.

The choice to copy to BytesIO is made from self.request_body_tempfile_limit

make_tempfile()

Create a tempfile to store big request body. This API is not stable yet. A 'size' argument might be added.

property max_forwards

Gets and sets the Max-Forwards header (HTTP spec section 14.31). Converts it using int.

property method

Gets and sets the REQUEST_METHOD key in the environment.

property params

A dictionary-like object containing both the parameters from the query string and request body.

property path

The path of the request, without host or query string

property path_info

Gets and sets the PATH_INFO key in the environment.

path_info_peek()

Returns the next segment on PATH_INFO, or None if there is no next segment. Doesn’t modify the environment.
The path of the request, without host but with query string

property path_url
The URL including SCRIPT_NAME and PATH_INFO, but not QUERY_STRING

property pragma
Gets and sets the Pragma header (HTTP spec section 14.32).

property query_string
Gets and sets the QUERY_STRING key in the environment.

property range
Gets and sets the Range header (HTTP spec section 14.35). Converts it using Range object.

property referer
Gets and sets the Referer header (HTTP spec section 14.36).

property referrer
Gets and sets the Referer header (HTTP spec section 14.36).

relative_url (other_url, to_application=False)
Resolve other_url relative to the request URL.

If to_application is True, then resolve it relative to the URL with only SCRIPT_NAME

property remote_addr
Gets and sets the REMOTE_ADDR key in the environment.

property remote_host
Gets and sets the REMOTE_HOST key in the environment.

property remote_user
Gets and sets the REMOTE_USER key in the environment.

remove_conditional_headers (remove_encoding=True, remove_range=True, remove_match=True, remove_modified=True)
Remove headers that make the request conditional.

These headers can cause the response to be 304 Not Modified, which in some cases you may not want to be possible.
This does not remove headers like If-Match, which are used for conflict detection.

```python
request_iface = <InterfaceClass pyramid.interfaces.IRequest>

property scheme
    Gets and sets the wsgi.url_scheme key in the environment.

property script_name
    Gets and sets the SCRIPT_NAME key in the environment.

send(application=None, catch_exc_info=False)
    Like .call_application(application), except returns a response object with .status, .headers, and .body attributes.
    
    This will use self.ResponseClass to figure out the class of the response object to return.
    
    If application is not given, this will send the request to self.make_default_send_app()

property server_name
    Gets and sets the SERVER_NAME key in the environment.

property server_port
    Gets and sets the SERVER_PORT key in the environment. Converts it using int.

property text
    Get/set the text value of the body

property upath_info
    Gets and sets the PATH_INFO key in the environment.

property url
    The full request URL, including QUERY_STRING

property url_encoding
    Gets and sets the webob.url_encoding key in the environment.

property urlargs
    Return any positional variables matched in the URL.
    
    Takes values from environ['wsgiorg.routing_args']. Systems like routes set this value.

property urlvars
    Return any named variables matched in the URL.
    
    Takes values from environ['wsgiorg.routing_args']. Systems like routes set this value.

property uscript_name
    Gets and sets the SCRIPT_NAME key in the environment.
property user_agent
    Gets and sets the User-Agent header (HTTP spec section 14.43).

For information about the API of a multdict structure (such as that used as request.GET, request.POST, and request.params), see pyramid.interfaces.IMultiDict.

apply_request_extensions(request)
    Apply request extensions (methods and properties) to an instance of pyramid.interfaces.IRequest. This method is dependent on the request containing a properly initialized registry.

    After invoking this method, the request should have the methods and properties that were defined using pyramid.config.Configurator.add_request_method().

class RequestLocalCache(creator=None)
    A store that caches values during for the lifecycle of a request.

    Wrapping Functions

    Instantiate and use it to decorate functions that accept a request parameter. The result is cached and returned in subsequent invocations of the function.

    ```python
    @RequestLocalCache()
    def get_user(request):
        result = ...  # do some expensive computations
        return result

    value = get_user(request)

    # manipulate the cache directly
    get_user.cache.clear(request)
    ```

    The cache instance is attached to the resulting function as the cache attribute such that the function may be used to manipulate the cache.

    Wrapping Methods

    A method can be used as the creator function but it needs to be bound to an instance such that it only accepts one argument - the request. An easy way to do this is to bind the creator in the constructor and then use get_or_create():

    ```python
    class SecurityPolicy:
        def __init__(self):
            self.identity_cache = RequestLocalCache(self.load_identity)
    ```
The cache maintains a weakref to each request and will release the cached values when the request is garbage-collected. However, in most scenarios, it will release resources earlier via `pyramid.request.Request.add_finished_callback()`.

New in version 2.0.

**clear** (*request*)
Delete the value from the cache.

The cached value is returned or `NO_VALUE`.

**get** (*request*, *default=* `NO_VALUE`)
Return the value from the cache.

The cached value is returned or `default`.

**get_or_create** (*request*, *creator=* `None`)
Return the value from the cache. Compute if necessary.

If no value is cached then execute the creator, cache the result, and return it.

The creator may be passed in as an argument or bound to the cache by decorating a function or supplied as a constructor argument.

**set** (*request*, *value*)
Update the cache with a new value.

### pyramid.response

```python
class Response(
    body=None, status=None, headerlist=None, app_iter=None, content_type=None, conditional_response=None, charset=<object object>, **kw)
```

**property accept_ranges**

Gets and sets the `Accept-Ranges` header (HTTP spec section 14.5).

**property age**

Gets and sets the `Age` header (HTTP spec section 14.6). Converts it using `int`.
property allow
   Gets and sets the Allow header (HTTP spec section 14.7). Converts it using list.

property app_iter
   Returns the app_iter of the response.

   If body was set, this will create an app_iter from that body (a single-item list).

app_iter_range(start, stop)
   Return a new app_iter built from the response app_iter, that serves up only the given start:stop range.

property body
   The body of the response, as a bytes. This will read in the entire app_iter if necessary.

property body_file
   A file-like object that can be used to write to the body. If you passed in a list app_iter, that
   app_iter will be modified by writes.

property cache_control
   Get/set/modify the Cache-Control header (HTTP spec section 14.9).

property charset
   Get/set the charset specified in Content-Type.

   There is no checking to validate that a content_type actually allows for a charset parameter.

conditional_response_app(environs, start_response)
   Like the normal __call__ interface, but checks conditional headers:

   • If-Modified-Since (304 Not Modified; only on GET, HEAD)
   • If-None-Match (304 Not Modified; only on GET, HEAD)
   • Range (406 Partial Content; only on GET, HEAD)

property content_disposition
   Gets and sets the Content-Disposition header (HTTP spec section 19.5.1).

property content_encoding
   Gets and sets the Content-Encoding header (HTTP spec section 14.11).

property content_language
   Gets and sets the Content-Language header (HTTP spec section 14.12). Converts it using list.

property content_length
   Gets and sets the Content-Length header (HTTP spec section 14.17). Converts it using int.
property content_location
Gets and sets the Content-Location header (HTTP spec section 14.14).

property content_md5
Gets and sets the Content-MD5 header (HTTP spec section 14.14).

property content_range
Gets and sets the Content-Range header (HTTP spec section 14.16). Converts it using ContentRange object.

property content_type
Get/set the Content-Type header. If no Content-Type header is set, this will return None.

Changed in version 1.7: Setting a new Content-Type will remove all Content-Type parameters and reset the charset to the default if the Content-Type is text/* or XML (application/xml or */*+xml).

To preserve all Content-Type parameters, you may use the following code:

```python
resp = Response()
params = resp.content_type_params
resp.content_type = 'application/something'
resp.content_type_params = params
```

property content_type_params
A dictionary of all the parameters in the content type.

(This is not a view, set to change, modifications of the dict will not be applied otherwise.)
copy()
Makes a copy of the response.

property date
Gets and sets the Date header (HTTP spec section 14.18). Converts it using HTTP date.

delete_cookie (name, path='/', domain=None)
Delete a cookie from the client. Note that path and domain must match how the cookie was originally set.

This sets the cookie to the empty string, and max_age=0 so that it should expire immediately.

encode_content (encoding='gzip', lazy=False)
Encode the content with the given encoding (only gzip and identity are supported).

property etag

property expires
Gets and sets the Expires header (HTTP spec section 14.21). Converts it using HTTP date.
classmethod from_file(fp)
Reads a response from a file-like object (it must implement .read(size) and .readline()).

It will read up to the end of the response, not the end of the file.

This reads the response as represented by str(resp); it may not read every valid HTTP response properly. Responses must have a Content-Length.

property has_body
Determine if the the response has a body. In contrast to simply accessing body, this method will not read the underlying app_iter.

property headerlist
The list of response headers.

property headers
The headers in a dictionary-like object.

property json
Set/get the body of the response as JSON.

This will automatically decode() the body as UTF-8 on get, and encode() the json.dumps() as UTF-8 before assigning to body.

property json_body
Set/get the body of the response as JSON.

This will automatically decode() the body as UTF-8 on get, and encode() the json.dumps() as UTF-8 before assigning to body.

property last_modified
Getts and sets the Last-Modified header (HTTP spec section 14.29). Converts it using HTTP date.

property location
Gets and sets the Location header (HTTP spec section 14.30).

md5_etag(body=None, set_content_md5=False)
Generate an etag for the response object using an MD5 hash of the body (the body parameter, or self.body if not given).

Sets self.etag.

If set_content_md5 is True, sets self.content_md5 as well.
merge_cookies (resp)
Merge the cookies that were set on this response with the given resp object (which can be any WSGI application).

If the resp is a webob.Response object, then the other object will be modified in-place.

property pragma
Gets and sets the Pragma header (HTTP spec section 14.32).

property retry_after
Gets and sets the Retry-After header (HTTP spec section 14.37). Converts it using HTTP date or delta seconds.

property server
Gets and sets the Server header (HTTP spec section 14.38).

set_cookie(name, value=", max_age=None, path='/', domain=None, secure=False,
            httponly=False, comment=None, expires=None, overwrite=False, same-
site=None)
Set (add) a cookie for the response.

Arguments are:

name
The cookie name.

value
The cookie value, which should be a string or None. If value is None, it’s equivalent to calling the webob.response.Response.unset_cookie() method for this cookie key (it effectively deletes the cookie on the client).

max_age
An integer representing a number of seconds, datetime.timedelta, or None. This value is used as the Max-Age of the generated cookie. If expires is not passed and this value is not None, the max_age value will also influence the Expires value of the cookie (Expires will be set to now + max_age). If this value is None, the cookie will not have a Max-Age value (unless expires is set). If both max_age and expires are set, this value takes precedence.

path
A string representing the cookie Path value. It defaults to /.

domain
A string representing the cookie Domain, or None. If domain is None, no Domain value will be sent in the cookie.

secure
A boolean. If it's True, the secure flag will be sent in the cookie, if it's False, the secure flag will not be sent in the cookie.

httponly
A boolean. If it's True, the HttpOnly flag will be sent in the cookie, if it's False, the HttpOnly flag will not be sent in the cookie.

samesite
A string representing the SameSite attribute of the cookie or None. If same-site is None no SameSite value will be sent in the cookie. Should only be "strict", "lax", or "none".

comment
A string representing the cookie Comment value, or None. If comment is None, no Comment value will be sent in the cookie.

expires
A datetime.timedelta object representing an amount of time, datetime.datetime, datetime or None. A non-None value is used to generate the Expires value of the generated cookie. If max_age is not passed, but this value is not None, it will influence the Max-Age header. If this value is None, the Expires cookie value will be unset (unless max_age is set). If max_age is set, it will be used to generate the expires and this value is ignored.

If a datetime.datetime is provided it has to either be timezone aware or be based on UTC. datetime.datetime objects that are local time are not supported. Timezone aware datetime.datetime objects are converted to UTC.

This argument will be removed in future versions of WebOb (version 1.9).

overwrite
If this key is True, before setting the cookie, unset any existing cookie.

property status
The status string.

property status_code
The status as an integer.

property status_int
The status as an integer.

property text
Get/set the text value of the body using the charset of the Content-Type or the default_body_encoding.
property ubody
    Deprecated alias for .text

property unicode_body
    Deprecated alias for .text

unset_cookie (name, strict=True)
    Unset a cookie with the given name (remove it from the response).

property vary
    Gets and sets the Vary header (HTTP spec section 14.44). Converts it using list.

property www_authenticate

class FileResponse (path, request=None, cache_max_age=None, content_type=None, content_encoding=None)
A Response object that can be used to serve a static file from disk simply.

    path is a file path on disk.

    request must be a Pyramid request object. Note that a request must be passed if the response is meant to attempt to use the wsgi.file_wrapper feature of the web server that you’re using to serve your Pyramid application.

    cache_max_age is the number of seconds that should be used to HTTP cache this response.

    content_type is the content_type of the response.

    content_encoding is the content_encoding of the response. It’s generally safe to leave this set to None if you’re serving a binary file. This argument will be ignored if you also leave content-type as None.

class FileIter (file, block_size=262144)
A fixed-block-size iterator for use as a WSGI app_iter.

    file is a Python file pointer (or at least an object with a read method that takes a size hint).

    block_size is an optional block size for iteration.

Functions

response_adapter (*types_or_ifaces, **kwargs)
    Decorator activated via a scan which treats the function being decorated as a response adapter for the set of types or interfaces passed as *types_or_ifaces to the decorator constructor.

    For example, if you scan the following response adapter:

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```python
from pyramid.response import Response
from pyramid.response import response_adapter

@response_adapter(int)
def myadapter(i):
    return Response(status=i)
```

You can then return an integer from your view callables, and it will be converted into a response with the integer as the status code.

More than one type or interface can be passed as a constructor argument. The decorated response adapter will be called for each type or interface.

```python
import json
from pyramid.response import Response
from pyramid.response import response_adapter

@response_adapter(dict, list)
def myadapter(ob):
    return Response(json.dumps(ob))
```

This method will have no effect until a `scan` is performed against the package or module which contains it, ala:

```python
from pyramid.config import Configurator
config = Configurator()
config.scan('somepackage_containing_adapters')
```

Two additional keyword arguments which will be passed to the `venusian` `attach` function are `_depth` and `_category`.

 `_depth` is provided for people who wish to reuse this class from another decorator. The default value is 0 and should be specified relative to the `response_adapter` invocation. It will be passed in to the `venusian` `attach` function as the depth of the callstack when Venusian checks if the decorator is being used in a class or module context. It’s not often used, but it can be useful in this circumstance.

 `_category` sets the decorator category name. It can be useful in combination with the category argument of `scan` to control which views should be processed.

See the `venusian.attach()` function in Venusian for more information about the `_depth` and `_category` arguments.

Changed in version 1.9.1: Added the `_depth` and `_category` arguments.
**get_root** *(app, request=None)*  
Return a tuple composed of (root, closer) when provided a *router* instance as the *app* argument. The *root* returned is the application root object. The *closer* returned is a callable (accepting no arguments) that should be called when your scripting application is finished using the *root*.

*request* is passed to the Pyramid application root factory to compute the root. If *request* is None, a default will be constructed using the registry’s *Request Factory* via the *pyramid.interfaces.IRequestFactory.blank()* method.

**prepare** *(request=None, registry=None)*  
This function pushes data onto the Pyramid threadlocal stack (request and registry), making those objects ’current’. It returns a dictionary useful for bootstrapping a Pyramid application in a scripting environment.

*request* is passed to the Pyramid application root factory to compute the root. If *request* is None, a default will be constructed using the registry’s *Request Factory* via the *pyramid.interfaces.IRequestFactory.blank()* method.

If *registry* is not supplied, the last registry loaded from *pyramid.config.global_registries* will be used. If you have loaded more than one Pyramid application in the current process, you may not want to use the last registry loaded, thus you can search the *global_registries* and supply the appropriate one based on your own criteria.

The function returns a dictionary composed of *root*, *closer*, *registry*, *request* and *root_factory*. The *root* returned is the application’s root resource object. The *closer* returned is a callable (accepting no arguments) that should be called when your scripting application is finished using the root. *registry* is the resolved registry object. *request* is the request object passed or the constructed request if no request is passed. *root_factory* is the root factory used to construct the root.

This function may be used as a context manager to call the *closer* automatically:

```python
registry = config.registry
with prepare(registry) as env:
    request = env['request']
    # ...
```

Changed in version 1.8: Added the ability to use the return value as a context manager.

Changed in version 2.0: Request finished callbacks added via *pyramid.request.Request.add_finished_callback()* will be invoked by the *closer*.
pyramid.security

Authentication API Functions

**forget**(request, **kw**)
Return a sequence of header tuples (e.g. [('Set-Cookie', 'foo=abc')]) suitable for 'forgetting' the set of credentials possessed by the currently authenticated user. A common usage might look like so within the body of a view function (response is assumed to be an WebOb -style response object computed previously by the view code):

```python
from pyramid.security import forget
headers = forget(request)
response.headerlist.extend(headers)
return response
```

If no security policy is in use, this function will always return an empty sequence.

**remember**(request, userid, **kw**)
Returns a sequence of header tuples (e.g. [('Set-Cookie', 'foo=abc')]) on this request's response. These headers are suitable for 'remembering' a set of credentials implied by the data passed as userid and *kw using the current security policy. Common usage might look like so within the body of a view function (response is assumed to be a WebOb -style response object computed previously by the view code):

```python
from pyramid.security import remember
headers = remember(request, 'chrism', password='123', max_age='86400')
response = request.response
response.headerlist.extend(headers)
return response
```

If no security policy is in use, this function will always return an empty sequence. If used, the composition and meaning of **kw must be agreed upon by the calling code and the effective security policy.

Changed in version 1.6: Deprecated the principal argument in favor of userid to clarify its relationship to the security policy.

Changed in version 1.10: Removed the deprecated principal argument.
Authorization API Functions

`principals_allowed_by_permission(context, permission)`

Deprecated since version 2.0: The new security policy has removed the concept of principals. See upgrading_auth_20 for more information.

Provided a context (a resource object), and a permission string, if an authorization policy is in effect, return a sequence of principal ids that possess the permission in the context. If no authorization policy is in effect, this will return a sequence with the single value pyramid.authorization.Everyone (the special principal identifier representing all principals).

Even if an authorization policy is in effect, some (exotic) authorization policies may not implement the required machinery for this function; those will cause a NotImplementedError exception to be raised when this function is invoked.

`view_execution_permitted(context, request, name=”)`  

If the view specified by context and name is protected by a permission, check the permission associated with the view using the effective authentication/authorization policies and the request. Return a boolean result. If no security policy is in effect, or if the view is not protected by a permission, return True. If no view can view found, an exception will be raised.

Changed in version 1.4a4: An exception is raised if no view is found.

Constants

NO_PERMISSION_REQUIRED

A special permission which indicates that the view should always be executable by entirely anonymous users, regardless of the default permission, bypassing any authorization policy that may be in effect. Its actual value is the string '__no_permission_required__'.

Everyone

The special principal id named Everyone. This principal id is granted to all requests. Its actual value is the string 'system.Everyone'.

Deprecated since version 2.0: Moved to pyramid.authorization.Everyone.

Authenticated

The special principal id named Authenticated. This principal id is granted to all requests which contain any other non-Everyone principal id (according to the authentication policy). Its actual value is the string 'system.Authenticated'.

Deprecated since version 2.0: Moved to pyramid.authorization.Authenticated.
**ALL_PERMISSIONS**
An object that can be used as the permission member of an ACE which matches all permissions unconditionally. For example, an ACE that uses ALL_PERMISSIONS might be composed like so:

('Deny', 'system.Everyone', ALL_PERMISSIONS).

Deprecated since version 2.0: Moved to pyramid.authorization.ALL_PERMISSIONS.

**DENY_ALL**
A convenience shorthand ACE that defines ('Deny', 'system.Everyone', ALL_PERMISSIONS). This is often used as the last ACE in an ACL in systems that use an "inheriting" security policy, representing the concept "don't inherit any other ACEs".

Deprecated since version 2.0: Moved to pyramid.authorization.DENY_ALL.

**Return Values**

**Allow**
The ACE "action" (the first element in an ACE e.g. (Allow, Everyone, 'read') that means allow access. A sequence of ACEs makes up an ACL. It is a string, and its actual value is 'Allow'.

Deprecated since version 2.0: Moved to pyramid.authorization.Allow.

**Deny**
The ACE "action" (the first element in an ACE e.g. (Deny, 'george', 'read') that means deny access. A sequence of ACEs makes up an ACL. It is a string, and its actual value is 'Deny'.

Deprecated since version 2.0: Moved to pyramid.authorization.Deny.

**class Denied(s, *args)**
An instance of Denied is returned when a security-related API or other Pyramid code denies an action unrelated to an ACL check. It evaluates equal to all boolean false types. It has an attribute named msg describing the circumstances for the deny.

```
static __new__(cls, s, *args)
    Create a new instance.
    Parameters
    • fmt -- A format string explaining the reason for denial.
    • args -- Arguments are stored and used with the format string to generate the msg.
    property msg
        A string indicating why the result was generated.
```

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class Allowed(s, *args)
An instance of Allowed is returned when a security-related API or other Pyramid code allows an action unrelated to an ACL check. It evaluates equal to all boolean true types. It has an attribute named msg describing the circumstances for the allow.

static __new__(cls, s, *args)
Create a new instance.

Parameters

  • fmt -- A format string explaining the reason for denial.
  • args -- Arguments are stored and used with the format string to generate the msg.

property msg
A string indicating why the result was generated.

class ACLDenied(ace, acl, permission, principals, context)
An instance of ACLDenied is a specialization of pyramid.security.Denied that represents that a security check made explicitly against ACL was denied. It evaluates equal to all boolean false types. It also has the following attributes: acl, ace, permission, principals, and context. These attributes indicate the security values involved in the request. Its __str__ method prints a summary of these attributes for debugging purposes. The same summary is available as the msg attribute.

Deprecated since version 2.0: Moved to pyramid.authorization.

ACLDenied.

static __new__(cls, ace, acl, permission, principals, context)
Create a new instance.

Parameters

  • ace -- The ACE that matched, triggering the result.
  • acl -- The ACL containing ace.
  • permission -- The required permission.
  • principals -- The list of principals provided.
  • context -- The context providing the lineage searched.

property msg
A string indicating why the result was generated.

class ACLAllowed(ace, acl, permission, principals, context)
An instance of ACLAllowed is a specialization of pyramid.security.Allowed that represents that a security check made explicitly against ACL was allowed. It evaluates equal to all
boolean true types. It also has the following attributes: acl, ace, permission, principals, and context. These attributes indicate the security values involved in the request. Its __str__ method prints a summary of these attributes for debugging purposes. The same summary is available as the msg attribute.

Deprecated since version 2.0: Moved to pyramid.authorization.

ACLAllowed

static __new__(cls, ace, acl, permission, principals, context)
Create a new instance.

Parameters

• ace -- The ACE that matched, triggering the result.
• acl -- The ACL containing ace.
• permission -- The required permission.
• principals -- The list of principals provided.
• context -- The context providing the lineage searched.

property msg
A string indicating why the result was generated.

pyramid.session

SignedCookieSessionFactory(secret, cookie_name='session', max_age=None, path='/',
domain=None, secure=False, httponly=False, same-site='Lax', set_on_exception=True, timeout=1200, reissue_time=0, hashalg='sha512', salt='pyramid.session.',
serializer=None)

Configure a session factory which will provide signed cookie-based sessions. The return value of this function is a session factory, which may be provided as the session_factory argument of a pyramid.config.Configurator constructor, or used as the session_factory argument of the pyramid.config.Configurator.set_session_factory() method.

The session factory returned by this function will create sessions which are limited to storing fewer than 4000 bytes of data (as the payload must fit into a single cookie).

Parameters:

secret A string which is used to sign the cookie. The secret should be at least as long as the block size of the selected hash algorithm. For sha512 this would mean a 512 bit (64 character) secret. It should be unique within the set of secret values provided to Pyramid for its various subsystems (see Admonishment Against Secret-Sharing).
hashalg  The HMAC digest algorithm to use for signing. The algorithm must be supported by the hashlib library. Default: 'sha512'.

crypt  A namespace to avoid collisions between different uses of a shared secret. Reusing a secret for different parts of an application is strongly discouraged (see Admonishment Against Secret-Sharing). Default: 'pyramid.session.'.

cookie_name  The name of the cookie used for sessioning. Default: 'session'.

max_age  The maximum age of the cookie used for sessioning (in seconds). Default: None (browser scope).

path  The path used for the session cookie. Default: '/'.

domain  The domain used for the session cookie. Default: None (no domain).

secure  The 'secure' flag of the session cookie. Default: False.

httponly  Hide the cookie from Javascript by setting the 'HttpOnly' flag of the session cookie. Default: False.

samesite  The 'samesite' option of the session cookie. Set the value to None to turn off the samesite option. Default: 'Lax'.

timeout  A number of seconds of inactivity before a session times out. If None then the cookie never expires. This lifetime only applies to the value within the cookie. Meaning that if the cookie expires due to a lower max_age, then this setting has no effect. Default: 1200.

reissue_time  The number of seconds that must pass before the cookie is automatically reissued as the result of accessing the session. The duration is measured as the number of seconds since the last session cookie was issued and 'now'. If this value is 0, a new cookie will be reissued on every request accessing the session. If None then the cookie’s lifetime will never be extended.

A good rule of thumb: if you want auto-expired cookies based on inactivity: set the timeout value to 1200 (20 mins) and set the reissue_time value to perhaps a tenth of the timeout value (120 or 2 mins). It’s nonsensical to set the timeout value lower than the reissue_time value, as the ticket will never be reissued. However, such a configuration is not explicitly prevented.

Default: 0.

set_on_exception  If True, set a session cookie even if an exception occurs while rendering a view. Default: True.

serializer  An object with two methods: loads and dumps. The loads method should accept bytes and return a Python object. The dumps method should accept a Python object and return bytes. A ValueError should be raised for malformed inputs. If a serializer is not passed, the pyramid.session.JSONSerializer serializer will be used.
In Pyramid 2.0 the default serializer option changed to use `pyramid.session.JSONSerializer`. See upgrading_session_20 for more information about why this change was made.

```python
BaseCookieSessionFactory (serializer, cookie_name='session', max_age=None, path='/', domain=None, secure=False, httponly=False, samesite='Lax', timeout=1200, reissue_time=0, set_on_exception=True)
```

Configure a session factory which will provide cookie-based sessions. The return value of this function is a session factory, which may be provided as the `session_factory` argument of a `pyramid.config.Configurator` constructor, or used as the `session_factory` argument of the `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_session_factory()` method.

The session factory returned by this function will create sessions which are limited to storing fewer than 4000 bytes of data (as the payload must fit into a single cookie).

Parameters:

- `serializer` An object with two methods: `loads` and `dumps`. The `loads` method should accept bytes and return a Python object. The `dumps` method should accept a Python object and return bytes. A `ValueError` should be raised for malformed inputs.

- `cookie_name` The name of the cookie used for sessioning. Default: 'session'.

- `max_age` The maximum age of the cookie used for sessioning (in seconds). Default: None (browser scope).

- `path` The path used for the session cookie. Default: '/'.

- `domain` The domain used for the session cookie. Default: None (no domain).

- `secure` The 'secure' flag of the session cookie. Default: False.

- `httponly` Hide the cookie from Javascript by setting the 'HttpOnly' flag of the session cookie. Default: False.

- `samesite` The 'samesite' option of the session cookie. Set the value to `None` to turn off the samesite option. Default: 'Lax'.

- `timeout` A number of seconds of inactivity before a session times out. If None then the cookie never expires. This lifetime only applies to the value within the cookie. Meaning that if the cookie expires due to a lower `max_age`, then this setting has no effect. Default: 1200.

- `reissue_time` The number of seconds that must pass before the cookie is automatically reissued as the result of a request which accesses the session. The duration is measured as the number of seconds since the last session cookie was issued and 'now'. If this value is 0, a new cookie will be reissued on every request accessing the session. If `None` then the cookie's lifetime will never be extended.
A good rule of thumb: if you want auto-expired cookies based on inactivity: set the timeout value to 1200 (20 mins) and set the reissue_time value to perhaps a tenth of the timeout value (120 or 2 mins). It’s nonsensical to set the timeout value lower than the reissue_time value, as the ticket will never be reissued. However, such a configuration is not explicitly prevented.

Default: 0.

**set_on_exception** If True, set a session cookie even if an exception occurs while rendering a view. Default: True.

class JSONSerializer
A serializer which uses `json.dumps` and `json.loads`

class PickleSerializer (protocol=4)
Deprecated since version 2.0.

⚠️ In Pyramid 2.0 the default serializer option changed to use `pyramid.session.JSONSerializer`, and PickleSerializer has been removed from active Pyramid code.

Pyramid will require JSON-serializable objects in Pyramid 2.0.

Please see upgrading_session_20.

A serializer that uses the pickle protocol to dump Python data to bytes.

This was the default serializer used by Pyramid, but has been deprecated.

protocol may be specified to control the version of pickle used. Defaults to pickle. HIGHEST_PROTOCOL.

`pyramid.settings`

`asbool(s)`
Return the boolean value True if the case-lowered value of string input `s` is a *truthy string*. If `s` is already one of the boolean values True or False, return it.

`aslist(value, flatten=True)`
Return a list, separating the input based on newlines. Also if flatten is True (the default), and if the line is a string, then the line will be split on spaces.
pyramid.static

class static_view(root_dir, cache_max_age=3600, package_name=None, use_subpath=False, index='index.html', reload=False, content_encodings=())

An instance of this class is a callable which can act as a Pyramid view callable; this view will serve static files from a directory on disk based on the root_dir you provide to its constructor.

The directory may contain subdirectories (recursively); the static view implementation will descend into these directories as necessary based on the components of the URL in order to resolve a path into a response.

You may pass an absolute or relative filesystem path or an asset specification representing the directory containing static files as the root_dir argument to this class’ constructor.

If the root_dir path is relative, and the package_name argument is None, root_dir will be considered relative to the directory in which the Python file which calls static resides. If the package_name name argument is provided, and a relative root_dir is provided, the root_dir will be considered relative to the Python package specified by package_name (a dotted path to a Python package).

cache_max_age influences the Expires and Max-Age response headers returned by the view (default is 3600 seconds or one hour).

use_subpath influences whether request.subpath will be used as PATH_INFO when calling the underlying WSGI application which actually serves the static files. If it is True, the static application will consider request.subpath as PATH_INFO input. If it is False, the static application will consider request.environ[PATH_INFO] as PATH_INFO input. By default, this is False.

reload controls whether a cache of files is maintained or the asset subsystem is queried per-request to determine what files are available. By default, this is False and new files added while the process is running are not recognized.

content_encodings is a list of alternative file encodings supported in the Accept-Encoding HTTP Header. Alternative files are found using file extensions defined in mimetypes.encodings_map. An encoded asset will be returned with the Content-Encoding header set to the selected encoding. If the asset contains alternative encodings then the Accept-Encoding value will be added to the response’s Vary header. By default, the list is empty and no alternatives will be supported.

If the root_dir is relative to a package, or is an asset specification the Pyramid pyramid.config.Confignator method can be used to override assets within the named root_dir package-relative directory. However, if the root_dir is absolute, configuration will not be able to override the assets it contains.
Changed in version 2.0: Added **reload** and **content_encodings** options.

### find_best_match(request, files)
Return `(path | None, encoding)`.

### find_resource_path(name)
Return the absolute path to the resource or `None` if it doesn’t exist.

### get_possible_files(resource_name)
Return a sorted list of `(size, encoding, path)` entries.

### get_resource_name(request)
Return the computed name of the requested resource.

The returned file is not guaranteed to exist.

```python
class ManifestCacheBuster (manifest_spec, reload=False)
```
An implementation of ICacheBuster which uses a supplied manifest file to map an asset path to a cache-busted version of the path.

The `manifest_spec` can be an absolute path or a **asset specification** pointing to a package-relative file.

The manifest file is expected to conform to the following simple JSON format:

```json
{
    "css/main.css": "css/main-678b7c80.css",
    "images/background.png": "images/background-a8169106.png",
}
```

By default, it is a JSON-serialized dictionary where the keys are the source asset paths used in calls to `static_url()`.

For example:

```python
>>> request.static_url('myapp:static/css/main.css')
"http://www.example.com/static/css/main-678b7c80.css"
```

The file format and location can be changed by subclassing and overriding `parse_manifest()`.

If a path is not found in the manifest it will pass through unchanged.

If `reload` is `True` then the manifest file will be reloaded when changed. It is not recommended to leave this enabled in production.

If the manifest file cannot be found on disk it will be treated as an empty mapping unless `reload` is `False`.

New in version 1.6.

```python
static exists(path)
```
Test whether a path exists. Returns `False` for broken symbolic links.
**static getmtime** *(filename)*  
Return the last modification time of a file, reported by os.stat().

**property manifest**  
The current manifest dictionary.

**parse_manifest**(content)  
Parse the content read from the manifest_path into a dictionary mapping.  
Subclasses may override this method to use something other than json.loads to load any type of file format and return a conforming dictionary.

**class QueryStringCacheBuster**(param='x')  
An implementation of ICacheBuster which adds a token for cache busting in the query string of an asset URL.  
The optional param argument determines the name of the parameter added to the query string and defaults to 'x'.  
To use this class, subclass it and provide a tokenize method which accepts request, pathspec, kw and returns a token.  
New in version 1.6.

**class QueryStringConstantCacheBuster**(token, param='x')  
An implementation of ICacheBuster which adds an arbitrary token for cache busting in the query string of an asset URL.  
The token parameter is the token string to use for cache busting and will be the same for every request.  
The optional param argument determines the name of the parameter added to the query string and defaults to 'x'.  
New in version 1.6.

**pyramid.testing**

**setUp**(registry=None, request=None, hook_zca=True, autocommit=True, settings=None, package=None)  
Set Pyramid registry and request thread locals for the duration of a single unit test.  
Use this function in the setUp method of a unittest test case which directly or indirectly uses:  
- any method of the pyramid.config.Configurator object returned by this function.  
- the pyramid.threadlocal.get_current_registry() or pyramid.threadlocal.get_current_request() functions.
If you use the `get_current_*` functions (or call Pyramid code that uses these functions) without calling `setUp.pyramid.threadlocal.get_current_registry()` will return a global application registry, which may cause unit tests to not be isolated with respect to registrations they perform.

If the `registry` argument is `None`, a new empty application registry will be created (an instance of the `pyramid.registry.Registry` class). If the `registry` argument is not `None`, the value passed in should be an instance of the `pyramid.registry.Registry` class or a suitable testing analogue.

After `setUp` is finished, the registry returned by the `pyramid.threadlocal.get_current_registry()` function will be the passed (or constructed) registry until `pyramid.testing.tearDown()` is called (or `pyramid.testing.setUp()` is called again).

If the `hook_zca` argument is `True`, `setUp` will attempt to perform the operation `zope.component.getSiteManager(); sethook(pyramid.threadlocal.get_current_registry)`, which will cause the Zope Component Architecture global API (e.g., `zope.component.getSiteManager()`, `zope.component.getAdapter()`, and so on) to use the registry constructed by `setUp` as the value it returns from `zope.component.getSiteManager()`. If the `zope.component` package cannot be imported, or if `hook_zca` is `False`, the hook will not be set.

If `settings` is not `None`, it must be a dictionary representing the values passed to a Configurator as its `settings` argument.

If `package` is `None` it will be set to the caller’s package. The `package` setting in the `pyramid.config.Configurator` will affect any relative imports made via `pyramid.config.Configurator.include()` or `pyramid.config.Configurator.maybe_dotted()`.

This function returns an instance of the `pyramid.config.Configurator` class, which can be used for further configuration to set up an environment suitable for a unit or integration test. The `registry` attribute attached to the Configurator instance represents the ‘current’ application registry; the same registry will be returned by `pyramid.threadlocal.get_current_registry()` during the execution of the test.

`tearDown(unhook_zca=True)`

Undo the effects of `pyramid.testing.setUp()`. Use this function in the `tearDown` method of a unit test that uses `pyramid.testing.setUp()` in its `setUp` method.

If the `unhook_zca` argument is `True` (the default), call `zope.component.getSiteManager().reset()`. This undoes the action of `pyramid.testing.setUp()` when called with the argument `hook_zca=True`. If `zope.component` cannot be imported, `unhook_zca` is set to `False`. 

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**testConfig** *(registry=None, request=None, hook_zca=True, autocommit=True, settings=None)*

Returns a context manager for test set up.

This context manager calls `pyramid.testing.setUp()` when entering and `pyramid.testing.tearDown()` when exiting.

All arguments are passed directly to `pyramid.testing.setUp()`. If the ZCA is hooked, it will always be un-hooked in tearDown.

This context manager allows you to write test code like this:

```python
with testConfig() as config:
    config.add_route('bar', '/bar/{id}')
    req = DummyRequest()
    resp = myview(req)
```

**cleanUp** (*arg, **kw)*

An alias for `pyramid.testing.setUp()`.

**class DummyResource** *(__name__=None, __parent__=None, __provides__=None, **kw)*

A dummy Pyramid resource object.

**clone** *(__name__=<object object>, __parent__=<object object>, **kw)*

Create a clone of the resource object. If __name__ or __parent__ arguments are passed, use these values to override the existing __name__ or __parent__ of the resource. If any extra keyword args are passed in via the kw argument, use these keywords to add to or override existing resource keywords (attributes).

**items** ()

Return the items set by __setitem__

**keys** ()

Return the keys set by __setitem__

**values** ()

Return the values set by __setitem__

**class DummyRequest** *(params=None, environ=None, headers=None, path='/', cookies=None, post=None, accept=None, **kw)*

A DummyRequest object (incompletely) imitates a request object.

The params, environ, headers, path, and cookies arguments correspond to their `WebOb` equivalents.

The post argument, if passed, populates the request’s POST attribute, but not params, in order to allow testing that the app accepts data for a given view only from POST requests. This argument also sets self.method to "POST".
Extra keyword arguments are assigned as attributes of the request itself.

Note that DummyRequest does not have complete fidelity with a "real" request. For example, by default, the DummyRequest GET and POST attributes are of type dict, unlike a normal Request’s GET and POST, which are of type MultiDict. If your code uses the features of MultiDict, you should either use a real pyramid.request.Request or adapt your DummyRequest by replacing the attributes with MultiDict instances.

Other similar incompatibilities exist. If you need all the features of a Request, use the pyramid.request.Request class itself rather than this class while writing tests.

```
request_iface = <InterfaceClass pyramid.interfaces.IRequest>
```

```
class DummyTemplateRenderer(string_response="")
   An instance of this class is returned from pyramid.config.Configurator.
   testing_add_renderer(). It has a helper function (assert_) that makes it possible
   to make an assertion which compares data passed to the renderer by the view function against
   expected key/value pairs.

   assert_(**kw)
      Accept an arbitrary set of assertion key/value pairs. For each assertion key/value pair assert
      that the renderer (eg. pyramid.renderers.render_to_response()) received the
      key with a value that equals the asserted value. If the renderer did not receive the key at all, or
      the value received by the renderer doesn’t match the assertion value, raise an AssertionError.
```

```
pyramid.threadlocal
```

```
get_current_request()
   Return the currently active request or None if no request is currently active.
   This function should be used extremely sparingly, usually only in unit testing code. It’s almost
   always usually a mistake to use get_current_request outside a testing context because its
   usage makes it possible to write code that can be neither easily tested nor scripted.
```

```
get_current_registry()
   Return the currently active application registry or the global application registry if no request is
   currently active.
   This function should be used extremely sparingly, usually only in unit testing code. It’s almost always
   usually a mistake to use get_current_registry outside a testing context because its usage
   makes it possible to write code that can be neither easily tested nor scripted.
```
pyramid.traversal

find_interface(resource, class_or_interface)

Return the first resource found in the lineage of resource which, a) if class_or_interface is a Python class object, is an instance of the class or any subclass of that class or b) if class_or_interface is an interface, provides the specified interface. Return None if no resource providing interface_or_class can be found in the lineage. The resource passed in must be location-aware.

find_resource(resource, path)

Given a resource object and a string or tuple representing a path (such as the return value of pyramid.traversal.resource_path() or pyramid.traversal.resource_path_tuple()), return a resource in this application’s resource tree at the specified path. The resource passed in must be location-aware. If the path cannot be resolved (if the respective node in the resource tree does not exist), a KeyError will be raised.

This function is the logical inverse of pyramid.traversal.resource_path() and pyramid.traversal.resource_path_tuple(); it can resolve any path string or tuple generated by either of those functions.

Rules for passing a string as the path argument: if the first character in the path string is the / character, the path is considered absolute and the resource tree traversal will start at the root resource. If the first character of the path string is not the / character, the path is considered relative and resource tree traversal will begin at the resource object supplied to the function as the resource argument. If an empty string is passed as path, the resource passed in will be returned. Resource path strings must be escaped in the following manner: each path segment must be UTF-8 encoded and escaped via Python’s urllib.quote. For example, /path/to%20the/La%20Pe%C3%B1a (absolute) or to%20the/La%20Pe%C3%B1a (relative). The pyramid.traversal.resource_path() function generates strings which follow these rules (albeit only absolute ones). The text may not have any non-ASCII characters in it.

Rules for passing a tuple as the path argument: if the first element in the path tuple is the empty string (for example ('', 'a', 'b', 'c')), the path is considered absolute and the resource tree traversal will start at the resource tree root object. If the first element in the path tuple is not the empty string (for example ('a', 'b', 'c')), the path is considered relative and resource tree traversal will begin at the resource object supplied to the function as the resource argument. If an empty sequence is passed as path, the resource passed in itself will be returned. No URL-quoting of individual path segments within the tuple is required (each segment may be any string representing a resource name). Resource path tuples generated by pyramid.traversal.resource_path_tuple() can always be resolved by find_resource.

find_root(resource)

Find the root node in the resource tree to which resource belongs. Note that resource should be location-aware. Note that the root resource is available in the request object by accessing the request.root attribute.
resource_path(resource, *elements)

Return a string object representing the absolute physical path of the resource object based on its position in the resource tree, e.g. /foo/bar. Any positional arguments passed in as elements will be appended as path segments to the end of the resource path. For instance, if the resource’s path is /foo/bar and elements equals ('a', 'b'), the returned string will be /foo/bar/a/b. The first character in the string will always be the / character (a leading / character in a path string represents that the path is absolute).

Resource path strings returned will be escaped in the following manner: each path segment will be encoded as UTF-8 and escaped via Python’s urllib.quote. For example, /path/to%20the/La%20Pe%C3%B1a.

This function is a logical inverse of pyramid.traversal.find_resource: it can be used to generate path references that can later be resolved via that function.

The resource passed in must be location-aware.

Each segment in the path string returned will use the __name__ attribute of the resource it represents within the resource tree. Each of these segments should be a string (as per the contract of location-awareness). However, no conversion or safety checking of resource names is performed. For instance, if one of the resources in your tree has a __name__ which (by error) is a dictionary, the pyramid.traversal.resource_path() function will attempt to append it to a string and it will cause a pyramid.exceptions.URLDecodeError.

The root resource must have a __name__ attribute with a value of either None or the empty string for paths to be generated properly. If the root resource has a non-null __name__ attribute, its name will be prepended to the generated path rather than a single leading '/' character.

resource_path_tuple(resource, *elements)

Return a tuple representing the absolute physical path of the resource object based on its position in a resource tree, e.g ('', 'foo', 'bar'). Any positional arguments passed in as elements will be appended as elements in the tuple representing the resource path. For instance, if the resource’s path is ('', 'foo', 'bar') and elements equals ('a', 'b'), the returned tuple will be ('', 'foo', 'bar', 'a', 'b'). The first element of this tuple will always be the empty string (a leading empty string element in a path tuple represents that the path is absolute).

This function is a logical inverse of pyramid.traversal.find_resource(): it can be used to generate path references that can later be resolved by that function.

The resource passed in must be location-aware.
Each segment in the path tuple returned will equal the __name__ attribute of the resource it represents within the resource tree. Each of these segments should be a string (as per the contract of location-awareness). However, no conversion or safety checking of resource names is performed. For instance, if one of the resources in your tree has a __name__ which (by error) is a dictionary, that dictionary will be placed in the path tuple; no warning or error will be given.

The root resource must have a __name__ attribute with a value of either None or the empty string for path tuples to be generated properly. If the root resource has a non-null __name__ attribute, its name will be the first element in the generated path tuple rather than the empty string.

quote_path_segment (segment, safe="~\$&\'(\(,;=:@")")

Return a quoted representation of a 'path segment' (such as the string __name__ attribute of a resource) as a string. If the segment passed in is a bytes object, it is decoded as a UTF-8 string. The result is then URL-quoted using Python's urllib.quote. If the segment passed in is not bytes nor a string, an error will be raised. The return value of quote_path_segment is always a string.

You may pass a string of characters that need not be encoded as the safe argument to this function. This corresponds to the safe argument to urllib.quote.

The return value for each segment passed to this function is cached in a module-scope dictionary for speed: the cached version is returned when possible rather than recomputing the quoted version. No cache emptying is ever done for the lifetime of an application, however. If you pass arbitrary user-supplied strings to this function (as opposed to some bounded set of values from a 'working set' known to your application), it may become a memory leak.

virtual_root (resource, request)

Provided any resource and a request object, return the resource object representing the virtual root of the current request. Using a virtual root in a traversal-based Pyramid application permits rooting. For example, the resource at the traversal path /cms will be found at http://example.com/ instead of rooting it at http://example.com/cms/.

If the resource passed in is a context obtained via traversal, and if the HTTP_X_VHM_ROOT key is in the WSGI environment, the value of this key will be treated as a 'virtual root path': the pyramid.traversal.find_resource() API will be used to find the virtual root resource using this path; if the resource is found, it will be returned. If the HTTP_X_VHM_ROOT key is not present in the WSGI environment, the physical root of the resource tree will be returned instead.

Virtual roots are not useful at all in applications that use URL dispatch. Contexts obtained via URL dispatch don’t really support being virtually rooted (each URL dispatch context is both its own
physical and virtual root). However if this API is called with a resource argument which is a context obtained via URL dispatch, the resource passed in will be returned unconditionally.

**traverse**(resource, path)

Given a resource object as resource and a string or tuple representing a path as path (such as the return value of `pyramid.traversal.resource_path()` or `pyramid.traversal.resource_path_tuple()` or the value of `request.environ['PATH_INFO']`), return a dictionary with the keys context, root, view_name, subpath, traversed, virtual_root, and virtual_root_path.

A definition of each value in the returned dictionary:

- **context**: The context (a resource object) found via traversal or URL dispatch. If the path passed in is the empty string, the value of the resource argument passed to this function is returned.

- **root**: The resource object at which traversal begins. If the resource passed in was found via URL dispatch or if the path passed in was relative (non-absolute), the value of the resource argument passed to this function is returned.

- **view_name**: The view name found during traversal or URL dispatch; if the resource was found via traversal, this is usually a representation of the path segment which directly follows the path to the context in the path. The view_name will be a string. The view_name will be the empty string if there is no element which follows the context path. An example: if the path passed is `/foo/bar`, and a resource object is found at `/foo` (but not at `/foo/bar`), the 'view name' will be 'bar'. If the resource was found via URL dispatch, the view_name will be the empty string unless the traverse predicate was specified or the *traverse* route pattern was used, at which point normal traversal rules dictate the result.

- **subpath**: For a resource found via traversal, this is a sequence of path segments found in the path that follow the view_name (if any). Each of these items is a string. If no path segments follow the view_name, the subpath will be the empty sequence. An example: if the path passed is `/foo/bar/baz/buz`, and a resource object is found at `/foo` (but not `/foo/bar`), the 'view name' will be 'bar' and the subpath will be ['baz', 'buz']. For a resource found via URL dispatch, the subpath will be a sequence of values discerned from *subpath* in the route pattern matched or the empty sequence.

- **traversed**: The sequence of path elements traversed from the root to find the context object during traversal. Each of these items is a string. If no path segments were traversed to find the context object (e.g. if the path provided is the empty string), the traversed value will be the empty sequence. If the resource is a resource found via URL dispatch, traversed will be None.

- **virtual_root**: A resource object representing the 'virtual' root of the resource tree being traversed during traversal. See Virtual Hosting for a definition of the virtual root object. If no virtual hosting is in effect, and the path passed in was absolute, the virtual_root
The physical root resource object (the object at which traversal begins). If the resource passed in was found via URL dispatch or if the path passed in was relative, the virtual_root will always equal the root object (the resource passed in).

- virtual_root_path -- If traversal was used to find the resource, this will be the sequence of path elements traversed to find the virtual_root resource. Each of these items is a string. If no path segments were traversed to find the virtual_root resource (e.g. if virtual hosting is not in effect), the traversed value will be the empty list. If URL dispatch was used to find the resource, this will be None.

If the path cannot be resolved, a KeyError will be raised.

Rules for passing a string as the path argument: if the first character in the path string is the with the / character, the path will considered absolute and the resource tree traversal will start at the root resource. If the first character of the path string is not the / character, the path is considered relative and resource tree traversal will begin at the resource object supplied to the function as the resource argument. If an empty string is passed as path, the resource passed in will be returned. Resource path strings must be escaped in the following manner: each path segment must be encoded as UTF-8 and escaped via Python's urllib.quote. For example, /path/to%20the/La%20Pe%C3%B1a (absolute) or to%20the/La%20Pe%C3%B1a (relative). The pyramid.traversal.resource_path() function generates strings which follow these rules (albeit only absolute ones).

Rules for passing a tuple as the path argument: if the first element in the path tuple is the empty string (for example ('', 'a', 'b', 'c')), the path is considered absolute and the resource tree traversal will start at the resource tree root object. If the first element in the path tuple is not the empty string (for example ('a', 'b', 'c')), the path is considered relative and resource tree traversal will begin at the resource object supplied to the function as the resource argument. If an empty sequence is passed as path, the resource passed in itself will be returned. No URL-quoting or UTF-8-encoding of individual path segments within the tuple is required (each segment may be any string representing a resource name).

Explanation of the decoding of path segment values during traversal: Each segment is URL-unquoted, and UTF-8 decoded. Each segment is assumed to be encoded using the UTF-8 encoding (or a subset, such as ASCII); a pyramid.exceptions.URLDecodeError is raised if a segment cannot be decoded. If a segment name is empty or if it is ., it is ignored. If a segment name is .., the previous segment is deleted, and the .. is ignored. As a result of this process, the return values view_name, each element in the subpath, each element in traversed, and each element in the virtual_root_path will be decoded strings.

traversal_path(path)

Variant of pyramid.traversal.traversal_path_info() suitable for decoding paths that are URL-encoded.

If this function is passed a string, it must be directly encodeable to ASCII. For example, '/foo' will work but '/<unprintable unicode>' (a string object with characters that cannot be encoded to ASCII)
will not. A UnicodeEncodeError will be raised if the string cannot be encoded directly to ASCII.

pyramid.tweens

excvview_tween_factory (handler, registry)
A tween factory which produces a tween that catches an exception raised by downstream tweens (or the main Pyramid request handler) and, if possible, converts it into a Response using an exception view.

Changed in version 1.9: The request.response will be remain unchanged even if the tween handles an exception. Previously it was deleted after handling an exception.

Also, request.exception and request.exc_info are only set if the tween handles an exception and returns a response otherwise they are left at their original values.

MAIN
Constant representing the main Pyramid handling function, for use in under and over arguments to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_tween().

INGRESS
Constant representing the request ingress, for use in under and over arguments to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_tween().

EXCVIEW
Constant representing the exception view tween, for use in under and over arguments to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_tween().

pyramid.url
Utility functions for dealing with URLs in pyramid

resource_url (resource, request, *elements, **kw)
This is a backwards compatibility function. Its result is the same as calling:

```
request.resource_url(resource, *elements, **kw)
```

See pyramid.request.Request.resource_url () for more information.

route_url (route_name, request, *elements, **kw)
This is a backwards compatibility function. Its result is the same as calling:
request.route_url(route_name, *elements, **kw)

See pyramid.request.Request.route_url() for more information.

current_route_url(request, *elements, **kw)
This is a backwards compatibility function. Its result is the same as calling:

request.current_route_url(*elements, **kw)

See pyramid.request.Request.current_route_url() for more information.

route_path(route_name, request, *elements, **kw)
This is a backwards compatibility function. Its result is the same as calling:

request.route_path(route_name, *elements, **kw)

See pyramid.request.Request.route_path() for more information.

current_route_path(request, *elements, **kw)
This is a backwards compatibility function. Its result is the same as calling:

request.current_route_path(*elements, **kw)

See pyramid.request.Request.current_route_path() for more information.

static_url(path, request, **kw)
This is a backwards compatibility function. Its result is the same as calling:

request.static_url(path, **kw)

See pyramid.request.Request.static_url() for more information.

static_path(path, request, **kw)
This is a backwards compatibility function. Its result is the same as calling:

request.static_path(path, **kw)

See pyramid.request.Request.static_path() for more information.
urlencode (query, doseq=True, quote_via=<function quote_plus>)

An alternate implementation of Python’s stdlib urllib.parse.urlencode() function which accepts string keys and values within the query dict/sequence; all string keys and values are first converted to UTF-8 before being used to compose the query string.

The value of query must be a sequence of two-tuples representing key/value pairs or an object (often a dictionary) with an items() method that returns a sequence of two-tuples representing key/value pairs.

For minimal calling convention backwards compatibility, this version of urlencode accepts but ignores a second argument conventionally named doseq. The Python stdlib version behaves differently when doseq is False and when a sequence is presented as one of the values. This version always behaves in the doseq=True mode, no matter what the value of the second argument.

Both the key and value are encoded using the quote_via function which by default is using a similar algorithm to urllib.parse.quote_plus() which converts spaces into '+' characters and '/' into '%2F'.

Changed in version 1.5: In a key/value pair, if the value is None then it will be dropped from the resulting output.

Changed in version 1.9: Added the quote_via argument to allow alternate quoting algorithms to be used.

pyramid.view

render_view_to_response (context, request, name='', secure=True)

Call the view callable configured with a view configuration that matches the view name name registered against the specified context and request and return a response object. This function will return None if a corresponding view callable cannot be found (when no view configuration matches the combination of name / context / and request).

If secure‘ is True, and the view callable found is protected by a permission, the permission will be checked before calling the view function. If the permission check disallows view execution (based on the current authorization policy), a pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPForbidden exception will be raised. The exception’s args attribute explains why the view access was disallowed.

If secure is False, no permission checking is done.

render_view_to_iterable (context, request, name='', secure=True)

Call the view callable configured with a view configuration that matches the view name name registered against the specified context and request and return an iterable object which represents the body of a response. This function will return None if a corresponding view callable cannot be found (when no view configuration matches the combination of name / context / and request).
Additionally, this function will raise a ValueError if a view function is found and called but the view function’s result does not have an app_iter attribute.

You can usually get the bytestring representation of the return value of this function by calling b''.join(iterable), or just use pyramid.view.render_view() instead.

If secure is True, and the view is protected by a permission, the permission will be checked before the view function is invoked. If the permission check disallows view execution (based on the current security policy), a pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPForbidden exception will be raised; its args attribute explains why the view access was disallowed.

If secure is False, no permission checking is done.

render_view(context, request, name='', secure=True)

Call the view callable configured with a view configuration that matches the view name name registered against the specified context and request and unwind the view response’s app_iter (see View Callable Responses) into a single bytestring. This function will return None if a corresponding view callable cannot be found (when no view configuration matches the combination of name / context / and request). Additionally, this function will raise a ValueError if a view function is found and called but the view function’s result does not have an app_iter attribute. This function will return None if a corresponding view cannot be found.

If secure is True, and the view is protected by a permission, the permission will be checked before the view is invoked. If the permission check disallows view execution (based on the current authorization policy), a pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPForbidden exception will be raised; its args attribute explains why the view access was disallowed.

If secure is False, no permission checking is done.

class view_config(**settings)

A function, class or method decorator which allows a developer to create view registrations nearer to a view callable definition than use imperative configuration to do the same.

For example, this code in a module views.py:

```python
from resources import MyResource

@view_config(name='my_view', context=MyResource, permission='read', route_name='site1')
def my_view(context, request):
    return 'OK'
```

 Might replace the following call to the pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view() method:
```python
import views
from resources import MyResource
config.add_view(views.my_view, context=MyResource, name='my_view',
    permission='read', route_name='site1')
```

`pyramid.view.view_config` supports the following keyword arguments: context, exception, permission, name, request_type, route_name, request_method, request_param, containment, xhr, accept, header, path_info, custom_predicates, decorator, mapper, http_cache, require_csrf, match_param, physical_path, and view_options.

The meanings of these arguments are the same as the arguments passed to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()`. If any argument is left out, its default will be the equivalent `add_view` default.

Two additional keyword arguments which will be passed to the `venusian.attach` function are `_depth` and `_category`.

`_depth` is provided for people who wish to reuse this class from another decorator. The default value is 0 and should be specified relative to the `view_config` invocation. It will be passed in to the `venusian.attach` function as the depth of the callstack when Venusian checks if the decorator is being used in a class or module context. It’s not often used, but it can be useful in this circumstance.

`_category` sets the decorator category name. It can be useful in combination with the `category` argument of `scan` to control which views should be processed.

See the `venusian.attach()` function in Venusian for more information about the `_depth` and `_category` arguments.

**See also:**

See also *Adding View Configuration Using the @view_config Decorator* for details about using `pyramid.view.view_config`.

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Because of a limitation with `venusian.Scanner.scan`, note that `view_config` will work only for the following conditions.

- In Python packages that have an `__init__.py` file in their directory.

**See also:**

See also https://github.com/Pylons/venusian/issues/68

- On module top level members.

- On Python source (.py) files. Compiled Python files (.pyc, .pyo) without a corresponding source file are ignored.
See also:
See also the Venusian documentation.

**view_defaults(**settings)**
A class decorator which, when applied to a class, will provide defaults for all view configurations that use the class. This decorator accepts all the arguments accepted by `pyramid.view.view_config()`, and each has the same meaning.

See `@view_defaults Class Decorator` for more information.

**class notfound_view_config(**settings)**
New in version 1.3.

An analogue of `pyramid.view.view_config` which registers a Not Found View using `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_notfound_view()`.

The `notfound_view_config` constructor accepts most of the same arguments as the constructor of `pyramid.view.view_config`. It can be used in the same places, and behaves in largely the same way, except it always registers a not found exception view instead of a 'normal' view.

Example:

```python
from pyramid.view import notfound_view_config
from pyramid.response import Response

@notfound_view_config()
def notfound(request):
    return Response('Not found!', status='404 Not Found')
```

All arguments except `append_slash` have the same meaning as `pyramid.view.view_config()` and each predicate argument restricts the set of circumstances under which this notfound view will be invoked.

If `append_slash` is True, when the Not Found View is invoked, and the current path info does not end in a slash, the notfound logic will attempt to find a route that matches the request’s path info suffixed with a slash. If such a route exists, Pyramid will issue a redirect to the URL implied by the route; if it does not, Pyramid will return the result of the view callable provided as view, as normal.

If the argument provided as `append_slash` is not a boolean but instead implements `IResponse`, the append_slash logic will behave as if `append_slash=True` was passed, but the provided class will be used as the response class instead of the default `HTTPTemporaryRedirect` response class when a redirect is performed. For example:
from pyramid.httpexceptions import (HTTPMovedPermanently, HTTPNotFound)

@notfound_view_config(append_slash=HTTPMovedPermanently)
def aview(request):
    return HTTPNotFound('not found')

The above means that a redirect to a slash-appended route will be attempted, but instead of HTTPTemporaryRedirect being used, HTTPMovedPermanently will be used for the redirect response if a slash-appended route is found.

See Changing the Not Found View for detailed usage information.

Changed in version 1.9.1: Added the _depth and _category arguments.

class forbidden_view_config(**settings)
New in version 1.3.

An analogue of pyramid.view.view_config which registers a forbidden view using pyramid.config.Configurator.add_forbidden_view().

The forbidden_view_config constructor accepts most of the same arguments as the constructor of pyramid.view.view_config. It can be used in the same places, and behaves in largely the same way, except it always registers a forbidden exception view instead of a `normal` view.

Example:

from pyramid.view import forbidden_view_config
from pyramid.response import Response

@forbidden_view_config()
def forbidden(request):
    return Response('You are not allowed', status='403 Forbidden')

All arguments passed to this function have the same meaning as pyramid.view.view_config() and each predicate argument restricts the set of circumstances under which this notfound view will be invoked.

See Changing the Forbidden View for detailed usage information.

Changed in version 1.9.1: Added the _depth and _category arguments.

class exception_view_config(**args, **settings)
New in version 1.8.
An analogue of `pyramid.view.view_config` which registers an exception view using `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_exception_view()`.

The `exception_view_config` constructor requires an exception context, and additionally accepts most of the same arguments as the constructor of `pyramid.view.view_config`. It can be used in the same places, and behaves in largely the same way, except it always registers an exception view instead of a "normal" view that dispatches on the request context.

Example:

```python
from pyramid.view import exception_view_config
from pyramid.response import Response

@exception_view_config(ValueError, renderer='json')
def error_view(request):
    return {'error': str(request.exception)}
```

All arguments passed to this function have the same meaning as `pyramid.view.view_config()`, and each predicate argument restricts the set of circumstances under which this exception view will be invoked.

Changed in version 1.9.1: Added the `_depth` and `_category` arguments.

`pyramid.viewderivers`

**INGRESS**

Constant representing the request ingress, for use in under arguments to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view_deriver()`.

**VIEW**

Constant representing the `view callable` at the end of the view pipeline, for use in over arguments to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view_deriver()`.

`pyramid.wsgi`

**wsgiapp (wrapped)**

Decorator to turn a WSGI application into a Pyramid `view callable`. This decorator differs from the `pyramid.wsgi.wsgiapp2()` decorator inasmuch as fixes of PATH_INFO and SCRIPT_NAME within the WSGI environment are not performed before the application is invoked.

E.g., the following in a views.py module:
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```python
@wsgiapp
def hello_world(environ, start_response):
    body = 'Hello world'
    start_response('200 OK', [('Content-Type', 'text/plain'),
                             ('Content-Length', len(body))])
    return [body]
```

Allows the following call to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()`:

```python
from views import hello_world
cfg.add_view(hello_world, name='hello_world.txt')
```

The `wsgiapp` decorator will convert the result of the WSGI application to a `Response` and return it to Pyramid as if the WSGI app were a Pyramid view.

`wsgiapp2(wrapped)`

Decorator to turn a WSGI application into a Pyramid view callable. This decorator differs from the `pyramid.wsgi.wsgiapp()` decorator inasmuch as fixups of `PATH_INFO` and `SCRIPT_NAME` within the WSGI environment are performed before the application is invoked.

E.g. the following in a `views.py` module:

```python
@wsgiapp2
def hello_world(environ, start_response):
    body = 'Hello world'
    start_response('200 OK', [('Content-Type', 'text/plain'),
                             ('Content-Length', len(body))])
    return [body]
```

Allows the following call to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()`:

```python
from views import hello_world
cfg.add_view(hello_world, name='hello_world.txt')
```

The `wsgiapp2` decorator will convert the result of the WSGI application to a `Response` and return it to Pyramid as if the WSGI app were a Pyramid view. The `SCRIPT_NAME` and `PATH_INFO` values present in the WSGI environment are fixed up before the application is invoked. In particular, a new WSGI environment is generated, and the `subpath` of the request passed to `wsgiapp2` is used as the new request’s `PATH_INFO` and everything preceding the subpath is used as the `SCRIPT_NAME`. The new environment is passed to the downstream WSGI application.
0.5 p* Scripts Documentation

0.5.1 p* Scripts Documentation

Command line programs (p* scripts) included with Pyramid.

pdistreport

Show Python distribution versions and locations in use

```
usage: pdistreport [-h]
```

-h, --help
        show this help message and exit

See also:

pdistreport: Showing All Installed Distributions and Their Versions and Running p-scripts.

prequest

Submit a HTTP request to a web application.

This command makes an artificial request to a web application that uses a PasteDeploy (.ini) configuration file for the server and application.

Use ”prequest config.ini /path” to request ”/path”.

Use ”prequest --method=POST config.ini /path < data” to do a POST with the given request body.

Use ”prequest --method=PUT config.ini /path < data” to do a PUT with the given request body.

Use ”prequest --method=PATCH config.ini /path < data” to do a PATCH with the given request body.

Use ”prequest --method=OPTIONS config.ini /path” to do an OPTIONS request.

Use ”prequest --method=PROPFIND config.ini /path” to do a PROPFIND request.

If the path is relative (doesn’t begin with ”/”) it is interpreted as relative to ”/”. The path passed to this script should be URL-quoted. The path can be succeeded with a query string (e.g. ’/path?a=1&b2’).

The variable ”environ[‘paste.command_request’]” will be set to ”True” in the request’s WSGI environment, so your application can distinguish these calls from normal requests.
usage: prequest [-h] [-n NAME] [--header NAME:VALUE] [-d]
[-m {GET,HEAD,POST,PUT,PATCH,DELETE,PROPFIND,OPTIONS}]
[-l LOGIN]
[config_uri] [path_info] [config_vars [config_vars ...]]

config_uri
The URI to the configuration file.

path_info
The path of the request.

config_vars
Variables required by the config file. For example, http_port=%(http_port)s would expect http_port=8080 to be passed here.

-h, --help
show this help message and exit

-n <name>, --app-name <name>
Load the named application from the config file (default 'main')

--header <name:value>
Header to add to request (you can use this option multiple times)

-d, --display-headers
Display status and headers before the response body

-m {GET,HEAD,POST,PUT,PATCH,DELETE,PROPFIND,OPTIONS}, --method {GET,HEAD,POST,PUT,PATCH,DELETE,PROPFIND,OPTIONS}
Request method type (GET, POST, PUT, PATCH, DELETE, PROPFIND, OPTIONS)

-l <login>, --login <login>
HTTP basic auth username:password pair

See also:
prequest: Invoking a Request and Running p-scripts.

proutes

Print all URL dispatch routes used by a Pyramid application in the order in which they are evaluated. Each route includes the name of the route, the pattern of the route, and the view callable which will be invoked when the route is matched.

This command accepts one positional argument named 'config_uri'. It specifies the PasteDeploy config file to use for the interactive shell. The format is 'inifile#name'. If the name is left off, 'main' will be assumed. Example: 'proutes myapp.ini'.
usage: proutes [-h] [-g GLOB] [-f FORMAT] [config_uri] [config_vars [config_vars ...]]

config_uri
The URI to the configuration file.

config_vars
Variables required by the config file. For example, http_port=%(http_port)s would expect
http_port=8080 to be passed here.

-h, --help
show this help message and exit

-g <glob>, --glob <glob>
Display routes matching glob pattern

-f <format>, --format <format>
Choose which columns to display, this will override the format key in the [proutes] ini section

See also:
proutes: Displaying All Application Routes and Running p-scripts.

pserve

This command serves a web application that uses a PasteDeploy configuration file for the server and application.

You can also include variable assignments like 'http_port=8080' and then use %(http_port)s in your config files.


config_uri
The URI to the configuration file.
config_vars
   Variables required by the config file. For example, http_port=%(http_port)s would expect http_port=8080 to be passed here.

-h, --help
   show this help message and exit

-n <name>, --app-name <name>
   Load the named application (default main)

-s <server_type>, --server <server_type>
   Use the named server.

--server-name <section_name>
   Use the named server as defined in the configuration file (default: main)

--reload
   Use auto-restart file monitor

--reload-interval <reload_interval>
   Seconds between checking files (low number can cause significant CPU usage)

-b, --browser
   Open a web browser to the server url. The server url is determined from the `open_url` setting in the `pserve` section of the configuration file.

-v, --verbose
   Set verbose level (default 1)

-q, --quiet
   Suppress verbose output

See also:

Running the Project Application and Running p-scripts.

pshell

Open an interactive shell with a Pyramid app loaded. This command accepts one positional argument named ”config_uri” which specifies the PasteDeploy config file to use for the interactive shell. The format is ”inifile#name”. If the name is left off, the Pyramid default application will be assumed. Example: ”pshell myapp.ini#main”.

If you do not point the loader directly at the section of the ini file containing your Pyramid application, the command will attempt to find the app for you. If you are loading a pipeline that contains more than one Pyramid application within it, the loader will use the last one.
usage: pshell [-h] [-p PYTHON_SHELL] [-l] [--setup SETUP] [config_uri] [config_vars [config_vars ...]]

config_uri
    The URI to the configuration file.

config_vars
    Variables required by the config file. For example, http_port=%(http_port)s would expect
    http_port=8080 to be passed here.

-h, --help
    show this help message and exit

-p <python_shell>, --python-shell <python_shell>
    Select the shell to use. A list of possible shells is available using the --list-shells option.

-l, --list-shells
    List all available shells.

--setup <setup>
    A callable that will be passed the environment before it is made available to the shell. This option
    will override the 'setup' key in the [pshell] ini section.

See also:

pshell: The Interactive Shell and Running p-scripts.

ptweens

Print all implicit and explicit tween objects used by a Pyramid application. The handler output includes
whether the system is using an explicit tweens ordering (will be true when the "pyramid.tweens" deploy-
ment setting is used) or an implicit tweens ordering (will be true when the "pyramid.tweens" deployment
setting is not used).

This command accepts one positional argument named "config_uri" which specifies the PasteDeploy config
file to use for the interactive shell. The format is "inifile#name". If the name is left off, "main" will be
assumed. Example: "ptweens myapp.ini#main".
usage: ptweens [-h] [config_uri] [config_vars [config_vars ...]]

config_uri
The URI to the configuration file.

config_vars
Variables required by the config file. For example, http_port=%(http_port)s would expect http_port=8080 to be passed here.

-h, --help
show this help message and exit

See also:
ptweens: Displaying ”Tweens” and Running p-scripts.

pviews
Print, for a given URL, the views that might match. Underneath each potentially matching route, list the predicates required. Underneath each route+predicate set, print each view that might match and its predicates.

This command accepts two positional arguments: 'config_uri' specifies the PasteDeploy config file to use for the interactive shell. The format is 'inifile#name'. If the name is left off, 'main' will be assumed. 'url' specifies the path info portion of a URL that will be used to find matching views. Example: 'proutes myapp.ini#main /url'

usage: pviews [-h] [config_uri] [url] [config_vars [config_vars ...]]

config_uri
The URI to the configuration file.

url
The path info portion of the URL.

config_vars
Variables required by the config file. For example, http_port=%(http_port)s would expect http_port=8080 to be passed here.

-h, --help
show this help message and exit

See also:
pviews: Displaying Matching Views for a Given URL and Running p-scripts.
0.6 Change History

0.6.1 What’s New in Pyramid 1.7

This article explains the new features in Pyramid version 1.7 as compared to its predecessor, Pyramid 1.6. It also documents backwards incompatibilities between the two versions and deprecations added to Pyramid 1.7, as well as software dependency changes and notable documentation additions.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- The default hash algorithm for `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy` has changed from `md5` to `sha512`. If you are using the authentication policy and need to continue using `md5`, please explicitly set `hashalg='md5'`. If you are not currently specifying the `hashalg` option in your apps, then this change means any existing auth tickets (and associated cookies) will no longer be valid, users will be logged out, and have to login to their accounts again.

  This change has been issuing a DeprecationWarning since Pyramid 1.4.

  See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2496

- Python 2.6 and 3.2 are no longer supported by Pyramid. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/2368 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2256

- The `pyramid.session.check_csrf_token()` function no longer validates a csrf token in the query string of a request. Only headers and request bodies are supported. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2500

- A global permission set via `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_default_permission()` will no longer affect exception views. A permission must be set explicitly on the view for it to be enforced. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2534

Feature Additions

- A new View Derivers concept has been added to Pyramid to allow framework authors to inject elements into the standard Pyramid view pipeline and affect all views in an application. This is similar to a decorator except that it has access to options passed to `config.add_view` and can affect other stages of the pipeline such as the raw response from a view or prior to security checks. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2021
• Added a `require CSRF` view option which will enforce CSRF checks on requests with an unsafe method as defined by RFC2616. If the CSRF check fails a BadCSRFToken exception will be raised and may be caught by exception views (the default response is a 400 Bad Request). This option should be used in place of the deprecated check CSRF view predicate which would normally result in unexpected 404 Not Found response to the client instead of a catchable exception. See Checking CSRF Tokens Automatically, https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2413 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2500

• Added a new method, `pyramid.config.Configurator.set CSRF default options()`, for configuring CSRF checks used by the `require CSRF=True` view option. This method can be used to turn on CSRF checks globally for every view in the application. This should be considered a good default for websites built on Pyramid. It is possible to opt-out of CSRF checks on a per-view basis by setting `require CSRF=False` on those views. See Checking CSRF Tokens Automatically and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2413 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2518

• Added an additional CSRF validation that checks the origin/referrer of a request and makes sure it matches the current `request.domain`. This particular check is only active when accessing a site over HTTPS as otherwise browsers don’t always send the required information. If this additional CSRF validation fails a BadCSRFOrigin exception will be raised and may be caught by exception views (the default response is 400 Bad Request). Additional allowed origins may be configured by setting `pyramid.csrf trusted origins` to a list of domain names (with ports if on a non standard port) to allow. Subdomains are not allowed unless the domain name has been prefixed with a .. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2501

• Added a new `pyramid.session.check CSRF origin()` API for validating the origin or referrer headers against the request’s domain. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2501

• Subclasses of `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPException` will now take into account the best match for the clients `Accept` header, and depending on what is requested will return `text/html`, `application/json` or `text/plain`. The default for `/*` is still `text/html`, but if `application/json` is explicitly mentioned it will now receive a valid JSON response. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2489

• A new event, `pyramid.events.BeforeTraversal`, and interface `pyramid.interfaces.IBeforeTraversal` have been introduced that will notify listeners before traversal starts in the router. See Request Processing as well as https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2469 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1876

• A new method, `pyramid.request.Request.invoke_exception_view()`, which can be used to invoke an exception view and get back a response. This is useful for rendering an exception view outside of the context of the EXCVIEW tween where you may need more control over the request. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2393

• A global permission set via `pyramid.config.Configurator.set default permission()` will no longer affect exception views. A permission must be set explicitly on the view for it to be enforced. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2534
• Allow a leading = on the key of the request param predicate. For example, 'abc=1' is equivalent down to `request.params['abc'] == '1'`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1370

• Allow using variable substitutions like % (LOGGING_LOGGER_ROOT_LEVEL) s for logging sections of the .ini file and populate these variables from the pserve command line -- e.g.:

  ```bash
  pserve development.ini LOGGING_LOGGER_ROOT_LEVEL=DEBUG
  ```

  This support is thanks to the new global_conf option on `pyramid.paster.setup_logging()`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2399

• The `pyramid.tweens.EXCVIEW` tween will now re-raise the original exception if no exception view could be found to handle it. This allows the exception to be handled upstream by another tween or middleware. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2567

### Deprecations

• The `check_csrf` view predicate has been deprecated. Use the new `require_csrf` option or the `pyramid.require_default_csrf` setting to ensure that the `pyramid.exceptions.BadCSRFToken` exception is raised. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2413

• Support for Python 3.3 will be removed in Pyramid 1.8. https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/2477

### Scaffolding Enhancements

• A complete overhaul of the `alchemy` scaffold to show more modern best practices with regards to SQLAlchemy session management, as well as a more modular approach to configuration, separating routes into a separate module to illustrate uses of `pyramid.config.Configurator.include()`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2024

### Documentation Enhancements

A massive overhaul of the packaging and tools used in the documentation was completed in https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2468. A summary follows:

• All docs now recommend using `pip` instead of `easy_install`.

• The installation docs now expect the user to be using Python 3.4 or greater with access to the `python3 -m venv` tool to create virtual environments.
• Tutorials now use py.test and pytest-cov instead of nose and coverage.

• Further updates to the scaffolds as well as tutorials and their src files.

Along with the overhaul of the alchemy scaffold came a total overhaul of the SQLAlchemy + URL dispatch wiki tutorial to introduce more modern features into the usage of SQLAlchemy with Pyramid and provide a better starting point for new projects. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2024 for more. Highlights were:

• New SQLAlchemy session management without any global DBSession. Replaced by a per-request request.dbsession property.

• A new authentication chapter demonstrating how to get simple authentication bootstrapped quickly in an application.

• Authorization was overhauled to show the use of per-route context factories which demonstrate object-level authorization on top of simple group-level authorization. Did you want to restrict page edits to only the owner but couldn’t figure it out before? Here you go!

• The users and groups are stored in the database now instead of within tutorial-specific global variables.

• User passwords are stored using bcrypt.

0.6.2 What’s New in Pyramid 1.6

This article explains the new features in Pyramid version 1.6 as compared to its predecessor, Pyramid 1.5. It also documents backwards incompatibilities between the two versions and deprecations added to Pyramid 1.6, as well as software dependency changes and notable documentation additions.

Backwards Incompatibilities

• IPython and BPython support have been removed from pshell in the core. To continue using them on Pyramid 1.6+, you must install the binding packages explicitly. One way to do this is by adding pyramid_ipython (or pyramid_bpython) to the install_requires section of your package’s setup.py file, then re-running setup.py develop:

```python
setup(
    #...
    install_requires=[
        'pyramid_ipython',       # new dependency
        'pyramid',
        #...
    ],
)
```
• request.response will no longer be mutated when using the `render_to_response()` API. It is now necessary to pass in a `response=` argument to `render_to_response()` if you wish to supply the renderer with a custom response object. If you do not pass one, then a response object will be created using the current response factory. Almost all renderers mutate the `request.response` response object (for example, the JSON renderer sets `request.response.content_type` to `application/json`). However, when invoking `render_to_response`, it is not expected that the response object being returned would be the same one used later in the request. The response object returned from `render_to_response` is now explicitly different from `request.response`. This does not change the API of a renderer. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1563

• In an effort to combat a common issue it is now a `ConfigurationError` to register a view callable that is actually an unbound method when using the default view mapper. As unbound methods do not exist in PY3+ possible errors are detected by checking if the first parameter is named `self`. For example, `config.add_view(ViewClass.some_method, ...)` should actually be `config.add_view(ViewClass, attr='some_method')`. This was always an issue in Pyramid on PY2 but the backward incompatibility is on PY3+ where you may not use a function with the first parameter named `self`. In this case it looks too much like a common error and the exception will be raised. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1498

Feature Additions

• Python 3.5 and pypy3 compatibility.

• `pserve --reload` will no longer crash on syntax errors. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2044

• Cache busting for static resources has been added and is available via a new `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_cache_buster()` API. Core APIs are shipped for both cache busting via query strings and via asset manifests for integrating into custom asset pipelines. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1380 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1583 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2171

• Assets can now be overridden by an absolute path on the filesystem when using the `override_asset()` API. This makes it possible to fully support serving up static content from a mutable directory while still being able to use the `static_url()` API and `add_static_view()`. Previously it was not possible to use `add_static_view()` with an absolute path and generate urls to the content. This change replaces the call, `config.add_static_view('/abs/path', 'static'), with `config.add_static_view('myapp:static', 'static')` and `config.override_asset(to_override='myapp:static/', override_with='/abs/path/')`. The `myapp:static` asset spec is completely made up and does not need to exist—it is used for generating URLs via `request.static_url('myapp:static/foo.png')`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1252
• Added `set_response_factory()` and the `response_factory` keyword argument to the constructor of `Configurator` for defining a factory that will return a custom `Response` class. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1499

• Added `pyramid.config.Configurator.root_package` attribute and `init` parameter to assist with includible packages that wish to resolve resources relative to the package in which the configurator was created. This is especially useful for add-ons that need to load asset specs from settings, in which case it may be natural for a developer to define imports or assets relative to the top-level package. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1337

• Overall improvements for the `proutes` command. Added `--format` and `--glob` arguments to the command, introduced the `method` column for displaying available request methods, and improved the `view` output by showing the module instead of just `__repr__`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1488

• `pserve` can now take a `-b` or `--browser` option to open the server URL in a web browser. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1533

• Support keyword-only arguments and function annotations in views in Python 3. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1556

• The `append_slash` argument of `add_notfound_view()` will now accept anything that implements the `IResponse` interface and will use that as the response class instead of the default `HTTPFound`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1610

• The `Configurator` has grown the ability to allow actions to call other actions during a commit cycle. This enables much more logic to be placed into actions, such as the ability to invoke other actions or group them for improved conflict detection. We have also exposed and documented the configuration phases that Pyramid uses in order to further assist in building conforming add-ons. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1513

• Allow an iterator to be returned from a renderer. Previously it was only possible to return bytes or unicode. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1417

• Improve robustness to timing attacks in the `AuthTktCookieHelper` and the `SignedCookieSessionFactory` classes by using the stdlib’s `hmac.compare_digest` if it is available (such as Python 2.7.7+ and 3.3+). See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1457

• Improve the readability of the `pcreate` shell script output. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1453

• Make it simple to define `notfound` and `forbidden` views that wish to use the default exception-response view, but with altered predicates and other configuration options. The `view` argument is now optional in `add_notfound_view()` and `add_forbidden_view()` See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/494

• The `pshell` script will now load a `PYTHONSTARTUP` file if one is defined in the environment prior to launching the interpreter. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1448
• Add new HTTP exception objects for status codes 428 Precondition Required, 429 Too Many Requests and 431 Request Header Fields Too Large in pyramid.httpexceptions. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1372/files

• pcreate when run without a scaffold argument will now print information on the missing flag, as well as a list of available scaffolds. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1566 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1297

• pcreate will now ask for confirmation if invoked with an argument for a project name that already exists or is importable in the current environment. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1357 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1837

• Add pyramid.request.apply_request_extensions() function which can be used in testing to apply any request extensions configured via config.add_request_method. Previously it was only possible to test the extensions by going through Pyramid’s router. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1581

• Make it possible to subclass pyramid.request.Request and also use pyramid.request.Request.add_request.method. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1529

• Additional shells for pshe11 can now be registered as entry points. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1891 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2012

• The variables injected into pshe11 are now displayed with their docstrings instead of the default str(obj) when possible. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1929

Deprecations

• The pserve command’s daemonization features, as well as --monitor-restart, have been deprecated. This includes the [start, stop, restart, status] subcommands, as well as the --daemon, --stop-daemon, --pid-file, --status, --user, and --group flags. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2120 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2189 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1641

Please use a real process manager in the future instead of relying on pserve to daemonize itself. Many options exist, including your operating system’s services, such as Systemd or Upstart, as well as Python-based solutions like Circus and Supervisor.

See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1641 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2120

• The principal argument to pyramid.security.remember() was renamed to userid. Using principal as the argument name still works and will continue to work for the next few releases, but a deprecation warning is printed.
Scaffolding Enhancements

- Added line numbers to the log formatters in the scaffolds to assist with debugging. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1326
- Updated scaffold generating machinery to return the version of Pyramid and its documentation for use in scaffolds. Updated starter, alchemy and zodb templates to have links to correctly versioned documentation, and to reflect which Pyramid was used to generate the scaffold.
- Removed non-ASCII copyright symbol from templates, as this was causing the scaffolds to fail for project generation.

Documentation Enhancements

- Removed logging configuration from Quick Tutorial ini files, except for scaffolding- and logging-related chapters, to avoid needing to explain it too early.
- Improve and clarify the documentation on what Pyramid defines as a principal and a userid in its security APIs. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1399
- Moved the documentation for accept on pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view() to no longer be part of the predicate list. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1391 for a bug report stating not_ was failing on accept. Discussion with @mcdonc led to the conclusion that it should not be documented as a predicate. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1487 for this PR.
- Clarify a previously-implied detail of the ISession.invalidate API documentation.
- Add documentation of command line programs (p* scripts). See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2191

0.6.3 What’s New in Pyramid 1.5

This article explains the new features in Pyramid version 1.5 as compared to its predecessor, Pyramid 1.4. It also documents backwards incompatibilities between the two versions and deprecations added to Pyramid 1.5, as well as software dependency changes and notable documentation additions.
Major Backwards Incompatibilities

- Pyramid no longer depends on or configures the Mako and Chameleon templating system renderers by default. Disincluding these templating systems by default means that the Pyramid core has fewer dependencies and can run on future platforms without immediate concern for the compatibility of its templating add-ons. It also makes maintenance slightly more effective, as different people can maintain the templating system add-ons that they understand and care about without needing commit access to the Pyramid core, and it allows users who just don’t want to see any packages they don’t use come along for the ride when they install Pyramid.

This means that upon upgrading to Pyramid 1.5a2+, projects that use either of these templating systems will see a traceback that ends something like this when their application attempts to render a Chameleon or Mako template:

```
ValueError: No such renderer factory .pt
```

Or:

```
ValueError: No such renderer factory .mako
```

Or:

```
ValueError: No such renderer factory .mak
```

Support for Mako templating has been moved into an add-on package named `pyramid_mako`, and support for Chameleon templating has been moved into an add-on package named `pyramid_chameleon`. These packages are drop-in replacements for the old built-in support for these templating languages. All you have to do is install them and make them active in your configuration to register renderer factories for `.pt` and/or `.mako` (or `.mak`) to make your application work again.

To re-add support for Chameleon and/or Mako template renderers into your existing projects, follow the below steps.

If you depend on Mako templates:

- Make sure the `pyramid_mako` package is installed. One way to do this is by adding `pyramid_mako` to the `install_requires` section of your package’s `setup.py` file and afterwards rerunning `setup.py develop`:

```
setup(
    #...
    install_requires=[
        'pyramid_mako',  # new dependency
    ]
```

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- Within the portion of your application which instantiates a Pyramid Configurator (often the main() function in your project's __init__.py file), tell Pyramid to include the pyramid_mako includeme:

```python
config = Configurator(.....)
config.include('pyramid_mako')
```

If you depend on Chameleon templates:

- Make sure the pyramid_chameleon package is installed. One way to do this is by adding pyramid_chameleon to the install_requires section of your package's setup.py file and afterwards rerunning setup.py develop:

```python
setup(
    #...
    install_requires=[
        'pyramid_chameleon',  # new dependency
        'pyramid',
        'pyramid_chameleon',
        #...
    ],
)
```

- Within the portion of your application which instantiates a Pyramid Configurator (often the main() function in your project's __init__.py file), tell Pyramid to include the pyramid_chameleon includeme:

```python
config = Configurator(.....)
config.include('pyramid_chameleon')
```

Note that it's also fine to install these packages into older Pyramids for forward compatibility purposes. Even if you don't upgrade to Pyramid 1.5 immediately, performing the above steps in a Pyramid 1.4 installation is perfectly fine, won't cause any difference, and will give you forward compatibility when you eventually do upgrade to Pyramid 1.5.

With the removal of Mako and Chameleon support from the core, some unit tests that use the pyramid.renderers.render* methods may begin to fail. If any of your unit tests are invoking either pyramid.renderers.render() or pyramid.renderers. render_to_response() with either Mako or Chameleon templates then the pyramid.

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config.Configurator instance in effect during the unit test should be also be updated to include the addons, as shown above. For example:

```python
class ATest(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        self.config = pyramid.testing.setUp()
        self.config.include('pyramid_mako')

    def test_it(self):
        result = pyramid.renderers.render('mypkg:templates/home.mako', { })
```

Or:

```python
class ATest(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        self.config = pyramid.testing.setUp()
        self.config.include('pyramid_chameleon')

    def test_it(self):
        result = pyramid.renderers.render('mypkg:templates/home.pt', { })
```

- If you’re using the Pyramid debug toolbar, when you upgrade Pyramid to 1.5a2+, you’ll also need to upgrade the pyramid_debugtoolbar package to at least version 1.0.8, as older toolbar versions are not compatible with Pyramid 1.5a2+ due to the removal of Mako support from the core. It’s fine to use this newer version of the toolbar code with older Pyramids too.

**Feature Additions**

The feature additions in Pyramid 1.5 follow.

- Python 3.4 compatibility.
- Add `pdistreport` script, which prints the Python version in use, the Pyramid version in use, and the version number and location of all Python distributions currently installed.
- Add the ability to invert the result of any view, route, or subscriber predicate value using the `not_` class. For example:

```python
from pyramid.config import not_

@view_config(route_name='myroute', request_method=not_('POST'))
def myview(request): ...
```
The above example will ensure that the view is called if the request method is not POST, at least if no other view is more specific.

The `pyramid.config.not_` class can be used against any value that is a predicate value passed in any of these contexts:

- `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()`
- `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()`
- `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_subscriber()`
- `pyramid.view.view_config()`
- `pyramid.events.subscriber()`

- View lookup will now search for valid views based on the inheritance hierarchy of the context. It tries to find views based on the most specific context first, and upon predicate failure, will move up the inheritance chain to test views found by the super-type of the context. In the past, only the most specific type containing views would be checked and if no matching view could be found then a PredicateMismatch would be raised. Now predicate mismatches don’t hide valid views registered on super-types. Here’s an example that now works:

```python
class IResource(Interface):
    ...

@view_config(context=IResource)
def get(context, request):
    ...

@view_config(context=IResource, request_method='POST')
def post(context, request):
    ...

@view_config(context=IResource, request_method='DELETE')
def delete(context, request):
    ...

@implementer(IResource)
class MyResource:
    ...

@view_config(context=MyResource, request_method='POST')
```
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Previously the override_post view registration would hide the get and delete views in the context of MyResource -- leading to a predicate mismatch error when trying to use GET or DELETE methods. Now the views find no predicate mismatch is raised. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/786 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1004 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1046

- scripts/prequest.py (aka the prequest console script): added support for submitting PUT and PATCH requests. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1033. add support for submitting OPTIONS and PROPFIND requests, and allow users to specify basic authentication credentials in the request via a --login argument to the script. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1039.

- The pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route() method now supports being called with an external URL as pattern. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/611 and the documentation section External Routes.

- pyramid.authorization.ACLAuthorizationPolicy supports __acl__ as a callable. This removes the ambiguity between the potential AttributeError that would be raised on the context when the property was not defined and the AttributeError that could be raised from any user-defined code within a dynamic property. It is recommended to define a dynamic ACL as a callable to avoid this ambiguity. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/735.

- Allow a protocol-relative URL (e.g. //example.com/images) to be passed to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_static_view(). This allows externally-hosted static URLs to be generated based on the current protocol.

- The pyramid.authentication.AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy class has two new options to configure its domain usage:
  - parent_domain: if set the authentication cookie is set on the parent domain. This is useful if you have multiple sites sharing the same domain.
  - domain: if provided the cookie is always set for this domain, bypassing all usual logic. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1028, https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1072 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1078.

- The pyramid.authentication.AuthTktPolicy now supports IPv6 addresses when using the include_ip=True option. This is possibly incompatible with alternative auth_tkt implementations, as the specification does not define how to properly handle IPv6. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/831.
• Make it possible to use variable arguments via `pyramid.paster.get_appsettings()`. This also allowed the generated `initialize_db` script from the alchemy scaffold to grow support for options in the form `a=1 b=2` so you can fill in values in a parameterized `.ini` file, e.g. `initialize_myapp_db etc/development.ini a=1 b=2`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/911

• The `request.session.check_csrf_token()` method and the `check_csrf` view predicate now take into account the value of the HTTP header named `X-CSRF-Token` (as well as the `csrf_token` form parameter, which they always did). The header is tried when the form parameter does not exist.

• You can now generate "hybrid" urldispatch/traversal URLs more easily by using the new `route_name`, `route_kw` and `route_remainder_name` arguments to `resource_url()` and `resource_path()`. See Generating Hybrid URLs.

• A new http exception superclass named `HTTPSuccessful` was added. You can use this class as the context of an exception view to catch all 200-series "exceptions" (e.g. "raise HTTPOk"). This also allows you to catch only the `HTTPOk` exception itself; previously this was impossible because a number of other exceptions (such as `HTTPNoContent`) inherited from `HTTPOk`, but now they do not.

• It is now possible to escape double braces in Pyramid scaffolds (unescape, these represent replacement values). You can use `\{{\{a\}\}}` to represent a "bare" `{a}`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/862

• Add `localizer` and `locale_name` properties (reified) to `pyramid.request.Request`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/508. Note that the `pyramid.i18n.get_localizer()` and `pyramid.i18n.get_locale_name()` functions now simply look up these properties on the request.

• The `pserve` command now takes a `-v` (or `--verbose`) flag and a `-q` (or `--quiet`) flag. Output from running `pserve` can be controlled using these flags. `-v` can be specified multiple times to increase verbosity. `-q` sets verbosity to 0 unconditionally. The default verbosity level is 1.

• The `alchemy` scaffold tests now provide better coverage. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1029

• Users can now provide dotted Python names to as the `factory` argument the Configurator methods named `add_view_predicate()`, `add_route_predicate()` and `add_subscriber_predicate()`. Instead of passing the predicate factory directly, you can pass a dotted name which refers to the factory.

• `pyramid.path.package_name()` no longer throws an exception when resolving the package name for namespace packages that have no `__file__` attribute.

• An authorization API has been added as a method of the request: `pyramid.request.Request.has_permission()`. It is a method-based alternative to the `pyramid.`
security.has_permission() API and works exactly the same. The older API is now deprecated.

- Property API attributes have been added to the request for easier access to authentication data: pyramid.request.Request.authenticated_userid, pyramid.request.Request.unauthenticated_userid, and pyramid.request.Request.effective_principals. These are analogues, respectively, of pyramid.security.authenticated_userid(), pyramid.security.unauthenticated_userid(), and pyramid.security.effective_principals(). They operate exactly the same, except they are attributes of the request instead of functions accepting a request. They are properties, so they cannot be assigned to. The older function-based APIs are now deprecated.

- Pyramid's console scripts (pserve, pviews, etc) can now be run directly, allowing custom arguments to be sent to the python interpreter at runtime. For example:

```python
python -3 -m pyramid.scripts.pserve development.ini
```

- Added a specific subclass of pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPBadRequest named pyramid.exceptions.BadCSRFToken which will now be raised in response to failures in the check_csrf_token view predicate. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1149.

- Added a new SignedCookieSessionFactory which is very similar to the UnencryptedCookieSessionFactoryConfig but with a clearer focus on signing content. The custom serializer arguments to this function should only focus on serializing, unlike its predecessor which required the serializer to also perform signing. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1142. Note that cookies generated using SignedCookieSessionFactory are not compatible with cookies generated using UnencryptedCookieSessionFactory, so existing user session data will be destroyed if you switch to it.

- Added a new BaseCookieSessionFactory which acts as a generic cookie factory that can be used by framework implementors to create their own session implementations. It provides a reusable API which focuses strictly on providing a dictionary-like object that properly handles renewals, timeouts, and conformance with the ISession API. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1142.

- We no longer eagerly clear request.exception and request.exc_info in the exception view tween. This makes it possible to inspect exception information within a finished callback. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1223.
Other Backwards Incompatibilities

- Modified the `current_route_url()` method. The method previously returned the URL without the query string by default, it now does attach the query string unless it is overridden.

- The `route_url()` and `route_path()` APIs no longer quote `/` to %2F when a replacement value contains a `/`. This was pointless, as WSGI servers always unquote the slash anyway, and Pyramid never sees the quoted value.

- It is no longer possible to set a `locale_name` attribute of the request, nor is it possible to set a `localizer` attribute of the request. These are now "reified" properties that look up a locale name and localizer respectively using the machinery described in Internationalization and Localization.

- If you send an `X-Vhm-Root` header with a value that ends with any number of slashes, the trailing slashes will be removed before the URL is generated when you use `resource_url()` or `resource_path()`. Previously the virtual root path would not have trailing slashes stripped, which would influence URL generation.

- The `pyramid.interfaces.IResourceURL` interface has now grown two new attributes: `virtual_path_tuple` and `physical_path_tuple`. These should be the tuple form of the resource’s path (physical and virtual).

- Removed the `request.response_*` varying attributes (such as ‘request.response_headers‘). These attributes had been deprecated since Pyramid 1.1, and as per the deprecation policy, have now been removed.

- `request.response` will no longer be mutated when using the `pyramid.renderers.render()` API. Almost all renderers mutate the `request.response` response object (for example, the JSON renderer sets `request.response.content_type` to `application/json`), but this is only necessary when the renderer is generating a response; it was a bug when it was done as a side effect of calling `pyramid.renderers.render()`.

- Removed the `bfg2pyramid` fixer script.

- The `pyramid.events.NewResponse` event is now sent after response callbacks are executed. It previously executed before response callbacks were executed. Rationale: it’s more useful to be able to inspect the response after response callbacks have done their jobs instead of before.

- Removed the class named `pyramid.view.static` that had been deprecated since Pyramid 1.1. Instead use `pyramid.static.static_view` with the `use_subpath=True` argument.

- Removed the `pyramid.view.is_response` function that had been deprecated since Pyramid 1.1. Use the `pyramid.request.Request.is_response()` method instead.

- Removed the ability to pass the following arguments to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()`: `view`, `view_context`, `view_for`, `view_permission`, `view_renderer`, and `view_attr`. Using these arguments had been deprecated since Pyramid 1.1. Instead of passing view-related arguments to `add_route`, use a separate call to
pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view() to associate a view with a route using its route_name argument. Note that this impacts the pyramid.config.Configurator.add_static_view() function too, because it delegates to “add_route”.

- Removed the ability to influence and query a pyramid.request.Request object as if it were a dictionary. Previously it was possible to use methods like __getitem__, get, items, and other dictlike methods to access values in the WSGI environment. This behavior had been deprecated since Pyramid 1.1. Use methods of request.environ (a real dictionary) instead.

- Removed ancient backwards compatibility hack in pyramid.traversal.DefaultRootFactory which populated the __dict__ of the factory with the matchdict values for compatibility with BFG 0.9.

- The renderer_globals_factory argument to the pyramid.config.Configurator constructor and the corresponding argument to setup_registry() has been removed. The set_renderer_globals_factory method of Configurator has also been removed. The (internal) pyramid.interfaces.IRendererGlobals interface was also removed. These arguments, methods and interfaces had been deprecated since 1.1. Use a BeforeRender event subscriber as documented in the ”Hooks” chapter of the Pyramid narrative documentation instead of providing renderer globals values to the configurator.

- The key/values in the _query parameter of pyramid.request.Request.route_url() and the query parameter of pyramid.request.Request.resource_url() (and their variants), used to encode a value of None as the string 'None', leaving the resulting query string to be a=b&key=None. The value is now dropped in this situation, leaving a query string of a=b&key=. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1119

Deprecations

- Returning a ("defname", dict) tuple from a view which has a Mako renderer is now deprecated. Instead you should use the renderer spelling foo#defname.mak in the view configuration definition and return a dict only.

- The pyramid.config.Configurator.set_request_property() method now issues a deprecation warning when used. It had been docs-deprecated in 1.4 but did not issue a deprecation warning when used.

- pyramid.security.has_permission() is now deprecated in favor of using pyramid.request.Request.has_permission().

- The pyramid.security.authenticated_userid(), pyramid.security.unauthenticated_userid(), and pyramid.security.effective_principals() functions have been deprecated. Use pyramid.request.Request.authenticated_userid, pyramid.request.Unauthenticated_userid, and pyramid.request.Request.effective_principals instead.
- Deprecate the `pyramid.interfaces.ITemplateRenderer` interface. It was ill-defined and became unused when Mako and Chameleon template bindings were split into their own packages.

- The `pyramid.session.UnencryptedCookieSessionFactoryConfig` API has been deprecated and is superseded by the `pyramid.session.SignedCookieSessionFactory`. Note that while the cookies generated by the `UnencryptedCookieSessionFactoryConfig` are compatible with cookies generated by old releases, cookies generated by the `SignedCookieSessionFactory` are not. See [https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1142](https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1142)

**Documentation Enhancements**

- A new documentation chapter named *Quick Tour of Pyramid* was added. It describes starting out with Pyramid from a high level.
- Added a *Quick Tutorial for Pyramid* to go with the Quick Tour
- Many other enhancements.

**Scaffolding Enhancements**

- All scaffolds have a new HTML + CSS theme.
- Updated docs and scaffolds to keep in step with new 2.0 release of Lingua. This included removing all `setup.cfg` files from scaffolds and documentation environments.

**Dependency Changes**

- Pyramid no longer depends upon Mako or Chameleon.
- Pyramid now depends on WebOb>=1.3 (it uses `webob.cookies.CookieProfile` from 1.3+).

**0.6.4 What’s New in Pyramid 1.4**

This article explains the new features in Pyramid version 1.4 as compared to its predecessor, Pyramid 1.3. It also documents backwards incompatibilities between the two versions and deprecations added to Pyramid 1.4, as well as software dependency changes and notable documentation additions.
Major Feature Additions

The major feature additions in Pyramid 1.4 follow.

Third-Party Predicates

- Third-party custom view, route, and subscriber predicates can now be added for use by view authors via `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view_predicate()` , `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route_predicate()` and `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_subscriber_predicate()` . So, for example, doing this:

```
config.add_view_predicate('abc', my.package.ABCPredicate)
```

Might allow a view author to do this in an application that configured that predicate:

```
@view_config(abc=1)
```

Similar features exist for `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()` , and `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_subscriber()` . See Adding a Custom View, Route, or Subscriber Predicate for more information.

Easy Custom JSON Serialization

- Views can now return custom objects which will be serialized to JSON by a JSON renderer by defining a `__json__` method on the object’s class. This method should return values natively serializable by `json.dumps` (such as ints, lists, dictionaries, strings, and so forth). See Serializing Custom Objects for more information. The JSON renderer now also allows for the definition of custom type adapters to convert unknown objects to JSON serializations, in case you can’t add a `__json__` method to returned objects.

Partial Mako and Chameleon Template Renderings

- The Mako renderer now supports using a def name in an asset spec. When the def name is present in the asset spec, the system will render the template named def within the template instead of rendering the entire template. An example asset spec which names a def is `package:path/to/template#defname.mako` . This will render the def named `defname` inside the template. mako template instead of rendering the entire template. The old way of returning a tuple in the form `('defname', {})` from the view is supported for backward compatibility.
The Chameleon ZPT renderer now supports using a macro name in an asset spec. When the macro name is present in the asset spec, the system will render the macro listed as a `define-macro` and return the result instead of rendering the entire template. An example asset spec: `package:path/to/template#macroname.pt`. This will render the macro defined as `macroname` within the `template.pt` template instead of the entire template.

Subrequest Support

- Developers may invoke a subrequest by using the `pyramid.request.Request.invoke_subrequest()` API. This allows a developer to obtain a response from one view callable by issuing a subrequest from within a different view callable. See Invoking a Subrequest for more information.

Minor Feature Additions

- `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy` has been updated to support newer hashing algorithms such as `sha512`. Existing applications should consider updating if possible for improved security over the default md5 hashing.

- `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_directive()` now accepts arbitrary callables like partials or objects implementing `__call__` which don't have `__name__` and `__doc__` attributes. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/621 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/647.

- As of this release, the `request_method` view/route predicate, when used, will also imply that HEAD is implied when you use GET. For example, using `@view_config(request_method='GET')` is equivalent to using `@view_config(request_method=('GET', 'HEAD'))`. Using `@view_config(request_method=('GET', 'POST'))` is equivalent to using `@view_config(request_method=('GET', 'HEAD', 'POST'))`. This is because HEAD is a variant of GET that omits the body, and WebOb has special support to return an empty body when a HEAD is used.

- `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_request_method()` has been introduced to support extending request objects with arbitrary callables. This method expands on the now documentation-deprecated `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_request_property()` by supporting methods as well as properties. This method also causes less code to be executed at request construction time than `set_request_property()`.

- The static view machinery now raises rather than returns `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPNotFound` and `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPMovedPermanently` exceptions, so these can be caught by the Not Found View (and other exception views).
• When there is a predicate mismatch exception (seen when no view matches for a given request due to predicates not working), the exception now contains a textual description of the predicate which didn’t match.

• An `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_permission()` directive method was added to the Configurator. This directive registers a free-standing permission introspectable into the Pyramid introspection system. Frameworks built atop Pyramid can thus use the permissions introspectable category data to build a comprehensive list of permissions supported by a running system. Before this method was added, permissions were already registered in this introspectable category as a side effect of naming them in an `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` call, this method just makes it possible to arrange for a permission to be put into the permissions introspectable category without naming it along with an associated view. Here’s an example of usage of `add_permission`:

```python
config = Configurator()
config.add_permission('view')
```

• The `pyramid.session.UnencryptedCookieSessionFactoryConfig()` function now accepts `signed_serialize` and `signed_deserialize` hooks which may be used to influence how the sessions are marshalled (by default this is done with HMAC+pickle).

• `pyramid.testing.DummyRequest` now supports methods supplied by the `pyramid.util.InstancePropertyMixin` class such as `set_property`.

• Request properties and methods added via `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_request_method()` or `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_request_property()` are now available to tweens.

• Request properties and methods added via `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_request_method()` or `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_request_property()` are now available in the request object returned from `pyramid.paster.bootstrap()`.

• `request.context` of environment request during `pyramid.paster.bootstrap()` is now the root object if a context isn’t already set on a provided request.

• `pyramid.decorator.reify` is now an API, and was added to the API documentation.

• Added the `pyramid.testing.testConfig()` context manager, which can be used to generate a configurator in a test, e.g. with `testing.testConfig(...)`:

```python
A new `pyramid.session.check_csrf_token()` convenience API function was added.
```

• A check_csrf view predicate was added. For example, you can now do `config.add_view(someview, check_csrf=True)`. When the predicate is checked, if the csrf_token value in `request.params` matches the csrf token in the request’s session, the view will be permitted to execute. Otherwise, it will not be permitted to execute.
• Add `Base.metadata.bind = engine` to alchemy scaffold, so that tables defined imperatively will work.

• Comments with references to documentation sections placed in scaffold .ini files.

• Allow multiple values to be specified to the `request_param` view/route predicate as a sequence. Previously only a single string value was allowed. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/705

• Added an HTTP Basic authentication policy at `pyramid.authentication.BasicAuthAuthenticationPolicy`.

• The `pyramid.config.Configurator.testing_securitypolicy()` method now returns the policy object it creates.

• The DummySecurityPolicy created by `pyramid.config.Configurator.testing_securitypolicy()` now sets a forgotten value on the policy (the value `True`) when its `forget` method is called.

• The DummySecurityPolicy created by `pyramid.config.Configurator.testing_securitypolicy()` now sets a remembered value on the policy, which is the value of the principal argument it’s called with when its `remember` method is called.

• New `physical_path` view predicate. If specified, this value should be a string or a tuple representing the physical traversal path of the context found via traversal for this predicate to match as true. For example: `physical_path='/' or physical_path='/a/b/c' or physical_path=('','a','b','c')`. It’s useful when you want to always potentially show a view when some object is traversed to, but you can’t be sure about what kind of object it will be, so you can’t use the `context` predicate.

• Added an `effective_principals` route and view predicate.

• Do not allow the userid returned from the `pyramid.security.authenticated_userid()` or the userid that is one of the list of principals returned by `pyramid.security.effective_principals()` to be either of the strings system. Everyone or system.Authenticated when any of the built-in authorization policies that live in `pyramid.authentication` are in use. These two strings are reserved for internal usage by Pyramid and they will no longer be accepted as valid userids.

• Allow a `_depth` argument to `pyramid.view.view_config`, which will permit limited composition reuse of the decorator by other software that wants to provide custom decorators that are much like `view_config`.

• Allow an iterable of decorators to be passed to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()`. This allows views to be wrapped by more than one decorator without requiring combining the decorators yourself.

• `pyramid.security.view_execution_permitted()` used to return `True` if no view could be found. It now raises a `TypeError` exception in that case, as it doesn’t make sense to assert that a nonexistent view is execution-permitted. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/299.
• Small microspeed enhancement which anticipates that a `pyramid.response.Response` object is likely to be returned from a view. Some code is shortcut if the class of the object returned by a view is this class. A similar microoptimization was done to `pyramid.request.Request.is_response()`.

• Make it possible to use variable arguments on all `p*` commands (pserve, pshell, pviews, etc) in the form `a=1 b=2` so you can fill in values in parameterized `.ini` file, e.g. pshell etc/development.ini http_port=8080.

• In order to allow people to ignore unused arguments to subscriber callables and to normalize the relationship between event subscribers and subscriber predicates, we now allow both subscribers and subscriber predicates to accept only a single `event` argument even if they’ve been subscribed for notifications that involve multiple interfaces.

Backwards Incompatibilities

• The Pyramid router no longer adds the values `bfg.routes.route` or `bfg.routes.matchdict` to the request's WSGI environment dictionary. These values were docs-deprecated in repoze.bfg 1.0 (effectively seven minor releases ago). If your code depended on these values, use `request.matched_route` and `request.matchdict` instead.

• It is no longer possible to pass an environ dictionary directly to `pyramid.traversal.ResourceTreeTraverser.__call__` (aka `ModelGraphTraverser.__call__`). Instead, you must pass a request object. Passing an environment instead of a request has generated a deprecation warning since Pyramid 1.1.

• Pyramid will no longer work properly if you use the `webob.request.LegacyRequest` as a request factory. Instances of the LegacyRequest class have a `request.path_info` which return a string. This Pyramid release assumes that `request.path_info` will unconditionally be Unicode.

• The functions from `pyramid.chameleon_zpt` and `pyramid.chameleon_text` named `get_renderer`, `get_template`, `render_template`, and `render_template_to_response` have been removed. These have issued a deprecation warning upon import since Pyramid 1.0. Use `pyramid.renderers.get_renderer()`, `pyramid.renderers.get_renderer().implementation()`, `pyramid.renderers.render()` or `pyramid.renderers.render_to_response()` respectively instead of these functions.

• The `pyramid.configuration` module was removed. It had been deprecated since Pyramid 1.0 and printed a deprecation warning upon its use. Use `pyramid.config` instead.

• The `pyramid.paster.PyramidTemplate` API was removed. It had been deprecated since Pyramid 1.1 and issued a warning on import. If your code depended on this, adjust your code to import `pyramid.scaffolds.PyramidTemplate` instead.
• The `pyramid.settings.get_settings()` API was removed. It had been printing a deprecation warning since Pyramid 1.0. If your code depended on this API, use `pyramid.threadlocal.get_current_registry().settings` instead or use the `settings` attribute of the registry available from the request (`request.registry.settings`).

• These APIs from the `pyramid.testing` module were removed. They have been printing deprecation warnings since Pyramid 1.0:
  
  - `registerResources` (aka `registerModels`), use `pyramid.config.Configurator.testing_resources()` instead.
  - `registerEventListener`, use `pyramid.config.Configurator.testing_add_subscriber()` instead.
  - `registerTemplateRenderer` (aka `registerDummyRenderer`), use `pyramid.config.Configurator.testing_add_renderer()` instead.
  - `registerView`, use `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` instead.
  - `registerSubscriber`, use `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_subscriber()` instead.
  - `registerRoute`, use `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()` instead.

• In Pyramid 1.3 and previous, the `__call__` method of a Response object returned by a view was invoked before any finished callbacks were executed. As of this release, the `__call__` method of a Response object is invoked after finished callbacks are executed. This is in support of the `pyramid.request.Request.invoke_subrequest()` feature.
Deprecations

- The `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_request_property()` directive has been documentation-deprecated. The method remains usable but the more featureful `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_request_method()` should be used in its place (it has all of the same capabilities but can also extend the request object with methods).

- `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy` will emit a deprecation warning if an application is using the policy without explicitly passing a `hashalg` argument. This is because the default is ”md5” which is considered theoretically subject to collision attacks. If you really want ”md5” then you must specify it explicitly to get rid of the warning.

Documentation Enhancements

- Added an *Upgrading Pyramid* chapter to the narrative documentation. It describes how to cope with deprecations and removals of Pyramid APIs and how to show Pyramid-generated deprecation warnings while running tests and while running a server.

- Added a *Invoking a Subrequest* chapter to the narrative documentation.

- All of the tutorials that use `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy` now explicitly pass `sha512` as a `hashalg` argument.

- Many cleanups and improvements to narrative and API docs.

Dependency Changes

- Pyramid now requires WebOb 1.2b3+ (the prior Pyramid release only relied on 1.2dev+). This is to ensure that we obtain a version of WebOb that returns `request.path_info` as text.

### 0.6.5 What’s New in Pyramid 1.3

This article explains the new features in Pyramid version 1.3 as compared to its predecessor, Pyramid 1.2. It also documents backwards incompatibilities between the two versions and deprecations added to Pyramid 1.3, as well as software dependency changes and notable documentation additions.
Major Feature Additions

The major feature additions in Pyramid 1.3 follow.

Python 3 Compatibility

Pyramid continues to run on Python 2, but Pyramid is now also Python 3 compatible. To use Pyramid under Python 3, Python 3.3 or better is required.

Many Pyramid add-ons are already Python 3 compatible. For example, pyramid_debugtoolbar, pyramid_jinja2, pyramid_exclog, pyramid_tm, pyramid_mailer, and pyramid_handlers are all Python 3-ready. But other add-ons are known to work only under Python 2. Also, some scaffolding dependencies (particularly ZODB) do not yet work under Python 3.

Please be patient as we gain full ecosystem support for Python 3. You can see more details about ongoing porting efforts at https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/wiki/Python-3-Porting.

Python 3 compatibility required dropping some package dependencies and support for older Python versions and platforms. See the ”Backwards Incompatibilities” section below for more information.

The paster Command Has Been Replaced

We’ve replaced the paster command with Pyramid-specific analogues. Why? The libraries that supported the paster command named Paste and PasteScript do not run under Python 3, and we were unwilling to port and maintain them ourselves. As a result, we’ve had to make some changes.

Previously (in Pyramid 1.0, 1.1 and 1.2), you created a Pyramid application using paster create, like so:
In 1.3, you’re now instead required to create an application using `pcreate` like so:

```
$ $VENV/bin/pcreate -s starter foo
```

`pcreate` is required to be used for internal Pyramid scaffolding; externally distributed scaffolding may allow for both `pcreate` and/or `paster create`.

In previous Pyramid versions, you ran a Pyramid application like so:

```
$ $VENV/bin/paster serve development.ini
```

Instead, you now must use the `pserve` command in 1.3:

```
$ $VENV/bin/pserve development.ini
```

The `ini` configuration file format supported by Pyramid has not changed. As a result, Python 2-only users can install PasteScript manually and use `paster serve` instead if they like. However, using `pserve` will work under both Python 2 and Python 3.

Analogues of `paster pshell`, `paster pviews`, `paster request` and `paster ptweens` also exist under the respective console script names `pshell`, `pviews`, `prequest` and `ptweens`.

**paste.httpserver replaced by waitress in Scaffolds**

Because the `paste.httpserver` server we used previously in scaffolds is not Python 3 compatible, we’ve made the default WSGI server used by Pyramid scaffolding the `waitress` server. The `waitress` server is both Python 2 and Python 3 compatible.

Once you create a project from a scaffold, its `development.ini` and `production.ini` will have the following line:

```
use = egg:waitress#main
```

Instead of this (which was the default in older versions):
paste.httpserver "helped" by converting header values that were Unicode into strings, which was a feature that subverted the WSGI specification. The waitress server, on the other hand implements the WSGI spec more fully. This specifically may affect you if you are modifying headers on your responses. The following error might be an indicator of this problem: **AssertionError: Header values must be strings, please check the type of the header being returned.** A common case would be returning Unicode headers instead of string headers.

**Compatibility Helper Library**

A new `pyramid.compat` module was added which provides Python 2/3 straddling support for Pyramid add-ons and development environments.

**Introspection**

A configuration introspection system was added; see *Pyramid Configuration Introspection* and *Adding Configuration Introspection* for more information on using the introspection system as a developer.

The latest release of the pyramid debug toolbar (0.9.7+) provides an "Introspection" panel that exposes introspection information to a Pyramid application developer.

New APIs were added to support introspection `pyramid.registry.Introspectable`, `pyramid.config.Configurator.introspector`, `pyramid.config.Configurator.introspectable`, `pyramid.registry.Registry.introspector`.

**@view_defaults Decorator**

If you use a class as a view, you can use the new `pyramid.view.view_defaults` class decorator on the class to provide defaults to the view configuration information used by every @view_config decorator that decorates a method of that class.

For instance, if you’ve got a class that has methods that represent ”REST actions”, all which are mapped to the same route, but different request methods, instead of this:
from pyramid.view import view_config
from pyramid.response import Response

class RESTView(object):
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request

    @view_config(route_name='rest', request_method='GET')
    def get(self):
        return Response('get')

    @view_config(route_name='rest', request_method='POST')
    def post(self):
        return Response('post')

    @view_config(route_name='rest', request_method='DELETE')
    def delete(self):
        return Response('delete')

You can do this:

from pyramid.view import view_defaults
from pyramid.view import view_config
from pyramid.response import Response

@view_defaults(route_name='rest')
class RESTView(object):
    def __init__(self, request):
        self.request = request

    @view_config(request_method='GET')
    def get(self):
        return Response('get')

    @view_config(request_method='POST')
    def post(self):
        return Response('post')

    @view_config(request_method='DELETE')
    def delete(self):
        return Response('delete')

This also works for imperative view configurations that involve a class.

See @view_defaults Class Decorator for more information.
Extending a Request without Subclassing

It is now possible to extend a `pyramid.request.Request` object with property descriptors without having to create a custom request factory. The new method `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_request_property()` provides an entry point for addons to register properties which will be added to each request. New properties may be reified, effectively caching the return value for the lifetime of the instance. Common use-cases for this would be to get a database connection for the request or identify the current user. The new method `pyramid.request.Request.set_property()` has been added, as well, but the configurator method should be preferred as it provides conflict detection and consistency in the lifetime of the properties.

NotFound and Forbidden View Helpers

Not Found helpers:

- New API: `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_notfound_view()`. This is a wrapper for `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` which provides support for an “append_slash” feature as well as doing the right thing when it comes to permissions (a Not Found View should always be public). It should be preferred over calling `add_view` directly with `context=HTTPNotFound` as was previously recommended.

- New API: `pyramid.view.notfound_view_config`. This is a decorator constructor like `pyramid.view.view_config` that calls `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_notfound_view()` when scanned. It should be preferred over using `pyramid.view.view_config` with `context=HTTPNotFound` as was previously recommended.

Forbidden helpers:

- New API: `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_forbidden_view()`. This is a wrapper for `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` which does the right thing about permissions. It should be preferred over calling `add_view` directly with `context=HTTPForbidden` as was previously recommended.

- New API: `pyramid.view.forbidden_view_config`. This is a decorator constructor like `pyramid.view.view_config` that calls `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_forbidden_view()` when scanned. It should be preferred over using `pyramid.view.view_config` with `context=HTTPForbidden` as was previously recommended.
Minor Feature Additions

- New APIs: `pyramid.path.AssetResolver` and `pyramid.path.DottedNameResolver`. The former can be used to resolve an asset specification to an API that can be used to read the asset’s data, the latter can be used to resolve a dotted Python name to a module or a package.

- A mako.directories setting is no longer required to use Mako templates Rationale: Mako template renderers can be specified using an absolute asset spec. An entire application can be written with such asset specs, requiring no ordered lookup path.

- `bpython` interpreter compatibility in `pshell`. See `Alternative Shells` for more information.

- Added `pyramid.paster.get_appsettings()` API function. This function returns the settings defined within an `[app:...]` section in a PasteDeploy ini file.

- Added `pyramid.paster.setup_logging()` API function. This function sets up Python logging according to the logging configuration in a PasteDeploy ini file.

- Configuration conflict reporting is reported in a more understandable way (“Line 11 in file...” vs. a repr of a tuple of similar info).

- We allow extra keyword arguments to be passed to the `pyramid.config.Configurator.action()` method.

- Responses generated by Pyramid’s `pyramid.static.static_view` now use a `wsgi.file_wrapper` (see https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0333/#optional-platform-specific-file-handling) when one is provided by the web server.

- The `pyramid.config.Configurator.scan()` method can be passed an ignore argument, which can be a string, a callable, or a list consisting of strings and/or callables. This feature allows submodules, subpackages, and global objects from being scanned. See https://docs.pylonsproject.org/projects/venusian/en/latest/#ignore-scan-argument for more information about how to use the ignore argument to scan.

- Add `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_traverser()` API method. See `Changing the Traverser` for more information. This is not a new feature, it just provides an API for adding a traverser without needing to use the ZCA API.

- Add `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_resource_url_adapter()` API method. See `Changing How pyramid.request.Request.resource_url() Generates a URL` for more information. This is not a new feature, it just provides an API for adding a resource url adapter without needing to use the ZCA API.

- Better error messages when a view callable returns a value that cannot be converted to a response (for example, when a view callable returns a dictionary without a renderer defined, or doesn’t return any value at all). The error message now contains information about the view callable itself as well as the result of calling it.
• Better error message when a .pyc-only module is config.include-ed. This is not permitted due to error reporting requirements, and a better error message is shown when it is attempted. Previously it would fail with something like "AttributeError: 'NoneType' object has no attribute 'rfind'".

• The system value req is now supplied to renderers as an alias for request. This means that you can now, for example, in a template, do req.route_url(...) instead of request.route_url(...). This is purely a change to reduce the amount of typing required to use request methods and attributes from within templates. The value request is still available too, this is just an alternative.

• A new interface was added: pyramid.interfaces.IResourceURL. An adapter implementing its interface can be used to override resource URL generation when pyramid.request.Request.resource_url() is called. This interface replaces the now-deprecated pyramid.interfaces.IContextURL interface.

• The dictionary passed to a resource’s __resource_url__ method (see Overriding Resource URL Generation) now contains an app_url key, representing the application URL generated during pyramid.request.Request.resource_url(). It represents a potentially customized URL prefix, containing potentially custom scheme, host and port information passed by the user to request.resource_url. It should be used instead of request.application_url where necessary.

• The pyramid.request.Request.resource_url() API now accepts these arguments: app_url, scheme, host, and port. The app_url argument can be used to replace the URL prefix wholesale during url generation. The scheme, host, and port arguments can be used to replace the respective default values of request.application_url partially.

• A new API named pyramid.request.Request.resource_path() now exists. It works like pyramid.request.Request.resource_url() but produces a relative URL rather than an absolute one.

• The pyramid.request.Request.route_url() API now accepts these arguments: _app_url, _scheme, _host, and _port. The _app_url argument can be used to replace the URL prefix wholesale during url generation. The _scheme, _host, and _port arguments can be used to replace the respective default values of request.application_url partially.

• New APIs: pyramid.response.FileResponse and pyramid.response.FileIter, for usage in views that must serve files "manually".
Backwards Incompatibilities

- Pyramid no longer runs on Python 2.5. This includes the most recent release of Jython and the Python 2.5 version of Google App Engine.

  The reason? We could not easily "straddle" Python 2 and 3 versions and support Python 2 versions older than Python 2.6. You will need Python 2.6 or better to run this version of Pyramid. If you need to use Python 2.5, you should use the most recent 1.2.X release of Pyramid.

- The names of available scaffolds have changed and the flags supported by pcreate are different than those that were supported by paster create. For example, pyramid_alchemy is now just alchemy.

- The paster command is no longer the documented way to create projects, start the server, or run debugging commands. To create projects from scaffolds, paster create is replaced by the pcreate console script. To serve up a project, paster serve is replaced by the pserve console script. New console scripts named pshell, pviews, proutes, and ptweens do what their paster <commandname> equivalents used to do. All relevant narrative documentation has been updated. Rationale: the Paste and PasteScript packages do not run under Python 3.

- The default WSGI server run as the result of pserve from newly rendered scaffolding is now the waitress WSGI server instead of the paste.httpserver server. Rationale: the Paste and PasteScript packages do not run under Python 3.

- The pshell command (see "paster pshell") no longer accepts a --disable-ipython command-line argument. Instead, it accepts a -p or --python-shell argument, which can be any of the values python, ipython or bpython.

- Removed the pyramid.renderers.renderer_from_name function. It has been deprecated since Pyramid 1.0, and was never an API.

- To use ZCML with versions of Pyramid >= 1.3, you will need pyramid_zcml version >= 0.8 and zope.configuration version >= 3.8.0. The pyramid_zcml package version 0.8 is backwards compatible all the way to Pyramid 1.0, so you won’t be warned if you have older versions installed and upgrade Pyramid itself "in-place"; it may simply break instead (particularly if you use ZCML’s includeOverrides directive).

- String values passed to pyramid.request.Request.route_url() or pyramid.request.Request.route_path() that are meant to replace "remainder" matches will now be URL-quoted except for embedded slashes. For example:

```
config.add_route('remain', '/foo*remainder')
request.route_path('remain', remainder='abc / def')
# -> '/foo/abc%20/%20def'
```

Previously string values passed as remainder replacements were tacked on untouched, without any URL-quoting. But this doesn’t really work logically if the value passed is Unicode (raw unicode
cannot be placed in a URL or in a path) and it is inconsistent with the rest of the URL generation machinery if the value is a string (it won’t be quoted unless by the caller).

Some folks will have been relying on the older behavior to tack on query string elements and anchor portions of the URL; sorry, you’ll need to change your code to use the __query and/or __anchor arguments to route_path or route_url to do this now.

• If you pass a bytestring that contains non-ASCII characters to pyramid.config. Configurator.add_route() as a pattern, it will now fail at startup time. Use Unicode instead.

• The path_info route and view predicates now match against request.upath_info (Unicode) rather than request.path_info (indeterminate value based on Python 3 vs. Python 2). This has to be done to normalize matching on Python 2 and Python 3.

• The match_param view predicate no longer accepts a dict. This will have no negative affect because the implementation was broken for dict-based arguments.

• The pyramid.interfaces.IContextURL interface has been deprecated. People have been instructed to use this to register a resource url adapter in the “Hooks” chapter to use to influence pyramid.request.Request.resource_url() URL generation for resources found via custom traversers since Pyramid 1.0.

The interface still exists and registering an adapter using it as documented in older versions still works, but this interface will be removed from the software after a few major Pyramid releases. You should replace it with an equivalent pyramid.interfaces.IResourceURL adapter, registered using the new pyramid.config.Configurator.add_resource_url_adapter() API. A deprecation warning is now emitted when a pyramid.interfaces.IContextURL adapter is found when pyramid.request.Request.resource_url() is called.

• Remove pyramid.config.Configurator.with_context class method. It was never an API, it is only used by pyramid_zcml and its functionality has been moved to that package’s latest release. This means that you’ll need to use the 0.9.2 or later release of pyramid_zcml with this release of Pyramid.

• The older deprecated set_notfound_view Configurator method is now an alias for the new add_notfound_view Configurator method. Likewise, the older deprecated set_forbidden_view is now an alias for the new add_forbidden_view Configurator method. This has the following impact: the context sent to views with a (context, request) call signature registered via the set_notfound_view or set_forbidden_view will now be an exception object instead of the actual resource context found. Use request.context to get the actual resource context. It’s also recommended to disuse set_notfound_view in favor of add_notfound_view, and disuse set_forbidden_view in favor of add_forbidden_view despite the aliasing.
Deprecations

- The API documentation for `pyramid.view.append_slash_notfound_view` and `pyramid.view.AppendSlashNotFoundExceptionFactory` was removed. These names still exist and are still importable, but they are no longer APIs. Use `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_notfound_view(append_slash=True)` or `pyramid.view.notfound_view_config(append_slash=True)` to get the same behavior.

- The `set_forbidden_view` and `set_notfound_view` methods of the Configurator were removed from the documentation. They have been deprecated since Pyramid 1.1.

- All references to the `tmpl_context` request variable were removed from the docs. Its existence in Pyramid is confusing for people who were never Pylons users. It was added as a porting convenience for Pylons users in Pyramid 1.0, but it never caught on because the Pyramid rendering system is a lot different than Pylons’ was, and alternate ways exist to do what it was designed to offer in Pylons. It will continue to exist "forever" but it will not be recommended or mentioned in the docs.

- Remove references to do-nothing `pyramid.debug_templates` setting in all Pyramid-provided .ini files. This setting previously told Chameleon to render better exceptions; now Chameleon always renders nice exceptions regardless of the value of this setting.

Known Issues

- As of this writing (the release of Pyramid 1.3b2), if you attempt to install a Pyramid project that used the `alchemy` scaffold via `setup.py develop` on Python 3.2, it will quit with an installation error while trying to install Pygments. If this happens, please just rerun the `setup.py develop` command again, and it will complete successfully. This is due to a minor bug in SQLAlchemy 0.7.5 under Python 3, and has been fixed in a later SQLAlchemy release. Keep an eye on https://github.com/sqlalchemy/sqlalchemy/issues/2421

Documentation Enhancements

- The `SQLAlchemy + URL dispatch wiki tutorial` has been updated. It now uses `@view_config` decorators and an explicit database population script.

- Minor updates to the `ZODB + Traversal Wiki Tutorial`.

- A narrative documentation chapter named `Extending Pyramid Configuration` was added; it describes how to add a custom `configuration directive`, and how use the `pyramid.config.Configurator.action()` method within custom directives. It also describes how to add `introspectable` objects.
• A narrative documentation chapter named *Pyramid Configuration Introspection* was added. It describes how to query the introspection system.

• Added an API docs chapter for *pyramid.scaffolds*.

• Added a narrative docs chapter named "Creating Pyramid Scaffolds".

• Added a description of the *prequest* command-line script at *prequest: Invoking a Request*.

• Added a section to the "Command-Line Pyramid" chapter named *Making Your Script into a Console Script*.

• Removed the "Running Pyramid on Google App Engine" tutorial from the main docs. It survives on in the Pyramid Community Cookbook as *Pyramid on Google's App Engine (using appengine-monkey)*. Rationale: it provides the correct info for the Python 2.5 version of GAE only, and this version of Pyramid does not support Python 2.5.

• Updated the *Changing the Forbidden View* section, replacing explanations of registering a view using *add_view* or *view_config* with ones using *add_forbidden_view* or *forbidden_view_config*.

• Updated the *Changing the Not Found View* section, replacing explanations of registering a view using *add_view* or *view_config* with ones using *add_notfound_view* or *notfound_view_config*.

• Updated the *Redirecting to Slash-Appended Routes* section, replacing explanations of registering a view using *add_view* or *view_config* with ones using *add_notfound_view* or *notfound_view_config*.

• Updated all tutorials to use *pyramid.view.forbidden_view_config* rather than *pyramid.view.view_config* with an HTTPForbidden context.

### Dependency Changes

• Pyramid no longer depends on the *zope.component* package, except as a testing dependency.

• Pyramid now depends on the following package versions: *zope.interface*>=3.8.0, *WebOb*>=1.2dev, *repoze.lru*>=0.4, *zope.deprecation*>=3.5.0, *translationstring*>=0.4 for Python 3 compatibility purposes. It also, as a testing dependency, depends on *WebTest*>=1.3.1 for the same reason.

• Pyramid no longer depends on the *Paste* or *PasteScript* packages. These packages are not Python 3 compatible.

• Depend on *venusian* >= 1.0a3 to provide scan ignore support.
Scaffolding Changes

- Rendered scaffolds have now been changed to be more relocatable (fewer mentions of the package name within files in the package).
- The routesalchemy scaffold has been renamed alchemy, replacing the older (traversal-based) alchemy scaffold (which has been retired).
- The alchemy and starter scaffolds are Python 3 compatible.
- The starter scaffold now uses URL dispatch by default.

0.6.6 What’s New in Pyramid 1.2

This article explains the new features in Pyramid version 1.2 as compared to its predecessor, Pyramid 1.1. It also documents backwards incompatibilities between the two versions and deprecations added to Pyramid 1.2, as well as software dependency changes and notable documentation additions.

Major Feature Additions

The major feature additions in Pyramid 1.2 follow.

Debug Toolbar

The scaffolding packages that come with Pyramid now include a debug toolbar component which can be used to interactively debug an application. See The Debug Toolbar for more information.

route_prefix Argument to include

The pyramid.config.Configurator.include() method now accepts a route_prefix argument. This argument allows you to compose URL dispatch applications together from disparate packages. See Using a Route Prefix to Compose Applications for more information.
Tweens

A *tween* is used to wrap the Pyramid router’s primary request handling function. This is a feature that can be used by Pyramid framework extensions, to provide, for example, view timing support and can provide a convenient place to hang bookkeeping code. Tweens are a little like WSGI *middleware*, but have access to Pyramid functionality such as renderers and a full-featured request object.

To support this feature, a new configurator directive exists named `pyramid.config.Contributor.add_tween()`. This directive adds a "tween".

Tweens are further described in *Registering Tweens*.

A new pasteur command now exists: `paster ptweens`. This command prints the current tween configuration for an application. See the section entitled *ptweens: Displaying "Tweens"* for more info.

**Scaffolding Changes**

- All scaffolds now use the *pyramid_tm* package rather than the *repoze.tm2 middleware* to manage transaction management.
- The ZODB scaffold now uses the *pyramid_zodbconn* package rather than the *repoze.zodbconn* package to provide ZODB integration.
- All scaffolds now use the *pyramid_debugtoolbar* package rather than the *WebError* package to provide interactive debugging features.
- Projects created via a scaffold no longer depend on the *WebError* package at all; configuration in the *production.ini* file which used to require its *error_catcher middleware* has been removed. Configuring error catching / email sending is now the domain of the *pyramid_exclog* package (see [https://docs.pylonsproject.org/projects/pyramid_exclog/en/latest/](https://docs.pylonsproject.org/projects/pyramid_exclog/en/latest/)).
- All scaffolds now send the *cache_max_age* parameter to the *add_static_view* method.

**Minor Feature Additions**

- The *[pshell]* section in an ini configuration file now treats a *setup* key as a dotted name that points to a callable that is passed the bootstrap environment. It can mutate the environment as necessary during a pasteur pshell session. This feature is described in *Writing a Script*.
- A new configuration setting named *pyramid.includes* is now available. It is described in *Including Packages*. 

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• Added a `pyramid.security.NO_PERMISSION_REQUIRED` constant for use in `permission=` statements to view configuration. This constant has a value of the string `__no_permission_required__`. This string value was previously referred to in documentation; now the documentation uses the constant.

• Added a decorator-based way to configure a response adapter: `pyramid.response.response_adapter`. This decorator has the same use as `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_response_adapter()` but it’s declarative.

• The `pyramid.events.BeforeRender` event now has an attribute named `rendering_val`. This can be used to introspect the value returned by a view in a BeforeRender subscriber.

• The Pyramid debug logger now uses the standard logging configuration (usually set up by Paste as part of startup). This means that output from e.g. `debug_notfound`, `debug_authorization`, etc. will go to the normal logging channels. The logger name of the debug logger will be the package name of the `caller` of the Configurator’s constructor.

• A new attribute is available on request objects: `exc_info`. Its value will be `None` until an exception is caught by the Pyramid router, after which it will be the result of `sys.exc_info()`.

• `pyramid.testing.DummyRequest` now implements the `add_finished_callback` and `add_response_callback` methods implemented by `pyramid.request.Request`.

• New methods of the `pyramid.config.Configurator` class: `set_authentication_policy()` and `set_authorization_policy()`. These are meant to be consumed mostly by add-on authors who wish to offer packages which register security policies.

• New Configurator method: `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_root_factory()`, which can set the root factory after the Configurator has been constructed.

• Pyramid no longer eagerly commits some default configuration statements at `Configurator` construction time, which permits values passed in as constructor arguments (e.g. `authentication_policy` and `authorization_policy`) to override the same settings obtained via the `pyramid.config.Configurator.include()` method.

• Better Mako rendering exceptions; the template line which caused the error is now shown when a Mako rendering raises an exception.

• New request methods: `current_route_url()`, `current_route_path()`, and `static_path()`.

• New functions in the `pyramid.url` module: `current_route_path()` and `static_path()`.

• The `pyramid.request.Request.static_url()` API (and its brethren `pyramid.request.Request.static_path()`, `pyramid.url.static_url()`, and `pyramid.url.static_path()`) now accept an absolute filename as a “path” argument. This will generate a URL to an asset as long as the filename is in a directory which was previously registered as a static
view. Previously, trying to generate a URL to an asset using an absolute file path would raise a ValueError.

- The RemoteUserAuthenticationPolicy, AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy, and SessionAuthenticationPolicy constructors now accept an additional keyword argument named debug. By default, this keyword argument is False. When it is True, debug information will be sent to the Pyramid debug logger (usually on stderr) when the authenticated_userid or effective_principals method is called on any of these policies. The output produced can be useful when trying to diagnose authentication-related problems.

- New view predicate: match_param. Example: a view added via config.add_view(aview, match_param='action=edit') will be called only when the request.matchdict has a value inside it named action with a value of edit.

- Support an onerror keyword argument to pyramid.config.Configurator.scan(). This argument is passed to venusian.Scanner.scan() to influence error behavior when an exception is raised during scanning.

- The request_method predicate argument to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view() and pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route() is now permitted to be a tuple of HTTP method names. Previously it was restricted to being a string representing a single HTTP method name.

- Undeprecated pyramid.traversal.find_model, pyramid.traversal.model_path, pyramid.traversal.model_path_tuple, and pyramid.url.model_url, which were all deprecated in Pyramid 1.0. There’s just not much cost to keeping them around forever as aliases to their renamed resource_* prefixed functions.

- Undeprecated pyramid.view.bfg_view, which was deprecated in Pyramid 1.0. This is a low-cost alias to pyramid.view.view_config which we’ll just keep around forever.

- Route pattern replacement marker names can now begin with an underscore. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/276.

### Deprecations

- All Pyramid-related deployment settings (e.g. debug_all, debug_notfound) are now meant to be prefixed with the prefix pyramid.. For example: debug_all -> pyramid.debug_all. The old non-prefixed settings will continue to work indefinitely but supplying them may print a deprecation warning. All scaffolds and tutorials have been changed to use prefixed settings.

- The deployment settings dictionary now raises a deprecation warning when you attempt to access its values via __getattr__ instead of via __getitem__.
Backwards Incompatibilities

- If a string is passed as the `debug_logger` parameter to a `Configurator`, that string is considered to be the name of a global Python logger rather than a dotted name to an instance of a logger.

- The `pyramid.config.Configurator.include()` method now accepts only a single callable argument. A sequence of callables used to be permitted. If you are passing more than one callable to `pyramid.config.Configurator.include()`, it will break. You now must now instead make a separate call to the method for each callable.

- It may be necessary to more strictly order configuration route and view statements when using an "autocommitting" `Configurator`. In the past, it was possible to add a view which named a route name before adding a route with that name when you used an autocommitting configurator. For example:

```python
config = Configurator(autocommit=True)
config.add_view('my.pkg.someview', route_name='foo')
config.add_route('foo', '/foo')
```

The above will raise an exception when the view attempts to add itself. Now you must add the route before adding the view:

```python
config = Configurator(autocommit=True)
config.add_route('foo', '/foo')
config.add_view('my.pkg.someview', route_name='foo')
```

This won’t effect ”normal” users, only people who have legacy BFG codebases that used an autocommitting configurator and possibly tests that use the configurator API (the configurator returned by `pyramid.testing.setUp()` is an autocommitting configurator). The right way to get around this is to use a default non-autocommitting configurator, which does not have these directive ordering requirements:

```python
config = Configurator()
config.add_view('my.pkg.someview', route_name='foo')
config.add_route('foo', '/foo')
```

The above will work fine.

- The `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()` directive no longer returns a route object. This change was required to make route vs. view configuration processing work properly.
Behavior Differences

- An ETag header is no longer set when serving a static file. A Last-Modified header is set instead.
- Static file serving no longer supports the `wsgi.file_wrapper` extension.
- Instead of returning a 403 Forbidden error when a static file is served that cannot be accessed by the Pyramid process’ user due to file permissions, an IOError (or similar) will be raised.

Documentation Enhancements

- Narrative and API documentation which used the `route_url`, `route_path`, `resource_url`, `static_url`, and `current_route_url` functions in the `pyramid.url` package have now been changed to use eponymous methods of the request instead.
- Added a section entitled Using a Route Prefix to Compose Applications to the ”URL Dispatch” narrative documentation chapter.
- Added a new module to the API docs: `pyramid.tweens`.
- Added a Registering Tweens section to the ”Hooks” narrative chapter.
- Added a `ptweens: Displaying ”Tweens”` section to the ”Command-Line Pyramid” narrative chapter.
- Added documentation for Explicit Tween Configuration and Including Packages to the ”Environment Variables and .ini Files Settings” chapter.
- Added a Logging chapter to the narrative docs.
- All tutorials now use - The `route_url`, `route_path`, `resource_url`, `static_url`, and `current_route_url` methods of the `pyramid.request.Request` rather than the function variants imported from `pyramid.url`.
- The ZODB wiki tutorial now uses the `pyramid_zodbconn` package rather than the `repoze.zodbconn` package to provide ZODB integration.
- Added What makes Pyramid unique to the Introduction narrative chapter.

Dependency Changes

- Pyramid now relies on PasteScript >= 1.7.4. This version contains a feature important for allowing flexible logging configuration.
- Pyramid now requires Venusian 1.0a1 or better to support the `onerror` keyword argument to `pyramid.config.Configurator.scan()`.
- The `zope.configuration` package is no longer a dependency.
0.6.7 What's New in Pyramid 1.1

This article explains the new features in Pyramid version 1.1 as compared to its predecessor, Pyramid 1.0. It also documents backwards incompatibilities between the two versions and deprecations added to Pyramid 1.1, as well as software dependency changes and notable documentation additions.

Terminology Changes

The term "template" used by the Pyramid documentation used to refer to both "paster templates" and "rendered templates" (templates created by a rendering engine, i.e. Mako, Chameleon, Jinja, etc.). "Paster templates" will now be referred to as "scaffolds", whereas the name for "rendered templates" will remain as "templates."

Major Feature Additions

The major feature additions in Pyramid 1.1 are:

- Support for the request.response attribute.
- New views introspection feature: paster pviews.
- Support for "static" routes.
- Default HTTP exception view.
- http_cache view configuration parameter causes Pyramid to set HTTP caching headers.
- Features that make it easier to write scripts that work in a Pyramid environment.

request.response

- Instances of the pyramid.request.Request class now have a response attribute.

The object passed to a view callable as request is an instance of pyramid.request.Request. request.response is an instance of the class pyramid.response.Response. View callables that are configured with a renderer will return this response object to the Pyramid router. Therefore, code in a renderer-using view callable can set response attributes such as request.response.content_type (before they return, e.g. a dictionary to the renderer) and this will influence the HTTP return value of the view callable.
request.response can also be used in view callable code that is not configured to use a renderer. For example, a view callable might do

```python
request.response.body = '123';
return request.response.
```

However, the response object that is produced by `request.response` must be `returned` when a renderer is not in play in order to have any effect on the HTTP response (it is not a "global" response, and modifications to it are not somehow merged into a separately returned response object).

The `request.response` object is lazily created, so its introduction does not negatively impact performance.

**paster pviews**

- A new paster command named `paster pviews` was added. This command prints a summary of potentially matching views for a given path. See the section entitled *pviews: Displaying Matching Views for a Given URL* for more information.

**Static Routes**

- The `add_route` method of the Configurator now accepts a `static` argument. If this argument is `True`, the added route will never be considered for matching when a request is handled. Instead, it will only be useful for URL generation via `route_url` and `route_path`. See the section entitled *Static Routes* for more information.

**Default HTTP Exception View**

- A default exception view for the interface `pyramid.interfaces.IExceptionResponse` is now registered by default. This means that an instance of any exception class imported from `pyramid.httpexceptions` (such as `HTTPFound`) can now be raised from within view code; when raised, this exception view will render the exception to a response.

To allow for configuration of this feature, the `Configurator` now accepts an additional keyword argument named `exceptionresponse_view`. By default, this argument is populated with a default exception view function that will be used when an HTTP exception is raised. When `None` is passed for this value, an exception view for HTTP exceptions will not be registered. Passing `None` returns the behavior of raising an HTTP exception to that of Pyramid 1.0 (the exception will propagate to `middleware` and to the WSGI server).
**http_cache**

A new value `http_cache` can be used as a *view configuration* parameter.

When you supply an `http_cache` value to a view configuration, the Expires and Cache-Control headers of a response generated by the associated view callable are modified. The value for `http_cache` may be one of the following:

- A nonzero integer. If it's a nonzero integer, it's treated as a number of seconds. This number of seconds will be used to compute the Expires header and the Cache-Control: max-age parameter of responses to requests which call this view. For example: `http_cache=3600` instructs the requesting browser to 'cache this response for an hour, please'.

- A `datetime.timedelta` instance. If it's a `datetime.timedelta` instance, it will be converted into a number of seconds, and that number of seconds will be used to compute the Expires header and the Cache-Control: max-age parameter of responses to requests which call this view. For example: `http_cache=datetime.timedelta(days=1)` instructs the requesting browser to 'cache this response for a day, please'.

- Zero (0). If the value is zero, the Cache-Control and Expires headers present in all responses from this view will be composed such that client browser cache (and any intermediate caches) are instructed to never cache the response.

- A two-tuple. If it's a two tuple (e.g. `http_cache=(1, {'public':True})`), the first value in the tuple may be a nonzero integer or a `datetime.timedelta` instance; in either case this value will be used as the number of seconds to cache the response. The second value in the tuple must be a dictionary. The values present in the dictionary will be used as input to the Cache-Control response header. For example: `http_cache=(3600, {'public':True})` means 'cache for an hour, and add public to the Cache-Control header of the response'. All keys and values supported by the `webob.cachecontrol.CacheControl` interface may be added to the dictionary. Supplying `{ 'public':True }` is equivalent to calling `response.cache_control.public = True`.

Providing a non-tuple value as `http_cache` is equivalent to calling `response.cache_expires(value)` within your view's body.

Providing a two-tuple value as `http_cache` is equivalent to calling `response.cache_expires(value[0], **value[1])` within your view's body.

If you wish to avoid influencing the Expires header, and instead wish to only influence Cache-Control headers, pass a tuple as `http_cache` with the first element of None, e.g.: `(None, {'public':True})`.

The environment setting `PYRAMID_PREVENT_HTTP_CACHE` and configuration file value `prevent_http_cache` are synonymous and allow you to prevent HTTP cache headers from being set by Pyramid's `http_cache` machinery globally in a process. See Influencing HTTP Caching and Preventing HTTP Caching.
Easier Scripting Writing

A new API function `pyramid.paster.bootstrap()` has been added to make writing scripts that need to work under Pyramid environment easier, e.g.:

```python
from pyramid.paster import bootstrap
info = bootstrap('/path/to/my/development.ini')
request = info['request']
print request.route_url('myroute')
```

See *Writing a Script* for more details.

Minor Feature Additions

- It is now possible to invoke `paster pshell` even if the paste ini file section name pointed to in its argument is not actually a Pyramid WSGI application. The shell will work in a degraded mode, and will warn the user. See ”The Interactive Shell” in the ”Creating a Pyramid Project” narrative documentation section.

- The `paster pshell, paster pviews, and paster proutes` commands each now under the hood uses `pyramid.paster.bootstrap()`, which makes it possible to supply an `.ini` file without naming the ”right” section in the file that points at the actual Pyramid application. Instead, you can generally just run `paster {pshell|proutes|pviews} development.ini` and it will do mostly the right thing.

- It is now possible to add a `[pshell]` section to your application’s `.ini` configuration file, which influences the global names available to a pshell session. See *Extending the Shell*.

- The `pyramid.config.Configurator.scan()` method has grown a `**kw` argument. `kw` argument represents a set of keyword arguments to pass to the Venusian Scanner object created by Pyramid. (See the *Venusian documentation* for more information about Scanner).

- New request property: `json_body`. This property will return the JSON-decoded variant of the request body. If the request body is not well-formed JSON, this property will raise an exception.

- A JSONP renderer. See *JSONP Renderer* for more details.

- New authentication policy: `pyramid.authentication.SessionAuthenticationPolicy`, which uses a session to store credentials.

- A function named `pyramid.httpexceptions.exception_response()` is a shortcut that can be used to create HTTP exception response objects using an HTTP integer status code.
• Integers and longs passed as elements to `pyramid.url.resource_url()` or `pyramid.request.Request.resource_url()` e.g. `resource_url(context, request, 1, 2)` (1 and 2 are the elements) will now be converted implicitly to strings in the result. Previously passing integers or longs as elements would cause a TypeError.

• `pyramidAlchemy` scaffold now uses `query.get` rather than `query.filter_by` to take better advantage of identity map caching.

• `pyramidAlchemy` scaffold now has unit tests.

• Added a `pyramid.i18n.make_localizer()` API.

• An exception raised by a `pyramid.events.NewRequest` event subscriber can now be caught by an exception view.

• It is now possible to get information about why Pyramid raised a Forbidden exception from within an exception view. The ACLDenied object returned by the permits method of each stock authorization policy (`pyramid.interfaces.IAuthorizationPolicy.permits()`) is now attached to the Forbidden exception as its `result` attribute. Therefore, if you’ve created a Forbidden exception view, you can see the ACE, ACL, permission, and principals involved in the request as eg. `context.result.permission`, `context.result.acl`, etc within the logic of the Forbidden exception view.

• Don’t explicitly prevent the timeout from being lower than the `reissue_time` when setting up an `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy` (previously such a configuration would raise a `ValueError`, now it’s allowed, although typically nonsensical). Allowing the nonsensical configuration made the code more understandable and required fewer tests.

• The `pyramid.request.Request` class now has a `ResponseClass` attribute which points at `pyramid.response.Response`.

• The `pyramid.response.Response` class now has a `RequestClass` interface which points at `pyramid.request.Request`.

• It is now possible to return an arbitrary object from a Pyramid view callable even if a renderer is not used, as long as a suitable adapter to `pyramid.interfaces.IResponse` is registered for the type of the returned object by using the new `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_response_adapter()` API. See the section in the Hooks chapter of the documentation entitled Changing How Pyramid Treats View Responses.

• The Pyramid router will now, by default, call the `__call__` method of response objects when returning a WSGI response. This means that, among other things, the `conditional_response` feature response objects inherited from WebOb will now behave properly.

• New method named `pyramid.request.Request.is_response()`. This method should be used instead of the `pyramid.view.is_response()` function, which has been deprecated.

• `pyramid.exceptions.NotFound` is now just an alias for `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPNotFound`. 
• `pyramid.exceptions.Forbidden` is now just an alias for `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPForbidden`.

• Added `mako.preprocessor` config file parameter; allows for a Mako preprocessor to be specified as a Python callable or Python dotted name. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/183 for rationale.

• New API class: `pyramid.static.static_view`. This supersedes the (now deprecated) `pyramid.view.static` class. `pyramid.static.static_view`, by default, serves up documents as the result of the request's `path_info`, attribute rather than it's `subpath` attribute (the inverse was true of `pyramid.view.static`, and still is). `pyramid.static.static_view` exposes a `use_subpath` flag for use when you want the static view to behave like the older deprecated version.

• A new api function `pyramid.scripting.prepare()` has been added. It is a lower-level analogue of `pyramid.paster.bootstrap()` that accepts a request and a registry instead of a config file argument, and is used for the same purpose:

```python
from pyramid.scripting import prepare
info = prepare(registry=myregistry)
request = info['request']
print request.route_url('myroute')
```

• A new API function `pyramid.scripting.make_request()` has been added. The resulting request will have a `registry` attribute. It is meant to be used in conjunction with `pyramid.scripting.prepare()` and/or `pyramid.paster.bootstrap()` (both of which accept a request as an argument):

```python
from pyramid.scripting import make_request
request = make_request('/')
```

• New API attribute `pyramid.config.global_registries` is an iterable object that contains references to every Pyramid registry loaded into the current process via `pyramid.config.Configurator.make_wsgi_app()`. It also has a `last` attribute containing the last registry loaded. This is used by the scripting machinery, and is available for introspection.

• Added the `pyramid.renderers.null_renderer` object as an API. The null renderer is an object that can be used in advanced integration cases as input to the view configuration `renderer=` argument. When the null renderer is used as a view renderer argument, Pyramid avoids converting the view callable result into a Response object. This is useful if you want to reuse the view configuration and lookup machinery outside the context of its use by the Pyramid router. (This feature was added for consumption by the `pyramid_rpc` package, which uses view configuration and lookup outside the context of a router in exactly this way.)
Backwards Incompatibilities

- Pyramid no longer supports Python 2.4. Python 2.5 or better is required to run Pyramid 1.1+. Pyramid, however, does not work under any version of Python 3 yet.

- The Pyramid router now, by default, expects response objects returned from view callables to implement the `pyramid.interfaces.IResponse` interface. Unlike the Pyramid 1.0 version of this interface, objects which implement IResponse now must define a `__call__` method that accepts `environ` and `start_response`, and which returns an `app_iter` iterable, among other things. Previously, it was possible to return any object which had the three WebOb `app_iter`, `headerlist`, and `status` attributes as a response, so this is a backwards incompatibility. It is possible to get backwards compatibility back by registering an adapter to IResponse from the type of object you're now returning from view callables. See the section in the Hooks chapter of the documentation entitled Changing How Pyramid Treats View Responses.

- The `pyramid.interfaces.IResponse` interface is now much more extensive. Previously it defined only `app_iter`, `status` and `headerlist`; now it is basically intended to directly mirror the `webob.Response` API, which has many methods and attributes.

- The `pyramid.httpexceptions` classes named HTTPFound, HTTPMultipleChoices, HTTPMovedPermanently, HTTPSeeOther, HTTPUseProxy, and HTTPTemporaryRedirect now accept `location` as their first positional argument rather than `detail`. This means that you can do, e.g. `return pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPFound('http://foo')` rather than `return pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPFound(location='http//foo')` (the latter will of course continue to work).

- The pyramid Router attempted to set a value into the key `environ['repoze.bfg.message']` when it caught a view-related exception for backwards compatibility with applications written for repoze.bfg during error handling. It did this by using code that looked like so:

```python
# "why" is an exception object
try:
    msg = why[0]
except:
    msg = ''

environ['repoze.bfg.message'] = msg
```

Use of the value `environ['repoze.bfg.message']` was docs-deprecated in Pyramid 1.0. Our standing policy is to not remove features after a deprecation for two full major releases, so this code was originally slated to be removed in Pyramid 1.2. However, computing the `repoze.bfg.message` value was the source of at least one bug found in the wild (https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/199), and there isn’t a foolproof way to both preserve backwards compatibility and to fix the bug. Therefore, the code which sets the value has been removed in this release. Code in exception views which relies on this value’s presence in the environment should now use the
exception attribute of the request (e.g. request.exception[0]) to retrieve the message instead of relying on request.environ['repoze.bfg.message'].

**Deprecations and Behavior Differences**

Under Python 2.7+, it’s necessary to pass the Python interpreter the correct warning flags to see deprecation warnings emitted by Pyramid when porting your application from an older version of Pyramid. Use the PYTHONWARNINGS environment variable with the value all in the shell you use to invoke `paster serve` to see these warnings, e.g. on Unix, `PYTHONWARNINGS=all $VENV/bin/paster serve development.ini`. Python 2.5 and 2.6 show deprecation warnings by default, so this is unnecessary there. All deprecation warnings are emitted to the console.

- The `pyramid.view.static` class has been deprecated in favor of the newer `pyramid.static.static_view` class. A deprecation warning is raised when it is used. You should replace it with a reference to `pyramid.static.static_view` with the `use_subpath=True` argument.

- The `paster pshell`, `paster proutes`, and `paster pviews` commands now take a single argument in the form `/path/to/config.ini#sectionname` rather than the previous 2-argument spelling `/path/to/config.ini sectionname`. `#sectionname` may be omitted, in which case `#main` is assumed.

- The default Mako renderer is now configured to escape all HTML in expression tags. This is intended to help prevent XSS attacks caused by rendering unsanitized input from users. To revert this behavior in user’s templates, they need to filter the expression through the ‘n’ filter:

  ```
  ${ myhtml | n }.
  ```

  See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/193.

- Deprecated all assignments to `request.response_*` attributes (for example `request.response_content_type = 'foo'` is now deprecated). Assignments and mutations of assignable request attributes that were considered by the framework for response influence are now deprecated: `response_content_type`, `response_headerlist`, `response_status`, `response_charset`, and `response_cache_for`. Instead of assigning these to the request object for later detection by the rendering machinery, users should use the appropriate API of the Response object created by accessing `request.response` (e.g. code which does `request.response_content_type = 'abc'` should be changed to `request.response.content_type = 'abc'`).

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• Passing view-related parameters to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()` is now deprecated. Previously, a view was permitted to be connected to a route using a set of `view*` parameters passed to the `add_route` method of the Configurator. This was a shorthand which replaced the need to perform a subsequent call to `add_view`. For example, it was valid (and often recommended) to do:

```python
config.add_route('home', '/', view='mypackage.views.myview', 
                 view_renderer='some/renderer.pt')
```

Passing `view*` arguments to `add_route` is now deprecated in favor of connecting a view to a predefined route via `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` using the route’s `route_name` parameter. As a result, the above example should now be spelled:

```python
config.add_route('home', '/
config.add_view('mypackage.views.myview', route_name='home', 
                 renderer='some/renderer.pt')
```

This deprecation was done to reduce confusion observed in IRC, as well as to (eventually) reduce documentation burden. A deprecation warning is now issued when any view-related parameter is passed to `add_route`.

See also:

See also issue #164 on GitHub.

• Passing an environ dictionary to the `__call__` method of a "traverser" (e.g. an object that implements `pyramid.interfaces.ITraverser` such as an instance of `pyramid.traversal.ResourceTreeTraverser`) as its request argument now causes a deprecation warning to be emitted. Consumer code should pass a request object instead. The fact that passing an environ dict is permitted has been documentation-deprecated since `repoze.bfg` 1.1, and this capability will be removed entirely in a future version.

• The following (undocumented, dictionary-like) methods of the `pyramid.request.Request` object have been deprecated: `__contains__`, `__delitem__`, `__getitem__`, `__iter__`, `__setitem__`, `get`, `has_key`, `items`, `iteritems`, `itervalues`, `keys`, `pop`, `popitem`, `setdefault`, `update`, and `values`. Usage of any of these methods will cause a deprecation warning to be emitted. These methods were added for internal compatibility in `repoze.bfg` 1.1 (code that currently expects a request object expected an environ object in BFG 1.0 and before). In a future version, these methods will be removed entirely.

• A custom request factory is now required to return a request object that has a `response` attribute (or "reified"/lazy property) if the request is meant to be used in a view that uses a renderer. This `response` attribute should be an instance of the class `pyramid.response.Response`.

• The JSON and string renderer factories now assign to `request.response.content_type` rather than `request.response_content_type`. 
• Each built-in renderer factory now determines whether it should change the content type of the response by comparing the response’s content type against the response’s default content type; if the content type is the default content type (usually text/html), the renderer changes the content type (to application/json or text/plain for JSON and string renderers respectively).

• The pyramid.wsgi.wsgiapp2() now uses a slightly different method of figuring out how to "fix" SCRIPT_NAME and PATH_INFO for the downstream application. As a result, those values may differ slightly from the perspective of the downstream application (for example, SCRIPT_NAME will now never possess a trailing slash).

• Previously, pyramid.request.Request inherited from webob.request.Request and implemented __getattr__, __setattr__ and __delattr__ itself in order to override "adhoc attr" WebOb behavior where attributes of the request are stored in the environ. Now, pyramid.request.Request inherits from (the more recent) webob.request.BaseRequest instead of webob.request.Request, which provides the same behavior. pyramid.request.Request no longer implements its own __getattr__, __setattr__ or __delattr__ as a result.

• Deprecated pyramid.view.is_response() function in favor of (newly-added) pyramid.request.is_response() method. Determining if an object is truly a valid response object now requires access to the registry, which is only easily available as a request attribute. The pyramid.view.is_response() function will still work until it is removed, but now may return an incorrect answer under some (very uncommon) circumstances.

• pyramid.response.Response is now a subclass of webob.response.Response (in order to directly implement the pyramid.interfaces.IResponse interface, to speed up response generation).

• The "exception response" objects importable from pyramid.httpexceptions (e.g. HTTP-NotFound) are no longer just import aliases for classes that actually live in webob.exc. Instead, we’ve defined our own exception classes within the module that mirror and emulate the webob.exc exception response objects almost entirely. See *Pyramid uses its own HTTP exception class hierarchy rather than webob.exc* in the Design Defense chapter for more information.

• When visiting a URL that represented a static view which resolved to a subdirectory, the index.html of that subdirectory would not be served properly. Instead, a redirect to /subdir would be issued. This has been fixed, and now visiting a subdirectory that contains an index.html within a static view returns the index.html properly.

   See also:
   See also issue #67 on GitHub.

• Deprecated the pyramid.config.Configurator.set_renderer_globals_factory method and the renderer_globals Configurator constructor parameter. Users should convert code using this feature to use a BeforeRender event. See the section *Using the Before Render Event* in the Hooks chapter.
In Pyramid 1.0, the `pyramid.events.subscriber` directive behaved contrary to the documentation when passed more than one interface object to its constructor. For example, when the following listener was registered:

```python
@subscriber(IFoo, IBar)
def expects_ifoo_events_and_ibar_events(event):
    print event
```

The Events chapter docs claimed that the listener would be registered and listening for both IFoo and IBar events. Instead, it registered an "object event" subscriber which would only be called if an IObjectEvent was emitted where the object interface was IFoo and the event interface was IBar.

The behavior now matches the documentation. If you were relying on the buggy behavior of the 1.0 subscriber directive in order to register an object event subscriber, you must now pass a sequence to indicate you’d like to register a subscriber for an object event. e.g.:

```python
@subscriber([IFoo, IBar])
def expects_object_event(object, event):
    print object, event
```

In 1.0, if a `pyramid.events.BeforeRender` event subscriber added a value via the `__setitem__` or `update` methods of the event object with a key that already existed in the renderer globals dictionary, a KeyError was raised. With the deprecation of the "add_renderer_globals" feature of the configurator, there was no way to override an existing value in the renderer globals dictionary that already existed. Now, the event object will overwrite an older value that is already in the globals dictionary when its `__setitem__` or `update` is called (as well as the new `setdefault` method), just like a plain old dictionary. As a result, for maximum interoperability with other third-party subscribers, if you write an event subscriber meant to be used as a BeforeRender subscriber, your subscriber code will now need to (using `.get` or `__contains__` of the event object) ensure no value already exists in the renderer globals dictionary before setting an overriding value.

The `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()` method allowed two routes with the same route to be added without an intermediate call to `pyramid.config.Configurator.commit()`. If you now receive a `ConfigurationError` at startup time that appears to be `add_route` related, you’ll need to either a) ensure that all of your route names are unique or b) call `config.commit()` before adding a second route with the name of a previously added name or c) use a Configurator that works in autocommit mode.
Dependency Changes

- Pyramid now depends on WebOb >= 1.0.2 as tests depend on the bugfix in that release: "Fix handling of WSGI environs with missing SCRIPT_NAME". (Note that in reality, everyone should probably be using 1.0.4 or better though, as WebOb 1.0.2 and 1.0.3 were effectively brownbag releases.)

Documentation Enhancements

- Added a section entitled Writing a Script to the "Command-Line Pyramid" chapter.
- The ZODB + Traversal Wiki Tutorial was updated slightly.
- The SQLAlchemy + URL dispatch wiki tutorial was updated slightly.
- Made pyramid.interfaces.IAuthenticationPolicy and pyramid.interfaces.IAuthorizationPolicy public interfaces, and they are now referred to within the pyramid.authentication and pyramid.authorization API docs.
- Render the function definitions for each exposed interface in pyramid.interfaces.
- Add missing docs reference to pyramid.config.Configurator.set_view_mapper() and refer to it within the documentation section entitled Using a View Mapper.
- Added section to the "Environment Variables and .ini File Settings" chapter in the narrative documentation section entitled Adding a Custom Setting.
- Added documentation for a multidict as pyramid.interfaces.IMultiDict.
- Added a section to the "URL Dispatch" narrative chapter regarding the new "static" route feature entitled Static Routes.
- Added API docs for pyramid.httpexceptions.exception_response().
- Added HTTP Exceptions section to Views narrative chapter including a description of pyramid.httpexceptions.exception_response().
- Added API docs for pyramid.authentication.SessionAuthenticationPolicy.

0.6.8 What’s New in Pyramid 1.0

This article explains the new features in Pyramid version 1.0 as compared to its predecessor, repoze.bfg 1.3. It also documents backwards incompatibilities between the two versions and deprecations added to Pyramid 1.0, as well as software dependency changes and notable documentation additions.
Major Feature Additions

The major feature additions in Pyramid 1.0 are:

- New name and branding association with the Pylons Project.
- BFG conversion script
- Scaffold improvements
- Terminology changes
- Better platform compatibility and support
- Direct built-in support for the Mako templating language.
- Built-in support for sessions.
- Updated URL dispatch features
- Better imperative extensibility
- ZCML externalized
- Better support for global template variables during rendering
- View mappers
- Testing system improvements
- Authentication support improvements
- Documentation improvements

New Name and Branding

The name of repoze.bfg has been changed to Pyramid. The project is also now a subproject of a new entity, "The Pylons Project”. The Pylons Project is the project name for a collection of web-framework-related technologies. Pyramid was the first package in the Pylons Project. Other packages to the collection have been added over time, such as support packages useful for Pylons 1 users as well as ex-Zope users. Pyramid is the successor to both repoze.bfg and Pylons version 1.

The Pyramid codebase is derived almost entirely from repoze.bfg with some changes made for the sake of Pylons 1 compatibility.

Pyramid is technically backwards incompatible with repoze.bfg, as it has a new package name, so older imports from the repoze.bfg module will fail if you do nothing to your existing repoze.bfg application. However, you won’t have to do much to use your existing BFG applications on Pyramid.
There’s automation which will change most of your import statements and ZCML declarations. See https://docs.pylonsproject.org/projects/pyramid/en/1.0-branch/tutorials/bfg/index.html for upgrade instructions.

Pylons 1 users will need to do more work to use Pyramid, as Pyramid shares no ”DNA” with Pylons. It is hoped that over time documentation and upgrade code will be developed to help Pylons 1 users transition to Pyramid more easily.

repoze.bfg version 1.3 will be its last major release. Minor updates will be made for critical bug fixes. Pylons version 1 will continue to see maintenance releases, as well.

The Repoze project will continue to exist. Repoze will be able to regain its original focus: bringing Zope technologies to WSGI. The popularity of repoze.bfg as its own web framework hindered this goal.

We hope that people are attracted at first by the spirit of cooperation demonstrated by the Pylons Project and the merging of development communities. It takes humility to sacrifice a little sovereignty and work together. The opposite, forking or splintering of projects, is much more common in the open source world. We feel there is a limited amount of oxygen in the space of “top-tier” Python web frameworks and we don’t do the Python community a service by over-crowding. By merging the repoze.bfg and the philosophically-similar Pylons communities, both gain an expanded audience and a stronger chance of future success.

**BFG Conversion Script**

The bfg2pyramid conversion script performs a mostly automated conversion of an existing repoze.bfg application to Pyramid. The process is described in ”Converting a BFG Application to Pyramid”.

**Scaffold Improvements**

- The scaffolds now have much nicer CSS and graphics.
- The development.ini, generated by all scaffolds, is now configured to use the WebError interactive exception debugger by default.
- All scaffolds have been normalized: each now uses the name main to represent the function that returns a WSGI application, and each now has roughly the same shape of development.ini style.
- All preexisting scaffolds now use “imperative” configuration (starter, routesalchemy, alchemy, zodb) instead of ZCML configuration.
- The pyramid_zodb, routesalchemy and pyramid_alchemy scaffolds now use a default ”commit veto” hook when configuring the repoze.tm2 transaction manager in development.ini. This prevents a transaction from being committed when the response status code is within the 400 or 500 ranges.

See also:

Terminology Changes

- The Pyramid concept previously known as "model" is now known as "resource". As a result, the following API renames have been made. Backwards compatibility shims for the old names have been left in place in all cases:

```python
pyramid.url.model_url -> pyramid.url.resource_url
pyramid.traversal.find_model -> pyramid.url.find_resource
pyramid.traversal.model_path -> pyramid.traversal.resource_path
pyramid.traversal.model_path_tuple -> pyramid.traversal.resource_path_tuple
pyramid.traversal.ModelGraphTraverser -> pyramid.traversal.ResourceTreeTraverser
pyramid.config.Configurator.testing_models -> pyramid.config.Configurator.testing_resources
pyramid.testing.registerModels -> pyramid.testing.registerResources
pyramid.testing.DummyModel -> pyramid.testing.DummyResource
```

- All documentation which previously referred to "model" now refers to "resource".
- The starter scaffold now has a resources.py module instead of a models.py module.
- Positional argument names of various APIs have been changed from model to resource.
- The Pyramid concept previously known as "resource" is now known as "asset". As a result, the following API changes were made. Backwards compatibility shims have been left in place as necessary:

```python
pyramid.config.Configurator.absolute_resource_spec -> pyramid.config.Configurator.absolute_asset_spec
pyramid.config.Configurator.override_resource -> pyramid.config.Configurator.override_asset
```
• The (non-API) module previously known as `pyramid.resource` is now known as `pyramid.asset`.

• All docs that previously referred to ”resource specification” now refer to ”asset specification”.

• The setting previously known as `BFG_RELOAD_RESOURCES` (envvar) or `reload_resources` (config file) is now known, respectively, as `PYRAMID_RELOAD_ASSETS` and `reload_assets`.

**Better Platform Compatibility and Support**

We’ve made Pyramid’s test suite pass on both Jython and PyPy. However, Chameleon doesn’t work on either, so you’ll need to use Mako or Jinja2 templates on these platforms.

**Sessions**

Pyramid now has built-in sessioning support, documented in *Sessions*. The sessioning implementation is pluggable. It also provides flash messaging and cross-site-scripting prevention features.

Using `request.session` now returns a (dictionary-like) session object if a `session factory` has been configured.


**Mako**

In addition to Chameleon templating, Pyramid now also provides built-in support for *Mako* templating. See *Available Add-On Template System Bindings* for more information.
URL Dispatch

- URL Dispatch now allows for replacement markers to be located anywhere in the pattern, instead of immediately following a `/`.

- URL Dispatch now uses the form `{marker}` to denote a replace marker in the route pattern instead of `:marker`. The old colon-style marker syntax is still accepted for backwards compatibility. The new format allows a regular expression for that marker location to be used instead of the default `[^/]+`, for example `{marker:\d+}` is now valid to require the marker to be digits.

- Added a new API `pyramid.url.current_route_url()`, which computes a URL based on the “current” route (if any) and its matchdict values.

- Added a `paster route` command which displays a summary of the routing table. See the narrative documentation section entitled `proutes: Displaying All Application Routes`.

- Added a `debug_routematch` configuration setting (settable in your `.ini` file) that logs matched routes including the matchdict and predicates.

- Add a `pyramid.url.route_path()` API, allowing folks to generate relative URLs. Calling `route_path` is the same as calling `pyramid.url.route_url()` with the argument `_app_url` equal to the empty string.

- Add a `pyramid.request.Request.route_path()` API. This is a convenience method of the request which calls `pyramid.url.route_url()`.

- Added class vars `matchdict` and `matched_route` to `pyramid.request.Request`. Each is set to `None` when a route isn’t matched during a request.

ZCML Externalized

- The `load_zcml` method of a Configurator has been removed from the Pyramid core. Loading ZCML is now a feature of the `pyramid_zcml` package, which can be downloaded from PyPI. See documentation for the package, which describes how to add a configuration statement to your `main` block to reobtain this method. You will also need to add an `install_requires` dependency upon the `pyramid_zcml` distribution to your `setup.py` file.

- The "Declarative Configuration” narrative chapter has been removed (it was moved to the `pyramid_zcml` package).

- Most references to ZCML in narrative chapters have been removed or redirected to `pyramid_zcml` locations.

- The `starter_zcml` paster scaffold has been moved to the `pyramid_zcml` package.
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Imperative Two-Phase Configuration

To support application extensibility, the Pyramid Configurator, by default, now detects configuration conflicts and allows you to include configuration imperatively from other packages or modules. It also, by default, performs configuration in two separate phases. This allows you to ignore relative configuration statement ordering in some circumstances. See Advanced Configuration for more information.

The pyramid.config.Configurator.add_directive() allows framework extenders to add methods to the configurator, which allows extenders to avoid subclassing a Configurator just to add methods. See Adding Methods to the Configurator via add_directive for more info.

Surrounding application configuration with config.begin() and config.end() is no longer necessary. All scaffolds have been changed to no longer call these functions.

Better Support for Global Template Variables During Rendering

A new event type named pyramid.interfaces.IBeforeRender is now sent as an event before a renderer is invoked. Applications may now subscribe to the IBeforeRender event type in order to introspect the and modify the set of renderer globals before they are passed to a renderer. The event object itself has a dictionary-like interface that can be used for this purpose. For example:

```python
from repoze.events import subscriber
from pyramid.interfaces import IRendererGlobalsEvent

@subscriber(IRendererGlobalsEvent)
def add_global(event):
    event['mykey'] = 'foo'
```

View Mappers

A "view mapper" subsystem has been extracted, which allows framework extenders to control how view callables are constructed and called. This feature is not useful for "civilians", only for extension writers. See Using a View Mapper for more information.

Testing Support Improvements

The pyramid.testing.setUp() and pyramid.testing.tearDown() APIs have been undeprecated. They are now the canonical setup and teardown APIs for test configuration, replacing "direct" creation of a Configurator. This is a change designed to provide a facade that will protect against any future Configurator deprecations.
Authentication Support Improvements

- The `pyramid.interfaces.IAuthenticationPolicy` interface now specifies an unauthenticated_userid method. This method supports an important optimization required by people who are using persistent storages which do not support object caching and whom want to create a "user object" as a request attribute.

- A new API has been added to the `pyramid.security` module named unauthenticated_userid. This API function calls the unauthenticated_userid method of the effective security policy.

- The class `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktCookieHelper` is now an API. This class can be used by third-party authentication policy developers to help in the mechanics of authentication cookie-setting.

- The `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy` now accepts a tokens parameter via `pyramid.security.remember()`. The value must be a sequence of strings. Tokens are placed into the auth_tkt "tokens" field and returned in the auth_tkt cookie.

- Added a wild_domain argument to `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy`, which defaults to True. If it is set to False, the feature of the policy which sets a cookie with a wildcard domain will be turned off.

Documentation Improvements

- Casey Duncan, a good friend, and an excellent technical writer has given us the gift of professionally editing the entire Pyramid documentation set. Any faults in the documentation are the development team’s, and all improvements are his.

- The "Resource Location and View Lookup" chapter has been replaced with a variant of Rob Miller’s "Much Ado About Traversal" (originally published at https://web.archive.org/web/20150603023226/http://blog.nonsequitarian.org/2010/much-ado-about-traversal/).

- Many users have contributed documentation fixes and improvements including Ben Bangert, Blaise Laflamme, Rob Miller, Mike Orr, Carlos de la Guardia, Paul Everitt, Tres Seaver, John Shipman, Marius Gedminas, Chris Rossi, Joachim Krebs, Xavier Spriet, Reed O’Brien, William Chambers, Charlie Choiniere, and Jamaludin Ahmad.
**Minor Feature Additions**

- The `settings` dictionary passed to the Configurator is now available as `config.registry.settings` in configuration code and `request.registry.settings` in view code.

- `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` now accepts a decorator keyword argument, a callable which will decorate the view callable before it is added to the registry.

- Allow static renderer provided during view registration to be overridden at request time via a request attribute named `override_renderer`, which should be the name of a previously registered renderer. Useful to provide “omnipresent” RPC using existing rendered views.

- If a resource implements a `__resource_url__` method, it will be called as the result of invoking the `pyramid.url.resource_url()` function to generate a URL, overriding the default logic. See *Generating the URL of a Resource* for more information.

- The name `registry` is now available in a `pshell` environment by default. It is the application registry object.

- Added support for json on Google App Engine by catching `NotImplementedError` and importing `simplejson` from `django.utils`.

- Added the `pyramid.httpexceptions` module, which is a facade for the `webob.exc` module.

- New class: `pyramid.response.Response`. This is a pure facade for `webob.Response` (old code need not change to use this facade, it’s existence is mostly for vanity and documentation-generation purposes).

- The request now has a new attribute: `tmpl_context` for benefit of Pylons users.

- New API methods for `pyramid.request.Request`: `model_url`, `route_url`, and `static_url`. These are simple passthroughs for their respective functions in `pyramid.url`.

**Backwards Incompatibilities**

- When a `pyramid.exceptions.Forbidden` error is raised, its status code now 403 Forbidden. It was previously 401 Unauthorized, for backwards compatibility purposes with `repoze.bfg`. This change will cause problems for users of Pyramid with `repoze.who`, which intercepts 401 Unauthorized by default, but allows 403 Forbidden to pass through. Those deployments will need to configure `repoze.who` to also react to 403 Forbidden. To do so, use a `repoze.who challenge_decider` that looks like this:
import zope.interface
from repoze.who.interfaces import IChallengeDecider

def challenge_decider(environ, status, headers):
    return status.startswith('403') or status.startswith('401')
zope.interface.directlyProvides(challenge_decider, IChallengeDecider)

• The `paster bfgshell` command is now known as `paster pshell`.

• There is no longer an `IDebugLogger` object registered as a named utility with the name `repoze.bfg.debug`.

• These deprecated APIs have been removed: `pyramid.testing.registerViewPermission`, `pyramid.testing.registerRoutesMapper`, `pyramid.request.get_request`, `pyramid.security.Unauthorized`, `pyramid.view.view_execution_permitted`, `pyramid.view.NotFound`

• The Venusian "category" for all built-in Venusian decorators (e.g. `subscriber` and `view_config`/`bfg_view`) is now `pyramid` instead of `bfg`.

• The `pyramid.renderers.rendered_response` function removed; use `pyramid.renderers.render_to_response()` instead.

• Renderer factories now accept a `renderer info object` rather than an absolute resource specification or an absolute path. The object has the following attributes: `name` (the `renderer=` value), `package` (the 'current package' when the renderer configuration statement was found), `type`: the renderer type, `registry`: the current registry, and `settings`: the deployment settings dictionary. Third-party `repoze.bfg` renderer implementations that must be ported to Pyramid will need to account for this. This change was made primarily to support more flexible Mako template rendering.

• The presence of the key `repoze.bfg.message` in the WSGI environment when an exception occurs is now deprecated. Instead, code which relies on this environ value should use the exception attribute of the request (e.g. `request.exception[0]`) to retrieve the message.

• The values `bfg_localizer` and `bfg_locale_name` kept on the request during internationalization for caching purposes were never APIs. These however have changed to `localizer` and `locale_name`, respectively.

• The default `cookie_name` value of the `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy` now defaults to `auth_tkt` (it used to default to `repoze.bfg.auth_tkt`).

• The `pyramid.testing.zcml_configure()` API has been removed. It had been advertised as removed since `repoze.bfg 1.2a1`, but hadn’t actually been.

• All environment variables which used to be prefixed with `BFG_` are now prefixed with `PYRAMID_` (e.g. `BFG_DEBUG_NOTFOUND` is now `PYRAMID_DEBUG_NOTFOUND`).

• Since the `pyramid.interfaces.IAuthenticationPolicy` interface now specifies that a policy implementation must implement an `unauthenticated_userid` method, all third-party custom authentication policies now must implement this method. It, however, will only be called when the global function named `pyramid.security.unauthenticated_userid()` is invoked, so if you’re not invoking that, you will not notice any issues.

• The `configure_zcml` setting within the deployment settings (within **settings passed to a Pyramid main function) has ceased to have any meaning.

• The `make_app` function has been removed from the `pyramid.router` module. It continues life within the `pyramid_zcml` package. This leaves the `pyramid.router` module without any API functions.

**Deprecations and Behavior Differences**

• `pyramid.configuration.Configurator` is now deprecated. Use `pyramid.config.Configurator`, passing its constructor `autocommit=True` instead. The `pyramid.configuration.Configurator` alias will live for a long time, as every application uses it, but its import now issues a deprecation warning. The `pyramid.config.Configurator` class has the same API as the `pyramid.configuration.Configurator` class, which it means to replace, except by default it is a `non-autocommitting` configurator. The now-deprecated `pyramid.configuration.Configurator` will autocommit every time a configuration method is called. The `pyramid.configuration` module remains, but it is deprecated. Use `pyramid.config` instead.

• The `pyramid.settings.get_settings()` API is now deprecated. Use `pyramid.threadlocals.get_current_registry().settings` instead or use the `settings` attribute of the registry available from the request (`request.registry.settings`).

• The decorator previously known as `pyramid.view.bfg_view` is now known most formally as `pyramid.view.view_config` in docs and scaffolds.

• Obtaining the settings object via `registry.{get|query}Utility(ISettings)` is now deprecated. Instead, obtain the settings object via the `registry.settings` attribute. A backwards compatibility shim was added to the registry object to register the settings object as an ISettings utility when `setattr(registry, 'settings', foo)` is called, but it will be removed in a later release.

• Obtaining the settings object via `pyramid.settings.get_settings()` is now deprecated. Obtain it instead as the `settings` attribute of the registry now (obtain the registry via `pyramid.threadlocal.get_registry()` or as `request.registry`).
Dependency Changes

- Depend on Venusian >= 0.5 (for scanning conflict exception decoration).

Documentation Enhancements

- Added a `pyramid.httpexceptions` API documentation chapter.
- Added a `pyramid.session` API documentation chapter.
- Added an API chapter for the `pyramid.response` module.
- Added a `Sessions` narrative documentation chapter.
- All documentation which previously referred to `webob.Response` now uses `pyramid.response.Response` instead.
- The documentation has been overhauled to use imperative configuration, moving declarative configuration (ZCML) explanations to an external package, `pyramid_zcml`.
- Removed `zodb_sessions` tutorial chapter. It's still useful, but we now have a SessionFactory abstraction which competes with it, and maintaining documentation on both ways to do it is a distraction.
- Added an example of `WebTest` functional testing to the testing narrative chapter at `Creating Functional Tests`.
- Extended the Resources chapter with examples of calls to resource-related APIs.
- Add ”Pyramid Provides More Than One Way to Do It” to Design Defense documentation.
- The (weak) ”Converting a CMF Application to Pyramid” tutorial has been removed from the tutorials section. It was moved to the `pyramid_tutorials` Github repository at https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid_tutorials/commit/38351561b54a2b07e3af5bd43f83964f72d0c05e.
- Moved ”Using ZODB With ZEO” and ”Using repoze.catalog Within Pyramid” tutorials out of core documentation and into the Pyramid Tutorials site (https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid_tutorials/commit/86cfd11d8a4093b39cedc686fc6f005db44ccbo0).
0.6.9 Pyramid Change History

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Features

Bug Fixes

Backward Incompatibilities

Documentation Changes

2.0 (2021-02-28)

- No changes from 2.0b1.

2.0b1 (2021-02-20)

- Break potential reference cycle between request and context. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3649
- Remove update_wrapper from pyramid.decorator.reify. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3657

2.0b0 (2020-12-15)

- Overhaul tutorials and update cookiecutter to de-emphasize request.user in favor of request.identity for common use cases. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3629
- Improve documentation and patterns with builtin fixtures shipped in the cookiecutters. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3629
2.0a0 (2020-11-29)

Features

- Add support for Python 3.9. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/3622
- The `aslist` method now handles non-string objects when flattening. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3594
- It is now possible to pass multiple values to the `header` predicate for route and view configuration. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3576
- Add support for Python 3.8. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3547
- New security APIs have been added to support a massive overhaul of the authentication and authorization system. Read "Upgrading Authentication/Authorization" in the "What’s New in Pyramid 2.0" chapter of the documentation for information about using this new system.
  - `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_security_policy`
  - `pyramid.interfaces.ISecurityPolicy`
  - `pyramid.request.Request.identity`
  - `pyramid.request.Request.is_authenticated`
  - `pyramid.authentication.SessionAuthenticationHelper`
  - `pyramid.authorization.ACLHelper`
  - `is_authenticated=True/False` predicate for route and view configs
- Changed the default serializer on `pyramid.session.SignedCookieSessionFactory` to use `pyramid.session.JSONSerializer` instead of `pyramid.session.PickleSerializer`. Read "Upgrading Session Serialization" in the "What’s New in Pyramid 2.0" chapter of the documentation for more information about why this change was made. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3413
- It is now possible to control whether a route pattern contains a trailing slash when it is composed with a route prefix using `config.include(..., route_prefix=...)` or with `config.route_prefix_context(...)`. This can be done by specifying an empty pattern and setting the new argument `inherit_slash=True`. For example:

```python
with config.route_prefix_context('/users'):
    config.add_route('users', '/', inherit_slash=True)
```
In the example, the resulting pattern will be /users. Similarly, if the route prefix were /users/ then the final pattern would be /users/. If the pattern was '/', then the final pattern would always be /users/. This new setting is only available if the pattern supplied to add_route is the empty string (' '). See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3420

- No longer define pyramid.request.Request.json_body which is already provided by WebOb. This allows the attribute to now be settable. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3447

- Improve debugging info from pyramid.view.view_config decorator. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3483

- A new parameter, allow_no_origin, was added to pyramid.config.Configurator.set_default_csrf_options as well as pyramid.csrf.check_csrf_origin. This option controls whether a request is rejected if it has no Origin or Referer header - often the result of a user configuring their browser not to send a Referer header for privacy reasons even on same-domain requests. The default is to reject requests without a known origin. It is also possible to allow the special Origin: null header by adding it to the pyramid.csrf_trusted_origins list in the settings. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3512 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3518

- A new parameter, check_origin, was added to pyramid.config.Configurator.set_default_csrf_options which disables origin checking entirely. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3518

- Added pyramid.interfaces(IPredicateInfo which defines the object passed to predicate factories as their second argument. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3514

- Added support for serving pre-compressed static assets by using the content_encodings argument of pyramid.config.Configurator.add_static_view and pyramid.static.static_view. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3537

- Fix DeprecationWarning emitted by using the imp module. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3553

- Properties created via config.add_request_method(..., property=True) or request.set_property used to be readonly. They can now be overridden via request.foo = ... and until the value is deleted it will return the overridden value. This is most useful when mocking request properties in testing. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3559

- Finished callbacks are now executed as part of the closer that is invoked as part of pyramid.scripting.prepare and pyramid.paster.bootstrap. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3561

- Added pyramid.request.RequestLocalCache which can be used to create simple objects that are shared across requests and can be used to store per-request data. This is useful when the source of data is external to the request itself. Often a reified property is used on a request via pyramid.config.Configurator.add_request_method, or pyramid.
decorator.reify, and these work great when the data is generated on-demand when accessing the request property. However, often the case is that the data is generated when accessing some other system and then we want to cache the data for the duration of the request. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3561

- Exposed pyramid.authorization.ALL_PERMISSIONS and pyramid.authorization.DENY_ALL such that all of the ACL-related constants are now importable from the pyramid.authorization namespace. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3563

- pserve now outputs verbose messaging to stderr instead of stdout to circumvent buffering issues that exist by default on stdout. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3593

Deprecations

- Deprecated the authentication and authorization interfaces and principal-based support. See "Upgrading Authentication/Authorization" in the "What’s New in Pyramid 2.0" chapter of the documentation for information on equivalent APIs and notes on upgrading. The following APIs are deprecated as a result of this change:
  - pyramid.config.Configurator.set_authentication_policy
  - pyramid.config.Configurator.set_authorization_policy
  - pyramid.interfaces.IAuthenticationPolicy
  - pyramid.interfaces.IAuthorizationPolicy
  - pyramid.request.Request.effective_principals
  - pyramid.request.Request.unauthenticated_userid
  - pyramid.authentication.AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy
  - pyramid.authentication.RemoteUserAuthenticationPolicy
  - pyramid.authentication.RepozeWho1AuthenticationPolicy
  - pyramid.authentication.SessionAuthenticationPolicy
  - pyramid.authentication.BasicAuthenticationPolicy
  - pyramid.authorization.ACLAuthorizationPolicy
  - The effective_principals view and route predicates.

See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3465

- Deprecated pyramid.security.principals_allowed_by_permission. This method continues to work with the deprecated pyramid.interfaces.IAuthorizationPolicy interface but will not work with the new pyramid.interfaces.ISecurityPolicy. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3465
• Deprecated several ACL-related aspects of `pyramid.security`. Equivalent objects should now be imported from the `pyramid.authorization` namespace. This includes:
  - `pyramid.security.Everyone`
  - `pyramid.security.Authenticated`
  - `pyramid.security.ALL_PERMISSIONS`
  - `pyramid.security.DENY_ALL`
  - `pyramid.security.ACLAllowed`
  - `pyramid.security.ACLDenied`

See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3563


**Backward Incompatibilities**

• Drop support for Python 2.7, 3.4, and 3.5. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3421, and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3547, and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3634

• Removed the `pyramid.compat` module. Integrators should use the `six` module or vendor shims they are using into their own codebases going forward. https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3634

• `pcreate` and the builtin scaffolds have been removed in favor of using the `cookiecutter` tool and the `pyramid-cookiecutter-starter` cookiecutter. The script and scaffolds were deprecated in Pyramid 1.8. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3406

• Changed the default `hashalg` on `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktCookieHelper` to `sha512`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3557

• Removed `pyramid.interfaces.ITemplateRenderer`. This interface was deprecated since Pyramid 1.5 and was an interface used by libraries like `pyramid_mako` and `pyramid_chameleon` but provided no functionality within Pyramid itself. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3409

• Removed `pyramid.security.has_permission`, `pyramid.security.authenticated_userid`, `pyramid.security.unauthenticated_userid`, and `pyramid.security.effective_principals`. These methods were deprecated in Pyramid 1.5 and all have equivalents available as properties on the request. For example, `request.authenticated_userid`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3410
- Removed support for supplying a media range to the accept predicate of both `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view` and `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route`. These options were deprecated in Pyramid 1.10 and WebOb 1.8 because they resulted in uncontrollable matching that was not compliant with the RFC. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3411

- Removed `pyramid.session.UnencryptedCookieSessionFactoryConfig`. This session factory was replaced with `pyramid.session.SignedCookieSessionFactory` in Pyramid 1.5 and has been deprecated since then. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3412

- Removed `pyramid.session.signed_serialize`, and `pyramid.session.signed_deserialize`. These methods were only used by the now-removed `pyramid.session.UnencryptedCookieSessionFactoryConfig` and were coupled to the vulnerable pickle serialization format which could lead to remove code execution if the secret key is compromised. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3412

- Changed the default serializer on `pyramid.session.SignedCookieSessionFactory` to use `pyramid.session.JSONSerializer` instead of `pyramid.session.PickleSerializer`. Read “Upgrading Session Serialization” in the ”What’s New in Pyramid 2.0” chapter of the documentation for more information about why this change was made. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3413

- `pyramid.request.Request.invoke_exception_view` will no longer be called by the default execution policy. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3496

- `pyramid.config.Configurator.scan` will no longer, by default, execute Venusian decorator callbacks registered for categories other than 'pyramid'. To find any decorator regardless of category, specify `config.scan(..., categories=None)`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3510

- The second argument to predicate factories has been changed from `config` to `info`, an instance of `pyramid.interfaces.IPredicateInfo`. This limits the data available to predicates but still provides the package, registry, settings and dotted-name resolver which should cover most use cases and is largely backward compatible. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3514

- Removed the `check_csrf` predicate. Instead, use `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_default_csrf_options` and the `require_csrf` view option to enable automatic CSRF checking. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3521

- Update the default behavior of `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy` and `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktCookieHelper` to only set a single cookie without a domain parameter when no other domain constraints are specified. Prior to this change, `wild_domain=False` (the default) was effectively treated the same as `wild_domain=True`, in which a cookie was defined such that browsers would use it both for the request’s domain, as well as any subdomain. In the new behavior, cookies will only affect the current domain, and not subdomains, by default. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3587
Documentation Changes

- Restore build of PDF on Read The Docs. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/3290
- Fix docs build for Sphinx 2.0. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3480
- Significant updates to the wiki, wiki2 tutorials to demonstrate the new security policy usage as well as a much more production-ready test harness. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3557

1.10 (2018-10-31)

- No major changes from 1.10b1.

1.10b1 (2018-10-28)

Bug Fixes

- Fix the pyramid.testing.DummyRequest to support the new request.accept API so that acceptable_offers is available even when code sets the value to a string. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3396
- Fix deprecated escape sequences in preparation for Python 3.8. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3400

1.10a1 (2018-10-15)

Features

- Add a _depth and _category arguments to all of the venusian decorators. The _category argument can be used to affect which actions are registered when performing a config.scan(...) with a specific category. The _depth argument should be used when wrapping the decorator in your own. This change affects pyramid.view.view_config, pyramid.view.exception_view_config, pyramid.view.forbidden_view_config, pyramid.view.notfound_view_config, pyramid.events.subscriber and pyramid.response.response_adapter decorators. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3105 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3122
• Fix the `pyramid.request.Request` class name after using `set_property` or `config.add_request_method` such that the `str(request.__class__)` would appear as `pyramid.request.Request` instead of `pyramid.util.Request`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3129

• In `cherrypy_server_runner`, prefer imports from the `cheroot` package over the legacy imports from `cherrypy.wsgiserver`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3235

• Add a context manager `route_prefix_context` to the `pyramid.config.Configurator` to allow for convenient setting of the route_prefix for `include` and `add_route` calls inside the context. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3279

• Modify the built-in session implementations to support SameSite options on cookies and set the default to 'Lax'. This affects `pyramid.session.BaseCookieSessionFactory`, `pyramid.session.SignedCookieSessionFactory`, and `pyramid.session.UnencryptedCookieSessionFactoryConfig`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3300

• Modify `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy` and `pyramid.csrf.CookieCSRFStoragePolicy` to support the SameSite option on cookies and set the default to 'Lax'. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3319

• Added new `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPPermanentRedirect` exception/response object for a HTTP 308 redirect. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3302

• Within `pshell`, allow the user-defined `setup` function to be a generator, in which case it may wrap the command’s lifecycle. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3318

• Within `pshell`, variables defined by the `[pshell]` settings are available within the user-defined `setup` function. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3318

• Add support for Python 3.7. Add testing on Python 3.8 with allowed failures. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3333

• Added the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_accept_view_order` directive, allowing users to specify media type preferences in ambiguous situations such as when several views match. A default ordering is defined for media types that prefers human-readable html/text responses over JSON. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3326

• Support a list of media types in the `accept` predicate used in `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3326

• Added `pyramid.session.JSONSerializer`. See "Upcoming Changes to ISession in Pyramid 2.0" in the "Sessions" chapter of the documentation for more information about this feature. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3353

• Add a registry argument to `pyramid.renderers.get_renderer` to allow users to avoid threadlocals during renderer lookup. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3358
• Pyramid’s test suite is no longer distributed with the universal wheel. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3387

• All Python code is now formatted automatically using black. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3388

Bug Fixes

• Set appropriate code and title attributes on the `HTTPClientError` and `HTTPServerError` exception classes. This prevents inadvertently returning a 520 error code. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3280

• Replace `webob.acceptparse.MIMEAccept` from WebOb with `webob.acceptparse.create_accept_header` in the HTTP exception handling code. The old MIMEAccept has been deprecated. The new methods follow the RFC’s more closely. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3251

• Catch extra errors like `AttributeError` when unpickling ”trusted” session cookies with bad pickle data in them. This would occur when sharing a secret between projects that shouldn’t actually share session cookies, like when reusing secrets between projects in development. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3325

Deprecations

• The `pyramid.interfaces.ISession` interface will move to require JSON-serializable objects in Pyramid 2.0. See "Upcoming Changes to ISession in Pyramid 2.0" in the "Sessions" chapter of the documentation for more information about this change. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3353

• The `pyramid.session.signed_serialize` and `pyramid.session.signed_deserialize` functions will be removed in Pyramid 2.0, along with the removal of `pyramid.session.UnencryptedCookieSessionFactoryConfig` which was deprecated in Pyramid 1.5. Please switch to using the `SignedCookieSessionFactory`, copying the code, or another session implementation if you’re still using these features. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3353

• Media ranges are deprecated in the accept argument of `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route`. Use a list of explicit media types to `add_route` to support multiple types.

• Media ranges are deprecated in the accept argument of `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view`. There is no replacement for ranges to `add_view`, but after much discussion the workflow is fundamentally ambiguous in the face of various client-supplied values for the Accept header. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3326
The Pyramid Web Framework, Version 2.1.dev0

Backward Incompatibilities

- On Python 3.4+ the repoze.lru dependency is dropped. If you were using this package directly in your apps you should make sure that you are depending on it directly within your project. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3140

- Remove the permission argument from pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route. This was an argument left over from a feature removed in Pyramid 1.5 and has had no effect since then. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3299

- Modify the built-in session implementations to set SameSite='Lax' on cookies. This affects pyramid.session.BaseCookieSessionFactory, pyramid.session.SignedCookieSessionFactory, and pyramid.session.UnencryptedCookieSessionFactoryConfig. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3300

- Variables defined in the [pshell] section of the settings will no longer override those set by the setup function. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3318

- pyramid.config.Configurator.add_notfound_view uses default redirect class exception pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPTemporaryRedirect instead of previous pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPFound. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3328

- Removed pyramid.config.Configurator.set_request_property which had been deprecated since Pyramid 1.5. Instead use pyramid.config.Configurator.add_request_method with reify=True or property=True. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3368

- Removed the principal keyword argument from pyramid.security.remember which had been deprecated since Pyramid 1.6 and replaced by the userid argument. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3369

- Removed the pyramid.tests subpackage that used to contain the Pyramid test suite. These changes also changed the format of the repository to move the code into a src folder. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3387

Documentation Changes

- Ad support for Read The Docs Ethical Ads. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3360 and https://docs.readthedocs.io/en/latest/advertising/ethical-advertising.html

- Add support for alembic to the pyramid-cookiecutter-alchemy cookiecutter and update the wiki2 tutorial to explain how it works. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3307 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid-cookiecutter-alchemy/pull/7
• Bump Sphinx to >= 1.7.4 in setup.py to support emphasize-lines in PDFs and to pave the way for xelatex support. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3271, https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/667, and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/2572

• Added extra tests to the quick tutorial. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3375

1.9 (2017-06-26)

• No major changes from 1.9b1.
• Updated documentation links for docs.pylonsproject.org to use HTTPS.

1.9b1 (2017-06-19)

• Add an informative error message when unknown predicates are supplied. The new message suggests alternatives based on the list of known predicates. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3054

• Added integrity attributes for JavaScripts in cookiecutters, scaffolds, and resulting source files in tutorials. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/2548

• Update RELEASING.txt for updating cookiecutters. Change cookiecutter URLs to use shortcut. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/3042

• Ensure the correct threadlocals are pushed during view execution when invoked from request.invoke_exception_view. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3060

• Fix a bug in which pyramid.security.ALL_PERMISSIONS failed to return a valid iterator in its __iter__ implementation. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3074

• Normalize the permission results to a proper class hierarchy. pyramid.security.ACLAllowed is now a subclass of pyramid.security.Allowed and pyramid.security.ACLDenied is now a subclass of pyramid.security.Denied. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3084

• Add a quote_via argument to pyramid.encode.urlencode to follow the stdlib’s version and enable custom quoting functions. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3088

• Support _query=None and _anchor=None in request.route_url as well as query=None and anchor=None in request.resource_url. Previously this would cause an ? and a #, respectively, in the url with nothing after it. Now the unnecessary parts are dropped from the generated URL. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3034

• Revamp the IRouter API used by IExecutionPolicy to force pushing/popping the request threadlocals. The IRouter.make_request(environ) API has been replaced by IRouter.request_context(environ) which should be used as a context manager. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3086
1.9a2 (2017-05-09)

Backward Incompatibilities

- `request.exception` and `request.exc_info` will only be set if the response was generated by the EXCVIEW tween. This is to avoid any confusion where a response was generated elsewhere in the pipeline and not in direct relation to the original exception. If anyone upstream wants to catch and render responses for exceptions they should set `request.exception` and `request.exc_info` themselves to indicate the exception that was squashed when generating the response.

Similar behavior occurs with `request.invoke_exception_view` in which the exception properties are set to reflect the exception if a response is successfully generated by the method.

This is a very minor incompatibility. Most tweens right now would give priority to the raised exception and ignore `request.exception`. This change just improves and clarifies that bookkeeping by trying to be more clear about the relationship between the response and its squashed exception. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3029 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3031

1.9a1 (2017-05-01)

Major Features

- The file format used by all `p*` command line scripts such as `pserve` and `pshell`, as well as the `pyramid.paster.bootstrap` function is now replaceable thanks to a new dependency on plaster.

  For now, Pyramid is still shipping with integrated support for the PasteDeploy INI format by depending on the plaster_pastedeploy binding library. This may change in the future.

  See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2985

- Added an execution policy hook to the request pipeline. An execution policy has the ability to control creation and execution of the request objects before they enter the rest of the pipeline. This means for a single request environ the policy may create more than one request object.

  The first library to use this feature is pyramid_retry.

  See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2964
• CSRF support has been refactored out of sessions and into its own independent API in the pyramid.csrf module. It supports a pluggable pyramid.interfaces.ICSRFStoragePolicy which can be used to define your own mechanism for generating and validating CSRF tokens. By default, Pyramid continues to use the pyramid.csrf.LegacySessionCSRFStoragePolicy that uses the request.session.get_csrf_token and request.session.new_csrf_token APIs under the hood to preserve compatibility. Two new policies are shipped as well, pyramid.csrf.SessionCSRFStoragePolicy and pyramid.csrf.CookieCSRFStoragePolicy which will store the CSRF tokens in the session and in a standalone cookie, respectively. The storage policy can be changed by using the new pyramid.config.Configurator.set_csrf_storage_policy config directive.

CSRF tokens should be used via the new pyramid.csrf.get_csrf_token, pyramid.csrf.new_csrf_token and pyramid.csrf.check_csrf_token APIs in order to continue working if the storage policy is changed. Also, the pyramid.csrf.get_csrf_token function is injected into templates to be used conveniently in UI code.

See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2854 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3019

Minor Features

• Support an open_url config setting in the pserve section of the config file. This url is used to open a web browser when pserve --browser is invoked. When this setting is unavailable the pserve script will attempt to guess the port the server is using from the server:<server_name> section of the config file but there is no requirement that the server is being run in this format so it may fail. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2984

• The pyramid.config.Configurator can now be used as a context manager which will automatically push/pop threadlocals (similar to config.begin() and config.end()). It will also automatically perform a config.commit() and thus it is only recommended to be used at the top-level of your app. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2874

• The threadlocals are now available inside any function invoked via config.include. This means the only config-time code that cannot rely on threadlocals is code executed from non-actions inside the main. This can be alleviated by invoking config.begin() and config.end() appropriately or using the new context manager feature of the configurator. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2989
Bug Fixes

• HTTPException’s accepts a detail kwarg that may be used to pass additional details to the exception. You may now pass objects so long as they have a valid __str__ method. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2951

• Fix a reference cycle causing memory leaks in which the registry would keep a Configurator instance alive even after the configurator was discarded. Another fix was also added for the global_registries object in which the registry was stored in a closure preventing it from being deallocated. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2967

• Fix a bug directly invoking pyramid.scripts.pserve.main with the --reload option in which sys.argv is always used in the subprocess instead of the supplied argv. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2962

Deprecations

• Pyramid currently depends on plaster_pastedeploy to simplify the transition to plaster by maintaining integrated support for INI files. This dependency on plaster_pastedeploy should be considered subject to Pyramid’s deprecation policy and may be removed in the future. Applications should depend on the appropriate plaster binding to satisfy their needs.

• Retrieving CSRF token from the session has been deprecated in favor of equivalent methods in the pyramid.csrf module. The CSRF methods (ISession.get_csrf_token and ISession.new_csrf_token) are no longer required on the ISession interface except when using the default pyramid.csrf.LegacySessionCSRFStoragePolicy.

Also, pyramid.session.check_csrf_token is now located at pyramid.csrf.check_csrf_token.

See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2854 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/3019

Documentation Changes

• Added the execution policy to the routing diagram in the Request Processing chapter. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2993
1.8 (2017-01-21)

• No major changes from 1.8b1.

1.8b1 (2017-01-17)

Features

• Added an override option to `config.add_translation_dirs` to allow later calls to place translation directories at a higher priority than earlier calls. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2902

Documentation Changes

• Improve registry documentation to discuss uses as a component registry and as a dictionary. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2893

• Quick Tour, Quick Tutorial, and most other remaining documentation updated to use cookiecutters instead of pcreate and scaffolds. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2888 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2889

• Fix unittests in wiki2 to work without different dependencies between py2 and py3. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2899

• Update Windows documentation to track newer Python 3 improvements to the installer. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2900

• Updated the mod_wsgi tutorial to use cookiecutters and Apache 2.4+. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2901

1.8a1 (2016-12-25)

Backward Incompatibilities

• Support for the IContextURL interface that was deprecated in Pyramid 1.3 has been removed. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2822
Following the Pyramid deprecation period (1.6 -> 1.8), daemon support for pserve has been removed. This includes removing the daemon commands (start, stop, restart, status) as well as the following arguments: --daemon, --pid-file, --log-file, --monitor-restart, --status, --user, --group, --stop-daemon

To run your server as a daemon you should use a process manager instead of pserve.

See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2615

• pcreate is now interactive by default. You will be prompted if a file already exists with different content. Previously if there were similar files it would silently skip them unless you specified --interactive or --overwrite. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2775

• Removed undocumented argument cachebust_match from pyramid.static.static_view. This argument was shipped accidentally in Pyramid 1.6. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2681

• Change static view to avoid setting the Content-Encoding response header to an encoding guessed using Python’s mimetypes module. This was causing clients to decode the content of gzipped files when downloading them. The client would end up with a foo.txt.gz file on disk that was already decoded, thus should really be foo.txt. Also, the Content-Encoding should only have been used if the client itself broadcast support for the encoding via Accept-Encoding request headers. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2810

• Settings are no longer accessible as attributes on the settings object (e.g. request.registry.settings.foo). This was deprecated in Pyramid 1.2. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2823

Features

• Python 3.6 compatibility. https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/2835

• pcreate learned about --package-name to allow you to create a new project in an existing folder with a different package name than the project name. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2783

• The _get_credentials private method of BasicAuthAuthenticationPolicy has been extracted into standalone function extract_http_basic_credentials in pyramid.authentication module, this function extracts HTTP Basic credentials from a request object, and returns them as a named tuple. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2662

• Pyramid 1.4 silently dropped a feature of the configurator that has been restored. It’s again possible for action discriminators to conflict across different action orders. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2757
• pyramid.paster.bootstrap and its sibling pyramid.scripting.prepare can now
be used as context managers to automatically invoke the closer and pop threadlocals off of the
stack to prevent memory leaks. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2760

• Added pyramid.config.Configurator.add_exception_view and the pyramid.
view.exception_view_config decorator. It is now possible using these methods or via the
new exception_only=True option to add_view to add a view which will only be matched
when handling an exception. Previously any exception views were also registered for a traversal
context that inherited from the exception class which prevented any exception-only optimizations.
See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2660

• Added the exception_only boolean to pyramid.interfaces.IViewDeriverInfo
which can be used by view derivers to determine if they are wrapping a view which only handles
exceptions. This means that it is no longer necessary to perform request-time checks for request.
exception to determine if the view is handling an exception - the pipeline can be optimized at
config-time. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2660

• pserve should now work with gevent and other workers that need to monkeypatch the process,
assuming the server and / or the app do so as soon as possible before importing the rest of pyramid.
See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2797

• Pyramid no longer copies the settings object passed to the pyramid.config.
Configurator(settings=). The original dict is kept. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2823

• The csrf trusted origins setting may now be a whitespace-separated list of domains. Previously only a
python list was allowed. Also, it can now be set using the PYRAMID_CSRF_TRUSTED_ORIGINS
environment variable similar to other settings. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2823

• pserve --reload now uses the hupper library to monitor file changes. This comes with many
improvements:
  – If the watchdog package is installed then monitoring will be done using inotify instead of cpu
and disk-intensive polling.
  – The monitor is now a separate process that will not crash and starts up before any of your
code.
  – The monitor will not restart the process after a crash until a file is saved.
  – The monitor works on windows.
  – You can now trigger a reload manually from a pyramid view or any other code via hupper.
get_reloader().trigger_reload(). Kind of neat.
  – You can trigger a reload by issuing a SIGHUP to the monitor process.

See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2805
• A new `pserve` section is supported in your config files with a `watch_files` key that can configure `pserve --reload` to monitor custom file paths. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2827

• Allow streaming responses to be made from subclasses of `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPException`. Previously the response would be unrolled while testing for a body, making it impossible to stream a response. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2863

• Update starter, alchemy and zodb scaffolds to support IPv6 by using the new `listen` directives in `waitress`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2853

• All p* scripts now use `argparse` instead of `optparse`. This improves their `--help` output as well as enabling nicer documentation of their options. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2864

• Any deferred configuration action registered via `config.action` may now depend on threadlocal state, such as asset overrides, being active when the action is executed. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2873

• Asset specifications for directories passed to `config.add_translation_dirs` now support overriding the entire asset specification, including the folder name. Previously only the package name was supported and the folder would always need to have the same name. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2873

• `config.begin()` will propagate the current threadlocal request through as long as the registry is the same. For example:

```python
request = Request.blank(...)  
config.begin(request)       # pushes a request  
config.begin()             # propagates the previous request through_  
assert get_current_request() is request
```

See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2873

• Added a new callback option to `config.set_default_csrf_options` which can be used to determine per-request whether CSRF checking should be enabled to allow for a mix authentication methods. Only cookie-based methods generally require CSRF checking. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2778
Bug Fixes

- Fixed bug in proutes such that it now shows the correct view when a class and attr is involved. See: https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2687

- Fix a FutureWarning in Python 3.5 when using re.split on the format setting to the proutes script. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2714

- Fix a RuntimeWarning emitted by WebOb when using arbitrary objects as the userid in the AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy. This is now caught by the policy and the object is serialized as a base64 string to avoid the cryptic warning. Since the userid will be read back as a string on subsequent requests a more useful warning is emitted encouraging you to use a primitive type instead. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2715

- Pyramid 1.6 introduced the ability for an action to invoke another action. There was a bug in the way that config.add_view would interact with custom view derivers introduced in Pyramid 1.7 because the view’s discriminator cannot be computed until view derivers and view predicates have been created in earlier orders. Invoking an action from another action would trigger an unrolling of the pipeline and would compute discriminators before they were ready. The new behavior respects the order of the action and ensures the discriminators are not computed until dependent actions from previous orders have executed. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2757

- Fix bug in i18n where the default domain would always use the Germanic plural style, even if a different plural function is defined in the relevant messages file. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2859

- The config.override_asset method now occurs during pyramid.config.PHASE1_CONFIG such that it is ordered to execute before any calls to config.add_translation_dirs. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2873

Deprecations

- The pcreate script and related scaffolds have been deprecated in favor of the popular cookiecutter project.

  All of Pyramid’s official scaffolds as well as the tutorials have been ported to cookiecutters:

  - pyramid-cookiecutter-starter
  - pyramid-cookiecutter-alchemy
  - pyramid-cookiecutter-zodb

  See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2780
Documentation Changes

• Update Typographical Conventions. https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2838
• Add pyramid_nacl_session to session factories. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/2791
• Update HACKING.txt from stale branch that was never merged to master. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2782
• Updated Windows installation instructions and related bits. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/2661
• Fix an inconsistency in the documentation between view predicates and route predicates and highlight the differences in their APIs. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2764
• Clarify a possible misuse of the headers kwarg to subclasses of pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPException in which more appropriate kwargs from the parent class pyramid.response.Response should be used instead. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2750
• The SQLAlchemy + URL Dispatch + Jinja2 (wiki2) and ZODB + Traversal + Chameleon (wiki) tutorials have been updated to utilize the new cookiecutters and drop support for the pcreate scaffolds.
  See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2881 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2883.
• Improve output of p* script descriptions for help. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2886
• Quick Tour updated to use cookiecutters instead of pcreate and scaffolds. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2888

1.7 (2016-05-19)

• Fix a bug in the wiki2 tutorial where bcrypt is always expecting byte strings. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2576
• Simplify windows detection code and remove some duplicated data. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2585 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2586
1.7b4 (2016-05-12)

- Fixed the exception view tween to re-raise the original exception if no exception view could be found to handle the exception. This better allows tweens further up the chain to handle exceptions that were left unhandled. Previously they would be converted into a PredicateMismatch exception if predicates failed to allow the view to handle the exception. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2567

- Exposed the pyramid.interfaces.IRequestFactory interface to mirror the public pyramid.interfaces.IResponseFactory interface.

1.7b3 (2016-05-10)

- Fix request.invoke_exception_view to raise an HTTPNotFound exception if no view is matched. Previously None would be returned if no views were matched and a PredicateMismatch would be raised if a view ”almost” matched (a view was found matching the context). See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2564

- Add defaults for py.test configuration and coverage to all three scaffolds, and update documentation accordingly. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2550

- Add linkcheck to Makefile for Sphinx. To check the documentation for broken links, use the command make linkcheck SPHINXBUILD=$VENV/bin/sphinx-build. Also removed and fixed dozens of broken external links.

- Fix the internal runner for scaffold tests to ensure they work with pip and py.test. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2565

1.7b2 (2016-05-01)

- Removed inclusion of pyramid_tm in development.ini for alchemy scaffold See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/2538

- A default permission set via config.set_default_permission will no longer be enforced on an exception view. This has been the case for a while with the default exception views (config.add_notfound_view and config.add_forbidden_view), however for any other exception view a developer had to remember to set permission=NO_PERMISSION_REQUIRED or be surprised when things didn’t work. It is still possible to force a permission check on an exception view by setting the permission argument manually to config.add_view. This behavior is consistent with the new CSRF features added in the 1.7 series. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2534
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1.7b1 (2016-04-25)

- This release announces the beta period for 1.7.
- Fix an issue where some files were being included in the alchemy scaffold which had been removed from the 1.7 series. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/2525

1.7a2 (2016-04-19)

Features

- Automatic CSRF checks are now disabled by default on exception views. They can be turned back on by setting the appropriate require_csrf option on the view. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2517
- The automatic CSRF API was reworked to use a config directive for setting the options. The pyramid.require_default.csrf setting is no longer supported. Instead, a new config.set_default_csrp_options directive has been introduced that allows the developer to specify the default value for require_csrf as well as change the CSRF token, header and safe request methods. The pyramid.csrf_trusted_origins setting is still supported. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2518

Bug fixes

- CSRF origin checks had a bug causing the checks to always fail. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2512
- Fix the test suite to pass on windows. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2520

1.7a1 (2016-04-16)

Backward Incompatibilities

- Following the Pyramid deprecation period (1.4 -> 1.6), AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy’s default hashing algorithm is changing from md5 to sha512. If you are using the authentication policy and need to continue using md5, please explicitly set hashalg to ’md5’.

  This change does mean that any existing auth tickets (and associated cookies) will no longer be valid, and users will no longer be logged in, and have to login to their accounts again.

  See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2496

- The check_csrf_token function no longer validates a csrf token in the query string of a request. Only headers and request bodies are supported. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2500
Features

- Added a new setting, `pyramid.require_default_csrf` which may be used to turn on CSRF checks globally for every POST request in the application. This should be considered a good default for websites built on Pyramid. It is possible to opt-out of CSRF checks on a per-view basis by setting `require_csrf=False` on those views. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2413

- Added a `require_csrf` view option which will enforce CSRF checks on any request with an unsafe method as defined by RFC2616. If the CSRF check fails a BadCSRFToken exception will be raised and may be caught by exception views (the default response is a 400 Bad Request). This option should be used in place of the deprecated check_csrf view predicate which would normally result in unexpected 404 Not Found response to the client instead of a catchable exception. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2413 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2500

- Added an additional CSRF validation that checks the origin/referrer of a request and makes sure it matches the current `request.domain`. This particular check is only active when accessing a site over HTTPS as otherwise browsers don’t always send the required information. If this additional CSRF validation fails a BadCSRFOrigin exception will be raised and may be caught by exception views (the default response is 400 Bad Request). Additional allowed origins may be configured by setting `pyramid.csrf_trusted_origins` to a list of domain names (with ports if on a non standard port) to allow. Subdomains are not allowed unless the domain name has been prefixed with a .. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2501

- Added a new `pyramid.session.check_csrf_origin` API for validating the origin/referrer headers against the request’s domain. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2501

- Pyramid HTTPExceptions will now take into account the best match for the clients Accept header, and depending on what is requested will return text/html, application/json or text/plain. The default for / is still text/html, but if application/json is explicitly mentioned it will now receive a valid JSON response. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2489

- A new event and interface (BeforeTraversal) has been introduced that will notify listeners before traversal starts in the router. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2469 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1876

- Add a new ”view deriver” concept to Pyramid to allow framework authors to inject elements into the standard Pyramid view pipeline and affect all views in an application. This is similar to a decorator except that it has access to options passed to `config.add_view` and can affect other stages of the pipeline such as the raw response from a view or prior to security checks. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2021

- Allow a leading = on the key of the request param predicate. For example, `=abc=1` is equivalent down to `request.params['=abc'] == '1'`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1370
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• A new request.invoke_exception_view(...) method which can be used to invoke an exception view and get back a response. This is useful for rendering an exception view outside of the context of the excview tween where you may need more control over the request. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2393

• Allow using variable substitutions like %% (LOGGING_LOGGER_ROOT_LEVEL) s for logging sections of the .ini file and populate these variables from the pserve command line -- e.g.: pserve development.ini LOGGING_LOGGER_ROOT_LEVEL=DEBUG See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2399

Documentation Changes

• A complete overhaul of the docs:
  – Use pip instead of easy_install.
  – Become opinionated by preferring Python 3.4 or greater to simplify installation of Python and its required packaging tools.
  – Use venv for the tool, and virtual environment for the thing created, instead of virtualenv.
  – Use py.test and pytest-cov instead of nose and coverage.
  – Further updates to the scaffolds as well as tutorials and their src files.

  See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2468

• A complete overhaul of the alchemy scaffold as well as the Wiki2 SQLAlchemy + URLDispatch tutorial to introduce more modern features into the usage of SQLAlchemy with Pyramid and provide a better starting point for new projects. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2024

Bug Fixes

• Fix pserve --browser to use the --server-name instead of the app name when selecting a section to use. This was only working for people who had server and app sections with the same name, for example [app:main] and [server:main]. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2292
Deprecations

- The `check_csrf` view predicate has been deprecated. Use the new `require_csrf` option or the `pyramid.require_default_csrf` setting to ensure that the `BadCSRFToken` exception is raised. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2413

- Support for Python 3.3 will be removed in Pyramid 1.8. https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/2477

- Python 2.6 is no longer supported by Pyramid. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/2368

- Dropped Python 3.2 support. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2256

1.6 (2016-01-03)

Deprecations

- Continue removal of `pserv` daemon/process management features by deprecating `--user` and `--group` options. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2190

1.6b3 (2015-12-17)

Backward Incompatibilities

- Remove the `cachebust` option from `config.add_static_view`. See `config.add_cache_buster` for the new way to attach cache busters to static assets. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2186

- Modify the `pyramid.interfaces.ICacheBuster` API to be a simple callable instead of an object with `match` and `pregenerate` methods. Cache busters are now focused solely on generation. Matching has been dropped.


  See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2186
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Features

- Add a new `config.add_cache_buster` API for attaching cache busters to static assets. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2186

Bug Fixes

- Ensure that `IAssetDescriptor.abspath` always returns an absolute path. There were cases depending on the process CWD that a relative path would be returned. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2188

1.6b2 (2015-10-15)

Features

- Allow asset specifications to be supplied to `pyramid.static.ManifestCacheBuster` instead of requiring a filesystem path.

1.6b1 (2015-10-15)

Backward Incompatibilities

- IPython and BPython support have been removed from pshell in the core. To continue using them on Pyramid 1.6+ you must install the binding packages explicitly:

```bash
$ pip install pyramid_ipython
```

or

```bash
$ pip install pyramid_bpython
```

- Remove default cache busters introduced in 1.6a1 including `PathSegmentCacheBuster`, `PathSegmentMd5CacheBuster`, and `QueryStringMd5CacheBuster`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2116
Features

- Additional shells for `pshell` can now be registered as entrypoints. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1891 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2012
- The variables injected into `pshell` are now displayed with their docstrings instead of the default `str(obj)` when possible. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1929
- Add new `pyramid.static.ManifestCacheBuster` for use with external asset pipelines as well as examples of common usages in the narrative. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2116
- Fix `pserve --reload` to not crash on syntax errors!!! See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2125
- Fix an issue when user passes unparsed strings to `pyramid.session.CookieSession` and `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktCookieHelper` for time related parameters `timeout`, `reissue_time`, `max_age` that expect an integer value. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2050

Bug Fixes

- `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPException` now defaults to `520 Unknown Error` instead of `None None` to conform with changes in WebOb 1.5. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1865
- `pshell` will now preserve the capitalization of variables in the `[pshell]` section of the INI file. This makes exposing classes to the shell a little more straightforward. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1883
- Fixed usage of `pserve --monitor-restart --daemon` which would fail in horrible ways. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2118
- Explicitly prevent `pserve --reload --daemon` from being used. It’s never been supported but would work and fail in weird ways. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2119
- Fix an issue on Windows when running `pserve --reload` in which the process failed to fork because it could not find the `pserve` script to run. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2138
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Deprecations

- Deprecate `pserve --monitor-restart` in favor of user’s using a real process manager such as Systemd or Upstart as well as Python-based solutions like Circus and Supervisor. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2120

1.6a2 (2015-06-30)

Bug Fixes

- Ensure that `pyramid.httpexceptions.exception_response` returns the appropriate "concrete" class for 400 and 500 status codes. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1832

- Fix an infinite recursion bug introduced in 1.6a1 when `pyramid.view.render_view_to_response` was called directly or indirectly. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1643

- Further fix the JSONP renderer by prefixing the returned content with a comment. This should mitigate attacks from Flash (See CVE-2014-4671). See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1649

- Allow periods and brackets ([ ]) in the JSONP callback. The original fix was overly-restrictive and broke Angular. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1649

1.6a1 (2015-04-15)

Features

- `pcreate` will now ask for confirmation if invoked with an argument for a project name that already exists or is importable in the current environment. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1357 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1837

- Make it possible to subclass `pyramid.request.Request` and also use `pyramid.request.Request.add_request.method`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1529

- The `pyramid.config.Configurator` has grown the ability to allow actions to call other actions during a commit-cycle. This enables much more logic to be placed into actions, such as the ability to invoke other actions or group them for improved conflict detection. We have also exposed and documented the config phases that Pyramid uses in order to further assist in building conforming addons. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1513
• Add `pyramid.request.apply_request_extensions` function which can be used in testing to apply any request extensions configured via `config.add_request_method`. Previously it was only possible to test the extensions by going through Pyramid’s router. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1581

• `pcreate` when run without a scaffold argument will now print information on the missing flag, as well as a list of available scaffolds. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1566 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1297

• Added support / testing for ’pypy3’ under Tox and Travis. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1469

• Automate code coverage metrics across py2 and py3 instead of just py2. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1471

• Cache busting for static resources has been added and is available via a new argument to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_static_view`: `cachebust`. Core APIs are shipped for both cache busting via query strings and path segments and may be extended to fit into custom asset pipelines. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1380 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1583

• Add `pyramid.config.Configurator.root_package` attribute and init parameter to assist with includeable packages that wish to resolve resources relative to the package in which the Configurator was created. This is especially useful for addons that need to load asset specs from settings, in which case it is may be natural for a developer to define imports or assets relative to the top-level package. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1337

• Added line numbers to the log formatters in the scaffolds to assist with debugging. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1326

• Add new HTTP exception objects for status codes 428 `Precondition Required`, 429 `Too Many Requests` and 431 `Request Header Fields Too Large` in `pyramid.httpexceptions`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1372/files

• The `pshell` script will now load a `PYTHONSTARTUP` file if one is defined in the environment prior to launching the interpreter. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1448

• Make it simple to define notfound and forbidden views that wish to use the default exception-response view but with altered predicates and other configuration options. The `view` argument is now optional in `config.add_notfound_view` and `config.add_forbidden_view`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/494

• Greatly improve the readability of the `pcreate` shell script output. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1453

• Improve robustness to timing attacks in the `AuthTktCookieHelper` and the `SignedCookieSessionFactory` classes by using the stdlib’s `hmac.compare_digest` if it is available (such as Python 2.7.7+ and 3.3+). See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1457
• Assets can now be overridden by an absolute path on the filesystem when using the `config.override_asset` API. This makes it possible to fully support serving up static content from a mutable directory while still being able to use the `request.static_url` API and `config.add_static_view`. Previously it was not possible to use `config.add_static_view` with an absolute path and generate urls to the content. This change replaces the call, `config.add_static_view('/abs/path', 'static')`, with `config.add_static_view('myapp:static', 'static')` and `config.override_asset(to_override='myapp:static', override_with='/abs/path/')`. The `myapp:static` asset spec is completely made up and does not need to exist - it is used for generating urls via `request.static_url('myapp:static/foo.png')`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1252

• Added `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_response_factory` and the `response_factory` keyword argument to the `Configurator` for defining a factory that will return a custom `Response` class. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1499

• Allow an iterator to be returned from a renderer. Previously it was only possible to return bytes or unicode. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1417

• `pserve` can now take a `-b` or `--browser` option to open the server URL in a web browser. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1533

• Overall improvements for the `proutes` command. Added `--format` and `--glob` arguments to the command, introduced the method column for displaying available request methods, and improved the view output by showing the module instead of just `__repr__`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1488

• Support keyword-only arguments and function annotations in views in Python 3. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1556

• `request.response` will no longer be mutated when using the `pyramid.renderers.render_to_response()` API. It is now necessary to pass in a `response=` argument to `render_to_response` if you wish to supply the renderer with a custom response object for it to use. If you do not pass one then a response object will be created using the application’s `IResponseFactory`. Almost all renderers mutate the `request.response` response object (for example, the JSON renderer sets `request.response.content_type` to `application/json`). However, when invoking `render_to_response` it is not expected that the response object being returned would be the same one used later in the request. The response object returned from `render_to_response` is now explicitly different from `request.response`. This does not change the API of a renderer. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1563

• The `append_slash` argument of ``Configurator().add_notfound_view()` will now accept anything that implements the `IResponse` interface and will use that as the response class instead of the default `HTTPFound`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1610
Bug Fixes

- The JSONP renderer created JavaScript code in such a way that a callback variable could be used to arbitrarily inject javascript into the response object. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1627

- Work around an issue where pserve --reload would leave terminal echo disabled if it reloaded during a pdb session. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1577, https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1592

- pyramid.wsgi.wsgiapp and pyramid.wsgi.wsgiapp2 now raise ValueError when accidentally passed None. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1320

- Fix an issue whereby predicates would be resolved as maybe_dotted in the introspectable but not when passed for registration. This would mean that add_route_predicate for example can not take a string and turn it into the actual callable function. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1306

- Fix pyramid.testing.setUp to return a Configurator with a proper package. Previously it was not possible to do package-relative includes using the returned Configurator during testing. There is now a package argument that can override this behavior as well. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1322

- Fix an issue where a pyramid.response.FileResponse may apply a charset where it does not belong. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1251

- Work around a bug introduced in Python 2.7.7 on Windows where mimetypes.guess_type returns Unicode rather than str for the content type, unlike any previous version of Python. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1360 for more information.

- pcreate now normalizes the package name by converting hyphens to underscores. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1376

- Fix an issue with the final response/finished callback being unable to add another callback to the list. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1373

- Fix a failing unittest caused by differing mimetypes across various OSs. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1405

- Fix route generation for static view asset specifications having no path. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1377

- Allow the pyramid.renderers.JSONP renderer to work even if there is no valid request object. In this case it will not wrap the object in a callback and thus behave just like the pyramid.renderers.JSON renderer. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1561

- Prevent ”parameters to load are deprecated” DeprecationWarning from setuptools>=11.3. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1541
• Avoiding sharing the IRenderer objects across threads when attached to a view using the `render=` argument. These renderers were instantiated at time of first render and shared between requests, causing potentially subtle effects like `pyramid.reload_templates = true` failing to work in `pyramid_mako`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1575 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1268

• Avoiding timing attacks against CSRF tokens. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1574

• `request.finished_callbacks` and `request.response_callbacks` now default to an iterable instead of `None`. It may be checked for a length of 0. This was the behavior in 1.5.

**Deprecations**

• The `pserve` command’s daemonization features have been deprecated. This includes the `[start, stop, restart, status]` subcommands as well as the `--daemon, --stop-server, --pid-file, and --status` flags.

Please use a real process manager in the future instead of relying on the `pserve` to daemonize itself. Many options exist including your Operating System’s services such as Systemd or Upstart, as well as Python-based solutions like Circus and Supervisor.

See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1641

• Renamed the `principal` argument to `pyramid.security.remember()` to `userid` in order to clarify its intended purpose. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1399

**Docs**

• Moved the documentation for `accept` on `Configurator.add_view` to no longer be part of the predicate list. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1391 for a bug report stating `not_ was failing on accept`. Discussion with @mcdonc led to the conclusion that it should not be documented as a predicate. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1487 for this PR

• Removed logging configuration from Quick Tutorial ini files except for scaffolding- and logging-related chapters to avoid needing to explain it too early.

• Clarify a previously-implied detail of the `ISessioninvalidate` API documentation.

• Improve and clarify the documentation on what Pyramid defines as a `principal` and a `userid` in its security APIs. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1399

• Add documentation of command line programs (`p* scripts`). See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/2191
Scaffolds

- Update scaffold generating machinery to return the version of pyramid and pyramid docs for use in scaffolds. Updated starter, alchemy and zodb templates to have links to correctly versioned documentation and reflect which pyramid was used to generate the scaffold.

- Removed non-ascii copyright symbol from templates, as this was causing the scaffolds to fail for project generation.

- You can now run the scaffolding func tests via `tox py2-scaffolds` and `tox py3-scaffolds`.

1.5 (2014-04-08)

- Python 3.4 compatibility.

- Avoid crash in `pserve --reload` under Py3k, when iterating over possibly mutated `sys.modules`.

- `UnencryptedCookieSessionFactoryConfig` failed if the secret contained higher order characters. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1246

- Fixed a bug in `UnencryptedCookieSessionFactoryConfig` and `SignedCookieSessionFactory` where `timeout=None` would cause a new session to always be created. Also in `SignedCookieSessionFactory` a `reissue_time=None` would cause an exception when modifying the session. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1247

- Updated docs and scaffolds to keep in step with new 2.0 release of Lingua. This included removing all `setup.cfg` files from scaffolds and documentation environments.

1.5b1 (2014-02-08)

Features

- We no longer eagerly clear `request.exception` and `request.exc_info` in the exception view tween. This makes it possible to inspect exception information within a finished callback. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1223.
1.5a4 (2014-01-28)

Features

- Updated scaffolds with new theme, fixed documentation and sample project.

Bug Fixes

- Depend on a newer version of WebOb so that we pull in some crucial bug-fixes that were showstoppers for functionality in Pyramid.
- Add a trailing semicolon to the JSONP response. This fixes JavaScript syntax errors for old IE versions. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1205
- Fix a memory leak when the configurator’s set_request_property method was used or when the configurator’s add_request_method method was used with the property=True attribute. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1212.

1.5a3 (2013-12-10)

Features

- An authorization API has been added as a method of the request: request.has_permission. request.has_permission is a method-based alternative to the pyramid.security.has_permission API and works exactly the same. The older API is now deprecated.
- Property API attributes have been added to the request for easier access to authentication data: request.authenticated_userid, request.unauthenticated_userid, and request.effective_principals. These are analogues, respectively, of pyramid.security.authenticated_userid, pyramid.security.unauthenticated_userid, and pyramid.security.effective_principals. They operate exactly the same, except they are attributes of the request instead of functions accepting a request. They are properties, so they cannot be assigned to. The older function-based APIs are now deprecated.
- Pyramid’s console scripts (pserve, pviews, etc) can now be run directly, allowing custom arguments to be sent to the python interpreter at runtime. For example:
• Added a specific subclass of HTTPBadRequest named pyramid.exceptions.BadCSRFToken which will now be raised in response to failures in check_csrf_token. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1149

• Added a new SignedCookieSessionFactory which is very similar to the UnencryptedCookieSessionFactoryConfig but with a clearer focus on signing content. The custom serializer arguments to this function should only focus on serializing, unlike its predecessor which required the serializer to also perform signing. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1142. Note that cookies generated using SignedCookieSessionFactory are not compatible with cookies generated using UnencryptedCookieSessionFactory, so existing user session data will be destroyed if you switch to it.

• Added a new BaseCookieSessionFactory which acts as a generic cookie factory that can be used by framework implementors to create their own session implementations. It provides a reusable API which focuses strictly on providing a dictionary-like object that properly handles renewals, time-outs, and conformance with the ISession API. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1142

• The anchor argument to pyramid.request.Request.route_url and pyramid.request.Request.resource_url and their derivatives will now be escaped via URL quoting to ensure minimal conformance. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1183

• Allow sending of _query and _anchor options to pyramid.request.Request.static_url when an external URL is being generated. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1183

• You can now send a string as the _query argument to pyramid.request.Request.route_url and pyramid.request.Request.resource_url and their derivatives. When a string is sent instead of a list or dictionary, it is URL-quoted however it does not need to be in k=v form. This is useful if you want to be able to use a different query string format than x-www-form-urlencoded. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1183

• pyramid.testing.DummyRequest now has a domain attribute to match the new WebOb 1.3 API. Its value is example.com.

Bug Fixes

• Fix the pcreate script so that when the target directory name ends with a slash it does not produce a non-working project directory structure. Previously saying pcreate -s starter /foo/bar/ produced different output than saying pcreate -s starter /foo/bar. The former did not work properly.
• Fix the principals_allowed_by_permission method of ACLAuthorizationPolicy so it anticipates a callable __acl__ on resources. Previously it did not try to call the __acl__ if it was callable.

• The pviews script did not work when a url required custom request methods in order to perform traversal. Custom methods and descriptors added via pyramid.config.Configurator.add_request_method will now be present, allowing traversal to continue. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1104

• Remove unused renderer argument from Configurator.add_route.

• Allow the BasicAuthenticationPolicy to work with non-ASCII usernames and passwords. The charset is not passed as part of the header and different browsers alternate between UTF-8 and Latin-1, so the policy now attempts to decode with UTF-8 first, and will fallback to Latin-1. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1170

• The @view_defaults now apply to notfound and forbidden views that are defined as methods of a decorated class. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1173

Documentation

• Added a "Quick Tutorial" to go with the Quick Tour

• Removed mention of pyramid_beaker from docs. Beaker is no longer maintained. Point people at pyramid_redis_sessions instead.

• Add documentation for pyramid.interfaces.IRendererFactory and pyramid.interfaces.IRenderer.

Backwards Incompatibilities

• The key/values in the _query parameter of request.route_url and the query parameter of request.resource_url (and their variants), used to encode a value of None as the string 'None', leaving the resulting query string to be a=b&key=None. The value is now dropped in this situation, leaving a query string of a=b&key=. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1119

Deprecations

• Deprecate the pyramid.interfaces.ITemplateRenderer interface. It was ill-defined and became unused when Mako and Chameleon template bindings were split into their own packages.
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- The `pyramid.session.UnencryptedCookieSessionFactoryConfig` API has been deprecated and is superseded by the `pyramid.session.SignedCookieSessionFactory`. Note that while the cookies generated by the `UnencryptedCookieSessionFactoryConfig` are compatible with cookies generated by old releases, cookies generated by the `SignedCookieSessionFactory` are not. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1142

- The `pyramid.security.has_permission` API is now deprecated. Instead, use the newly-added `has_permission` method of the request object.

- The `pyramid.security.effective_principals` API is now deprecated. Instead, use the newly-added `effective_principals` attribute of the request object.

- The `pyramid.security.authenticated_userid` API is now deprecated. Instead, use the newly-added `authenticated_userid` attribute of the request object.

- The `pyramid.security.unauthenticated_userid` API is now deprecated. Instead, use the newly-added `unauthenticated_userid` attribute of the request object.

Dependencies

- Pyramid now depends on `WebOb>=1.3` (it uses `webob.cookies.CookieProfile` from 1.3+).

1.5a2 (2013-09-22)

Features

- Users can now provide dotted Python names to as the `factory` argument the Configurator methods named `add_{view,route,subscriber}_predicate` (instead of passing the predicate factory directly, you can pass a dotted name which refers to the factory).

Bug Fixes

- Fix an exception in `pyramid.path.package_name` when resolving the package name for namespace packages that had no `__file__` attribute.
Backwards Incompatibilities

- Pyramid no longer depends on or configures the Mako and Chameleon templating system renderers by default. Disincluding these templating systems by default means that the Pyramid core has fewer dependencies and can run on future platforms without immediate concern for the compatibility of its templating add-ons. It also makes maintenance slightly more effective, as different people can maintain the templating system add-ons that they understand and care about without needing commit access to the Pyramid core, and it allows users who just don’t want to see any packages they don’t use come along for the ride when they install Pyramid.

This means that upon upgrading to Pyramid 1.5a2+, projects that use either of these templating systems will see a traceback that ends something like this when their application attempts to render a Chameleon or Mako template:

```
ValueError: No such renderer factory .pt
```

Or:

```
ValueError: No such renderer factory .mako
```

Or:

```
ValueError: No such renderer factory .mak
```

Support for Mako templating has been moved into an add-on package named `pyramid_mako`, and support for Chameleon templating has been moved into an add-on package named `pyramid_chameleon`. These packages are drop-in replacements for the old built-in support for these templating languages. All you have to do is install them and make them active in your configuration to register renderer factories for `.pt` and/or `.mako` (or `.mak`) to make your application work again.

To re-add support for Chameleon and/or Mako template renderers into your existing projects, follow the below steps.

If you depend on Mako templates:

- Make sure the `pyramid_mako` package is installed. One way to do this is by adding `pyramid_mako` to the `install_requires` section of your package’s `setup.py` file and afterwards rerunning `setup.py develop`:

```python
def setup():
    #...
    install_requires=[
        'pyramid_mako',  # new dependency
    ]
```

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Within the portion of your application which instantiates a Pyramid `pyramid.config.Configurator` (often the `main()` function in your project's `__init__.py` file), tell Pyramid to include the `pyramid_mako` includeme:

```python
config = Configurator(...) config.include('pyramid_mako')
```

If you depend on Chameleon templates:

- Make sure the `pyramid_chameleon` package is installed. One way to do this is by adding `pyramid_chameleon` to the `install_requires` section of your package's `setup.py` file and afterwards rerunning `setup.py develop`:

```python
setup(
    #...
    install_requires=[
        'pyramid_chameleon',       # new dependency
        'pyramid',                #...
    ],
)
```

Within the portion of your application which instantiates a Pyramid `~pyramid.config.Configurator` (often the `main()` function in your project's `__init__.py` file), tell Pyramid to include the `pyramid_chameleon` includeme:

```python
config = Configurator(...) config.include('pyramid_chameleon')
```

Note that it’s also fine to install these packages into *older* Pyramids for forward compatibility purposes. Even if you don’t upgrade to Pyramid 1.5 immediately, performing the above steps in a Pyramid 1.4 installation is perfectly fine, won’t cause any difference, and will give you forward compatibility when you eventually do upgrade to Pyramid 1.5.

With the removal of Mako and Chameleon support from the core, some unit tests that use the `pyramid.renderers.render*` methods may begin to fail. If any of your unit tests are invoking either `pyramid.renderers.render()` or `pyramid.renderers.render_to_response()` with either Mako or Chameleon templates then the `pyramid`.
config.Configurator instance in effect during the unit test should be also be updated to include the addons, as shown above. For example:

```python
class ATest(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        self.config = pyramid.testing.setUp()
        self.config.include('pyramid_mako')

    def test_it(self):
        result = pyramid.renderers.render('mypkg:templates/home.mako', {})  
```

Or:

```python
class ATest(unittest.TestCase):
    def setUp(self):
        self.config = pyramid.testing.setUp()
        self.config.include('pyramid_chameleon')

    def test_it(self):
        result = pyramid.renderers.render('mypkg:templates/home.pt', {})  
```

- If you’re using the Pyramid debug toolbar, when you upgrade Pyramid to 1.5a2+, you’ll also need to upgrade the pyramid_debugtoolbar package to at least version 1.0.8, as older toolbar versions are not compatible with Pyramid 1.5a2+ due to the removal of Mako support from the core. It’s fine to use this newer version of the toolbar code with older Pyramids too.

- Removed the request.response_* varying attributes. These attributes have been deprecated since Pyramid 1.1, and as per the deprecation policy, have now been removed.

- request.response will no longer be mutated when using the pyramid.renderers.render() API. Almost all renderers mutate the request.response response object (for example, the JSON renderer sets request.response.content_type to application/json), but this is only necessary when the renderer is generating a response; it was a bug when it was done as a side effect of calling pyramid.renderers.render().

- Removed the bfg2pyramid fixer script.

- The pyramid.events.NewResponse event is now sent after response callbacks are executed. It previously executed before response callbacks were executed. Rationale: it’s more useful to be able to inspect the response after response callbacks have done their jobs instead of before.

- Removed the class named pyramid.view.static that had been deprecated since Pyramid 1.1. Instead use pyramid.static.static_view with use_subpath=True argument.
• Removed the `pyramid.view.is_response` function that had been deprecated since Pyramid 1.1. Use the `pyramid.request.Request.is_response` method instead.

• Removed the ability to pass the following arguments to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route`: `view`, `view_context`, `view_for`, `view_permission`, `view_renderer`, and `view_attr`. Using these arguments had been deprecated since Pyramid 1.1. Instead of passing view-related arguments to `add_route`, use a separate call to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view` to associate a view with a route using its `route_name` argument. Note that this impacts the `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_static_view` function too, because it delegates to `add_route`.

• Removed the ability to influence and query a `pyramid.request.Request` object as if it were a dictionary. Previously it was possible to use methods like `__getitem__`, `get`, `items`, and other dict-like methods to access values in the WSGI environment. This behavior had been deprecated since Pyramid 1.1. Use methods of `request.environ` (a real dictionary) instead.

• Removed ancient backwards compatibility hack in `pyramid.traversal.DefaultRootFactory` which populated the `__dict__` of the factory with the matchdict values for compatibility with BFG 0.9.

• The `renderer_globals_factory` argument to the `pyramid.config.Configurator` constructor and its `setup_registry` method has been removed. The `set_renderer_globals_factory` method of `pyramid.config.Configurator` has also been removed. The (internal) `pyramid.interfaces.IRendererGlobals` interface was also removed. These arguments, methods and interfaces had been deprecated since 1.1. Use a `BeforeRender` event subscriber as documented in the "Hooks" chapter of the Pyramid narrative documentation instead of providing renderer globals values to the configurator.

**Deprecations**

• The `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_request_property` method now issues a deprecation warning when used. It had been docs-deprecated in 1.4 but did not issue a deprecation warning when used.

**1.5a1 (2013-08-30)**

**Features**

• A new http exception subclass named `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPSuccessful` was added. You can use this class as the context of an exception view to catch all 200-series "exceptions" (e.g. "raise HTTPOk"). This also allows you to catch only the `HTTPOk` exception itself; previously this was impossible because a number of other exceptions (such as `HTTPNoContent`) inherited from `HTTPOk`, but now they do not.
• You can now generate "hybrid" urldispatch/traversal URLs more easily by using the new route_name, route_kw and route_remainder_name arguments to request.resource_url and request.resource_path. See the new section of the "Combining Traversal and URL Dispatch" documentation chapter entitled "Hybrid URL Generation".

• It is now possible to escape double braces in Pyramid scaffolds (unescaped, these represent replacement values). You can use \{{{a}}} to represent a "bare" {{a}}. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/862

• Add localizer and locale_name properties (reified) to the request. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/508. Note that the pyramid.i18n.get_localizer and pyramid.i18n.get_locale_name functions now simply look up these properties on the request.

• Add pdistreport script, which prints the Python version in use, the Pyramid version in use, and the version number and location of all Python distributions currently installed.

• Add the ability to invert the result of any view, route, or subscriber predicate using the not_ class. For example:

```python
from pyramid.config import not_

@view_config(route_name='myroute', request_method=not_('POST'))
def myview(request): ...
```

The above example will ensure that the view is called if the request method is not POST (at least if no other view is more specific).

The pyramid.config.not_ class can be used against any value that is a predicate value passed in any of these contexts:

- pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view
- pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route
- pyramid.config.Configurator.add_subscriber
- pyramid.view.view_config
- pyramid.events.subscriber

• scripts/prequest.py: add support for submitting PUT and PATCH requests. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1033. add support for submitting OPTIONS and PROPFIND requests, and allow users to specify basic authentication credentials in the request via a --login argument to the script. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1039.

• ACLAuthorizationPolicy supports __acl__ as a callable. This removes the ambiguity between the potential AttributeError that would be raised on the context when the property was not defined and the AttributeError that could be raised from any user-defined code within
a dynamic property. It is recommended to define a dynamic ACL as a callable to avoid this ambiguity. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/735.

- Allow a protocol-relative URL (e.g. //example.com/images) to be passed to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_static_view. This allows externally-hosted static URLs to be generated based on the current protocol.

- The AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy has two new options to configure its domain usage:
  - `parent_domain`: if set the authentication cookie is set on the parent domain. This is useful if you have multiple sites sharing the same domain.
  - `domain`: if provided the cookie is always set for this domain, bypassing all usual logic.


- The AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy now supports IPv6 addresses when using the `include_ip=True` option. This is possibly incompatible with alternative auth_tkt implementations, as the specification does not define how to properly handle IPv6. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/831.

- Make it possible to use variable arguments via pyramid.paster.get_appsettings. This also allowed the generated initialize_db script from the alchemy scaffold to grow support for options in the form `a=1 b=2` so you can fill in values in a parameterized .ini file, e.g. `initialize_myapp_db etc/development.ini a=1 b=2`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/911.

- The `request.session.check_csrf_token()` method and the check_csrf view predicate now take into account the value of the HTTP header named `X-CSRF-Token` (as well as the `csrf_token` form parameter, which they always did). The header is tried when the form parameter does not exist.

- View lookup will now search for valid views based on the inheritance hierarchy of the context. It tries to find views based on the most specific context first, and upon predicate failure, will move up the inheritance chain to test views found by the super-type of the context. In the past, only the most specific type containing views would be checked and if no matching view could be found then a PredicateMismatch would be raised. Now predicate mismatches don’t hide valid views registered on super-types. Here’s an example that now works:

```python
class IResource(Interface):
    ...

@view_config(context=IResource)
def get(context, request):
    ...
```

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Previously the override_post view registration would hide the get and delete views in the context of MyResource -- leading to a predicate mismatch error when trying to use GET or DELETE methods. Now the views are found and no predicate mismatch is raised. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/786 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1004 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1046

• The pserve command now takes a -v (or --verbose) flag and a -q (or --quiet) flag. Output from running pserve can be controlled using these flags. -v can be specified multiple times to increase verbosity. -q sets verbosity to 0 unconditionally. The default verbosity level is 1.

• The alchemy scaffold tests now provide better coverage. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1029

• The pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route method now supports being called with an external URL as pattern. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/611 and the documentation section in the "URL Dispatch" chapter entitled "External Routes" for more information.
Bug Fixes

- It was not possible to use pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPException as the context of an exception view as very general catchall for http-related exceptions when you wanted that exception view to override the default exception view. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/985

- When the pyramid.reload_templates setting was true, and a Chameleon template was reloaded, and the renderer specification named a macro (e.g. foo#macroname.pt), renderings of the template after the template was reloaded due to a file change would produce the entire template body instead of just a rendering of the macro. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1013.

- Fix an obscure problem when combining a virtual root with a route with a *traverse in its pattern. Now the traversal path generated in such a configuration will be correct, instead of an element missing a leading slash.

- Fixed a Mako renderer bug returning a tuple with a previous defname value in some circumstances. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1037 for more information.

- Make the pyramid.config.assets.PackageOverrides object implement the API for __loader__ objects specified in PEP 302. Proxies to the __loader__ set by the importer, if present; otherwise, raises NotSupportedException. This makes Pyramid static view overrides work properly under Python 3.3 (previously they would not). See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1015 for more information.

- mako_templating: added defensive workaround for non-importability of mako due to upstream markupsafe dropping Python 3.2 support. Mako templating will no longer work under the combination of MarkupSafe 0.17 and Python 3.2 (although the combination of MarkupSafe 0.17 and Python 3.3 or any supported Python 2 version will work OK).

- Spaces and dots may now be in mako renderer template paths. This was broken when support for the new makedef syntax was added in 1.4a1. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/950

- pyramid.debug_authorization=true will now correctly print out Allowed for views registered with NO_PERMISSION_REQUIRED instead of invoking the permits method of the authorization policy. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/954

- Pyramid failed to install on some systems due to being packaged with some test files containing higher order characters in their names. These files have now been removed. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/981

- pyramid.testing.DummyResource didn’t define __bool__, so code under Python 3 would use __len__ to find truthiness; this usually caused an instance of DummyResource to be ”falsy” instead of ”truthy”. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1032

- The alchemy scaffold would break when the database was MySQL during tables creation. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/1049
- The `current_route_url` method now attaches the query string to the URL by default. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/1040

- Make `pserve.cherrypy_server_runner` Python 3 compatible. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/718

**Backwards Incompatibilities**

- Modified the `current_route_url` method in `pyramid.Request`. The method previously returned the URL without the query string by default, it now does attach the query string unless it is overridden.

- The `route_url` and `route_path` APIs no longer quote `/` to `%2F` when a replacement value contains a `/`. This was pointless, as WSGI servers always unquote the slash anyway, and Pyramid never sees the quoted value.

- It is no longer possible to set a `locale_name` attribute of the request, nor is it possible to set a `localizer` attribute of the request. These are now "reified" properties that look up a locale name and localizer respectively using the machinery described in the "Internationalization" chapter of the documentation.

- If you send an `X-Vhm-Root` header with a value that ends with a slash (or any number of slashes), the trailing slash(es) will be removed before a URL is generated when you use `request.resource_url` or `request.resource_path`. Previously the virtual root path would not have trailing slashes stripped, which would influence URL generation.

- The `pyramid.interfaces.IResourceURL` interface has now grown two new attributes: `virtual_path_tuple` and `physical_path_tuple`. These should be the tuple form of the resource’s path (physical and virtual).

1.4 (2012-12-18)

**Docs**

- Fix functional tests in the ZODB tutorial

1.4b3 (2012-12-10)

- Packaging release only, no code changes. 1.4b2 was a brownbag release due to missing directories in the tarball.
1.4b2 (2012-12-10)

Docs

- Scaffolding is now PEP-8 compliant (at least for a brief shining moment).
- Tutorial improvements.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- Modified the _depth argument to pyramid.view.view_config to accept a value relative to the invocation of view_config itself. Thus, when it was previously expecting a value of 1 or greater, to reflect that the caller of view_config is 1 stack frame away from venusian.attach, this implementation detail is now hidden.
- Modified the _backframes argument to pyramid.util.action_method in a similar way to the changes described to _depth above. This argument remains undocumented, but might be used in the wild by some insane person.

1.4b1 (2012-11-21)

Features

- Small microspeed enhancement which anticipates that a pyramid.response.Response object is likely to be returned from a view. Some code is shortcut if the class of the object returned by a view is this class. A similar microoptimization was done to pyramid.request.Request.is_response.
- Make it possible to use variable arguments on p* commands (pserve, pshell, pviews, etc) in the form a=1 b=2 so you can fill in values in parameterized .ini file, e.g. pshell etc/development.ini http_port=8080. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/714
- A somewhat advanced and obscure feature of Pyramid event handlers is their ability to handle ”multi-interface” notifications. These notifications have traditionally presented multiple objects to the subscriber callable. For instance, if an event was sent by code like this:

  ```python
  registry.notify(event, context)
  ```

  In the past, in order to catch such an event, you were obligated to write and register an event subscriber that mentioned both the event and the context in its argument list:
In many subscriber callables registered this way, it was common for the logic in the subscriber callable to completely ignore the second and following arguments (e.g. `context` in the above example might be ignored), because they usually existed as attributes of the event anyway. You could usually get the same value by doing `event.context` or similar.

The fact that you needed to put an extra argument which you usually ignored in the subscriber callable body was only a minor annoyance until we added "subscriber predicates", used to narrow the set of circumstances under which a subscriber will be executed, in a prior 1.4 alpha release. Once those were added, the annoyance was escalated, because subscriber predicates needed to accept the same argument list and arity as the subscriber callables that they were configured against. So, for example, if you had these two subscriber registrations in your code:

```python
@subscriber([SomeEvent, SomeContextType])
def asubscriber(event, context):
    pass

@subscriber(SomeOtherEvent)
def asubscriber(event):
    pass
```

And you wanted to use a subscriber predicate:

```python
@subscriber([SomeEvent, SomeContextType], mypredicate=True)
def asubscriber1(event, context):
    pass

@subscriber(SomeOtherEvent, mypredicate=True)
def asubscriber2(event):
    pass
```

If an existing `mypredicate` subscriber predicate had been written in such a way that it accepted only one argument in its `__call__`, you could not use it against a subscription which named more than one interface in its subscriber interface list. Similarly, if you had written a subscriber predicate that accepted two arguments, you couldn’t use it against a registration that named only a single interface type.

For example, if you created this predicate:
class MyPredicate(object):
    # portions elided...
    def __call__(self, event):
        return self.val == event.context.foo

It would not work against a multi-interface-registered subscription, so in the above example, when you attempted to use it against a subscriber, it would fail at runtime with a TypeError, claiming something was attempting to call it with too many arguments.

To hack around this limitation, you were obligated to design the mypredicate predicate to expect to receive in its __call__ either a single event argument (a SomeOtherEvent object) or a pair of arguments (a SomeEvent object and a SomeContextType object), presumably by doing something like this:

class MyPredicate(object):
    # portions elided...
    def __call__(self, event, context=None):
        return self.val == event.context.foo

This was confusing and bad.

In order to allow people to ignore unused arguments to subscriber callables and to normalize the relationship between event subscribers and subscriber predicates, we now allow both subscribers and subscriber predicates to accept only a single event argument even if they’ve been subscribed for notifications that involve multiple interfaces. Subscribers and subscriber predicates that accept only one argument will receive the first object passed to notify; this is typically (but not always) the event object. The other objects involved in the subscription lookup will be discarded. You can now write an event subscriber that accepts only event even if it subscribes to multiple interfaces:

@subscriber([SomeEvent, SomeContextType])
def asubscriber(event):
    # this will work!

This prevents you from needing to match the subscriber callable parameters to the subscription type unnecessarily, especially when you don’t make use of any argument in your subscribers except for the event object itself.

Note, however, that if the event object is not the first object in the call to notify, you’ll run into trouble. For example, if notify is called with the context argument first:

registry.notify(context, event)

You won’t be able to take advantage of the event-only feature. It will ”work”, but the object received by your event handler won’t be the event object, it will be the context object, which won’t be very
useful:

```python
@subscriber([SomeContextType, SomeEvent])
def asubscriber(event):
    # bzzt! you'll be getting the context here as `event`, and it'll be useless
```

Existing multiple-argument subscribers continue to work without issue, so you should continue use those if your system notifies using multiple interfaces and the first interface is not the event interface. For example:

```python
@subscriber([SomeContextType, SomeEvent])
def asubscriber(context, event):
    # this will still work!
```

The event-only feature makes it possible to use a subscriber predicate that accepts only a request argument within both multiple-interface subscriber registrations and single-interface subscriber registrations. You needn't make slightly different variations of predicates depending on the subscription type arguments. Instead, just write all your subscriber predicates so they only accept `event` in their `__call__` and they'll be useful across all registrations for subscriptions that use an event as their first argument, even ones which accept more than just `event`.

However, the same caveat applies to predicates as to subscriber callables: if you're subscribing to a multi-interface event, and the first interface is not the event interface, the predicate won't work properly. In such a case, you'll need to match the predicate `__call__` argument ordering and composition to the ordering of the interfaces. For example, if the registration for the subscription uses `[SomeContext, SomeEvent]`, you'll need to reflect that in the ordering of the parameters of the predicate's `__call__` method:

```python
def __call__(self, context, event):
    return event.request.path.startswith(self.val)
```

tl;dr: 1) When using multi-interface subscriptions, always use the event type as the first subscription registration argument and 2) When 1 is true, use only `event` in your subscriber and subscriber predicate parameter lists, no matter how many interfaces the subscriber is notified with. This combination will result in the maximum amount of reusability of subscriber predicates and the least amount of thought on your part. Drink responsibly.
Bug Fixes

- A failure when trying to locate the attribute `__text__` on route and view predicates existed when the `debug_routematch` setting was true or when the `pviews` command was used. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/727

Documentation

- Sync up tutorial source files with the files that are rendered by the scaffold that each uses.

1.4a4 (2012-11-14)

Features

- `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy` has been updated to support newer hashing algorithms such as `sha512`. Existing applications should consider updating if possible for improved security over the default `md5` hashing.

- Added an `effective_principals` route and view predicate.

- Do not allow the userid returned from the `authenticated_userid` or the userid that is one of the list of principals returned by `effective_principals` to be either of the strings `system`, `Everyone`, or `system.Authenticated` when any of the built-in authorization policies that live in `pyramid.authentication` are in use. These two strings are reserved for internal usage by Pyramid and they will not be accepted as valid userids.

- Slightly better debug logging from `pyramid.authentication.RepozeWho1AuthenticationPolicy`.

- `pyramid.security.view_execution_permitted` used to return `True` if no view could be found. It now raises a `TypeError` exception in that case, as it doesn’t make sense to assert that a nonexistent view is execution-permitted. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/299.

- Allow a `__depth__` argument to `pyramid.view.view_config`, which will permit limited composition reuse of the decorator by other software that wants to provide custom decorators that are much like `view_config`.

- Allow an iterable of decorators to be passed to `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view`. This allows views to be wrapped by more than one decorator without requiring combining the decorators yourself.
Bug Fixes

- In the past if a renderer returned None, the body of the resulting response would be set explicitly to the empty string. Instead, now, the body is left unchanged, which allows the renderer to set a body itself by using e.g. `request.response.body = b'foo'`. The body set by the renderer will be unmolested on the way out. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/709

- In uncommon cases, the `pyramid_excview_tween_factory` might have inadvertently raised a `KeyError` looking for `request_iface` as an attribute of the request. It no longer fails in this case. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/700

- Be more tolerant of potential error conditions in `match_param` and `physical_path` predicate implementations; instead of raising an exception, return `False`.

- `pyramid.view.render_view` was not functioning properly under Python 3.x due to a byte/unicode discrepancy. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/721

Deprecations

- `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy` will emit a warning if an application is using the policy without explicitly passing a `hashalg` argument. This is because the default is "md5" which is considered theoretically subject to collision attacks. If you really want "md5" then you must specify it explicitly to get rid of the warning.

Documentation

- All of the tutorials that use `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy` now explicitly pass `sha512` as a `hashalg` argument.

Internals

- Move `TopologicalSorter` from `pyramid.config.util` to `pyramid.util`, move `CyclicDependencyError` from `pyramid.config.util` to `pyramid.exceptions`, rename `Singleton` to `Sentinel` and move from `pyramid.config.util` to `pyramid.util`; this is in an effort to move that stuff that may be an API one day out of `pyramid.config.util`, because that package should never be imported from non-Pyramid code. `TopologicalSorter` is still not an API, but may become one.

- Get rid of shady monkeypatching of `pyramid.request.Request` and `pyramid.response.Response` done within the `__init__.py` of Pyramid. Webob no longer relies on this being done. Instead, the `ResponseClass` attribute of the Pyramid Request class is assigned to the Pyramid response class; that’s enough to satisfy WebOb and behave as it did before with the monkeypatching.
Bug Fixes

- The match_param predicate’s text method was fixed to sort its values. Part of https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/705
- 1.4a pyramid.scripting.prepare behaved differently than 1.3 series function of same name. In particular, if passed a request, it would not set the registry attribute of the request like 1.3 did. A symptom would be that passing a request to pyramid.paster.bootstrap (which uses the function) that did not have a registry attribute could assume that the registry would be attached to the request by Pyramid. This assumption could be made in 1.3, but not in 1.4. The assumption can now be made in 1.4 too (a registry is attached to a request passed to bootstrap or prepare).
- When registering a view configuration that named a Chameleon ZPT renderer with a macro name in it (e.g. renderer='some/template#somemacro.pt') as well as a view configuration without a macro name in it that pointed to the same template (e.g. renderer='some/template.pt'), internal caching could confuse the two, and your code might have rendered one instead of the other.

Features

- Allow multiple values to be specified to the request_param view/route predicate as a sequence. Previously only a single string value was allowed. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/705
- Comments with references to documentation sections placed in scaffold .ini files.
- Added an HTTP Basic authentication policy at pyramid.authentication.BasicAuthAuthenticationPolicy.
- The Configurator testing_securitypolicy method now returns the policy object it creates.
- The Configurator testing_securitypolicy method accepts two new arguments: remember_result and forget_result. If supplied, these values influence the result of the policy’s remember and forget methods, respectively.
- The DummySecurityPolicy created by testing_securitypolicy now sets a forgotten value on the policy (the value True) when its forget method is called.
- The DummySecurityPolicy created by testing_securitypolicy now sets a remembered value on the policy, which is the value of the principal argument it’s called with when its remember method is called.
• New **physical_path** view predicate. If specified, this value should be a string or a tuple representing the physical traversal path of the context found via traversal for this predicate to match as true. For example: `physical_path='/'` or `physical_path='a/b/c'` or `physical_path=('a', 'b', 'c')`. This is not a path prefix match or a regex, it’s a whole-path match. It’s useful when you want to always potentially show a view when some object is traversed to, but you can’t be sure about what kind of object it will be, so you can’t use the context predicate. The individual path elements in between slash characters or in tuple elements should be the Unicode representation of the name of the resource and should not be encoded in any way.

### 1.4a2 (2012-09-27)

**Bug Fixes**

• When trying to determine Mako defnames and Chameleon macro names in asset specifications, take into account that the filename may have a hyphen in it. See [https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/692](https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/692)

**Features**

• A new `pyramid.session.check_csrf_token` convenience function was added.

• A `check_csrf` view predicate was added. For example, you can now do `config.add_view(someview, check_csrf=True)`. When the predicate is checked, if the `csrf_token` value in `request.params` matches the CSRF token in the request’s session, the view will be permitted to execute. Otherwise, it will not be permitted to execute.

• Add `Base.metadata.bind = engine` to alchemy template, so that tables defined imperatively will work.

**Documentation**

• update wiki2 SQLA tutorial with the changes required after inserting `Base.metadata.bind = engine` into the alchemy scaffold.
1.4a1 (2012-09-16)

Bug Fixes

- Forward port from 1.3 branch: When no authentication policy was configured, a call to `pyramid.security.effective_principals` would unconditionally return the empty list. This was incorrect, it should have unconditionally returned `[Everyone]`, and now does.

- Explicit url dispatch regexes can now contain colons. [GitHub issue #629](https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/629)

- On at least one 64-bit Ubuntu system under Python 3.2, using the `view_config` decorator caused a `RuntimeError: dictionary changed size during iteration` exception. It no longer does. See [GitHub issue #635](https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/635) for more information.

- In Mako Templates lookup, check if the uri is already adjusted and bring it back to an asset spec. Normally occurs with inherited templates or included components. [GitHub issue #606](https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/606) [GitHub pull request #607](https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/607)

- In Mako Templates lookup, check for absolute uri (using mako directories) when mixing up inheritance with asset specs. [GitHub issue #662](https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/662)

- HTTP Accept headers were not being normalized causing potentially conflicting view registrations to go unnoticed. Two views that only differ in the case (`'text/html'` vs. `'text/HTML'`) will now raise an error. [GitHub issue #620](https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/620)

- Forward-port from 1.3 branch: when registering multiple views with an `accept` predicate in a Pyramid application running under Python 3, you might have received a `TypeError: unorderable types: function() < function()` exception.

Features

- Python 3.3 compatibility.

- Configurator.add_directive now accepts arbitrary callables like partials or objects implementing `_call__` which don't have `_name__` and `_doc__` attributes. See [GitHub issue #621](https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/621) [GitHub pull request #647](https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/647).

- Third-party custom view, route, and subscriber predicates can now be added for use by view authors via `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view_predicate`, `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route_predicate` and `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_subscriber_predicate`. So, for example, doing this:

```
config.add_view_predicate('abc', my.package.ABCPredicate)
```
Might allow a view author to do this in an application that configured that predicate:

```python
@view_config(abc=1)
```

Similar features exist for `add_route`, and `add_subscriber`. See "Adding A Custom View, Route, or Subscriber Predicate" in the Hooks chapter for more information.

Note that changes made to support the above feature now means that only actions registered using the same "order" can conflict with one another. It used to be the case that actions registered at different orders could potentially conflict, but to my knowledge nothing ever depended on this behavior (it was a bit silly).

- Custom objects can be made easily JSON-serializable in Pyramid by defining a `__json__` method on the object’s class. This method should return values natively serializable by `json.dumps` (such as ints, lists, dictionaries, strings, and so forth).

- The JSON renderer now allows for the definition of custom type adapters to convert unknown objects to JSON serializations.

- As of this release, the `request_method` predicate, when used, will also imply that HEAD is implied when you use GET. For example, using `@view_config(request_method='GET')` is equivalent to using `@view_config(request_method=('GET', 'HEAD'))`. Using `@view_config(request_method=('GET', 'POST')` is equivalent to using `@view_config(request_method=('GET', 'HEAD', 'POST')). This is because HEAD is a variant of GET that omits the body, and WebOb has special support to return an empty body when a HEAD is used.

- `config.add_request_method` has been introduced to support extending request objects with arbitrary callables. This method expands on the previous `config.set_request_property` by supporting methods as well as properties. This method now causes less code to be executed at request construction time than `config.set_request_property` in version 1.3.

- Don’t add a `?` to URLs generated by `request.resource_url` if the `query` argument is provided but empty.

- Don’t add a `?` to URLs generated by `request.route_url` if the `_query` argument is provided but empty.

- The static view machinery now raises (rather than returns) `HTTPNotFound` and `HTTPMovedPermanently` exceptions, so these can be caught by the Not Found View (and other exception views).

- The Mako renderer now supports a def name in an asset spec. When the def name is present in the asset spec, the system will render the template def within the template and will return the result. An example asset spec is `package:path/to/template#defname.mako`. This will render the def named `defname` inside the `template.mako` template instead of rendering the entire template. The old way of returning a tuple in the form (`'defname', {}`) from the view is supported for backward compatibility.
• The Chameleon ZPT renderer now accepts a macro name in an asset spec. When the macro name is present in the asset spec, the system will render the macro listed as a define-macro and return the result instead of rendering the entire template. An example asset spec: `package:path/to/template#macroname.pt`. This will render the macro defined as `macroname` within the `template.pt` template instead of the entire template.

• When there is a predicate mismatch exception (seen when no view matches for a given request due to predicates not working), the exception now contains a textual description of the predicate which didn’t match.

• An `add_permission` directive method was added to the Configurator. This directive registers a free-standing permission introspectable into the Pyramid introspection system. Frameworks built atop Pyramid can thus use the permissions introspectable category data to build a comprehensive list of permissions supported by a running system. Before this method was added, permissions were already registered in this introspectable category as a side effect of naming them in an `add_view` call, this method just makes it possible to arrange for a permission to be put into the permissions introspectable category without naming it along with an associated view. Here’s an example of usage of `add_permission`:

```python
config = Configurator()
config.add_permission('view')
```

• The `UnencryptedCookieSessionFactoryConfig` now accepts `signed_serialize` and `signed_deserialize` hooks which may be used to influence how the sessions are marshalled (by default this is done with HMAC+pickle).

• `pyramid.testing.DummyRequest` now supports methods supplied by the `pyramid.util.InstancePropertyMixin` class such as `set_property`.

• Request properties and methods added via `config.set_request_property` or `config.add_request_method` are now available to tweens.

• Request properties and methods added via `config.set_request_property` or `config.add_request_method` are now available in the request object returned from `pyramid.paster.bootstrap`.

• `request.context` of `environment request during bootstrap` is now the root object if a context isn’t already set on a provided request.

• The `pyramid.decorator.reify` function is now an API, and was added to the API documentation.

• Added the `pyramid.testing.testConfig` context manager, which can be used to generate a configurator in a test, e.g. `with testing.testConfig(...)::`

• Users can now invoke a subrequest from within view code using a new `request.invoke_subrequest` API.
Deprecations

- The `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_request_property` has been documentation-deprecated. The method remains usable but the more featureful `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_request_method` should be used in its place (it has all of the same capabilities but can also extend the request object with methods).

Backwards Incompatibilities

- The Pyramid router no longer adds the values `bfg.routes.route` or `bfg.routes.matchdict` to the request’s WSGI environment dictionary. These values were docs-deprecated in `repoze.bfg` 1.0 (effectively seven minor releases ago). If your code depended on these values, use `request.matched_route` and `request.matchdict` instead.

- It is no longer possible to pass an environ dictionary directly to `pyramid.traversal.ResourceTreeTraverser.__call__` (aka `ModelGraphTraverser.__call__`). Instead, you must pass a request object. Passing an environment instead of a request has generated a deprecation warning since Pyramid 1.1.

- Pyramid will no longer work properly if you use the `webob.request.LegacyRequest` as a request factory. Instances of the `LegacyRequest` class have a `request.path_info` which returns a string. This Pyramid release assumes that `request.path_info` will unconditionally be Unicode.

- The functions from `pyramid.chameleon_zpt` and `pyramid.chameleon_text` named `get_renderer`, `get_template`, `render_template`, and `render_template_to_response` have been removed. These have issued a deprecation warning upon import since Pyramid 1.0. Use `pyramid.renderers.get_renderer()`, `pyramid.renderers.get_renderer().implementation()`, `pyramid.renderers.render()` or `pyramid.renderers.render_to_response` respectively instead of these functions.

- The `pyramid.configuration` module was removed. It had been deprecated since Pyramid 1.0 and printed a deprecation warning upon its use. Use `pyramid.config` instead.

- The `pyramid.paster.PyramidTemplate` API was removed. It had been deprecated since Pyramid 1.1 and issued a warning on import. If your code depended on this, adjust your code to import `pyramid.scaffolds.PyramidTemplate` instead.

- The `pyramid.settings.get_settings()` API was removed. It had been printing a deprecation warning since Pyramid 1.0. If your code depended on this API, use `pyramid.threadlocal.get_current_registry().settings` instead or use the `settings` attribute of the registry available from the request (`request.registry.settings`).
• These APIs from the pyramid.testing module were removed. They have been printing deprecation warnings since Pyramid 1.0:
    testing_securitypolicy instead.
  - registerResources (aka registerModels, use pyramid.config.
    Configurator.testing_resources instead.
  - registerEventListener, use pyramid.config.Configurator.
    testing_add_subscriber instead.
  - registerTemplateRenderer (aka registerDummyRenderer'), use pyramid.
    config.Configurator.testing_add_template instead.
  - registerView, use pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view instead.
    registerUtility instead.
  - registerAdapter, use pyramid.config.Configurator.registry.
    registerAdapter instead.
  - registerSubscriber, use pyramid.config.Configurator.
    add_subscriber instead.
  - registerRoute, use pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route instead.
  - registerSettings, use pyramid.config.Configurator.add_settings in-
    stead.

• In Pyramid 1.3 and previous, the __call__ method of a Response object was invoked before any finished callbacks were executed. As of this release, the __call__ method of a Response object is invoked after finished callbacks are executed. This is in support of the request.
  invoke_subrequest feature.

• The 200-series exception responses named HTTPCreated, HTTPAccepted, HTTPNonAuthoritativeInformation, HTTPNoContent, HTTPResetContent, and HTTPPartialContent in pyramid.httpexceptions no longer inherit from HTTPOk. Instead they inherit from a new base class named HTTPSuccessful. This will have no effect on you unless you’ve registered an exception view for HTTPOk and expect that exception view to catch all the aforementioned exceptions.
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Documentation

• Added an ”Upgrading Pyramid” chapter to the narrative documentation. It describes how to cope with deprecations and removals of Pyramid APIs and how to show Pyramid-generated deprecation warnings while running tests and while running a server.

• Added a ”Invoking a Subrequest” chapter to the documentation. It describes how to use the new request.invoke_subrequest API.

Dependencies

• Pyramid now requires WebOb 1.2b3+ (the prior Pyramid release only relied on 1.2dev+). This is to ensure that we obtain a version of WebOb that returns request.path_info as text.

1.3 (2012-03-21)

Bug Fixes

• When pyramid.wsgi.wsgiapp2 calls the downstream WSGI app, the app’s environ will no longer have (deprecated and potentially misleading) bfg.routes.matchdict or bfg.routes.route keys in it. A symptom of this bug would be a wsgiapp2-wrapped Pyramid app finding the wrong view because it mistakenly detects that a route was matched when, in fact, it was not.

• The fix for issue https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/461 (which made it possible for instance methods to be used as view callables) introduced a backwards incompatibility when methods that declared only a request argument were used. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/503

1.3b3 (2012-03-17)

Bug Fixes

• config.add_view(<aninstancemethod>) raised AttributeError involving __text__. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/461

• Remove references to do-nothing pyramid.debug_templates setting in all Pyramid-provided .ini files. This setting previously told Chameleon to render better exceptions; now Chameleon always renders nice exceptions regardless of the value of this setting.
Scaffolds

- The alchemy scaffold now shows an informative error message in the browser if the person creating the project forgets to run the initialization script.
- The alchemy scaffold initialization script is now called initialize_<projectname>_db instead of populate_<projectname>.

Documentation

- Wiki tutorials improved due to collaboration at PyCon US 2012 sprints.

1.3b2 (2012-03-02)

Bug Fixes

- The method pyramid.request.Request.partial_application_url is no longer in the API docs. It was meant to be a private method; its publication in the documentation as an API method was a mistake, and it has been renamed to something private.
- When a static view was registered using an absolute filesystem path on Windows, the request.static_url function did not work to generate URLs to its resources. Symptom: ”No static URL definition matching c:\foo\bar\baz”.
- Make all tests pass on Windows XP.
- Bug in ACL authentication checking on Python 3: the permits and principals_allowed_by_permission method of pyramid.authorization.ACLAuthenticationPolicy could return an inappropriate True value when a permission on an ACL was a string rather than a sequence, and then only if the ACL permission string was a substring of the permission value passed to the function.

This bug effects no Pyramid deployment under Python 2; it is a bug that exists only in deployments running on Python 3. It has existed since Pyramid 1.3a1.

This bug was due to the presence of an __iter__ attribute on strings under Python 3 which is not present under strings in Python 2.
Bug Fixes

- `pyramid.config.Configurator.with_package` didn’t work if the Configurator was an old-style `pyramid.configuration.Configurator` instance.
- Pyramid authorization policies did not show up in the introspector.

Deprecations

- All references to the `tmpl_context` request variable were removed from the docs. Its existence in Pyramid is confusing for people who were never Pylons users. It was added as a porting convenience for Pylons users in Pyramid 1.0, but it never caught on because the Pyramid rendering system is a lot different than Pylons’ was, and alternate ways exist to do what it was designed to offer in Pylons. It will continue to exist ”forever” but it will not be recommended or mentioned in the docs.

Features

- Add an introspection boolean to the Configurator constructor. If this is `True`, actions registered using the Configurator will be registered with the introspector. If it is `False`, they won’t. The default is `True`. Setting it to `False` during action processing will prevent introspection for any following registration statements, and setting it to `True` will start them up again. This addition is to service a requirement that the debug toolbar’s own views and methods not show up in the introspector.
- New API: `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_notfound_view`. This is a wrapper for `pyramid.Config.configurator.add_view` which provides easy `append_slash` support and does the right thing about permissions. It should be preferred over calling `add_view` directly with `context=HTTPNotFound` as was previously recommended.
- New API: `pyramid.view.notfound_view_config`. This is a decorator constructor like `pyramid.view.view_config` that calls `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_notfound_view` when scanned. It should be preferred over using `pyramid.view.view_config` with `context=HTTPNotFound` as was previously recommended.
• New API: `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_forbidden_view`. This is a wrapper for `pyramid.Config.configurator.add_view` which does the right thing about permissions. It should be preferred over calling `add_view` directly with `context=HTTPForbidden` as was previously recommended.

• New API: `pyramid.view.forbidden_view_config`. This is a decorator constructor like `pyramid.view.view_config` that calls `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_forbidden_view` when scanned. It should be preferred over using `pyramid.view.view_config` with `context=HTTPForbidden` as was previously recommended.

• New APIs: `pyramid.response.FileResponse` and `pyramid.response.FileIter`, for usage in views that must serve files "manually".

**Backwards Incompatibilities**

• Remove `pyramid.config.Configurator.with_context` class method. It was never an API, it is only used by `pyramid_zcml` and its functionality has been moved to that package's latest release. This means that you’ll need to use the 0.9.2 or later release of `pyramid_zcml` with this release of Pyramid.

• The `introspector` argument to the `pyramid.config.Configurator` constructor API has been removed. It has been replaced by the boolean `introspection` flag.

• The `pyramid.registry.noop_introspector` API object has been removed.

• The older deprecated `set_notfound_view` Configurator method is now an alias for the new `add_notfound_view` Configurator method. Likewise, the older deprecated `set_forbidden_view` is now an alias for the new `add_forbidden_view`. This has the following impact: the context sent to views with a `(context, request)` call signature registered via the `set_notfound_view` or `set_forbidden_view` will now be an exception object instead of the actual resource context found. Use `request.context` to get the actual resource context. It’s also recommended to disuse `set_notfound_view` in favor of `add_notfound_view`, and disuse `set_forbidden_view` in favor of `add_forbidden_view` despite the aliasing.

**Deprecations**

• The API documentation for `pyramid.view.append_slash_notfound_view` and `pyramid.view.AppendSlashNotFoundViewFactory` was removed. These names still exist and are still importable, but they are no longer APIs. Use `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_notfound_view(append_slash=True)` or `pyramid.view.notfound_view_config(append_slash=True)` to get the same behavior.

• The `set_forbidden_view` and `set_notfound_view` methods of the Configurator were removed from the documentation. They have been deprecated since Pyramid 1.1.
Bug Fixes

- The static file response object used by `config.add_static_view` opened the static file twice, when it only needed to open it once.

- The `AppendSlashNotFoundViewFactory` used `request.path` to match routes. This was wrong because `request.path` contains the script name, and this would cause it to fail in circumstances where the script name was not empty. It should have used `request.path_info`, and now does.

Documentation

- Updated the "Creating a Not Found View" section of the "Hooks" chapter, replacing explanations of registering a view using `add_view` or `view_config` with ones using `add_notfound_view` or `notfound_view_config`.

- Updated the "Creating a Not Forbidden View" section of the "Hooks" chapter, replacing explanations of registering a view using `add_view` or `view_config` with ones using `add_forbidden_view` or `forbidden_view_config`.

- Updated the "Redirecting to Slash-Appended Routes" section of the "URL Dispatch" chapter, replacing explanations of registering a view using `add_view` or `view_config` with ones using `add_notfound_view` or `notfound_view_config`.

- Updated all tutorials to use `pyramid.view.forbidden_view_config` rather than `pyramid.view.view_config` with an HTTPForbidden context.

1.3a8 (2012-02-19)

Features

- The `scan` method of a `Configurator` can be passed an `ignore` argument, which can be a string, a callable, or a list consisting of strings and/or callables. This feature allows submodules, subpackages, and global objects from being scanned. See https://venusian.readthedocs.io/en/latest/#ignore-scan-argument for more information about how to use the `ignore` argument to `scan`.

- Better error messages when a view callable returns a value that cannot be converted to a response (for example, when a view callable returns a dictionary without a renderer defined, or doesn’t return any value at all). The error message now contains information about the view callable itself as well as the result of calling it.
• Better error message when a .pyc-only module is `config.include`-ed. This is not permitted due to error reporting requirements, and a better error message is shown when it is attempted. Previously it would fail with something like "AttributeError: 'NoneType' object has no attribute 'rfind'".

• Add `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_traverser` API method. See the Hooks narrative documentation section entitled "Changing the Traverser" for more information. This is not a new feature, it just provides an API for adding a traverser without needing to use the ZCA API.

• Add `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_resource_url_adapter` API method. See the Hooks narrative documentation section entitled "Changing How pyramid.request.Request.resource_url Generates a URL" for more information. This is not a new feature, it just provides an API for adding a resource url adapter without needing to use the ZCA API.

• The system value `req` is now supplied to renderers as an alias for `request`. This means that you can now, for example, in a template, do `req.route_url(...)` instead of `request.route_url(...)`. This is purely a change to reduce the amount of typing required to use request methods and attributes from within templates. The value `request` is still available too, this is just an alternative.

• A new interface was added: `pyramid.interfaces.IResourceURL`. An adapter implementing its interface can be used to override resource URL generation when `request.resource_url` is called. This interface replaces the now-deprecated `pyramid.interfaces.IContextURL` interface.

• The dictionary passed to a resource’s `__resource_url__` method (see "Overriding Resource URL Generation" in the "Resources" chapter) now contains an `app_url` key, representing the application URL generated during `request.resource_url`. It represents a potentially customized URL prefix, containing potentially custom scheme, host and port information passed by the user to `request.resource_url`. It should be used instead of `request.application_url` where necessary.

• The `request.resource_url` API now accepts these arguments: `app_url`, `scheme`, `host`, and `port`. The `app_url` argument can be used to replace the URL prefix wholesale during url generation. The `scheme`, `host`, and `port` arguments can be used to replace the respective default values of `request.application_url` partially.

• A new API named `request.resource_path` now exists. It works like `request.resource_url` but produces a relative URL rather than an absolute one.

• The `request.route_url` API now accepts these arguments: `_app_url`, `_scheme`, `_host`, and `_port`. The `_app_url` argument can be used to replace the URL prefix wholesale during url generation. The `_scheme`, `_host`, and `_port` arguments can be used to replace the respective default values of `request.application_url` partially.
Backwards Incompatibilities

- The `pyramid.interfaces.IContextURL` interface has been deprecated. People have been instructed to use this to register a resource url adapter in the "Hooks" chapter to use to influence `request.resource_url` URL generation for resources found via custom traversers since Pyramid 1.0.

  The interface still exists and registering such an adapter still works, but this interface will be removed from the software after a few major Pyramid releases. You should replace it with an equivalent `pyramid.interfaces.IResourceURL` adapter, registered using the new `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_resource_url_adapter` API. A deprecation warning is now emitted when a `pyramid.interfaces.IContextURL` adapter is found when `request.resource_url` is called.

Documentation

- Don’t create a `session` instance in SQLA Wiki tutorial, use raw `DBSession` instead (this is more common in real SQLA apps).

Scaffolding

- Put `pyramid.includes` targets within ini files in scaffolds on separate lines in order to be able to tell people to comment out only the `pyramid_debugtoolbar` line when they want to disable the toolbar.

Dependencies

- Depend on `venusian` >= 1.0a3 to provide scan ignore support.

Internal

- Create a "MakoRendererFactoryHelper" that provides customizable settings key prefixes. Allows settings prefixes other than "mako." to be used to create different factories that don’t use the global mako settings. This will be useful for the debug toolbar, which can currently be sabotaged by someone using custom mako configuration settings.
1.3a7 (2012-02-07)

Features

• More informative error message when a `config.include` cannot find an ` includeme`. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/392.

• Internal: catch unhashable discriminators early (raise an error instead of allowing them to find their way into resolveConflicts).

• The `match_param` view predicate now accepts a string or a tuple. This replaces the broken behavior of accepting a dict. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/425 for more information.

Bug Fixes

• The process will now restart when `pserve` is used with the `--reload` flag when the `development.ini` file (or any other `.ini` file in use) is changed. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/377 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/411

• The `prequest` script would fail when used against URLs which did not return HTML or text. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/381

Backwards Incompatibilities

• The `match_param` view predicate no longer accepts a dict. This will have no negative affect because the implementation was broken for dict-based arguments.

Documentation

• Add a traversal hello world example to the narrative docs.
1.3a6 (2012-01-20)

Features

- New API: `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_request_property`. Add lazy property descriptors to a request without changing the request factory. This method provides conflict detection and is the suggested way to add properties to a request.

- Responses generated by Pyramid’s `static_view` now use a `wsgi.file_wrapper` (see https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0333/#optional-platform-specific-file-handling) when one is provided by the web server.

Bug Fixes

- Views registered with an `accept` could not be overridden correctly with a different view that had the same predicate arguments. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/404 for more information.

- When using a dotted name for a `view` argument to `Configurator.add_view` that pointed to a class with a `view_defaults` decorator, the view defaults would not be applied. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/396.

- Static URL paths were URL-quoted twice. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/407.

1.3a5 (2012-01-09)

Bug Fixes

- The `pyramid.view.view_defaults` decorator did not work properly when more than one view relied on the defaults being different for configuration conflict resolution. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/394.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- The `path_info` route and view predicates now match against `request.upath_info` (Unicode) rather than `request.path_info` (indeterminate value based on Python 3 vs. Python 2). This has to be done to normalize matching on Python 2 and Python 3.
1.3a4 (2012-01-05)

Features

- New API: `pyramid.request.Request.set_property`. Add lazy property descriptors to a request without changing the request factory. New properties may be reified, effectively caching the value for the lifetime of the instance. Common use-cases for this would be to get a database connection for the request or identify the current user.

- Use the `waitress` WSGI server instead of `wsgiref` in scaffolding.

Bug Fixes

- The documentation of `pyramid.events.subscriber` indicated that using it as a decorator with no arguments like this:

```python
@subscriber()
def somefunc(event):
    pass
```

Would register `somefunc` to receive all events sent via the registry, but this was untrue. Instead, it would receive no events at all. This has now been fixed and the code matches the documentation. See also https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/386

- Literal portions of route patterns were not URL-quoted when `route_url` or `route_path` was used to generate a URL or path.

- The result of `route_path` or `route_url` might have been `unicode` or `str` depending on the input. It is now guaranteed to always be `str`.

- URL matching when the pattern contained non-ASCII characters in literal parts was indeterminate. Now the pattern supplied to `add_route` is assumed to be either: a `unicode` value, or a `str` value that contains only ASCII characters. If you now want to match the path info from a URL that contains high order characters, you can pass the Unicode representation of the decoded path portion in the pattern.

- When using a `traverse=` route predicate, traversal would fail with a `URLDecodeError` if there were any high-order characters in the traversal pattern or in the matched dynamic segments.

- Using a dynamic segment named `traverse` in a route pattern like this:
Would cause a UnicodeDecodeError when the route was matched and the matched portion of the URL contained any high-order characters. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/385.

- When using a *traverse stararg in a route pattern, a URL that matched that possessed a @@ in its name (signifying a view name) would be inappropriately quoted by the traversal machinery during traversal, resulting in the view not being found properly. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/382 and https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/375.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- String values passed to route_url or route_path that are meant to replace "remainder" matches will now be URL-quoted except for embedded slashes. For example:

```python
config.add_route('remain', '/foo*remainder')
request.route_path('remain', remainder='abc / def')
# -> '/foo/abc%20/%20def'
```

Previously string values passed as remainder replacements were tacked on untouched, without any URL-quoting. But this doesn’t really work logically if the value passed is Unicode (raw unicode cannot be placed in a URL or in a path) and it is inconsistent with the rest of the URL generation machinery if the value is a string (it won’t be quoted unless by the caller).

Some folks will have been relying on the older behavior to tack on query string elements and anchor portions of the URL; sorry, you’ll need to change your code to use the _query and/or _anchor arguments to route_path or route_url to do this now.

- If you pass a bytestring that contains non-ASCII characters to add_route as a pattern, it will now fail at startup time. Use Unicode instead.

1.3a3 (2011-12-21)

Features

- Added a prequest script (along the lines of paster request). It is documented in the "Command-Line Pyramid" chapter in the section entitled "Invoking a Request".

- Add undocumented __discriminator__ API to derived view callables. e.g. adapters.lookup(...).__discriminator__(context, request). It will be used by superdynamic systems that require the discriminator to be used for introspection after manual view lookup.
Bug Fixes

• Normalized exit values and \(-h\) output for all \(p^*\) scripts (pviews, proutes, etc).

Documentation

• Added a section named ”Making Your Script into a Console Script” in the ”Command-Line Pyramid” chapter.

• Removed the ”Running Pyramid on Google App Engine” tutorial from the main docs. It survives on in the Cookbook (https://docs.pylonsproject.org/projects/pyramid_cookbook/en/latest/deployment/gae.html). Rationale: it provides the correct info for the Python 2.5 version of GAE only, and this version of Pyramid does not support Python 2.5.

1.3a2 (2011-12-14)

Features

• New API: \texttt{pyramid.view.view_defaults}. If you use a class as a view, you can use the new \texttt{view_defaults} class decorator on the class to provide defaults to the view configuration information used by every \texttt{@view_config} decorator that decorates a method of that class. It also works against view configurations involving a class made imperatively.

• Added a backwards compatibility knob to \texttt{pcreate} to emulate \texttt{paster create} handling for the --list-templates option.

• Changed scaffolding machinery around a bit to make it easier for people who want to have extension scaffolds that can work across Pyramid 1.0.X, 1.1.X, 1.2.X and 1.3.X. See the new ”Creating Pyramid Scaffolds” chapter in the narrative documentation for more info.

Documentation

• Added documentation to ”View Configuration” narrative documentation chapter about \texttt{view_defaults} class decorator.

• Added API docs for \texttt{view_defaults} class decorator.

• Added an API docs chapter for \texttt{pyramid.scaffolds}.

• Added a narrative docs chapter named ”Creating Pyramid Scaffolds”.

0.6. Change History
Backwards Incompatibilities

- The `template_renderer` method of `pyramid.scaffolds.PyramidScaffold` was renamed to `render_template`. If you were overriding it, you’re a bad person, because it wasn’t an API before now. But we’re nice so we’re letting you know.

1.3a1 (2011-12-09)

Features

- Python 3.2 compatibility.
- New `pyramid.compat` module and API documentation which provides Python 2/3 straddling support for Pyramid add-ons and development environments.
- A `mako.directories` setting is no longer required to use Mako templates Rationale: Mako template renderers can be specified using an absolute asset spec. An entire application can be written with such asset specs, requiring no ordered lookup path.
- `bpython` interpreter compatibility in `pshell`. See the ”Command-Line Pyramid” narrative docs chapter for more information.
- Added `get_appsettings` API function to the `pyramid.paster` module. This function returns the settings defined within an `[app:...]` section in a PasteDeploy ini file.
- Added `setup_logging` API function to the `pyramid.paster` module. This function sets up Python logging according to the logging configuration in a PasteDeploy ini file.
- Configuration conflict reporting is reported in a more understandable way (”Line 11 in file...” vs. a repr of a tuple of similar info).
- A configuration introspection system was added; see the narrative documentation chapter entitled ”Pyramid Configuration Introspection” for more information. New APIs: `pyramid.registry.Introspectable`, `pyramid.config.Configurator.introspector`, `pyramid.config.Configurator.introspectable`, `pyramid.registry.Registry.introspector`.
- Allow extra keyword arguments to be passed to the `pyramid.config.Configurator.action` method.
- New APIs: `pyramid.path.AssetResolver` and `pyramid.path.DottedNameResolver`. The former can be used to resolve asset specifications, the latter can be used to resolve dotted names to modules or packages.
Bug Fixes

- Make test suite pass on 32-bit systems; closes #286. closes #306. See also https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/286
- The pyramid.view.view_config decorator did not accept a match_params predicate argument. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/308
- The AuthTktCookieHelper could potentially generate Unicode headers inappropriately when the tokens argument to remember was used. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/314.
- The AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy did not use a timing-attack-aware string comparator. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/320 for more info.
- The DummySession in pyramid.testing now generates a new CSRF token if one doesn’t yet exist.
- request.static_url now generates URL-quoted URLs when fed a path argument which contains characters that are unsuitable for URLs. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/349 for more info.
- Prevent a scaffold rendering from being named site (conflicts with Python internal site.py).
- Support for using instances as targets of the pyramid.wsgi.wsgiapp and pyramid.wsgi.wsgiapp2 functions. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/370 for more info.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- Pyramid no longer runs on Python 2.5 (which includes the most recent release of Jython and the Python 2.5 version of GAE as of this writing).
- The paster command is no longer the documented way to create projects, start the server, or run debugging commands. To create projects from scaffolds, paster create is replaced by the pcreate console script. To serve up a project, paster serve is replaced by the pserve console script. New console scripts named pshell, pviews, proutes, and ptweens do what their paster <commandname> equivalents used to do. Rationale: the Paste and PasteScript packages do not run under Python 3.
- The default WSGI server run as the result of pserve from newly rendered scaffolding is now the wsgiref WSGI server instead of the paste.httpserver server. Rationale: Rationale: the Paste and PasteScript packages do not run under Python 3.
- The pshell command (see "paster pshell") no longer accepts a --disable-ipython command-line argument. Instead, it accepts a -p or --python-shell argument, which can be any of the values python, ipython or bpython.
• Removed the pyramid.renderers.renderer_from_name function. It has been deprecated since Pyramid 1.0, and was never an API.

• To use ZCML with versions of Pyramid >= 1.3, you will need pyramid_zcml version >= 0.8 and zope.configuration version >= 3.8.0. The pyramid_zcml package version 0.8 is backwards compatible all the way to Pyramid 1.0, so you won’t be warned if you have older versions installed and upgrade Pyramid “in-place”; it may simply break instead.

Dependencies

• Pyramid no longer depends on the zope.component package, except as a testing dependency.

• Pyramid now depends on a zope.interface>=3.8.0, WebOb>=1.2.dev, repoze.lru>=0.4, zope.deprecation>=3.5.0, translationstring>=0.4 (for Python 3 compatibility purposes). It also, as a testing dependency, depends on WebTest>=1.3.1 for the same reason.

• Pyramid no longer depends on the Paste or PasteScript packages.

Documentation

• The SQLAlchemy Wiki tutorial has been updated. It now uses @view_config decorators and an explicit database population script.

• Minor updates to the ZODB Wiki tutorial.

• A narrative documentation chapter named "Extending Pyramid Configuration" was added; it describes how to add a new directive, and how use the pyramid.config.Configurator.action method within custom directives. It also describes how to add introspectable objects.

• A narrative documentation chapter named "Pyramid Configuration Introspection" was added. It describes how to query the introspection system.

Scaffolds

• Rendered scaffolds have now been changed to be more relocatable (fewer mentions of the package name within files in the package).

• The routesalchemy scaffold has been renamed alchemy, replacing the older (traversal-based) alchemy scaffold (which has been retired).

• The starter scaffold now uses URL dispatch by default.
1.2 (2011-09-12)

Features

• Route pattern replacement marker names can now begin with an underscore. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/276.

1.2b3 (2011-09-11)

Bug Fixes

• The route prefix was not taken into account when a static view was added in an “include”. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/266.

1.2b2 (2011-09-08)

Bug Fixes

• The 1.2b1 tarball was a brownbag (particularly for Windows users) because it contained filenames with stray quotation marks in inappropriate places. We depend on setuptools-git to produce release tarballs, and when it was run to produce the 1.2b1 tarball, it didn’t yet cope well with files present in git repositories with high-order characters in their filenames.

Documentation

• Minor tweaks to the “Introduction” narrative chapter example app and wording.
1.2b1 (2011-09-08)

Bug Fixes

- Sometimes falling back from territory translations (de_DE) to language translations (de) would not work properly when using a localizer. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/263
- The static file serving machinery could not serve files that started with a . (dot) character.
- Static files with high-order (super-ASCII) characters in their names could not be served by a static view. The static file serving machinery inappropriately URL-quoted path segments in filenames when asking for files from the filesystem.
- Within pyramid.traversal.traversal_path, canonicalize URL segments from UTF-8 to Unicode before checking whether a segment matches literally one of .., the empty string, or . in case there’s some sneaky way someone might tunnel those strings via UTF-8 that don’t match the literals before decoded.

Documentation

- Added a ”What Makes Pyramid Unique” section to the Introduction narrative chapter.

1.2a6 (2011-09-06)

Bug Fixes

- AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy with a reissue_time interfered with logout. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/262.

Internal

- Internalize code previously depended upon as imports from the paste.auth module (future-proof).
- Replaced use of paste.urlparser.StaticURLParser with a derivative of Chris Rossi’s ”happy” static file serving code (futureproof).
- Fixed test suite; on some systems tests would fail due to indeterminate test run ordering and a double-push-single-pop of a shared test variable.
Behavior Differences

- An ETag header is no longer set when serving a static file. A Last-Modified header is set instead.
- Static file serving no longer supports the `wsgi.file_wrapper` extension.
- Instead of returning a 403 Forbidden error when a static file is served that cannot be accessed by the Pyramid process’ user due to file permissions, an IOError (or similar) will be raised.

Scaffolds

- All scaffolds now send the `cache_max_age` parameter to the `add_static_view` method.

1.2a5 (2011-09-04)

Bug Fixes

- The `route_prefix` of a configurator was not properly taken into account when registering routes in certain circumstances. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/260

Dependencies

- The `zope.configuration` package is no longer a dependency.

1.2a4 (2011-09-02)

Features

- Support an `onerror` keyword argument to `pyramid.config.Configurator.scan()`. This onerror keyword argument is passed to `venusian.Scanner.scan()` to influence error behavior when an exception is raised during scanning.
• The request_method predicate argument to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view and pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route is now permitted to be a tuple of HTTP method names. Previously it was restricted to being a string representing a single HTTP method name.

• Undeprecated pyramid.traversal.find_model, pyramid.traversal.model_path, pyramid.traversal.model_path_tuple, and pyramid.url.model_url, which were all deprecated in Pyramid 1.0. There’s just not much cost to keeping them around forever as aliases to their renamed resource_* prefixed functions.

• Undeprecated pyramid.view.bfg_view, which was deprecated in Pyramid 1.0. This is a low-cost alias to pyramid.view.view_config which we’ll just keep around forever.

Dependencies

• Pyramid now requires Venusian 1.0a1 or better to support the onerror keyword argument to pyramid.config.Configurator.scan.

1.2a3 (2011-08-29)

Bug Fixes

• Pyramid did not properly generate static URLs using pyramid.url.static_url when passed a caller-package relative path due to a refactoring done in 1.2a1.

• The settings object emitted a deprecation warning any time __getattr__ was called upon it. However, there are legitimate situations in which __getattr__ is called on arbitrary objects (e.g. hasattr). Now, the settings object only emits the warning upon successful lookup.

Internal

• Use config.with_package in view_config decorator rather than manufacturing a new renderer helper (cleanup).
1.2a2 (2011-08-27)

**Bug Fixes**

- When a `renderers=` argument is not specified to the Configurator constructor, eagerly register and commit the default renderer set. This permits the overriding of the default renderers, which was broken in 1.2a1 without a commit directly after Configurator construction.
- Mako rendering exceptions had the wrong value for an error message.
- An include could not set a root factory successfully because the Configurator constructor unconditionally registered one that would be treated as if it were ”the word of the user”.

**Features**

- A session factory can now be passed in using the dotted name syntax.

1.2a1 (2011-08-24)

**Features**

- The `[pshell]` section in an ini configuration file now treats a `setup` key as a dotted name that points to a callable that is passed the bootstrap environment. It can mutate the environment as necessary for great justice.
- A new configuration setting named `pyramid.includes` is now available. It is described in the ”Environment Variables and .ini Files Settings” narrative documentation chapter.
- Added a `route_prefix` argument to the `pyramid.config.Configurator.include` method. This argument allows you to compose URL dispatch applications together. See the section entitled ”Using a Route Prefix to Compose Applications” in the ”URL Dispatch” narrative documentation chapter.
- Added a `pyramid.security.NO_PERMISSION_REQUIRED` constant for use in `permission=` statements to view configuration. This constant has a value of the string `__no_permission_required__`. This string value was previously referred to in documentation; now the documentation uses the constant.
- Added a decorator-based way to configure a response adapter: `pyramid.response.response_adapter`. This decorator has the same use as `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_response_adapter` but it’s declarative.
• The `pyramid.events.BeforeRender` event now has an attribute named `rendering_val`. This can be used to introspect the value returned by a view in a BeforeRender subscriber.

• New configurator directive: `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_tween`. This directive adds a "tween". A "tween" is used to wrap the Pyramid router’s primary request handling function. This is a feature that may be used by Pyramid framework extensions, to provide, for example, view timing support and as a convenient place to hang bookkeeping code.

  Tweens are further described in the narrative docs section in the Hooks chapter, named "Registering Tweens".

• New paster command `paster ptweens`, which prints the current "tween" configuration for an application. See the section entitled "Displaying Tweens" in the Command-Line Pyramid chapter of the narrative documentation for more info.

• The Pyramid debug logger now uses the standard logging configuration (usually set up by Paste as part of startup). This means that output from e.g. `debug_notfound`, `debug_authorization`, etc. will go to the normal logging channels. The logger name of the debug logger will be the package name of the `caller` of the Configurator’s constructor.

• A new attribute is available on request objects: `exc_info`. Its value will be `None` until an exception is caught by the Pyramid router, after which it will be the result of `sys.exc_info()`.

• `pyramid.testing.DummyRequest` now implements the `add_finished_callback` and `add_response_callback` methods.

• New methods of the `pyramid.config.Configurator` class: `set_authentication_policy` and `set_authorization_policy`. These are meant to be consumed mostly by add-on authors.

• New Configurator method: `set_root_factory`.

• Pyramid no longer eagerly commits some default configuration statements at Configurator construction time, which permits values passed in as constructor arguments (e.g. `authentication_policy` and `authorization_policy`) to override the same settings obtained via an "include".

• Better Mako rendering exceptions via `pyramid.mako_templating.MakoRenderingException`

• New request methods: `current_route_url`, `current_route_path`, and `static_path`.

• New functions in `pyramid.url`: `current_route_path` and `static_path`.

• The `pyramid.request.Request.static_url` API (and its brethren `pyramid.request.Request.static_path`, `pyramid.url.static_url`, and `pyramid.url.static_path`) now accept an absolute filename as a "path" argument. This will generate a URL to an asset as long as the filename is in a directory which was previously registered as a static view. Previously, trying to generate a URL to an asset using an absolute file path would raise a `ValueError`. 
• The RemoteUserAuthenticationPolicy, AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy, and SessionAuthenticationPolicy constructors now accept an additional keyword argument named debug. By default, this keyword argument is False. When it is True, debug information will be sent to the Pyramid debug logger (usually on stderr) when the authenticated_userid or effective_principals method is called on any of these policies. The output produced can be useful when trying to diagnose authentication-related problems.

• New view predicate: match_param. Example: a view added via config.add_view(aview, match_param='action=edit') will be called only when the request.matchdict has a value inside it named action with a value of edit.

**Internal**

• The Pyramid “exception view” machinery is now implemented as a “tween” (pyramid.tweens.excview_tween_factory).

• WSGIHTTPException (HTTPFound, HTTPNotFound, etc) now has a new API named “prepare” which renders the body and content type when it is provided with a WSGI environ. Required for debug toolbar.

• Once __call__ or prepare is called on a WSGIHTTPException, the body will be set, and subsequent calls to __call__ will always return the same body. Delete the body attribute to rerender the exception body.

• Previously the pyramid.events.BeforeRender event wrapped a dictionary (it addressed it as its _system attribute). Now it is a dictionary (it inherits from dict), and it’s the value that is passed to templates as a top-level dictionary.

• The route_url, route_path, resource_url, static_url, and current_route_url functions in the pyramid.url package now delegate to a method on the request they’ve been passed, instead of the other way around. The pyramid.request.Request object now inherits from a mixin named pyramid.url.URLMethodsMixin to make this possible, and all url/path generation logic is embedded in this mixin.

• Refactor pyramid.config into a package.

• Removed the _set_security_policies method of the Configurator.

• Moved the StaticURLInfo class from pyramid.static to pyramid.config.views.

• Move the Settings class from pyramid.settings to pyramid.config.settings.

• Move the OverrideProvider, PackageOverrides, DirectoryOverride, and FileOverride classes from pyramid.asset to pyramid.config.assets.
Deprecations

- All Pyramid-related deployment settings (e.g. debug_all, debug_notfound) are now meant to be prefixed with the prefix pyramid.. For example: debug_all -> pyramid.debug_all. The old non-prefixed settings will continue to work indefinitely but supplying them may eventually print a deprecation warning. All scaffolds and tutorials have been changed to use prefixed settings.

- The settings dictionary now raises a deprecation warning when you attempt to access its values via __getattr__ instead of via __getitem__.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- If a string is passed as the debug_logger parameter to a Configurator, that string is considered to be the name of a global Python logger rather than a dotted name to an instance of a logger.

- The pyramid.config.Configurator.include method now accepts only a single callable argument (a sequence of callables used to be permitted). If you are passing more than one callable to pyramid.config.Configurator.include, it will break. You now must now instead make a separate call to the method for each callable. This change was introduced to support the route_prefix feature of include.

- It may be necessary to more strictly order configuration route and view statements when using an ”autocommitting” Configurator. In the past, it was possible to add a view which named a route name before adding a route with that name when you used an autocommitting configurator. For example:

```python
config = Configurator(autocommit=True)
config.add_view('my.pkg.someview', route_name='foo')
config.add_route('foo', '/'
```

The above will raise an exception when the view attempts to add itself. Now you must add the route before adding the view:

```python
config = Configurator(autocommit=True)
config.add_route('foo', '/foo')
config.add_view('my.pkg.someview', route_name='foo')
```

This won't effect ”normal” users, only people who have legacy BFG codebases that used an autocommitting configurator and possibly tests that use the configurator API (the configurator returned by pyramid.testing.setUp is an autocommitting configurator). The right way to get around this is to use a non-autocommitting configurator (the default), which does not have these directive ordering requirements.

- The pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route directive no longer returns a route object. This change was required to make route vs. view configuration processing work properly.
Documentation

- Narrative and API documentation which used the `route_url`, `route_path`, `resource_url`, `static_url`, and `current_route_url` functions in the `pyramid.url` package have now been changed to use eponymous methods of the request instead.
- Added a section entitled "Using a Route Prefix to Compose Applications" to the "URL Dispatch" narrative documentation chapter.
- Added a new module to the API docs: `pyramid.tweens`.
- Added a "Registering Tweens" section to the "Hooks" narrative chapter.
- Added a "Displaying Tweens" section to the "Command-Line Pyramid" narrative chapter.
- Added documentation for the `pyramid.tweens` and `pyramid.includes` configuration settings to the "Environment Variables and .ini Files Settings" chapter.
- Added a Logging chapter to the narrative docs (based on the Pylons logging docs, thanks Phil).
- Added a Paste chapter to the narrative docs (moved content from the Project chapter).
- Added the `pyramid.interfaces.IDict` interface representing the methods of a dictionary, for documentation purposes only (IMultiDict and IBeforeRender inherit from it).
- All tutorials now use - The `route_url`, `route_path`, `resource_url`, `static_url`, and `current_route_url` methods of the request rather than the function variants imported from `pyramid.url`.
- The ZODB wiki tutorial now uses the `pyramid_zodbconn` package rather than the `repoze.zodbconn` package to provide ZODB integration.

Dependency Changes

- Pyramid now relies on PasteScript >= 1.7.4. This version contains a feature important for allowing flexible logging configuration.

Scaffolds

- All scaffolds now use the `pyramid_tm` package rather than the `repoze.tm2` middleware to manage transaction management.
- The ZODB scaffold now uses the `pyramid_zodbconn` package rather than the `repoze.zodbconn` package to provide ZODB integration.
• All scaffolds now use the `pyramid_debugtoolbar` package rather than the `WebError` package to provide interactive debugging features.

• Projects created via a scaffold no longer depend on the `WebError` package at all; configuration in the `production.ini` file which used to require its `error_catcher` middleware has been removed. Configuring error catching / email sending is now the domain of the `pyramid_exclog` package (see https://docs.pylonsproject.org/projects/pyramid_exclog/en/latest/).

Bug Fixes

• Fixed an issue with the default renderer not working at certain times. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/249

1.1 (2011-07-22)

Features

• Added the `pyramid.renderers.null_renderer` object as an API. The null renderer is an object that can be used in advanced integration cases as input to the view configuration `renderer=` argument. When the null renderer is used as a view renderer argument, Pyramid avoids converting the view callable result into a Response object. This is useful if you want to reuse the view configuration and lookup machinery outside the context of its use by the Pyramid router. This feature was added for consumption by the `pyramid_rpc` package, which uses view configuration and lookup outside the context of a router in exactly this way. `pyramid_rpc` has been broken under 1.1 since 1.1b1; adding it allows us to make it work again.

• Change all scaffolding templates that point to docs.pylonsproject.org to use `/projects/pyramid/current` rather than `/projects/pyramid/dev`.

Internals

• Remove compat code that served only the purpose of providing backwards compatibility with Python 2.4.

• Add a deprecation warning for non-API function `pyramid.renderers.renderer_from_name` which has seen use in the wild.

• Add a clone method to `pyramid.renderers.RendererHelper` for use by the `pyramid.view.view_config` decorator.
Documentation

- Fixed two typos in wiki2 (SQLA + URL Dispatch) tutorial.
- Reordered chapters in narrative section for better new user friendliness.
- Added more indexing markers to sections in documentation.

1.1b4 (2011-07-18)

Documentation

- Added a section entitled "Writing a Script" to the "Command-Line Pyramid" chapter.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- We added the `pyramid.scripting.make_request` API too hastily in 1.1b3. It has been removed. Sorry for any inconvenience. Use the `pyramid.request.Request.blank` API instead.

Features

- The `paster pshell`, `paster pviews`, and `paster proutes` commands each now under the hood uses `pyramid.paster.bootstrap`, which makes it possible to supply an `.ini` file without naming the "right" section in the file that points at the actual Pyramid application. Instead, you can generally just run `paster {pshell|proutes|pviews} development.ini` and it will do mostly the right thing.

Bug Fixes

- Omit custom environ variables when rendering a custom exception template in `pyramid.httpexceptions.WSGIHTTPException._set_default_attrs`; stringifying these may trigger code that should not be executed; see https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/239
1.1b3 (2011-07-15)

Features

• Fix corner case to ease semifunctional testing of views: create a new rendererinfo to clear out old registry on a rescan. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/234.

• New API class: pyramid.static.static_view. This supersedes the deprecated pyramid.view.static class. pyramid.static.static_view by default serves up documents as the result of the request's path_info attribute rather than it's subpath attribute (the inverse was true of pyramid.view.static, and still is). pyramid.static.static_view exposes a use_subpath flag for use when you want the static view to behave like the older deprecated version.

• A new API function pyramid.paster.bootstrap has been added to make writing scripts that bootstrap a Pyramid environment easier, e.g.:

```
from pyramid.paster import bootstrap
info = bootstrap('/path/to/my/development.ini')
request = info['request']
print request.route_url('myroute')
```

• A new API function pyramid.scripting.prepare has been added. It is a lower-level analogue of pyramid.paster.bootstrap that accepts a request and a registry instead of a config file argument, and is used for the same purpose:

```
from pyramid.scripting import prepare
info = prepare(registry=myregistry)
request = info['request']
print request.route_url('myroute')
```

• A new API function pyramid.scripting.make_request has been added. The resulting request will have a registry attribute. It is meant to be used in conjunction with pyramid.scripting.prepare and/or pyramid.paster.bootstrap (both of which accept a request as an argument):

```
from pyramid.scripting import make_request
request = make_request('/')
```

• New API attribute pyramid.config.global_registries is an iterable object that contains references to every Pyramid registry loaded into the current process via pyramid.config.Configurator.make_app. It also has a last attribute containing the last registry loaded. This is used by the scripting machinery, and is available for introspection.
Deprecations

- The `pyramid.view.static` class has been deprecated in favor of the newer `pyramid.static.static_view` class. A deprecation warning is raised when it is used. You should replace it with a reference to `pyramid.static.static_view` with the `use_subpath=True` argument.

Bug Fixes

- Without a mo-file loaded for the combination of domain/locale, `pyramid.i18n.Localizer.pluralize` run using that domain/locale combination raised an inscrutable "translations object has no attr 'plural'" error. Now, instead it "works" (it uses a germanic pluralization by default). It's nonsensical to try to pluralize something without translations for that locale/domain available, but this behavior matches the behavior of `pyramid.i18n.Localizer.translate` so it's at least consistent; see https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/235.

1.1b2 (2011-07-13)

Features

- New environment setting `PYRAMID_PREVENT_HTTP_CACHE` and new configuration file value `prevent_http_cache`. These are synonymous and allow you to prevent HTTP cache headers from being set by Pyramid's `http_cache` machinery globally in a process. see the "Influencing HTTP Caching" section of the "View Configuration" narrative chapter and the detailed documentation for this setting in the "Environment Variables and Configuration Settings" narrative chapter.

Behavior Changes

- Previously, If a `BeforeRender` event subscriber added a value via the `__setitem__` or `update` methods of the event object with a key that already existed in the renderer globals dictionary, a `KeyError` was raised. With the deprecation of the "add_rendererGlobals" feature of the configurator, there was no way to override an existing value in the renderer globals dictionary that already existed. Now, the event object will overwrite an older value that is already in the globals dictionary when its `__setitem__` or `update` is called (as well as the new `setdefault` method), just like a plain old dictionary. As a result, for maximum interoperability with other third-party subscribers, if you write an event subscriber meant to be used as a `BeforeRender` subscriber, your subscriber code will now need to (using `.get` or `__contains__` of the event object) ensure no value already exists in the renderer globals dictionary before setting an overriding value.
Bug Fixes

- The Configurator.add_route method allowed two routes with the same route to be added without an intermediate config.commit(). If you now receive a ConfigurationError at startup time that appears to be add_route related, you’ll need to either a) ensure that all of your route names are unique or b) call config.commit() before adding a second route with the name of a previously added name or c) use a Configurator that works in autocommit mode.

- The pyramid_routesalchemy and pyramid_alchemy scaffolds inappropriately used DBSession.rollback() instead of transaction.abort() in one place.

- We now clear request.response before we invoke an exception view; an exception view will be working with a request.response that has not been touched by any code prior to the exception.

- Views associated with routes with spaces in the route name may not have been looked up correctly when using Pyramid with zope.interface 3.6.4 and better. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/232.

Documentation

- Wiki2 (SQLAlchemy + URL Dispatch) tutorial models.initialize_sql didn’t match the pyramid_routesalchemy scaffold function of the same name; it didn’t get synchronized when it was changed in the scaffold.

- New documentation section in View Configuration narrative chapter: "Influencing HTTP Caching".

1.1b1 (2011-07-10)

Features

- It is now possible to invoke paster pshell even if the paste ini file section name pointed to in its argument is not actually a Pyramid WSGI application. The shell will work in a degraded mode, and will warn the user. See "The Interactive Shell" in the "Creating a Pyramid Project" narrative documentation section.

- paster pshell now offers more built-in global variables by default (including app and settings). See "The Interactive Shell" in the "Creating a Pyramid Project" narrative documentation section.

- It is now possible to add a [pshell] section to your application’s .ini configuration file, which influences the global names available to a pshell session. See "Extending the Shell" in the "Creating a Pyramid Project" narrative documentation chapter.
- The `config.scan` method has grown a `**kw` argument. `kw` argument represents a set of keyword arguments to pass to the Venusian `Scanner` object created by Pyramid. (See the Venusian documentation for more information about `Scanner`).

- New request property: `json_body`. This property will return the JSON-decoded variant of the request body. If the request body is not well-formed JSON, this property will raise an exception.

- A new value `http_cache` can be used as a view configuration parameter.

When you supply an `http_cache` value to a view configuration, the `Expires` and `Cache-Control` headers of a response generated by the associated view callable are modified. The value for `http_cache` may be one of the following:

- A nonzero integer. If it's a nonzero integer, it's treated as a number of seconds. This number of seconds will be used to compute the `Expires` header and the `Cache-Control: max-age` parameter of responses to requests which call this view. For example: `http_cache=3600` instructs the requesting browser to 'cache this response for an hour, please'.

- A `datetime.timedelta` instance. If it's a `datetime.timedelta` instance, it will be converted into a number of seconds, and that number of seconds will be used to compute the `Expires` header and the `Cache-Control: max-age` parameter of responses to requests which call this view. For example: `http_cache=datetime.timedelta(days=1)` instructs the requesting browser to 'cache this response for a day, please'.

- Zero (0). If the value is zero, the `Cache-Control` and `Expires` headers present in all responses from this view will be composed such that client browser cache (and any intermediate caches) are instructed to never cache the response.

- A two-tuple. If it's a two tuple (e.g. `http_cache=(1, {'public':True})`), the first value in the tuple may be a nonzero integer or a `datetime.timedelta` instance; in either case this value will be used as the number of seconds to cache the response. The second value in the tuple must be a dictionary. The values present in the dictionary will be used as input to the `Cache-Control` response header. For example: `http_cache=(3600, {'public':True})` means 'cache for an hour, and add public to the Cache-Control header of the response'. All keys and values supported by the `webob.cachecontrol.CacheControl` interface may be added to the dictionary. Supplying `{'public':True}` is equivalent to calling `response.cache_control.public = True`.

Providing a non-tuple value as `http_cache` is equivalent to calling `response.cache_expires(value)` within your view's body.

Providing a two-tuple value as `http_cache` is equivalent to calling `response.cache_expires(value[0], **value[1])` within your view's body.

If you wish to avoid influencing the `Expires` header, and instead wish to only influence `Cache-Control` headers, pass a tuple as `http_cache` with the first element of None, e.g.: (None,
Bug Fixes

- Framework wrappers of the original view (such as http_cached and so on) relied on being able to trust that the response they were receiving was an IResponse. It wasn’t always, because the response was resolved by the router instead of early in the view wrapping process. This has been fixed.

Documentation

- Added a section in the "Webob" chapter named "Dealing With A JSON-Encoded Request Body" (usage of request.json_body).

Behavior Changes

- The paster pshell, paster proutes, and paster pviews commands now take a single argument in the form /path/to/config.ini#sectionname rather than the previous 2-argument spelling /path/to/config.ini sectionname. #sectionname may be omitted, in which case #main is assumed.

1.1a4 (2011-07-01)

Bug Fixes

- pyramid.testing.DummyRequest now raises deprecation warnings when attributes deprecated for pyramid.request.Request are accessed (like response_content_type). This is for the benefit of folks running unit tests which use DummyRequest instead of a "real" request, so they know things are deprecated without necessarily needing a functional test suite.

- The pyramid.events.subscriber directive behaved contrary to the documentation when passed more than one interface object to its constructor. For example, when the following listener was registered:
The Events chapter docs claimed that the listener would be registered and listening for both IFoo and IBar events. Instead, it registered an "object event" subscriber which would only be called if an IObjectEvent was emitted where the object interface was IFoo and the event interface was IBar.

The behavior now matches the documentation. If you were relying on the buggy behavior of the 1.0 subscriber directive in order to register an object event subscriber, you must now pass a sequence to indicate you’d like to register a subscriber for an object event. e.g.:

```python
@subscriber([IFoo, IBar])
def expects_object_event(object, event):
    print object, event
```

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**Features**

- Add JSONP renderer (see "JSONP renderer" in the Renderers chapter of the documentation).

**Deprecations**

- Deprecated the set_renderer_globals_factory method of the Configurator and the renderer_globals Configurator constructor parameter.

**Documentation**

- The Wiki and Wiki2 tutorial ”Tests” chapters each had two bugs: neither did told the user to depend on WebTest, and 2 tests failed in each as the result of changes to Pyramid itself. These issues have been fixed.
- Move 1.0.X CHANGES.txt entries to HISTORY.txt.
1.1a3 (2011-06-26)

Features

- Added mako.preprocessor config file parameter; allows for a Mako preprocessor to be specified as a Python callable or Python dotted name. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/183 for rationale.

Bug fixes

- Pyramid would raise an AttributeError in the Configurator when attempting to set a __text__ attribute on a custom predicate that was actually a classmethod. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/217.
- Accessing or setting deprecated response_* attrs on request (e.g. response_content_type) now issues a deprecation warning at access time rather than at rendering time.

1.1a2 (2011-06-22)

Bug Fixes

- 1.1a1 broke Akhet by not providing a backwards compatibility import shim for pyramid.paster.PyramidTemplate. Now one has been added, although a deprecation warning is emitted when Akhet imports it.
- If multiple specs were provided in a single call to config.add_translation_dirs, the directories were inserted into the beginning of the directory list in the wrong order: they were inserted in the reverse of the order they were provided in the *specs list (items later in the list were added before ones earlier in the list). This is now fixed.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- The pyramid Router attempted to set a value into the key environ['repoze.bfg.message'] when it caught a view-related exception for backwards compatibility with applications written for repoze.bfg during error handling. It did this by using code that looked like so:
Use of the value `environ['repoze.bfg.message']` was docs-deprecated in Pyramid 1.0. Our standing policy is to not remove features after a deprecation for two full major releases, so this code was originally slated to be removed in Pyramid 1.2. However, computing the `repoze.bfg.message` value was the source of at least one bug found in the wild (https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/199), and there isn’t a foolproof way to both preserve backwards compatibility and to fix the bug. Therefore, the code which sets the value has been removed in this release. Code in exception views which relies on this value’s presence in the environment should now use the exception attribute of the request (e.g. `request.exception[0]`) to retrieve the message instead of relying on `request.environ['repoze.bfg.message']`.

### 1.1a1 (2011-06-20)

**Documentation**

- The term "template" used to refer to both "paster templates" and "rendered templates" (templates created by a rendering engine. i.e. Mako, Chameleon, Jinja, etc.). "Paster templates" will now be referred to as "scaffolds", whereas the name for "rendered templates" will remain as "templates."
- The wiki (ZODB+Traversal) tutorial was updated slightly.
- The wiki2 (SQLA+URL Dispatch) tutorial was updated slightly.
- Make `pyramid.interfaces.IAuthenticationPolicy` and `pyramid.interfaces.IAuthorizationPolicy` public interfaces, and refer to them within the `pyramid.authentication` and `pyramid.authorization` API docs.
- Render the function definitions for each exposed interface in `pyramid.interfaces`.
- Add missing docs reference to `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_view_mapper` and refer to it within Hooks chapter section named "Using a View Mapper".
- Added section to the "Environment Variables and .ini File Settings" chapter in the narrative documentation section entitled "Adding a Custom Setting".
- Added documentation for a "multidict" (e.g. the API of `request.POST`) as interface API documentation.
• Added a section to the "URL Dispatch" narrative chapter regarding the new "static" route feature.

• Added "What’s New in Pyramid 1.1" to HTML rendering of documentation.

• Added API docs for `pyramid.authentication.SessionAuthenticationPolicy`.

• Added API docs for `pyramid.httpexceptions.exception_response`.

• Added “HTTP Exceptions” section to Views narrative chapter including a description of `pyramid.httpexceptions.exception_response`.

Features

• Add support for language fallbacks: when trying to translate for a specific territory (such as `en_GB`) fall back to translations for the language (ie `en`). This brings the translation behaviour in line with GNU gettext and fixes partially translated texts when using C extensions.

• New authentication policy: `pyramid.authentication.SessionAuthenticationPolicy`, which uses a session to store credentials.

• Accessing the `response` attribute of a `pyramid.request.Request` object (e.g. `request.response` within a view) now produces a new `pyramid.response.Response` object. This feature is meant to be used mainly when a view configured with a renderer needs to set response attributes: all renderers will use the Response object implied by `request.response` as the response object returned to the router.

• Integers and longs passed as elements to `pyramid.url.resource_url` or `pyramid.request.Resource.resource_url` e.g. `resource_url(context, request, 1, 2)` (1 and 2 are the elements) will now be converted implicitly to strings in the result. Previously passing integers or longs as elements would cause a TypeError.

• `pyramid_alchemy` paster template now uses `query.get` rather than `query.filter_by` to take better advantage of identity map caching.

• `pyramid_alchemy` paster template now has unit tests.

• Added `pyramid.i18n.make_localizer` API (broken out from `get_localizer guts`).

• An exception raised by a NewRequest event subscriber can now be caught by an exception view.

• It is now possible to get information about why Pyramid raised a Forbidden exception from within an exception view. The `ACLDenied` object returned by the `permits` method of each stock authorization policy (`pyramid.interfaces.IAuthorizationPolicy.permits`) is now
attached to the Forbidden exception as its result attribute. Therefore, if you’ve created a Forbidden exception view, you can see the ACE, ACL, permission, and principals involved in the request as eg. context.result.permission, context.result.acl, etc within the logic of the Forbidden exception view.

- Don’t explicitly prevent the timeout from being lower than the reissue_time when setting up an AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy (previously such a configuration would raise a ValueError, now it’s allowed, although typically nonsensical). Allowing the nonsensical configuration made the code more understandable and required fewer tests.

- A new pastel command named pastel pviews was added. This command prints a summary of potentially matching views for a given path. See the section entitled ”Displaying Matching Views for a Given URL” in the ”View Configuration” chapter of the narrative documentation for more information.

- The add_route method of the Configurator now accepts a static argument. If this argument is True, the added route will never be considered for matching when a request is handled. Instead, it will only be useful for URL generation via route_url and route_path. See the section entitled ”Static Routes” in the URL Dispatch narrative chapter for more information.

- A default exception view for the context pyramid.interfaces.IExceptionResponse is now registered by default. This means that an instance of any exception response class imported from pyramid.httpexceptions (such as HTTPFound) can now be raised from within view code; when raised, this exception view will render the exception to a response.

- A function named pyramid.httpexceptions.exception_response is a shortcut that can be used to create HTTP exception response objects using an HTTP integer status code.

- The Configurator now accepts an additional keyword argument named exception_response_view. By default, this argument is populated with a default exception view function that will be used when a response is raised as an exception. When None is passed for this value, an exception view for responses will not be registered. Passing None returns the behavior of raising an HTTP exception to that of Pyramid 1.0 (the exception will propagate to middleware and to the WSGI server).

- The pyramid.request.Request class now has a ResponseClass interface which points at pyramid.response.Response.

- The pyramid.response.Response class now has a RequestClass interface which points at pyramid.request.Request.

- It is now possible to return an arbitrary object from a Pyramid view callable even if a renderer is not used, as long as a suitable adapter to pyramid.interfaces.IResponse is registered for the type of the returned object by using the new pyramid.config.Configurator.add_response_adapter API. See the section in the Hooks chapter of the documentation entitled ”Changing How Pyramid Treats View Responses”.

0.6. Change History
• The Pyramid router will now, by default, call the __call__ method of WebOb response objects when returning a WSGI response. This means that, among other things, the conditional_response feature of WebOb response objects will now behave properly.

• New method named pyramid.request.Request.is_response. This method should be used instead of the pyramid.view.is_response function, which has been deprecated.

Bug Fixes

• URL pattern markers used in URL dispatch are permitted to specify a custom regex. For example, the pattern /{foo:\d+} means to match /12345 (foo==12345 in the match dictionary) but not /abc. However, custom regexes in a pattern marker which used squiggly brackets did not work. For example, /{foo:\d{4}} would fail to match /1234 and /{foo:\d{1,2}} would fail to match /1 or /11. One level of inner squiggly brackets is now recognized so that the prior two patterns given as examples now work. See also https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/123.

• Don't send port numbers along with domain information in cookies set by AuthTktCookieHelper (see https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/131).

• pyramid.url.route_path (and the shortcut pyramid.request.Request.route_url method) now include the WSGI SCRIPT_NAME at the front of the path if it is not empty (see https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/135).

• pyramid.testing.DummyRequest now has a script_name attribute (the empty string).

• Don't quote :@&+$, symbols in *elements passed to pyramid.url.route_url or pyramid.url.resource_url (see https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/pull/141).

• Include SCRIPT_NAME in redirects issued by pyramid.view.append_slash_notfound_view (see https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/149).

• Static views registered with config.add_static_view which also included a permission keyword argument would not work as expected, because add_static_view also registered a route factory internally. Because a route factory was registered internally, the context checked by the Pyramid permission machinery never had an ACL. add_static_view no longer registers a route with a factory, so the default root factory will be used.

• config.add_static_view now passes extra keyword arguments it receives to config.add_route (calling add_static_view is mostly logically equivalent to adding a view of the type pyramid.static.static_view hooked up to a route with a subpath). This makes it possible to pass e.g., factory= to add_static_view to protect a particular static view with a custom ACL.

• testing.DummyRequest used the wrong registry (the global registry) as self.registry if a dummy request was created before testing.setUp was executed (testing.setUp pushes a
local registry onto the threadlocal stack). Fixed by implementing registry as a property for DummyRequest instead of eagerly assigning an attribute. See also https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/165

- When visiting a URL that represented a static view which resolved to a subdirectory, the index.html of that subdirectory would not be served properly. Instead, a redirect to /subdir would be issued. This has been fixed, and now visiting a subdirectory that contains an index.html within a static view returns the index.html properly. See also https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/67.

- Redirects issued by a static view did not take into account any existing SCRIPT_NAME (such as one set by a url mapping composite). Now they do.

- The pyramid.wsgi.wsgiapp2 decorator did not take into account the SCRIPT_NAME in the origin request.

- The pyramid.wsgi.wsgiapp2 decorator effectively only worked when it decorated a view found via traversal; it ignored the PATH_INFO that was part of a url-dispatch-matched view.

**Deprecations**

- Deprecated all assignments to request.response_* attributes (for example request.response_content_type = 'foo' is now deprecated). Assignments and mutations of assignable request attributes that were considered by the framework for response influence are now deprecated: response_content_type, response_headerlist, response_status, response_charset, and response_cache_for. Instead of assigning these to the request object for later detection by the rendering machinery, users should use the appropriate API of the Response object created by accessing request.response (e.g. code which does request.response_content_type = 'abc' should be changed to request.response.content_type = 'abc').

- Passing view-related parameters to pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route is now deprecated. Previously, a view was permitted to be connected to a route using a set of view* parameters passed to the add_route method of the Configurator. This was a shorthand which replaced the need to perform a subsequent call to add_view. For example, it was valid (and often recommended) to do:

```
config.add_route('home', '/', view='mypackage.views.myview',
view_renderer='some/renderer.pt')
```

Passing view* arguments to add_route is now deprecated in favor of connecting a view to a predefined route via Configurator.add_view using the route’s route_name parameter. As a result, the above example should now be spelled:
This deprecation was done to reduce confusion observed in IRC, as well as to (eventually) reduce documentation burden (see also https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/164). A deprecation warning is now issued when any view-related parameter is passed to Configurator.add_route.

- Passing an environ dictionary to the __call__ method of a "traverser" (e.g. an object that implements pyramid.interfaces.ITraverser such as an instance of pyramid.traversal.ResourceTreeTraverser) as its request argument now causes a deprecation warning to be emitted. Consumer code should pass a request object instead. The fact that passing an environ dict is permitted has been documentation-deprecated since repoze.bfg 1.1, and this capability will be removed entirely in a future version.

- The following (undocumented, dictionary-like) methods of the pyramid.request.Request object have been deprecated: __contains__, __delitem__, __getitem__, __iter__, __setitem__, get, has_key, items, iteritems, itervalues, keys, pop, popitem, setdefault, update, and values. Usage of any of these methods will cause a deprecation warning to be emitted. These methods were added for internal compatibility in repoze.bfg 1.1 (code that currently expects a request object expected an environ object in BFG 1.0 and before). In a future version, these methods will be removed entirely.

- Deprecated pyramid.view.is_response function in favor of (newly-added) pyramid.request.Request.is_response method. Determining if an object is truly a valid response object now requires access to the registry, which is only easily available as a request attribute. The pyramid.view.is_response function will still work until it is removed, but now may return an incorrect answer under some (very uncommon) circumstances.

### Behavior Changes

- The default Mako renderer is now configured to escape all HTML in expression tags. This is intended to help prevent XSS attacks caused by rendering unsanitized input from users. To revert this behavior in user’s templates, they need to filter the expression through the 'n' filter. For example, ${ myhtml | n }. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/193.

- A custom request factory is now required to return a request object that has a response attribute (or "reified"/lazy property) if they the request is meant to be used in a view that uses a renderer. This response attribute should be an instance of the class pyramid.response.Response.

- The JSON and string renderer factories now assign to request.response.content_type rather than request.response_content_type.
• Each built-in renderer factory now determines whether it should change the content type of the response by comparing the response’s content type against the response’s default content type; if the content type is the default content type (usually text/html), the renderer changes the content type (to application/json or text/plain for JSON and string renderers respectively).

• The pyramid.wsgi.wsgiapp2 now uses a slightly different method of figuring out how to "fix" SCRIPT_NAME and PATH_INFO for the downstream application. As a result, those values may differ slightly from the perspective of the downstream application (for example, SCRIPT_NAME will now never possess a trailing slash).

• Previously, pyramid.request.Request inherited from webob.request.Request and implemented __getattr__, __setattr__ and __delattr__ itself in order to override "adhoc attr" WebOb behavior where attributes of the request are stored in the environ. Now, pyramid.request.Request object inherits from (the more recent) webob.request.BaseRequest instead of webob.request.Request, which provides the same behavior. pyramid.request.Request no longer implements its own __getattr__, __setattr__ or __delattr__ as a result.

• pyramid.response.Response is now a subclass of webob.response.Response (in order to directly implement the pyramid.interfaces.IResponse interface).

• The "exception response" objects importable from pyramid.httpexceptions (e.g. HTTP-NotFound) are no longer just import aliases for classes that actually live in webob.exc. Instead, we’ve defined our own exception classes within the module that mirror and emulate the webob.exc exception response objects almost entirely. See the "Design Defense" doc section named "Pyramid Uses its Own HTTP Exception Classes" for more information.

Backwards Incompatibilities

• Pyramid no longer supports Python 2.4. Python 2.5 or better is required to run Pyramid 1.1+.

• The Pyramid router now, by default, expects response objects returned from view callables to implement the pyramid.interfaces.IResponse interface. Unlike the Pyramid 1.0 version of this interface, objects which implement IResponse now must define a __call__ method that accepts environ and start_response, and which returns an app_iter iterable, among other things. Previously, it was possible to return any object which had the three WebOb app_iter, headerlist, and status attributes as a response, so this is a backwards incompatibility. It is possible to get backwards compatibility back by registering an adapter to IResponse from the type of object you’re now returning from view callables. See the section in the Hooks chapter of the documentation entitled "Changing How Pyramid Treats View Responses".

• The pyramid.interfaces.IResponse interface is now much more extensive. Previously it defined only app_iter, status and headerlist; now it is basically intended to directly mirror the webob.Response API, which has many methods and attributes.

0.6. Change History
The pyramid.httpexceptions classes named HTTPFound, HTTPMultipleChoices, HTTPMovedPermanently, HTTPSeeOther, HTTPUseProxy, and HTTPTemporaryRedirect now accept location as their first positional argument rather than detail. This means that you can do, e.g. return pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPFound('http://foo') rather than return pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPFound(location='http://foo') (the latter will of course continue to work).

Dependencies

- Pyramid now depends on WebOb >= 1.0.2 as tests depend on the bugfix in that release: ”Fix handling of WSGI environs with missing SCRIPT_NAME”. (Note that in reality, everyone should probably be using 1.0.4 or better though, as WebOb 1.0.2 and 1.0.3 were effectively brownbag releases.)

1.0 (2011-01-30)

Documentation

- Fixed bug in ZODB Wiki tutorial (missing dependency on docutils in ”models” step within setup.py).
- Moved ”Using ZODB With ZEO” and ”Using repoze.catalog Within Pyramid” tutorials out of core documentation and into the Pyramid Tutorials site (https://docs.pylonsproject.org/projects/pyramid_tutorials/en/latest/).
- Changed ”Cleaning up After a Request” section in the URL Dispatch chapter to use request.add_finished_callback instead of jamming an object with a __del__ into the WSGI environment.
- Remove duplication of add_route API documentation from URL Dispatch narrative chapter.
- Remove duplication of API and narrative documentation in pyramid.view.view_config API docs by pointing to pyramid.config.add_view documentation and narrative chapter documentation.
- Removed some API documentation duplicated in narrative portions of documentation
- Removed ”Overall Flow of Authentication” from SQLAlchemy + URL Dispatch wiki tutorial due to print space concerns (moved to Pyramid Tutorials site).
Bug Fixes

- Deprecated-since-BFG-1.2 APIs from pyramid.testing now properly emit deprecation warnings.
- Added egg:repoze.retry#retry middleware to the WSGI pipeline in ZODB templates (retry ZODB conflict errors which occur in normal operations).
- Removed duplicate implementations of is_response. Two competing implementations existed: one in pyramid.config and one in pyramid.view. Now the one defined in pyramid.view is used internally by pyramid.config and continues to be advertised as an API.

1.0b3 (2011-01-28)

Bug Fixes

- Use © instead of copyright symbol in paster templates / tutorial templates for the benefit of folks who cutnpaste and save to a non-UTF8 format.
- pyramid.view.append_slash_notfound_view now preserves GET query parameters across redirects.

Documentation

- Beef up documentation related to set_default_permission: explicitly mention that default permissions also protect exception views.
- Paster templates and tutorials now use spaces instead of tabs in their HTML templates.

1.0b2 (2011-01-24)

Bug Fixes

- The production.ini generated by all paster templates now have an effective logging level of WARN, which prevents e.g. SQLAlchemy statement logging and other inappropriate output.
• The production.ini of the pyramid_routesalchemy and pyramid_alchemy paster templates did not have a sqlalchemy logger section, preventing paster serve production.ini from working.

• The pyramid_routesalchemy and pyramid_alchemy paster templates used the {{package}} variable in a place where it should have used the {{project}} variable, causing applications created with uppercase letters e.g. paster create -t pyramid_routesalchemy Dibbus to fail to start when paster serve development.ini was used against the result. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/107

• The render_view method of pyramid.renderers.RendererHelper passed an incorrect value into the renderer for renderer_info. It now passes an instance of RendererHelper instead of a dictionary, which is consistent with other usages. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/106

• A bug existed in the pyramid.authentication.AuthTktCookieHelper which would break any usage of an AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy when one was configured to reissue its tokens (reissue_time < timeout / max_age). Symptom: ValueError: ('Invalid token %r', ''). See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/108.

1.0b1 (2011-01-21)

Features

• The AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy now accepts a tokens parameter via pyramid.security.remember. The value must be a sequence of strings. Tokens are placed into the auth_tkt "tokens" field and returned in the auth_tkt cookie.

• Add wild_domain argument to AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy, which defaults to True. If it is set to False, the feature of the policy which sets a cookie with a wildcard domain will be turned off.

• Add a MANIFEST.in file to each paster template. See https://github.com/Pylons/pyramid/issues/95

Bug Fixes

• testing.setUp now adds a settings attribute to the registry (both when it’s passed a registry without any settings and when it creates one).

• The testing.setUp function now takes a settings argument, which should be a dictionary. Its values will subsequently be available on the returned config object as config.registry.settings.
Documentation

- Added "What’s New in Pyramid 1.0" chapter to HTML rendering of documentation.
- Merged caseman-master narrative editing branch, many wording fixes and extensions.
- Fix deprecated example showing chameleon_zpt API call in testing narrative chapter.
- Added "Adding Methods to the Configurator via add_directive" section to Advanced Configuration narrative chapter.
- Add docs for add_finished_callback, add_response_callback, route_path, route_url, and static_url methods to pyramid.request.Request API docs.
- Add (minimal) documentation about using I18N within Mako templates to "Internationalization and Localization" narrative chapter.
- Move content of "Forms" chapter back to "Views" chapter; I can’t think of a better place to put it.
- Slightly improved interface docs for IAuthorizationPolicy.
- Minimally explain usage of custom regular expressions in URL dispatch replacement markers within URL Dispatch chapter.

Deprecations

- Using the pyramid.view.bfg_view alias for pyramid.view.view_config (a backwards compatibility shim) now issues a deprecation warning.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- Using testing.setUp now registers an ISettings utility as a side effect. Some test code which queries for this utility after testing.setUp via queryAdapter will expect a return value of None. This code will need to be changed.
- When a pyramid.exceptions.Forbidden error is raised, its status code now 403 Forbidden. It was previously 401 Unauthorized, for backwards compatibility purposes with repoze.bfg. This change will cause problems for users of Pyramid with repoze.who, which intercepts 401 Unauthorized by default, but allows 403 Forbidden to pass through. Those deployments will need to configure repoze.who to also react to 403 Forbidden.
- The default value for the cookie_on_exception parameter to pyramid.session.UnencryptedCookieSessionFactory is now True. This means that when view code causes an exception to be raised, and the session has been mutated, a cookie will be sent back in the response. Previously its default value was False.
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Paster Templates

- The `pyramid_zodb`, `pyramid_routesalchemy` and `pyramid_alchemy` pastertemplates now use a default "commit veto" hook when configuring the `repoze.tm2` transaction manager in `development.ini`. This prevents a transaction from being committed when the response status code is within the 400 or 500 ranges. See also https://repozetm2.readthedocs.io/en/latest/index.html#using-a-commit-veto.

1.0a10 (2011-01-18)

Bug Fixes

- URL dispatch now properly handles a .* or * appearing in a regex match when used inside brackets. Resolves issue #90.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- The `add_handler` method of a Configurator has been removed from the Pyramid core. Handlers are now a feature of the `pyramid_handlers` package, which can be downloaded from PyPI. Documentation for the package should be available via https://docs.pylonsproject.org/projects/pyramid_handlers/en/latest/, which describes how to add a configuration statement to your main block to reobtain this method. You will also need to add an `install_requires` dependency upon `pyramid_handlers` to your setup.py file.

- The `load_zcml` method of a Configurator has been removed from the Pyramid core. Loading ZCML is now a feature of the `pyramid_zcml` package, which can be downloaded from PyPI. Documentation for the package should be available via https://docs.pylonsproject.org/projects/pyramid_zcml/en/latest/, which describes how to add a configuration statement to your main block to reobtain this method. You will also need to add an `install_requires` dependency upon `pyramid_zcml` to your setup.py file.

- The `pyramid.includes` subpackage has been removed. ZCML files which use include the package `pyramid.includes` (e.g. `<include package="pyramid.includes"/>`) now must include the `pyramid_zcml` package instead (e.g. `<include package="pyramid_zcml"/>`).

- The `pyramid.view.action` decorator has been removed from the Pyramid core. Handlers are now a feature of the `pyramid_handlers` package. It should now be imported from `pyramid_handlers` e.g. from `pyramid_handlers` import action.
• The handler ZCML directive has been removed. It is now a feature of the pyramid_handlers package.

• The pylons_minimal, pylons_basic and pylons_sqla paster templates were removed. Use pyramid_sqla (available from PyPI) as a generic replacement for Pylons-esque development.

• The make_app function has been removed from the pyramid.router module. It continues life within the pyramid_zcml package. This leaves the pyramid.router module without any API functions.

• The configure_zcml setting within the deployment settings (within **settings passed to a Pyramid main function) has ceased to have any meaning.

Features

• pyramid.testing.setUp and pyramid.testing.tearDown have been undeprecated. They are now the canonical setup and teardown APIs for test configuration, replacing "direct" creation of a Configurator. This is a change designed to provide a facade that will protect against any future Configurator deprecations.

• Add charset attribute to pyramid.testing.DummyRequest (unconditionally UTF-8).

• Add add_directive method to configurator, which allows framework extenders to add methods to the configurator (ala ZCML directives).

• When Configurator.include is passed a module as an argument, it defaults to attempting to find and use a callable named includeme within that module. This makes it possible to use config.include('some.module') rather than config.include('some.module.somefunc') as long as the include function within some.module is named includeme.

• The bfg2pyramid script now converts ZCML include tags that have repoze.bfg.includes as a package attribute to the value pyramid_zcml. For example, <include package="repoze.bfg.includes"> will be converted to <include package="pyramid_zcml">.

Paster Templates

• All paster templates now use pyramid.testing.setUp and pyramid.testing.tearDown rather than creating a Configurator "by hand" within their tests.py module, as per decision in features above.

• The starter_zcml paster template has been moved to the pyramid_zcml package.
Documentation

- The wiki and wiki2 tutorials now use `pyramid.testing.setUp` and `pyramid.testing.tearDown` rather than creating a Configurator "by hand", as per decision in features above.

- The "Testing" narrative chapter now explains `pyramid.testing.setUp` and `pyramid.testing.tearDown` instead of Configurator creation and Configurator.begin() and Configurator.end().

- Document the `request.override_renderer` attribute within the narrative "Renderers" chapter in a section named "Overriding A Renderer at Runtime".

- The "Declarative Configuration" narrative chapter has been removed (it was moved to the `pyramid_zcml` package).

- Most references to ZCML in narrative chapters have been removed or redirected to `pyramid_zcml` locations.

Deprecations

- Deprecation warnings related to import of the following API functions were added: `pyramid.traversal.find_model`, `pyramid.traversal.model_path`, `pyramid.traversal.model_path_tuple`, `pyramid.url.model_url`. The instructions emitted by the deprecation warnings instruct the developer to change these method spellings to their resource equivalents. This is a consequence of the mass concept rename of "model" to "resource" performed in 1.0a7.

1.0a9 (2011-01-08)

Bug Fixes

- The `proutes` command tried too hard to resolve the view for printing, resulting in exceptions when an exceptional root factory was encountered. Instead of trying to resolve the view, if it cannot, it will now just print `<unknown>`.

- The `self` argument was included in new methods of the `ISession` interface signature, causing `pyramid_beaker` tests to fail.

- Readd `pyramid.traversal.model_path_tuple` as an alias for `pyramid.traversal.resource_path_tuple` for backwards compatibility.
Features

- Add a new API `pyramid.url.current_route_url`, which computes a URL based on the "current" route (if any) and its matchdict values.

- `config.add_view` now accepts a `decorator` keyword argument, a callable which will decorate the view callable before it is added to the registry.

- If a handler class provides an `__action_decorator__` attribute (usually a classmethod or staticmethod), use that as the decorator for each view registration for that handler.

- The `pyramid.interfaces.IAuthenticationPolicy` interface now specifies an `unauthenticated_userid` method. This method supports an important optimization required by people who are using persistent storages which do not support object caching and whom want to create a "user object" as a request attribute.

- A new API has been added to the `pyramid.security` module named `unauthenticated_userid`. This API function calls the `unauthenticated_userid` method of the effective security policy.

- An `unauthenticated_userid` method has been added to the dummy authentication policy returned by `pyramid.config.Configurator.testing_securitypolicy`. It returns the same thing as that the dummy authentication policy's `authenticated_userid` method.

- The class `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktCookieHelper` is now an API. This class can be used by third-party authentication policy developers to help in the mechanics of authentication cookie-setting.

- New constructor argument to Configurator: `default_view_mapper`. Useful to create systems that have alternate view calling conventions. A view mapper allows objects that are meant to be used as view callables to have an arbitrary argument list and an arbitrary result. The object passed as `default_view_mapper` should implement the `pyramid.interfaces.IViewMapperFactory` interface.

- add a `set_view_mapper` API to Configurator. Has the same result as passing `default_view_mapper` to the Configurator constructor.

- `config.add_view` now accepts a `mapper` keyword argument, which should either be `None`, a string representing a Python dotted name, or an object which is an `IViewMapperFactory`. This feature is not useful for "civilians", only for extension writers.

- Allow static renderer provided during view registration to be overridden at request time via a request attribute named `override_renderer`, which should be the name of a previously registered renderer. Useful to provide "omnipresent" RPC using existing rendered views.

- Instances of `pyramid.testing.DummyRequest` now have a `session` object, which is mostly a dictionary, but also implements the other session API methods for flash and CSRF.
Backwards Incompatibilities

- Since the `pyramid.interfaces.IAuthenticationPolicy` interface now specifies that a policy implementation must implement an `unauthenticated_userid` method, all third-party custom authentication policies now must implement this method. It, however, will only be called when the global function named `pyramid.security.unauthenticated_userid` is invoked, so if you’re not invoking that, you will not notice any issues.

- `pyramid.interfaces.ISession.get_csrf_token` now mandates that an implementation should return a new token if one doesn’t already exist in the session (previously it would return `None`). The internal sessioning implementation has been changed.

Documentation

- The (weak) ”Converting a CMF Application to Pyramid” tutorial has been removed from the tutorials section. It was moved to the `pyramid_tutorials` Github repository.

- The ”Resource Location and View Lookup” chapter has been replaced with a variant of Rob Miller’s ”Much Ado About Traversal” (originally published at https://web.archive.org/web/20150321110754/http://blog.nonsequitarian.org/2010/much-ado-about-traversal/).

- Many minor wording tweaks and refactorings (merged Casey Duncan’s docs fork, in which he is working on general editing).

- Added (weak) description of new view mapper feature to Hooks narrative chapter.

- Split views chapter into 2: View Callables and View Configuration.

- Reorder Renderers and Templates chapters after View Callables but before View Configuration.

- Merge Session Objects, Cross-Site Request Forgery, and Flash Messaging chapter into a single Sessions chapter.

- The Wiki and Wiki2 tutorials now have much nicer CSS and graphics.

Internals

- The ”view derivation” code is now factored into a set of classes rather than a large number of standalone functions (a side effect of the view mapper refactoring).

- The `pyramid.renderer.RendererHelper` class has grown a `render_view` method, which is used by the default view mapper (a side effect of the view mapper refactoring).
• The object passed as renderer to the "view deriver" is now an instance of pyramid.renderers.RendererHelper rather than a dictionary (a side effect of view mapper refactoring).

• The class used as the "page template" in pyramid.chameleon_text was removed, in preference to using a Chameleon-inbuilt version.

• A view callable wrapper registered in the registry now contains an __original_view__ attribute which references the original view callable (or class).

• The (non-API) method of all internal authentication policy implementations previously named _get_userid is now named unauthenticated_userid, promoted to an API method. If you were overriding this method, you’ll now need to override it as unauthenticated_userid instead.

• Remove (non-API) function of config.py named _map_view.

1.0a8 (2010-12-27)

Bug Fixes

• The name registry was not available in the paster pshell environment under IPython.

Features

• If a resource implements a __resource_url__ method, it will be called as the result of invoking the pyramid.url.resource_url function to generate a URL, overriding the default logic. See the new "Generating The URL Of A Resource" section within the Resources narrative chapter.

• Added flash messaging, as described in the "Flash Messaging" narrative documentation chapter.

• Added CSRF token generation, as described in the narrative chapter entitled "Preventing Cross-Site Request Forgery Attacks".

• Prevent misunderstanding of how the view and view_permission arguments to add_route work by raising an exception during configuration if view-related arguments exist but no view argument is passed.

• Add paster proute command which displays a summary of the routing table. See the narrative documentation section within the "URL Dispatch" chapter entitled "Displaying All Application Routes".
Paster Templates

- The pyramid_zodb Paster template no longer employs ZCML. Instead, it is based on scanning.

Documentation

- Added "Generating The URL Of A Resource" section to the Resources narrative chapter (includes information about overriding URL generation using __resource_url__).
- Added "Generating the Path To a Resource" section to the Resources narrative chapter.
- Added "Finding a Resource by Path" section to the Resources narrative chapter.
- Added "Obtaining the Lineage of a Resource" to the Resources narrative chapter.
- Added "Determining if a Resource is In The Lineage of Another Resource" to Resources narrative chapter.
- Added "Finding the Root Resource" to Resources narrative chapter.
- Added "Finding a Resource With a Class or Interface in Lineage" to Resources narrative chapter.
- Added a "Flash Messaging" narrative documentation chapter.
- Added a narrative chapter entitled "Preventing Cross-Site Request Forgery Attacks".
- Changed the "ZODB + Traversal Wiki Tutorial" based on changes to pyramid_zodb Paster template.
- Added "Advanced Configuration" narrative chapter which documents how to deal with configuration conflicts, two-phase configuration, include and commit.
- Fix API documentation rendering for pyramid.view.static
- Add "Pyramid Provides More Than One Way to Do It" to Design Defense documentation.
- Changed "Static Assets" narrative chapter: clarify that name represents a prefix unless it’s a URL, added an example of a root-relative static view fallback for URL dispatch, added an example of creating a simple view that returns the body of a file.
- Move ZCML usage in Hooks chapter to Declarative Configuration chapter.
- Merge "Static Assets" chapter into the "Assets" chapter.
- Added narrative documentation section within the "URL Dispatch" chapter entitled "Displaying All Application Routes" (for paster proutes command).
Terminology Changes

- The Pyramid concept previously known as "model" is now known as "resource". As a result:
  - The following API changes have been made:

    ```
    pyramid.url.model_url ->
      pyramid.url.resource_url
    pyramid.traversal.find_model ->
      pyramid.url.find_resource
    pyramid.traversal.model_path ->
      pyramid.traversal.resource_path
    pyramid.traversal.model_path_tuple ->
      pyramid.traversal.resource_path_tuple
    pyramid.traversal.ModelGraphTraverser ->
      pyramid.traversal.ResourceTreeTraverser
    pyramid.config.Configurator.testing_models ->
      pyramid.config.Configurator.testing_resources
    pyramid.testing.registerModels ->
      pyramid.testing.registerResources
    pyramid.testing.DummyModel ->
      pyramid.testing.DummyResource
    ```
  - All documentation which previously referred to "model" now refers to "resource".
  - The `starter` and `starter_zcml` pastel templates now have a `resources.py` module instead of a `models.py` module.
  - Positional argument names of various APIs have been changed from `model` to `resource`. Backwards compatibility shims have been left in place in all cases. They will continue to work "forever".

- The Pyramid concept previously known as "resource" is now known as "asset". As a result:
  - The (non-API) module previously known as `pyramid.resource` is now known as `pyramid.asset`. 
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- All docs that previously referred to "resource specification" now refer to "asset specification".
- The following API changes were made:

```python
pyramid.config.Configurator.absolute_resource_spec ->
pyramid.config.Configurator.absolute_asset_spec

pyramid.config.Configurator.override_resource ->
pyramid.config.Configurator.override_asset
```

- The ZCML directive previously known as `resource` is now known as `asset`.
- The setting previously known as `BFG_RELOAD_RESOURCES` (envvar) or `reload_resources` (config file) is now known, respectively, as `PYRAMID_RELOAD_ASSETS` and `reload_assets`.

Backwards compatibility shims have been left in place in all cases. They will continue to work "forever".

**Bug Fixes**

- Make it possible to successfully run all tests via `nose` command directly (rather than indirectly via `python setup.py nosetests`).
- When a configuration conflict is encountered during scanning, the conflict exception now shows the decorator information that caused the conflict.

**Features**

- Added `debug_routematch` configuration setting that logs matched routes (including the match-dict and predicates).
- The name `registry` is now available in a `pshell` environment by default. It is the application registry object.

**Environment**

- All environment variables which used to be prefixed with `BFG_` are now prefixed with `PYRAMID_` (e.g. `BFG_DEBUG_NOTFOUND` is now `PYRAMID_DEBUG_NOTFOUND`)
Documentation

- Added "Debugging Route Matching" section to the urldispatch narrative documentation chapter.
- Added reference to PYRAMID_DEBUG_ROUTEMATCH envvar and debug_routematch config file setting to the Environment narrative docs chapter.
- Changed "Project" chapter slightly to expand on use of paster pshell.
- Direct Jython users to Mako rather than Jinja2 in "Install" narrative chapter.
- Many changes to support terminological renaming of "model" to "resource" and "resource" to "asset".
- Added an example of WebTest functional testing to the testing narrative chapter.
- Rearranged chapter ordering by popular demand (URL dispatch first, then traversal). Put hybrid chapter after views chapter.
- Split off "Renderers" as its own chapter from "Views" chapter in narrative documentation.

Paster Templates

- Added debug_routematch = false to all paster templates.

Dependencies

- Depend on Venusian >= 0.5 (for scanning conflict exception decoration).

1.0a6 (2010-12-15)

Bug Fixes

- 1.0a5 introduced a bug when pyramid.config.Configurator.scan was used without a package argument (e.g. config.scan() as opposed to config.scan('packagename')). The symptoms were: lots of deprecation warnings printed to the console about imports of deprecated Pyramid functions and classes and non-detection of view callables decorated with view_config decorators. This has been fixed.
- Tests now pass on Windows (no bugs found, but a few tests in the test suite assumed UNIX path segments in filenames).
Documentation

- If you followed it to-the-letter, the ZODB+Traversal Wiki tutorial would instruct you to run a test which would fail because the view callable generated by the pyramid_zodb tutorial used a one-arg view callable, but the test in the sample code used a two-arg call.

- Updated ZODB+Traversal tutorial setup.py of all steps to match what's generated by pyramid_zodb.

- Fix reference to repoze.bfg.traversalwrapper in "Models" chapter (point at pyramid_traversalwrapper instead).

1.0a5 (2010-12-14)

Features

- Add a handler ZCML directive. This directive does the same thing as pyramid.configuration.add_handler.

- A new module named pyramid.config was added. It subsumes the duties of the older pyramid.configuration module.

- The new pyramid.config.Configurator class has API methods that the older pyramid.configuration.Configurator class did not: with_context (a classmethod), include, action, and commit. These methods exist for imperative application extensibility purposes.

- The pyramid.testing.setUp function now accepts an autocommit keyword argument, which defaults to True. If it is passed False, the Config object returned by setUp will be a non-autocommitting Config object.

- Add logging configuration to all paster templates.

- pyramid_alchemy, pyramid_routesalchemy, and pylons_sqla paster templates now use idiomatic SQLAlchemy configuration in their respective .ini files and Python code.

- pyramid.testing.DummyRequest now has a class variable, query_string, which defaults to the empty string.

- Add support for json on GAE by catching Not Implemented Error and importing simplejson from django.utils.

- The Mako renderer now accepts a resource specification for mako.module_directory.

- New boolean Mako settings variable mako.strict_undefined. See Mako Context Variables for its meaning.
Dependencies

- Depend on Mako 0.3.6+ (we now require the strict_undefined feature).

Bug Fixes

- When creating a Configurator from within a `paster pshell` session, you were required to pass a `package` argument although `package` is not actually required. If you didn't pass `package`, you would receive an error something like `KeyError: '__name__'` emanating from the `pyramid.path.caller_module` function. This has now been fixed.

- The `pyramid_routesalchemy` pastershell template's unit tests failed (`AssertionError: 'SomeProject' != 'someproject'`). This is fixed.

- Make default renderer work (renderer factory registered with no name, which is active for every view unless the view names a specific renderer).

- The Mako renderer did not properly turn the `mako.imports, mako.default_filters, and mako.imports` settings into lists.

- The Mako renderer did not properly convert the `mako.error_handler` setting from a dotted name to a callable.

Documentation

- Merged many wording, readability, and correctness changes to narrative documentation chapters from https://github.com/caseman/pyramid (up to and including “Models” narrative chapter).

- ”Sample Applications” section of docs changed to note existence of Cluegun, Shootout and Virginia sample applications, ported from their repoze.bfg origin packages.

- SQLAlchejy+URLDispatch tutorial updated to integrate changes to `pyramid_routesalchemy` template.

- Add `pyramid.interfaces.ITemplateRenderer` interface to Interfaces API chapter (has `implementation` method, required to be used when getting at Chameleon macros).

- Add a ”Modifying Package Structure” section to the project narrative documentation chapter (explain turning a module into a package).

- Documentation was added for the new `handler` ZCML directive in the ZCML section.
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Deprecations

- `pyramid.configuration.Configurator` is now deprecated. Use `pyramid.config.Configurator`, passing its constructor `autocommit=True` instead. The `pyramid.configuration.Configurator` alias will live for a long time, as every application uses it, but its import now issues a deprecation warning. The `pyramid.config.Configurator` class has the same API as `pyramid.configuration.Configurator` class, which it means to replace, except by default it is a *non-autocommitting* configurator. The now-deprecated `pyramid.configuration.Configurator` will autocommit every time a configuration method is called.

The `pyramid.configuration` module remains, but it is deprecated. Use `pyramid.config` instead.

1.0a4 (2010-11-21)

Features

- URL Dispatch now allows for replacement markers to be located anywhere in the pattern, instead of immediately following a `/`.
- URL Dispatch now uses the form `{marker}` to denote a replace marker in the route pattern instead of `:marker`. The old colon-style marker syntax is still accepted for backwards compatibility. The new format allows a regular expression for that marker location to be used instead of the default `[^/]+`, for example `{marker:\d+}` is now valid to require the marker to be digits.
- Add a `pyramid.url.route_path` API, allowing folks to generate relative URLs. Calling `route_path` is the same as calling `pyramid.url.route_url` with the argument `_app_url` equal to the empty string.
- Add a `pyramid.request.Request.route_path` API. This is a convenience method of the request which calls `pyramid.url.route_url`.
- Make test suite pass on Jython (requires PasteScript trunk, presumably to be 1.7.4).
- Make test suite pass on PyPy (Chameleon doesn’t work).
- Surrounding application configuration with `config.begin()` and `config.end()` is no longer necessary. All paster templates have been changed to no longer call these functions.
- Fix configurator to not convert `ImportError` to `ConfigurationException` if the import that failed was unrelated to the import requested via a dotted name when resolving dotted names (such as view dotted names).
Documentation

- SQLAlchemy+URLDispatch and ZODB+Traversal tutorials have been updated to not call config.begin() or config.end().

Bug Fixes

- Add deprecation warnings to import of pyramid.chameleon_text and pyramid.chameleon_zpt of get_renderer, get_template, render_template, and render_template_to_response.
- Add deprecation warning for import of pyramid.zcml.zcml_configure and pyramid.zcml.file_configure.
- The pyramid_alchemy paster template had a typo, preventing an import from working.
- Fix apparent failures when calling pyramid.traversal.find_model(root, path) or pyramid.traversal.traverse(path) when path is (erroneously) a Unicode object. The user is meant to pass these APIs a string object, never a Unicode object. In practice, however, users indeed pass Unicode. Because the string that is passed must be ASCII encodeable, now, if they pass a Unicode object, its data is eagerly converted to an ASCII string rather than being passed along to downstream code as a convenience to the user and to prevent puzzling second-order failures from cropping up (all failures will occur within pyramid.traversal.traverse rather than later down the line as the result of calling e.g. traversal_path).

Backwards Incompatibilities

- The pyramid.testing.zcml_configure API has been removed. It had been advertised as removed since repoze.bfg 1.2a1, but hadn’t actually been.

Deprecations

- The pyramid.settings.get_settings API is now deprecated. Use pyramid.threadlocals.get_current_registry().settings instead or use the settings attribute of the registry available from the request (request.registry.settings).
Documentation

- Removed zodbsessions tutorial chapter. It’s still useful, but we now have a SessionFactory abstraction which competes with it, and maintaining documentation on both ways to do it is a distraction.

Internal

- Replace Twill with WebTest in internal integration tests (avoid deprecation warnings generated by Twill).

1.0a3 (2010-11-16)

Features

- Added Mako TemplateLookup settings for mako.error_handler, mako.default_filters, and mako.imports.
- Normalized all paster templates: each now uses the name main to represent the function that returns a WSGI application, each now uses WebError, each now has roughly the same shape of development.ini style.
- Added class vars matchdict and matched_route to pyramid.request.Request. Each is set to None.
- New API method: pyramid.settings.asbool.
- New API methods for pyramid.request.Request: model_url, route_url, and static_url. These are simple passthroughs for their respective functions in pyramid.url.
- The settings object which used to be available only when request.settings.get_settings was called is now available as registry.settings (e.g. request.registry.settings in view code).

Bug Fixes

- The pylons_* paster templates erroneously used the {squiggly} routing syntax as the pattern supplied to add_route. This style of routing is not supported. They were replaced with :colon style route patterns.
- The pylons_* paster template used the same string (your_app_secret_string) for the session.secret setting in the generated development.ini. This was a security risk if left unchanged in a project that used one of the templates to produce production applications. It now uses a randomly generated string.
Documentation

- ZODB+traversal wiki (wiki) tutorial updated due to changes to pyramid_zodb paster template.
- SQLAlchemy+urldispatch wiki (wiki2) tutorial updated due to changes to pyramid_routesalchemy paster template.
- Documented the matchdict and matched_route attributes of the request object in the Request API documentation.

Deprecations

- Obtaining the settings object via registry.{get|query}Utility(ISettings) is now deprecated. Instead, obtain the settings object via the registry.settings attribute. A backwards compatibility shim was added to the registry object to register the settings object as an ISettings utility when setattr(registry, 'settings', foo) is called, but it will be removed in a later release.
- Obtaining the settings object via pyramid.settings.get_settings is now deprecated. Obtain it as the settings attribute of the registry now (obtain the registry via pyramid.threadlocal.get_registry or as request.registry).

Behavior Differences

- Internal: ZCML directives no longer call get_current_registry() if there’s a registry attribute on the ZCML context (kill off use of threadlocals).
- Internal: Chameleon template renderers now accept two arguments: path and lookup. Lookup will be an instance of a lookup class which supplies (late-bound) arguments for debug, reload, and translate. Any third-party renderers which use (the non-API) function pyramid.renderers.template_renderer_factory will need to adjust their implementations to obey the new callback argument list. This change was to kill off inappropriate use of threadlocals.

1.0a2 (2010-11-09)

Documentation

- All references to events by interface (e.g. pyramid.interfaces.INewRequest) have been changed to reference their concrete classes (e.g. pyramid.events.NewRequest) in documentation about making subscriptions.
- All references to Pyramid-the-application were changed from mod-pyramid to app-Pyramid. A custom role setting was added to docs/conf.py to allow for this. (internal)
1.0a1 (2010-11-05)

Features (delta from BFG 1.3)

- Mako templating renderer supports resource specification format for template lookups and within Mako templates. Absolute filenames must be used in Pyramid to avoid this lookup process.
- Add `pyramid.httpexceptions` module, which is a facade for the `webob.exc` module.
- Direct built-in support for the Mako templating language.
- A new configurator method exists: `add_handler`. This method adds a Pylons-style "view handler" (such a thing used to be called a "controller" in Pylons 1.0).
- New argument to configurator: `session_factory`.
- New method on configurator: `set_session_factory`.
- Using `request.session` now returns a (dictionary-like) session object if a session factory has been configured.
- The request now has a new attribute: `tmpl_context` for benefit of Pylons users.
- The decorator previously known as `pyramid.view.bfg_view` is now known most formally as `pyramid.view.view_config` in docs and pastetemplates. An import of `pyramid.view.bfg_view`, however, will continue to work "forever".
- New API methods in `pyramid.session`: `signed_serialize` and `signed_deserialize`.
- New interface: `pyramid.interfaces.IRendererInfo`. An object of this type is passed to renderer factory constructors (see "Backwards Incompatibilities").
- New event type: `pyramid.interfaces.IBeforeRender`. An object of this type is sent as an event before a renderer is invoked (but after the application-level renderer globals factory added via `pyramid.configurator.configuration.set_renderer_globals_factory`, if any, has injected its own keys). Applications may now subscribe to the `IBeforeRender` event type in order to introspect the and modify the set of renderer globals before they are passed to a renderer. The event object itself has a dictionary-like interface that can be used for this purpose. For example:

```python
from repoze.events import subscriber
from pyramid.interfaces import IRendererGlobalsEvent

@subscriber(IRendererGlobalsEvent)
def add_global(event):
    event['mykey'] = 'foo'
```
If a subscriber attempts to add a key that already exist in the renderer globals dictionary, a KeyError is raised. This limitation is due to the fact that subscribers cannot be ordered relative to each other. The set of keys added to the renderer globals dictionary by all subscribers and app-level globals factories must be unique.

- New class: `pyramid.response.Response`. This is a pure facade for `webob.Response` (old code need not change to use this facade, it’s existence is mostly for vanity and documentation-generation purposes).

- All preexisting paster templates (except `zodb`) now use ”imperative” configuration (`starter`, `routesalchemy`, `alchemy`).

- A new paster template named `pyramid_starter_zcml` exists, which uses declarative configuration.

**Documentation (delta from BFG 1.3)**

- Added a `pyramid.httpexceptions` API documentation chapter.
- Added a `pyramid.session` API documentation chapter.
- Added a `Session Objects` narrative documentation chapter.
- Added an API chapter for the `pyramid.personality` module.
- Added an API chapter for the `pyramid.response` module.
- All documentation which previously referred to `webob.Response` now uses `pyramid.response.Response` instead.
- The documentation has been overhauled to use imperative configuration, moving declarative configuration (ZCML) explanations to a separate narrative chapter `declarative.rst`.
- The ZODB Wiki tutorial was updated to take into account changes to the `pyramid_zodb` paster template.
- The SQL Wiki tutorial was updated to take into account changes to the `pyramid_routesalchemy` paster template.

**Backwards Incompatibilities (with BFG 1.3)**

- There is no longer an `IDebugLogger` registered as a named utility with the name `repoze.bfg.debug`.
- The logger which used to have the name of `repoze.bfg.debug` now has the name `pyramid.debug`. 
The deprecated API `pyramid.testing.registerViewPermission` has been removed.

The deprecated API named `pyramid.testing.registerRoutesMapper` has been removed.

The deprecated API named `pyramid.request.get_request` was removed.

The deprecated API named `pyramid.security.Unauthorized` was removed.

The deprecated API named `pyramid.view.view_execution_permitted` was removed.

The deprecated API named `pyramid.view.NotFound` was removed.

The `bfgshell` `paster` command is now named `pshell`.

The Venusian "category" for all built-in Venusian decorators (e.g. `subscriber` and `view_config/bfg_view`) is now `pyramid` instead of `bfg`.

`pyramid.renderers.rendered_response` function removed; use `render_pyramid.renderers.render_to_response` instead.

Renderer factories now accept a `renderer info object` rather than an absolute resource specification or an absolute path. The object has the following attributes: `name` (the `renderer=` value), `package` (the 'current package' when the renderer configuration statement was found), `type`: the renderer type, `registry`: the current registry, and `settings`: the deployment settings dictionary.

Third-party `repoze.bfg` renderer implementations that must be ported to Pyramid will need to account for this.

This change was made primarily to support more flexible Mako template rendering.

The presence of the key `repoze.bfg.message` in the WSGI environment when an exception occurs is now deprecated. Instead, code which relies on this environ value should use the exception attribute of the request (e.g. `request.exception[0]`) to retrieve the message.

The values `bfg_localizer` and `bfg_locale_name` kept on the request during internationalization for caching purposes were never APIs. These however have changed to `localizer` and `locale_name`, respectively.

The default `cookie_name` value of the `authtktauthenticationpolicy` `ZCML` now defaults to `auth_tkt` (it used to default to `repoze.bfg.auth_tkt`).

The default `cookie_name` value of the `pyramid.authentication.AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy` constructor now defaults to `auth_tkt` (it used to default to `repoze.bfg.auth_tkt`).

The `request_type` argument to the `view` `ZCML` directive, the `pyramid.configuration.Configurator.add_view` method, or the `pyramid.view.view_config` decorator (nee `bfg_view`) is no longer permitted to be one of the strings `GET`, `HEAD`, `PUT`, `POST` or `DELETE`, and
now must always be an interface. Accepting the method-strings as request_type was a backwards compatibility strategy servicing repoze.bfg 1.0 applications. Use the request_method parameter instead to specify that a view a string request-method predicate.

0.6.10 repoze.bfg Change History (previous name for Pyramid)

1.3b1 (2010-10-25)

Features

- The pasteur template named bfg_routesalchemy has been updated to use SQLAlchemy declarative syntax. Thanks to Ergo^.

Bug Fixes

- When a renderer factory could not be found, a misleading error message was raised if the renderer name was not a string.

Documentation

- The "bfgwiki2" (SQLAlchemy + url dispatch) tutorial has been updated slightly. In particular, the source packages no longer attempt to use a private index, and the recommended Python version is now 2.6. It was also updated to take into account the changes to the bfg_routesalchemy template used to set up an environment.
- The "bfgwiki" (ZODB + traversal) tutorial has been updated slightly. In particular, the source packages no longer attempt to use a private index, and the recommended Python version is now 2.6.
1.3a15 (2010-09-30)

Features

• The repoze.bfg.traversal.traversal_path API now eagerly attempts to encode a Unicode path into ASCII before attempting to split it and decode its segments. This is for convenience, effectively to allow a (stored-as-Unicode-in-a-database, or retrieved-as-Unicode-from-a-request-parameter) Unicode path to be passed to find_model, which eventually internally uses the traversal_path function under the hood. In version 1.2 and prior, if the path was Unicode, that Unicode was split on slashes and each resulting segment value was Unicode. An inappropriate call to the decode() method of a resulting Unicode path segment could cause a UnicodeDecodeError to occur even if the Unicode representation of the path contained no ‘high order’ characters (it effectively did a "double decode"). By converting the Unicode path argument to ASCII before we attempt to decode and split, genuine errors will occur in a more obvious place while also allowing us to handle (for convenience) the case that it’s a Unicode representation formed entirely from ASCII-compatible characters.

1.3a14 (2010-09-14)

Bug Fixes

• If an exception view was registered through the legacy set_notfound_view or set_forbidden_view APIs, the context sent to the view was incorrect (could be None inappropriately).

Features

• Compatibility with WebOb 1.0.

Requirements

• Now requires WebOb >= 1.0.
Backwards Incompatibilities

• Due to changes introduced WebOb 1.0, the `repoze.bfg.request.make_request_ascii` event subscriber no longer works, so it has been removed. This subscriber was meant to be used in a deployment so that code written before BFG 0.7.0 could run unchanged. At this point, such code will need to be rewritten to expect Unicode from `request.GET`, `request.POST` and `request.params` or it will need to be changed to use `request.str_POST`, `request.str_GET` and/or `request.str_params` instead of the non-str versions of same, as the non-str versions of the same APIs always now perform decoding to Unicode.

Errata

• A prior changelog entry asserted that the `INewResponse` event was not sent to listeners if the response was not "valid" (if a view or renderer returned a response object that did not have a status/headers/app_iter). This is not true in this release, nor was it true in 1.3a13.

1.3a13 (2010-09-14)

Bug Fixes

• The `traverse` route predicate could not successfully generate a traversal path.

Features

• In support of making it easier to configure applications which are "secure by default", a default permission feature was added. If supplied, the default permission is used as the permission string to all view registrations which don’t otherwise name a permission. These APIs are in support of that:
  – A new constructor argument was added to the Configurator: `default_permission`.
  – A new method was added to the Configurator: `set_default_permission`.
  – A new ZCML directive was added: `default_permission`.
• Add a new request API: `request.add_finished_callback`. Finished callbacks are called by the router unconditionally near the very end of request processing. See the "Using Finished Callbacks" section of the "Hooks" narrative chapter of the documentation for more information.
• A `request.matched_route` attribute is now added to the request when a route has matched. Its value is the "route" object that matched (see the IRoute interface within repoze.bfg.interfaces API documentation for the API of a route object).

• The `exception` attribute of the request is now set slightly earlier and in a slightly different set of scenarios, for benefit of "finished callbacks" and "response callbacks". In previous versions, the `exception` attribute of the request was not set at all if an exception view was not found. In this version, the `request.exception` attribute is set immediately when an exception is caught by the router, even if an exception view could not be found.

• The `add_route` method of a Configurator now accepts a `pregenerator` argument. The pregenerator for the resulting route is called by `route_url` in order to adjust the set of arguments passed to it by the user for special purposes, such as Pylons 'subdomain' support. It will influence the URL returned by `route_url`. See the repoze.bfg.interfaces.IRoutePregenerator interface for more information.

Backwards Incompatibilities

• The router no longer sets the value `wsgiorg.routing_args` into the environ when a route matches. The value used to be something like `(() , matchdict)`. This functionality was only ever obliquely referred to in change logs; it was never documented as an API.

• The `exception` attribute of the request now defaults to `None`. In prior versions, the `request.exception` attribute did not exist if an exception was not raised by user code during request processing; it only began existence once an exception view was found.

Deprecations

• The `repoze.bfg.interfaces.IWSGIApplicationCreatedEvent` event interface was renamed to `repoze.bfg.interfaces.IApplicationCreated`. Likewise, the `repoze.bfg.events.WSGIApplicationCreatedEvent` class was renamed to `repoze.bfg.events.ApplicationCreated`. The older aliases will continue to work indefinitely.

• The `repoze.bfg.interfaces.IAfterTraversal` event interface was renamed to `repoze.bfg.interfaces.IContextFound`. Likewise, the `repoze.bfg.events.AfterTraversal` class was renamed to `repoze.bfg.events.ContextFound`. The older aliases will continue to work indefinitely.

• References to the WSGI environment values `bfg.routes.matchdict` and `bfg.routes.route` were removed from documentation. These will stick around internally for several more releases, but it is `request.matchdict` and `request.matched_route` are now the "official" way to obtain the matchdict and the route object which resulted in the match.
Documentation

- Added documentation for the default_permission ZCML directive.
- Added documentation for the default_permission constructor value and the set_default_permission method in the Configurator API documentation.
- Added a new section to the "security" chapter named "Setting a Default Permission".
- Document renderer_globals_factory and request_factory arguments to Configurator constructor.
- Added two sections to the "Hooks" chapter of the documentation: "Using Response Callbacks" and "Using Finished Callbacks".
- Added documentation of the request.exception attribute to the repoze.bfg.request.Request API documentation.
- Added glossary entries for "response callback" and "finished callback".
- The "Request Processing" narrative chapter has been updated to note finished and response callback steps.
- New interface in interfaces API documentation: IRoutePregenerator.
- Added a "The Matched Route" section to the URL Dispatch narrative docs chapter, detailing the matched_route attribute.

1.3a12 (2010-09-08)

Bug Fixes

- Fix a bug in repoze.bfg.url.static_url URL generation: if two resource specifications were used to create two separate static views, but they shared a common prefix, it was possible that static_url would generate an incorrect URL.
- Fix another bug in repoze.bfg.static_url URL generation: too many slashes in generated URL.
- Prevent a race condition which could result in a RuntimeError when rendering a Chameleon template that has not already been rendered once. This would usually occur directly after a restart, when more than one person or thread is trying to execute the same view at the same time: https://bugs.launchpad.net/karl3/+bug/621364
The argument to `repoze.bfg.configuration.Configurator.add_route` which was previously called `path` is now called `pattern` for better explicability. For backwards compatibility purposes, passing a keyword argument named `path` to `add_route` will still work indefinitely.

- The `path` attribute to the ZCML `route` directive is now named `pattern` for better explicability. The older `path` attribute will continue to work indefinitely.

**Documentation**

- All narrative, API, and tutorial docs which referred to a route pattern as a `path` have now been updated to refer to them as a `pattern`.

- The `repoze.bfg.interfaces` API documentation page is now rendered via `repoze.sphinx.autointerface`.

- The URL Dispatch narrative chapter now refers to the `interfaces` chapter to explain the API of an `IRoute` object.

**Paster Templates**

- The `routesalchemy` template has been updated to use `pattern` in its route declarations rather than `path`.

**Dependencies**

- `tests_require` now includes `repoze.sphinx.autointerface` as a dependency.
Internal

- Add an API to the Configurator named get_routes_mapper. This returns an object implementing the IRoutesMapper interface.

- The repoze.bfg.urldispatch.RoutesMapper object now has a get_route method which returns a single Route object or None.

- A new interface repoze.bfg.interfaces.IRoute was added. The repoze.bfg.urldispatch.Route object implements this interface.

- The canonical attribute for accessing the routing pattern from a route object is now pattern rather than path.

- Use hash() rather than id() when computing the ”phash” of a custom route/view predicate in order to allow the custom predicate some control over which predicates are ”equal”.

- Use response.headerlist.append instead of response.headers.add in repoze.bfg.request.add_global_response_headers in case the response is not a WebOb response.

- The repoze.bfg.urldispatch.Route constructor (not an API) now accepts a different ordering of arguments. Previously it was (pattern, name, factory=None, predicates=()). It is now (name, pattern, factory=None, predicates=()). This is in support of consistency with configurator.add_route.

- The repoze.bfg.urldispatch.RoutesMapper.connect method (not an API) now accepts a different ordering of arguments. Previously it was (pattern, name, factory=None, predicates=()). It is now (name, pattern, factory=None, predicates=()). This is in support of consistency with configurator.add_route.

1.3a11 (2010-09-05)

Bug Fixes

- Process the response callbacks and the NewResponse event earlier, to enable mutations to the response to take effect.
1.3a10 (2010-09-05)

Features

- A new repoze.bfg.request.Request.add_response_callback API has been added. This method is documented in the new repoze.bfg.request API chapter. It can be used to influence response values before a concrete response object has been created.

- The repoze.bfg.interfaces.INewResponse interface now includes a request attribute; as a result, a handler for INewResponse now has access to the request which caused the response.

- Each of the following methods of the Configurator now allow the below-named arguments to be passed as ”dotted name strings” (e.g. ”foo.bar.baz”) rather than as actual implementation objects that must be imported:

  - setup registry root_factory, authentication_policy, authorization_policy, debug_logger, locale_negotiator, request_factory, renderer_globals_factory
  - add subscriber subscriber, iface
  - derive view view
  - add view view, for_, context, request_type, containment
  - add route() view, view_for, factory, for_, view_context
  - scan package
  - add renderer factory
  - set forbidden view view
  - set not found view view
  - set request factory factory
  - set renderer globals factory() factory
  - set locale negotiator negotiator
  - testing add subscriber event iface
Bug Fixes

- The route pattern registered internally for a local "static view" (either via the static ZCML directive or via the add_static_view method of the configurator) was incorrect. It was registered for e.g. static*traverse, while it should have been registered for static/*traverse. Symptom: two static views could not reliably be added to a system when they both shared the same path prefix (e.g. /static and /static2).

Backwards Incompatibilities

- The INewResponse event is now not sent to listeners if the response returned by view code (or a renderer) is not a "real" response (e.g. if it does not have .status, .headerlist and .app_iter attributes).

Documentation

- Add an API chapter for the repoze.bfg.request module, which includes documentation for the repoze.bfg.request.Request class (the "request object").
- Modify the "Request and Response" narrative chapter to reference the new repoze.bfg.request API chapter. Some content was moved from this chapter into the API documentation itself.
- Various changes to denote that Python dotted names are now allowed as input to Configurator methods.

Internal

- The (internal) feature which made it possible to attach a global_response_headers attribute to the request (which was assumed to contain a sequence of header key/value pairs which would later be added to the response by the router), has been removed. The functionality of repoze.bfg.request.Request.add_response_callback takes its place.
- The repoze.bfg.events.NewResponse class’s construct has changed: it now must be created with (request, response) rather than simply (response).
1.3a9 (2010-08-22)

Features

- The Configurator now accepts a dotted name string to a package as a package constructor argument. The package argument was previously required to be a package object (not a dotted name string).

- The repoze.bfg.configuration.Configurator.with_package method was added. This method returns a new Configurator using the same application registry as the configurator object it is called upon. The new configurator is created afresh with its package constructor argument set to the value passed to with_package. This feature will make it easier for future BFG versions to allow dotted names as arguments in places where currently only object references are allowed (the work to allow dotted names instead of object references everywhere has not yet been done, however).

- The new repoze.bfg.configuration.Configurator.maybe_dotted method resolves a Python dotted name string supplied as its dotted argument to a global Python object. If the value cannot be resolved, a repoze.bfg.configuration.ConfigurationError is raised. If the value supplied as dotted is not a string, the value is returned unconditionally without any resolution attempted.

- The new repoze.bfg.configuration.Configurator.absolute_resource_spec method resolves a potentially relative "resource specification" string into an absolute version. If the value supplied as relative_spec is not a string, the value is returned unconditionally without any resolution attempted.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- The functions in repoze.bfg.renderers named render and render_to_response introduced in 1.3a6 previously took a set of **values arguments for the values to be passed to the renderer. This was wrong, as renderers don’t need to accept only dictionaries (they can accept any type of object). Now, the value sent to the renderer must be supplied as a positional argument named value. The request argument is still a keyword argument, however.

- The functions in repoze.bfg.renderers named render and render_to_response now accept an additional keyword argument named package.

- The get_renderer API in repoze.bfg.renderers now accepts a package argument.
Documentation

- The ZCML include directive docs were incorrect: they specified filename rather than (the correct) file as an allowable attribute.

Internal

- The repoze.bfg.resource.resolve_resource_spec function can now accept a package object as its pname argument instead of just a package name.
- The _renderer_factory_from_name and _renderer_from_name methods of the Configurator were removed. These were never APIs.
- The _render, _render_to_response and _make_response functions with repoze.bfg.render (added in 1.3a6) have been removed.
- A new helper class repoze.bfg.renderers.RendererHelper was added.
- The _map_view function of repoze.bfg.configuration now takes only a renderer_name argument instead of both a renderer and renderer`_name argument. It also takes a `package argument now.
- Use imp.get_suffixes indirection in repoze.bfg.path.package_name instead of hardcoded .py .pyc and .pyo to use for comparison when attempting to decide if a directory is a package.
- Make tests runnable again under Jython (although they do not all pass currently).
- The reify decorator now maintains the docstring of the function it wraps.

1.3a8 (2010-08-08)

Features

- New public interface: repoze.bfg.exceptions.IExceptionResponse. This interface is provided by all internal exception classes (such as repoze.bfg.exceptions.NotFound and repoze.bfg.exceptions.Forbidden), instances of which are both exception objects and can behave as WSGI response objects. This interface is made public so that exception classes which are also valid WSGI response factories can be configured to implement them or exception instances which are also or response instances can be configured to provide them.
• New API class: repoze.bfg.view.AppendSlashNotFoundViewFactory.

There can only be one Not Found view in any repoze.bfg application. Even if you use repoze.
bfg.view.append_slash_notfound_view as the Not Found view, repoze.bfg still must generate a 404 Not Found response when it cannot redirect to a slash-appended URL; this not found response will be visible to site users.

If you don’t care what this 404 response looks like, and you only need redirections to slash-appended route URLs, you may use the repoze.bfg.view.append_slash_notfound_view object as the Not Found view. However, if you wish to use a custom notfound view callable when a URL cannot be redirected to a slash-appended URL, you may wish to use an instance of the repoze.
bfg.view.AppendSlashNotFoundViewFactory class as the Not Found view, supplying the notfound view callable as the first argument to its constructor. For instance:

```python
from repoze.bfg.exceptions import NotFound
from repoze.bfg.view import AppendSlashNotFoundViewFactory

def notfound_view(context, request):
    return HTTPNotFound('It aint there, stop trying!')

custom_append_slash = AppendSlashNotFoundViewFactory(notfound_view)
config.add_view(custom_append_slash, context=NotFound)
```

The notfound_view supplied must adhere to the two-argument view callable calling convention of (context, request) (context will be the exception object).

Documentation

• Expanded the ”Cleaning Up After a Request” section of the URL Dispatch narrative chapter.

• Expanded the ”Redirecting to Slash-Appended Routes” section of the URL Dispatch narrative chapter.

Internal

• Previously, two default view functions were registered at Configurator setup (one for repoze.
bfg.exceptions.NotFound named default_notfound_view and one for repoze.
bfg.exceptions.Forbidden named default_forbidden_view) to render internal exception responses. Those default view functions have been removed, replaced with a generic default view function which is registered at Configurator setup for the repoze.bfg.interfaces.IExceptionResponse interface that simply returns the exception instance; the NotFound and Forbidden classes are now still exception factories but they are also response factories which generate instances that implement the new repoze.bfg.interfaces.IExceptionResponse interface.
1.3a7 (2010-08-01)

Features

- The `repoze.bfg.configuration.Configurator.add_route` API now returns the route object that was added.
- A `repoze.bfg.events.subscriber` decorator was added. This decorator decorates module-scope functions, which are then treated as event listeners after a scan() is performed. See the Events narrative documentation chapter and the `repoze.bfg.events` module documentation for more information.

Bug Fixes

- When adding a view for a route which did not yet exist ("did not yet exist" meaning, temporally, a view was added with a route name for a route which had not yet been added via add_route), the value of the `custom_predicate` argument to `add_view` was lost. Symptom: wrong view matches when using URL dispatch and custom view predicates together.
- Pattern matches for a :segment marker in a URL dispatch route pattern now always match at least one character. See "Backwards Incompatibilities" below in this changelog.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- A bug existed in the regular expression to do URL matching. As an example, the URL matching machinery would cause the pattern `/{foo}` to match the root URL `/` resulting in a match dictionary of `{foo:'u'}` or the pattern `/{fud}/edit` might match the URL `''//edit` resulting in a match dictionary of `{fud:'u'}`. It was always the intent that :segment markers in the pattern would need to match at least one character, and never match the empty string. This, however, means that in certain circumstances, a routing match which your application inadvertently depended upon may no longer happen.

Documentation

- Added description of the `repoze.bfg.events.subscriber` decorator to the Events narrative chapter.
- Added `repoze.bfg.events.subscriber` API documentation to `repoze.bfg.events` API docs.
- Added a section named "Zope 3 Enforces 'TTW' Authorization Checks By Default; BFG Does Not" to the "Design Defense" chapter.
Features

- New argument to repoze.bfg.configuration.Configurator.add_route and the route ZCML directive: traverse. If you would like to cause the context to be something other than the root object when this route matches, you can spell a traversal pattern as the traverse argument. This traversal pattern will be used as the traversal path; traversal will begin at the root object implied by this route (either the global root, or the object returned by the factory associated with this route).

The syntax of the traverse argument is the same as it is for path. For example, if the path provided is articles/:article/edit, and the traverse argument provided is /:article, when a request comes in that causes the route to match in such a way that the article match value is '1' (when the request URI is /articles/1/edit), the traversal path will be generated as /1. This means that the root object’s __getitem__ will be called with the name 1 during the traversal phase. If the 1 object exists, it will become the context of the request. The Traversal narrative has more information about traversal.

If the traversal path contains segment marker names which are not present in the path argument, a runtime error will occur. The traverse pattern should not contain segment markers that do not exist in the path.

A similar combining of routing and traversal is available when a route is matched which contains a *traverse remainder marker in its path. The traverse argument allows you to associate route patterns with an arbitrary traversal path without using a *traverse remainder marker; instead you can use other match information.

Note that the traverse argument is ignored when attached to a route that has a *traverse remainder marker in its path.

- A new method of the Configurator exists: set_request_factory. If used, this method will set the factory used by the repoze.bfg router to create all request objects.

- The Configurator constructor takes an additional argument: request_factory. If used, this argument will set the factory used by the repoze.bfg router to create all request objects.

- A new method of the Configurator exists: set_renderer_globals_factory. If used, this method will set the factory used by the repoze.bfg router to create renderer globals.

- A new method of the Configurator exists: get_settings. If used, this method will return the current settings object (performs the same job as the repoze.bfg.settings.get_settings API).
• The Configurator constructor takes an additional argument: render_globals_factory. If used, this argument will set the factory used by the repoze.bfg router to create renderer globals.

• Add repoze.bfg.renderers.render, repoze.bfg.renderers.render_to_response and repoze.bfg.renderers.get_renderer functions. These are imperative APIs which will use the same rendering machinery used by view configurations with a renderer= attribute/argument to produce a rendering or renderer. Because these APIs provide a central API for all rendering, they now form the preferred way to perform imperative template rendering. Using functions named render_* from modules such as repoze.bfg.chameleon_zpt and repoze.bfg.chameleon_text is now discouraged (although not deprecated). The code the backing older templating-system-specific APIs now calls into the newer repoze.bfg.renderer code.

• The repoze.bfg.configuration.Configurator.testing_add_template has been renamed to testing_add_renderer. A backwards compatibility alias is present using the old name.

Documentation

• The Hybrid narrative chapter now contains a description of the traverse route argument.

• The Hooks narrative chapter now contains sections about changing the request factory and adding a renderer globals factory.

• The API documentation includes a new module: repoze.bfg.renderers.

• The Templates chapter was updated; all narrative that used templating-specific APIs within examples to perform rendering (such as the repoze.bfg.chameleon_zpt.render_template_to_response method) was changed to use repoze.bfg.renderers.render_* functions.

Bug Fixes

• The header predicate (when used as either a view predicate or a route predicate) had a problem when specified with a name/regex pair. When the header did not exist in the headers dictionary, the regex match could be fed None, causing it to throw a TypeError: expected string or buffer exception. Now, the predicate returns False as intended.
Deprecations

- The `repoze.bfg.renderers.rendered_response` function was never an official API, but may have been imported by extensions in the wild. It is officially deprecated in this release. Use `repoze.bfg.renderers.render_to_response` instead.

- The following APIs are documentation deprecated (meaning they are officially deprecated in documentation but do not raise a deprecation error upon their usage, and may continue to work for an indefinite period of time):

  In the `repoze.bfg.chameleon_zpt` module: `get_renderer`, `get_template`, `render_template`, `render_template_to_response`. The suggested alternatives are documented within the docstrings of those methods (which are still present in the documentation).

  In the `repoze.bfg.chameleon_text` module: `get_renderer`, `get_template`, `render_template`, `render_template_to_response`. The suggested alternatives are documented within the docstrings of those methods (which are still present in the documentation).

  In general, to perform template-related functions, one should now use the various methods in the `repoze.bfg.renderers` module.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- A new internal exception class (not an API) named `repoze.bfg.exceptions.PredicateMismatch` now exists. This exception is currently raised when no constituent view of a multiview can be called (due to no predicate match). Previously, in this situation, a `repoze.bfg.exceptions.NotFound` was raised. We provide backwards compatibility for code that expected a `NotFound` to be raised when no predicates match by causing `repoze.bfg.exceptions.PredicateMismatch` to inherit from `NotFound`. This will cause any exception view registered for `NotFound` to be called when a predicate mismatch occurs, as was the previous behavior.

  There is however, one perverse case that will expose a backwards incompatibility. If 1) you had a view that was registered as a member of a multiview 2) this view explicitly raised a `NotFound` exception in order to proceed to the next predicate check in the multiview, that code will now behave differently: rather than skipping to the next view match, a `NotFound` will be raised to the top-level exception handling machinery instead. For code to be depending upon the behavior of a view raising `NotFound` to proceed to the next predicate match, would be tragic, but not impossible, given that `NotFound` is a public interface. `repoze.bfg.exceptions.PredicateMismatch` is not a public API and cannot be depended upon by application code, so you should not change your view code to raise `PredicateMismatch`. Instead, move the logic which raised the `NotFound` exception in the view out into a custom view predicate.
If, when you run your application’s unit test suite under BFG 1.3, a KeyError naming a template or a ValueError indicating that a ‘renderer factory’ is not registered may is raised (e.g. ValueError: No factory for renderer named '.pt' when looking up karl.views:templates/snippets.pt), you may need to perform some extra setup in your test code.

The best solution is to use the repoze.bfg.configuration.Configurator.testing_add_renderer (or, alternately the deprecated repoze.bfg.testing.registerTemplateRenderer or registerDummyRenderer) API within the code comprising each individual unit test suite to register a ”dummy” renderer for each of the templates and renderers used by code under test. For example:

```python
config = Configurator()
config.testing_add_renderer('karl.views:templates/snippets.pt')
```

This will register a basic dummy renderer for this particular missing template. The testing_add_renderer API actually returns the renderer, but if you don’t care about how the render is used, you don’t care about having a reference to it either.

A more rough way to solve the issue exists. It causes the ”real” template implementations to be used while the system is under test, which is suboptimal, because tests will run slower, and unit tests won’t actually be unit tests, but it is easier. Always ensure you call the setup_registry() method of the Configurator. Eg:

```python
reg = MyRegistry()
config = Configurator(registry=reg)
config.setup_registry()
```

Calling setup_registry only has an effect if you’re passing in a registry argument to the Configurator constructor. setup_registry is called by the course of normal operations anyway if you do not pass in a registry.

If your test suite isn’t using a Configurator yet, and is still using the older repoze.bfg.testing APIs name setUp or cleanUp, these will register the renderers on your behalf.

A variant on the symptom for this theme exists: you may already be dutifully registering a dummy template or renderer for a template used by the code you’re testing using testing_register_renderer or registerTemplateRenderer, but (perhaps unbeknownst to you) the code under test expects to be able to use a ”real” template renderer implementation to retrieve or render another template that you forgot was being rendered as a side effect of calling the code you’re testing. This happened to work because it found the real template while the system was under test previously, and now it cannot. The solution is the same.

It may also help reduce confusion to use a resource specification to specify the template path in the test suite and code rather than a relative path in either. A resource specification is unambiguous,
while a relative path needs to be relative to "here", where "here" isn’t always well-defined ("here" in a test suite may or may not be the same as "here" in the code under test).

1.3a5 (2010-07-14)

Features

• New internal exception: repoze.bfg.exceptions.URLDecodeError. This URL is a subclass of the built-in Python exception named UnicodeDecodeError.

• When decoding a URL segment to Unicode fails, the exception raised is now repoze.bfg.exceptions.URLDecodeError instead of UnicodeDecodeError. This makes it possible to register an exception view invoked specifically when repoze.bfg cannot decode a URL.

Bug Fixes

• Fix regression in repoze.bfg.configuration.Configurator.add_static_view. Before 1.3a4, view names that contained a slash were supported as route prefixes. 1.3a4 broke this by trying to treat them as full URLs.

Documentation

• The repoze.bfg.exceptions.URLDecodeError exception was added to the exceptions chapter of the API documentation.

Backwards Incompatibilities

• in previous releases, when a URL could not be decoded from UTF-8 during traversal, a TypeError was raised. Now the error which is raised is a repoze.bfg.exceptions.URLDecodeError.
1.3a4 (2010-07-03)

Features

- Undocumented hook: make get_app and get_root of the repoze.bfg.paster.BFGShellCommand hookable in cases where endware may interfere with the default versions.

- In earlier versions, a custom route predicate associated with a url dispatch route (each of the predicate functions fed to the custom_predicates argument of repoze.bfg.configuration.Configurator.add_route) has always required a 2-positional argument signature, e.g. (context, request). Before this release, the context argument was always None.

As of this release, the first argument passed to a predicate is now a dictionary conventionally named info consisting of route, and match. match is a dictionary: it represents the arguments matched in the URL by the route. route is an object representing the route which was matched.

This is useful when predicates need access to the route match. For example:

```python
def any_of(segment_name, *args):
    def predicate(info, request):
        if info['match'][segment_name] in args:
            return True
        return False
    return predicate

num_one_two_or_three = any_of('num', 'one', 'two', 'three')

add_route('num', '/:num', custom_predicates=(num_one_two_or_three,))
```

The route object is an object that has two useful attributes: name and path. The name attribute is the route name. The path attribute is the route pattern. An example of using the route in a set of route predicates:

```python
def twenty_ten(info, request):
    if info['route'].name in ('ymd', 'ym', 'y'):
        return info['match']['year'] == '2010'

add_route('y', '/:year', custom_predicates=(twenty_ten,))
add_route('ym', '/:year/:month', custom_predicates=(twenty_ten,))
add_route('ymd', '/:year/:month/:day', custom_predicates=(twenty_ten,))
```

- The repoze.bfg.url.route_url API has changed. If a keyword _app_url is present in the arguments passed to route_url, this value will be used as the protocol/hostname/port/leading path prefix of the generated URL. For example, using an _app_url of http://example.com:8080/foo would cause the URL http://example.com:8080/foo/fleeb/flub
to be returned from this function if the expansion of the route pattern associated with the 
route_name expanded to /fleeb/flub.

• It is now possible to use a URL as the name argument fed to repoze.bfg.configuration. 
Configurator.add_static_view. When the name argument is a URL, the repoze. 
bfg.url.static_url API will generate join this URL (as a prefix) to a path including the 
static file name. This makes it more possible to put static media on a separate webserver for produc-
tion, while keeping static media package-internal and served by the development webserver during 
development.

Documentation

• The authorization chapter of the ZODB Wiki Tutorial (docs/tutorials/bfgwiki) was changed to 
demonstrate authorization via a group rather than via a direct username (thanks to Alex Marandon).

• The authorization chapter of the SQLAlchemy Wiki Tutorial (docs/tutorials/bfgwiki2) was changed 
to demonstrate authorization via a group rather than via a direct username.

• Redirect requests for tutorial sources to https://docs.pylonsproject.org/projects/pyramid/en/latest/ 
wiki2/index.html respectively.

• A section named Custom Route Predicates was added to the URL Dispatch narrative chap-
ter.

• The Static Resources chapter has been updated to mention using static_url to generate URLs 
to external webservers.

Internal

• Removed repoze.bfg.static.StaticURLFactory in favor of a new abstraction revolving 
around the (still-internal) repoze.bfg.static.StaticURLInfo helper class.

1.3a3 (2010-05-01)

Paster Templates

• The bfg_alchemy and bfg_routesalchemy templates no longer register a han-
dle_teardown event listener which calls DBSession.remove. This was found by Chris 
Withers to be unnecessary.
Documentation

- The "bfgwiki2" (URL dispatch wiki) tutorial code and documentation was changed to remove the handle_teardown event listener which calls DBSession.remove.
- Any mention of the handle_teardown event listener as used by the paster templates was removed from the URL Dispatch narrative chapter.
- A section entitled Detecting Available Languages was added to the i18n narrative docs chapter.

1.3a2 (2010-04-28)

Features

- A locale negotiator no longer needs to be registered explicitly. The default locale negotiator at repoze.bfg.i18n.default_locale_negotiator is now used unconditionally as... um, the default locale negotiator.
- The default locale negotiator has become more complex.
  - First, the negotiator looks for the _LOCALE_ attribute of the request object (possibly set by a view or an event listener).
  - Then it looks for the request.params['_LOCALE_'] value.
  - Then it looks for the request.cookies['_LOCALE_'] value.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- The default locale negotiator now looks for the parameter named _LOCALE_ rather than a parameter named locale in request.params.

Behavior Changes

- A locale negotiator may now return None, signifying that the default locale should be used.
Documentation

- Documentation concerning locale negotiation in the Internationalizationa and Localization chapter was updated.
- Expanded portion of i18n narrative chapter docs which discuss working with gettext files.

1.3a1 (2010-04-26)

Features

- Added "exception views". When you use an exception (anything that inherits from the Python Exception builtin) as view context argument, e.g.:

```python
from repoze.bfg.view import bfg_view
from repoze.bfg.exceptions import NotFound
from webob.exc import HTTPNotFound

@bfg_view(context=NotFound)
def notfound_view(request):
    return HTTPNotFound()
```

For the above example, when the repoze.bfg.exceptions.NotFound exception is raised by any view or any root factory, the notfound_view view callable will be invoked and its response returned.

Other normal view predicates can also be used in combination with an exception view registration:

```python
from repoze.bfg.view import bfg_view
from repoze.bfg.exceptions import NotFound
from webob.exc import HTTPNotFound

@bfg_view(context=NotFound, route_name='home')
def notfound_view(request):
    return HTTPNotFound()
```

The above exception view names the route_name of home, meaning that it will only be called when the route matched has a name of home. You can therefore have more than one exception view for any given exception in the system: the "most specific" one will be called when the set of request circumstances which match the view registration. The only predicate that cannot be not be used successfully is name. The name used to look up an exception view is always the empty string.
Existing (pre-1.3) normal views registered against objects inheriting from Exception will continue to work. Exception views used for user-defined exceptions and system exceptions used as contexts will also work.

The feature can be used with any view registration mechanism (@bfg_view decorator, ZCML, or imperative config.add_view styles).

This feature was kindly contributed by Andrey Popp.

- Use "Venusian" (https://docs.pylonsproject.org/projects/venusian/en/latest/) to perform bfg_view decorator scanning rather than relying on a BFG-internal decorator scanner. (Truth be told, Venusian is really just a generalization of the BFG-internal decorator scanner).

- Internationalization and localization features as documented in the narrative documentation chapter entitled Internationalization and Localization.

- A new deployment setting named default_locale_name was added. If this string is present as a Paster .ini file option, it will be considered the default locale name. The default locale name is used during locale-related operations such as language translation.

- It is now possible to turn on Chameleon template “debugging mode” for all Chameleon BFG templates by setting a BFG-related Paster .ini file setting named debug_templates. The exceptions raised by Chameleon templates when a rendering fails are sometimes less than helpful. debug_templates allows you to configure your application development environment so that exceptions generated by Chameleon during template compilation and execution will contain more helpful debugging information. This mode is on by default in all new projects.

- Add a new method of the Configurator named derive_view which can be used to generate a BFG view callable from a user-supplied function, instance, or class. This useful for external framework and plugin authors wishing to wrap callables supplied by their users which follow the same calling conventions and response conventions as objects that can be supplied directly to BFG as a view callable. See the derive_view method in the repoze.bfg.configuration.Configurator docs.

**ZCML**

- Add a translationdir ZCML directive to support localization.
- Add a localenegotiator ZCML directive to support localization.
Deprecations

- The exception views feature replaces the need for the set_notfound_view and set_forbidden_view methods of the Configurator as well as the notfound and forbidden ZCML directives. Those methods and directives will continue to work for the foreseeable future, but they are deprecated in the documentation.

Dependencies

- A new install-time dependency on the venusian distribution was added.
- A new install-time dependency on the translationstring distribution was added.
- Chameleon 1.2.3 or better is now required (internationalization and per-template debug settings).

Internal

- View registrations and lookups are now done with three "requires" arguments instead of two to accommodate orthogonality of exception views.
- The repoze.bfg.interfaces.IForbiddenView and repoze.bfg.interfaces.INotFoundView interfaces were removed; they weren't APIs and they became vestigial with the addition of exception views.
- Remove repoze.bfg.compat.pkgutil_26.py and import alias repoze.bfg.compat.walk_packages. These were only required by internal scanning machinery; Venusian replaced the internal scanning machinery, so these are no longer required.

Documentation

- Exception view documentation was added to the Hooks narrative chapter.
- A new narrative chapter entitled Internationalization and Localization was added.
- The "Environment Variables and ini File Settings" chapter was changed: documentation about the default_locale_name setting was added.
- A new API chapter for the repoze.bfg.i18n module was added.
- Documentation for the new translationdir and localenegotiator ZCML directives were added.
- A section was added to the Templates chapter entitled "Nicer Exceptions in Templates" describing the result of setting debug_templates = true.
Paster Templates

- All paster templates now create a `setup.cfg` which includes commands related to nose testing and Babel message catalog extraction/compilation.
- A `default_locale_name = en` setting was added to each existing paster template.
- A `debug_templates = true` setting was added to each existing paster template.

Licensing

- The Edgewall (BSD) license was added to the LICENSES.txt file, as some code in the `repoze.bfg.i18n` derives from Babel source.

1.2 (2010-02-10)

- No changes from 1.2b6.

1.2b6 (2010-02-06)

Backwards Incompatibilities

- Remove magical feature of `repoze.bfg.url.model_url` which prepended a fully-expanded `urldispatch` route URL before a the model’s path if it was noticed that the request had matched a route. This feature was ill-conceived, and didn’t work in all scenarios.

Bug Fixes

- More correct conversion of provided `renderer` values to resource specification values (internal).
1.2b5 (2010-02-04)

Bug Fixes

- 1.2b4 introduced a bug whereby views added via a route configuration that named a view callable and also a view_attr became broken. Symptom: MyViewClass is not callable or the __call__ of a class was being called instead of the method named via view_attr.
- Fix a bug whereby a renderer argument to the @bfg_view decorator that provided a package-relative template filename might not have been resolved properly. Symptom: inappropriate Missing template resource errors.

1.2b4 (2010-02-03)

Documentation

- Update GAE tutorial to use Chameleon instead of Jinja2 (now that it’s possible).

Bug Fixes

- Ensure that secure flag for AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy constructor does what it’s documented to do (merge Daniel Holth’s fancy-cookies-2 branch).

Features

- Add path and http_only options to AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy constructor (merge Daniel Holth’s fancy-cookies-2 branch).

Backwards Incompatibilities

- Remove view_header, view_accept, view_xhr, view_path_info, view_request_method, view_request_param, and view_containment predicate arguments from the Configurator.add_route argument list. These arguments were speculative. If you need the features exposed by these arguments, add a view associated with a route using the route_name argument to the add_view method instead.
- Remove view_header, view_accept, view_xhr, view_path_info, view_request_method, view_request_param, and view_containment predicate arguments from the route ZCML directive attribute set. These attributes were speculative. If you need the features exposed by these attributes, add a view associated with a route using the route_name attribute of the view ZCML directive instead.
Dependencies

- Remove dependency on sourcecodegen (not depended upon by Chameleon 1.1.1+).

1.2b3 (2010-01-24)

Bug Fixes

- When "hybrid mode" (both traversal and urldispatch) is in use, default to finding route-related views even if a non-route-related view registration has been made with a more specific context. The default used to be to find views with a more specific context first. Use the new use_global_views argument to the route definition to get back the older behavior.

Features

- Add use_global_views argument to add_route method of Configurator. When this argument is true, views registered for no route will be found if no more specific view related to the route is found.
- Add use_global_views attribute to ZCML <route> directive (see above).

Internal

- When registering a view, register the view adapter with the "requires" interfaces as (request_type, context_type) rather than (context_type, request_type). This provides for saner lookup, because the registration will always be made with a specific request interface, but registration may not be made with a specific context interface. In general, when creating multiadapters, you want to order the requires interfaces so that the elements which are more likely to be registered using specific interfaces are ordered before those which are less likely.
Bug Fixes

- When the Configurator is passed an instance of `zope.component.registry.Components` as a `registry` constructor argument, fix the instance up to have the attributes we expect of an instance of `repoze.bfg.registry.Registry` when `setup_registry` is called. This makes it possible to use the global Zope component registry as a BFG application registry.

- When WebOb 0.9.7.1 was used, a deprecation warning was issued for the class attribute named `charset` within `repoze.bfg.request.Request`. BFG now `requires` WebOb >= 0.9.7, and code was added so that this deprecation warning has disappeared.

- Fix a view lookup ordering bug whereby a view with a larger number of predicates registered first (literally first, not “earlier”) for a triad would lose during view lookup to one registered with fewer.

- Make sure views with exactly N custom predicates are always called before views with exactly N non-custom predicates given all else is equal in the view configuration.

Documentation

- Change renderings of ZCML directive documentation.

- Add a narrative documentation chapter: ”Using the Zope Component Architecture in repoze.bfg”.

Dependencies

- Require WebOb >= 0.9.7

1.2b1 (2010-01-18)

Bug Fixes

- In `bfg_routesalchemy`, `bfg_alchemy` pastes instead of relying on a `__del__` method of a `Cleanup` class added to the WSGI environment. The `__del__` strategy was fragile and caused problems in the wild. Thanks to Daniel Holth for testing.
Features

- Read logging configuration from PasteDeploy config file `loggers` section (and related) when `paster bfgshell` is invoked.

Documentation

- Major rework in preparation for book publication.

1.2a11 (2010-01-05)

Bug Fixes

- Make `paster bfgshell` and `paster create -t bfg_xxx` work on Jython (fix minor incompatibility with treatment of `__doc__` at the class level).
- Updated dependency on `WebOb` to require a version which supports features now used in tests.

Features

- Jython compatibility (at least when repoze.bfg.jinja2 is used as the templating engine; Chameleon does not work under Jython).
- Show the derived abspath of template resource specifications in the traceback when a renderer template cannot be found.
- Show the original traceback when a Chameleon template cannot be rendered due to a platform incompatibility.
1.2a10 (2010-01-04)

Features

- The `Configurator.add_view` method now accepts an argument named `context`. This is an alias for the older argument named `for_`; it is preferred over `for_`, but `for_` will continue to be supported "forever".
- The `view ZCML` directive now accepts an attribute named `context`. This is an alias for the older attribute named `for`; it is preferred over `for`, but `for` will continue to be supported "forever".
- The `Configurator.add_route` method now accepts an argument named `view_context`. This is an alias for the older argument named `view_for`; it is preferred over `view_for`, but `view_for` will continue to be supported "forever".
- The `route ZCML` directive now accepts an attribute named `view_context`. This is an alias for the older attribute named `view_for`; it is preferred over `view_for`, but `view_for` will continue to be supported "forever".

Documentation and Paster Templates

- LaTeX rendering tweaks.
- All uses of the `Configurator.add_view` method that used its `for_` argument now use the `context` argument instead.
- All uses of the `Configurator.add_route` method that used its `view_for` argument now use the `view_context` argument instead.
- All uses of the `view ZCML` directive that used its `for` attribute now use the `context` attribute instead.
- All uses of the `route ZCML` directive that used its `view_for` attribute now use the `view_context` attribute instead.
- Add a (minimal) tutorial dealing with use of `repoze.catalog` in a `repoze.bfg` application.

Documentation Licensing

- Loosen the documentation licensing to allow derivative works: it is now offered under the Creative Commons Attribution-Noncommercial-Share Alike 3.0 United States License. This is only a documentation licensing change; the `repoze.bfg` software continues to be offered under the Re- poze Public License at https://web.archive.org/web/20190401024809/http://repoze.org/license.html (BSD-like).
1.2a9 (2009-12-27)

Documentation Licensing

- The documentation (the result of make <html|latex|htmlhelp> within the docs directory) in this release is now offered under the Creative Commons Attribution-Noncommercial-No Derivative Works 3.0 United States License as described by https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/3.0/us/. This is only a licensing change for the documentation; the repoze.bfg software continues to be offered under the Repoze Public License at https://web.archive.org/web/20190401024809/http://repoze.org/license.html (BSD-like).

Documentation

- Added manual index entries to generated index.
- Document the previously existing (but non-API) repoze.bfg.configuration.Configurator.setup_registry method as an official API of a Configurator.
- Fix syntax errors in various documentation code blocks.
- Created new top-level documentation section: "ZCML Directives". This section contains detailed ZCML directive information, some of which was removed from various narrative chapters.
- The LaTeX rendering of the documentation has been improved.
- Added a "Fore-Matter" section with author, copyright, and licensing information.

1.2a8 (2009-12-24)

Features

- Add a **kw arg to the Configurator.add_settings API.
- Add hook_zca and unhook_zca methods to the Configurator API.
- The repoze.bfg.testing.setUp method now returns a Configurator instance which can be used to do further configuration during unit tests.
Bug Fixes

- The `json` renderer failed to set the response content type to `application/json`. It now does, by setting `request.response_content_type` unless this attribute is already set.

- The `string` renderer failed to set the response content type to `text/plain`. It now does, by setting `request.response_content_type` unless this attribute is already set.

Documentation

- General documentation improvements by using better Sphinx roles such as "class", "func", "meth", and so on. This means that there are many more hyperlinks pointing to API documentation for API definitions in all narrative, tutorial, and API documentation elements.

- Added a description of imperative configuration in various places which only described ZCML configuration.

- A syntactical refreshing of various tutorials.

- Added the `repoze.bfg.authentication`, `repoze.bfg.authorization`, and `repoze.bfg.interfaces` modules to API documentation.

Deprecations

- The `repoze.bfg.testing.registerRoutesMapper` API (added in an early 1.2 alpha) was deprecated. Its import now generates a deprecation warning.

1.2a7 (2009-12-20)

Features

- Add four new testing-related APIs to the `repoze.bfg.configuration.Configurator` class: `testing_securitypolicy`, `testing_models`, `testing_add_subscriber`, and `testing_add_template`. These were added in order to provide more direct access to the functionality of the `repoze.bfg.testing` APIs named `registerDummySecurityPolicy`, `registerModels`, `registerEventListener`, and `registerTemplateRenderer` when a configurator is used. The testing APIs named are nominally deprecated (although they will likely remain around "forever", as they are in heavy use in the wild).
• Add a new API to the `repoze.bfg.configuration.Configurator` class: `add_settings`. This API can be used to add "settings" (information returned within via the `repoze.bfg.settings.get_settings` API) after the configurator has been initially set up. This is most useful for testing purposes.

• Add a `custom_predicates` argument to the Configurator `add_view` method, the `bfg_view` decorator and the attribute list of the ZCML `view` directive. If custom_predicates is specified, it must be a sequence of predicate callables (a predicate callable accepts two arguments: `context` and `request` and returns `True` or `False`). The associated view callable will only be invoked if all custom predicates return `True`. Use one or more custom predicates when no existing predefined predicate is useful. Predefined and custom predicates can be mixed freely.

• Add a `custom_predicates` argument to the Configurator `add_route` and the attribute list of the ZCML `route` directive. If custom_predicates is specified, it must be a sequence of predicate callables (a predicate callable accepts two arguments: `context` and `request` and returns `True` or `False`). The associated route will match will only be invoked if all custom predicates return `True`, else route matching continues. Note that the value `context` will always be `None` when passed to a custom route predicate. Use one or more custom predicates when no existing predefined predicate is useful. Predefined and custom predicates can be mixed freely.

Internal

• Remove the `repoze.bfg.testing.registerTraverser` function. This function was never an API.

Documentation

• Doc-deprecated most helper functions in the `repoze.bfg.testing` module. These helper functions likely won’t be removed any time soon, nor will they generate a warning any time soon, due to their heavy use in the wild, but equivalent behavior exists in methods of a Configurator.

1.2a6 (2009-12-18)

Features

• The `Configurator` object now has two new methods: `begin` and `end`. The `begin` method is meant to be called before any "configuration" begins (e.g. before `add_view`, et. al are called). The `end` method is meant to be called after all "configuration" is complete.
Previously, before there was imperative configuration at all (1.1 and prior), configuration begin and end was invariably implied by the process of loading a ZCML file. When a ZCML load happened, the threadlocal data structure containing the request and registry was modified before the load, and torn down after the load, making sure that all framework code that needed get_current_registry for the duration of the ZCML load was satisfied.

Some API methods called during imperative configuration, (such as Configurator.add_view when a renderer is involved) end up for historical reasons calling get_current_registry. However, in 1.2a5 and below, the Configurator supplied no functionality that allowed people to make sure that get_current_registry returned the registry implied by the configurator being used. begin now serves this purpose. Inversely, end pops the thread local stack, undoing the actions of begin.

We make this boundary explicit to reduce the potential for confusion when the configurator is used in different circumstances (e.g. in unit tests and app code vs. just in initial app setup).

Existing code written for 1.2a1-1.2a5 which does not call begin or end continues to work in the same manner it did before. It is however suggested that this code be changed to call begin and end to reduce the potential for confusion in the future.

- All paster templates which generate an application skeleton now make use of the new begin and end methods of the Configurator they use in their respective copies of run.py and tests.py.

**Documentation**

- All documentation that makes use of a Configurator object to do application setup and test setup now makes use of the new begin and end methods of the configurator.

**Bug Fixes**

- When a repoze.bfg.exceptions.NotFound or repoze.bfg.exceptions.Forbidden class (as opposed to instance) was raised as an exception within a root factory (or route root factory), the exception would not be caught properly by the repoze.bfg. Router and it would propagate up the call stack, as opposed to rendering the not found view or the forbidden view as would have been expected.

- When Chameleon page or text templates used as renderers were added imperatively (via Configurator.add_view or some derivative), they too-eagerly attempted to look up the reload_templates setting via get_settings, meaning they were always registered in non-auto-reload-mode (the default). Each now waits until its respective template attribute is accessed to look up the value.

- When a route with the same name as a previously registered route was added, the old route was not removed from the mapper’s routelist. Symptom: the old registered route would be used (and possibly matched) during route lookup when it should not have had a chance to ever be used.
1.2a5 (2009-12-10)

Features

- When the `repoze.bfg.exceptions.NotFound` or `repoze.bfg.exceptions.Forbidden` error is raised from within a custom root factory or the `factory` of a route, the appropriate response is now sent to the requesting user agent (the result of the notfound view or the forbidden view, respectively). When these errors are raised from within a root factory, the context passed to the notfound or forbidden view will be `None`. Also, the request will not be decorated with `view_name`, `subpath`, `context`, etc. as would normally be the case if traversal had been allowed to take place.

Internals

- The exception class representing the error raised by various methods of a `Configurator` is now importable as `repoze.bfg.exceptions.ConfigurationError`.

Documentation

- General documentation freshening which takes imperative configuration into account in more places and uses glossary references more liberally.
- Remove explanation of changing the request type in a new request event subscriber, as other predicates are now usually an easier way to get this done.
- Added ”Thread Locals” narrative chapter to documentation, and added a API chapter documenting the `repoze.bfg.threadlocals` module.
- Added a ”Special Exceptions” section to the ”Views” narrative documentation chapter explaining the effect of raising `repoze.bfg.exceptions.NotFound` and `repoze.bfg.exceptions.Forbidden` from within view code.

Dependencies

- A new dependency on the `twill` package was added to the `setup.py tests_require` argument (Twill will only be downloaded when `repoze.bfg setup.py test` or `setup.py nosetests` is invoked).
1.2a4 (2009-12-07)

Features

- `repoze.bfg.testing.DummyModel` now accepts a new constructor keyword argument: `__provides__`. If this constructor argument is provided, it should be an interface or a tuple of interfaces. The resulting model will then provide these interfaces (they will be attached to the constructed model via `zope.interface.alsoProvides`).

Bug Fixes

- Operation on GAE was broken, presumably because the `repoze.bfg.configuration` module began to attempt to import the `repoze.bfg.chameleon_zpt` and `repoze.bfg.chameleon_text` modules, and these cannot be used on non-CPython platforms. It now tolerates startup time import failures for these modules, and only raise an import error when a template from one of these packages is actually used.

1.2a3 (2009-12-02)

Bug Fixes

- The `repoze.bfg.url.route_url` function inappropriately passed along `_query` and/or `_anchor` arguments to the `mapper.generate` function, resulting in blowups.

- When two views were registered with differing `for` interfaces or classes, and the `for` of first view registered was a superclass of the second, the `repoze.bfg` view machinery would incorrectly associate the two views with the same "multiview". Multiviews are meant to be collections of views that have exactly the same `for/request/viewname` values, without taking inheritance into account. Symptom: wrong view callable found even when you had correctly specified a `for` interface/class during view configuration for one or both view configurations.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- The `repoze.bfg.templating` module has been removed; it had been deprecated in 1.1 and never actually had any APIs in it.
1.2a2 (2009-11-29)

Bug Fixes

- The long description of this package (as shown on PyPI) was not valid reStructuredText, and so was not renderable.

- Trying to use an HTTP method name string such as `GET` as a `request_type` predicate argument caused a startup time failure when it was encountered in imperative configuration or in a decorator (symptom: Type Error: Required specification must be a specification). This now works again, although `request_method` is now the preferred predicate argument for associating a view configuration with an HTTP request method.

Documentation

- Fixed "Startup" narrative documentation chapter; it was explaining "the old way" an application constructor worked.

1.2a1 (2009-11-28)

Features

- An imperative configuration mode.

  A `repoze.bfg` application can now begin its life as a single Python file. Later, the application might evolve into a set of Python files in a package. Even later, it might start making use of other configuration features, such as ZCML. But neither the use of a package nor the use of non-imperative configuration is required to create a simple `repoze.bfg` application any longer.

  Imperative configuration makes `repoze.bfg` competitive with "microframeworks" such as Bottle and Tornado. `repoze.bfg` has a good deal of functionality that most microframeworks lack, so this is hopefully a "best of both worlds" feature.

  The simplest possible `repoze.bfg` application is now:
from webob import Response
from wsgiref import simple_server
from repoze.bfg.configuration import Configurator

def hello_world(request):
    return Response('Hello world!')

if __name__ == '__main__':
    config = Configurator()
    config.add_view(hello_world)
    app = config.make_wsgi_app()
    simple_server.make_server('', 8080, app).serve_forever()

• A new class now exists: repoze.bfg.configuration.Configurator. This class forms the basis for sharing machinery between "imperatively" configured applications and traditional declaratively-configured applications.

• The repoze.bfg.testing.setUp function now accepts three extra optional keyword arguments: registry, request and hook_zca.

If the registry argument is not None, the argument will be treated as the registry that is set as the "current registry" (it will be returned by repoze.bfg.threadlocal.get_current_registry) for the duration of the test. If the registry argument is None (the default), a new registry is created and used for the duration of the test.

The value of the request argument is used as the "current request" (it will be returned by repoze.bfg.threadlocal.get_current_request) for the duration of the test; it defaults to None.

If hook_zca is True (the default), the zope.component.getSiteManager function will be hooked with a function that returns the value of registry (or the default-created registry if registry is None) instead of the registry returned by zope.component.getGlobalSiteManager, causing the Zope Component Architecture API (getSiteManager, getAdapter, getUtility, and so on) to use the testing registry instead of the global ZCA registry.

• The repoze.bfg.testing.tearDown function now accepts an unhook_zca argument. If this argument is True (the default), zope.component.getSiteManager.reset() will be called. This will cause the result of the zope.component.getSiteManager function to be the global ZCA registry (the result of zope.component.getGlobalSiteManager) once again.

• The run.py module in various repoze.bfg paster templates now use a repoze.bfg.configuration.Configurator class instead of the (now-legacy) repoze.bfg.router.make_app function to produce a WSGI application.
Documentation

- The documentation now uses the "request-only" view calling convention in most examples (as opposed to the context, request convention). This is a documentation-only change; the context, request convention is also supported and documented, and will be "forever".
- repoze.bfg.configuration API documentation has been added.
- A narrative documentation chapter entitled "Creating Your First repoze.bfg Application" has been added. This chapter details usage of the new repoze.bfg.configuration.Configurator class, and demonstrates a simplified "imperative-mode" configuration; doing repoze.bfg application configuration imperatively was previously much more difficult.
- A narrative documentation chapter entitled "Configuration, Decorations and Code Scanning" explaining ZCML- vs. imperative- vs. decorator-based configuration equivalence.
- The "ZCML Hooks" chapter has been renamed to "Hooks"; it documents how to override hooks now via imperative configuration and ZCML.
- The explanation about how to supply an alternate "response factory" has been removed from the "Hooks" chapter. This feature may be removed in a later release (it still works now, it's just not documented).
- Add a section entitled "Test Set Up and Tear Down" to the unitesting chapter.

Bug Fixes

- The ACL authorization policy debugging output when debug_authorization console debugging output was turned on wasn’t as clear as it could have been when a view execution was denied due to an authorization failure resulting from the set of principals passed never having matched any ACE in any ACL in the lineage. Now in this case, we report &lt;default deny&gt; as the ACE value and either the root ACL or &lt;No ACL found on any object in model lineage&gt; if no ACL was found.
- When two views were registered with the same accept argument, but were otherwise registered with the same arguments, if a request entered the application which had an Accept header that accepted either of the media types defined by the set of views registered with predicates that otherwise matched, a more or less "random" one view would "win". Now, we try harder to use the view callable associated with the view configuration that has the most specific accept argument. Thanks to Alberto Valverde for an initial patch.
Internals

- The routes mapper is no longer a root factory wrapper. It is now consulted directly by the router.
- The `repoze.bfg.registry.make_registry` callable has been removed.
- The `repoze.bfg.view.map_view` callable has been removed.
- The `repoze.bfg.view.owrap_view` callable has been removed.
- The `repoze.bfg.view.predicate_wrap` callable has been removed.
- The `repoze.bfg.view.secure_view` callable has been removed.
- The `repoze.bfg.view.authdebug_view` callable has been removed.
- The `repoze.bfg.view.renderer_from_name` callable has been removed. Use `repoze.bfg.configuration.Configurator.renderer_from_name` instead (still not an API, however).
- The `repoze.bfg.view.derive_view` callable has been removed. Use `repoze.bfg.configuration.Configurator.derive_view` instead (still not an API, however).
- The `repoze.bfg.settings.get_options` callable has been removed. Its job has been subsumed by the `repoze.bfg.settings.Settings` class constructor.
- The `repoze.bfg.view.requestonly` function has been moved to `repoze.bfg.configuration.requestonly`.
- The `repoze.bfg.view.rendered_response` function has been moved to `repoze.bfg.configuration.rendered_response`.
- The `repoze.bfg.view.decorate_view` function has been moved to `repoze.bfg.configuration.decorate_view`.
- The `repoze.bfg.view.MultiView` class has been moved to `repoze.bfg.configuration.MultiView`.
- The `repoze.bfg.zcml.Uncacheable` class has been removed.
- The `repoze.bfg.resource.resource_spec` function has been removed.
- All ZCML directives which deal with attributes which are paths now use the `path` method of the ZCML context to resolve a relative name to an absolute one (imperative configuration requirement).
- The `repoze.bfg.scripting.get_root` API now uses a ‘real’ WebOb request rather than a FakeRequest when it sets up the request as a threadlocal.
- The `repoze.bfg.traversal.traverse` API now uses a ‘real’ WebOb request rather than a FakeRequest when it calls the traverser.
- The `repoze.bfg.request.FakeRequest` class has been removed.
• Most uses of the ZCA threadlocal API (the getSiteManager, getUtility, getAdapter, getMultiAdapter threadlocal API) have been removed from the core. Instead, when a threadlocal is necessary, the core uses the repoze.bfg.threadlocal.get_current_registry API to obtain the registry.

• The internal ILogger utility named repoze.bfg.debug is now just an IDebugLogger unnamed utility. A named utility with the old name is registered for b/w compat.

• The repoze.bfg.interfaces.ITemplateRendererFactory interface was removed; it has become unused.

• Instead of depending on the martian package to do code scanning, we now just use our own scanning routines.

• We now no longer have a dependency on repoze.zcml package; instead, the repoze.bfg package includes implementations of the adapter, subscriber and utility directives.

• Relating to the following functions:
  repoze.bfg.view.render_view
  repoze.bfg.view.render_view_to_iterable
  repoze.bfg.view.render_view_to_response
  repoze.bfg.view.append_slash_notfound_view
  repoze.bfg.view.default_notfound_view
  repoze.bfg.view.default_forbidden_view
  repoze.bfg.configuration.rendered_response
  repoze.bfg.security.has_permission
  repoze.bfg.security.authenticated_userid
  repoze.bfg.security.effective_principals
  repoze.bfg.security.view_execution_permitted
  repoze.bfg.security.remember
  repoze.bfg.security.forget
  repoze.bfg.url.route_url
  repoze.bfg.url.model_url
  repoze.bfg.url.static_url
  repoze.bfg.traversal.virtual_root
Each of these functions now expects to be called with a request object that has a registry attribute which represents the current repoze.bfg registry. They fall back to obtaining the registry from the threadlocal API.

Backwards Incompatibilities

• Unit tests which use zope.testing.cleanup.cleanUp for the purpose of isolating tests from one another may now begin to fail due to lack of isolation between tests.

Here’s why: In repoze.bfg 1.1 and prior, the registry returned by repoze.bfg.threadlocal.get_current_registry when no other registry had been pushed on to the threadlocal stack was the zope.component.globalregistry.base global registry (aka the result of zope.component.getGlobalSiteManager()). In repoze.bfg 1.2+, however, the registry returned in this situation is the new module-scope repoze.bfg.registry.global_registry object. The zope.testing.cleanup.cleanUp function clears the zope.component.globalregistry.base global registry unconditionally. However, it does not know about the repoze.bfg.registry.global_registry object, so it does not clear it.

If you use the zope.testing.cleanup.cleanUp function in the setUp of test cases in your unit test suite instead of using the (more correct as of 1.1) repoze.bfg.testing.setUp, you will need to replace all calls to zope.testing.cleanup.cleanUp with a call to repoze.bfg.testing.setUp.

If replacing all calls to zope.testing.cleanup.cleanUp with a call to repoze.bfg.testing.setUp is infeasible, you can put this bit of code somewhere that is executed exactly once (not for each test in a test suite; in the “__init__.py” of your package or your package’s tests subpackage would be a reasonable place):

```python
import zope.testing.cleanup
from repoze.bfg.testing import setUp
zope.testing.cleanup.addCleanUp(setUp)
```

• When there is no “current registry” in the repoze.bfg.threadlocal.manager threadlocal data structure (this is the case when there is no “current request” or we’re not in the midst of a r.b.testing.setUp-bounded unit test), the .get method of the manager returns a data structure containing a global registry. In previous releases, this function returned the global Zope ”base” registry: the result of zope.component.getGlobalSiteManager, which is an instance of the zope.component.registry.Component class. In this release, however, the global registry returns a globally importable instance of the repoze.bfg.registry.Registry class. This registry instance can always be imported as repoze.bfg.registry.global_registry.

Effectively, this means that when you call repoze.bfg.threadlocal.get_current_registry when no request or setUp bounded unit test is in effect, you will
always get back the global registry that lives in repoze.bfg.registry.global_registry. It also means that repoze.bfg APIs that call get_current_registry will use this registry. This change was made because repoze.bfg now expects the registry it uses to have a slightly different API than a bare instance of zope.component.registry.Components.

- View registration no longer registers a repoze.bfg.interfaces.IViewPermission adapter (it is no longer checked by the framework; since 1.1, views have been responsible for providing their own security).

- The repoze.bfg.router.make_app callable no longer accepts the authentication_policy nor the authorization_policy arguments. This feature was deprecated in version 1.0 and has been removed.

- Obscure: the machinery which configured views with a request_type and a route_name would ignore the request interface implied by route_name registering a view only for the interface implied by request_type. In the unlikely event that you were trying to use these two features together, the symptom would have been that views that named a request_type but which were also associated with routes were not found when the route matched. Now if a view is configured with both a request_type and a route_name, an error is raised.

- The route ZCML directive now no longer accepts the request_type or view_request_type attributes. These attributes didn’t actually work in any useful way (see entry above this one).

- Because the repoze.bfg package now includes implementations of the adapter, subscriber and utility ZCML directives, it is now an error to have <include package="repoze.zcml" file="meta.zcml"/> in the ZCML of a repoze.bfg application. A ZCML conflict error will be raised if your ZCML does so. This shouldn’t be an issue for “normal” installations; it has always been the responsibility of the repoze.bfg.includes ZCML to include this file in the past; it now just doesn’t.

- The repoze.bfg.testing.zcml_configure API was removed. Use the Configurator.load_zcml API instead.

Deprecations

- The repoze.bfg.router.make_app function is now nominally deprecated. Its import and usage does not throw a warning, nor will it probably ever disappear. However, using a repoze.bfg.configuration.Configurator class is now the preferred way to generate a WSGI application.

Note that make_app calls zope.component.getSiteManager.sethook( repoze.bfg.threadlocal.get_current_registry) on the caller’s behalf, hooking ZCA global API lookups, for backwards compatibility purposes. If you disuse make_app, your calling
code will need to perform this call itself, at least if your application uses the ZCA global API
(getSiteManager, getAdapter, etc).

Dependencies

• A dependency on the martian package has been removed (its functionality is replaced internally).
• A dependency on the repoze.zcml package has been removed (its functionality is replaced internally).

1.1.1 (2009-11-21)

Bug Fixes

• "Hybrid mode” applications (applications which explicitly used traversal after url dispatch via
$route paths containing the *traverse element) were broken in 1.1-final and all 1.1 alpha
and beta releases. Views registered without a route_name route shadowed views registered with
a route_name inappropriately.

1.1 (2009-11-15)

Internals

• Remove dead IRouteRequirement interface from repoze.bfg.zcml module.

Documentation

• Improve the ”Extending an Existing Application” narrative chapter.
• Add more sections to the ”Defending Design” chapter.
1.1b4 (2009-11-12)

Bug Fixes

- Use alsoProvides in the urldispatch module to attach an interface to the request rather than directlyProvides to avoid disturbing interfaces set in a NewRequest event handler.

Documentation

- Move 1.0.1 and previous changelog to HISTORY.txt.
- Add examples to repoze.bfg.url.model_url docstring.
- Add ”Defending BFG Design” chapter to frontpage docs.

Templates

- Remove ez_setup.py and its import from all paster templates, samples, and tutorials for distribute compatibility. The documentation already explains how to install virtualenv (which will include some setuptools package), so these files, imports and usages were superfluous.

Deprecations

- The options kw arg to the repoze.bfg.router.make_app function is deprecated. In its place is the keyword argument settings. The options keyword continues to work, and a deprecation warning is not emitted when it is detected. However, the paster templates, code samples, and documentation now make reference to settings rather than options. This change/deprecation was mainly made for purposes of clarity and symmetry with the get_settings() API and discussions of ”settings” in various places in the docs: we want to use the same name to refer to the same thing everywhere.

1.1b3 (2009-11-06)

Features

- repoze.bfg.testing.registerRoutesMapper testing facility added. This testing function registers a routes ”mapper” object in the registry, for tests which require its presence. This function is documented in the repoze.bfg.testing API documentation.
Bug Fixes

- Compound statements that used an assignment entered into in an interactive IPython session invoked via `paster bfgshell` no longer fail to mutate the shell namespace correctly. For example, this set of statements used to fail:

```
In [2]: def bar(x): return x
...:
In [3]: list(bar(x) for x in 'abc')
Out[3]: NameError: 'bar'
```

In this release, the `bar` function is found and the correct output is now sent to the console. Thanks to Daniel Holth for the patch.

- The `bfgshell` command did not function properly; it was still expecting to be able to call the root factory with a bare `environ` rather than a request object.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- The `repoze.bfg.scripting.get_root` function now expects a `request` object as its second argument rather than an `environ`.

1.1b2 (2009-11-02)

Bug Fixes

- Prevent PyPI installation failure due to `easy_install` trying way too hard to guess the best version of Paste. When `easy_install` pulls from PyPI it reads links off various pages to determine ”more up to date” versions. It incorrectly picks up a link for an ancient version of a package named ”Paste-Deploy-0.1” (note the dash) when trying to find the ”Paste” distribution and somehow believes it’s the latest version of ”Paste”. It also somehow ”helpfully” decides to check out a version of this package from SVN. We pin the Paste dependency version to a version greater than 1.7 to work around this `easy_install` bug.
Documentation

- Fix "Hybrid" narrative chapter: stop claiming that <view> statements that mention a route_name need to come after (in XML order) the <route> statement which creates the route. This hasn’t been true since 1.1a1.
- "What’s New in repoze.bfg 1.1” document added to narrative documentation.

Features

- Add a new event type: repoze.bfg.events.AfterTraversal. Events of this type will be sent after traversal is completed, but before any view code is invoked. Like repoze.bfg.events.NewRequest, This event will have a single attribute: request representing the current request. Unlike the request attribute of repoze.bfg.events.NewRequest however, during an AfterTraversal event, the request object will possess attributes set by the traverser, most notably context, which will be the context used when a view is found and invoked. The interface repoze.bfg.events.IAfterTraversal can be used to subscribe to the event. For example:

```xml
<subscriber for="repoze.bfg.interfaces.IAfterTraversal"
    handler="my.app.handle_after_traverse"/>
```

Like any framework event, a subscriber function should expect one parameter: event.

Dependencies

- Rather than depending on chameleon.core and chameleon.zpt distributions individually, depend on Malthe’s repackaged Chameleon distribution (which includes both chameleon.core and chameleon.zpt).

1.1b1 (2009-11-01)

Bug Fixes

- The routes root factory called route factories and the default route factory with an environ rather than a request. One of the symptoms of this bug: applications generated using the bfg_zodb paster template in 1.1a9 did not work properly.
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- Reinstate renderer alias for view_renderer in the <route> ZCML directive (in-the-wild 1.1a bw compat).
- bfg_routesalchemy paster template: change <route> declarations: rename renderer attribute to view_renderer.
- Header values returned by the authtktauthenticationpolicy remember and forget methods would be of type unicode. This violated the WSGI spec, causing a TypeError to be raised when these headers were used under mod_wsgi.
- If a BFG app that had a route matching the root URL was mounted under a path in modwsgi, ala WSGIScriptAlias /myapp /Users/chrism/projects/modwsgi/env/bfg.wsgi, the home route (a route with the path of '/' or '') would not match when the path /myapp was visited (only when the path /myapp/ was visited). This is now fixed: if the urldispatch root factory notes that the PATH_INFO is empty, it converts it to a single slash before trying to do matching.

Documentation

- In <route> declarations in tutorial ZCML, rename renderer attribute to view_renderer (fwd compat).
- Fix various tutorials broken by 1.1a9 <route> directive changes.

Internal

- Deal with a potential circref in the traversal module.

1.1a9 (2009-10-31)

Bug Fixes

- An incorrect ZCML conflict would be encountered when the request_param predicate attribute was used on the ZCML view directive if any two otherwise same-predicated views had the combination of a predicate value with an = sign and one without (e.g. a vs. a=123).
Features

• In previous versions of BFG, the "root factory" (the `get_root` callable passed to `make_app` or a function pointed to by the `factory` attribute of a route) was called with a "bare" WSGI environment. In this version, and going forward, it will be called with a `request` object. The request object passed to the factory implements dictionary-like methods in such a way that existing root factory code which expects to be passed an environ will continue to work.

• The `__call__` of a plugin "traverser" implementation (registered as an adapter for `ITraverser` or `ITraverserFactory`) will now receive a `request` as the single argument to its `__call__` method. In previous versions it was passed a WSGI `environ` object. The request object passed to the factory implements dictionary-like methods in such a way that existing traverser code which expects to be passed an environ will continue to work.

• The ZCML route directive's attributes `xhr`, `request_method`, `path_info`, `request_param`, `header` and `accept` are now route predicates rather than view predicates. If one or more of these predicates is specified in the route configuration, all of the predicates must return true for the route to match a request. If one or more of the route predicates associated with a route returns `False` when checked during a request, the route match fails, and the next match in the routelist is tried. This differs from the previous behavior, where no route predicates existed and all predicates were considered view predicates, because in that scenario, the next route was not tried.

Documentation

• Various changes were made to narrative and API documentation supporting the change from passing a request rather than an environ to root factories and traversers.

Internal

• The request implements dictionary-like methods that mutate and query the WSGI environ. This is only for the purpose of backwards compatibility with root factories which expect an `environ` rather than a request.

• The `repoze.bfg.request.create_route_request_factory` function, which returned a request factory was removed in favor of a `repoze.bfg.request.route_request_interface` function, which returns an interface.
• The `repoze.bfg.request.Request` class, which is a subclass of `webob.Request` now defines its own `__setattr__`, `__getattr__` and `__delattr__` methods, which override the default WebOb behavior. The default WebOb behavior stores attributes of the request in `self.environ['webob.adhoc_attrs']`, and retrieves them from that dictionary during a `__getattr__`. This behavior was undesirable for speed and "expectation" reasons. Now attributes of the request are stored in `request.__dict__` (as you otherwise might expect from an object that did not override these methods).

• The router no longer calls `repoze.bfg.traversal._traverse` and does its work "inline" (speed).

• Reverse the order in which the router calls the request factory and the root factory. The request factory is now called first; the resulting request is passed to the root factory.

• The `repoze.bfg.request.request_factory` function has been removed. Its functionality is no longer required.

• The "routes root factory" that wraps the default root factory when there are routes mentioned in the configuration now attaches an interface to the request via `zope.interface.directlyProvides`. This replaces logic in the (now-gone) `repoze.bfg.request.request_factory` function.

• The route and view ZCML directives now register an interface as a named utility (retrieved from `repoze.bfg.request.route_request_interface`) rather than a request factory (the previous return value of the now-missing `repoze.bfg.request.create_route_request_factory`.

• The `repoze.bfg.functional` module was renamed to `repoze.bfg.compat`.

Backwards Incompatibilities

• Explicitly revert the feature introduced in 1.1a8: where the name `root` is available as an attribute of the request before a NewRequest event is emitted. This makes some potential future features impossible, or at least awkward (such as grouping traversal and view lookup into a single adapter lookup).

• The `containment`, `attr` and `renderer` attributes of the `route` ZCML directive were removed.
1.1a8 (2009-10-27)

Features

- Add `path_info` view configuration predicate.
- `paster bfgshell` now supports IPython if it’s available for import. Thanks to Daniel Holth for the initial patch.
- Add `repoze.bfg.testing.registerSettings` API, which is documented in the ”repoze.bfg.testing” API chapter. This allows for registration of ”settings” values obtained via `repoze.bfg.settings.get_settings()` for use in unit tests.
- The name `root` is available as an attribute of the request slightly earlier now (before a NewRequest event is emitted). `root` is the result of the application ”root factory”.
- Added `max_age` parameter to `authtkt authenticationpolicy` ZCML directive. If this value is set, it must be an integer representing the number of seconds which the auth_tkt cookie will survive. Mainly, its existence allows the auth_tkt cookie to survive across browser sessions.

Bug Fixes

- Fix bug encountered during ”scan” (when `<scan ..>` directive is used in ZCML) introduced in 1.1a7. Symptom: `AttributeError: object has no attribute __provides__` raised at startup time.
- The `reissue_time` argument to the `authtkt authenticationpolicy` ZCML directive now actually works. When it is set to an integer value, an authticket set-cookie header is appended to the response whenever a request requires authentication and ’now’ minus the authticket’s timestamp is greater than `reissue_time` seconds.

Documentation

- Add a chapter titled ”Request and Response” to the narrative documentation, content cribbed from the WebOb documentation.
- Call out predicate attributes of ZCML directive within ”Views” chapter.
- Fix `route_url` documentation (`_query` argument documented as `query` and `_anchor` argument documented as `anchor`).
Backwards Incompatibilities

- The authktkt authentication policy remember method now no longer honors token or userdata keyword arguments.

Internal

- Change how bfg_view decorator works when used as a class method decorator. In 1.1a7, the “scan” directive actually tried to grope every class in scanned package at startup time, calling dir against each found class, and subsequently invoking getattr against each thing found by dir to see if it was a method. This led to some strange symptoms (e.g. AttributeError: object has no attribute __provides__), and was generally just a bad idea. Now, instead of groping classes for methods at startup time, we just cause the bfg_view decorator itself to populate the method’s class’ __dict__ when it is used as a method decorator. This also requires a nasty _getframe thing but it’s slightly less nasty than the startup time groping behavior. This is essentially a reversion back to 1.1a6 ”grokking” behavior plus some special magic for using the bfg_view decorator as method decorator inside the bfg_view class itself.

- The router now checks for a global_response_headers attribute of the request object before returning a response. If this value exists, it is presumed to be a sequence of two-tuples, representing a set of headers to append to the ’normal’ response headers. This feature is internal, rather than exposed externally, because it’s unclear whether it will stay around in the long term. It was added to support the reissue_time feature of the authktkt authentication policy.

- The interface ITraverserFactory is now just an alias for ITraverser.

1.1a7 (2009-10-18)

Features

- More than one @bfg_view decorator may now be stacked on top of any number of others. Each invocation of the decorator registers a single view configuration. For instance, the following combination of decorators and a function will register two view configurations for the same view callable:

  ```python
  from repoze.bfg.view import bfg_view
  
  @bfg_view(name='edit')
  @bfg_view(name='change')
  def edit(context, request):
      pass
  ```
This makes it possible to associate more than one view configuration with a single callable without requiring any ZCML.

- The @bfg_view decorator can now be used against a class method:

```python
from webob import Response
from repoze.bfg.view import bfg_view

class MyView(object):
    def __init__(self, context, request):
        self.context = context
        self.request = request

    @bfg_view(name='hello')
    def amethod(self):
        return Response('hello from %s!' % self.context)
```

When the bfg_view decorator is used against a class method, a view is registered for the class (it’s a “class view” where the ”attr” happens to be the name of the method it is attached to), so the class it’s defined within must have a suitable constructor: one that accepts context, request or just request.

Documentation

- Added Changing the Traverser and Changing How :mod:`repoze.bfg.url.model_url` Generates a URL to the ”Hooks” narrative chapter of the docs.

Internal

- Remove ez_setup.py and imports of it within setup.py. In the new world, and as per virtualenv setup instructions, people will already have either setuptools or distribute.

1.1a6 (2009-10-15)

Features

- Add xhr, accept, and header view configuration predicates to ZCML view declaration, ZCML route declaration, and bfg_view decorator. See the Views narrative documentation chapter for more information about these predicates.
• Add `setUp` and `tearDown` functions to the `repoze.bfg.testing` module. Using `setUp` in a test setup and `tearDown` in a test teardown is now the recommended way to do component registry setup and teardown. Previously, it was recommended that a single function named `repoze.bfg.testing.cleanUp` be called in both the test setup and tear down. `repoze.bfg.testing.cleanUp` still exists (and will exist "forever" due to its widespread use); it is now just an alias for `repoze.bfg.testing.setUp` and is nominally deprecated.

• The BFG component registry is now available in view and event subscriber code as an attribute of the `request` ie. `request.registry`. This fact is currently undocumented except for this note, because BFG developers never need to interact with the registry directly anywhere else.

• The BFG component registry now inherits from `dict`, meaning that it can optionally be used as a simple dictionary. Component registrations performed against it via e.g. `registerUtility`, `registerAdapter`, and similar API methods are kept in a completely separate namespace than its `dict` members, so using the its component API methods won't effect the keys and values in the dictionary namespace. Likewise, though the component registry "happens to be" a dictionary, use of mutating dictionary methods such as `__setitem__` will have no influence on any component registrations made against it. In other words, the registry object you obtain via e.g. `repoze.bfg.threadlocal.get_current_registry` or `request.registry` happens to be both a component registry and a dictionary, but using its component-registry API won't impact data added to it via its dictionary API and vice versa. This is a forward compatibility move based on the goals of "marco".

• Expose and document `repoze.bfg.testing.zcml_configure` API. This function populates a component registry from a ZCML file for testing purposes. It is documented in the "Unit and Integration Testing" chapter.

Documentation

• Virtual hosting narrative docs chapter updated with info about `mod_wsgi`.

• Point all index URLs at the literal 1.1 index (this alpha cycle may go on a while).

• Various tutorial test modules updated to use `repoze.bfg.testing.setUp` and `repoze.bfg.testing.tearDown` methods in order to encourage this as best practice going forward.

• Added "Creating Integration Tests" section to unit testing narrative documentation chapter. As a result, the name of the unittesting chapter is now "Unit and Integration Testing".
Backwards Incompatibilities

- Importing `getSiteManager` and `get_registry` from `repoze.bfg.registry` is no longer supported. These imports were deprecated in `repoze.bfg 1.0`. Import of `getSiteManager` should be done as `from zope.component import getSiteManager`. Import of `get_registry` should be done as `from repoze.bfg.threadlocal import get_current_registry`. This was done to prevent a circular import dependency.

- Code bases which alternately invoke both `zope.testing.cleanup.cleanUp` and `repoze.bfg.testing.cleanUp` (treating them equivalently, using them interchangeably) in the `setUp/tearDown` of unit tests will begin to experience test failures due to lack of test isolation. The "right" mechanism is `repoze.bfg.testing.cleanUp` (or the combination of `repoze.bfg.testing.setUp` and `repoze.bfg.testing.tearDown`) but a good number of legacy codebases will use `zope.testing.cleanup.cleanUp` instead. We support `zope.testing.cleanup.cleanUp` but not in combination with `repoze.bfg.testing.cleanUp` in the same codebase. You should use one or the other test cleanup function in a single codebase, but not both.

Internal

- Created new `repoze.bfg.configuration` module which assumes responsibilities previously held by the `repoze.bfg.registry` and `repoze.bfg.router` modules (avoid a circular import dependency).

- The result of the `zope.component.getSiteManager` function in unit tests set up with `repoze.bfg.testing.cleanUp` or `repoze.bfg.testing.setUp` will be an instance of `repoze.bfg.registry.Registry` instead of the global `zope.component.globalregistry.base` registry. This also means that the threadlocal ZCA API functions such as `getAdapter` and `getUtility` as well as internal BFG machinery (such as `model_url` and `route_url`) will consult this registry within unit tests. This is a forward compatibility move based on the goals of "marco".

- Removed `repoze.bfg.testing.addCleanUp` function and associated module-scope globals. This was never an API.

1.1a5 (2009-10-10)

Documentation

- Change "Traversal + ZODB" and "URL Dispatch + SQLAlchemy" Wiki tutorials to make use of the new-to-1.1 "renderer" feature (return dictionaries from all views).
• Add tests to the "URL Dispatch + SQLAlchemy" tutorial after the "view" step.
• Added a diagram of model graph traversal to the "Traversal" narrative chapter of the documentation.
• An exceptions API chapter was added, documenting the new repoze.bfg.exceptions module.
• Describe "request-only" view calling conventions inside the urldispatch narrative chapter, where it’s most helpful.
• Add a diagram which explains the operation of the BFG router to the "Router" narrative chapter.

Features

• Add a new repoze.bfg.testing API: registerRoute, for registering routes to satisfy calls to e.g. repoze.bfg.url.route_url in unit tests.
• The notfound and forbidden ZCML directives now accept the following additional attributes: attr, renderer, and wrapper. These have the same meaning as they do in the context of a ZCML view directive.
• For behavior like Django’s APPEND_SLASH=True, use the repoze.bfg.view.append_slash_notfound_view view as the Not Found view in your application. When this view is the Not Found view (indicating that no view was found), and any routes have been defined in the configuration of your application, if the value of PATH_INFO does not already end in a slash, and if the value of PATH_INFO plus a slash matches any route’s path, do an HTTP redirect to the slash-appended PATH_INFO. Note that this will lose POST data information (turning it into a GET), so you shouldn’t rely on this to redirect POST requests.
• Speed up repoze.bfg.location.lineage slightly.
• Speed up repoze.bfg.encode.urlencode (nee’ repoze.bfg.url.urlencode) slightly.
• Speed up repoze.bfg.traversal.model_path.
• Speed up repoze.bfg.traversal.model_path_tuple slightly.
• Speed up repoze.bfg.traversal.traverse slightly.
• Speed up repoze.bfg.url.model_url slightly.
• Speed up repoze.bfg.url.route_url slightly.
• Speed up repoze.bfg.traversal.ModelGraphTraverser:__call__ slightly.
• Minor speedup of repoze.bfg.router.Router.__call__.
• New repoze.bfg.exceptions module was created to house exceptions that were previously sprinkled through various modules.
Internal

- Move `repoze.bfg.traversal._url_quote` into `repoze.bfg.encode` as `url_quote`.

Deprecations

- The import of `repoze.bfg.view.NotFound` is deprecated in favor of `repoze.bfg.exceptions.NotFound`. The old location still functions, but emits a deprecation warning.
- The import of `repoze.bfg.security.Unauthorized` is deprecated in favor of `repoze.bfg.exceptions.Forbidden`. The old location still functions but emits a deprecation warning. The rename from Unauthorized to Forbidden brings parity to the name of the exception and the system view it invokes when raised.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- We previously had a Unicode-aware wrapper for the `urllib.urlencode` function named `repoze.bfg.url.urlencode` which delegated to the stdlib function, but which marshalled all unicode values to utf-8 strings before calling the stdlib version. A newer replacement now lives in `repoze.bfg.encode`. The replacement does not delegate to the stdlib.

  The replacement diverges from the stdlib implementation and the previous `repoze.bfg.url` url implementation inasmuch as its `doseq` argument is now a decoy: it always behaves in the `doseq=True` way (which is the only sane behavior) for speed purposes.

  The old import location (`repoze.bfg.url.urlencode`) still functions and has not been deprecated.

- In 0.8a7, the return value expected from an object implementing `ITraverserFactory` was changed from a sequence of values to a dictionary containing the keys `context`, `view_name`, `subpath`, `traversed`, `virtual_root`, `virtual_root_path`, and `root`. Until now, old-style traversers which returned a sequence have continued to work but have generated a deprecation warning. In this release, traversers which return a sequence instead of a dictionary will no longer work.
1.1a4 (2009-09-23)

Bug Fixes

• On 64-bit Linux systems, views that were members of a multiview (orderings of views with predicates) were not evaluated in the proper order. Symptom: in a configuration that had two views with the same name but one with a request_method=POST predicate and one without, the one without the predicate would be called unconditionally (even if the request was a POST request). Thanks much to Sebastien Douche for providing the buildbots that pointed this out.

Documentation

• Added a tutorial which explains how to use repoze.session (ZODB-based sessions) in a ZODB-based repoze.bfg app.
• Added a tutorial which explains how to add ZEO to a ZODB-based repoze.bfg application.
• Added a tutorial which explains how to run a repoze.bfg application under mod_wsgi. See "Running a repoze.bfg Application under mod_wsgi" in the tutorials section of the documentation.

Features

• Add a repoze.bfg.url.static_url API which is capable of generating URLs to static resources defined by the <static> ZCML directive. See the "Views" narrative chapter’s section titled "Generating Static Resource URLs" for more information.
• Add a string renderer. This renderer converts a non-Response return value of any view callable into a string. It is documented in the "Views" narrative chapter.
• Give the route ZCML directive the view_attr and view_renderer parameters (bring up to speed with 1.1a3 features). These can also be spelled as attr and renderer.

Backwards Incompatibilities

• An object implementing the IRenderer interface (and ITemplateRenderer`, which is a subclass of `IRenderer) must now accept an extra system argument in its __call__ method implementation. Values computed by the system (as opposed to by the view) are passed by the system in the system parameter, which will always be a dictionary. Keys in the dictionary include: view (the view object that returned the value), renderer_name (the template name or simple name of the renderer), context (the context object passed to the view), and request (the request object passed to the view). Previously only ITemplateRenderers received system arguments as elements inside the main value dictionary.
Internal

- The way bfg_view declarations are scanned for has been modified. This should have no external effects.
- Speed: do not register an ITraverserFactory in configure.zcml; instead rely on queryAdapter and a manual default to ModelGraphTraverser.
- Speed: do not register an IContextURL in configure.zcml; instead rely on queryAdapter and a manual default to TraversalContextURL.
- General speed microimprovements for helloworld benchmark: replace try/excepts with statements which use ’in’ keyword.

1.1a3 (2009-09-16)

Documentation

- The "Views" narrative chapter in the documentation has been updated extensively to discuss "renderers".

Features

- A renderer attribute has been added to view configurations, replacing the previous (1.1a2) version’s template attribute. A ”renderer” is an object which accepts the return value of a view and converts it to a string. This includes, but is not limited to, templating systems.
- A new interface named IRenderer was added. The existing interface, ITemplateRenderer now derives from this new interface. This interface is internal.
- A new interface named IRendererFactory was added. An existing interface named ITemplateRendererFactory now derives from this interface. This interface is internal.
- The view attribute of the view ZCML directive is no longer required if the ZCML directive also has a renderer attribute. This is useful when the renderer is a template renderer and no names need be passed to the template at render time.
- A new zcml directive renderer has been added. It is documented in the "Views" narrative chapter of the documentation.
• A ZCML view directive (and the associated bfg_view decorator) can now accept a "wrapper" value. If a "wrapper" value is supplied, it is the value of a separate view’s name attribute. When a view with a wrapper attribute is rendered, the “inner” view is first rendered normally. Its body is then attached to the request as ”wrapped_body”, and then a wrapper view name is looked up and rendered (using repoze.bfg.render_view_to_response), passed the request and the context. The wrapper view is assumed to do something sensible with request.wrapped_body, usually inserting its structure into some other rendered template. This feature makes it possible to specify (potentially nested) "owrap" relationships between views using only ZCML or decorators (as opposed always using ZPT METAL and analogues to wrap view renderings in outer wrappers).

**Dependencies**

• When used under Python < 2.6, BFG now has an installation time dependency on the simplejson package.

**Deprecations**

• The repoze.bfg.testing.registerDummyRenderer API has been deprecated in favor of repoze.bfg.testing.registerTemplateRenderer. A deprecation warning is not issued at import time for the former name; it will exist "forever"; its existence has been removed from the documentation, however.

• The repoze.bfg.templating.renderer_from_cache function has been moved to repoze.bfg.renderer.template_renderer_factory. This was never an API, but code in the wild was spotted that used it. A deprecation warning is issued at import time for the former.

**Backwards Incompatibilities**

• The ITemplateRenderer interface has been changed. Previously its __call__ method accepted **kw. It now accepts a single positional parameter named kw (REVISED: it accepts two positional parameters as of 1.1a4: value and system). This is mostly an internal change, but it was exposed in APIs in one place: if you’ve used the repoze.bfg.testing.registerDummyRenderer API in your tests with a custom "renderer" argument with your own renderer implementation, you will need to change that renderer implementation to accept kw instead of **kw in its __call__ method (REVISED: make it accept value and system positional arguments as of 1.1a4).
• The ITemplateRendererFactory interface has been changed. Previously its __call__ method accepted an auto_reload keyword parameter. Now its __call__ method accepts no keyword parameters. Renderers are now themselves responsible for determining details of auto-reload. This is purely an internal change. This interface was never external.

• The template_renderer ZCML directive introduced in 1.1a2 has been removed. It has been replaced by the renderer directive.

• The previous release (1.1a2) added a view configuration attribute named template. In this release, the attribute has been renamed to renderer. This signifies that the attribute is more generic: it can now be not just a template name but any renderer name (ala json).

• In the previous release (1.1a2), the Chameleon text template renderer was used if the system didn’t associate the template view configuration value with a filename with a "known" extension. In this release, you must use a renderer attribute which is a path that ends with a .txt extension (e.g. templates/foo.txt) to use the Chameleon text renderer.

1.1a2 (2009-09-14)

Features

• A ZCML view directive (and the associated bfg_view decorator) can now accept an "attr" value. If an "attr" value is supplied, it is considered a method named of the view object to be called when the response is required. This is typically only good for views that are classes or instances (not so useful for functions, as functions typically have no methods other than __call__).

• A ZCML view directive (and the associated bfg_view decorator) can now accept a "template" value. If a "template" value is supplied, and the view callable returns a dictionary, the associated template is rendered with the dictionary as keyword arguments. See the section named "Views That Have a template" in the "Views" narrative documentation chapter for more information.

1.1a1 (2009-09-06)

Bug Fixes

• "tests" module removed from the bfg_alchemy pastet template; these tests didn’t work.

• Bugfix: the discriminator for the ZCML "route" directive was incorrect. It was possible to register two routes that collided without the system spitting out a ConfigurationConflictError at startup time.
Features

- Feature addition: view predicates. These are exposed as the `request_method`, `request_param`, and `containment` attributes of a ZCML view declaration, or the respective arguments to a `@bfg_view` decorator. View predicates can be used to register a view for a more precise set of environment parameters than was previously possible. For example, you can register two views with the same name with different `request_param` attributes. If the `request.params` dict contains 'foo' (request_param="foo"), one view might be called; if it contains 'bar' (request_param="bar"), another view might be called. `request_param` can also name a key/value pair ala foo=123. This will match only when the foo key is in the request.params dict and it has the value '123'. This particular example makes it possible to write separate view functions for different form submissions. The other predicates, `containment` and `request_method` work similarly. `containment` is a view predicate that will match only when the context's graph lineage has an object possessing a particular class or interface, for example. `request_method` is a view predicate that will match when the HTTP REQUEST_METHOD equals some string (e.g. 'POST').

- The `@bfg_view` decorator now accepts three additional arguments: `request_method`, `request_param`, and `containment`. `request_method` is used when you'd like the view to match only a request with a particular HTTP REQUEST_METHOD; a string naming the REQUEST_METHOD can also be supplied as `request_type` for backwards compatibility. `request_param` is used when you'd like a view to match only a request that contains a particular request.params key (with or without a value). `containment` is used when you'd like to match a request that has a context that has some class or interface in its graph lineage. These are collectively known as "view predicates".

- The `route` ZCML directive now honors `view_request_method`, `view_request_param`, and `view_containment` attributes, which pass along these values to the associated view if any is provided. Additionally, the `request_type` attribute can now be spelled as `view_request_type`, and `permission` can be spelled as `view_permission`. Any attribute which starts with `view_` can now be spelled without the `view_` prefix, so `view_for` can be spelled as `for` now, etc. Both forms are documented in the urldispatch narrative documentation chapter.

- The `request_param` ZCML view directive attribute (and its `bfg_view` decorator cousin) can now specify both a key and a value. For example, `request_param="foo=123"` means that the foo key must have a value of 123 for the view to "match".

- Allow `repoze.bfg.traversal.find_interface` API to use a class object as the argument to compare against the model passed in. This means you can now do `find_interface(model, SomeClass)` and the first object which is found in the lineage which has `SomeClass` as its class (or the first object found which has `SomeClass` as any of its superclasses) will be returned.
• Added static ZCML directive which registers a route for a view that serves up files in a directory. See the "Views" narrative documentation chapter’s "Serving Static Resources Using a ZCML Directive” section for more information.

• The repoze.bfg.view.static class now accepts a string as its first argument ("root_dir") that represents a package-relative name e.g. somepackage:foo/bar/static. This is now the preferred mechanism for spelling package-relative static paths using this class. A package_name keyword argument has been left around for backwards compatibility. If it is supplied, it will be honored.

• The API repoze.bfg.testing.registerView now takes a permission argument. Use this instead of using repoze.bfg.testing.registerViewPermission.

• The ordering of route declarations vs. the ordering of view declarations that use a "route_name" in ZCML no longer matters. Previously it had been impossible to use a route_name from a route that had not yet been defined in ZCML (order-wise) within a "view" declaration.

• The repoze.bfg router now catches both repoze.bfg.security.Unauthorized and repoze.bfg.view.NotFound exceptions while rendering a view. When the router catches an Unauthorized, it returns the registered forbidden view. When the router catches a NotFound, it returns the registered notfound view.

Internal

• Change urldispatch internals: Route object is now constructed using a path, a name, and a factory instead of a name, a matcher, a generator, and a factory.

• Move (non-API) default_view, default_forbidden_view, and default_notfound_view functions into the repoze.bfg.view module (moved from repoze.bfg.router).

• Removed ViewPermissionFactory from repoze.bfg.security. View permission checking is now done by registering and looking up an ISecuredView.

• The static ZCML directive now uses a custom root factory when constructing a route.

• The interface IRequestFactories was removed from the repoze.bfg.interfaces module. This interface was never an API.

• The function named named_request_factories and the data structure named DEFAULT_REQUEST_FACTORIES have been removed from the repoze.bfg.request module. These were never APIs.

• The IViewPermissionFactory interface has been removed. This was never an API.
Documentation

- Request-only-convention examples in the "Views" narrative documentation were broken.
- Fixed documentation bugs related to forget and remember in security API docs.
- Fixed documentation for repoze.bfg.view.static (in narrative Views chapter).

Deprecations

- The API repoze.bfg.testing.registerViewPermission has been deprecated.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- The interfaces IPOSTRequest, IGETRequest, IPUTRequest, IDELETERequest, and IHEADRequest have been removed from the repoze.bfg.interfaces module. These were not documented as APIs post-1.0. Instead of using one of these, use a request_method ZCML attribute or request_method bfg_view decorator parameter containing an HTTP method name (one of GET, POST, HEAD, PUT, DELETE) instead of one of these interfaces if you were using one explicitly. Passing a string in the set (GET, HEAD, PUT, POST, DELETE) as a request_type argument will work too. Rationale: instead of relying on interfaces attached to the request object, BFG now uses a "view predicate" to determine the request type.
- Views registered without the help of the ZCML view directive are now responsible for performing their own authorization checking.
- The registry_manager backwards compatibility alias importable from "repoze.bfg.registry", deprecated since repoze.bfg 0.9 has been removed. If you are trying to use the registry manager within a debug script of your own, use a combination of the "repoze.bfg.paster.get_app" and "repoze.bfg.scripting.get_root" APIs instead.
- The INotFoundAppFactory interface has been removed; it has been deprecated since repoze.bfg 0.9. If you have something like the following in your configure.zcml:

```
<utility provides="repoze.bfg.interfaces.INotFoundAppFactory"
component="helloworld.factories.notfound_app_factory"/>
```

Replace it with something like:
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See "Changing the Not Found View" in the "Hooks" chapter of the documentation for more information.

- The IUnauthorizedAppFactory interface has been removed; it has been deprecated since repoze.bfg 0.9. If you have something like the following in your configure.zcml:

```
<utility provides="repoze.bfg.interfaces.IUnauthorizedAppFactory"
    component="helloworld.factories.unauthorized_app_factory"/>
```

Replace it with something like:

```
<forbidden
    view="helloworld.views.forbidden_view"/>
```

See "Changing the Forbidden View" in the "Hooks" chapter of the documentation for more information.

- ISecurityPolicy-based security policies, deprecated since repoze.bfg 0.9, have been removed. If you have something like this in your configure.zcml, it will no longer work:

```
<utility
    provides="repoze.bfg.interfaces.ISecurityPolicy"
    factory="repoze.bfg.security.RemoteUserInheritingACLSecurityPolicy"
/>
```

If ZCML like the above exists in your application, you will receive an error at startup time. Instead of the above, you’ll need something like:

```
<remoteuserauthenticationpolicy/>
<aclauthorizationpolicy/>
```

This is just an example. See the "Security" chapter of the repoze.bfg documentation for more information about configuring security policies.

- Custom ZCML directives which register an authentication or authorization policy (ala "authtktauthenticatonpolicy" or "aclauthorizationpolicy") should register the policy "eagerly" in the ZCML directive instead of from within a ZCML action. If an authentication or authorization policy is not found in the component registry by the view machinery during deferred ZCML processing, view security will not work as expected.
1.0.1 (2009-07-22)

- Added support for has_resource, resource_isdir, and resource_listdir to the resource "OverrideProvider"; this fixes a bug with a symptom that a file could not be overridden in a resource directory unless a file with the same name existed in the original directory being overridden.

- Fixed documentation bug showing invalid test for values from the matchdict: they are stored as attributes of the Article, rather than subitems.

- Fixed documentation bug showing wrong environment key for the matchdict produced by the matching route.

- Added a workaround for a bug in Python 2.6, 2.6.1, and 2.6.2 having to do with a recursion error in the mimetypes module when trying to serve static files from Paste's FileApp: https://bugs.python.org/issue5853. Symptom: File ”/usr/lib/python2.6/mimetypes.py”, line 244, in guess_type return guess_type(url, strict) RuntimeError: maximum recursion depth exceeded. Thanks to Armin Ronacher for identifying the symptom and pointing out a fix.

- Minor edits to tutorials for accuracy based on feedback.

- Declared Paste and PasteDeploy dependencies.

1.0 (2009-07-05)

- Retested and added some content to GAE tutorial.

- Edited ”Extending” narrative docs chapter.

- Added ”Deleting the Database” section to the ”Defining Models” chapter of the traversal wiki tutorial.

- Spell checking of narratives and tutorials.

1.0b2 (2009-07-03)

- remoteuserauthenticationpolicy ZCML directive didn’t work without an environ_key directive (didn’t match docs).

- Fix configure_zcml filespec check on Windows. Previously if an absolute filesystem path including a drive letter was passed as filename (or as configure_zcml in the options dict) to repoze.bfg.router.make_app, it would be treated as a package:resource_name specification.

- Fix inaccuracies and import errors in bfgwiki (traversal+ZODB) and bfgwiki2 (urldispatch+SA) tutorials.
• Use bfgsite index for all tutorial setup.cfg files.
• Full documentation grammar/style/spelling audit.

1.0b1 (2009-07-02)

Features

• Allow a Paste config file (configure_zcml) value or an environment variable (BFG_CONFIGURE_ZCML) to name a ZCML file (optionally package-relative) that will be used to bootstrap the application. Previously, the integrator could not influence which ZCML file was used to do the bootstrapping (only the original application developer could do so).

Documentation

• Added a ”Resources” chapter to the narrative documentation which explains how to override resources within one package from another package.
• Added an ”Extending” chapter to the narrative documentation which explains how to extend or modify an existing BFG application using another Python package and ZCML.

1.0a9 (2009-07-01)

Features

• Make it possible to pass strings in the form ”package_name:relative/path” to APIs like render_template, render_template_to_response, and get_template. Sometimes the package in which a caller lives is a direct namespace package, so the module which is returned is semi-useless for navigating from. In this way, the caller can control the horizontal and vertical of where things get looked up from.
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1.0a8 (2009-07-01)

Deprecations

- Deprecate the authentication_policy and authorization_policy arguments to repoze.bfg.router.make_app. Instead, developers should use the various authentication policy ZCML directives (repozeholauthen-
ticationpolicy, remoteuserauthenticationpolicy and authtktauthenticationpolicy) and the aclauthorizationpolicy authorization policy directive as described in the changes to the "Security" narrative documentation chapter and the wiki tutorials.

Features

- Add three new ZCML directives which configure authentication policies:
  - repozeholauthen-
ticationpolicy
  - remoteuserauthenticationpolicy
  - authtktauthenticationpolicy
- Add a new ZCML directive which configures an ACL authorization policy named aclautho-
  rizationpolicy.

Bug Fixes

- Bug fix: when a repoze.bfg.resource.PackageOverrides class was instantiated, and the package it was overriding already had a __loader__ attribute, it would fail at startup time, even if the __loader__ attribute was another PackageOverrides instance. We now replace any __loader__ that is also a PackageOverrides instance. Symptom: ConfigurationExecutionError: <type 'exceptions.TypeError'>: Package <module 'karl.views' from '/Users/chrism/projects/osi/bfgenv/src/karl/karl/views/__init__.pyc'> already has a __loader__ (probably a module in a zipped egg).
1.0a7 (2009-06-30)

Features

- Add a `reload_resources` configuration file setting (aka the BFG_RELOAD_RESOURCES environment variable). When this is set to true, the server never needs to be restarted when moving files between directory resource overrides (esp. for templates currently).

- Add a `reload_all` configuration file setting (aka the BFG_RELOAD_ALL environment variable) that implies both `reload_resources` and `reload_templates`.

- The static helper view class now uses a PackageURLParser in order to allow for the overriding of static resources (CSS / logo files, etc) using the resource ZCML directive. The PackageURLParser class was added to a (new) static module in BFG; it is a subclass of the StaticURLParser class in paste.urlparser.

- The repoze.bfg.templating.renderer_from_cache function now checks for the `reload_resources` setting; if it’s true, it does not register a template renderer (it won’t use the registry as a template renderer cache).

Documentation

- Add pkg_resources to the glossary.

- Update the ”Environment” docs to note the existence of `reload_resources` and `reload_all`.

- Updated the bfg_alchemy paster template to include two views: the view on the root shows a list of links to records; the view on a record shows the details for that object.

Internal

- Use a colon instead of a tab as the separator between package name and relpath to form the ”spec” when register a ITemplateRenderer.

- Register a repoze.bfg.resource.OverrideProvider as a pkg_resources provider only for modules which are known to have overrides, instead of globally, when a <resource> directive is used (performance).
Bug Fixes

• Use `caller_package` function instead of `caller_module` function within templating to avoid needing to name the caller module in resource overrides (actually match docs).

• Make it possible to override templates stored directly in a module with templates in a subdirectory of the same module, stored directly within another module, or stored in a subdirectory of another module (actually match docs).

Features

• A new ZCML directive exists named "resource". This ZCML directive allows you to override Chameleon templates within a package (both directories full of templates and individual template files) with other templates in the same package or within another package. This allows you to "fake out" a view’s use of a template, causing it to retrieve a different template than the one actually named by a relative path to a call like `render_template_to_response('templates/mytemplate.pt')`. For example, you can override a template file by doing:

```xml
<resource
to_override="some.package:templates/mytemplate.pt"
override_with="another.package:othertemplates/anothertemplate.pt"/>
```

The string passed to "to_override" and "override_with" is named a "specification". The colon separator in a specification separates the package name from a package-relative directory name. The colon and the following relative path are optional. If they are not specified, the override attempts to resolve every lookup into a package from the directory of another package. For example:

```xml
<resource
to_override="some.package"
override_with="another.package"/>
```

Individual subdirectories within a package can also be overridden:
If you wish to override a directory with another directory, you must make sure to attach the slash to the end of both the to_override specification and the override_with specification. If you fail to attach a slash to the end of a specification that points a directory, you will get unexpected results. You cannot override a directory specification with a file specification, and vice versa (a startup error will occur if you try).

You cannot override a resource with itself (a startup error will occur if you try).

Only individual package resources may be overridden. Overrides will not traverse through sub-packages within an overridden package. This means that if you want to override resources for both some.package:templates, and some.package.views:templates, you will need to register two overrides.

The package name in a specification may start with a dot, meaning that the package is relative to the package in which the ZCML file resides. For example:

```
<resource
  to_override="some.package:templates/"
  override_with="another.package:othertemplates/"
/>
```

Overrides for the same to_overrides specification can be named multiple times within ZCML. Each override_with path will be consulted in the order defined within ZCML, forming an override search path.

Resource overrides can actually override resources other than templates. Any software which uses the pkg_resources get_resource_filename, get_resource_stream or get_resource_string APIs will obtain an overridden file when an override is used. However, the only built-in facility which uses the pkg_resources API within BFG is the templating stuff, so we only call out template overrides here.

- Use the pkg_resources API to locate template filenames instead of dead-reckoning using the os.path module.

- The repoze.bfg.templating module now uses pkg_resources to locate and register template files instead of using an absolute path name.
1.0a4 (2009-06-25)

Features

- Cause :segment matches in route paths to put a Unicode-decoded and URL-dequoted value in the matchdict for the value matched. Previously a non-decoded non-URL-dequoted string was placed in the matchdict as the value.

- Cause *remainder matches in route paths to put a tuple in the matchdict dictionary in order to be able to present Unicode-decoded and URL-dequoted values for the traversal path. Previously a non-decoded non-URL-dequoted string was placed in the matchdict as the value.

- Add optional max_age keyword value to the remember method of repoze.bfg.authentication.AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy; if this value is passed to remember, the generated cookie will have a corresponding Max-Age value.

Documentation

- Add information to the URL Dispatch narrative documentation about path pattern matching syntax.

Bug Fixes

- Make route_url URL-quote segment replacements during generation. Remainder segments are not quoted.

1.0a3 (2009-06-24)

Implementation Changes

- repoze.bfg no longer relies on the Routes package to interpret URL paths. All known existing path patterns will continue to work with the reimplemented logic, which lives in repoze.bfg.urldispatch. <route> ZCML directives which use certain attributes (uncommon ones) may not work (see ”Backwards Incompatibilities” below).
Bug Fixes

- model_url when passed a request that was generated as a result of a route match would fail in a call to route.generate.
- BFG-on-GAE didn’t work due to a corner case bug in the fallback Python implementation of threading.local (symptom: ”Initialization arguments are not supported”). Thanks to Michael Bernstein for the bug report.

Documentation

- Added a ”corner case” explanation to the ”Hybrid Apps” chapter explaining what to do when ”the wrong” view is matched.
- Use repoze.bfg.url.route_url API in tutorials rather than Routes url_for API.

Features

- Added the repoze.bfg.url.route_url API. This API allows you to generate URLs based on <route> declarations. See the URL Dispatch narrative chapter and the ”repoze.bfg.url” module API documentation for more information.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- As a result of disusing Routes, using the Routes url_for API inside a BFG application (as was suggested by previous iterations of tutorials) will no longer work. Use the repoze.bfg.url.route_url method instead.
- The following attributes on the <route> ZCML directive no longer work: encoding, static, filter, condition_method, condition_subdomain, condition_function, explicit, or subdomains. These were all Routes features.
- The <route> ZCML directive no longer supports the <requirement> subdirective. This was a Routes feature.
1.0a2 (2009-06-23)

Bug Fixes

• The bfg_routesalchemy pastertemplate app tests failed due to a mismatch between test and view signatures.

Features

• Add a view_for attribute to the route ZCML directive. This attribute should refer to an interface or a class (ala the for attribute of the view ZCML directive).

Documentation

• Conditional documentation in installation section ("how to install a Python interpreter").

Backwards Incompatibilities

• The callback argument of the repoze.bfg.authentication authentication policies named RepozeWho1AuthenticationPolicy, RemoteUserAuthenticationPolicy, and AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy now must accept two positional arguments: the original argument accepted by each (userid or identity) plus a second argument, which will be the current request. Apologies, this is required to service finding groups when there is no "global" database connection.

1.0a1 (2009-06-22)

Features

• A new ZCML directive was added named notfound. This ZCML directive can be used to name a view that should be invoked when the request can’t otherwise be resolved to a view callable. For example:
A new ZCML directive was added named forbidden. This ZCML directive can be used to name a view that should be invoked when a view callable for a request is found, but cannot be invoked due to an authorization failure. For example:

```xml
<forbidden
    view="helloworld.views.forbidden_view"/>
```

• Allow views to be optionally defined as callables that accept only a request object, instead of both a context and a request (which still works, and always will). The following types work as views in this style:
  – functions that accept a single argument request, e.g.:
    ```python
def aview(request):
    pass
```
  – new and old-style classes that have an `__init__` method that accepts `self, request`, e.g.:
    ```python
def View(object):
    __init__(self, request):
    pass
```
  – Arbitrary callables that have a `__call__` method that accepts `self, request`, e.g.:
    ```python
def AView(object):
    def __call__(self, request):
        pass
    view = AView()
```

This likely should have been the calling convention all along, as the request has `context` as an attribute already, and with views called as a result of URL dispatch, having the context in the arguments is not very useful. C’est la vie.

• Cache the absolute path in the caller’s package globals within `repoze.bfg.path` to get rid of repeated (expensive) calls to `os.path.abspath`.

• Add `reissue_time` and `timeout` parameters to `repoze.bfg.authentication.AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy` constructor. If these are passed, cookies will be reset every so often (cadged from the same change to `repoze.who` lately).

0.6. Change History
• The matchdict related to the matching of a Routes route is available on the request as the `matchdict` attribute: `request.matchdict`. If no route matched, this attribute will be `None`.

• Make 404 responses slightly cheaper by showing `environ["PATH_INFO"]` on the notfound result page rather than the fully computed URL.

• Move LRU cache implementation into a separate package (`repoze.lru`).

• The concepts of traversal and URL dispatch have been unified. It is now possible to use the same sort of factory as both a traversal "root factory" and what used to be referred to as a urldispatch "context factory".

• When the root factory argument (as a first argument) passed to `repoze.bfg.router.make_app` is `None`, a `default` root factory is used. This is in support of using routes as "root finders"; it supplants the idea that there is a default `IRoutesContextFactory`.

• The `view` ZCML statement and the `repoze.bfg.view.bfg_view` decorator now accept an extra argument: `route_name`. If a `route_name` is specified, it must match the name of a previously defined `route` statement. When it is specified, the view will only be called when that route matches during a request.

• It is now possible to perform traversal `after` a route has matched. Use the pattern `*traverse` in a `<route> path attribute within ZCML, and the path remainder which it matches will be used as a traversal path.

• When any route defined matches, the WSGI environment will now contain a key `bfg.routes.route` (the Route object which matched), and a key `bfg.routes.matchdict` (the result of calling route.match).

Deprecations

• Utility registrations against `repoze.bfg.interfaces.INotFoundView` and `repoze.bfg.interfaces.IForbiddenView` are now deprecated. Use the `notfound` and `forbidden` ZCML directives instead (see the "Hooks" chapter for more information). Such registrations will continue to work, but the notfound and forbidden directives do "extra work" to ensure that the callable named by the directive can be called by the router even if it’s a class or request-argument-only view.
Removals

- The IRoutesContext, IRoutesContextFactory, and IContextNotFound interfaces were removed from repoze.bfg.interfaces. These were never APIs.

- The repoze.bfg.urldispatch.RoutesContextNotFound, repoze.bfg.urldispatch.RoutesModelTraverser and repoze.bfg.urldispatch.RoutesContextURL classes were removed. These were also never APIs.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- Moved the repoze.bfg.push module, which implemented the pushpage decorator, into a separate distribution, repoze.bfg.pushpage. Applications which used this decorator should continue to work after adding that distribution to their installation requirements.

- Changing the default request factory via an IRequestFactory utility registration (as used to be documented in the "Hooks" chapter’s "Changing the request factory" section) is no longer supported. The dance to manufacture a request is complicated as a result of unifying traversal and url dispatch, making it highly unlikely for anyone to be able to override it properly. For those who just want to decorate or modify a request, use a NewRequestEvent subscriber (see the Events chapter in the documentation).

- The repoze.bfg.IRequestFactory interface was removed. See the bullet above for why.

- Routes "context factories" (spelled as the factory argument to a route statement in ZCML) must now expect the WSGI environ as a single argument rather than a set of keyword arguments. They can obtain the match dictionary by asking for environ['bfg.routes.matchdict']. This is the same set of keywords that used to be passed to urldispatch "context factories" in BFG 0.9 and below.

- Using the @zope.component.adapter decorator on a bfg view function no longer works. Use the @repoze.bfg.view.bfg_view decorator instead to mark a function (or a class) as a view.

- The name under which the matching route object is found in the environ was changed from bfg.route to bfg.routes.route.

- Finding the root is now done before manufacturing a request object (and sending a new request event) within the router (it used to be performed afterwards).

- Adding *path_info to a route no longer changes the PATH_INFO for a request that matches using URL dispatch. This feature was only there to service the repoze.bfg.wsgi.wsgiapp2 decorator and it did it wrong; use *subpath instead now.

- The values of subpath, traversed, and virtual_root_path attached to the request object are always now tuples instead of lists (performance).
Bug Fixes

• The `bfg_alchemy` Paster template named "repoze.tm" in its pipeline rather than "repoze.tm2", causing the startup to fail.

• Move BBB logic for registering an IAuthenticationPolicy/IForbiddenView/INotFoundView based on older concepts from the router module’s `make_app` function into the `repoze.bfg.zcml.zcml_configure` callable, to service compatibility with scripts that use "zope.configuration.xmlconfig" (replace with `repoze.bfg.zml.zcml_configure` as necessary to get BBB logic)

Documentation

• Add interface docs related to how to create authentication policies and authorization policies to the "Security" narrative chapter.

• Added a (fairly sad) "Combining Traversal and URL Dispatch" chapter to the narrative documentation. This explains the usage of `*traverse` and `*subpath` in routes URL patterns.

• A "router" chapter explaining the request/response lifecycle at a high level was added.

• Replaced all mentions and explanations of a routes "context factory" with equivalent explanations of a "root factory" (context factories have been disused).

• Updated Routes `bfgwiki2` tutorial to reflect the fact that context factories are now no longer used.

0.9.1 (2009-06-02)

Features

• Add API named `repoze.bfg.settings.get_settings` which retrieves a derivation of values passed as the `options` value of `repoze.bfg.router.make_app`. This API should be preferred instead of using `getUtility(ISettings)`. I added a new `repoze.bfg.settings` API document as well.

Bug Fixes

• Restored missing entry point declaration for `bfg_alchemy` paster template, which was accidentally removed in 0.9.
Documentation

- Fix a reference to wsgiapp in the wsgiapp2 API documentation within the repoze.bfg.wsgi module.

API Removals

- The repoze.bfg.location.locate API was removed: it didn’t do enough to be very helpful and had a misleading name.

0.9 (2009-06-01)

Bug Fixes

- It was not possible to register a custom IRoutesContextFactory for use as a default context factory as documented in the ”Hooks” chapter.

Features

- The request_type argument of ZCML view declarations and bfg_view decorators can now be one of the strings GET, POST, PUT, DELETE, or HEAD instead of a reference to the respective interface type imported from repoze.bfg.interfaces.
- The route ZCML directive now accepts request_type as an alias for its condition_method argument for symmetry with the view directive.
- The bfg_routesalchemy pastertemplatenowprovidesaunittestandactuallyusesthedatabase during a view rendering.

Removals

- Remove repoze.bfg.threadlocal.setManager. It was only used in unit tests.
- Remove repoze.bfg.wsgi.HTTPException, repoze.bfg.wsgi.NotFound, and repoze.bfg.wsgi.Unauthorized. These classes were disused with the introduction of the IUnauthorizedView and INotFoundView machinery.
Documentation

- Add description to narrative templating chapter about how to use Chameleon text templates.
- Changed Views narrative chapter to use method strings rather than interface types, and moved advanced interface type usage to Events narrative chapter.
- Added a Routes+SQLAlchemy wiki tutorial.

0.9a8 (2009-05-31)

Features

- It is now possible to register a custom `repoze.bfg.interfaces.INotFoundView` for a given application. This feature replaces the `repoze.bfg.interfaces.INotFoundAppFactory` feature previously described in the Hooks chapter. The INotFoundView will be called when the framework detects that a view lookup done as a result of a request fails; it should accept a context object and a request object; it should return an IResponse object (a webob response, basically). See the Hooks narrative chapter of the BFG docs for more info.

- The error presented when a view invoked by the router returns a non-response object now includes the view’s name for troubleshooting purposes.

Bug Fixes

- A "new response" event is emitted for forbidden and notfound views.

Deprecations

- The `repoze.bfg.interfaces.INotFoundAppFactory` interface has been deprecated in favor of using the new `repoze.bfg.interfaces.INotFoundView` mechanism.

Renames

- Renamed `repoze.bfg.interfaces.IForbiddenResponseFactory` to `repoze.bfg.interfaces.IForbiddenView`.

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0.9a7 (2009-05-30)

Features

- Remove "context" argument from effective_principals and authenticated_userid function APIs in repoze.bfg.security, effectively a doing reversion to 0.8 and before behavior. Both functions now again accept only the request parameter.

0.9a6 (2009-05-29)

Documentation

- Changed "BFG Wiki" tutorial to use AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy rather than repoze.who.

Features

- Add an AuthTktAuthenticationPolicy. This policy retrieves credentials from an auth_tkt cookie managed by the application itself (instead of relying on an upstream data source for authentication data). See the Security API chapter of the documentation for more info.

- Allow RemoteUserAuthenticationPolicy and RepozeWho1AuthenticationPolicy to accept various constructor arguments. See the Security API chapter of the documentation for more info.

0.9a5 (2009-05-28)

Features

- Add a get_app API functions to the paster module. This obtains a WSGI application from a config file given a config file name and a section name. See the repoze.bfg.paster API docs for more information.

- Add a new module named scripting. It contains a get_root API function, which, provided a Router instance, returns a traversal root object and a "closer". See the repoze.bfg.scripting API docs for more info.
0.9a4 (2009-05-27)

Bug Fixes

• Try checking for an ”old style” security policy after we parse ZCML (thinko).

0.9a3 (2009-05-27)

Features

• Allow IAuthenticationPolicy and IAuthorizationPolicy to be overridden via ZCML registrations (do ZCML parsing after registering these in router.py).

Documentation

• Added ”BFG Wiki” tutorial to documentation; it describes step-by-step how to create a traversal-based ZODB application with authentication.

Deprecations

• Added deprecations for imports of ACLSecurityPolicy, InheritingACLSecurityPolicy, RemoteUserACLSecurityPolicy, RemoteUserInheritingACLSecurityPolicy, WhoACLSecurityPolicy, and WhoInheritingACLSecurityPolicy from the repoze.bfg.security module; for the meantime (for backwards compatibility purposes) these live in the repoze.bfg.secpols module. Note however, that the entire concept of a ”security policy” is deprecated in BFG in favor of separate authentication and authorization policies, so any use of a security policy will generate additional deprecation warnings even if you do start using repoze.bfg.secpols. repoze.bfg.secpols will disappear in a future release of repoze.bfg.
Deprecated Import Alias Removals

- Remove `repoze.bfg.template` module. All imports from this package have been deprecated since 0.3.8. Instead, import `get_template`, `render_template`, and `render_template_to_response` from the `repoze.bfg.chameleon_zpt` module.

- Remove backwards compatibility import alias for `repoze.bfg.traversal.split_path` (deprecated since 0.6.5). This must now be imported as `repoze.bfg.traversal.traversal_path`.

- Remove backwards compatibility import alias for `repoze.bfg.urldispatch.RoutesContext` (deprecated since 0.6.5). This must now be imported as `repoze.bfg.urldispatch.DefaultRoutesContext`.

- Removed backwards compatibility import aliases for `repoze.bfg.router.get_options` and `repoze.bfg.router.Settings` (deprecated since 0.6.2). These both must now be imported from `repoze.bfg.settings`.

- Removed backwards compatibility import alias for `repoze.bfg.interfaces.IRootPolicy` (deprecated since 0.6.2). It must be imported as `repoze.bfg.interfaces.IRootFactory` now.

- Removed backwards compatibility import alias for `repoze.bfg.interfaces.ITemplate` (deprecated since 0.4.4). It must be imported as `repoze.bfg.interfaces.ITemplateRenderer` now.

- Removed backwards compatibility import alias for `repoze.bfg.interfaces.ITemplateFactory` (deprecated since 0.4.4). It must be imported as `repoze.bfg.interfaces.ITemplateRendererFactory` now.

- Removed backwards compatibility import alias for `repoze.bfg.chameleon_zpt.ZPTTemplateFactory` (deprecated since 0.4.4). This must be imported as `repoze.bfg.ZPTTemplateRenderer` now.

0.9a2 (2009-05-27)

Features

- A paster command has been added named "bfgshell". This command can be used to get an interactive prompt with your BFG root object in the global namespace. E.g.:

  ```
  bin/paster bfgshell /path/to/myapp.ini myapp
  ```

  See the Project chapter in the BFG documentation for more information.
Deprecations

- The name `repoze.bfg.registry.registry_manager` was never an API, but scripts in the wild were using it to set up an environment for use under a debug shell. A backwards compatibility shim has been added for this purpose, but the feature is deprecated.

0.9a1 (2009-5-27)

Features

- New API functions named `forget` and `remember` are available in the `security` module. The `forget` function returns headers which will cause the currently authenticated user to be logged out when set in a response. The `remember` function (when passed the proper arguments) will return headers which will cause a principal to be "logged in" when set in a response. See the Security API chapter of the docs for more info.

- New keyword arguments to the `repoze.bfg.router.make_app` call have been added: `authentication_policy` and `authorization_policy`. These should, respectively, be an implementation of an authentication policy (an object implementing the `repoze.bfg.interfaces.IAuthenticationPolicy` interface) and an implementation of an authorization policy (an object implementing `repoze.bfg.interfaces.IAuthorizationPolicy`). Concrete implementations of authentication policies exist in `repoze.bfg.authentication`. Concrete implementations of authorization policies exist in `repoze.bfg.authorization`. Both `authentication_policy` and `authorization_policy` default to `None`.

  If `authentication_policy` is `None`, but `authorization_policy` is `not None`, then `authorization_policy` is ignored (the ability to do authorization depends on authentication).

  If the `authentication_policy` argument is `not None`, and the `authorization_policy` argument is `None`, the authorization policy defaults to an authorization implementation that uses ACLs (`repoze.bfg.authorization.ACLAuthorizationPolicy`).

  We no longer encourage configuration of "security policies" using ZCML, as previously we did for `ISecurityPolicy`. This is because it's not uncommon to need to configure settings for concrete authorization or authentication policies using `paste.ini` parameters; the app entry point for your application is the natural place to do this.

- Two new abstractions have been added in the way of adapters used by the system: an `IAuthorizationPolicy` and an `IAuthenticationPolicy`. A combination of these (as registered by the `securitypolicy` ZCML directive) take the place of the `ISecurityPolicy` abstraction in previous releases of repoze.who. The API functions in `repoze.who.security` (such
as authentication_userid, effective_principals, has_permission, and so on) have been changed to try to make use of these new adapters. If you're using an older ISecurityPolicy adapter, the system will still work, but it will print deprecation warnings when such a policy is used.

- The way the (internal) IViewPermission utilities registered via ZCML are invoked has changed. They are purely adapters now, returning a boolean result, rather than returning a callable. You shouldn't have been using these anyway. ;-)

- New concrete implementations of IAuthenticationPolicy have been added to the repoze.bfg.authentication module: RepozeWho1AuthenticationPolicy which uses repoze.who identity to retrieve authentication data from and RemoteUserAuthenticationPolicy, which uses the REMOTE_USER value in the WSGI environment to retrieve authentication data.

- A new concrete implementation of IAuthorizationPolicy has been added to the repoze.bfg.authorization module: ACLAuthorizationPolicy which uses ACL inheritance to do authorization.

- It is now possible to register a custom repoze.bfg.interfaces.IForbiddenResponseFactory for a given application. This feature replaces the repoze.bfg.interfaces.IUnauthorizedAppFactory feature previously described in the Hooks chapter. The IForbiddenResponseFactory will be called when the framework detects an authorization failure; it should accept a context object and a request object; it should return an IResponse object (a webob response, basically). Read the below point for more info and see the Hooks narrative chapter of the BFG docs for more info.

**Backwards Incompatibilities**

- Custom NotFound and Forbidden (nee’ Unauthorized) WSGI applications (registered as a utility for INotFoundAppFactory and IUnauthorizedAppFactory) could rely on an environment key named message describing the circumstance of the response. This key has been renamed to repoze.bfg.message (as per the WSGI spec, which requires environment extensions to contain dots).

**Deprecations**

- The repoze.bfg.interfaces.IUnauthorizedAppFactory interface has been deprecated in favor of using the new repoze.bfg.interfaces.IForbiddenResponseFactory mechanism.

- The view_execution_permitted API should now be imported from the repoze.bfg.security module instead of the repoze.bfg.view module.
• The authenticated_userid and effective_principals APIs in repoze.bfg.security used to only take a single argument (request). They now accept two arguments (context and request). Calling them with a single argument is still supported but issues a deprecation warning. (NOTE: this change was reverted in 0.9a7; meaning the 0.9 versions of these functions again accept request only, just like 0.8 and before).

• Use of "old-style" security policies (those base on ISecurityPolicy) is now deprecated. See the "Security" chapter of the docs for info about activating an authorization policy and an authentication policy.

0.8.1 (2009-05-21)

Features

• Class objects may now be used as view callables (both via ZCML and via use of the bfg_view decorator in Python 2.6 as a class decorator). The calling semantics when using a class as a view callable is similar to that of using a class as a Zope "browser view": the class' __init__ must accept two positional parameters (conventionally named context, and request). The resulting instance must be callable (it must have a __call__ method). When called, the instance should return a response. For example:

```python
from webob import Response

class MyView(object):
    def __init__(self, context, request):
        self.context = context
        self.request = request

    def __call__(self):
        return Response('hello from %s!' % self.context)

See the "Views" chapter in the documentation and the `repoze.bfg.view` API documentation for more information.
```

• Removed the pickling of ZCML actions (the code that wrote configure.zcml.cache next to configure.zcml files in projects). The code which managed writing and reading of the cache file was a source of subtle bugs when users switched between imperative (e.g. @bfg_view) registrations and declarative registrations (e.g. the view directive in ZCML) on the same project. On a moderately-sized project (535 ZCML actions and 15 ZCML files), executing actions read from the pickle was saving us only about 200ms (2.5 sec vs 2.7 sec average). On very small projects (1 ZCML file and 4 actions), startup time was comparable, and sometimes even slower when reading from the pickle, and both ways were so fast that it really just didn’t matter anyway.
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0.8 (2009-05-18)

Features

• Added a traverse function to the repoze.bfg.traversal module. This function may be used to retrieve certain values computed during path resolution. See the Traversal API chapter of the documentation for more information about this function.

Deprecations

• Internal: ITraverser callables should now return a dictionary rather than a tuple. Up until 0.7.0, all ITraversers were assumed to return a 3-tuple. In 0.7.1, ITraversers were assumed to return a 6-tuple. As (by evidence) it’s likely we’ll need to add further information to the return value of an ITraverser callable, 0.8 assumes that an ITraverser return a dictionary with certain elements in it. See the repoze.bfg.interfaces.ITraverser interface for the list of keys that should be present in the dictionary. ITraversers which return tuples will still work, although a deprecation warning will be issued.

Backwards Incompatibilities

• If your code used the ITraverser interface directly (not via an API function such as find_model) via an adapter lookup, you’ll need to change your code to expect a dictionary rather than a 3- or 6-tuple if your code ever gets return values from the default ModelGraphTraverser or RoutesModelTraverser adapters.

0.8a7 (2009-05-16)

Backwards Incompatibilities

• The RoutesMapper class in repoze.bfg.urldispatch has been removed, as well as its documentation. It had been deprecated since 0.6.3. Code in repoze.bfg.urldispatch. RoutesModelTraverser which catered to it has also been removed.
• The semantics of the `route` ZCML directive have been simplified. Previously, it was assumed that to use a route, you wanted to map a route to an externally registered view. The new `route` directive instead has a `view` attribute which is required, specifying the dotted path to a view callable. When a route directive is processed, a view is *registered* using the name attribute of the route directive as its name and the callable as its value. The `view_name` and `provides` attributes of the `route` directive are therefore no longer used. Effectively, if you were previously using the `route` directive, it means you must change a pair of ZCML directives that look like this:

```xml
<route
    name="home"
    path=""
    view_name="login"
    factory=".models.root.Root"
/>

<view
    for=".models.root.Root"
    name="login"
    view=".views.login_view"
/>
```

To a ZCML directive that looks like this:

```xml
<route
    name="home"
    path=""
    view=".views.login_view"
    factory=".models.root.Root"
/>
```

In other words, to make old code work, remove the `view` directives that were only there to serve the purpose of backing `route` directives, and move their `view=` attribute into the `route` directive itself.

This change also necessitated that the `name` attribute of the `route` directive is now required. If you were previously using `route` directives without a `name` attribute, you’ll need to add one (the name is arbitrary, but must be unique among all `route` and `view` statements).

The `provides` attribute of the `route` directive has also been removed. This directive specified a sequence of interface types that the generated context would be decorated with. Since route views are always generated now for a single interface (`repoze.bfg.IRoutesContext`) as opposed to being looked up arbitrarily, there is no need to decorate any context to ensure a view is found.
Documentation

- Added API docs for the repoze.bfg.testing methods registerAdapter, registerUtility, registerSubscriber, and cleanUp.

- Added glossary entry for "root factory".

- Noted existence of repoze.bfg.pagetemplate template bindings in "Available Add On Template System Bindings" in Templates chapter in narrative docs.

- Update "Templates" narrative chapter in docs (expand to show a sample template and correct macro example).

Features

- Courtesy Carlos de la Guardia, added an alchemy Paster template. This paster template sets up a BFG project that uses SQAlchemy (with SQLite) and uses traversal to resolve URLs. (no Routes are used). This template can be used via paster create -t bfg_alchemy.

- The Routes Route object used to resolve the match is now put into the environment as bfg.route when URL dispatch is used.

- You can now change the default Routes "context factory" globally. See the "ZCML Hooks" chapter of the documentation (in the "Changing the Default Routes Context Factory" section).

0.8a6 (2009-05-11)

Features

- Added a routesalchemy Paster template. This paster template sets up a BFG project that uses SQAlchemy (with SQLite) and uses Routes exclusively to resolve URLs (no traversal root factory is used). This template can be used via paster create -t bfg_routesalchemy.

Documentation

- Added documentation to the URL Dispatch chapter about how to catch the root URL using a ZCML route directive.

- Added documentation to the URL Dispatch chapter about how to perform a cleanup function at the end of a request (e.g. close the SQL connection).
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Bug Fixes

• In version 0.6.3, passing a `get_root` callback (a "root factory") to `repoze.bfg.router.make_app` became optional if any route declaration was made in ZCML. The intent was to make it possible to disuse traversal entirely, instead relying entirely on URL dispatch (Routes) to resolve all contexts. However a compound set of bugs prevented usage of a Routes-based root view (a view which responds to "/"). One bug existed in `repoze.bfg.urldispatch`, another existed in Routes itself.

To resolve this issue, the urldispatch module was fixed, and a fork of the Routes trunk was put into the "dev" index named Routes-1.11dev-chris-home. The source for the fork exists at http://bitbucket.org/chris/routes-home/ (broken link); its contents have been merged into the Routes trunk (what will be Routes 1.11).

0.8a5 (2009-05-08)

Features

• Two new security policies were added: RemoteUserInheritingACLSecurityPolicy and WhoInheritingACLSecurityPolicy. These are security policies which take into account all ACLs defined in the lineage of a context rather than stopping at the first ACL found in a lineage. See the "Security" chapter of the API documentation for more information.

• The API and narrative documentation dealing with security was changed to introduce the new "inheriting" security policy variants.

• Added glossary entry for "lineage".

Deprecations

• The security policy previously named RepozeWhoIdentityACLSecurityPolicy now has the slightly saner name of WhoACLSecurityPolicy. A deprecation warning is emitted when this policy is imported under the "old" name; usually this is due to its use in ZCML within your application. If you’re getting this deprecation warning, change your ZCML to use the new name, e.g. change:

```xml
<utility
  provides="repoze.bfg.interfaces.ISecurityPolicy"
  factory="repoze.bfg.security.RepozeWhoIdentityACLSecurityPolicy"
  />
```

To:
0.8a4 (2009-05-04)

Features

- `zope.testing` is no longer a direct dependency, although our dependencies (such as `zope.interface`, `repoze.zcml`, etc) still depend on it.
- Tested on Google App Engine. Added a tutorial to the documentation explaining how to deploy a BFG app to GAE.

Backwards Incompatibilities

- Applications which rely on `zope.testing.cleanup.cleanUp` in unit tests can still use that function indefinitely. However, for maximum forward compatibility, they should import `cleanUp` from `repoze.bfg.testing` instead of from `zope.testing.cleanup`. The BFG pastetemplates and docs have been changed to use this function instead of the `zope.testing.cleanup` version.

0.8a3 (2009-05-03)

Features

- Don’t require a successful import of `zope.testing` at BFG application runtime. This allows us to get rid of `zope.testing` on platforms like GAE which have file limits.
0.8a2 (2009-05-02)

Features

- We no longer include the configure.zcml of the chameleon.zpt package within the configure.zcml of the "repoze.bfg.includes" package. This has been a no-op for some time now.

- The repoze.bfg.chameleon_zpt package no longer imports from chameleon.zpt at module scope, deferring the import until later within a method call. The chameleon.zpt package can't be imported on platforms like GAE.

0.8a1 (2009-05-02)

Deprecation Warning and Import Alias Removals

- Since version 0.6.1, a deprecation warning has been emitted when the name model_url is imported from the repoze.bfg.traversal module. This import alias (and the deprecation warning) has been removed. Any import of the model_url function will now need to be done from repoze.bfg.url; any import of the name model_url from repoze.bfg.traversal will now fail. This was done to remove a dependency on zope.deferredimport.

- Since version 0.6.5, a deprecation warning has been emitted when the name RoutesModelTraverser is imported from the repoze.bfg.traversal module. This import alias (and the deprecation warning) has been removed. Any import of the RoutesModelTraverser class will now need to be done from repoze.bfg.urldispatch; any import of the name RoutesModelTraverser from repoze.bfg.traversal will now fail. This was done to remove a dependency on zope.deferredimport.

Features

- This release of repoze.bfg is "C-free". This means it has no hard dependencies on any software that must be compiled from C source at installation time. In particular, repoze.bfg no longer depends on the lxml package.

  This change has introduced some backwards incompatibilities, described in the "Backwards Incompatibilities" section below.

- This release was tested on Windows XP. It appears to work fine and all the tests pass.
Backwards Incompatibilities

Incompatibilities related to making repoze.bfg "C-free":

- Removed the repoze.bfg.chameleon_genshi module, and thus support for Genshi-style chameleon templates. Genshi-style Chameleon templates depend upon lxml, which is implemented in C (as opposed to pure Python) and the repoze.bfg core is "C-free" as of this release. You may get Genshi-style Chameleon support back by installing the repoze.bfg.chameleon_genshi package available from https://pypi.org/project/repoze.bfg.chameleon_genshi/. All existing code that depended on the chameleon_genshi module prior to this release of repoze.bfg should work without change after this addon is installed.

- Removed the repoze.bfg.xslt module and thus support for XSL templates. The repoze.bfg.xslt module depended upon lxml, which is implemented in C, and the repoze.bfg core is "C-free" as of this release. You may get XSL templating back by installing the repoze.bfg.xslt package available from http://svn.repoze.org/repoze.bfg.xslt/ (broken link) (also available in the index at http://dist.repoze.org/bfg/0.8/simple) (broken link). All existing code that depended upon the xslt module prior to this release of repoze.bfg should work without modification after this addon is installed.

- Removed the repoze.bfg.interfaces.INodeTemplateRenderer interface and the old b/w compat aliases from that interface to repoze.bfg.interfaces.INodeTemplate. This interface must now be imported from the repoze.bfg.xslt.interfaces package after installation of the repoze.bfg.xslt addon package described above as repoze.bfg.interfaces.INodeTemplateRenderer. This interface was never part of any public API.

Other backwards incompatibilities:

- The render_template function in repoze.bfg.chameleon_zpt returns Unicode instead of a string. Likewise, the individual values returned by the iterable created by the render_template_to_iterable function are also each Unicode. This is actually a backwards incompatibility inherited from our new use of the combination of chameleon.core 1.0b32 (the non-lxml-depending version) and chameleon.zpt 1.0b16+; the chameleon.zpt PageTemplateFile implementation used to return a string, but now returns Unicode.

0.7.1 (2009-05-01)

Index-Related

- The canonical package index location for repoze.bfg has changed. The "old" index (http://dist.repoze.org/lemonade/dev/simple) (broken link) has been superseded by a new index location http://dist.repoze.org/bfg/current/simple (broken link). The installation documentation has been updated as well as the setup.cfg file in this package. The "lemonade" index still exists, but it is not guaranteed to have the latest BFG software in it, nor will it be maintained in the future.
Features

- The "paster create" templates have been modified to use links to the new "bfg.repoze.org" and "docs.repoze.org" websites.

- Added better documentation for virtual hosting at a URL prefix within the virtual hosting docs chapter.

- The interface for repoze.bfg.interfaces.ITraverser and the built-in implementations that implement the interface (repoze.bfg.traversal.ModelGraphTraverser, and repoze.bfg.urldispatch.RoutesModelTraverser) now expect the __call__ method of an ITraverser to return 3 additional arguments: traversed, virtual_root, and virtual_root_path (the old contract was that the __call__ method of an ITraverser returned; three arguments, the contract new is that it returns six). traversed will be a sequence of Unicode names that were traversed (including the virtual root path, if any) or None if no traversal was performed, virtual_root will be a model object representing the virtual root (or the physical root if traversal was not performed), and virtual_root_path will be a sequence representing the virtual root path (a sequence of Unicode names) or None if traversal was not performed.

Six arguments are now returned from BFG ITraversers. They are returned in this order: context, view_name, subpath, traversed, virtual_root, and virtual_root_path.

Places in the BFG code which called an ITraverser continue to accept a 3-argument return value, although BFG will generate and log a warning when one is encountered.

- The request object now has the following attributes: traversed (the sequence of names traversed or None if traversal was not performed), virtual_root (the model object representing the virtual root, including the virtual root path if any), and virtual_root_path (the sequence of names representing the virtual root path or None if traversal was not performed).

- A new decorator named wsgiapp2 was added to the repoze.bfg.wsgi module. This decorator performs the same function as repoze.bfg.wsgi.wsgiapp except it fixes up the SCRIPT_NAME, and PATH_INFO environment values before invoking the WSGI subapplication.

- The repoze.bfg.testing.DummyRequest object now has default attributes for traversed, virtual_root, and virtual_root_path.

- The RoutesModelTraverser now behaves more like the Routes "RoutesMiddleware" object when an element in the match dict is named path_info (usually when there’s a pattern like http:///foo/*path_info). When this is the case, the PATH_INFO environment variable is set to the value in the match dict, and the SCRIPT_NAME is appended to with the prefix of the original PATH_INFO not including the value of the new variable.

- The notfound debug now shows the traversed path, the virtual root, and the virtual root path too.

- Speed up / clarify ‘traversal’ module’s ‘model_path’, ‘model_path_tuple’, and ‘_model_path_list’ functions.
Backwards Incompatibilities

- In previous releases, the `repoze.bfg.url.model_url`, `repoze.bfg.traversal.model_path` and `repoze.bfg.traversal.model_path_tuple` functions always ignored the `__name__` argument of the root object in a model graph (effectively replacing it with a leading `/` in the returned value) when a path or URL was generated. The code required to perform this operation was not efficient. As of this release, the root object in a model graph must have a `__name__` attribute that is either `None` or the empty string (`''`) for URLs and paths to be generated properly from these APIs. If your root model object has a `__name__` argument that is not one of these values, you will need to change your code for URLs and paths to be generated properly. If your model graph has a root node with a string `__name__` that is not null, the value of `__name__` will be prepended to every path and URL generated.

- The `repoze.bfg.location.LocationProxy` class and the `repoze.bfg.location.ClassAndInstanceDescr` class have both been removed in order to be able to eventually shed a dependency on `zope.proxy`. Neither of these classes was ever an API.

- In all previous releases, the `repoze.bfg.location.locate` function worked like so: if a model did not explicitly provide the `repoze.bfg.interfaces.ILocation` interface, `locate` returned a `LocationProxy` object representing the model with its `__parent__` attribute assigned to `parent` and a `__name__` attribute assigned to `__name__`. In this release, the `repoze.bfg.location.locate` function simply jams the `__name__` and `__parent__` attributes onto the supplied model unconditionally, no matter if the object implements `ILocation` or not, and it never returns a proxy. This was done because the LocationProxy behavior has now moved into an add-on package (`repoze.bfg.traversalwrapper`), in order to eventually be able to shed a dependency on `zope.proxy`. In order to re-enable the wrapper behavior for older applications which cannot be changed, register the `ModelGraphTraverser` as the traversal policy, rather than the default `ModelGraphTraverser`. To use this feature, you will need to install the `repoze.bfg.traversalwrapper` package (an add-on package, available at https://pypi.org/project/repoze.bfg.traversalwrapper/) Then change your application’s `configure.zcml` to include the following stanza:

```xml
<adapter factory="repoze.bfg.traversalwrapper.ModelGraphTraverser"
    provides="repoze.bfg.interfaces.ITraverserFactory" for="*" />
```

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```
When this ITraverserFactory is used instead of the default, no object in the graph (even the root object) must supply a __name__ or __parent__ attribute. Even if sub-objects returned from the root do implement the ILocation interface, these will still be wrapped in proxies that override the object’s "real" __parent__ and __name__ attributes.

See also changes to the "Models" chapter of the documentation (in the "Location-Aware Model Model Instances") section.

0.7.0 (2009-04-11)

Bug Fixes

- Fix a bug in repoze.bfg.wsgi.HTTPException: the content length was returned as an int rather than as a string.

- Add explicit dependencies on zope.deferredimport, zope.deprecation, and zope.proxy for forward compatibility reasons (zope.component will stop relying on zope.deferredimport soon and although we use it directly, it’s only a transitive dependency, and "zope.deprecation" and zope.proxy are used directly even though they’re only transitive dependencies as well).

- Using model_url or model_path against a broken model graph (one with models that had a non-root model with a __name__ of None) caused an inscrutable error to be thrown: (if not _must_quote[cachekey].search(s): TypeError: expected string or buffer). Now URLs and paths generated against graphs that have None names in intermediate nodes will replace the None with the empty string, and, as a result, the error won’t be raised. Of course the URL or path will still be bogus.

Features

- Make it possible to have testing.DummyTemplateRenderer return some nondefault string representation.

- Added a new anchor keyword argument to model_url. If anchor is present, its string representation will be used as a named anchor in the generated URL (e.g. if anchor is passed as foo and the model URL is http://example.com/model/url, the generated URL will be http://example.com/model/url#foo).
The default request charset encoding is now utf-8. As a result, the request machinery will attempt to decode values from the utf-8 encoding to Unicode automatically when they are obtained via request.params, request.GET, and request.POST. The previous behavior of BFG was to return a bytestring when a value was accessed in this manner. This change will break form handling code in apps that rely on values from those APIs being considered bytestrings. If you are manually decoding values from form submissions in your application, you’ll either need to change the code that does that to expect Unicode values from request.params, request.GET and request.POST, or you’ll need to explicitly reenable the previous behavior. To reenable the previous behavior, add the following to your application’s configure.zcml:

```xml
<subscriber for="repoze.bfg.interfaces.INewRequest" handler="repoze.bfg.request.make_request_ascii"/>
```

See also the documentation in the ”Views” chapter of the BFG docs entitled ”Using Views to Handle Form Submissions (Unicode and Character Set Issues)”.

**Documentation**

- Add a section to the narrative Views chapter entitled ”Using Views to Handle Form Submissions (Unicode and Character Set Issues)” explaining implicit decoding of form data values.

**0.6.9 (2009-02-16)**

**Bug Fixes**

- lru cache was unstable under concurrency (big surprise!) when it tried to redelete a key in the cache that had already been deleted. Symptom: line 64 in put:del data[oldkey]: KeyError: '/some/path'. Now we just ignore the key error if we can’t delete the key (it has already been deleted).

- Empty location names in model paths when generating a URL using repoze.bfg.model_url based on a model obtained via traversal are no longer ignored in the generated URL. This means that if a non-root model object has a __name__ of '', the URL will reflect it (e.g. model_url will generate http://foo/bar//baz if an object with the __name__ of '' is a child of bar and the parent of baz). URLs generated with empty path segments are, however, still irresolvable by the model graph traverser on request ingress (the traverser strips empty path segment names).
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Features

- Microspeedups of `repoze.bfg.traversal.model_path`, `repoze.bfg.traversal.model_path_tuple`, `repoze.bfg.traversal.quote_path_segment`, and `repoze.bfg.url.urlencode`.
- add zip_safe = false to setup.cfg.

Documentation

- Add a note to the `repoze.bfg.traversal.quote_path_segment` API docs about caching of computed values.

Implementation Changes

- Simplification of `repoze.bfg.traversal.TraversalContextURL.__call__` (it now uses `repoze.bfg.traversal.model_path` instead of rolling its own path-generation).

0.6.8 (2009-02-05)

Backwards Incompatibilities

- The `repoze.bfg.traversal.model_path` API now returns a quoted string rather than a string represented by series of unquoted elements joined via / characters. Previously it returned a string or unicode object representing the model path, with each segment name in the path joined together via / characters, e.g. /foo /bar. Now it returns a string, where each segment is a UTF-8 encoded and URL-quoted element e.g. /foo%20/bar. This change was (as discussed briefly on the repoze-dev maillist) necessary to accommodate model objects which themselves have __name__ attributes that contain the / character.

For people that have no models that have high-order Unicode __name__ attributes or __name__ attributes with values that require URL-quotimg with in their model graphs, this won’t cause any issue. However, if you have code that currently expects model_path to return an unquoted string, or you have an existing application with data generated via the old method, and you’re too lazy to change anything, you may wish replace the BFG-imported model_path in your code with this function (this is the code of the "old" model_path implementation):
from repoze.bfg.location import lineage

def i_am_too_lazy_to_move_to_the_new_model_path(model, *elements):
    rpath = []
    for location in lineage(model):
        if location.__name__:
            rpath.append(location.__name__)
    path = '/' + '/'.join(reversed(rpath))
    if elements:
        suffix = '/'.join(elements)
        path = '/'.join([path, suffix])
    return path

• The repoze.bfg.traversal.find_model API no longer implicitly converts unicode representations of a full path passed to it as a Unicode object into a UTF-8 string. Callers should either use prequoted path strings returned by repoze.bfg.traversal.model_path, or tuple values returned by the result of repoze.bfg.traversal.model_path_tuple or they should use the guidelines about passing a string path argument described in the find_model API documentation.

Bugfixes

• Each argument contained in elements passed to repoze.bfg.traversal.model_path will now have any / characters contained within quoted to %2F in the returned string. Previously, / characters in elements were left unquoted (a bug).

Features

• A repoze.bfg.traversal.model_path_tuple API was added. This API is an alternative to model_path (which returns a string); model_path_tuple returns a model path as a tuple (much like Zope's getPhysicalPath).

• A repoze.bfg.traversal.quote_path_segment API was added. This API will quote an individual path segment (string or unicode object). See the repoze.bfg.traversal API documentation for more information.

• The repoze.bfg.traversal.find_model API now accepts ”path tuples” (see the above note regarding model_path_tuple) as well as string path representations (from repoze.bfg.traversal.model_path) as a path argument.

• Add ‘renderer’ argument (defaulting to None) to repoze.bfg.testing.registerDummyRenderer. This makes it possible, for instance, to register a custom renderer that raises an exception in a unit test.
Implementation Changes

- Moved _url_quote function back to `repoze.bfg.traversal` from `repoze.bfg.url`. This is not an API.

0.6.7 (2009-01-27)

Features

- The `repoze.bfg.url.model_url` API now works against contexts derived from Routes URL dispatch (Routes.util.url_for is called under the hood).
- "Virtual root" support for traversal-based applications has been added. Virtual root support is useful when you’d like to host some model in a `repoze.bfg` model graph as an application under a URL pathname that does not include the model path itself. For more information, see the (new) "Virtual Hosting" chapter in the documentation.
- A `repoze.bfg.traversal.virtual_root` API has been added. When called, it returns the virtual root object (or the physical root object if no virtual root has been specified).

Implementation Changes

- `repoze.bfg.traversal.RoutesModelTraverser` has been moved to `repoze.bfg.urldispatch`.
- `model_url` URL generation is now performed via an adapter lookup based on the context and the request.
- ZCML which registers two adapters for the IContextURL interface has been added to the configure.zcml in `repoze.bfg.includes`.

0.6.6 (2009-01-26)

Implementation Changes

- There is an indirection in `repoze.bfg.url.model_url` now that consults a utility to generate the base model url (without extra elements or a query string). Eventually this will service virtual hosting; for now it’s undocumented and should not be hooked.
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0.6.5 (2009-01-26)

Features

- You can now override the NotFound and Unauthorized responses that repoze.bfg generates when a view cannot be found or cannot be invoked due to lack of permission. See the ”ZCML Hooks” chapter in the docs for more information.

- Added Routes ZCML directive attribute explanations in documentation.

- Added a traversal_path API to the traversal module; see the ”traversal” API chapter in the docs. This was a function previously known as split_path that was not an API but people were using it anyway. Unlike split_path, it now returns a tuple instead of a list (as its values are cached).

Behavior Changes

- The repoze.bfg.view.render_view_to_response API will no longer raise a ValueError if an object returned by a view function it calls does not possess certain attributes (headerlist, app_iter, status). This API used to attempt to perform a check using the is_response function in repoze.bfg.view, and raised a ValueError if the is_response check failed. The responsibility is now the caller’s to ensure that the return value from a view function is a ”real” response.

- WSGI environ dicts passed to repoze.bfg’s Router must now contain a REQUEST_METHOD key/value; if they do not, a KeyError will be raised (speed).

- It is no longer permissible to pass a ”nested” list of principals to repoze.bfg.ACLAutorizer.permits (e.g. ['fred', ['larry', 'bob']]). The principals list must be fully expanded. This feature was never documented, and was never an API, so it’s not a backwards incompatibility.

- It is no longer permissible for a security ACE to contain a ”nested” list of permissions (e.g. (Allow, Everyone, ['read', ['view', ['write', 'manage']]])). The list must instead be fully expanded (e.g. `(Allow, Everyone, ['read', 'view', 'write', 'manage'])`). This feature was never documented, and was never an API, so it’s not a backwards incompatibility.

- The repoze.bfg.urldispatch.RoutesRootFactory now injects the wsgiorg.routing_args environment variable into the environ when a route matches. This is a tuple of ((), routing_args) where routing_args is the value that comes back from the routes mapper match (the ”match dict”).

- The repoze.bfg.traversal.RoutesModelTraverser class now wants to obtain the view_name and subpath from the wsgiorgs.routing_args environment variable. It falls back to obtaining these from the context for backwards compatibility.
Implementation Changes

- Get rid of repoze.bfg.security.ACLAuthorizer: the ACLSecurityPolicy now does what it did inline.
- Get rid of repoze.bfg.interfaces.NoAuthorizationInformation exception: it was used only by ACLAuthorizer.
- Use a homegrown NotFound error instead of webob.exc.HTTPNotFound (the latter is slow).
- Use a homegrown Unauthorized error instead of webob.exc.Unauthorized (the latter is slow).
- the repoze.bfg.lru.lru_cached decorator now uses functools.wraps in order to make documentation of LRU-cached functions possible.
- Various speed micro-tweaks.

Bug Fixes

- repoze.bfg.testing.DummyModel did not have a get method; it now does.

0.6.4 (2009-01-23)

Backwards Incompatibilities

- The unicode_path_segments configuration variable and the BFG_UNICODE_PATH_SEGMENTS configuration variable have been removed. Path segments are now always passed to model __getitem__ methods as unicode. "True" has been the default for this setting since 0.5.4, but changing this configuration setting to false allowed you to go back to passing raw path element strings to model __getitem__ methods. Removal of this knob services a speed goal (we get about +80 req/s by removing the check), and it’s clearer just to always expect unicode path segments in model __getitem__ methods.
Implementation Changes

- `repoze.bfg.traversal.split_path` now also handles decoding path segments to unicode (for speed, because its results are cached).

- `repoze.bfg.traversal.step` was made a method of the `ModelGraphTraverser`.

- Use "precooked" Request subclasses (e.g. `repoze.bfg.request.GETRequest`) that correspond to HTTP request methods within `router.py` when constructing a request object rather than using `alsoProvides` to attach the proper interface to an unsubclassed `webob.Request`. This pattern is purely an optimization (e.g. preventing calls to `alsoProvides` means the difference between 590 r/s and 690 r/s on a MacBook 2GHz).

- Tease out an extra 4% performance boost by changing the Router; instead of using imported ZCA APIs, use the same APIs directly against the registry that is an attribute of the Router.

- The registry used by BFG is now a subclass of `zope.component.registry.Components` (defined as `repoze.bfg.registry.Registry`); it has a `notify` method, a `registerSubscriptionAdapter` and a `registerHandler` method. If no subscribers are registered via `registerHandler` or `registerSubscriptionAdapter`, `notify` is a noop for speed.

- The allowed and denied classes in `repoze.bfg.security` now are lazier about constructing the representation of a reason message for speed; `repoze.bfg.view_execution_permitted` takes advantage of this.

- The `is_response` check was sped up by about half at the expense of making its code slightly uglier.

New Modules

- `repoze.bfg.lru` implements an LRU cache class and a decorator for internal use.

0.6.3 (2009-01-19)

Bug Fixes

- Readd `root_policy` attribute on Router object (as a property which returns the IRootFactory utility). It was inadvertently removed in 0.6.2. Code in the wild depended upon its presence (esp. scripts and "debug" helpers).
Features

- URL-dispatch has been overhauled: it is no longer necessary to manually create a RoutesMapper in your application’s entry point callable in order to use URL-dispatch (aka Routes). A new route directive has been added to the available list of ZCML directives. Each route directive inserted into your application’s configure.zcml establishes a Routes mapper connection. If any route declarations are made via ZCML within a particular application, the get_root callable passed in to repoze.bfg.router.make_app will automatically be wrapped in the equivalent of a RoutesMapper. Additionally, the new route directive allows the specification of a context_interfaces attribute for a route, this will be used to tag the manufactured routes context with specific interfaces when a route specifying a context_interfaces attribute is matched.

- A new interface repoze.bfg.interfaces.IContextNotFound was added. This interface is attached to a “dummy” context generated when Routes cannot find a match and there is no “fallback” get_root callable that uses traversal.

- The bfg_starter and bfg_zodb “paster create” templates now contain images and CSS which are displayed when the default page is displayed after initial project generation.

- Allow the repoze.bfg.view.static helper to be passed a relative root_path name; it will be considered relative to the file in which it was called.

- The functionality of repoze.bfg.convention has been merged into the core. Applications which make use of repoze.bfg.convention will continue to work indefinitely, but it is recommended that apps stop depending upon it. To do so, substitute imports of repoze.bfg.convention.bfg_view with imports of repoze.bfg.view.bfg_view, and change the stanza in ZCML from <convention package="."> to <scan package=".">. As a result of the merge, bfg has grown a new dependency: martian.

- View functions which use the pushpage decorator are now pickleable (meaning their use won’t prevent a configure.zcml.cache file from being written to disk).

- Instead of invariably using webob.Request as the ”request factory” (e.g. in the Router class) and webob.Response and the ”response factory” (e.g. in render_template_to_response), allow both to be overridden via a ZCML utility hook. See the ”Using ZCML Hooks” chapter of the documentation for more information.

Deprecations

- The class repoze.bfg.urldispatch.RoutesContext has been renamed to repoze.bfg.urldispatch.DefaultRoutesContext. The class should be imported by the new name as necessary (although in reality it probably shouldn’t be imported from anywhere except internally within BFG, as it’s not part of the API).
Implementation Changes

• The repoze.bfg.wsgi.wsgiapp decorator now uses webob.Request.get_response to do its work rather than relying on homegrown WSGI code.

• The repoze.bfg.view.static helper now uses webob.Request.get_response to do its work rather than relying on homegrown WSGI code.

• The repoze.bfg.urldispatch.RoutesModelTraverser class has been moved to repoze.bfg.traversal.RoutesModelTraverser.

• The repoze.bfg.registry.makeRegistry function was renamed to repoze.bfg.registry.populateRegistry and now accepts a registry argument (which should be an instance of zope.component.registry.Components).

Documentation Additions

• Updated narrative urldispatch chapter with changes required by <route..> ZCML directive.

• Add a section on “Using BFG Security With URL Dispatch” into the urldispatch chapter of the documentation.

• Better documentation of security policy implementations that ship with repoze.bfg.

• Added a “Using ZPT Macros in repoze.bfg” section to the narrative templating chapter.

0.6.2 (2009-01-13)

Features

• Tests can be run with coverage output if you’ve got nose installed in the interpreter which you use to run tests. Using an interpreter with nose installed, do python setup.py nosetests within a checkout of the repoze.bfg package to see test coverage output.

• Added a post argument to the repoze.bfg.testing:DummyRequest constructor.

• Added __len__ and __nonzero__ to repoze.bfg.testing:DummyModel.

• The repoze.bfg.registry.get_options callable (now renamed to repoze.bfg.settings.get_options) used to return only framework-specific keys and values in the dictionary it returned. It now returns all the keys and values in the dictionary it is passed plus any framework-specific settings culled from the environment. As a side effect, all PasteDeploy application-specific config file settings are made available as attributes of the ISettings utility from within BFG.
• Renamed the existing BFG paster template to bfg_starter. Added another template (bfg_zodb) showing default ZODB setup using repoze.zodbconn.

• Add a method named assert_ to the DummyTemplateRenderer. This method accepts keyword arguments. Each key/value pair in the keyword arguments causes an assertion to be made that the renderer received this key with a value equal to the asserted value.

• Projects generated by the paster templates now use the DummyTemplateRenderer.assert_ method in their view tests.

• Make the (internal) thread local registry manager maintain a stack of registries in order to make it possible to call one BFG application from inside another.

• An interface specific to the HTTP verb (GET/PUT/POST/DELETE/HEAD) is attached to each request object on ingress. The HTTP-verb-related interfaces are defined in repoze.bfg.interfaces and are IGETRequest, IPOSTRequest, IPUTRequest, IDELETERequest and IHEADRequest. These interfaces can be specified as the request_type attribute of a bfg view declaration. A view naming a specific HTTP-verb-matching interface will be found only if the view is defined with a request_type that matches the HTTP verb in the incoming request. The more general IRequest interface can be used as the request_type to catch all requests (and this is indeed the default). All requests implement IRequest. The HTTP-verb-matching idea was pioneered by repoze.bfg.restrequest. That package is no longer required, but still functions fine.

Bug Fixes

• Fix a bug where the Paste configuration’s unicode_path_segments (and os.environ’s BFG_UNICODE_PATH_SEGMENTS) may have been defaulting to false in some circumstances. It now always defaults to true, matching the documentation and intent.

• The repoze.bfg.traversal.find_model API did not work properly when passed a path argument which was unicode and contained high-order bytes when the unicode_path_segments or BFG_UNICODE_PATH_SEGMENTS configuration variables were “true”.

• A new module was added: repoze.bfg.settings. This contains deployment-settings-related code.

Implementation Changes

• The make_app callable within repoze.bfg.router now registers the root_policy argument as a utility (unnamed, using the new repoze.bfg.interfaces.IRootFactory as a provides interface) rather than passing it as the first argument to the repoze.bfg.router.Router class. As a result, the repoze.bfg.router.Router router class only accepts a single
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argument: registry. The repoze.bfg.router.Router class retrieves the root policy via a utility lookup now. The repoze.bfg.router.make_app API also now performs some important application registrations that were previously handled inside repoze.bfg.registry.makeRegistry.

New Modules

- A repoze.bfg.settings module was added. It contains code related to deployment settings. Most of the code it contains was moved to it from the repoze.bfg.registry module.

Behavior Changes

- The repoze.bfg.settings.Settings class (an instance of which is registered as a utility providing repoze.bfg.interfaces.ISettings when any application is started) now automatically calls repoze.bfg.settings.get_options on the options passed to its constructor. This means that usage of get_options within an application's make_app function is no longer required (the "raw" options dict or None may be passed).

- Remove old code which attempts to recover from trying to unpickle a z3c.pt template; Chameleon has been the templating engine for a good long time now. Running repoze.bfg against a sandbox that has pickled z3c.pt templates it will now just fail with an unpickling error, but can be fixed by deleting the template cache files.

Deprecations

- Moved the repoze.bfg.registry.Settings class. This has been moved to repoze.bfg.settings.Settings. A deprecation warning is issued when it is imported from the older location.

- Moved the repoze.bfg.registry.get_options function. This has been moved to repoze.bfg.settings.get_options. A deprecation warning is issued when it is imported from the older location.

- The repoze.bfg.interfaces.IRootPolicy interface was renamed within the interfaces package. It has been renamed to IRootFactory. A deprecation warning is issued when it is imported from the older location.
New Modules

- A new module `repoze.bfg.url` has been added. It contains the `model_url` API (moved from `repoze.bfg.traversal`) and an implementation of `urlencode` (like Python’s `urllib.urlencode`) which can handle Unicode keys and values in parameters to the query argument.

Deprecations

- The `model_url` function has been moved from `repoze.bfg.traversal` into `repoze.bfg.url`. It can still be imported from `repoze.bfg.traversal` but an import from `repoze.bfg.traversal` will emit a DeprecationWarning.

Features

- A static helper class was added to the `repoze.bfg.views` module. Instances of this class are willing to act as BFG views which return static resources using files on disk. See the `repoze.bfg.view` docs for more info.

- The `repoze.bfg.url.model_url` API (nee’ `repoze.bfg.traversal.model_url`) now accepts and honors a keyword argument named `query`. The value of this argument will be used to compose a query string, which will be attached to the generated URL before it is returned. See the API docs (in the docs directory or on the web http://static.repoze.org/bfgdocs) (broken URL) for more information.

0.6 (2008-12-26)

Backwards Incompatibilities

- Rather than prepare the ”stock” implementations of the ZCML directives from the `zope.configuration` package for use under `repoze.bfg`, `repoze.bfg` now makes available the implementations of directives from the `repoze.zcml` package (see https://pypi.org/project/repoze.zcml/). As a result, the `repoze.bfg` package now depends on the `repoze.zcml` package, and no longer depends directly on the `zope.component`, `zope.configuration`, `zope.interface`, or `zope.proxy` packages.
The primary reason for this change is to enable us to eventually reduce the number of inappropriate repoze.bfg Zope package dependencies, as well as to shed features of dependent package directives that don’t make sense for repoze.bfg.

Note that currently the set of requirements necessary to use bfg has not changed. This is due to inappropriate Zope package requirements in chameleon.zpt, which will hopefully be remedied soon. NOTE: in lemonade index a 1.0b8-repozezcml0 package exists which does away with these requirements.

- BFG applications written prior to this release which expect the "stock" zope.component ZCML directive implementations (e.g. adapter, subscriber, or utility) to function now must either 1) include the meta.zcml file from zope.component manually (e.g. `<include package="zope.component" file="meta.zcml">`) and include the zope.security package as an install_requires dependency or 2) change the ZCML in their applications to use the declarations from repoze.zcml instead of the stock declarations. repoze.zcml only makes available the adapter, subscriber and utility directives.

In short, if you’ve got an existing BFG application, after this update, if your application won’t start due to an import error for "zope.security", the fastest way to get it working again is to add zope.security to the "install_requires" of your BFG application's setup.py, then add the following ZCML anywhere in your application's configure.zcml:

```
<include package="zope.component" file="meta.zcml">
```

Then re-setup.py develop or reinstall your application.

- The http://namespaces.repoze.org/bfg XML namespace is now the default XML namespace in ZCML for paster-generated applications. The docs have been updated to reflect this.

- The copies of BFG’s meta.zcml and configure.zcml were removed from the root of the repoze.bfg package. In 0.3.6, a new package named repoze.bfg.includes was added, which contains the "correct" copies of these ZCML files; the ones that were removed were for backwards compatibility purposes.

- The BFG view ZCML directive no longer calls zope.component.interface.provideInterface for the for interface. We don’t support provideInterface in BFG because it mutates the global registry.
Other

- The minimum requirement for chameleon.core is now 1.0b13. The minimum requirement for chameleon.zpt is now 1.0b8. The minimum requirement for chameleon.genshi is now 1.0b2.
- Updated paster template ”ez_setup.py” to one that requires setuptools 0.6c9.
- Turn view_execution_permitted from the repoze.bfg.view module into a documented API.
- Doc cleanups.
- Documented how to create a view capable of serving static resources.

0.5.6 (2008-12-18)

- Speed up traversal.model_url execution by using a custom url quoting function instead of Python’s urllib.quote, by caching URL path segment quoting and encoding results, by disusing Python’s urlparse.urljoin in favor of a simple string concatenation, and by using ob.__class__ is unicode rather than isinstance(ob, unicode) in one strategic place.

0.5.5 (2008-12-17)

Backwards Incompatibilities

- In the past, during traversal, the ModelGraphTraverser (the default traverser) always passed each URL path segment to any __getitem__ method of a model object as a byte string (a str object). Now, by default the ModelGraphTraverser attempts to decode the path segment to Unicode (a unicode object) using the UTF-8 encoding before passing it to the __getitem__ method of a model object. This makes it possible for model objects to be dumber in __getitem__ when trying to resolve a subobject, as model objects themselves no longer need to try to divine whether or not to try to decode the path segment passed by the traverser.

Note that since 0.5.4, URLs generated by repoze.bfg’s model_url API will contain UTF-8 encoded path segments as necessary, so any URL generated by BFG itself will be decodeable by the traverser. If another application generates URLs to a BFG application, to be resolved successfully, it should generate the URL with UTF-8 encoded path segments to be successfully resolved. The decoder is not at all magical: if a non-UTF-8-decodeable path segment (e.g. one encoded using UTF-16 or some other insanity) is passed in the URL, BFG will raise a TypeError with a message indicating it could not decode the path segment.
To turn on the older behavior, where path segments were not decoded to Unicode before being passed to model object \_\_getitem\_\_ by the traverser, and were passed as a raw byte string, set the unicode\_path\_segments configuration setting to a false value in your BFG application’s section of the paste .ini file, for example:

```
unicode_path_segments = False
```

Or start the application using the BFG\_UNICODE\_PATH\_SEGMENT envvar set to a false value:

```
BFG\_UNICODE\_PATH\_SEGMENTS=0
```

### 0.5.4 (2008-12-13)

**Backwards Incompatibilities**

- URL-quote ”extra” element names passed in as **elements** to the traversal.model\_url API. If any of these names is a Unicode string, encode it to UTF-8 before URL-quoting. This is a slight backwards incompatibility that will impact you if you were already UTF-8 encoding or URL-quoting the values you passed in as elements to this API.

**Bugfixes**

- UTF-8 encode each segment in the model path used to generate a URL before url-quoting it within the traversal.model\_url API. This is a bugfix, as Unicode cannot always be successfully URL-quoted.

**Features**

- Make it possible to run unit tests using a buildout-generated Python ”interpreter”.
- Add request.root to router.Router in order to have easy access to the application root.
0.5.3 (2008-12-07)

- Remove the ITestingTemplateRenderer interface. When testing, registerDummyRenderer is used, it instead registers a dummy implementation using ITemplateRenderer interface, which is checked for when the built-in templating facilities do rendering. This change also allows developers to make explicit named utility registrations in the ZCML registry against ITemplateRenderer; these will be found before any on-disk template is looked up.

0.5.2 (2008-12-05)

- The component registration handler for views (functions or class instances) now observes component adaptation annotations (see zope.component.adaptedBy) and uses them before the fallback values for for_ and request_type. This change does not affect existing code insomuch as the code does not rely on these defaults when an annotation is set on the view (unlikely). This means that for a new-style class you can do zope.component.adapts(ISomeContext, ISomeRequest) at class scope or at module scope as a decorator to a bfg view function you can do @zope.component.adapter(ISomeContext, ISomeRequest). This differs from r.bfg.convention inasmuch as you still need to put something in ZCML for the registrations to get done; it’s only the defaults that will change if these declarations exist.

- Strip all slashes from end and beginning of path in clean_path within traversal machinery.

0.5.1 (2008-11-25)

- Add keys, items, and values methods to testing.DummyModel.
- Add __delitem__ method to testing.DummyModel.

0.5.0 (2008-11-18)

- Fix ModelGraphTraverser; don’t try to change the __name__ or __parent__ of an object that claims it implements ILocation during traversal even if the __name__ or __parent__ of the object traversed does not match the name used in the traversal step or the or the traversal parent. Rationale: it was insane to do so. This bug was only found due to a misconfiguration in an application that mistakenly had intermediate persistent non-ILocation objects; traversal was causing a persistent write on every request under this setup.

- repoze.bfg.location.locate now unconditionally sets __name__ and __parent__ on objects which provide ILocation (it previously only set them conditionally if they didn’t match attributes already present on the object via equality).
0.4.9 (2008-11-17)

- Add chameleon text template API (chameleon ${name} renderings where the template does not need to be wrapped in any containing XML).
- Change docs to explain install in terms of a virtualenv (unconditionally).
- Make pushpage decorator compatible with repoze.bfg.convention’s $bfg_view$ decorator when they’re stacked.
- Add content_length attribute to testing.DummyRequest.
- Change paster template tests.py to include a true unit test. Retain old test as an integration test. Update documentation.
- Document view registrations against classes and repoze.bfg.convention in context.
- Change the default paster template to register its single view against a class rather than an interface.
- Document adding a request type interface to the request via a subscriber function in the events narrative documentation.

0.4.8 (2008-11-12)

Backwards Incompatibilities

- repoze.bfg.traversal.model_url now always appends a slash to all generated URLs unless further elements are passed in as the third and following arguments. Rationale: views often use model_url without the third-and-following arguments in order to generate a URL for a model in order to point at the default view of a model. The URL that points to the default view of the root model is technically http://mysite/ as opposed to http://mysite (browsers happen to ask for ‘/’ implicitly in the GET request). Because URLs are never automatically generated for anything except models by model_url, and because the root model is not really special, we continue this pattern. The impact of this change is minimal (at most you will have too many slashes in your URL, which BFG deals with gracefully anyway).

0.4.7 (2008-11-11)

Features

- Allow testing.registerEventListener to be used with Zope 3 style ”object events” (subscribers accept more than a single event argument). We extend the list with the arguments, rather than append.
0.4.6 (2008-11-10)

Bug Fixes

• The model_path and model_url traversal APIs returned the wrong value for the root object (e.g. model_path returned '' for the root object, while it should have been returning '/').

0.4.5 (2008-11-09)

Features

• Added a clone method and a __contains__ method to the DummyModel testing object.
• Allow DummyModel objects to receive extra keyword arguments, which will be attached as attributes.
• The DummyTemplateRenderer now returns self as its implementation.

0.4.4 (2008-11-08)

Features

• Added a repoze.bfg.testing module to attempt to make it slightly easier to write unittest-based automated tests of BFG applications. Information about this module is in the documentation.
• The default template renderer now supports testing better by looking for ITestingTemplateRenderer using a relative pathname. This is exposed indirectly through the API named registerTemplateRenderer in repoze.bfg.testing.
Deprecations

- The names `repoze.bfg.interfaces.ITemplate`, `repoze.bfg.interfaces.ITemplateFactory` and `repoze.bfg.interfaces.INodeTemplate` have been deprecated. These should now be imported as `repoze.bfg.interfaces.ITemplateRenderer` and `repoze.bfg.interfaces.ITemplateRendererFactory`, and `INodeTemplateRenderer` respectively.

- The name `repoze.bfg.chameleon_zpt.ZPTTemplateFactory` is deprecated. Use `repoze.bfg.chameleon_zpt.ZPTTemplateRenderer`.

- The name `repoze.bfg.chameleon_genshi.GenshiTemplateFactory` is deprecated. Use `repoze.bfg.chameleon_genshi.GenshiTemplateRenderer`.

- The name `repoze.bfg.xslt.XSLTemplateFactory` is deprecated. Use `repoze.bfg.xslt.XSLTemplateRenderer`.

0.4.3 (2008-11-02)

Bug Fixes

- Not passing the result of ”get_options” as the second argument of make_app could cause attribute errors when attempting to look up settings against the ISettings object (internal). Fixed by giving the Settings objects defaults for `debug_authorization` and `debug_notfound`.

- Return an instance of `Allowed` (rather than `True`) from `has_permission` when no security policy is in use.

- Fix bug where default deny in authorization check would throw a TypeError (use `ACLDenied` instead of `Denied`).

0.4.2 (2008-11-02)

Features

- Expose a single ILogger named ”repoze.bfg.debug” as a utility; this logger is registered unconditionally and is used by the authorization debug machinery. Applications may also make use of it as necessary rather than inventing their own logger, for convenience.
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- The BFG_DEBUG_AUTHORIZATION envvar and the debug_authorization config file value now only imply debugging of view-invoked security checks. Previously, information was printed for every call to has_permission as well, which made output confusing. To debug has_permission checks and other manual permission checks, use the debugger and print statements in your own code.

- Authorization debugging info is now only present in the HTTP response body if debug_authorization is true.

- The format of authorization debug messages was improved.

- A new BFG_DEBUG_NOTFOUND envvar was added and a symmetric debug_notfound config file value was added. When either is true, and a NotFound response is returned by the BFG router (because a view could not be found), debugging information is printed to stderr. When this value is set true, the body of HTTPNotFound responses will also contain the same debugging information.

- Allowed and Denied responses from the security machinery are now specialized into two types: ACL types, and non-ACL types. The ACL-related responses are instances of repoze.bfg.security.ACLAllowed and repoze.bfg.security.ACLDenied. The non-ACL-related responses are repoze.bfg.security.Allowed and repoze.bfg.security.Denied. The allowed-type responses continue to evaluate equal to things that themselves evaluate equal to the True boolean, while the denied-type responses continue to evaluate equal to things that themselves evaluate equal to the False boolean. The only difference between the two types is the information attached to them for debugging purposes.

- Added a new BFG_DEBUG_ALL envvar and a symmetric debug_all config file value. When either is true, all other debug-related flags are set true unconditionally (e.g. debug_notfound and debug_authorization).

Documentation

- Added info about debug flag changes.

- Added a section to the security chapter named "Debugging Imperative Authorization Failures" (for e.g. has_permission).

Bug Fixes

- Change default paster template generator to use Paste#http server rather than PasteScript#cherrpy server. The cherrpy server has a security risk in it when REMOTE_USER is trusted by the downstream application.
0.4.1 (2008-10-28)

Bug Fixes

- If the `render_view_to_response` function was called, if the view was found and called, but it returned something that did not implement IResponse, the error would pass by unflagged. This was noticed when I created a view function that essentially returned None, but received a NotFound error rather than a ValueError when the view was rendered. This was fixed.

0.4.0 (2008-10-03)

Docs

- An "Environment and Configuration" chapter was added to the narrative portion of the documentation.

Features

- Ensure bfg doesn’t generate warnings when running under Python 2.6.
- The environment variable BFG_RELOAD_TEMPLATES is now available (serves the same purpose as `reload_templates` in the config file).
- A new configuration file option `debug_authorization` was added. This turns on printing of security authorization debug statements to `sys.stderr`. The BFG_DEBUG_AUTHORIZATION environment variable was also added; this performs the same duty.

Bug Fixes

- The environment variable BFG_SECURITY_DEBUG did not always work. It has been renamed to BFG_DEBUG_AUTHORIZATION and fixed.

Deprecations

- A deprecation warning is now issued when old API names from the repoze.bfg.templates module are imported.
Backwards incompatibilities

- The `BFG_SECURITY_DEBUG` environment variable was renamed to `BFG_DEBUG_AUTHORIZATION`.

0.3.9 (2008-08-27)

Features

- A `repoze.bfg.location` API module was added.

Backwards incompatibilities

- Applications must now use the `repoze.bfg.interfaces.ILocation` interface rather than `zope.location.interfaces.ILocation` to represent that a model object is "location-aware". We've removed a dependency on `zope.location` for cleanliness purposes: as new versions of zope libraries are released which have improved dependency information, getting rid of our dependence on `zope.location` will prevent a newly installed `repoze.bfg` application from requiring the `zope.security` egg, which not truly used at all in a "stock" `repoze.bfg` setup. These dependencies are still required by the stack at this time; this is purely a futureproofing move.

The security and model documentation for previous versions of `repoze.bfg` recommended using the `zope.location.interfaces.ILocation` interface to represent that a model object is "location-aware". This documentation has been changed to reflect that this interface should now be imported from `repoze.bfg.interfaces.ILocation` instead.

0.3.8 (2008-08-26)

Docs

- Documented URL dispatch better in narrative form.

Bug fixes

- Routes URL dispatch did not have access to the WSGI environment, so conditions such as `method=GET` did not work.
Features

- Add `principals_allowed_by_permission` API to security module.
- Replace `z3c.pt` support with support for `chameleon.zpt`. Chameleon is the new name for the package that used to be named `z3c.pt`. NOTE: If you update a `repoze.bfg` SVN checkout that you’re using for development, you will need to run ”setup.py install” or ”setup.py develop” again in order to obtain the proper Chameleon packages. `z3c.pt` is no longer supported by `repoze.bfg`. All API functions that used to render `z3c.pt` templates will work fine with the new packages, and your templates should render almost identically.
- Add a `repoze.bfg.chameleon_zpt` module. This module provides Chameleon ZPT support.
- Add a `repoze.bfg.xslt` module. This module provides XSLT support.
- Add a `repoze.bfg.chameleon_genshi` module. This provides direct Genshi support, which did not exist previously.

Deprecations

- Importing API functions directly from `repoze.bfg.template` is now deprecated. The `get_template`, `render_template`, `render_template_to_response` functions should now be imported from `repoze.chameleon_zpt`. The `render_transform`, and `render_transform_to_response` functions should now be imported from `repoze.bfg.xslt`. The `repoze.bfg.template` module will remain around ”forever” to support backwards compatibility.

0.3.7 (2008-09-09)

Features

- Add compatibility with `z3c.pt 1.0a7+` (`z3c.pt` became a namespace package).

Bug fixes

- `repoze.bfg.traversal.find_model` function did not function properly.
0.3.6 (2008-09-04)

Features

- Add startup process docs.
- Allow configuration cache to be bypassed by actions which include special ”uncacheable” discrimi-
nators (for actions that have variable results).

Bug Fixes

- Move core repoze.bfg ZCML into a repoze.bfg.includes package so we can use repoze.bfg better as a namespace package. Adjust the code generator to use it. We’ve left around the configure.zcml in the repoze.bfg package directly so as not to break older apps.
- When a zcml application registry cache was unpickled, and it contained a reference to an object that no longer existed (such as a view), bfg would not start properly.

0.3.5 (2008-09-01)

Features

- Event notification is issued after application is created and configured (IWSGIApplicationCreatedEvent).
- New API module: repoze.bfg.view. This module contains the functions named render_view_to_response, render_view_to_iterable, render_view and is_response, which are documented in the API docs. These features aid programmatic (non-server-driven) view execution.

0.3.4 (2008-08-28)

Backwards incompatibilities

- Make repoze.bfg a namespace package so we can allow folks to create subpackages (e.g. repoze.bfg.otherthing) within separate eggs. This is a backwards incompatible change which makes it impossible to import ”make_app” and ”get_options” from the repoze.bfg module directly. This change will break all existing apps generated by the paster code generator. Instead, you need to import these functions as repoze.bfg.router:make_app and repoze.bfg. registry:get_options, respectively. Sorry folks, it has to be done now or never, and definitely better now.
Features

- Add `model_path` API function to traversal module.

Bugfixes

- Normalize path returned by `repoze.bfg.caller_path`.

0.3.3 (2008-08-23)

- Fix generated test.py module to use project name rather than package name.

0.3.2 (2008-08-23)

- Remove `sampleapp` sample application from bfg package itself.
- Remove dependency on FormEncode (only needed by `sampleapp`).
- Fix paster template generation so that case-sensitivity is preserved for project vs. package name.
- Depend on `z3c.pt` version 1.0a1 (which requires the `[lxml]` extra currently).
- Read and write a pickled ZCML actions list, stored as `configure.zcml.cache` next to the applications's "normal" configuration file. A given bfg app will usually start faster if it's able to read the pickle data. It fails gracefully to reading the real ZCML file if it cannot read the pickle.

0.3.1 (2008-08-20)

- Generated application differences: `make_app` entry point renamed to `app` in order to have a different name than the bfg function of the same name, to prevent confusion.
- Add "options" processing to bfg's `make_app` to support runtime options. A new API function named `get_options` was added to the registry module. This function is typically used in an application's `app` entry point. The Paste config file section for the app can now supply the `reload_templates` option, which, if true, will prevent the need to restart the appserver in order for `z3c.pt` or XSLT template changes to be detected.
- Use only the module name in generated project's "test_suite" (run all tests found in the package).
- Default port for generated apps changed from 5432 to 6543 (Postgres default port is 5432).
0.3.0 (2008-08-16)

- Add `get_template` API to template module.

0.2.9 (2008-08-11)

- 0.2.8 was "brown bag" release. It didn't work at all. Symptom: `ComponentLookupError` when trying to render a page.

0.2.8 (2008-08-11)

- Add `find_model` and `find_root` traversal APIs. In the process, make `ITraverser` a uni-adapter (on context) rather than a multiadapter (on context and request).

0.2.7 (2008-08-05)

- Add a `request_type` attribute to the available attributes of a `bfg:view configure.zcml` element. This attribute will have a value which is a dotted Python path, pointing at an interface. If the request object implements this interface when the view lookup is performed, the appropriate view will be called. This is meant to allow for simple "skinning" of sites based on request type. An event subscriber should attach the interface to the request on ingress to support skins.

- Remove "template only" views. These were just confusing and were never documented.

- Small url dispatch overhaul: the `connect` method of the `urldispatch.RoutesMapper` object now accepts a keyword parameter named `context_factory`. If this parameter is supplied, it must be a callable which returns an instance. This instance is used as the context for the request when a route is matched.

- The registration of a `RoutesModelTraverser` no longer needs to be performed by the application; it's in the `bfg ZCML` now.

0.2.6 (2008-07-31)

- Add event sends for INewRequest and INewResponse. See the events.rst chapter in the documentation’s api directory.
0.2.5 (2008-07-28)

• Add model_url API.

0.2.4 (2008-07-27)

• Added url-based dispatch.

0.2.3 (2008-07-20)

• Add API functions for authenticated_userid and effective_principals.

0.2.2 (2008-07-20)

• Add authenticated_userid and effective_principals API to security policy.

0.2.1 (2008-07-20)

• Add find_interface API.

0.2 (2008-07-19)

• Add wsgiapp decorator.

• The concept of ”view factories” was removed in favor of always calling a view, which is a callable that returns a response directly (as opposed to returning a view). As a result, the factory attribute in the bfg:view ZCML statement has been renamed to view. Various interface names were changed also.

• render_template and render_transform no longer return a Response object. Instead, these return strings. The old behavior can be obtained by using render_template_to_response and render_transform_to_response.

• Added ’repoze.bfg.push:pushpage’ decorator, which creates BFG views from callables which take (context, request) and return a mapping of top-level names.

• Added ACL-based security.

• Support for XSLT templates via a render_transform method
0.7 Glossary and Index

0.7.1 Glossary

ACE An access control entry. An access control entry is one element in an ACL. An access control entry is a three-tuple that describes three things: an action (one of either Allow or Deny), a principal (a string describing a user or group), and a permission. For example the ACE, (Allow, 'bob', 'read') is a member of an ACL that indicates that the principal bob is allowed the permission read against the resource the ACL is attached to.

ACL An access control list. An ACL is a sequence of ACE tuples. An ACL is attached to a resource instance. An example of an ACL is [ (Allow, 'bob', 'read'), (Deny, 'fred', 'write')]. If an ACL is attached to a resource instance, and that resource is findable via the context resource, it will be consulted any active security policy to determine whether a particular request can be fulfilled given the authentication information in the request.

action Represents a pending configuration statement generated by a call to a configuration directive. The set of pending configuration actions are processed when pyramid.config.Configurator.commit() is called.

add-on A Python distribution that uses Pyramid’s extensibility to plug into a Pyramid application and provide extra, configurable services.

Agendaless Consulting A consulting organization formed by Paul Everitt, Tres Seaver, and Chris McDonough.

See also:

See also Agendaless Consulting.

Akhet Akhet is a Pyramid library and demo application with a Pylons-like feel. It’s most known for its former application scaffold, which helped users transition from Pylons and those preferring a more Pylons-like API. The scaffold has been retired but the demo plays a similar role.

Alembic Alembic is a lightweight database migration tool for usage with the SQLAlchemy Database Toolkit for Python.

application registry A registry of configuration information consulted by Pyramid while servicing an application. An application registry maps resource types to views, as well as housing other application-specific component registrations. Every Pyramid application has one (and only one) application registry.
**asset**  Any file contained within a Python *package* which is *not* a Python source code file.

**asset descriptor**  An instance representing an *asset specification* provided by the `pyramid.path.AssetResolver.resolve()` method. It supports the methods and attributes documented in `pyramid.interfaces.IAssetDescriptor`.

**asset specification**  A colon-delimited identifier for an *asset*. The colon separates a Python *package* name from a package subpath. For example, the asset specification `my.package:static/baz.css` identifies the file named `baz.css` in the `static` subdirectory of the `my.package` Python *package*. See *Understanding Asset Specifications* for more info.

**authentication**  The act of determining that the credentials a user presents during a particular request are "good". Authentication in Pyramid is performed via an *authentication policy*.

**authentication policy**  An authentication policy in Pyramid terms is a bit of code which has an API which determines the current *principal* (or principals) associated with a request.

   Deprecated since version 2.0: Authentication policies have been deprecated in favor of a *security policy*.

**authorization**  The act of determining whether a user can perform a specific action. In pyramid terms, this means determining whether, for a given resource, any *principal* (or principals) associated with the request have the requisite *permission* to allow the request to continue. Authorization in Pyramid is performed via its *authorization policy*.

**authorization policy**  An authorization policy in Pyramid terms is a bit of code which has an API which determines whether or not the principals associated with the request can perform an action associated with a permission, based on the information found on the *context* resource.

   Deprecated since version 2.0: Authorization policies have been deprecated in favor of a *security policy*.

**Babel**  A collection of tools for internationalizing Python applications. Pyramid does not depend on Babel to operate, but if Babel is installed, additional locale functionality becomes available to your application.

**cache busting**  A technique used when serving a cacheable static asset in order to force a client to query the new version of the asset. See *Cache Busting* for more information.

**Chameleon**  chameleon is an attribute language template compiler which supports the ZPT templating specification. It is written and maintained by Malthe Borch. It has several extensions, such as the ability to use bracketed (Mako-style) `${name}` syntax. It is also much faster than the reference implementation of ZPT. Pyramid offers Chameleon templating out of the box in ZPT and text flavors.

**commit**  An operation applied to a *configurator*. A commit checks for conflicts in *configuration declarations*, and if none are found applies all pending *actions*. It is possible, although not necessarily recommended, to invoke *commits* using `pyramid.config.Configurator.commit()` to *manually resolve* configuration conflicts.
**configuration declaration**  An individual method call made to a *configuration directive*, such as registering a *view configuration* (via the `add_view()` method of the configurator) or *route configuration* (via the `add_route()` method of the configurator). A set of configuration declarations is also implied by the *configuration decoration* detected by a scan of code in a package.

**configuration decoration**  Metadata implying one or more *configuration declaration* invocations. Often set by configuration Python *decorator* attributes, such as `pyramid.view.view_config`, aka `@view_config`.

**configuration directive**  A method of the *Configurator* which causes a configuration action to occur. The method `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` is a configuration directive, and application developers can add their own directives as necessary (see *Adding Methods to the Configurator via addDirective*).

**configurator**  An object used to do *configuration declaration* within an application. The most common configurator is an instance of the `pyramid.config.Configurator` class.

**conflict resolution**  Pyramid attempts to resolve ambiguous configuration statements made by application developers via automatic conflict resolution. Automatic conflict resolution is described in *Automatic Conflict Resolution*. If Pyramid cannot resolve ambiguous configuration statements, it is possible to manually resolve them as described in *Manually Resolving Conflicts*.

**console script**  A script written to the `bin` (on Unix, or `Scripts` on Windows) directory of a Python installation or *virtual environment* as the result of running `pip install` or `pip install -e`.

**constructor**  A function returning a Pyramid *WSGI* application. Every Pyramid application has a single constructor function named `main`. It returns a Pyramid *router* generated by a *configurator*, and is written by you. The Pyramid constructor is the application’s *entry point*.

**context**  A resource in the resource tree that is found during *traversal* or *URL dispatch* based on URL data; if it’s found via traversal, it’s usually a *resource* object that is part of a resource tree; if it’s found via *URL dispatch*, it’s an object manufactured on behalf of the route’s ”factory”. A context resource becomes the subject of a *view*, and often has security information attached to it. See the *Traversal* chapter and the *URL Dispatch* chapter for more information about how a URL is resolved to a context resource.

**context manager**  A context manager is an object that defines the runtime context to be established when executing a `with` statement in Python. The context manager handles the entry into, and the exit from, the desired runtime context for the execution of the block of code. Context managers are normally invoked using the `with` statement, but can also be used by directly invoking their methods. Pyramid adds context managers for `pyramid.config.Configurator`, `pyramid.interfaces.IRouter.request_context()`, `pyramid.paster.bootstrap()`, `pyramid.scripting.prepare()`, and `pyramid.testing.testConfig()`. See also the Python documentation for *With Statement Context Managers* and *PEP 343*.
cookiecutter  A command-line utility that creates projects from cookiecutters (project templates), e.g., creating a Python package project from a Python package project template.

New in version 1.8: Added cookiecutter support.

Changed in version 1.10: Merged features from pyramid-cookiecutter-alchemy and pyramid-cookiecutter-zodb into the single cookiecutter to rule them all, pyramid-cookiecutter-starter.

Deprecated since version 1.10: pyramid-cookiecutter-alchemy and pyramid-cookiecutter-zodb are no longer supported. Use pyramid-cookiecutter-starter going forward.

coverage  A measurement of code coverage, usually expressed as a percentage of which lines of code have been executed over which lines are executable, typically run during test execution.

CPython  The C implementation of the Python language. This is the reference implementation that most people refer to as simply "Python"; Jython, Google’s App Engine, and PyPy are examples of non-C based Python implementations.

CSRF storage policy  A utility that implements pyramid.interfaces.ICSRFStoragePolicy which is responsible for allocating CSRF tokens to a user and verifying that a provided token is acceptable.

declarative configuration  The configuration mode in which you use the combination of configuration decoration and a scan to configure your Pyramid application.

decorator  A wrapper around a Python function or class which accepts the function or class as its first argument and which returns an arbitrary object. Pyramid provides several decorators, used for configuration and return value modification purposes.

See also:

See also PEP 318.

Default Locale Name  The locale name used by an application when no explicit locale name is set. See Localization-Related Deployment Settings.

default permission  A permission which is registered as the default for an entire application. When a default permission is in effect, every view configuration registered with the system will be effectively amended with a permission argument that will require that the executing user possess the default permission in order to successfully execute the associated view callable.

See also:

See also Setting a Default Permission.

default root factory  If an application does not register a root factory at Pyramid configuration time, a default root factory is used to created the default root object. Use of the default root object is useful in application which use URL dispatch for all URL-to-view code mappings, and does not (knowingly) use traversal otherwise.
**Default view** The default view of a *resource* is the view invoked when the *view name* is the empty string (""'). This is the case when *traversal* exhausts the path elements in the PATH_INFO of a request before it returns a *context* resource.

**Deployment settings** Deployment settings are settings passed to the *Configurator* as a *settings* argument. These are later accessible via a *request.registry.settings* dictionary in views or as *config.registry.settings* in configuration code. Deployment settings can be used as global application values.

**discriminator** The unique identifier of an *action*.

**distribution** Setuptools / Python packaging terminology. A file representing an installable library or application. Distributions are usually archives that have the suffix of .whl, .tar.gz, or .zip. Distributions are the target of packaging-related commands such as pip install.

**distutils** The standard system for packaging and distributing Python packages. See https://docs.python.org/2/distutils/index.html for more information. Setuptools is actually an extension of the Distutils.

**Django** A full-featured Python web framework.

**domain model** Persistent data related to your application. For example, data stored in a relational database. In some applications, the *resource tree* acts as the domain model.

**dotted Python name** A reference to a Python object by name using a string, in the form `path.to.modulename:attributename`. Often used in Pyramid and Setuptools configurations. A variant is used in dotted names within configurator method arguments that name objects (such as the "add_view" method’s "view" and "context" attributes): the colon (:) is not used; in its place is a dot.

**entry point** A Setuptools indirection, defined within a Setuptools *distribution* (usually in setup.py or setup.cfg). It is usually a name which refers to a function somewhere in a package which is held by the distribution.

**event** An object broadcast to zero or more *subscriber* callables during normal Pyramid system operations during the lifetime of an application. Application code can subscribe to these events by using the subscriber functionality described in Using Events.

**exception response** A *response* that is generated as the result of a raised exception being caught by an *exception view*.

**Exception view** An exception view is a *view callable* which may be invoked by Pyramid when an exception is raised during request processing. See Custom Exception Views for more information.

**execution policy** A policy which wraps the *router* by creating the request object and sending it through the request pipeline. See pyramid.config.Configurator.set_execution_policy.

**falsey string** A string representing a value of False. Acceptable values are f, false, n, no, off and 0.
finished callback A user-defined callback executed by the router unconditionally at the very end of request processing. See Using Finished Callbacks.

Forbidden view An exception view invoked by Pyramid when the developer explicitly raises a pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPForbidden exception from within view code or root factory code, or when the view configuration and authorization policy found for a request disallows a particular view invocation. Pyramid provides a default implementation of a forbidden view; it can be overridden. See Changing the Forbidden View.

Genshi An XML templating language by Christopher Lenz.

gettext The GNU gettext library, used by the Pyramid translation machinery.

global state A set of values that are available to the entirety of a program.

Google App Engine Google App Engine (aka ”GAE”) is a Python application hosting service offered by Google. Pyramid runs on GAE.

Grok A web framework based on Zope 3.

gunicorn Aka gunicorn, a fast WSGI server that runs on Unix under Python 2.6+ or Python 3.4+. See https://gunicorn.org/ for detailed information.

HTTP Exception The set of exception classes defined in pyramid.httpexceptions. These can be used to generate responses with various status codes when raised or returned from a view callable.

See also: See also HTTP Exceptions.

identity An identity is an object identifying the user associated with the current request. The object can be of any shape, such as a simple ID string or an ORM object.

immutable In Python, a value is immutable if it cannot be changed. The Python str, int, and tuple data types are all immutable.

imperative configuration The configuration mode in which you use Python to call methods on a Configurator in order to add each configuration declaration required by your application.

import time In Python, the moment when a module is referred to in an import statement. At this moment, all statements in that module at the module scope (at the left margin) are executed. It is a bad design decision to put statements in a Python module that have side effects at import time.

interface A Zope interface object. In Pyramid, an interface may be attached to a resource object or a request object in order to identify that the object is ”of a type”. Interfaces are used internally by Pyramid to perform view lookups and other policy lookups. The ability to make use of an interface is exposed to an application programmers during view configuration via the context argument, the request_type argument and the containment argument. Interfaces are also exposed to application developers when they make use of the event system. Fundamentally, Pyramid programmers can think of an interface as something that they can attach to an object that stamps it with a ”type” unrelated to its underlying Python type. Interfaces can also be used to describe the behavior
of an object (its methods and attributes), but unless they choose to, Pyramid programmers do not need to understand or use this feature of interfaces.

**Internationalization** The act of creating software with a user interface that can potentially be displayed in more than one language or cultural context. Often shortened to “i18n” (because the word ”internationalization” is I, 18 letters, then N).

See also:
See also *Localization*.

**introspectable** An object which implements the attributes and methods described in `pyramid.interfaces.IIntrospectable`. Introspectables are used by the `introspector` to display configuration information about a running Pyramid application. An introspectable is associated with a `action` by virtue of the `pyramid.config.Configurator.action()` method.

**introspector** An object with the methods described by `pyramid.interfaces.IIntrospector` that is available in both configuration code (for registration) and at runtime (for querying) that allows a developer to introspect configuration statements and relationships between those statements.

**Jinja2** A text templating language by Armin Ronacher.

**jQuery** A popular Javascript library.

**JSON** JavaScript Object Notation is a data serialization format.

**Jython** A Python implementation written for the Java Virtual Machine.

**lineage** An ordered sequence of objects based on a ”location -aware” resource. The lineage of any given `resource` is composed of itself, its parent, its parent’s parent, and so on. The order of the sequence is resource-first, then the parent of the resource, then its parent’s parent, and so on. The parent of a resource in a lineage is available as its `__parent__` attribute.

**Lingua** A package by Wichert Akkerman which provides the `pot-create` command to extract translateable messages from Python sources and Chameleon ZPT template files.

**Locale Name** A string like `en`, `en_US`, `de`, or `de_AT` which uniquely identifies a particular locale.

**Locale Negotiator** An object supplying a policy determining which `locale name` best represents a given `request`. It is used by the `pyramid.i18n.get_locale_name()`, and `pyramid.i18n.negotiate_locale_name()` functions, and indirectly by `pyramid.i18n.get_localizer()`. The `pyramid.i18n.default_locale_negotiator()` function is an example of a locale negotiator.

**Localization** The process of displaying the user interface of an internationalized application in a particular language or cultural context. Often shortened to “l10n” (because the word ”localization” is L, 10 letters, then N).

See also:
See also *Internationalization*. 
Localizer  An instance of the class `pyramid.i18n.Localizer` which provides translation and pluralization services to an application. It is retrieved via the `pyramid.i18n.get_localizer()` function.

location  The path to an object in a resource tree. See Location-Aware Resources for more information about how to make a resource object location-aware.

Mako  Mako is a template language which refines the familiar ideas of componentized layout and inheritance using Python with Python scoping and calling semantics.

matchdict  The dictionary attached to the request object as `request.matchdict` when a URL dispatch route has been matched. Its keys are names as identified within the route pattern; its values are the values matched by each pattern name.

media type  A label representing the type of some content. A media type is a nested structure containing a top-level type and a subtype. Optionally, a media type can also contain parameters specific to the type. See RFC 6838 for more information about media types.

Message Catalog  A `gettext.mo` file containing translations.

Message Identifier  A string used as a translation lookup key during localization. The `msgid` argument to a translation string is a message identifier. Message identifiers are also present in a message catalog.

METAL  Macro Expansion for TAL, a part of ZPT which makes it possible to share common look and feel between templates.

middleware  Middleware is a WSGI concept. It is a WSGI component that acts both as a server and an application. Interesting uses for middleware exist, such as caching, content-transport encoding, and other functions. See WSGI documentation or PyPI to find middleware for your application.

mod_wsgi  mod_wsgi is an Apache module developed by Graham Dumpleton. It allows WSGI applications (such as applications developed using Pyramid) to be served using the Apache web server.

module  A Python source file; a file on the filesystem that typically ends with the extension `.py` or `.pyc`. Modules often live in a package.

multidict  An ordered dictionary that can have multiple values for each key. Adds the methods `getall`, `getone`, `mixed`, `add` and `dict_of_lists` to the normal dictionary interface. See `Multidict` and `pyramid.interfaces.IMultiDict`.

mutable  In Python, a value is mutable if it can be changed in place. The Python `list` and `dict` types are mutable. When a value is added to or removed from an instance of either, the original object remains. The opposite of mutable is immutable.

Not Found View  An exception view invoked by Pyramid when the developer explicitly raises a `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPNotFound` exception from within view code or root factory code, or when the current request doesn’t match any view configuration. Pyramid provides a default implementation of a Not Found View; it can be overridden. See Changing the Not Found View.
package A directory on disk which contains an __init__.py file, making it recognizable to Python as a location which can be import-ed. A package exists to contain module files.

PasteDeploy PasteDeploy is a library used by Pyramid which makes it possible to configure WSGI components together declaratively within an .ini file. It was developed by Ian Bicking.

permission A string that represents an action being taken against a context resource. A permission is associated with a view name and a resource type by the developer. Resources are decorated with security declarations (e.g. an ACL), which reference these tokens also. Permissions are used by the active security policy to match the view permission against the resources’s statements about which permissions are granted to which principal in a context in order to answer the question ”is this user allowed to do this”. Examples of permissions: read, or view_blog_entries.

physical path The path required by a traversal which resolve a resource starting from the physical root. For example, the physical path of the abc subobject of the physical root object is /abc. Physical paths can also be specified as tuples where the first element is the empty string (representing the root), and every other element is a Unicode string, e.g. ('' , 'abc'). Physical paths are also sometimes called ”traversal paths”.

physical root The object returned by the application root factory. Unlike the virtual root of a request, it is not impacted by Virtual Hosting: it will always be the actual object returned by the root factory, never a subobject.

pip The Python Packaging Authority’s recommended tool for installing Python packages.

pipeline The PasteDeploy term for a single configuration of a WSGI server, a WSGI application, with a set of middleware in-between.

pkg_resources A module which ships with Setuptools that provides an API for addressing ”asset files” within a Python package. Asset files are static files, template files, etc; basically anything non-Python-source that lives in a Python package can be considered a asset file.

See also:

See also Package Discovery and Resource Access using pkg_resources.

plaster plaster is a library used by Pyramid which acts as an abstraction between command-line scripts and the file format used to load the WSGI components and application settings. By default Pyramid ships with the plaster_pastedeploy library installed which provides integrated support for loading a PasteDeploy INI file.

predicate A test which returns True or False. Two different types of predicates exist in Pyramid: a view predicate and a route predicate. View predicates are attached to view configuration and route predicates are attached to route configuration.

predicate factory A callable which is used by a third party during the registration of a route, view, or subscriber predicates to extend the configuration system. See Adding a Custom View, Route, or Subscriber Predicate for more information.
pregenerator  A pregenerator is a function associated by a developer with a route. It is called by route_url() in order to adjust the set of arguments passed to it by the user for special purposes. It will influence the URL returned by route_url(). See pyramid.interfaces.IRoutePregenerator for more information.

principal  A principal is a string representing an entity, typically a user or group. Principals are provided by an authentication policy. For example, if a user has the userid bob, and is a member of two groups named group foo and group bar, then the request might have information attached to it indicating that Bob was represented by three principals: bob, group foo and group bar.

project  Setuptools / Python packaging terminology. A directory on disk which contains a setup.py and / or pyproject.toml file and one or more Python packages. The project files contain metadata that allow the package(s) to be installed, distributed, and tested.

Pylons  A lightweight Python web framework and a predecessor of Pyramid.

PyPI  The Python Package Index, a collection of software available for Python.

PyPy  PyPy is an ”alternative implementation of the Python language”: http://pypy.org/

Pyramid Community Cookbook  Additional, community-based documentation for Pyramid which presents topical, practical uses of Pyramid: Pyramid Community Cookbook

pyramid_debugtoolbar  A Pyramid add-on which displays a helpful debug toolbar ”on top of” HTML pages rendered by your application, displaying request, routing, and database information. pyramid_debugtoolbar is configured into the development.ini of all applications which use a Pyramid cookiecutter. For more information, see https://docs.pylonsproject.org/projects/pyramid_debugtoolbar/en/latest/.

pyramid_exclog  A package which logs Pyramid application exception (error) information to a standard Python logger. This add-on is most useful when used in production applications, because the logger can be configured to log to a file, to Unix syslog, to the Windows Event Log, or even to email. See its documentation.

pyramid_handlers  An add-on package which allows Pyramid users to create classes that are analogues of Pylons 1 ”controllers”. See https://docs.pylonsproject.org/projects/pyramid_handlers/en/latest/.

pyramid_jinja2  Jinja2 templating system bindings for Pyramid, documented at https://docs.pylonsproject.org/projects/pyramid_jinja2/en/latest/. This package also includes a scaffold named pyramid_jinja2_starter, which creates an application package based on the Jinja2 templating system.

pyramid_redis_sessions  A package by Eric Rasmussen which allows you to store Pyramid session data in a Redis database. See https://pypi.org/project/pyramid_redis_sessions/ for more information.

pyramid_zcml  An add-on package to Pyramid which allows applications to be configured via ZCML. It is available on PyPI. If you use pyramid_zcml, you can use ZCML as an alternative to imperative configuration or configuration decoration.

Python  The programming language in which Pyramid is written.
Python Packaging Authority  The Python Packaging Authority (PyPA) is a working group that maintains many of the relevant projects in Python packaging.

renderer  A serializer which converts non-Response return values from a view into a string, and ultimately into a response, usually through view configuration. Using a renderer can make writing views that require templating or other serialization, like JSON, less tedious. See Writing View Callables Which Use a Renderer for more information.

renderer factory  A factory which creates a renderer. See Adding and Changing Renderers for more information.

renderer globals  Values injected as names into a renderer by a pyramid.event.BeforeRender event.

Repoze  "Repoze" is essentially a "brand" of software developed by Agendaless Consulting and a set of contributors. The term has no special intrinsic meaning. The project’s website has more information. The software developed "under the brand" is available in a Subversion repository. Pyramid was originally known as repoze.bfg.

repoze.catalog  An indexing and search facility (fielded and full-text) based on zope.index. See the documentation for more information.

repoze.lemonade  Zope2 CMF-like data structures and helper facilities for CA-and-ZODB-based applications useful within Pyramid applications.

repoze.who  Authentication middleware for WSGI applications. It can be used by Pyramid to provide authentication information.

repoze.workflow  Barebones workflow for Python apps. It can be used by Pyramid to form a workflow system.

request  An object that represents an HTTP request, usually an instance of the pyramid.request.Request class. See Request and Response Objects (narrative) and pyramid.request (API documentation) for information about request objects.

request factory  An object which, provided a WSGI environment as a single positional argument, returns a Pyramid-compatible request.

request type  An attribute of a request that allows for specialization of view invocation based on arbitrary categorization. The every request object that Pyramid generates and manipulates has one or more interface objects attached to it. The default interface attached to a request object is pyramid.interfaces.IRequest.

resource  An object representing a node in the resource tree of an application. If traversal is used, a resource is an element in the resource tree traversed by the system. When traversal is used, a resource becomes the context of a view. If URL dispatch is used, a single resource is generated for each request and is used as the context resource of a view.

Resource Location  The act of locating a context resource given a request. Traversal and URL dispatch are the resource location subsystems used by Pyramid.
**resource tree** A nested set of dictionary-like objects, each of which is a *resource*. The act of *traversal* uses the resource tree to find a *context* resource.

**response** An object returned by a *view callable* that represents response data returned to the requesting user agent. It must implement the `pyramid.interfaces.IResponse` interface. A response object is typically an instance of the `pyramid.response.Response` class or a subclass such as `pyramid.httpexceptions.HTTPFound`. See *Request and Response Objects* for information about response objects.

**response adapter** A callable which accepts an arbitrary object and "converts" it to a `pyramid.response.Response` object. See *Changing How Pyramid Treats View Responses* for more information.

**response callback** A user-defined callback executed by the *router* at a point after a *response* object is successfully created.

See also: See also *Using Response Callbacks*.

**response factory** An object which, provided a *request* as a single positional argument, returns a Pyramid-compatible response. See `pyramid.interfaces.IResponseFactory`.

**reStructuredText** A plain text markup format that is the defacto standard for documenting Python projects. The Pyramid documentation is written in reStructuredText.

**root** The object at which *traversal* begins when Pyramid searches for a *context* resource (for *URL Dispatch*, the root is *always* the context resource unless the `traverse=` argument is used in route configuration).

**root factory** The "root factory" of a Pyramid application is called on every request sent to the application. The root factory returns the traversal root of an application. It is conventionally named `get_root`. An application may supply a root factory to Pyramid during the construction of a *Configurator*. If a root factory is not supplied, the application creates a default root object using the *default root factory*.

**route** A single pattern matched by the *URL dispatch* subsystem, which generally resolves to a *root factory* (and then ultimately a *view*).

See also: See also *URL dispatch*.

**route configuration** Route configuration is the act of associating request parameters with a particular *route* using pattern matching and *route predicate* statements. See *URL Dispatch* for more information about route configuration.

**route predicate** An argument to a *route configuration* which implies a value that evaluates to *True* or *False* for a given *request*. All predicates attached to a *route configuration* must evaluate to *True* for the associated route to "match" the current request. If a route does not match the current request, the next route (in definition order) is attempted.
route prefix  A route prefix is a path prefix that is prepended to any routes that are configured while it is active. A route prefix can be set via `pyramid.config.Configurator.include()` or `pyramid.config.Configurator.route_prefix_context()`.

router  The WSGI application created when you start a Pyramid application. The router intercepts requests, invokes traversal and/or URL dispatch, calls view functions, and returns responses to the WSGI server on behalf of your Pyramid application.

Routes  A system by Ben Bangert which parses URLs and compares them against a number of user defined mappings. The URL pattern matching syntax in Pyramid is inspired by the Routes syntax (which was inspired by Ruby On Rails pattern syntax).

routes mapper  An object which compares path information from a request to an ordered set of route patterns. See URL Dispatch.

scan  The term used by Pyramid to define the process of importing and examining all code in a Python package or module for configuration decoration.

security policy  A security policy in Pyramid terms is an object implementing the `pyramid.interfaces.ISecurityPolicy` API which identifies the user associated with the current request (perhaps via a cookie or Authorization header) and determines whether or not that user is permitted to access the requested resource.

session  A namespace that is valid for some period of continual activity that can be used to represent a user’s interaction with a web application.

session factory  A callable, which, when called with a single argument named request (a request object), returns a session object. See Using the Default Session Factory, Using Alternate Session Factories and `pyramid.config.Configurator.set_session_factory()` for more information.

settings  Settings control the runtime behavior of a Pyramid application. They are the aggregation of configuration file declarations, process environment values, other additions generated by Pyramid or its add-ons and tweens, and values produced by your own code. Settings are collected at application startup. They can affect all the components which make up the the application. Pyramid itself, any tweens or Pyramid add-ons used, and your own code may reference and act on settings.

Setuptools  Setuptools builds on Python’s distutils to provide easier building, distribution, and installation of libraries and applications.

side effect  A statement or function has a side effect when it changes a value outside its own scope. Put another way, if one can observe the change made by a function from outside that function, it has a side effect.

singleton  A singleton is a class which will only ever have one instance. As there is only one, it is shared by all other code. This makes it an example of global state.

Using a singleton is considered a poor design choice. As mutable global state, it can be changed by any other code, and so the values it represents cannot be reasoned about or tested properly.
**SQLAlchemy** SQLAlchemy is an object relational mapper used in tutorials within this documentation.

**subpath** A list of element "left over" after the router has performed a successful traversal to a view. The subpath is a sequence of strings, e.g. `['left', 'over', 'names']`. Within Pyramid applications that use URL dispatch rather than traversal, you can use *subpath* in the route pattern to influence the subpath. See *Using *subpath in a Route Pattern* for more information.

**subscriber** A callable which receives an event. A callable becomes a subscriber via imperative configuration or via configuration decoration. See *Using Events* for more information.

**template** A file with replaceable parts that is capable of representing some text, XML, or HTML when rendered.

**thread local** A thread-local variable is one which is essentially a global variable in terms of how it is accessed and treated, however, each thread used by the application may have a different value for this same "global" variable. Pyramid uses a small number of thread local variables, as described in *Thread Locals*.

*See also:*

See also the stdlib documentation for more information.

**Translation Context** A string representing the "context" in which a translation was made within a given translation domain. See the gettext documentation, 11.2.5 Using contexts for solving ambiguities for more information.

**Translation Directory** A translation directory is a gettext translation directory. It contains language folders, which themselves contain LC_MESSAGES folders, which contain .mo files. Each .mo file represents a set of translations for a language in a translation domain. The name of the .mo file (minus the .mo extension) is the translation domain name.

**Translation Domain** A string representing the "context" in which a translation was made. For example the word "java" might be translated differently if the translation domain is "programming-languages" than would be if the translation domain was "coffee". A translation domain is represented by a collection of .mo files within one or more translation directory directories.

**Translation String** An instance of pyramid.i18n.TranslationString, which is a class that behaves like a string, but has several extra attributes such as domain, msgid, and mapping for use during translation. Translation strings are usually created by hand within software, but are sometimes created on the behalf of the system for automatic template translation. For more information, see *Internationalization and Localization*.

**Translator** A callable which receives a translation string and returns a translated string for the purposes of internationalization. A localizer supplies a translator to a Pyramid application accessible via its translate method.

**traversal** The act of descending "up" a tree of resource objects from a root resource in order to find a context resource. The Pyramid router performs traversal of resource objects when a root factory is specified. See the *Traversal* chapter for more information. Traversal can be performed instead of
URL dispatch or can be combined with URL dispatch. See Combining Traversal and URL Dispatch for more information about combining traversal and URL dispatch (advanced).

**truthy string** A string representing a value of True. Acceptable values are `true`, `true`, `y`, `yes`, `on` and `1`.

**tween** A bit of code that sits between the Pyramid router’s main request handling function and the upstream WSGI component that uses Pyramid as its ‘app’. The word ”tween” is a contraction of ”between”. A tween may be used by Pyramid framework extensions, to provide, for example, Pyramid-specific view timing support, bookkeeping code that examines exceptions before they are returned to the upstream WSGI application, or a variety of other features. Tweens behave a bit like WSGI middleware but they have the benefit of running in a context in which they have access to the Pyramid application registry as well as the Pyramid rendering machinery. See Registering Tweens.

**URL dispatch** An alternative to traversal as a mechanism for locating a context resource for a view. When you use a route in your Pyramid application via a route configuration, you are using URL dispatch. See the URL Dispatch for more information.

**userid** A userid is the string representation of an identity. Just like the identity, it should identify the user associated with the current request. Oftentimes this is the ID of the user object in a database.

**Venusian** Venusian is a library which allows framework authors to defer decorator actions. Instead of taking actions when a function (or class) decorator is executed at import time, the action usually taken by the decorator is deferred until a separate ”scan” phase. Pyramid relies on Venusian to provide a basis for its scan feature.

**venv** The Python Packaging Authority’s recommended tool for creating virtual environments on Python 3.3 and greater.

Note: whenever you encounter commands prefixed with `$VENV` (Unix) or `%VENV` (Windows), know that that is the environment variable whose value is the root of the virtual environment in question.

**view** Common vernacular for a view callable.

**view callable** A ”view callable” is a callable Python object which is associated with a view configuration; it returns a response object. A view callable accepts a single argument: request, which will be an instance of a request object. An alternate calling convention allows a view to be defined as a callable which accepts a pair of arguments: context and request: this calling convention is useful for traversal-based applications in which a context is always very important. A view callable is the primary mechanism by which a developer writes user interface code within Pyramid. See Views for more information about Pyramid view callables.

**view configuration** View configuration is the act of associating a view callable with configuration information. This configuration information helps map a given request to a particular view callable and it can influence the response of a view callable. Pyramid views can be configured via imperative configuration, or by a special @view_config decorator coupled with a scan. See View Configuration for more information about view configuration.

**view deriver** A view deriver is a composable component of the view pipeline which is used to create a view callable. A view deriver is a callable implementing the pyramid.interfaces.
**IViewDeriver** interface. Examples of built-in derivers including view mapper, the permission checker, and applying a renderer to a dictionary returned from the view.

**View handler** A view handler ties together `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_route()` and `pyramid.config.Configurator.add_view()` to make it more convenient to register a collection of views as a single class when using *URL dispatch*. View handlers ship as part of the `pyramid_handlers` add-on package.

**View Lookup** The act of finding and invoking the *best* view callable, given a *request* and a *context* resource.

**view mapper** A view mapper is a class which implements the `pyramid.interfaces.IViewMapperFactory` interface, which performs view argument and return value mapping. This is a plug point for extension builders, not normally used by “civilians”.

**view name** The “URL name” of a view, e.g. *index.html*. If a view is configured without a name, its name is considered to be the empty string (which implies the *default view*).

**view predicate** An argument to a *view configuration* which evaluates to *True* or *False* for a given *request*. All predicates attached to a view configuration must evaluate to true for the associated view to be considered as a possible callable for a given request.

**virtual environment** An isolated Python environment that allows packages to be installed for use by a particular application, rather than being installed system wide.

**virtual root** A resource object representing the ”virtual” root of a request; this is typically the *physical root* object unless *Virtual Hosting* is in use.

**virtualenv** The virtualenv tool that allows one to create virtual environments. In Python 3.3 and greater, `venv` is the preferred tool.

Note: whenever you encounter commands prefixed with `$VENV` (Unix) or `%VENV` (Windows), know that that is the environment variable whose value is the root of the virtual environment in question.

**Waitress** A *WSGI* server that runs on Unix and Windows under Python 2.7+ and Python 3.3+. Projects generated via Pyramid cookiecutters use Waitress as a WSGI server. See https://docs.pylonsproject.org/projects/waitress/en/latest/ for detailed information.

**WebOb** WebOb is a WSGI request/response library created by Ian Bicking.

**WebTest** WebTest is a package which can help you write functional tests for your WSGI application.

**WSGI** Web Server Gateway Interface. This is a Python standard for connecting web applications to web servers, similar to the concept of Java Servlets. Pyramid requires that your application be served as a WSGI application.

**ZCML** Zope Configuration Markup Language, an XML dialect used by Zope and `pyramid_zcml` for configuration tasks.

**ZODB** Zope Object Database, a persistent Python object store.
**Zope**  The Z Object Publishing Framework, a full-featured Python web framework.

**Zope Component Architecture**  The Zope Component Architecture (aka ZCA) is a system which allows for application pluggability and complex dispatching based on objects which implement an *interface*. Pyramid uses the ZCA "under the hood" to perform view dispatching and other application configuration tasks.

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