Email Verification using Flask-Mail

- 1. Flask: This is the core framework used to build the web application.
- 2. Flask-Mail: This library is used to send emails from the Flask application.
- 3. itsdangerous: This library provides various functions to work with JSON Web Signatures (JWS) and TimeStamped Signatures (TSS), which are used to create and validate tokens in the code. Used to create a token that includes the user's email address and a timestamp. Then serialize the data into a token, and then load it back to deserialize the token back into the original data. We could set an expiration time of the signature eg: an hour.

Steps:

- 1. A user enters their email address into a form on the website.
- 2. The application generates a secure token that represents the user's email address using itsdangerous.
- 3. The token is embedded in a link, which is included in an email that is sent to the user.
- 4. The user clicks the link in their email, which directs them to a route in the application that includes the token as a parameter.
- 5. The application extracts the token from the URL, deserializes it back into the user's email address using itsdangerous, and checks that the token hasn't expired.
- 6. If the token is valid, the application marks the user's email address as confirmed in the database.

Password reset using Flask-Mail

- 1. Accept an email to verify the user.
- 2. If the email address is valid, we generate a token.
- 3. Now we send a mail to the user with an url containing our secret token.
- 4. After validating the token, we redirect the user to a page where he could overwrite his password and this password is updated in the database.