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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]

Things to Consider/Implement

- 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
- obviously going to need to make implementations for dealing with scripts across multiple files

Required Changes to Make

· none (at the moment), still in experimentation phase

Potential Additional Uses for Click

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