

Flask is a micro web framework written in Python. It is lightweight, flexible, and easy to use. Some of its key features include support for routing, templating, and web development tools.

◆ First, What's a Web Framework?

💡 Analogy:

Imagine you want to **build a house (a website)**. Would you start by cutting your own wood, making bricks, and inventing your own hammer?

Nope! You'd use:

- Tools (hammer, drill) 🛠️
- Blueprints 📐
- Helpful workers 👷

✅ A **web framework** is like that: it gives you **tools and ready-made parts** to quickly build **websites or web apps** without starting from scratch.

◆ So What's a Micro Web Framework?

- "Micro" doesn't mean tiny or weak.
- It means: **just the basics** — like a starter kit.
- A **micro web framework** gives you **only the essential tools**, not everything.

✓ Good when you want something **simple and clean**.

◆ Now, What is Flask?

💡 Simple Definition:

"Flask is a micro web framework in Python to build web applications."

🍔 Analogy:

Let's say Flask is like a **DIY burger kit**. You get:

- Bun
- Patty
- Basic toppings

You **choose** if you want cheese, sauce, lettuce, etc. (other add-ons).

That's Flask:

Feature	In Burger World	In Flask
Micro	Just the essentials	No extra baggage
Flexible	Add your own toppings	Add your tools/libraries manually
Web framework	Helps you build the burger	Helps you build websites
Written in	Recipe language	Python language 🐍

💡 Simple Analogy: Flask is like making a sandwich. 🍞🥪

Imagine you're hungry and want to eat quickly! You don't want a full buffet (like Django)... you just want to make a **quick custom sandwich**.

- **Bread (Python)**: You already have it.
- **Flask**: Gives you **just enough tools** — knife, plate, and some ingredients (routing, templating) — to make your sandwich as you like.
- It's small, fast, and doesn't force you to use too many ingredients or steps. You choose what to add!

Flask is a micro web framework that emphasizes simplicity and minimalism, while Django is a full-stack web framework that comes with built-in components for ORM, routing, templating, and more. Flask is better suited for smaller projects, while Django is better for larger, more complex projects.

◆ Slide Summary:

"Flask is a micro web framework (simple, minimal).

Django is a full-stack web framework (comes with a lot of things built-in).

Use Flask for small/simple projects, Django for large/complex projects."

💡 🍱 Analogy: "Build Your Meal" vs "Everything on the Plate"

	Flask 🍔	Django 🍱
Type	DIY Burger	Ready-made Bento Box
Tools	Just bun and patty — you add what you want	Everything is already packed—rice, fish, veggies, all organized
Flexibility	Do it your way	Follow the chef's way
Size of Project	Small 🍷	Big Buffet 🍽️

So...

- ✅ Flask gives **freedom** and **simplicity**
- ✅ Django gives **structure** and **power**

◆ Let's Decode the Terms:

Term from Slide	Easy Explanation
Micro web framework	Flask has just the basics: routing, templates, etc. You choose what to add.
Full-stack framework	Django gives you EVERYTHING : database, routing, templates, admin, security
ORM (Object-Relational Mapping)	A tool to connect your code to a database easily (Django has this built-in)
Routing	Mapping webpage links (URLs) to code
Templating	Showing content inside HTML from Python
Smaller projects	Quick websites, APIs, or tests
Larger projects	eCommerce sites, social networks, enterprise websites

A blueprint is a way to organize related views, templates, and static files in a Flask application. It allows you to group functionality into reusable modules that can be mounted onto the main application.

Analogy: Blueprint = Room Plan in a House

Imagine you're building a big house (your Flask web app). You don't want everything — kitchen, bedroom, bathroom — to be in one giant room, right?

👉 So you create separate room blueprints:

- Bedroom 🛏
- Kitchen 🍳
- Living Room 📺

Each room has its own:

- Layout (views)
- Decoration (templates)
- Shelf items (static files like images, CSS, JS)

✅ Then, you **plug** all the rooms together into the **final house plan** — that's how blueprints work in Flask.

So What is a "Blueprint" in Flask?

Word	Meaning in Flask
Blueprint	A reusable "mini app" — a part of the larger web app
Views	The functions that handle specific web pages or actions
Templates	HTML files that show data to users
Static Files	CSS, images, JavaScript, etc.
Group functionality	Keep related code together (like admin stuff in one file, blog in another)
Mounted	Combined into the main app later

Flask Basics – With Analogies

Concept	Simple Meaning	Real-world Analogy
Flask	A lightweight Python tool to create websites	A food truck — compact, fast, custom
App	Your main Flask program	The boss that runs everything
Route	URL path → function	Like a GPS: When a user goes to <code>/home</code> , run this code
View Function	Function that runs when someone visits a route	Like a chef cooking a dish for a customer
Template	HTML with placeholders	A form letter that gets filled with real names/prices
Static Files	CSS, JS, Images	The design, colors, styles
Blueprint	A way to split your app into parts	Each room in a house plan
Jinja2	Templating engine used with Flask	Makes your HTML smart – like putting variables in it: <code>{{ name }}</code>
Flask Debugger	Helps catch errors during development	Like spell-check for websites
Flask Development Server	Built-in test server	Practice kitchen for testing dishes
POST / GET	Types of form requests	GET = ask info 📄, POST = send data 📬

Example Code to Know Conceptually (NO memorization needed)

```
from flask import Flask
app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route("/")
def home():
    return "Hello, World!"
```



Line	What it does
<code>Flask()</code>	Creates your app
<code>@app.route("/")</code>	Maps the home route <code>/</code> to a function
<code>def home()</code>	Runs when <code>/</code> is visited
<code>return "Hello"</code>	Sends this text to the browser

Must-Know MCQ Concepts – Explained

Term	What to remember (MCQ Style)
Flask	A micro web framework in Python
Micro	Minimal — gives essential tools only
Routing	Connects URLs to code functions
Template Engine	Flask uses Jinja2
Blueprint	Helps keep code modular (split into parts)
<code>@app.route()</code>	Used for routing
Flask Server	Comes built-in
Static Files Folder	Usually in <code>/static</code>
Template Folder	Usually in <code>/templates</code>
ORM in Flask?	✗ No by default (need SQLAlchemy)
REST API Support?	✓ Yes (Flask is great for APIs too)
Developed by?	Armin Ronacher (extra points!)

Final Try-Hard Flashcards

Question	Answer
Flask default template engine	Jinja2
Used to group routes/views/templates	Blueprint
Run the app	<code>app.run()</code>
Make a URL in Flask	<code>@app.route("/about")</code>
Flask app file name by convention	<code>app.py</code>
Function used to return HTML pages	<code>render_template()</code>
Folder for CSS/images	<code>static/</code>
Folder for HTML files	<code>templates/</code>
Popular ORM used with Flask	SQLAlchemy
Flask's server best for production?	✗ No — use Gunicorn, etc.