Innovation Co-Lab Resources for Web development

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Innovation Co-Lab

• Resource on campus for technology and engineering projects.
• Part of the Office of Information Technology (OIT)
• Workshops and consultation on ongoing projects for students, staff, and faculty
Co-Lab Resources for 316

- Co-Lab office hours [https://colab.duke.edu/resources](https://colab.duke.edu/resources)
  - Student staffed hours
  - FTEs available by appointment
- Roots Courses
  - 1-3 hour workshops on various topics
    - Web frameworks
    - Programming languages
    - Design
    - Etc
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Web Development

• You're in a database class. You're learning different techniques and theories on how to best manage data.
• How do you express that data to an end user in a meaningful ways?
• Web applications are a great way to express data and publish it on the web. It allows us control over how/what data is expressed, and to whom, without requiring users to understand how to use a database.
• The database is a key component of "the stack".
The Stack

• Client Side
  • Browser
  • HTML
  • CSS
  • JS

• Server Side
  • Web and/or App server (apache, nginx, gunicorn, passenger, etc.)
  • Framework (Flask, Django Rails, etc.)
  • Language (Python, Ruby, NodeJS, etc.)
  • Database (MySQL, MariaDB, MongoDB, etc.)
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• View
  • What the user sees and interacts with
  • Typically a web page

• Controller
  • Defines what logic should run given the path and request
  • In most cases will call on logic that lives in a model
  • Provides results and directs traffic to new view

• Model
  • Typically defines database objects and performs CRUD actions
  • Also where most of your business logic lives
Flask

- Barebones web development framework (and I mean BAREbones)
- "Full Stack"

```python
from flask import Flask
app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route('/')
def hello_world():
    return 'Hello, World!'```
Helpful Links

- Flask documentation: http://flask.palletsprojects.com/en/1.1.x/
- Co-Lab Website: https://colab.duke.edu
- SQLAlchemy: https://docs.sqlalchemy.org/en/13/
- Bootstrap: https://getbootstrap.com/
- jQuery: https://api.jquery.com/
- Example flask app: https://gitlab.oit.duke.edu/colab/flask_template