

## How can we check if a Flash message exists, whether in a view or in a controller?

In Yii (both version) for flash messages we have methods like: `hasFlash` for checking if a flash message exists beforehand and `getFlash` to get the content of a specific flash message

In Yii 1x I would say something like this (whether in the Controller or in a View):

View:

### Controller:

```
if($something->happend()) {
    Yii::app()->user->setFlash('success', 'You\'ve done something wonderful.');
```

return `$this->redirect('/elsewhere');`;

```
}
```

In CakePHP 3 this seems impossible, since the only thing I can do is to set a Flash message:

```
$this->Flash->set('Welcome, to the real world.', [
    'element' => 'success',
]);
```

There are no `get` or `has` methods for Flash messages, or anything similar that I could find related to [FlashComponent](#) and [FlashHelper](#) classes.

The other thing about this Flash messages implementation in CakePHP 3 is the way you render and show them to the visitor; you just say the following in your views/layout:

That method will actually do the rendering, checking if a flash exists, whatever and the thing is I need to check if a Flash message is sent/exists, then to do something else within the layout. Now it seems impossible to me or I was not looking in the right direction.

I would note that this is a very strange and bad implementation of Flash messages in CakePHP 3

### Finally, i found the solution :

we can use `key` while setting the Flash. see below

```
$this->Flash->set('Welcome, to the real world.', ['key' => 'alert']);
```

check by key in render before call

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