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provide a link to download file



I am using python flask. I want to provide a url in template which varies in filename.

Folder structure:

project_folder/download/pdf <-images in this folder

url_for('download/pdf/filenameXYZ.pdf') didnt worked.

python flask url-for

asked Aug 20 '13 at 9:06

beebek
504 ● 1 ● 8 ● 23

2 Answers

If you want to return static content you should tell Flask that you want static content :)

As you can see in this example: <http://flask.pocoo.org/docs/patterns/jquery/?highlight=static>

You need something like this:

```
url_for('static', filename='download/pdf/filenameXYZ.pdf')
```

answered Aug 20 '13 at 9:18

Wolph
39.4k ● 6 ● 69 ● 97

Download works... Can't I put the download folder as in level of static folder ??? – beebek Aug 20 '13 at 14:40

Yes, as long as your downloads folder is a subdirectory of your static folder it should work like that. Alternatively, you can also add the redirect in your webserver somewhere. – Wolph Aug 20 '13 at 17:34

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[url_for](#) takes a flask function that has a route associated with it and any parameters you want to pass to that view. What [url_for](#) will do is return the URL path for that function.

If you want to display a PDF then you need to render a template which contains a HTML or tag. [There's actually a bunch of different ways to handle this](#)

An example that you could use in a template is

```
<embed src="/download/pdf/the.pdf" width="500" height="375">
```

the main point is that [url_for](#) doesn't take a file path.

answered Aug 20 '13 at 9:13



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