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Welcome to Flask

Welcome to Flask's documentation. Get started with Installation and then get an overview with the Quickstart. There is also a more detailed Tutorial that shows how to create a small but complete application with Flask. Common patterns are described in the Patterns for Flask section. The rest of the docs describe each component of Flask in detail, with a full reference in the API section.



Flask depends on the <u>Jinja</u> template engine and the <u>Werkzeug</u> WSGI toolkit. The documentation for these libraries can be found at:

- Jinja documentation
- · Werkzeug documentation

User's Guide

This part of the documentation, which is mostly prose, begins with some background information about Flask, then focuses on step-by-step instructions for web development with Flask.

Foreword

- What does "micro" mean?
- Configuration and Conventions
- Growing with Flask
- Foreword for Experienced Programmers
 - Thread-Locals in Flask
 - Develop for the Web with Caution

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- · Configuring from Files
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- Configuration Best Practices
- Development / Production

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- Creating Signals
- Sending Signals
- Signals and Flask's Request Context
- Decorator Based Signal Subscriptions
- Core Signals

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- Basic Principle
- Method Hints
- Method Based Dispatching
- Decorating Views
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• The Application Context

- Purpose of the Context
- · Lifetime of the Context
- Manually Push a Context
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• The Request Context

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- · Lifetime of the Context
- Manually Push a Context
- · How the Context Works
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- · The Concept of Blueprints
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 - · Application Factories
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 - Using URL Processors
 - Deploying with Setuptools
 - Deploying with Fabric
 - Using SQLite 3 with Flask
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 - AJAX with jQuery
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 - Request Content Checksums
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- · Deployment Options
 - Hosted options
 - · Self-hosted options
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 - Read the Source.
 - · Hook. Extend.
 - Subclass.
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 - · Discuss with the community.

API Reference

If you are looking for information on a specific function, class or method, this part of the documentation is for you.

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 - · Incoming Request Data
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 - · Test CLI Runner
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 - · Useful Functions and Classes
 - Message Flashing
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 - Template Rendering
 - Configuration
 - Stream Helpers
 - Useful Internals
 - Signals
 - · Class-Based Views
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Additional Notes

Design notes, legal information and changelog are here for the interested.

- Design Decisions in Flask
 - The Explicit Application Object
 - The Routing System
 - One Template Engine
 - Micro with Dependencies
 - Thread Locals
 - What Flask is, What Flask is Not
- HTML/XHTML FAQ
 - History of XHTML
 - History of HTML5
 - HTML versus XHTML
 - What does "strict" mean?
 - New technologies in HTML5
 - · What should be used?
- Security Considerations
 - Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
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 - Automatic Conversion
 - The Golden Rule
 - · Encoding and Decoding Yourself
 - Configuring Editors

Flask Extension Development

- Anatomy of an Extension
- "Hello Flaskext!"
- Initializing Extensions
- The Extension Code
- Using _app_ctx_stack
- Learn from Others
- Approved Extensions

Pocoo Styleguide

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- Expressions and Statements
- Naming Conventions
- Docstrings
- Comments

Upgrading to Newer Releases

- Version 0.12
- Version 0.11
- Version 0.10
- Version 0.9
- Version 0.8
- Version 0.7
- Version 0.6
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- Version 0.3

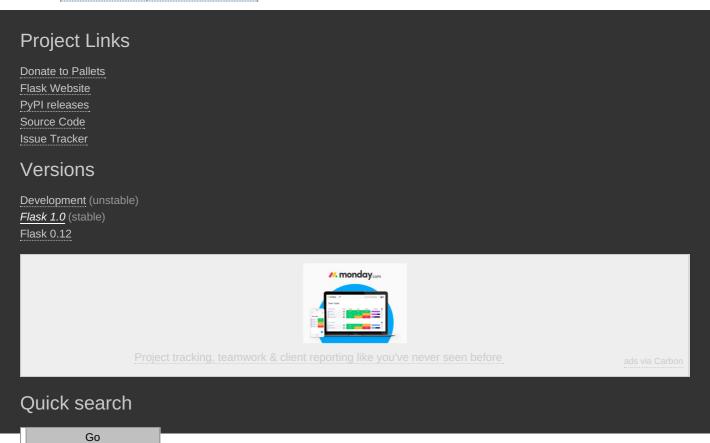
Flask Changelog

- Version 1.0.3
- Version 1.0.2
- Version 1.0.1
- Version 1.0
- Version 0.12.4
- Version 0.12.3
- Version 0.12.2
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