

To framework or not?

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- **2 Perspectives**
- **Tough questions**

# Perspectives

- 1 - Learning a language via a framework**
- 2 - Developing a system for production**



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# Both perspectives have different:

- **Responsibilities**
- **Priorities**
- **Requirements**



# Using a framework when learning a language

## Pros

Good practice is used

Lots of help\*

Good documentation

## Cons

Isolated from the language

A single framework is not  
a transferable skill

# Developing a system for production

## Pros

Good practice  
Documentation  
Community driven

Extendable  
Reliable  
RAD  
Choice

## Cons

Bloat  
Fighting the framework  
Difficult to change once invested

# Bloat

## Fighting the framework

**True of monolithic frameworks**



**Choice**

**Compatibility**

**True of micro frameworks**

# Rolling your own

## Pros

High learning potential

Streamlined and bespoke

You own it

## Cons

Lack of support

Not able to develop complex features quickly

# Tough questions need to be asked



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**Is it needed?**

**Will this benefit me or the project?**

**How much time is required?**

**Is it possible?**

If you choose to use a framework you should be able to **answer why** you are using it and be able to **identify** what **problems** it is solving

Write this down!



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What **features** will the project have in the future and will the framework **allow** for those **changes**?



**You shouldn't** choose to use a framework  
**The needs of the project should** choose  
for you



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