

# LAB 5 – WEB IN PYTHON: FIRST APPROACH TO FLASK

## GOAL

The goal of this lab is to write a web application, based on the Flask framework, to implement a web-based version of the task-management application developed in the fourth laboratory (AmlTaskListBot.py).

## PRELIMINARY

You should start with the basic structure of a Flask application (`app.py` file and `templates/` and `static/` directories). You may do that by creating a new project (PyCharm > File > New Project... > Flask), or by forking+cloning of the Lab5 repository (go to <https://github.com/Aml-2018/python-lab5>, Fork, then on PyCharm > VCS > Checkout from Version Control > Git). Remember to checkout (clone) your forked version of the project, not the one under Aml-2018.

We also suggest to checkout (clone) the Lab4 project (the one you developed last week) in a different window, to copy and re-use all the database access functions.

## STEP 1 – INSERT AND “ID” FIELD IN THE DATABASE

Modify the database MySQL schema starting from the one used in Lab3/Lab4.

1. Add a new integer column called “id” to the `task` table. This column should be set as *primary key*, *auto-increment*.
2. Check and modify the database access functions (especially `db_remove_task`) in order to use `id` instead of `todo` to identify a specific task. In this way we properly use *primary keys* to identify rows in a table.

## STEP 2 – TRANSFORM THE TELEGRAM BOT IN A SIMPLE WEB APPLICATION

1. Create a web application to display, in its main page (see Figure 1), a list of all existing tasks.
2. Add a one-line form to insert a new task, at the bottom of the page. Entering the new task should create it into the database. The form should call the `insert_task` page, with `description` and `urgent` parameters.
3. Add a “delete” button (or link) besides each task: it will delete the corresponding task. The link should call a `delete_task` page and embed the `id` parameter<sup>1</sup> of the task to be deleted.

The overall “site map” of the web application is shown in Figure 2.

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<sup>1</sup> Suggestion: use `url_for('delete_page', id_task=id)`, combined with an `@app.route('/delete_page/<id_task>')`. See <http://flask.pocoo.org/docs/0.12/quickstart/#url-building>

Figure 1 – Index

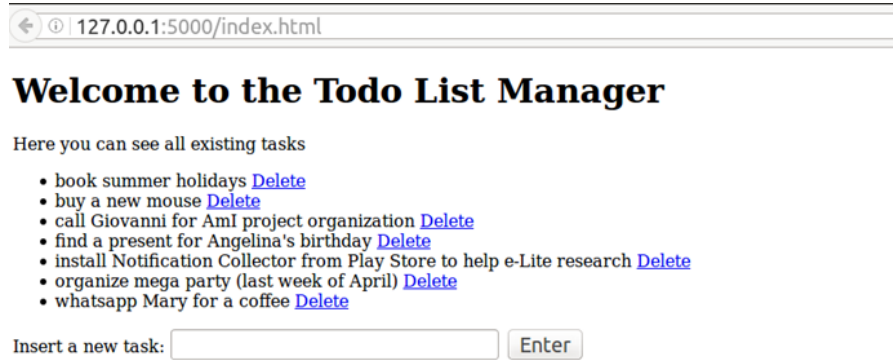


Figure 2 – Site Map

