



# LIBRARY VS FRAMEWORK



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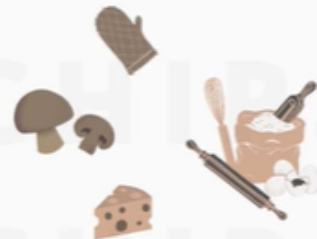
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Lets say you want to make a Pizza


You will need to

- prepare the dough
- Chop the toppings
- Arrange them
- Bake it
- etc ..



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To Prepare it you will need some tools

You can either forge and create  
your own tools

or buy a toolset that already  
has the things you need






This toolset represents a library



Here you have the control to do what you want. You can use it to prepare Pizzas , Cakes or anything else

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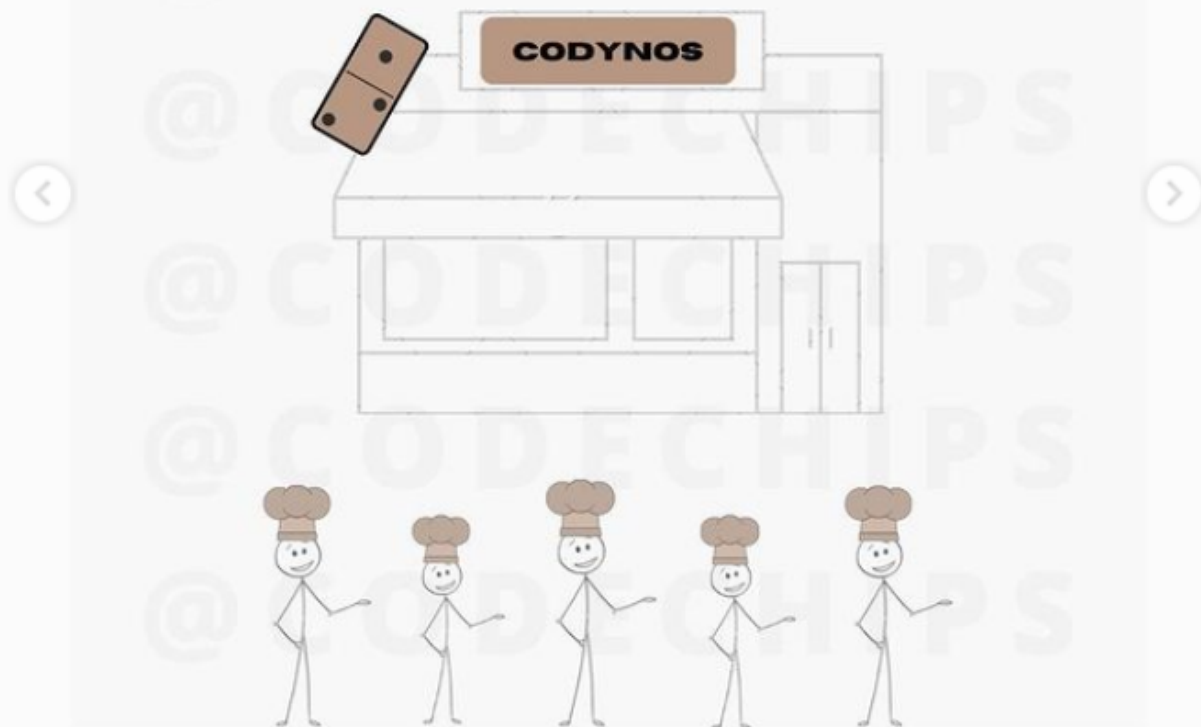
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But What if You have a Pizza Restaurant

And the only thing you are going to do  
is make pizzas every time



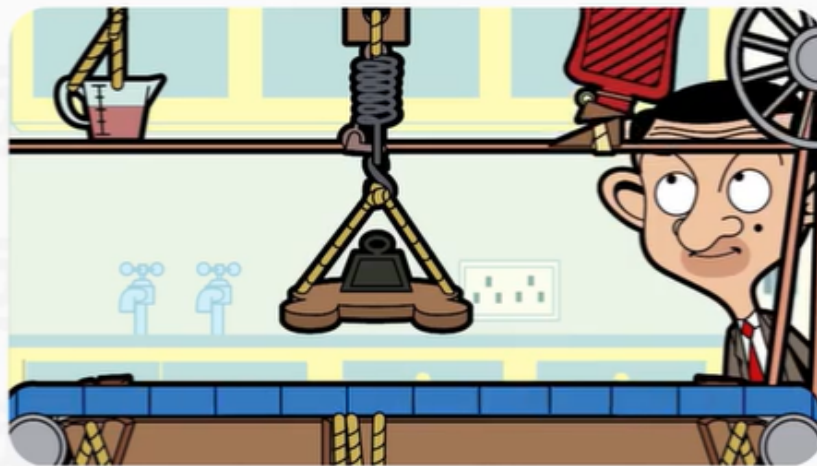
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Here instead of using a toolset you can have a Pizza machine specifically made to simplify your repetitive processes



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It represents  
the framework

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Here you can have some control but the machine follows its own set of structures to prepare the Pizzas

And its the machine taking control of your pizza preparation

inversion of control



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These could represent the difference between a **library** and a **framework**

Both libraries and frameworks are **reusable code** written by someone else. Their purpose is to help you solve common problems in easier ways.

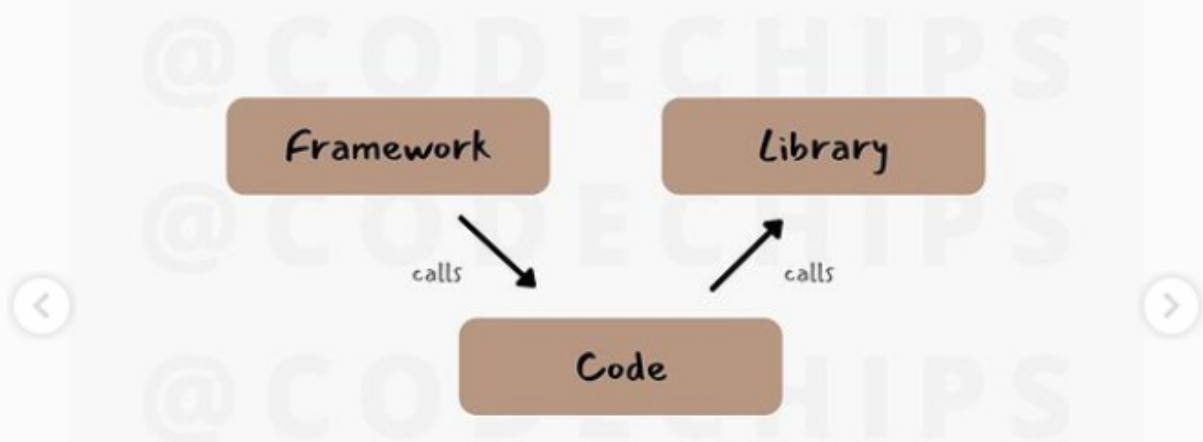






## Library

A library provides a set of helper functions / objects / modules which your application code calls for specific functionality eg : `jQuery`



## Framework

Framework is an abstraction in which software providing generic functionality can be selectively changed by additional user-written code, thus providing application-specific software eg : `django`