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Lecture DJ05 – Django Templates

weather.html

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  </head>
  <body>
    <p>Today's weather in {{ city }} is {{ description }}.</p>
    <div id="temperature">
      {% for day in thisWeek %}
        <li> On {{ day.date }}, the temperature will be {{ day.temperature }}. </li>
      {% endfor %}

    </div>
    <div id="ads">
      {% block ads %}
        Click on these ads!
      {% endblock %}
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</html>
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Context

```
city = 'Accra'  
description = 'sunny'  
thisWeek = [dict(date='Thursday', temperature=20),  
             dict(date='Friday', temperature=25),  
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```

Displayed by browser

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Templates

- A text-based template for HTML, CSS, XML, JavaScript, etc.
- Mixture between hard-coded text and abstractions
- Abstractions
 - Variables
 - Tags
- Re-useable and extensible

Hard-coded Text in weather.html

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Variables

- `{{ variable }}`
 - If variable doesn't exist, then output `TEMPLATE_STRING_IF_INVALID` (default: empty string `""`)
- `{{ variable.attribute }}`
 1. Dictionary Lookup. `variable["attribute"]`
 2. Attribute Lookup. `variable.attribute`
 3. Method Call. `variable.attribute()`
 4. List-index Call. `variable[attribute]`

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Filters

- Modify the output of variables
- `{{ variable|filter }}`

```
foo := "Hello World"
```

```
bar := ['a', 'b', 'c']
```

```
{{ foo|lower }} --> hello world
```

```
{{ bar|length }} --> 3
```

```
{{ bar|slice:":2" }} --> ['a', 'b']
```

```
{{ baz|default:"error!" }} --> error!
```


Tags

- for loops
- if clauses
- comments
- blocks
- and many more built-in tags (look them up!)
- `{% tag %} ... {% endtag %}`

Tags in weather.html

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For loops

```
{% for x in y %}  
    ... logic ...  
{% endfor %}
```

```
fruit_basket := {'apples', 'oranges', 'pineapples'}
```

```
{% for fruit in fruit_basket %}  
    <li>{{ fruit }}</li>  
{% endfor}
```

```
    <li>apples</li>  
-->    <li>orange</li>  
        <li>pineapples</li>
```

If clauses

```
{% if <condition> %}
```

```
    ... logic ...
```

```
{% else %}
```

```
    ... logic ...
```

```
{% endif %}
```

```
{% if rain > 1 }
```

```
    Buy an umbrella for {{ price1 }}
```

```
{% else %}
```

```
    Buy sunglasses for {{ price2 }}
```

```
{% endif %}
```

Comments

```
{% comment %}
```

```
    This comment won't be displayed!
```

```
{% endcomment }
```

- Ignore everything inside tag
 - For inline comments, use `{# blah blah blah #}`

Template Inheritance

- Define extensible parts of a template with block tags

```
{% block name %}
```

...

```
{% endblock %}
```

- Create child templates that can extend blocks
- Load parent template with

```
{% extends "parent_template" %}
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Buy an umbrella!

Template Inheritance

- In child template, redefine contents of the parent's block tag
 - similar to overriding methods in class inheritance
- If a block tag is not redefined, then use contents of block tag in parent
- `{{ block.super }}` explicitly refers to contents of block tag in parent

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{% extends "weather.html" %}
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- Mixture of hard-coded text and abstractions
- Abstractions often look like and function like Python code, but you can't run arbitrary Python code
 - Lookup list of built-in filters and tags in Django
 - Customize your own filters and tags
- Complex logic with arbitrary Python should be performed by `views.py` and only the processed variables should be passed to a template

Templates

Remember to specify where your templates are
in `TEMPLATE_DIRS` in `settings.py`



Django Architecture

