FastAPI Python web APIs

CONCEPTS

FastAPI reads your type hints: they decide where a parameter comes from and how it is validated.

Request path, query, body
↓ `validate`
Pydantic types to values
↓ `Depends`
Path function your code
↓ `response_model`
Response JSON + OpenAPI

RUN SERVER

`fastapi dev`
Dev server with reload (auto-detects app)

`fastapi dev <path/to/file.py>`
Run a specific file or package

`fastapi run`
Production mode, no reload, 0.0.0.0

`fastapi dev --port <port>`
Change the port (default 8000)

APP AND ROUTES

`app = FastAPI(title="<name>")`
Create the app

`@app.get("/")`
Handle GET requests

`@app.post("/items")`
Handle POST requests

`@app.put("/items/{item_id}")`
Handle PUT requests

`@app.delete("/items/{item_id}")`
Handle DELETE requests

`router = APIRouter(prefix="/items")`
Group routes in a module

`app.include_router(router)`
Mount a router

PARAMETERS

`def f(item_id: int)`
Path parameter from {item_id}

`def f(skip: int = 0, limit: int = 10)`
Query parameters with defaults

PARAMETERS (cont.)

`def f(q: str | None = None)`
Optional query parameter

`q: Annotated[str, Query(max_length=50)]`
Validate a query parameter

REQUEST BODY

`class Item(BaseModel):`
Define a body schema

`def f(item: Item)`
Parse the JSON body into a model

`price: float = Field(gt=0)`
Constrain a model field

`item.model_dump()`
Model to a dict

RESPONSES

`@app.get("/x", response_model=Item)`
Filter and document the output

`@app.post("/x", status_code=201)`
Set the success status code

`raise HTTPException(status_code=404, detail="...")`
Send an error response

DEPENDENCIES

`def f(db: Annotated[Session, Depends(get_db)])`
Inject a dependency

TESTING AND DOCS

`client = TestClient(app)`
Test client (needs httpx)

`client.get("/items/1")`
Call a route in a test

`client.post("/items", json={...})`
POST a JSON body

`assert r.status_code == 200`
Check the status

`r.json()`
Decode the JSON response

`/docs`
Swagger UI