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Generic Functions in TurboGears

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Generic functions are a powerful form of abstraction promoting the DRY principle and in the case of frameworks lend themselves to declarative programming and allow users to seamlessly extend functionality with minimal boilerplate.

In this talk common use cases for generic functions in TurboGears will be presented based on concrete examples followed by a discussion on problems we encountered using generic functions, as implemented in RuleDispatch package from PEAK, both on framework and user level, and how these can be mitigated.

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