

# View

Views are [Sitemap](#) components that define different views (endpoints) of a website, independent from its [Pipelines](#). Any pipeline may take part in a particular view.

Views are exit points from a pipeline. (Therefore, you can request the output of earlier steps in a pipeline other than the usual endpoint, e.g. the raw XML before transformation?)

[Selectors](#) can achieve the same functionality, but Views are declared once per sitemap whereas selectors have to be associated with each pipeline explicitly.

Views are defined as follows:

```
<map:views>
  <map:view name="content" from-label="content">
    <map:serialize type="xml"/>
  </map:view>

  <map:view name="links" from-position="last">
    <map:serialize type="links"/>
  </map:view>
</map:views>
```

TODO: adding labels to site map components to invoke view processing

TODO: requesting views using URI parameter

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There's actually quite a chunk of [documentation about Views](#) on the Cocoon site. – [LeighDodds](#)