

# Doodle Brawl

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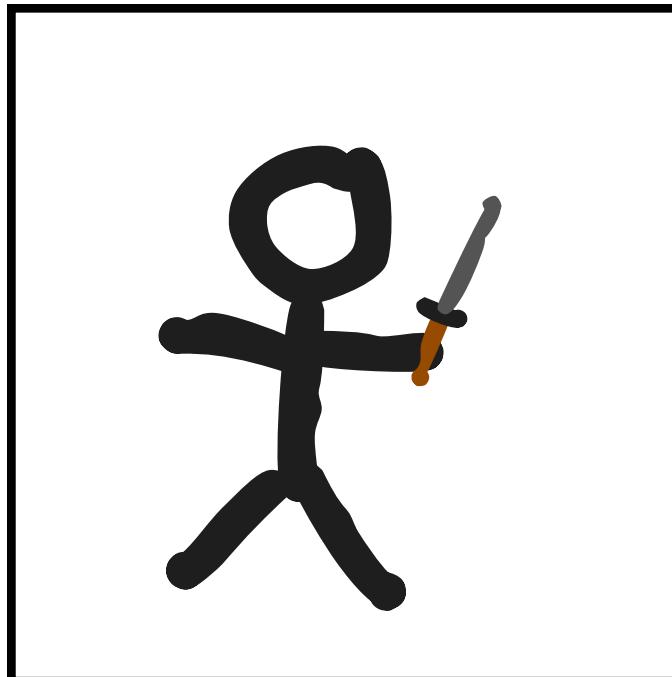
# What is Doodle Brawl?

A website that brings your doodles to life in 1v1 prize fights

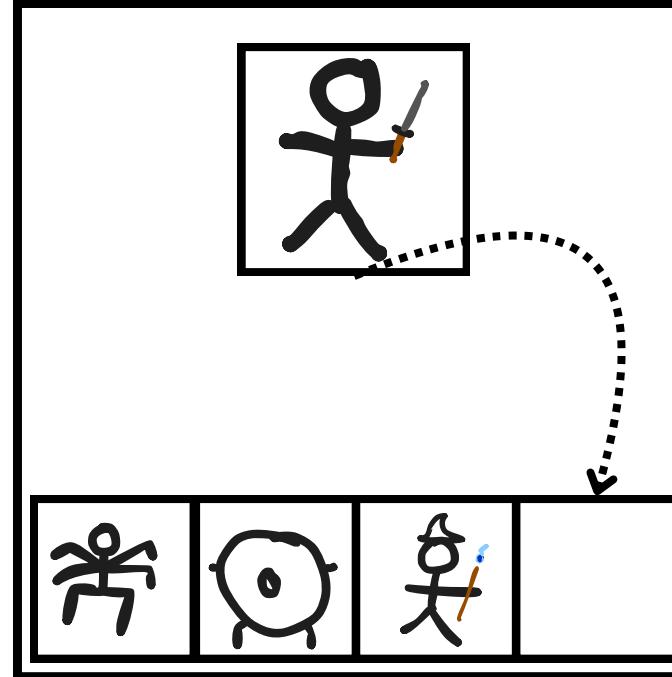
**Doodle Brawl** is a lighthearted combat sports webapp.

Draw a fighter to add them to the roster, then spectate the (not-so) bloodsport.

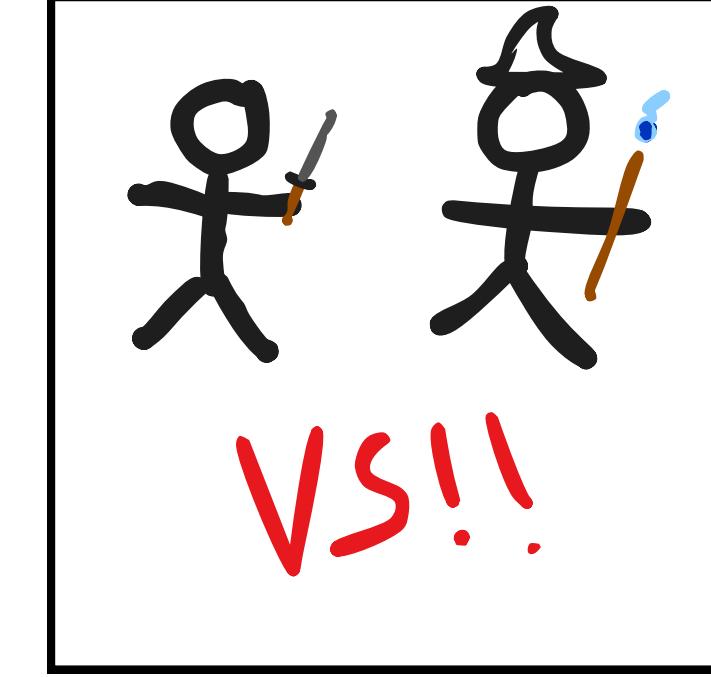
**Doodle Brawl** uses the Gemini API for “billing” fighters and producing their matches all while providing color commentary on the action.



1. Create your fighter

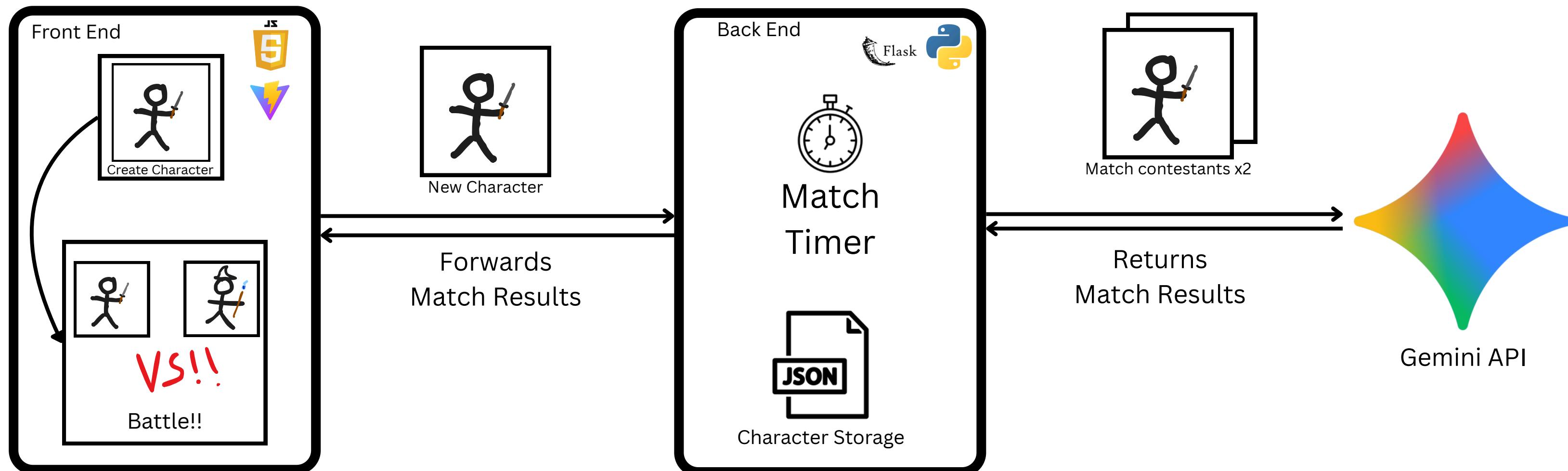


2. Submit them to the roster



3. Watch them **fight!**

# How does it work?



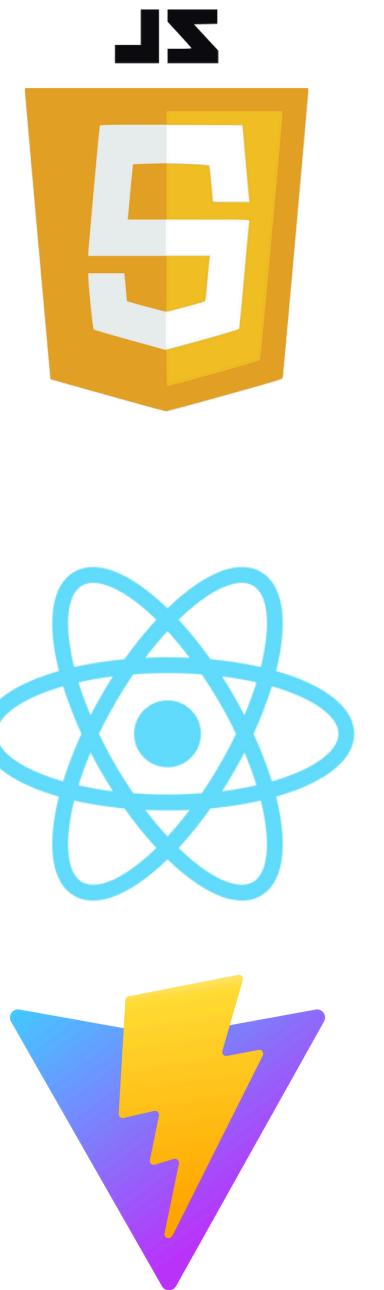
# Frontend

Built with React & Vite

- App split in two sections: Battle grounds and Drawing canvas

```
c/BattleView.jsx App.css
121 21      );
122 20    }
123 19
124 18  return (
125 17    <div class='root'>
126 16      <h2>Next match in: {timer}</h2>
127 15      <div class='row'>
128 14
129 13        <div class='column'>
130 12          <p class='fighter-name fighter-1'>{battleState.fighters[0].name}</p>
131 11          <div class='fighter-img'>
132 10            {battleState && <ImageViewer base64={battleState.fighters[0].image_file} />}
133 9        </div>
134 8          <div class='stats'>
135 7            <p>Fighter Description: {battleState.fighters[0].description}</p>
136 6            <p>Wins: {battleState.fighters[0].wins}</p>
137 5            <p>Loses: {battleState.fighters[0].losses}</p>
138 4          </div>
139 3        </div>
140 2
141 1
142 0        <div class='column'>
143 1          <p class='fighter-name fighter-2'>{battleState.fighters[1].name}</p>
144 1          <div class='fighter-img'>
145 2            {battleState && <ImageViewer base64={battleState.fighters[1].image_file} />}
146 3        </div>
147 4          <div class='stats'>
148 5            <p>Fighter Description: {battleState.fighters[1].description}</p>
149 6            <p>Wins: {battleState.fighters[1].wins}</p>
150 7            <p>Loses: {battleState.fighters[1].losses}</p>
151 8          </div>
152 9        </div>
153 10
154 11        <div class='logs'>
155 12          <ul>
156 13            {logState.map((log, index) => (
157 14              <li class='one-log' key={index}>
158 15                <span class='log-name'>
159 16                  {log.actor}
160 17                </span>
161 18                  <div dangerouslySetInnerHTML={{ __html: log.description }} />
162 19                </li>
163 20              ))
164 21            </ul>
165 22
166 23
167 24          <p class='summary'>{summaryState}</p>
168 25        </div>
169 26      </div>
170 27    );
171 28 }
```

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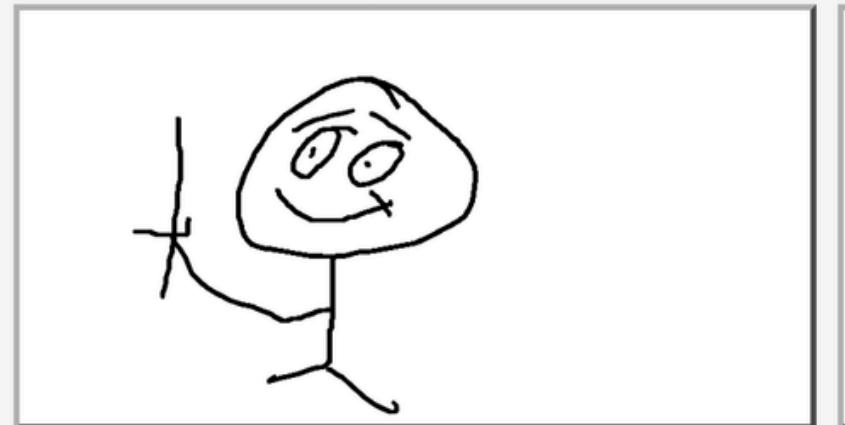


## Doodle Brawl!

Battle Grounds

Next match in: Battle commencing!

Joe M

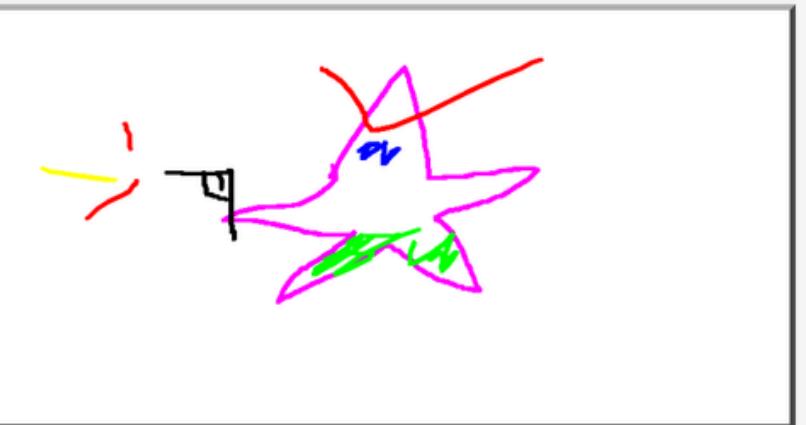


Fighter Description: A stick figure holding a stick, looking somewhat confident.

Wins: 2

Loses: 17

Fatrick



Fighter Description: A star-shaped creature with a gun.

Wins: 2

Loses: 0

Fatrick

Fired a **shot** from his gun!

Joe M

Swung his stick with a mighty strike!

Fatrick

Took aim and fired a powerful **bullet**!

Joe M

Lunched forward with a surprising jab!

Fatrick

Unleashed a rapid-fire **barrage**!

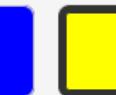
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Draw your fighter!

Dr. Leonard

Color:



Size:



4px

Eraser

Undo

Redo

Clear

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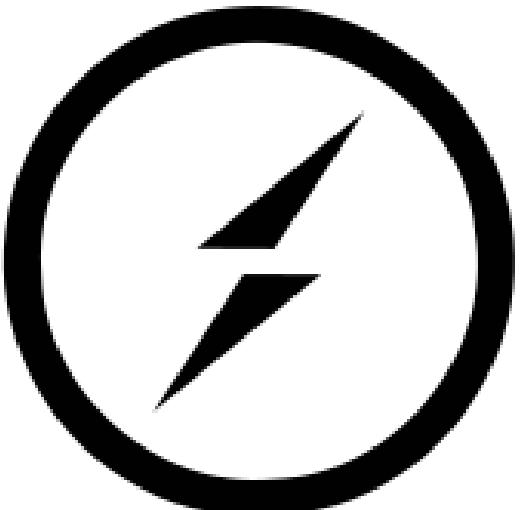
Submit for Battle!



# Frontend

Built with React & Vite

- Communicates with backend via **Socket.io**
  - Images encoded with base64
  - Lost connection is handled seamlessly



socket.io

```
c/BattleView.jsx  App.css
73 18      setTimer("Battle commencing!")
74 17    }
75 16  else {
76 15    setTimer("Bookie is working on the next match...")
77 14  }
78 13  console.log(data);
79 12  }
80 11
81 10 // Listen for and Load battles from backend
useEffect(() => {
82 9   // Register Listeners
83 8     socket.on('match_scheduled', handleSchedule);
84 7     socket.on('match_result', handleResult);
85 6     socket.on('timer_update', handleTimerUpdate);
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      // Get initial fighter info from scheduled battle
      fetch('/card')
        .then(response => {
          if (!response.ok) throw new Error('Network response was not ok');
          return response.json();
        })
        .then(json => {
          console.log("Got Fresh Fighter Data");
          processFightData(json);
          setLoading(false);
        })
        .catch(err => {
          setError(err.message);
          setLoading(false);
        });
    }

    // De-register listeners for cleanup
    return () => {
      socket.off('match_scheduled', handleSchedule);
      socket.off('match_result', handleResult);
      socket.off('timer_update', handleTimerUpdate);
    }
  }, [l]);
}

if (loading) return <div class='net-loading'>Loading...</div>;
if (error) return <div class='net-error'>Error: {error}</div>;
if (!battleState || !battleState.fighters || battleState.fighters.length < 2) { return (
  <div className='root waiting-screen'>
    <h1>Waiting for Next Match...</h1>
    {timer && <h2>Next Match in: {timer}s</h2>}
  </div>
);
}
}
```

# Backend

Built with Flask, Gemini API, and Python

- Server uses Flask sockets for client/server updating and endpoints for data retrieval
- Uses a highly configured API call to Google's **genai** library.
- Website is run using gunicorn to create a production-level flask environment

```
#####
#          GEMINI API          #
#####
client = genai.Client(api_key=API_KEY)
SYSTEM_PROMPT = """
You are the "Doodle Brawl" Game Engine. Your goal is to simulate a turn-based combat game between two fighters. You'll also need to act as the color commentator of the matches, giving updates on the fighters' health, agility, and power levels.

## PHASE 1: STAT GENERATION
Analyze the provided images for both fighters.
IF a fighter has `fight_count: 0` (stats are empty/null), you MUST generate stats for them.
1. **HP (50-200)**: Low for small/fragile, High for big/armored. (Avg 100)
2. **AGILITY (1-10)**: Low for heavy/clunky, High for sleek/athletic.
3. **POWER (1-20)**: Low for weak, High for dangerous/weapon-wielding.
4. **DESCRIPTION**: A one-sentence combat-sport introduction (e.g. "The agile fighter...")

## PHASE 2: COMBAT SIMULATION
Simulate the fight turn-by-turn until one reaches 0 HP. A "favorability" rule applies: If Agility > 6, that fighter has a 20% chance to perform a special move.
* **Move Types**:
    * STANDARD: 'ATTACK' : Standard hit (Power +/- variance).
    * STANDARD: 'RECOVER' : Recover HP (HP +/- variance).
    * IF POWER>=15: 'SLAM' : Large hit (Power(+5) +/- variance).
    * IF AGILITY>=7: 'DIVE' : Dive from off ropes (Agility + Power +/-
    * etc.

## PHASE 3: MATCH SUMMARY AND WINNER
You'll end off by declaring the winner, and providing an exciting, but
dramatic summary of the battle."
```

GEMINI API PROMPT

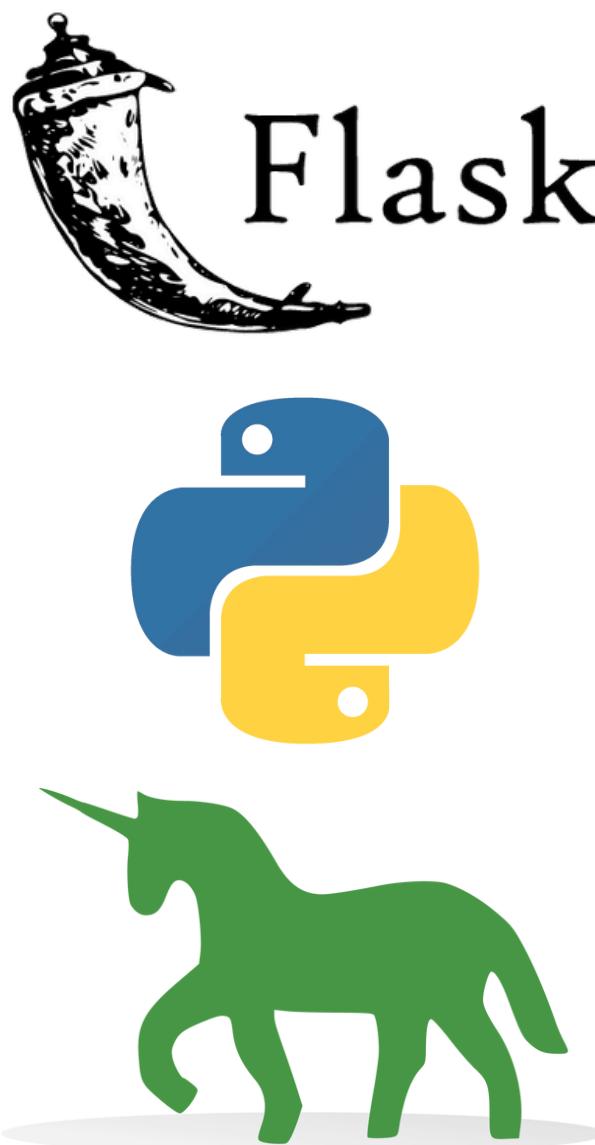
```
#####
#          SERVER HANDLERS        #
#####

@app.route('/card')
def return_current_card():
    global NEXT_MATCH
    current_match = NEXT_MATCH
    if current_match is None:
        return jsonify({
            'fighters': [],
            'starts_in': 0,
            'status': 'waiting'
        })
    try:
        fighters_data = [c.to_dict() for c in current_match]
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"-- ERROR SERVING CARD: {e} --!")
        return jsonify({'error': str(e)}), 500
    return jsonify({
        'fighters': fighters_data,
        'starts_in': BATTLE_TIMER,
        'status': 'scheduled'
    })
```

SERVER HANDLERS

```
def run_scheduled_battle():
    global NEXT_MATCH
    if not NEXT_MATCH:
        return
    p1, p2 = NEXT_MATCH
    print(f"-- RUNNING BATTLE: {p1.name} vs {p2.name} --!")
    favorability = random.randint(1,100)
    #battle information to be sent to gemini API
    request_content = [
        f"FAVORABILITY: {favorability}",
        f"",
        f"FIGTER 1:",
        f"ID: {p1.id}",
        f"Name: {p1.name}",
        f"Current Stats: {p1.stats} (If empty, generate them based on attached image)",
        f"Fight Count: {p1.wins + p1.losses}",
        f"",
        f"get_image_part_from_base64(p1.image_file), #fighter 1 drawing",
        f"",
        f"FIGTER 2:",
        f"ID: {p2.id}",
        f"Name: {p2.name}",
        f"Current Stats: {p2.stats} (If empty, generate them based on attached image)",
        f"Fight Count: {p2.wins + p2.losses}",
        f"",
        f"get_image_part_from_base64(p2.image_file) #fighter 2 drawing"
    ]
```

FIGHT GENERATOR



# Live Demo

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