

Back-end



Javascript Modules

- To structure an application coherently, the backend consists of separate Javascript files.
- Objects declared in these files must be
 - exported by one file
 - imported by another
- In order to keep each module focused on a specific responsibility

Application Structure

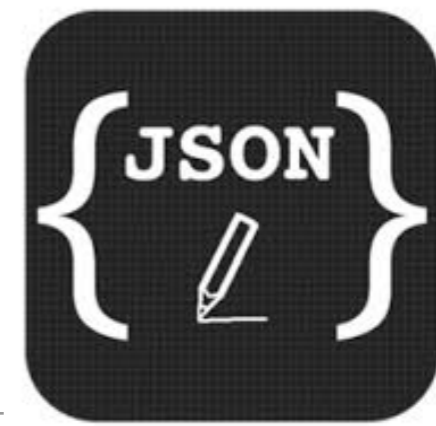
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App implements Routes +
Model/View/Controller
Architecture

These objects collaborate to
support structured,
predictable application
workflow

Back-end

JS



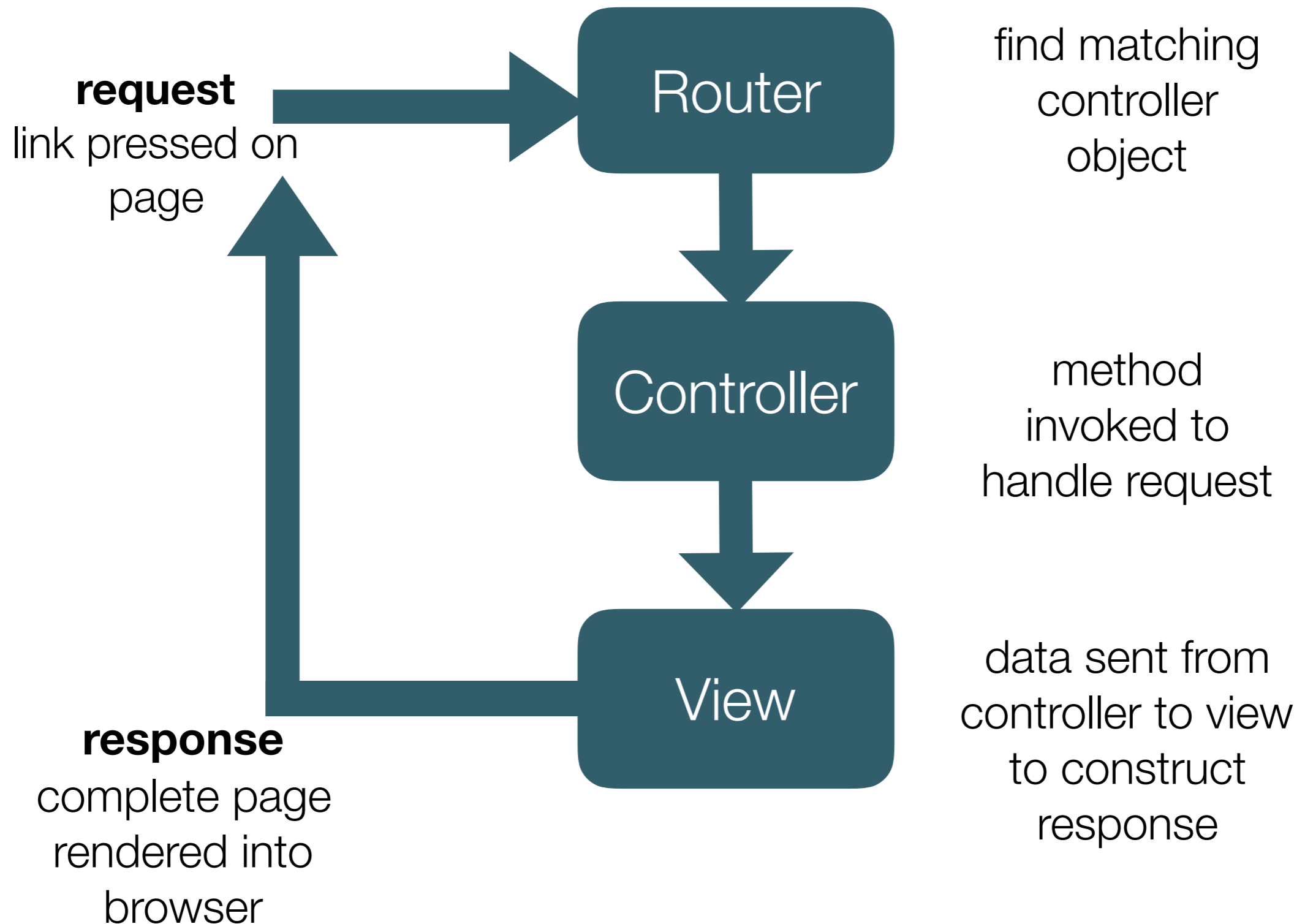
- All written in Javascript + JSON
- Consists of:
 - **Server** - main entry point
 - **Routes** - supported urls
 - **Controllers** - objects to handle the routes
 - **Config** - .gitignore, .jscsrc, env, package.json, readme.md
- Will include **Models** later...

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```

Request/Response Lifecycle

1. **Request** - link pressed on page
2. **Router** - find matching controller object
3. **Controller** - method invoked to handle request
4. **View** - data sent from controller to view to construct response
5. **Response** - complete page rendered into browser

Router/Controller/View

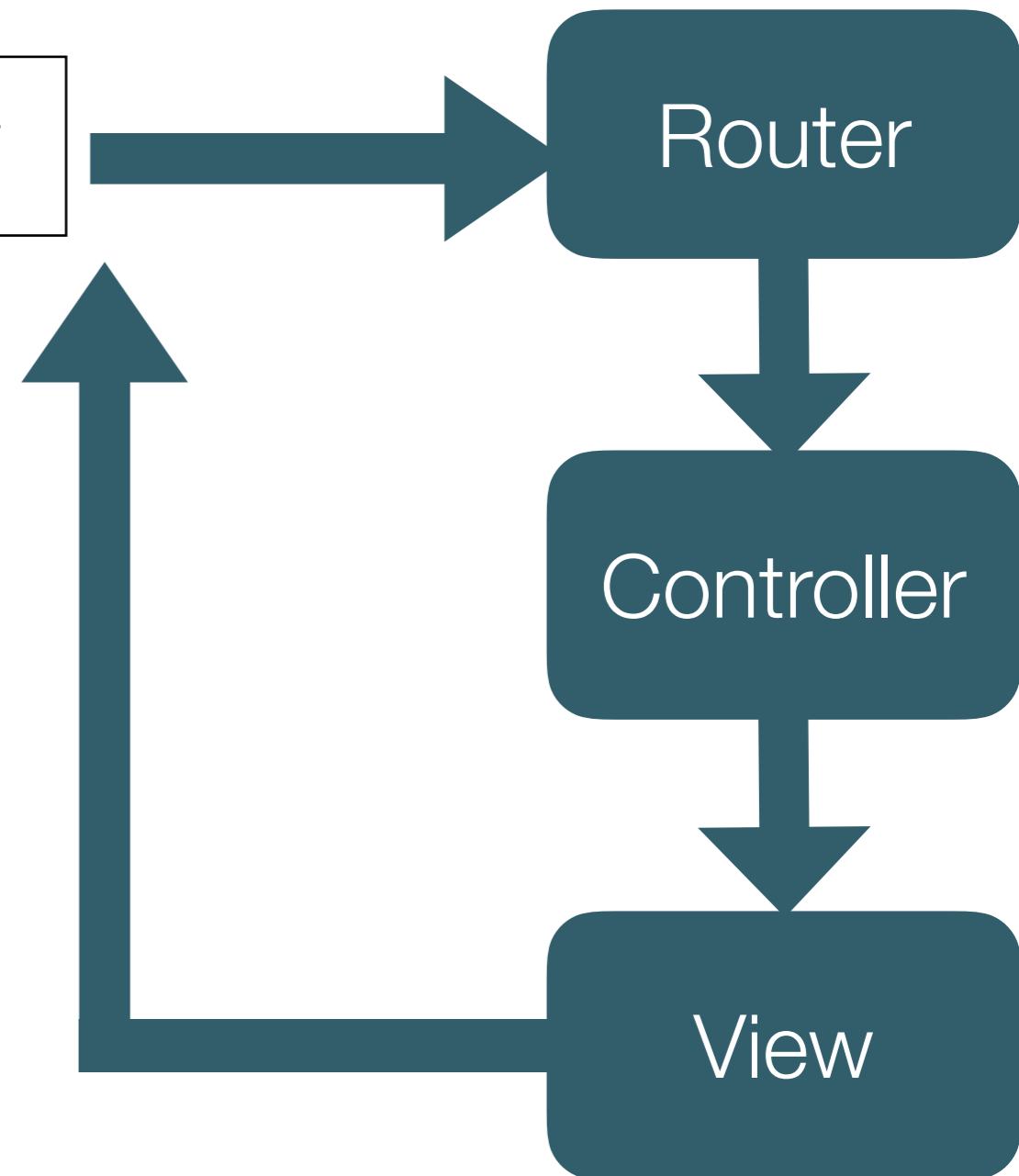


Request - link pressed on page

```
...  
<a id="dashboard" class="item" href="/dashboard"> Dashboard </a>  
<a id="about" class="item" href="/about"> About </a>  
...
```

- Requests defined in links in views:

- href in <a> tags
- href in Menus
- href in Buttons
- action links in forms



Router - find matching controller object

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routes.js

Import 2
objects:

```
...
const dashboard = require('./controllers/dashboard.js');
const about     = require('./controllers/about.js');
```

Match these
two objects
with each of
these 'links'

```
router.get('/', dashboard.index);
router.get('/dashboard', dashboard.index);
router.get('/about', about.index);
...
```


Router Behaviour

If user selects these links...



'/'



dashboard.index

/dashboard'



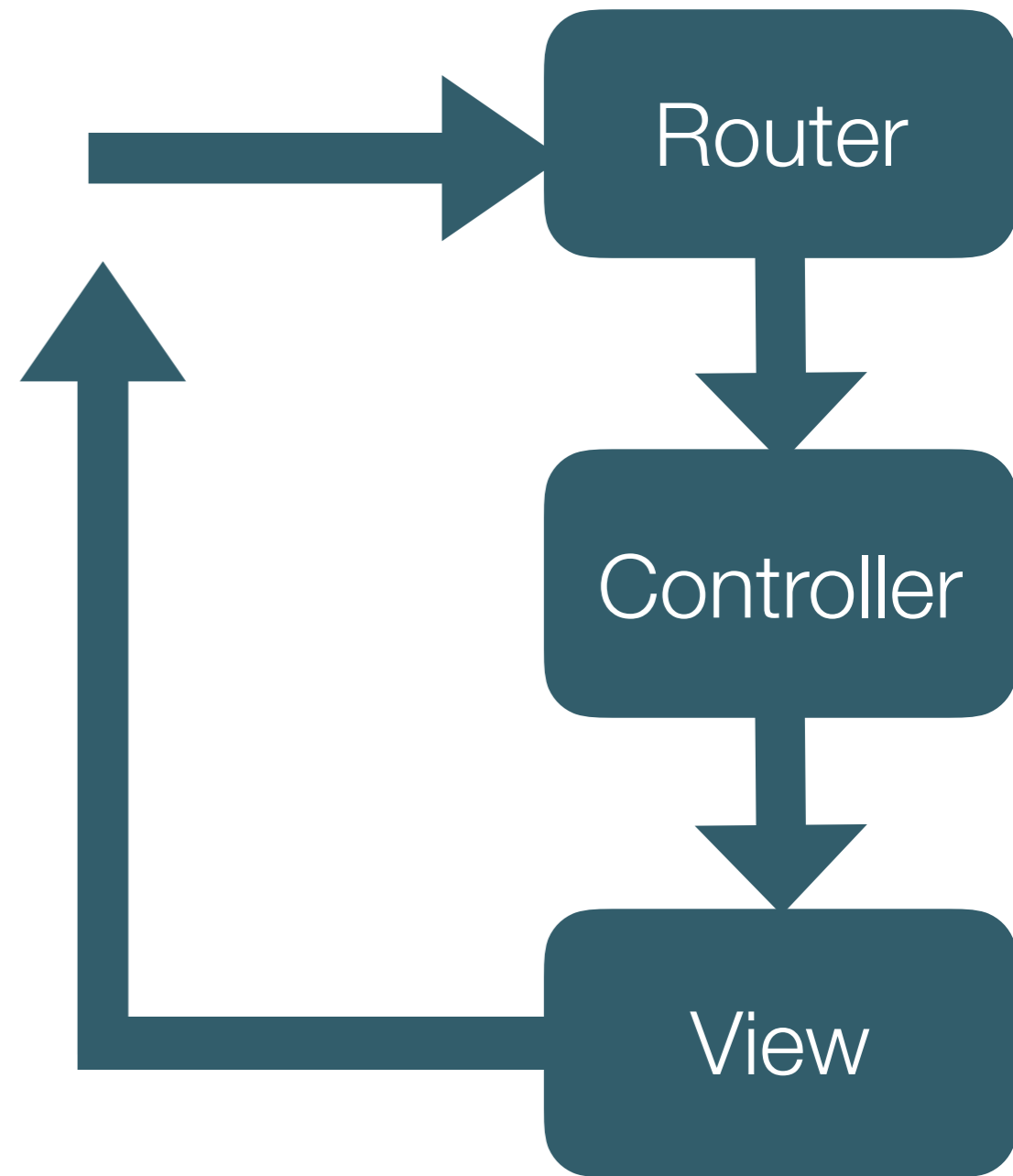
dashboard.index

/about'



about.index

...then call the corresponding controller methods

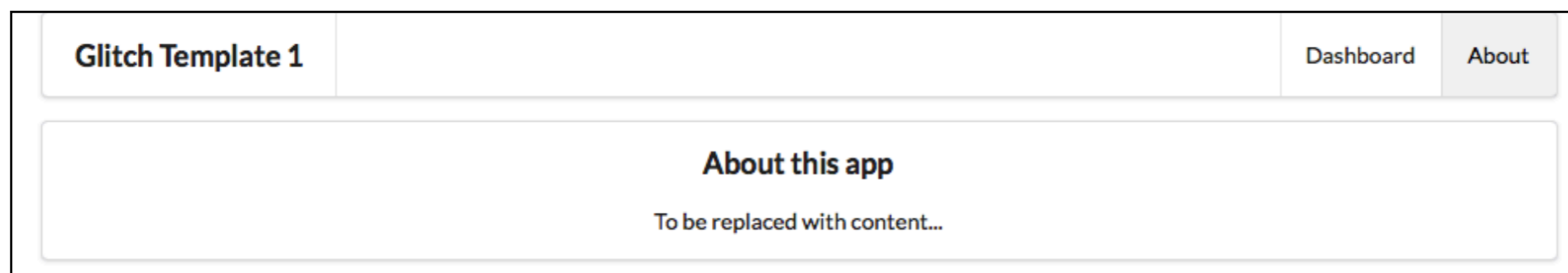
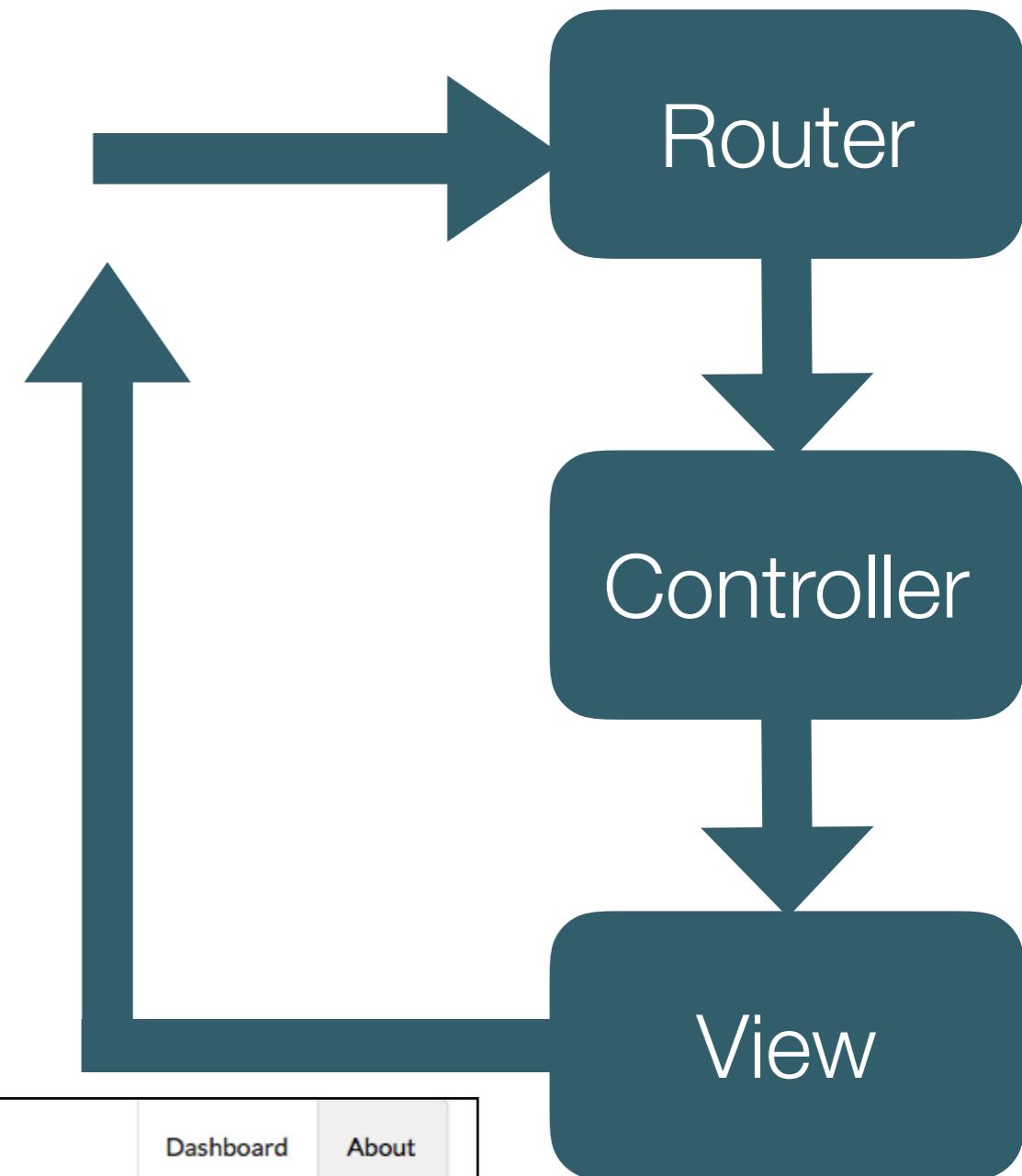


Controller method invoked to handle request

about.js

```
const about = {  
  index(request, response) {  
    logger.info('about rendering');  
    const viewData = {  
      title: 'About Template 1',  
    };  
    response.render('about', viewData);  
  },  
};
```

The About controller



The 'About' controller object -

index method parameters

- Has a single method - index, which has 2 parameters:
 - **request** : object containing details of the user request
 - **response**: object to be used to send response back to browser

```
const about = {  
  index(request, response) {  
    logger.info('about rendering');  
  
    const viewData = {  
      title: 'About Template 1',  
    };  
  
    response.render('about', viewData);  
  },  
};
```

The 'About' controller **index function body**

logs a message to the console (gomix console, not chrome console)

Create an object called **viewData**, containing a single property: **title**

```
const about = {  
  index(request, response) {  
    logger.info('about rendering');  
    const viewData = {  
      title: 'About Template 1',  
    };  
    response.render('about', viewData);  
  },  
};
```

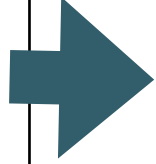
Data sent from controller to view to construct response

Calls **render** method on **response** with 2 parameters:

name of view to render
(about)

object to inject into the view prior to rendering it (**viewData**)

```
const about = {  
  index(request, response) {  
    logger.info('about rendering');  
    const viewData = {  
      title: 'About Template 1',  
    };  
    response.render('about', viewData);  
  },  
};
```



The About Controller - Complete

strict mode
javascript for safety

import the **logger**
so we can use it

Export the **about**
object to it can be
used by the router

```
'use strict';

const logger = require('../utils/logger');

const about = {
  index(request, response) {
    logger.info('about rendering');
    const viewData = {
      title: 'About Template 1',
    };
    response.render('about', viewData);
  },
};

module.exports = about;
```

about.js

Back-end + Front-End

about.hbs

```
'use strict';  
  
const logger = require('../utils/logger');  
  
const about = {  
  index(request, response) {  
    logger.info('about rendering');  
    const viewData = {  
      title: 'About Template 1',  
    };  
    response.render('about', viewData);  
  },  
};  
  
module.exports = about;
```

```
{{> menu id="about"}}  
  
<section class="ui center aligned middle aligned segment">  
  <p>  
    About this app  
  </p>  
</section>
```

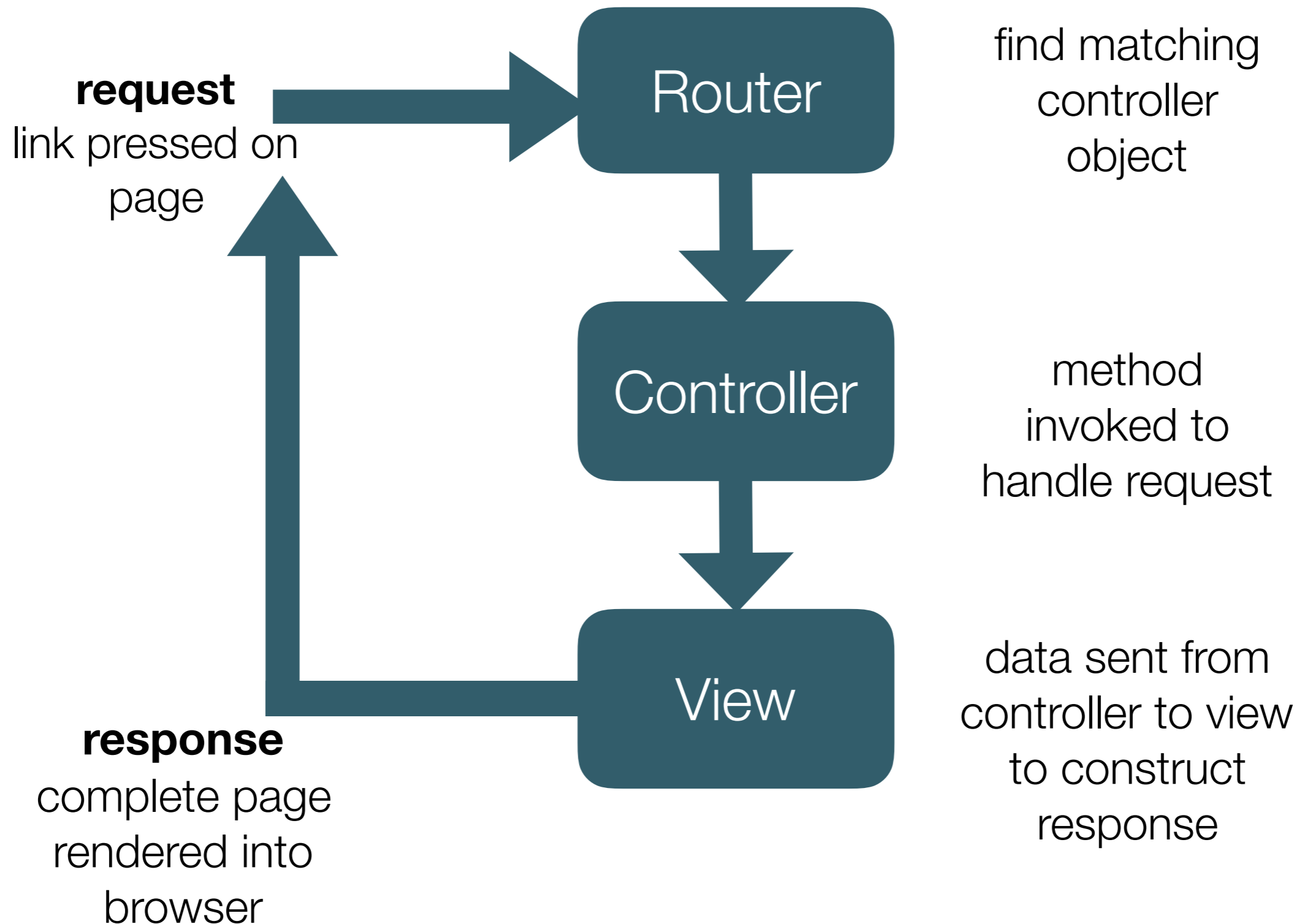
menu.hbs

main.hbs

```
<nav class="ui menu">  
  <header class="ui header item"> <a href="/"> Template 1 </a></header>  
  <div class="right menu">  
    <a id="dashboard" class="item" href="/dashboard"> Dashboard </a>  
    <a id="about" class="item" href="/about"> About </a>  
  </div>  
</nav>  
  
<script>  
  $("#{{id}}").addClass("active item");  
</script>
```

```
<!DOCTYPE html>  
<html>  
  <head>  
    <meta charset="utf-8">  
    <title> {{title}} </title>  
    <meta charset="UTF-8">  
    <script type="text/javascript" src="">  
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="https://code.jquery.com/jquery-3.2.1.js">  
    <script type="text/javascript" src="">  
    <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="">  
  </head>  
  <body>  
    <section class="ui container">  
      {{{body}}}
```

Router/Controller/View



Dashboard Controller

```
'use strict';

const logger = require('../utils/logger');

const dashboard = {

  index(request, response) {

    logger.info('dashboard rendering');
    const viewData = {
      title: 'Template 1 Dashboard',
    };
    response.render('dashboard', viewData);

  },

};

module.exports = dashboard;
```

Application Structure

2 Controllers

which will render

2 matching views

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dashboard.js

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    };
    response.render('dashboard', viewData);
  },
};

module.exports = dashboard;
```

routes.js

```
...
router.get('/dashboard', dashboard.index);
router.get('/about', about.index);
...
```

```
'use strict';

const logger = require('../utils/logger');

const about = {
  index(request, response) {
    logger.info('about rendering');
    const viewData = {
      title: 'About Template 1',
    };
    response.render('about', viewData);
  },
};

module.exports = about;
```

about.js

controllers/views

dashboard.js

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  },
};

module.exports = dashboard;
```

dashboard.hbs

```
{{> menu id="dashboard"}}

<section class="ui segment">
  {{> mainpanel}}
</section>
```

about.js

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about.hbs

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