Final Project Stream Two

uk fishing industry

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# Project Brief

The goal of the stream two project is to build a front and backend Website that pulls data from a database and presents the data in a well presented graphical format using technologies such as Python, D3.js and DC.js.

The UK fishing industry and the quota restrictions that UK currently abides to via the EU fishing laws in EU waters is the subject that was chosen. One of the key mechanisms to control fishing due to fear of ‘over-fishing’ is to implement a fishing quota on nations. The aim here is to analyse the UK fishing industry statistics over a 5 year stretch to gain an understanding of how we are performing due press coverage that always highlights a concern. For example a well-known British MP Boris Johnson has stated:

"[The EU is] Pinching our fish" – Boris Johnson, The Telegraph, 16th June 2016.

The Telegraph itself has reported that the 23% quota given to the UK now goes back into a Dutch crawler that therefore lands back in Holland.

The aim of project two is to look at the actual UK government figures to obtain a factual picture of the state of our fisheries.

### I have therefore chosen to build a fishing dashboard that highlights the fishing statics in graphical format and eye-catching design.

### Keywords

Fish - Pelagic

Most of the world's large fish populations are pelagic. They include tuna, herring, mackerel, sardines and anchovy.

Fish – Demersal

According to the Scottish Government demersal fish live on or near the seabed and feed on bottom-living organisms and other fish. They include cod, haddock and monkfish.

Fish – Shellfish

This includes lobsters, crab and scallops.

Landings

This is defined by the OECD as the catches of marine fish landed in foreign or domestics ports.

\*Please see appendix A for references

### Statistics

* Cod levels over the years from total landings (after previous years reports of a dire situation for cod)

## Technical inclusions

The list below presents the technologies used to accomplish the Fishing Dashboard Website from the initial prototype versions to the completed Website product.

### Back-end

D3.js

* This was used to build the fishing graphs and make them interactive based on the data pulled from Mongo DB.

Dc.js

* DC. js helped to plot the graphs more easily.

Crossfilter.js

* The Crossfilter library was used to enable the two-way binding.

Queue.js

* The queue() function was used in order to pull data from the API.

Mongo DB

\*I chose Mongo since it I wanted to use noSQL database that is growing in popularity and to become even more familiar with it by using it in my project. Additionally, JSON file format is versatile and useful for browser /server communication.

Flask

* The Flask framework was used to deliver the stored Mongo DB data to the dashboard front-end Website.

### Front-end

(Semantic) HTML5

* Website HTML structure – DOM

CSS

* + General and advanced Website display including animation (external style sheet)

JavaScript

* JavaScript language was used to build the graphs via D3.js and DC.js and allow the Website to be responsive

Bootstrap

* The free front-end framework in order to contribute to designing an eye-catching Website

### Project deployment

GitHub, GitBash, GitHub Pages

* + Hosting the software project files and version control
  + Creating repositories and branches for project files

Heroku

* Heroku was used to host the project’s files and application

## The Prototype

The below charts were chosen for the fishing project. I decided that one chart should feature at the very top and show the data in full over the years. The best chart for this was the line chart.

I also wanted a feature where the user could select the values by UK region – this should also be placed at the top of the page together with the numeric figure totals. I wanted to show both the value in sterling and the number caught in total.

Further down the page users can then select fish by name and by main UK ports. It was important to add the fish names since the project is to question if cod is still showing high numbers throughout the years.

Charts required:

1. lineChart to show the amount of fish types through the years and to answer my project question “How well is our fishing going”?

Title: Quantity of fish through the years

Y = Quantity of fish

X = Date in years

1. rowChart to answer “What type of fish are being caught”?

Title: Fish types

row = Fish types

X = Quantity of fish

1. pieChart to answer “How much fish is caught by each region”?

Title: Fish by UK region

1. rowChart to answer “What are the main ports that catch the fish in the UK”?

Title: Main regional ports

Row = Main port

X = Value

1. selectMenu to Select by fish name

Title: Fish types

1. SelectMenu to Select by fish name

Title: Fish name

1. Metric 1 for The quantity of fish

Title: Total quantity of fish

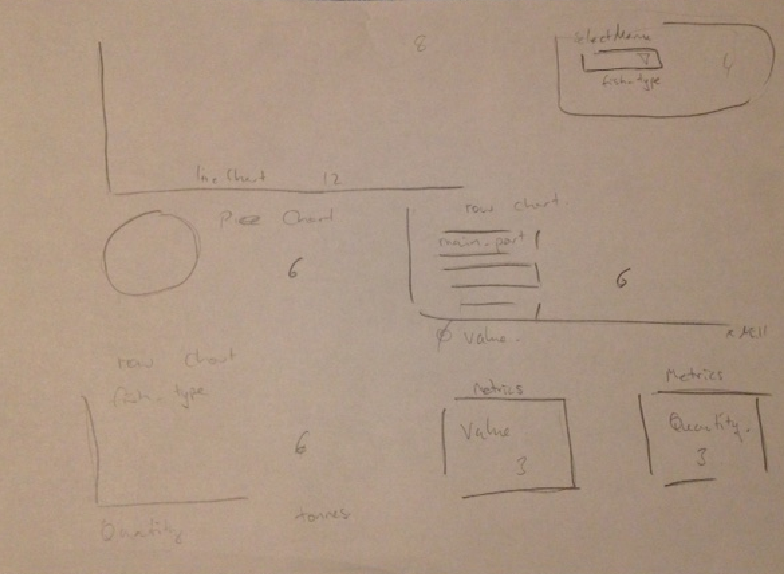
1. Metric 2 for The value of fish

Title: Total value of fish

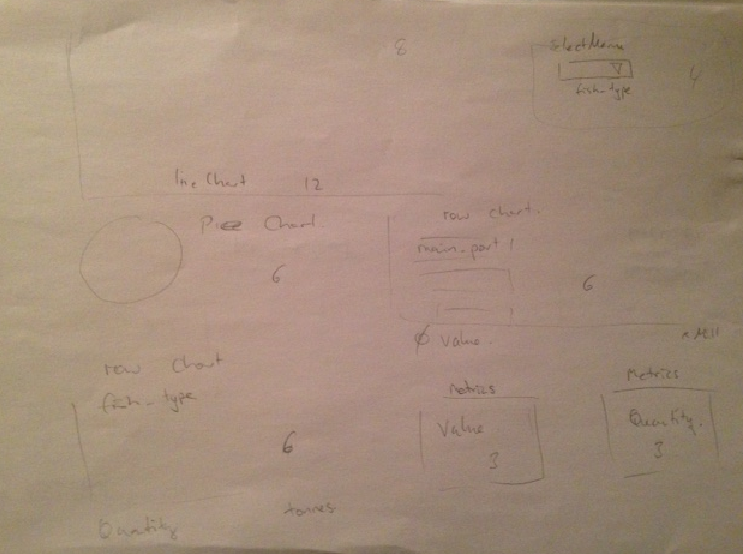
The below pictures show the sketches that were created at the beginning of the prototype design. It’s an important step that can save a lot of time. In some of the sketches I also thought about the Bootstrap grid system and how each graph can be laid out according to the grid framework.

I then started to add more details such as the chart titles, chart D3.js names and the database fields it should pull from.

**Figure 1. Early sketch of the main graphs required**



**Figure 2. Sketching the graphs and focusing on the grid layout**



**Figure 3. Adding more details (e.g titles and chart names)**

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## Back-end setup

The below steps were followed to get the Mongo DB up and running with my data. I chose Mongo DB since I wanted to use the versatile JSON file format. Using Mongo also means that each record is saved in a document where data is depicted by a key and value. It does not require primary keys and the table relationships that SQL tables do.

1. The mongo directory was opened as Administrator using Windows cmd prompt: cd Program Files\MongoDB\Server\3.6\bin

To open the Mongo shell I typed the command mongod

1. I placed my fishing csv data file in the same bin folder i.e. Program Files\MongoDB\Server\3.6\bin.

1. Another command line was opened again as administrator and this time I typed in mongo to open up the database.

**Figure 4. Mongo DB**

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1. The command to import my fishing csv data file was as follows:

mongoimport -d fishingUK -c projects --type csv --file fishing\_data\_landings.csv --headerline

The database should be called **fishingUK**

The collection name is **projects**

The file type is **csv**

The file name is **fishing\_data\_landings.csv** and it contains a header

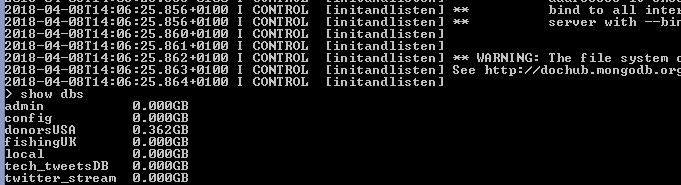
**Figure 5. Mongo DB directory**



1. Next the following commands were run to ensure the data imported successfully.

**show dbs** (this shows the available databases that have been created)

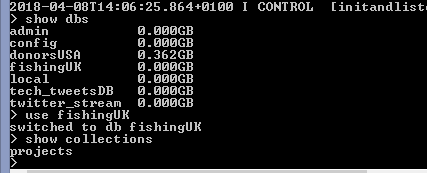
**Figure 6. Querying Mongo DB databases**



**use fishingUK** (to switch to my fishing database)

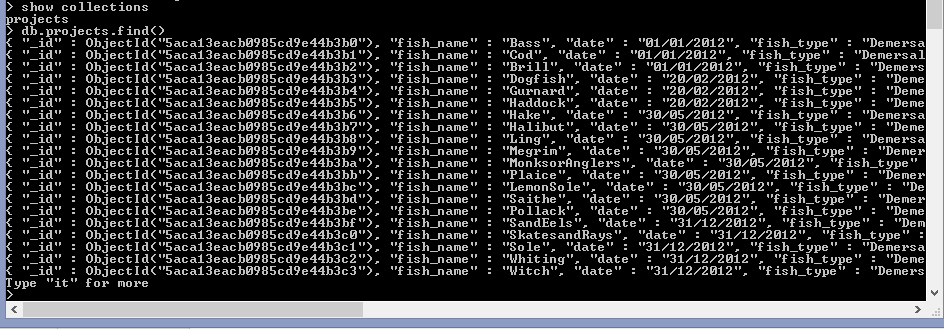
**show collections** (to show what collections have been created)

**Figure 7. Querying Mongo DB collections**



**db.projects.find()** (to show all the records -Json format)

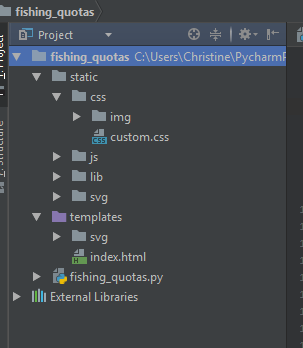
**Figure 8. Querying Mongo DB database records**



## Front-end setup

The below folder structure was created in Pycharm.

**Figure 9. Folder structure**



The custom files for the project were found under: CSS custom file (\static\css ), the JavaScript custom file for the graphs (\static\js) and a svg folder for the fish animation (\static\svg).

All other library folders such as Boostrap and tool tips .js and .css files are found under the lib folder e.g (static\lib\js).

This was to maintain separation of library framework files and the project custom ones.

Index.html

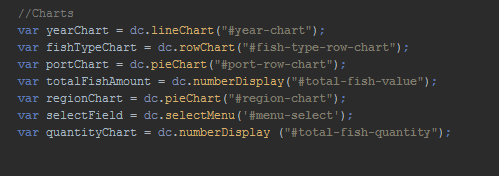
The index html file contains the graphs that were chosen in the prototype phase.

Bootstrap allows a grid system based on 12 columns and that was used to nest the graphs into the desired sequence that was planned in the prototype phase.

Graph.js

This file contains all the JavaScript that allows the graphs to be interactively constructed with the relevant data.

**Figure 10. DC.js charts in graph.js file**



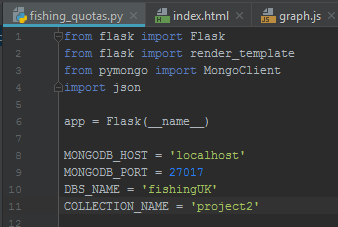
Custom.css

The custom.css file has all the CSS required to style the individual graphs, background and dashboard in general.

The name chosen for the project was **fishing\_quotas** and created in a virtual environment.

The fishing\_quotas.py Python file contains the relevant imported packages required to make the application work. Flask is used here to make the connection to the Mongo DB and allow the project’s fishing data to be pulled using my computer’s local host connection. This worked very well with no issues.

**Figure 11. fishing\_quotas.py file**



The two routes were defined. First the route to my home page template called index.html which contains the html structure for the fishing dashboard.

The second route defines the fishing database details where the fields that need to be pulled are ultimately outlined.

**Figure 12. fishing\_quotas.py routes**

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## Testing results

The below table summarizes the testing results whilst building the Pycharm project.

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| MongoDB file import |
| **Issue: Spaces in file**  Machine generated alternative text: File Edit Format View Help  fish_name, date, fish_type, quantity , value, region , main_port, ,  Bass , 31/12/2012, Demersal, 5 , England , Newlyn, , ,  Brill, 31/12/2012, Demersa1,Ø, 2, England, , ,  cod, 31/12/2012, Demersal, 2, 3, England, Newlyn„,  Dogfish , 31/12/2012, Demersal, 1, England , Newlyn , , ,  Gurnard , 31/12/2012, Demersal, 1, 1, England , Newlyn, , ,  Haddock, 31/12/2012, Demersal, 3 , 3 , England, Newlyn, , ,  Hake, 31/12/2012, Demersal, 1, 1, England, Newlyn, , ,  Halibut, 31/12/2012, Demersal, England , Newlyn , , ,  LemonS01e, 31/12/2012, Demersal, 2, 5 , England , Newlyn , , ,  Ling, 31/12/2012, Demersal, England, Newlyn, , ,  Megrim, 31/12/2012, Demersal, 1, 2, England , Newlyn , , ,  MonksorAng1ers , 31/12/ 2012, Demersal, 3 , 9, England , Newlyn , , ,  Plaice, 31/12/2012, Demersal, 2, 3 , England, Newlyn, , ,  Pollack, 31/12/2012, Demersal, 1, 3, England, , ,  Saithe, 31/12/2012, Demersal, England , Newlyn , , ,  SandEe1s , 31/12/2012, Demersal, England , Newlyn , , ,  SkatesandRays , 31/12/2012, Demersal, 2, 3 , England , Newlyn , , ,  sole, 31/12/2012, Demersal, 2, 14, England, , ,  Turbot, 31/12/2012, Demersal, 3 , England , Newlyn , , ,  Whiting, 31/12/2012, Demersal, 2, 1, England , Newlyn , , ,  6 items  I item selected 43.8 KB  The above file caused mongodb error: *Failed: fields cannot be identical: '' and ''*    The file was subsequently cleaned (per below) and another import attempt done. The cleaned file imported successfully.  Machine generated alternative text: File Edit Format View Help  ish_name, date, fish_type, quantity , value, region , main_port  Bass , 31/12/2012, Demersal, 5 , England , Newlyn  Brill, 31/12/2012, Demersa1,Ø, 2, England, Newlyn  cod, 31/12/2012, Demersal, 2, 3, England, Newlyn  Dogfish , 31/12/ 2012, Demersal, 1, England , Newlyn  Gurnard , 31/12/2012, Demersal, 1, 1, England , Newlyn  Haddock, 31/12/2012, Demersal, 3 , 3 , England , Newlyn  Hake, 31/12/2012, Demersal, 1, 1, England , Newlyn  Halibut, 31/12/ 2012, Demersal, England , Newlyn  LemonS01e, 31/12/2012, Demersal, 2, 5 , England , Newlyn  Ling, 31/12/2012, Demersal, England , Newlyn  Megrim, 31/12/ 2012, Demersal, 1, 2, England , Newlyn  MonksorAng1ers , 31/ 12/ 2012, Demersal, 3 , 9, England , Newlyn  Plaice, 31/12/2012, Demersal, 2, 3 , England , Newlyn  Pollack, 31/12/2012, Demersal, 1, 3, England, Newlyn  Saithe, 31/12/ 2012, Demersal, England , Newlyn  SandEe1s , 31/12/2012, Demersal, England , Newlyn  SkatesandRays , 31/12/2012, Demersal, 2, 3 , England , Newlyn  sole, 31/12/2012, Demersal, 2, 14, England, Newlyn  Turbot, 31/12/2012, Demersal, 3 , England , Newlyn  Whiting, 31/ 12/ 2012, Demersal, 2, 1, England , Newlyn |
| **Initial Flask Tests** |
| **Virtual Environment**    **Requirements File**    **Simple Hello World test**    **Localhost**    **Test Route for Fishing\_quotas and load the index.html file test**    **Localhost**    **Load empty database** |
| Data retrieval error |
| **Issue: Server error indicating issue with data**      A quick search on Python bugs highlights the issues (<https://bugs.python.org>)    The fishingquotas.py file is passing through the accumulating mongo DB object ID which is not required and causes errors.    Under the fields listed “\_id: False” was added to stop flask passing through the Mongo DB ID for the fishing data. This fixed the issue. |
| Graph name error |
| **Issue: DC.js and D3.js error on graph**  The dashboard cannot show any data in graphs due to errors.  DC.js error:    D3.js error:    Index.html shows a typo error – “ear-chart” should be “year-chart” |
| Date value error |
| 1. **Issue: variable numFishByDate that groups on field “date” is causing errors**     The code was viewed in detail on repl.it. The date format was incorrectly constructed. The date format stored in Mongo DB was DD/MM/YYYY and not DD-MM-YYYY. |
| After correcting the date format the Line chart started working and retrieved the data. |
| Further dateDim error after adding more graphs |
| 1. **Issue: dateDim error again after adding further graphs**     Both Pycharm and dev tools highlighted the syntax issue although dev tools showed this more clearly. |
| Crossfilter |
| 1. **Issue: Missing crossfilter**   This means that applying data selection on one graph will not apply across to other graphs (two-way binding) so this will not work. Crossfilter needs to be applied. |
| Clearing cache! |
| 1. **Issue: Last page cached**   Every re-load of the browser page presented the cached pages from previous testing. Ctrl+Shift+Delete could be used to clear the cache however a more convenient solution was to temporarily disabled it during testing under Chrome More tools>Developer Tools>Network    The browser now displays the new/refreshed pages |
| Syntax Error |
| 1. **Issue: Syntax error after adding region chart**   Unexpected token due to ‘comment characters’ mistakenly left in code |
| Missing dimension |
| 1. **Issue: Missing Region dimension**   The below dimension for Region pie chart was missing thereby causing Chart errors |
| Region pie chart error |
| 1. **Issue: Syntax error**   Per below a syntax error was shown which stopped data from being retrieved for the charts      After further cross examination it was found that the syntax error was due to a semi colon further up in the code by the dimensions:    After removing the semi colon the pie chart successfully retrieved the data. |
| Adjusting the numeric totals |
| 1. **Formatting: Changing the quantity totals to numbers per preference**   The “,d” format was chosen for quantity since the preference was to show the full number of quantity with leading zeros |
| Pie chart styling |
| 1. **Formatting: Pie chart style**   The styling of chart titles was best coded using CSS inline styling, example: |

The complete product

The nav bar

**Figure 13 – The nav-bar**



The navigation bar was constructed using Bootstrap and fixed to the top of the page: *navbar navbar-inverse navbar-fixed-top*

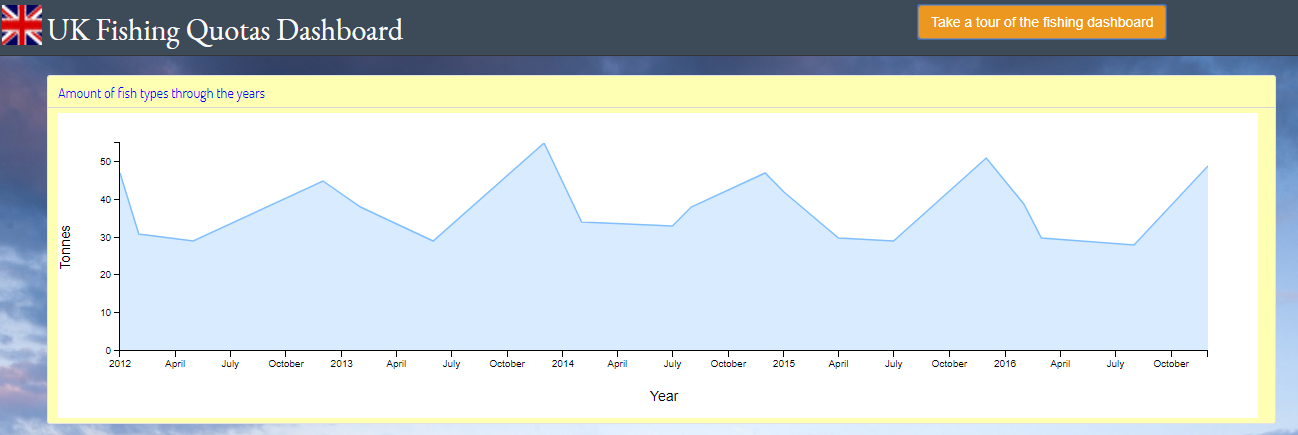
The idea was to keep the nav bar smart and more conservative – the tour button which was the tool tips functionality had to stand out so this was done using Bootstrap warning button: *btn btn-warning*

Line Chart – Amount of Fish Types Through the Years

This chart featured as the main chart at the very top of the Webpage. It pulled data from field “date” and served as the dimension (x) layout, then the metrics grouped the amounts for each region.

The data updates when selecting the region or port chart options

**Figure 14. The Line Chart – Amount of Fish Types Through the Years**

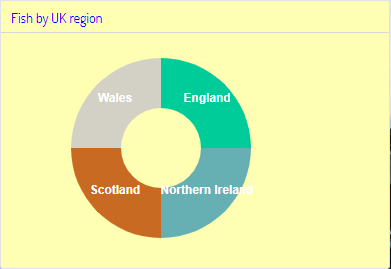


Pie Chart – Fish by UK Region

This provides the user the option of obtaining statistics for individual UK regions.

Scotland has the largest number of caught of fish with 1.88 billion tons over a 5 year span. Wales has the least with 78.3 million tons. Overall there has been healthy landings of fish throughout the last 5 years for the UK.

**Figure 15. The Pie Chart – UK Regions**



**Figure 16. The Quantity and Value Totals**

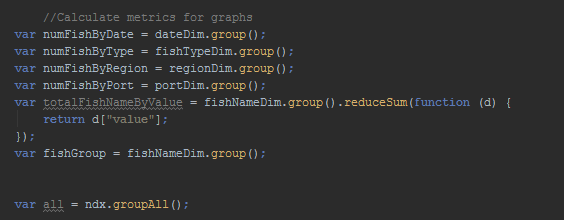


Pie Chart – Main Regional Ports

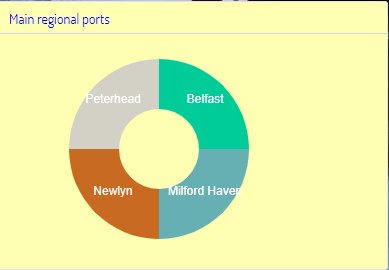
The main regional ports pie chart is there to highlight where the fish is caught in the individual UK regions. Selecting a port then presents the relevant UK region in the regional pie chart above it.

The metrics in the graph.js file allowed for this grouping and calculation of values to happen:

**Figure 17. Metrics in graph.js file**



**Figure 18. The Pie Chart – UK Ports**

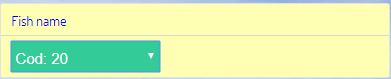


Select Menu – Fish Names and Row Chart – Fish Types

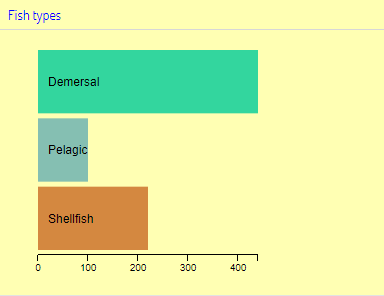
The fish name select menu was important feature to answer the project question of how well cod was doing. Once the user clicks on the name ‘cod’ under the list the quantity and values are shown highlighting that there has been no downward drop in the amount that the UK catches, in fact cod has one of the highest numbers.

The fish types row chart and information button are there for information purposes to provide further knowledge on what the UK is retrieving in terms of fish categories. Cod, haddock and crabs are among the most popular. Both cod and haddock are demersal fish while crab falls under the shellfish category.

**Figure 19. The Select Menu for fish names**



**Figure 20. The Row Chart – Fish Types**



Conclusion

With the help of the technologies used we can see that the statistics from the government show that there is no downward spiral of fish landings in the UK – quite the opposite, there is a healthy number of fish caught over a span of 5 years!

Heroku deployment

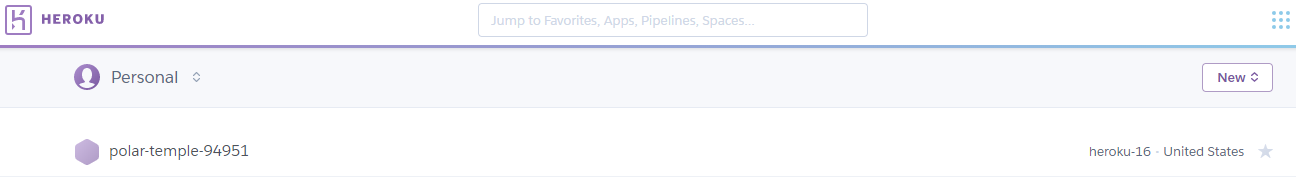
Heroku new app setup

I did an admin cmd prompt and typed **heroku create** in cmd line

**Figure 21. Heroku app creation**



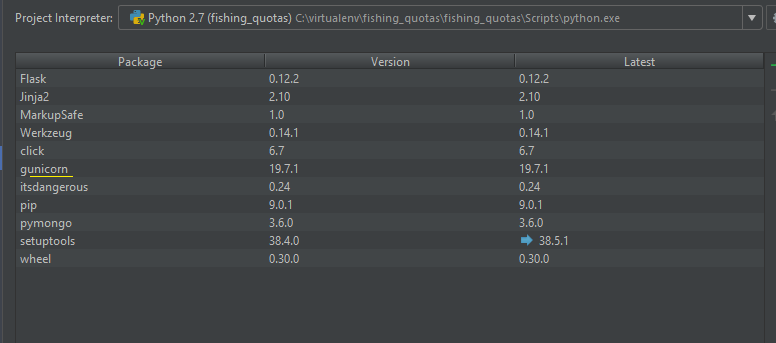
View new app on Heroku sign-on



Next I installed **gunicorn**. *Gunicorn is used for running HTTP servers on UNIX based operating systems, such as Mac OS X and Linux distros.*

Then I went to Pycharm settings and installed it.

Figure 22. Pycharm settings



Requirements file

I created a requirements txt file so that I can keep all the installed packages versions.

The following commands were run:

Activate VM : (fishing\_quotas) C:\virtualenv\fishing\_quotas\Scripts>activate

Run pip freeze --local > requirements.txt

This has applied the following output dependencies to the requirements.txt file:

click==6.7

Flask==0.12.2

gunicorn==19.7.1

itsdangerous==0.24

Jinja2==2.10

MarkupSafe==1.0

pymongo==3.6.0

Werkzeug==0.14.1

Procfile

The Procfile is a file that’s used by Heroku to tell it what to do with the application once it’s been deployed.

I created new file called procfile and saved as a txt file.

A procfile.txt file was then created and added to the pycharm project folder containing the following command: web: gunicorn fishing\_quotas:app

Heroku will then execute this command once the procfile is detected.

Since I have Windows on my machine I created another procfile called Procfile.windows containing the command: web: python fishing\_quotas.py

Since gunicorn doesn’t have Windows support the server will run directly from the app.

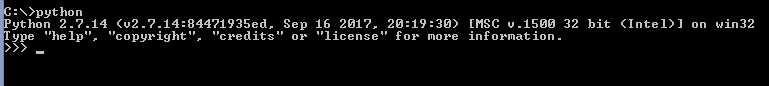
To ensure Windows users run the window procfile the following command was initiated (after ensuring Mongo DB was running)

heroku local -f Procfile.windows

Runtime.txt

Lastly a runtime.txt was created in Pycharm to tell Heroku what version of Python is running. Per below the version running on this PC is 2.7.14.

Therefore python-2.7.14 was added to the runtime.txt file.



Appendix A: References

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