# **Flask-CLI Documentation**

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## Installation

The Flask-CLI package is on PyPI so all you need is:

\$ pip install flask-cli

**Usage** 

Initialize the extension like this:

```
import click
from flask import Flask
from flask_cli import FlaskCLI
app = Flask('myapp')
FlaskCLI(app)

@app.cli.command()
def mycmd():
    click.echo("Test")
```

## 2.1 CLI Plugins

Flask extensions can always patch the *Flask.cli* instance with more commands if they want. However there is a second way to add CLI plugins to Flask which is through *setuptools*. If you make a Python package that should export a Flask command line plugin you can ship a *setup.py* file that declares an entrypoint that points to a click command:

Example setup.py:

```
from setuptools import setup

setup(
   name='flask-my-extension',
   ...
   entry_points='''
      [flask.commands]
      my-command=mypackage.commands:cli
   ''',
)
```

Inside mypackage/comamnds.py you can then export a Click object:

```
import click
@click.command()
def cli():
    """This is an example command."""
```

Once that package is installed in the same virtualenv as Flask itself you can run flask my-command to invoke your command. This is useful to provide extra functionality that Flask itself cannot ship.

Import from this library instead of flask.cli, e.g.:

from flask\_cli import FlaskGroup

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## **Changes**

#### Version 0.4.0 (released 2016-06-28)

- Adds a –version switch to Flask CLI.
- Updates help to > *set FLASK\_APP=hello.py*.
- Adds plugin support to the CLI.
- Updates docs to the new CLI patterns.
- Removes Python 2.6 and adds Python 3.5 to Tox configuration to match Travis config.
- Implements simplified CLI interface.

#### Version 0.3.0 (released 2016-05-17)

- Werkzeug should not block propagated exceptions from Flask.
- Fixes issue with the parameter passed to the CLI's AppGroup.
- Adds shell context processor example.
- Fixes missing import in Python example in README.
- · Fixes broken tests.

#### Version 0.2.1 (released 2015-08-03)

- Adds support for specifying shell context processors.
- Fixes bug with shell command due to missing support for shell context processors.

#### Version 0.2.0 (released 2015-07-31)

- Adds FlaskCLI extension to support app.cli.
- · Changes default imports from flask\_cli.cli to flask\_cli and relies on Flask's classes when v1.0 is installed.

#### Version 0.1.0 (released 2015-07-31)

• Initial public release

## **Contributing**

Bug reports, feature requests, and other contributions are welcome. If you find a demonstrable problem that is caused by the code of this library, please:

- 1. Search for already reported problems.
- 2. Check if the issue has been fixed or is still reproducible on the latest *master* branch.
- 3. Create an issue with a test case.

If you create a feature branch, you can run the tests to ensure everything is operating correctly:

\$ ./run-tests.sh

You can also test your feature branch using Docker:

- \$ docker-compose build
- \$ docker-compose run --rm web /code/run-tests.sh

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