Differences between Library and a Framework:

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<u>Feature</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>Framework</u>
Purpose	Provides pre-written code for specific tasks	Provides a foundation and structure for building applications
Control Flow	You control when and how the library is used	The framework dictates the overall structure and flow of your application
Scope	Offers functionality for specific tasks	Offers a broader range of features for entire applications
Flexibility	More flexible, you can use functions as needed	Less flexible, you need to adapt your code to the framework's structure
Example	Math library for calculations	Web development framework like Django or Ruby on Rails

Here's an analogy:

- •Libraries are like toolkits: They provide a set of tools (functions) that you can use to complete specific tasks while working on your project. You decide which tool to use and when.
- •Frameworks are like pre-fabricated houses: They provide a blueprint and most of the materials (pre-written code) to build a house (application). You can customize the house (code) to some extent, but the overall structure is predetermined.

Choosing between a library and a framework depends on your needs. If you need to add a specific functionality to your existing project, a library is a good option. If you're building a new application from scratch and want a structured approach, a framework might be better.