Url Shortner Web Application

Objective of Project:

- 1. As the name suggests, it shortens URLs.
- 2. Users can also save URLS by coming to the web app.

Why do we need URL Shortener?

- Sometimes we need to share or send links and this can be tiresome and annoying to
- 2. copy and paste long URLs. That is where URL shorteners come in. Not only it helps in
- 3. shortening the URL but it also allows the user to copy the shortened URL with a click of a button.

What this project Include:

The project consists of 2 parts:

- 1. Frontend
 - a. HTML,
 - b. CSS
 - c. Bootstrap
 - 1. Backend
 - a. Backend Server Flask
 - b. Backend Database- ORM

Project Procedure:

1. Frontend:

A. HTML templates

Here I have created 4 HTML pages

- 1. layout.html
- 2. short_url.html
- 3. search.html
- 4. history.html

1. layout.html:

- This html page simply a home page for my URL Shortner Web Application.

2. short_url.html

- This page contained two input tags one for **URL** and another one for **Title**.
- Short url Button and Copy Button. To create Copy button I used Script.
 - All the Tags included in the **Table**.

3. search.html

- This page accept the URL to be searched and if the URL is present in the Database, Render that URL in the Table.

4. history.html

- This page renders all the previously shortned URL in the table form.

B. CSS

- Used the CSS to style the HTML pages, Tables, Buttons, Warning

2. Backend

A. Backend Web Server:

1. Need to install and import all the required packages for creating servers, packages are

Flask, request, render_template, url_for etc For Validating URL - validators package For URL Shortning- pyshortners package

- Created a object of class Flask app=Flask(__name__)
- 3. Created a Multiple Routes or end-points,
 - a. One for Home route
 - b. Url Shortner route
 - c. Search route
 - d. History route
 - a. Home route
 - Home page I just rendered a Home Page
 - b. URL Shortner route.
 - Creaed two request methods **POST and GET**.
 - For the **Request=POST**, Following steps will execute,
 - Created two Input variable to accept the required parameters 1.
 URL 2. title for URL
 - Here I have checked whether the entered URL is a valid URL
 NOT using package called validators.
 - **3.** If the entered URL is valid then only my program going to create short url, here I used **pyshorteners package,** In

pyshorteners

I used **tinyurl.com** as a third-party server to short the url.

4. Finally Rendering the URL Shortner Page in the HTML template.

- For Request=GET, Render the the URL Shortner Page in the HTML template with No parameters.

c. Search route:

- If the user enter the search end point, here user search for previously shortned URL.

d. History route:

- If the user enter the history end point, they see all the previously shortned URL's.
- 4. Instance to run the flask app if __name__=='__main__': app.run(debug=True)

B. Backend Database

- Here the backend Database connection is called ORM(Object Relational Mapper)
- 2. Imported the required libraries to create Database **SQLAlchemy** and **Mlgrate**.
- 3. Create a database object and pass the application into it.
- 4. Create a table and columns in the Database.
 - Table with name **short urls**
 - Columns in the table are ID, Original url, Title and Shotned url.

Note: After creating table and columns in Flask backend server go to command promt and activate flask environment and run following command,

- * flask db init
- * flask db migrate -m "First Migration"
- * flask db upgrade

- 5. Following are the actions take place in each route,
 - a. In the Short URL route,
- Two inputs URL and Title are stored in the database using the query

URL Shortner(url, title, short url)

- b. In the Search URL route,
- The url to be searched is accepted from the user and the following query is to executed,

 URL Shortner.query.filter by(org url=url).first()
 - c. In the History route,
 - URL_Shortner.query.all() this query is executed to list out all the previously shortned url.

HTML templates code.

Backend Flask Code:

Running application Tab

