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Introduction to routing

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• **Routing** in Flask is the mechanism that maps URLs to view functions. When a client (like a web browser) makes a request to a specific URL, Flask determines which Python function should handle that request based on the defined routes.

- Key Concepts:
- Route: A URL pattern that Flask recognizes.
- **View Function**: A Python function that Flask calls when a specific route is requested.
- URL: The address clients use to access resources on the server.

Defining Routes

• In Flask, routes are typically defined using decorators. The @app.route decorator associates a URL with a view function.

HTTP methods Vetwork -

• HTTP methods define the action to be performed for a given resource. Flask routing allows you to specify which HTTP methods a route should respond to.

Common HTTP Methods:

- ©ET: Retrieve data from the server.
- > POST: Submit data to the server. 🗸
- PUT: Update existing data∴

Default Method:

o If not specified, routes respond to GET requests by default.

Dynamic Routes and Variable Rules

 Dynamic routes allow parts of the URL to be variable, capturing values from the URL and passing them as arguments to the view function.

Syntax:

@app.route('/user/≤username≥')
def show_user(username):
 return f"User: {username}"



URL converters type costing int string int stool

- Flask provides URL converters to specify the type of variable parts in URLs. This
 ensures that the captured variables meet certain criteria before passing them to
 view functions.
- Common Converters:
- string (default): Accepts any text without a slash.
 - <string:name> or <name>
- int: Accepts positive integers.
 - <int:id>
- float: Accepts positive floating-point values.
 - <float:price>
- path: Like string but accepts slashes.
 - <path:subpath>
- uuid: Accepts UUID strings.
 - <uuid:identifier>

Route Defaults

 You can specify default values for parts of the URL, making certain parameters optional or providing fallback values.

syntax

```
@app.route('/greet/', defaults={'name': 'Guest'})
@app.route('/greet/<name>')
def greet(name):
  return f"Hello, {name}!"
```

Example Usage:

- /greet/ → "Hello, Guest!"
- /greet/Alice → "Hello, Alice!"

Route Endpoints

- An **endpoint** is a unique identifier for a route, usually the name of the view function. You can explicitly specify an endpoint name, which is useful when multiple routes share the same view function
- Default Endpoint:

```
@app.route('/home')
def home():
    return "Home Page"

# Endpoint: 'home'
• Custom Endpoints
@app.route('/start', endpoint='begin')
def home():
    return "Home Page"

# Endpoint: 'begin'
```

Url building

- The **url_for** function generates URLs for the specified <u>view functions</u>. This is beneficial for avoiding hardcoding URLs and makes your application more maintainable
- from flask import url_for
- @app.route('/dashboard')
- def dashboard():
- return "Dashboard"
- @app.route('/go-to-dashboard')
- def go_to_dashboard():
- return redirect(url_for('dashboard'))

Using Dynamic routes

- @app.route('/user/<username>')
- def user_profile(username):
- return f"Profile of {username}"

- @app.route('/profile-link/<username>')
- def profile_link(username):
- profile_url = url_for('user_profile', username=username)
- return f"Link to profile: {profile_url}"

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Basic application Building Login Page

- This Flask login application demonstrates basic user authentication and session management. It provides the following capabilities:
- User Login: Users can enter a username and password on the login page. Upon submission, the app checks the credentials against a predefined dictionary of users.
- Session Management: If authentication is successful, the username is stored in a session, allowing the user to access protected page (e.g., the discussion) without needing to log in again during the session.
 - Dashboard Access: After logging in, the user is redirected to a dashboard page, which is only accessible when the user is was beginned in. The light was are redirected back to the login page.
 - **Logout Functionality**: The user can log out, clearing the session and redirecting them to the login page.
 - Feedback via Flash Messages: The app provides real-time feedback, showing messages like "Login successful" or "Invalid credentials."

Structure of the application

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