

Open-Source Report

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Flask

General Information & Licensing

Code Repository	https://github.com/Ai-Jesse/Blue-Jesse
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Parsing HTTP Headers using flask:

Flask uses many libraries to parse the http headers, the steps are:

After establishing TCP connection using socketserver, when a request is received, it will create a BaseHTTPRequestHandler from http library that extends StreamRequestHandler from socketserver which also extends BaseRequestHandler which is what deals with all of the requests recieved.

BaseRequestHandler: <https://github.com/python/cpython/blob/main/Lib/socketserver.py>
line 723

StreamRequestHandler: <https://github.com/python/cpython/blob/main/Lib/socketserver.py>
line 769

BaseHTTPRequestHandler:
<https://github.com/python/cpython/blob/main/Lib/http/server.py> line 146

In `BaseHTTPRequestHandler`, we called the `parse_request` method which is used to parse the request including the header. To parse the header, it pass the request to the `parse_headers` method which also uses the `_read_headers` to parse the request header by going through lines in the request. The header is then stored as a list in the `headers` attribute in `BaseHTTPRequestHandler`.

parse request: <https://github.com/python/cpython/blob/main/Lib/http/server.py> line 267

parse headers: <https://github.com/python/cpython/blob/main/Lib/http/client.py> line 224

read headers: <https://github.com/python/cpython/blob/main/Lib/http/client.py> line 206

Afterward, flask also uses the `werkzeug` library, using the `WSGIRequestHandler` class in `werkzeug` library that also extends `BaseHTTPRequestHandler`, it call the `make_environ` method which takes the headers attribute in `BaseHTTPRequestHandler` and parse it into a dictionary format and store it in an local `environ` variable which then get returned and set as an attribute called `environ` in the `WSGIRequestHandler` class in the `run_wsgi` method.

WSGIRequestHandler:
<https://github.com/pallets/werkzeug/blob/main/src/werkzeug/serving.py> line 148

make_envron: <https://github.com/pallets/werkzeug/blob/main/src/werkzeug/serving.py> line 159

run wsqi: <https://github.com/pallets/werkzeug/blob/main/src/werkzeug/serving.py> line 239

To be more specific on above, when a request is received, it calls the handle method from the serving class in werkzeug library which also extends the server class in http, which then calls the handle_one_request method and calls run_wsgi method.

werkzeug handle: <https://github.com/pallets/werkzeug/blob/main/src/werkzeug/serving.py>
line 360

http handle: <https://github.com/python/cpython/blob/main/Lib/http/server.py> line 427

handle_one_request: <https://github.com/python/cpython/blob/main/Lib/http/server.py> line 390

When run_wsgi is called, it also define and call a local method called execute which calls the `__call__` method in app class of flask and pass it the environ variable that contains the header, `__call__` then call the wsgi_app method and pass the environ variable, then this calls the request_context method and passes the environ variable, then this returns a RequestContext object from flask library, which creates a request object from werkzeug library that takes in environ as a constructor.

execute: <https://github.com/pallets/werkzeug/blob/main/src/werkzeug/serving.py> line 319

`__call__`: <https://github.com/pallets/flask/blob/main/src/flask/app.py> line 2546

wsgi_app: <https://github.com/pallets/flask/blob/main/src/flask/app.py> line 2495

RequestContext: <https://github.com/pallets/flask/blob/main/src/flask/app.py> line 2423

request: <https://github.com/pallets/flask/blob/main/src/flask/ctx.py> line 278

Then finally flask have a request wrapper object that extends the request object from werkzeug created above which we can then use in our server by importing request from flask and use flask.request which gives us the dictionary of headers that was parsed and saved in the environ created before.

request: <https://github.com/pallets/flask/blob/main/src/flask/wrappers.py> line 15