Django 9: Deployment

IN608: Intermediate Application Development Concepts

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- Postgres on Heroku
- Deploy a Django application to Heroku

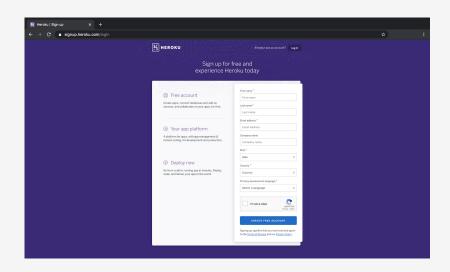
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- Heroku lets you build, deploy & manage applications written in a variety of Ruby, Node.js, Java, Python, Clojure, Scala, Go & PHP
- An application's source code & dependency file, i.e., Pipfile.lock should provide enough information for the Heroku platform to build your application
- How does Heroku know what command(s) to run?
 - o If you are using a framework, i.e., Django or Ruby on Rails, Heroku can figure out what command(s) to run, i.e., python manage.py runserver or rails server
- You may need to explicitly declare what can be executed. To do this, you need to create a
 Procfile. We will look at this soon

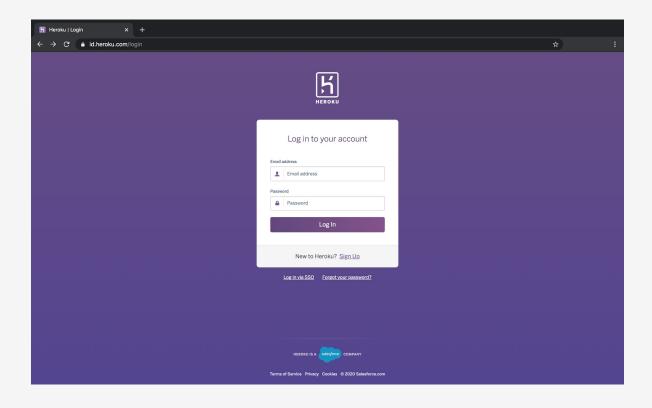
Heroku Signup

• Sign up to Heroku - https://www.heroku.com



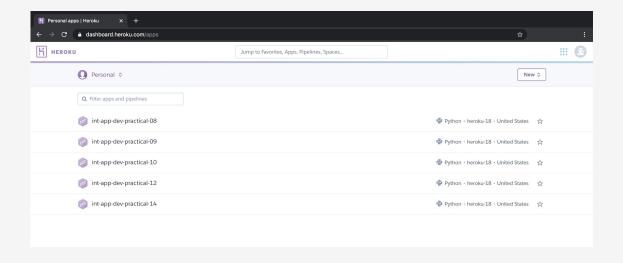
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Login to Heroku



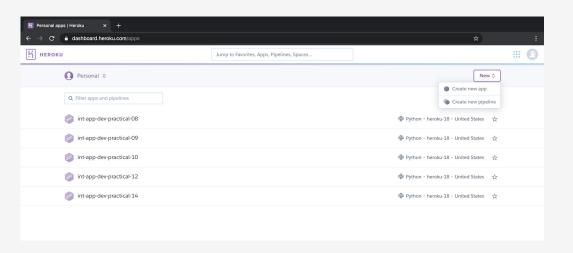
Heroku Dashboard

Displays all applications



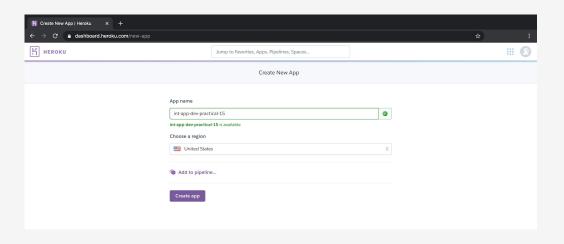
Create an App on Heroku

- New > Create new app
- You can also create a new application using Heroku CLI

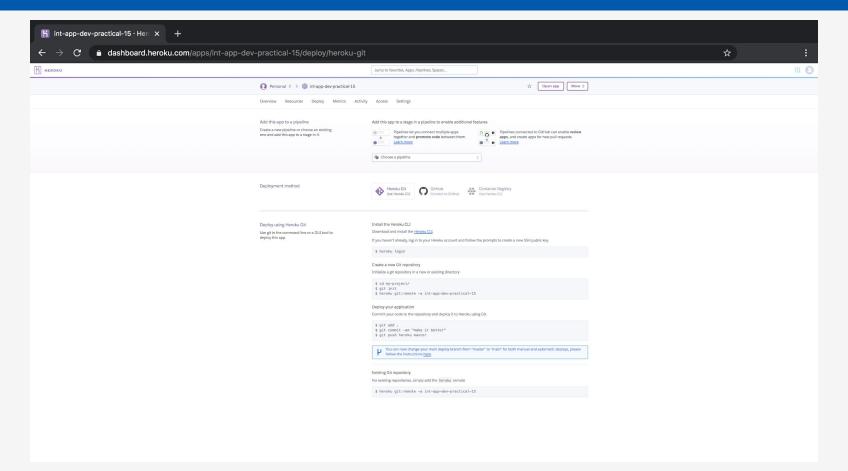


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Create a new application via GUI



Create an App on Heroku



Heroku CLI

- Heroku CLI (Command Line Interface) makes it easy to build, deploy & manage your Heroku applications from the terminal
- Installation available for macOS, Windows & Linux
 - The Window installer may display a warning "Windows protected your PC"
 - To run the installation, click "More info", verify the publisher as "Heroku, Inc.", then click the "Run anyway" button
- To verify your installation, run the command: heroku --version
 - o In the output, you should see heroku/x.x.x
- After you install Heroku CLI, run the command: heroku login
 - You will be prompt to enter any key. This will navigate you to your web browser to complete your login
 - Heroku CLI will then automatically log you in
- Resource: https://devcenter.heroku.com/articles/heroku-cli

Create an App with the Heroku CLI

- Suppose we have been developing a Django app and using Git. From the project's root directory, use the following commands:
- Create an application without a name heroku create. A random name will be generated
- Add a remote to your local repository by running the command:

```
heroku git:remote -a <heroku project name>
```

- To deploy the application:
 - Add changes in the working directory to the staging area git add .
 - Capture the state of the project at that point of time git commit -m "<some message>"
 - Upload content in the local repository to the remote repository git push heroku master
- To view your application, run the command: heroku open

Local Heroku app

- To run our Heroku application locally, run the command: heroku local:start
- Navigate http://0.0.0.0:5000/practical15heroku

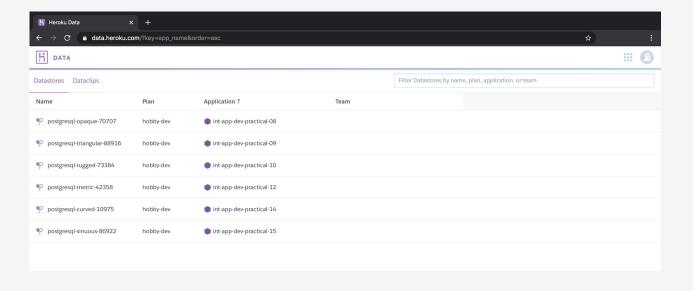
Heroku Logs

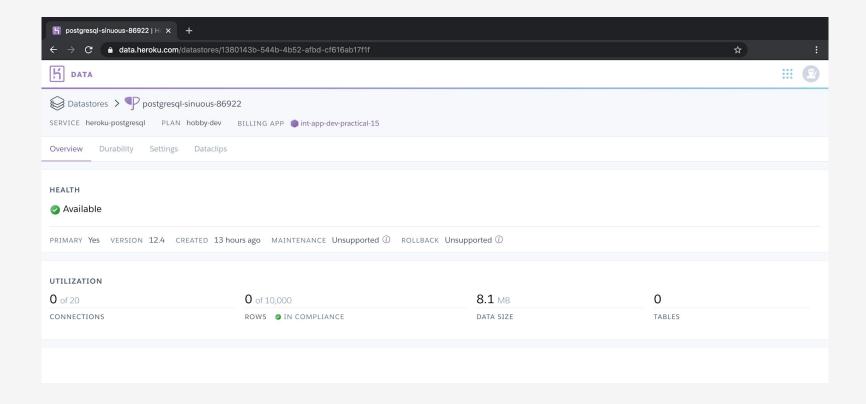
- An application's logs are collected from output streams of all of its running processes, system components & backing services
- Two types of logs:
 - Runtime logs, i.e., application, system, API & add-on logs
 - Build logs separate from runtime logs while building & deploying your application
- There are various ways to view your logs:
 - Retrieves 100 recent log entries heroku logs
 - o heroku logs --num 200
 - Displays recent logs & leaves the session open heroku logs --tail
- Resource: https://devcenter.heroku.com/articles/logging

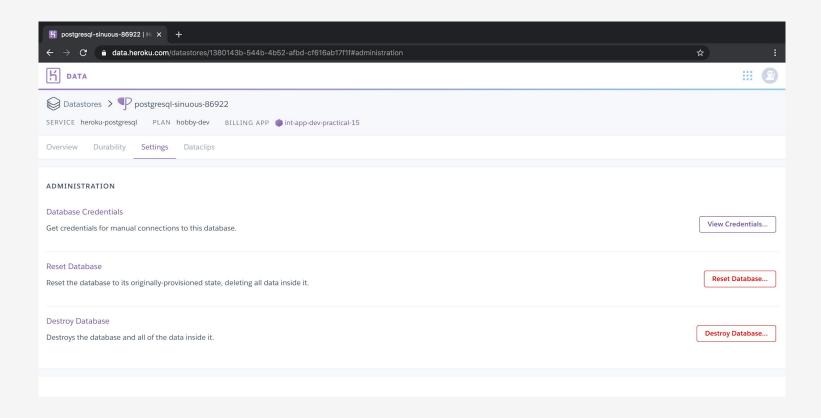
PostgreSQL on Heroku

- Heroku Postgres is a managed SQL database service provided directly by Heroku
- Accessible from any language with a PostgreSQL driver
- To check if Heroku Postgres has been provided, run the command: heroku addons
- If heroku-postgresql is not in the application's list of add-ons, run the command: heroku addons:create heroku-postgresql:hobby:dev
- We will need to apply migrations heroku run python manage.py migrate
- Resource: https://devcenter.heroku.com/articles/heroku-postgresql

List of datastores







ADMINISTRATION Database Credentials Cancel Get credentials for manual connections to this database. Please note that these credentials are not permanent. Heroku rotates credentials periodically and updates applications where this database is attached. Host ec2-54-91-178-234.compute-1.amazonaws.com Database d8ka852e4ab2fu User Port 5432 Password URI postgres://fivgqmxfqetjwr:063fa9703ff3ef39181d1c76f220f2596fa1a28fd399e88baa7c47d244be8d1f@ec2-54-91-178-234.compute-1.amazonaws.com:5432/d8ka852e4ab2fu Heroku CLI heroku pg:psql postgresql-sinuous-86922 --app int-app-dev-practical-15

Deploy a Django Application

Deploy a Django Application

We need to make some adjustments to our Django app before it can be run on Heroku

- Create a . env file for local development
- Create a config var on Heroku
- Configure database in settings.py
- Declare the STATIC_ROOT configuration in settings.py
- Add WhiteNoiseMiddleware to the MIDDLEWARE configuration
- Create a Procfile

Deploy a Django Application - Settings

- Some settings will differ between development and production versions of our app
- Environment-specific configurations should be stored in environment variables & not in the application's source code, i.e., SECRET_KEY in settings.py
- In the root directory of your Django project, create a file called .env
 - Used for local development
 - Do not store in version control
- Set SECRET_KEY in .env, i.e., SECRET_KEY=<some value>
- Install the dotenv Python module by running the command pipenv install dotenv
- To use environment variables locally:
 - In settings.py, declare the following:
 - from dotenv import load_dotenv
 - load_dotenv()
 - SECRET_KEY = os.environ.get('SECRET_KEY')

Deploy a Django Application - Settings

- Navigate to you Heroku app's settings page
- Heroku sets environments variables using config vars
- The DATABASE_URL config variable is automatically created when Heroku Postgres is added
- Set SECRET_KEY in config vars
- Resource: https://devcenter.heroku.com/articles/config-vars



Deploy a Django Application - DB Config

How do we connect to Postgres?

- Install the dj-database-url and psycopg2 Python modules
- In settings.py, declare the following:

```
from dj_database_url import config
db_from_env = config(conn_max_age=600)
DATABASES['default'].update(db_from_env) # put this line at the bottom of settings.py
```

- What is happening?
 - Converts the DATABASE_URL config var from Heroku into a Python dictionary
 - The dictionary is injected into the DATABASES configuration in settings.py
 - We do not have to explicitly set up Heroku Postgres in settings.py
- Don't forget to run your migrations: heroku run python manage.py migrate

Deploy Django Application - Static Assets

- In Django, static assets can be difficult to configure & debug
- Django does not automatically create STATIC_ROOT the directory in which collectstatic uses
- You will need to create this directory so it will be available when collectstatic is run
- Note: Git does not support empty directories you will need to create at least one file
- In settings.py, declare the following:

```
STATIC_ROOT = os.path.join(BASE_DIR, 'staticfiles')
```

Deploy Django Application - Static Assets

- Django does not support serving static files in production
- White Noise is a Python module designed with the purpose of serving static files in production
- To install White Noise, run the command: pipenv install whitenoise
- Add whitenoise.middleware.WhiteNoiseMiddleware to the MIDDLEWARE configuration

Deploy a Django Application

- Heroku applications require a Procfile
- Explicitly declares an application's process types & entry points
- In the root directory of your Django project, create a file called Procfile
- In Procfile, declare the following: web: gunicorn <Django project name>.wsgi
- This Procfile requires Gunicorn recommended production web server for Django applications
- To install Gunicorn, run the command: pipenv install gunicorn

Programming Activity

- Checkout to master git checkout master
- Create a new branch called 15-practical git checkout -b 15-practical
- Task: Deploy your dog Django project from Practical 10 Django 4: Template Inheritance,
 Static Files & CDNs to Heroku