

Flask + SQLite File Upload App — Fully Explained (with Templates & CSS)

This edition adds full listings for `index.html`, `view_file.html`, and the complete `style.css`, each with line numbers and brief explanations.

Context Recap

The app lets users upload .txt files, stores metadata (uploader, time, message, genre) in SQLite, supports search/filter, and displays file contents. Frontend is separated using Flask templates.

Template: `templates/base.html`

Purpose: Provides a shared layout, loads CSS, shows flash messages, and yields a content block.

```
1: <!DOCTYPE html>
2: <html>
3: <head>
4:     <title>{{ title or "Flask App" }}</title>
5:     <link rel="stylesheet" href="{{ url_for('static', filename='style.css') }}">
6: </head>
7: <body>
8:     <header>
9:         <h1>{{ title or "Flask App" }}</h1>
10:    </header>
11:    <main>
12:        <p class="flash-messages">
13:            {% with messages = get_flashed_messages() %}
14:                {% if messages %}
15:                    {% for msg in messages %}
16:                        <div class="flash">{{ msg }}</div>
17:                    {% endfor %}
18:                {% endif %}
19:            {% endwith %}
20:        </p>
21:        {% block content %}{% endblock %}
22:    </main>
23: </body>
24: </html>
```

Template: `templates/index.html`

Purpose: Upload form (file + message + genre), search/filter controls, and the uploads table with a View link.

```
1: {% extends "base.html" %}
2: {% block content %}
3:
4: <h2>Upload a Text File</h2>
5: <form method="POST" enctype="multipart/form-data">
6:     <input type="file" name="file" accept=".txt" required><br><br>
7:
8:     <textarea name="message" placeholder="Enter a message about this file..." rows="3" cols="40"></>
9:
10:    <label for="genre">Select a genre:</label>
11:    <select name="genre" required>
12:        <option value="Analysis">Analysis</option>
13:        <option value="Development">Development</option>
14:        <option value="Programming">Programming</option>
15:        <option value="Other">Other</option>
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16:         </select><br><br>
17:
18:         <button type="submit">Upload</button>
19:     </form>
20:
21: <h2>Search & Filter</h2>
22: <form method="GET" action="/">
23:     <input type="text" name="search" placeholder="Search by filename or message..." value="{{ request.args.get('search') }}" />
24:
25:     <select name="genre_filter">
26:         <option value="">All Genres</option>
27:         {% for g in genres %}
28:             <option value="{{ g }}" {% if request.args.get('genre_filter') == g %>selected{% endif %}>{{ g }}</option>
29:         {% endfor %}
30:     </select>
31:
32:     <select name="user_filter">
33:         <option value="">All Users</option>
34:         {% for u in users %}
35:             <option value="{{ u }}" {% if request.args.get('user_filter') == u %>selected{% endif %}>{{ u }}</option>
36:         {% endfor %}
37:     </select>
38:
39:     <button type="submit">Filter</button>
40:     <a href="{{ url_for('index') }}">Clear</a>
41: </form>
42:
43: <h2>Upload History</h2>
44: <table>
45:     <thead>
46:         <tr>
47:             <th>Filename</th>
48:             <th>Uploaded By</th>
49:             <th>Upload Time</th>
50:             <th>Message</th>
51:             <th>Genre</th>
52:             <th>Action</th>
53:         </tr>
54:     </thead>
55:     <tbody>
56:         {% for f, u, t, m, g in uploads %}
57:             <tr>
58:                 <td>{{ f }}</td>
59:                 <td>{{ u }}</td>
60:                 <td>{{ t }}</td>
61:                 <td>{{ m }}</td>
62:                 <td>{{ g }}</td>
63:                 <td><a href="{{ url_for('view_file', filename=f) }}">View</a></td>
64:             </tr>
65:         {% endfor %}
66:     </tbody>
67: </table>
68:
69: {% endblock %}

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Template: templates/view_file.html

Purpose: Displays file content plus its metadata (uploader, time, message, genre).

```

1: {% extends "base.html" %}
2: {% block content %}
3:
4: <h2>Viewing File: {{ filename }}</h2>
5:
6: <p><b>Uploaded by:</b> {{ username }}<br>
7: <b>Upload time:</b> {{ upload_time }}<br>
8: <b>Message:</b> {{ message }}<br>
9: <b>Genre:</b> {{ genre }}</p>
10:
11: <pre class="file-view">{{ content }}</pre>

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12:
13: <p><a href="{ { url_for('index') } }">■ Back</a></p>
14:
15: {% endblock %}

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Stylesheet: static/style.css (FULL)

Purpose: Basic clean styling for header, forms, tables, flash messages, and file viewer.

```

1: /* Reset and base */
2: body {
3:     font-family: Arial, sans-serif;
4:     margin: 20px;
5:     background: #f8f9fa;
6:     color: #333;
7: }
8:
9: header {
10:     background: #4a90e2;
11:     color: white;
12:     padding: 15px;
13:     border-radius: 8px;
14:     margin-bottom: 20px;
15: }
16:
17: h1, h2 {
18:     margin-top: 0;
19: }
20:
21: /* Forms */
22: form {
23:     margin-bottom: 20px;
24:     padding: 15px;
25:     background: white;
26:     border: 1px solid #ddd;
27:     border-radius: 8px;
28: }
29:
30: input[type="file"],
31: input[type="text"],
32: textarea,
33: select {
34:     padding: 8px;
35:     margin: 5px 0;
36:     width: 100%;
37:     max-width: 500px;
38:     border: 1px solid #ccc;
39:     border-radius: 5px;
40:     box-sizing: border-box;
41: }
42:
43: button {
44:     padding: 8px 15px;
45:     background: #4a90e2;
46:     color: white;
47:     border: none;
48:     border-radius: 5px;
49:     cursor: pointer;
50: }
51:
52: button:hover {
53:     background: #357ab7;
54: }
55:
56: /* Table */
57: table {
58:     width: 100%;
59:     border-collapse: collapse;
60:     background: white;
61:     margin-top: 15px;

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62:     border-radius: 8px;
63:     overflow: hidden;
64: }
65:
66: table th, table td {
67:     padding: 10px;
68:     border: 1px solid #ddd;
69:     text-align: left;
70:     vertical-align: top;
71: }
72:
73: table th {
74:     background: #f1f1f1;
75: }
76:
77: /* Flash messages */
78: .flash {
79:     background: #ffdddd;
80:     border: 1px solid #ff8888;
81:     padding: 10px;
82:     border-radius: 5px;
83:     margin-bottom: 10px;
84: }
85:
86: /* File viewer */
87: pre,
88: pre.file-view {
89:     background: #f4f4f4;
90:     padding: 15px;
91:     border-radius: 5px;
92:     white-space: pre-wrap; /* allow wrapping for long lines */
93:     word-wrap: break-word;
94: }
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