### **How to Deploy Your Flask App to Heroku**

Here’s a step-by-step guide to deploy your Flask app on Heroku:

#### **Step 1: Set Up Your Project**

1. **Install Git**:
   * If you don't have Git installed, download and install it from [git-scm.com](https://git-scm.com/).
2. **Install the Heroku CLI**:
   * Download and install the Heroku CLI from here.
3. **Prepare Your Flask App**:
   * Ensure your Flask app (app.py) is in a directory by itself.
4. **Create a requirements.txt File**:

This file tells Heroku what dependencies your app needs. In your project directory, run:  
bash  
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pip freeze > requirements.txt

1. **Create a Procfile**:

This file tells Heroku how to run your app. In your project directory, create a file named Procfile (no file extension) with the following content:  
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web: gunicorn app:app

* + This assumes your main Flask file is named app.py. If it has a different name, replace app with the correct filename (without .py).

1. **Install gunicorn**:

gunicorn is a Python WSGI HTTP Server for running Python web applications like Flask. Install it by running:  
bash  
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pip install gunicorn

#### **Step 2: Deploy to Heroku**

1. **Log in to Heroku**:

Open your terminal or command prompt and run:  
bash  
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heroku login

* + This will open a browser window where you can log in to your Heroku account. If you don't have an account, you can sign up for free.

1. **Create a New Heroku App**:

In your terminal, navigate to your project directory and run:  
bash  
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heroku create your-app-name

* + Replace your-app-name with a unique name for your app.

1. **Initialize a Git Repository**:

If you haven't already initialized a Git repository in your project directory, do so by running:  
bash  
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git init

git add .

git commit -m "Initial commit"

1. **Deploy Your App to Heroku**:

Push your code to Heroku with:  
bash  
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git push heroku master

1. **Open Your App**:

After deployment, you can open your app in a browser by running:  
bash  
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heroku open

* + Heroku will provide you with a public URL (e.g., https://your-app-name.herokuapp.com/) that you can share with others.

#### **Step 3: Manage and Monitor Your App**

* **Scaling**: By default, Heroku assigns one web dyno (a lightweight container) to your app. You can scale your app with more dynos if needed (free tier limits apply).

**Logs**: Monitor your app’s activity and errors with:  
bash  
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heroku logs --tail

### **Summary**

* **Heroku** is the easiest and free way to deploy your Flask app.
* **No Cost**: Heroku’s free tier allows you to deploy small applications without cost, perfect for personal projects or testing.
* **Simple Deployment**: Follow the steps above, and your app will be online in no time.