

Pros of Streamlit:

1. Quick Development:

- It allows rapid prototyping of web applications in just a few lines of Python code.

2. Simple and Easy:

- Accessible to beginners in web development, no need HTML, CSS, or JavaScript. Everything is written in Python.

3. Real-time Interactivity:

- It automatically updates the app whenever the user interacts with it, without refreshing the page.
- It has sliders, graphs, and input making it great for data exploration and dashboards.

4. Supports DS and ML:

- Libraries like Pandas, Numpy, Matplotlib, etc are supportable to visualize and display data-driven models.

5. Built-in Components:

- Like charts, tables, maps, file upload/download, etc., which means we don't need to build these from scratch.

6. Deployment is Easy:

- It provides simple deployment options. We can deploy our app with just a few commands, or use Streamlit sharing platform to host the app.
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Cons of Streamlit:

1. Limited Customization:

- It lacks the flexibility and customization options of traditional web frameworks like Flask or Django.
- If we need highly customized UI components, Streamlit may not be the best choice.

2. Not Ideal for Large Applications:

- It is designed for small to medium-sized applications. If our application needs complex routing, user authentication, or large-scale functionality, go to other frameworks like Flask, Django

3. Performance Issues for Complex Applications:

- It's automatic re-execution on every user interaction can lead to performance issues for complex applications or large datasets.
- The app may also reload unnecessarily, leading to a poor user experience.

4. Limited Control Over the UI:

- Customizing the look and feel of your application beyond Streamlit's built-in components can be difficult. It's not as flexible in terms of UI/UX as other web frameworks.
- We can inject custom CSS and JavaScript, but it's not as seamless as in other frontend frameworks.

5. Limited Backend Support:

- Streamlit is mainly focused on the frontend and user interface and does not offer much in terms of handling backend logic, authentication, or database management.
- For more complex apps, we'll need to integrate Streamlit with other backend technologies like Flask or Django.

6. Single-Page Nature:

- Streamlit applications are designed as single-page apps, so if our app requires multiple pages with complex navigation, it is not recommend to implement
- Multi-page apps are possible with some tricks(like query params), but it's not as straightforward as in other web frameworks.

7. Limited Community and Ecosystem:

- While Streamlit's community is growing, it is still smaller compared to more established web frameworks like Flask or Django.
 - There are fewer tutorials, plugins, and third-party resources available for Streamlit compared to larger web development ecosystems.
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When to Use Streamlit:

- **Prototyping:** It's perfect for quickly building and sharing interactive prototypes, especially for data visualization and ML applications.
- **Data Exploration:** Ideal for creating interactive dashboards to explore datasets and share insights with others.
- **Small Applications:** It works well for small, standalone applications or demos, particularly those focusing on data science, machine learning, or visualizations.

When Not to Use Streamlit:

- **Large-scale Applications:** If we need complex backend logic, user authentication, or multi-page applications with extensive routing, Streamlit might not