

# Module 3 Glossary

Welcome! This alphabetized glossary contains many terms you'll find within Module 3. This comprehensive glossary also includes additional industry-recognized terms not used in course videos. These terms are essential for you to recognize when working in the industry, participating in user groups, and participating in other certificate programs.

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| Term          | Definition   |
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| Factory       | Used to generate fakes with realistic test data.   |
| Fakes         | Behave like real objects during tests, so developers test fakes like they test real data.                |
| flask routes  | A command that will return all the endpoints or “routes” that the application supports.                  |
| Mocking       | A process for creating objects that mimic the behavior of real objects.                                  |
| Mock objects  | An object that simulates, or mimics, the behavior of a real object in ways that you can control.         |
| Patch         | A powerful tool to simulate error conditions and control what is returned from a call to any function.   |
| Patching      | Can change the behavior of a function call.  |
| Side effect   | A technique to provide your own function that gets called instead of the real function while under test. |
| Test coverage | The percentage of lines of code that are executed during all of your tests.                              |

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