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Ideas for Implementation:

Helpful Click Decorators & Utilities

- click's --help option will be ideal for users
- click.option(): this will be very useful for flags that may be used
 - will be able to use commands like is_flag, flag_value, count, help, etc.
- click.group(): this will allow FRE to be broken up into parts and subparts for each part
 - will be able to use commands like add command
- click.progressbar(): potential for the user to see progress while something runs like fre run
- click.confirm(): potential for the user to verify actions and proceed
- click.style(): can style text with wanted configurations if needed (can use click.secho())
- click.pause(): stops executing current command and waits for user input to continue

Potential Errors

- environments: I'm working with mainly venv right now, but conda and venv on other computers may
 fail
 - this is likely due to the setup, within setup.py` and calling pip install --editable` after
 - however, using ^ this allows for cleaner execution, where the user only has to type \$scriptname in the command line instead of python \$scriptname.py (followed by any needed commands and flags of course)

Questions for Users/Devs

- do we want to use flags (click.option()), confirmations (click.confirm()), or a mix of both to allow users to run what they want, how they want?
 - this means that users can either use certain flags (i.e --execute), which will be included and
 explained in the --help feature, or they will just be prompted for what features they want and
 can decide if they want it with [y/N]

Updates/Things to Consider

- use of classes, arguments (necessary) vs. flags (optional)
 - arguments can be used for specific cases; i.e need to parse specific file
- per Chris's input, need nested groups to allow subcommands to be executed with specific flags
 - will probably implement an execute_all command within a group like fre make if user wants
 to execute every feature at once, i.e. checkout, container, list, and compile for fre make

Potential Additional Uses for Click

 program using BeautifulSoup to scrape GFDL pages for immediate tutorial guidance after prompting for GFDL login