

Welcome to Flask's documentation. Get started with <u>Installation</u> and then get an overview with the <u>Quickstart</u>. There is also a more detailed <u>Tutorial</u> that shows how to create a small but complete application with Flask. Common patterns are described in the <u>Patterns for Flask</u> section. The rest of the docs describe each component of Flask in detail, with a full reference in the <u>API</u> section.

Flask depends on the <u>Jinja</u> template engine and the <u>Werkzeug</u> WSGI toolkit. The documentation for these libraries can be found at:

- Jinja documentation
- Werkzeug documentation

# User's Guide

This part of the documentation, which is mostly prose, begins with some background information about Flask, then focuses on step-by-step instructions for web development with Flask.

- Foreword
  - What does "micro" mean?
  - Configuration and Conventions
  - Growing with Flask
- Foreword for Experienced Programmers
  - Thread-Locals in Flask
  - Develop for the Web with Caution
- Installation
  - Python Version
  - Dependencies
  - Virtual environments
  - Install Flask
  - Install virtualenv
- Quickstart

- A Minimal Application
- What to do if the Server does not Start
- Debug Mode
- Routing
- Static Files
- Rendering Templates
- Accessing Request Data
- Redirects and Errors
- About Responses
- Sessions
- Message Flashing
- Logging
- Hooking in WSGI Middleware
- Using Flask Extensions
- Deploying to a Web Server

#### Tutorial

- Project Layout
- Application Setup
- Define and Access the Database
- Blueprints and Views
- Templates
- Static Files
- Blog Blueprint
- Make the Project Installable
- Test Coverage
- Deploy to Production
- Keep Developing!

# • Templates

- Jinja Setup
- Standard Context
- Standard Filters
- Controlling Autoescaping
- Registering Filters
- Context Processors

## Testing Flask Applications

- The Application
- The Testing Skeleton
- The First Test
- Logging In and Out
- Test Adding Messages

- Other Testing Tricks
- Faking Resources and Context
- Keeping the Context Around
- Accessing and Modifying Sessions
- Testing JSON APIs
- Testing CLI Commands

## Application Errors

- Error Logging Tools
- Error handlers
- Logging

# • Debugging Application Errors

- When in Doubt, Run Manually
- Working with Debuggers

#### Logging

- Basic Configuration
- Email Errors to Admins
- Injecting Request Information
- Other Libraries

## • Configuration Handling

- Configuration Basics
- Environment and Debug Features
- Builtin Configuration Values
- Configuring from Files
- Configuring from Environment Variables
- Configuration Best Practices
- Development / Production
- Instance Folders

# Signals

- Subscribing to Signals
- Creating Signals
- Sending Signals
- Signals and Flask's Request Context
- Decorator Based Signal Subscriptions
- Core Signals

# • Pluggable Views

- Basic Principle
- Method Hints

- Method Based Dispatching
- Decorating Views
- Method Views for APIs

#### • The Application Context

- Purpose of the Context
- Lifetime of the Context
- Manually Push a Context
- Storing Data
- Events and Signals

#### The Request Context

- Purpose of the Context
- Lifetime of the Context
- Manually Push a Context
- How the Context Works
- Callbacks and Errors
- Context Preservation on Error
- Notes On Proxies

## • Modular Applications with Blueprints

- Why Blueprints?
- The Concept of Blueprints
- My First Blueprint
- Registering Blueprints
- Blueprint Resources
- Building URLs
- Error Handlers

#### Extensions

- Finding Extensions
- Using Extensions
- Building Extensions

### • Command Line Interface

- Application Discovery
- Run the Development Server
- Open a Shell
- Environments
- Debug Mode
- Environment Variables From dotenv
- Environment Variables From virtualenv
- Custom Commands

- Plugins
- Custom Scripts
- PyCharm Integration

#### • Development Server

- Command Line
- In Code
- Working with the Shell
  - Command Line Interface
  - Creating a Request Context
  - Firing Before/After Request
  - Further Improving the Shell Experience

#### Patterns for Flask

- Larger Applications
- Application Factories
- Application Dispatching
- Implementing API Exceptions
- Using URL Processors
- Deploying with Setuptools
- Deploying with Fabric
- Using SQLite 3 with Flask
- SQLAlchemy in Flask
- Uploading Files
- Caching
- View Decorators
- Form Validation with WTForms
- Template Inheritance
- Message Flashing
- AJAX with jQuery
- Custom Error Pages
- Lazily Loading Views
- MongoDB with MongoEngine
- Adding a favicon
- Streaming Contents
- Deferred Request Callbacks
- Adding HTTP Method Overrides
- Request Content Checksums
- Celery Background Tasks
- Subclassing Flask
- Single-Page Applications

- Deployment Options
  - Hosted options
  - Self-hosted options
- Becoming Big
  - Read the Source.
  - Hook. Extend.
  - Subclass.
  - Wrap with middleware.
  - Fork.
  - Scale like a pro.
  - Discuss with the community.

# **API Reference**

If you are looking for information on a specific function, class or method, this part of the documentation is for you.

- API
  - Application Object
  - Blueprint Objects
  - Incoming Request Data
  - Response Objects
  - Sessions
  - Session Interface
  - Test Client
  - Test CLI Runner
  - Application Globals
  - Useful Functions and Classes
  - Message Flashing
  - JSON Support
  - Template Rendering
  - Configuration
  - Stream Helpers
  - Useful Internals
  - Signals
  - Class-Based Views
  - URL Route Registrations
  - View Function Options
  - Command Line Interface

# **Additional Notes**

Design notes, legal information and changelog are here for the interested.

- Design Decisions in Flask
  - The Explicit Application Object
  - The Routing System
  - One Template Engine
  - Micro with Dependencies
  - Thread Locals
  - What Flask is, What Flask is Not
- HTML/XHTML FAQ
  - History of XHTML
  - History of HTML5
  - HTML versus XHTML
  - What does "strict" mean?
  - New technologies in HTML5
  - What should be used?
- Security Considerations
  - Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
  - Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)
  - JSON Security
  - Security Headers
- Unicode in Flask
  - Automatic Conversion
  - The Golden Rule
  - Encoding and Decoding Yourself
  - Configuring Editors
- Flask Extension Development
  - Anatomy of an Extension
  - "Hello Flaskext!"
  - Initializing Extensions
  - The Extension Code
  - Using \_app\_ctx\_stack
  - Learn from Others
  - Approved Extensions
- Pocoo Styleguide

- General Layout
- Expressions and Statements
- Naming Conventions
- Docstrings
- Comments

# • Upgrading to Newer Releases

- Version 0.12
- Version 0.11
- Version 0.10
- Version 0.9
- Version o.8
- Version 0.7
- Version o.6
- Version 0.5
- Version 0.4
- Version 0.3

# Changelog

- Version 1.1.2
- Version 1.1.1
- Version 1.1.0
- Version 1.0.4
- Version 1.0.3
- <u>Version 1.0.2</u>
- Version 1.0.1
- Version 1.0
- Version 0.12.5
- Version 0.12.4
- Version 0.12.3
- Version 0.12.2
- <u>Version 0.12.1</u>
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- Version o.6
- Version 0.5.2
- Version 0.5.1
- Version 0.5
- Version 0.4
- Version 0.3.1
- Version 0.3
- Version 0.2
- Version 0.1

# • License

- Source License
- Artwork License
- How to contribute to Flask
  - Support questions
  - Reporting issues
  - Submitting patches
  - Caution: zero-padded file modes