



App Dev League

Day 2: Web Dev



Agenda

- 1. Installation
- 2. Web Requests
- 3. Flask Intro
- 4. Project

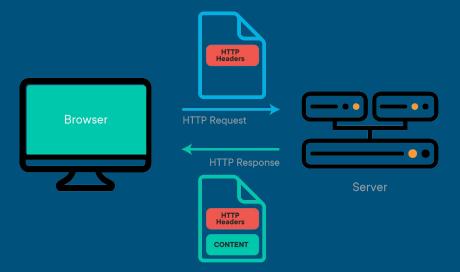






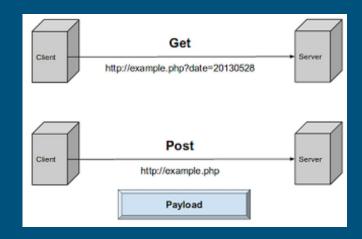
What are Web Requests?

- → Browser sends HTTP Request (either GET or POST)
- → Server replies with HTTP Response including the content

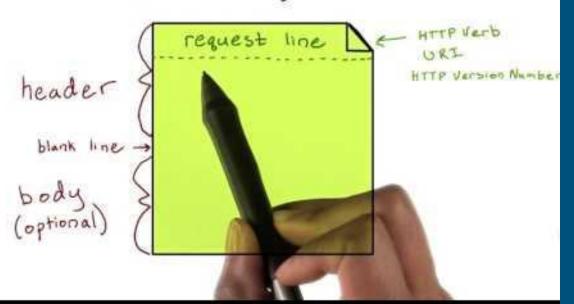


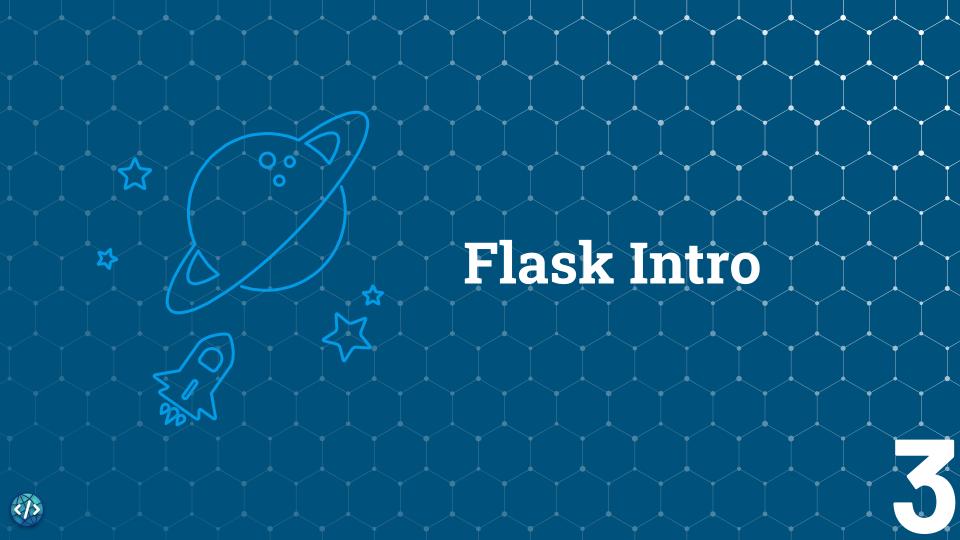
GET vs. POST Requests

- → GET request: GETs webpage data (HTML, CSS, JavaScript files) from a website link/URL
- → POST request: POSTs/sends data to the server (for example, sending messages) using both a website link/URL and a payload



HTTP Requests





Flask Routes

- → Open up server to GET and POST requests
- → @app.route decorator with the path after the url
- → Optional methods parameter to specify which methods

```
@app.route('/', methods=['GET', 'POST'])
def home():
    return render_template('index.html')
```

Flask Routes

- → Then, you define a function using the "def" keyword, the name can be anything but it should describe something about that page (for example "home" or "about")
- → Within the function, a certain value is returned. This is the HTTP Response that is sent back to the browser. Here, we use the "render_template" function to render an HTML file.

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```

Advanced Routes

- → Routes can also contain parameters, they can be specified using "<parameter_name>" and then passed as a parameter into the function
- Then, you can specify a parameter to the render_template function and access the value using {{parameter_name}} inside the HTML file

```
@app.route('/user/<username>')
def generate_user(username):
    return render_template('hello_world.html',
    user=username)
```

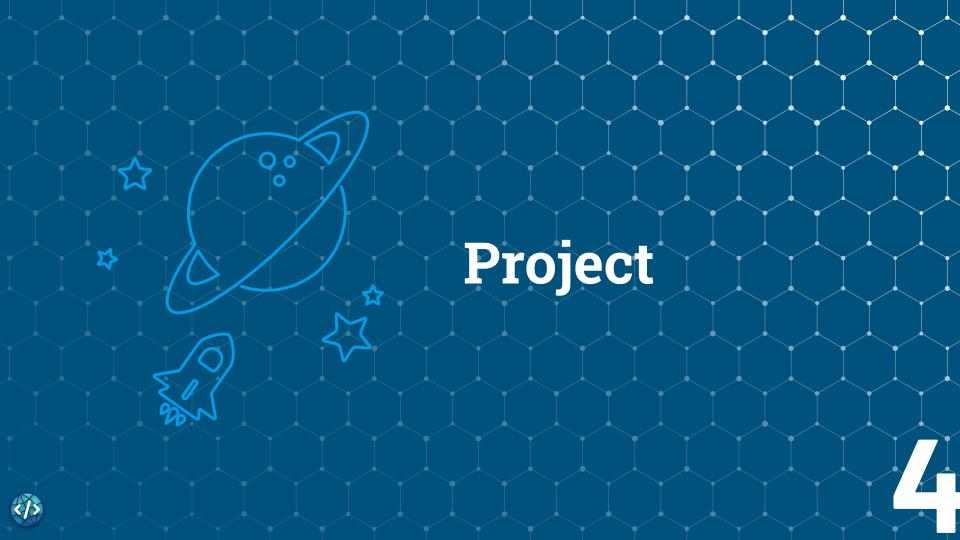
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templates/hello_world.html ×

1 <!DOCTYPE HTML>
2
3 <html>
4 <head>
5 <title>Hello World</title>
6 <body>
7 <h1>Hello {{user}}.</h1>
8 </body>
9 </html>
```

POST Requests

- → Pages may support both GET and POST requests
- → You can check the type of method in request.method
- → request.form.get(field_name) to get the data from an HTML "<form>" element through the "name" attribute
- → There are other request data fields besides request.form, but we will not be covering them today

```
def homepage():
    if request.method == 'POST':
        message = request.form.get("message")
        return render_template('sent.html',
        message=message)
    else:
        return render_template('index.html')
```



Project

- → We will be using the bootstrap contact form we built yesterday.
- → We will integrate the contact form with Flask
- → A GET request will be used to display the contact form
- → A POST request will be used to send the messages

THANKS!

ANY QUESTIONS?

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