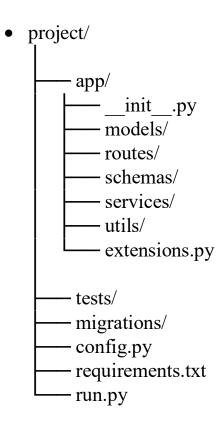
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Week 3 – Day 1 (October 6)

Questions/Reflections:

- 1. What is the flow when a HTTP GET request comes to Flask \rightarrow how Flask handles routing \rightarrow response.
 - HTTP GET Request Flow in Flask
 - When a GET request hits a Flask app, the WSGI server (like Werkzeug in development or Gunicorn/uWSGI in production) receives the HTTP request and passes it to Flask via the WSGI interface.
 - Flask parses the request, matches the URL and HTTP method to a route defined in the app, and calls the associated view function.
 - The view function processes the request, optionally interacts with services or databases, and returns a response (usually JSON for APIs).
 - Flask serializes the response and sends it back through the WSGI server to the client.
- 2. What is WSGI? How Flask sits on WSGI server (development vs production).
 - WSGI (Web Server Gateway Interface) is a Python standard for web servers and applications to communicate.
 - In development, Flask uses its built-in Werkzeug server (not for production).
 - In production, Flask should run behind a WSGI server like Gunicorn or uWSGI, which handles concurrency, process management, and forwards requests to Flask.

3. How you'd structure a medium size API project (folders, modules).



- Use Blueprints to organize routes by resource or feature.
- Place business logic in services/, data validation in schemas/ (e.g., Marshmallow), and database models in models/.
- Use an app factory pattern for flexibility and testing.
- 4. What is REST: what makes an endpoint RESTful?
 - REST (Representational State Transfer) is an architectural style for APIs.

RESTful endpoints:

- Use HTTP methods semantically (GET for read, POST for create, PUT/PATCH for update, DELETE for delete).
- Are stateless (no session stored on server).
- Use resource-based URLs (e.g., /api/v1/users/123).
- Return appropriate status codes and representations (usually JSON).

5. What status codes should be returned and when?

Status Code	When to Use
• 200 OK	Successful GET, PUT, or DELETE
• 201 Created	Resource created (POST)
• 204 No Content	Successful request, no body (DELETE, PUT)
• 400 Bad Request	Invalid input, malformed JSON
• 401 Unauthorized	Authentication required/failed
• 403 Forbidden	Authenticated but not allowed
• 404 Not Found	Resource does not exist
• 409 Conflict	Resource conflict (e.g., duplicate)
• 422 Unprocessable Entity	Validation error
• 500 Internal Server Error	Unexpected server error