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# Welcome to Flask¶

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

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## 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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- Session Interface
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- Test CLI Runner
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- Configuration
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- Useful Internals
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- URL Route Registrations
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### Additional Notes¶

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

- Design Decisions in Flask
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  - One Template Engine
  - Micro with Dependencies
  - Thread Locals
  - What Flask is, What Flask is Not
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  - 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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  - General License Definitions
  - Flask License
  - Flask Artwork License
- How to contribute to Flask
  - Support questions
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### **Project Links**

- Donate to Pallets
- Flask Website
- PyPI releases
- Source Code
- Issue Tracker

#### **Versions**

- <u>Development</u> (unstable)
- Flask 1.0 (stable)
- Flask 0.12
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