Message Recall: Deployment Guide

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Overview

Message Recall is a Google-AppEngine-hosted application designed to run in a **single Google Apps domain**. The following instructions describe a detailed process for deploying the application:

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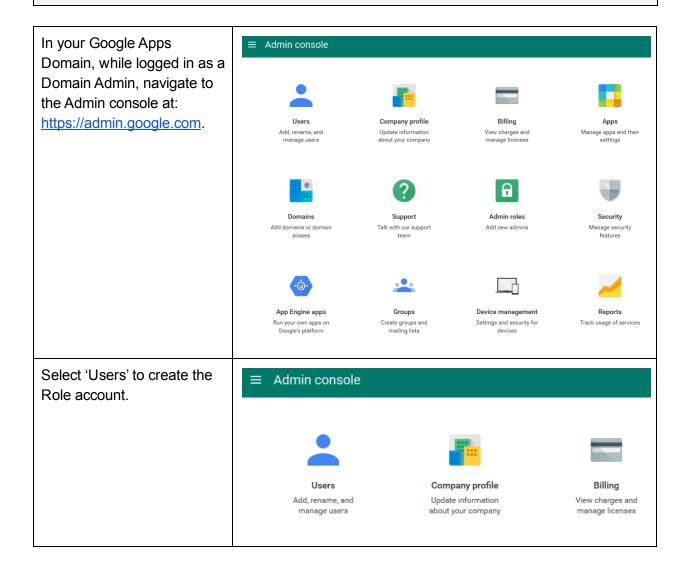
The end to end process should take about 30 minutes (not including study time to learn about App Engine or applications).

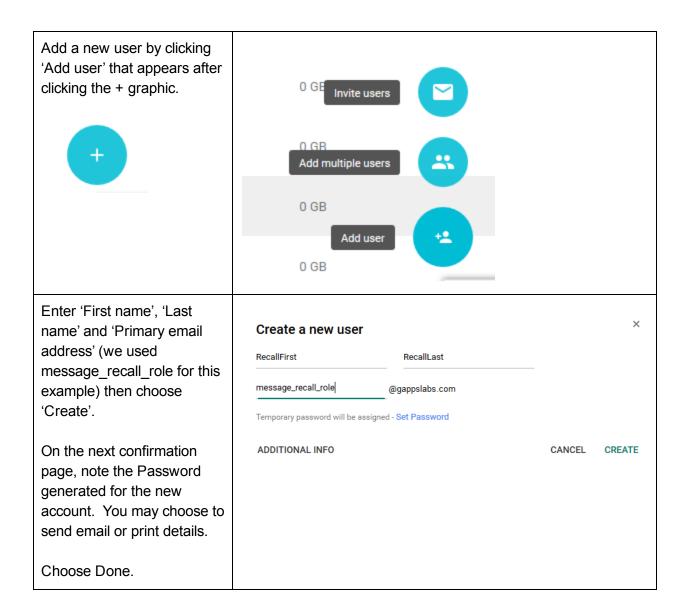
NOTE: We will show examples using a Google Apps Domain named gappslabs.com.

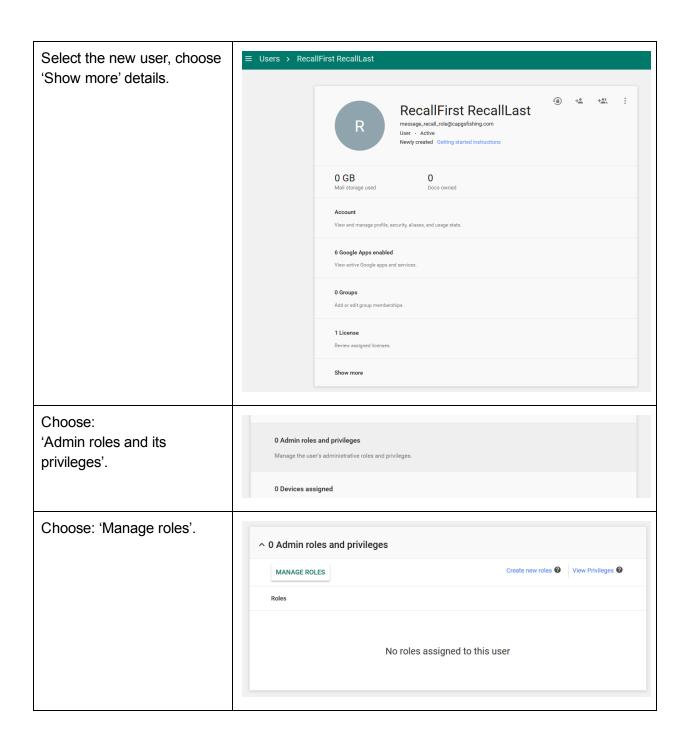
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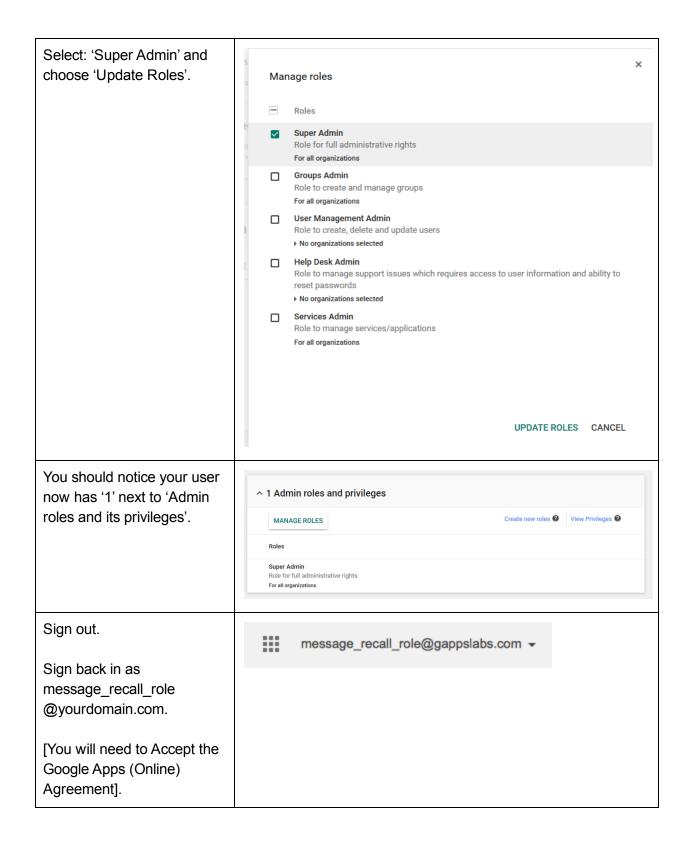
For additional reference, the following articles from the Google Support center discuss accounts and Admin roles:

- Adding users individually
- Pre-built administrator roles
- Assigning Administrator roles to users



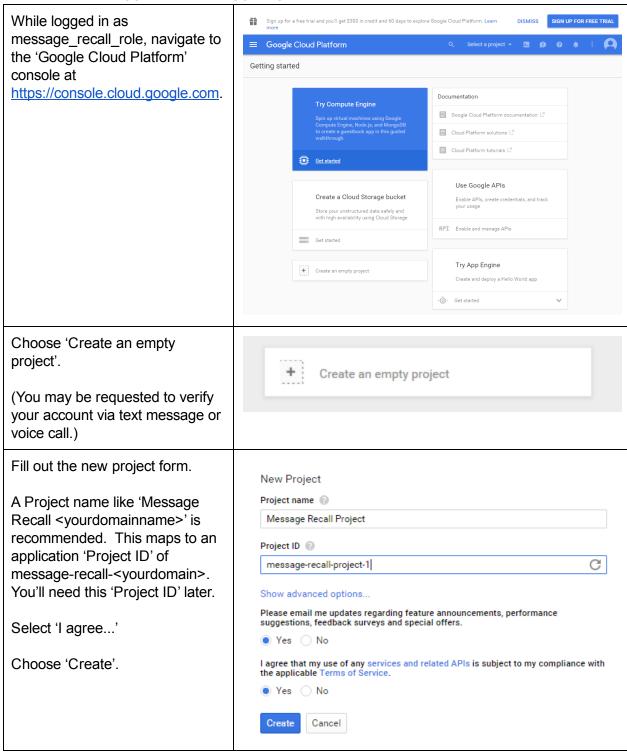


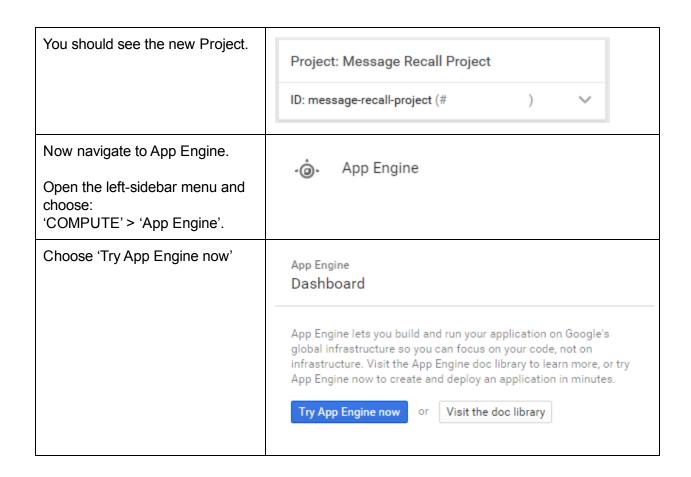




2. Create the App Engine hosting environment

2.1 Create the application in App Engine





Choose 'View your project dashboard'.

Make sure 'Python' is selected.

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Creating an App Engine app is easy, and it's free to start. Upload your app and share it with users right away, at no charge and with no commitment required.

1. SELECT YOUR LANGUAGE



2. INSTALL GOOGLE APP ENGINE SDK

Download and install the Google App Engine SDK for Python $\,\,\Box$. Note that the instructions vary by operating system.

The App Engine SDK includes command-line tools and libraries for developing apps on your computer, testing them with a local server, and deploying them to App Engine.

3. DOWNLOAD THE SAMPLE APP

Select a sample app:



Download the Flask starter code \square and unpack it to create the project directory.

4. DEPLOY THE APP

In your local development environment, change into the directory in which you unpacked the sample app and deploy your app using the following command:

\$ appcfg.py -A message-recall-project-1 update app.yaml

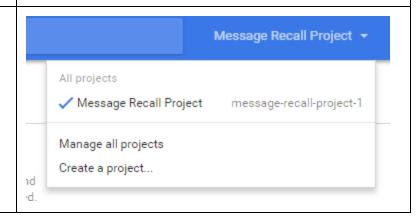
After deploying your app, you can visit it with your browser at this URL:

message-recall-project-1.appspot.com 🖸

That's it! You're running on Google App Engine. Go to your project dashboard to see how your app is performing.

View your project dashboard

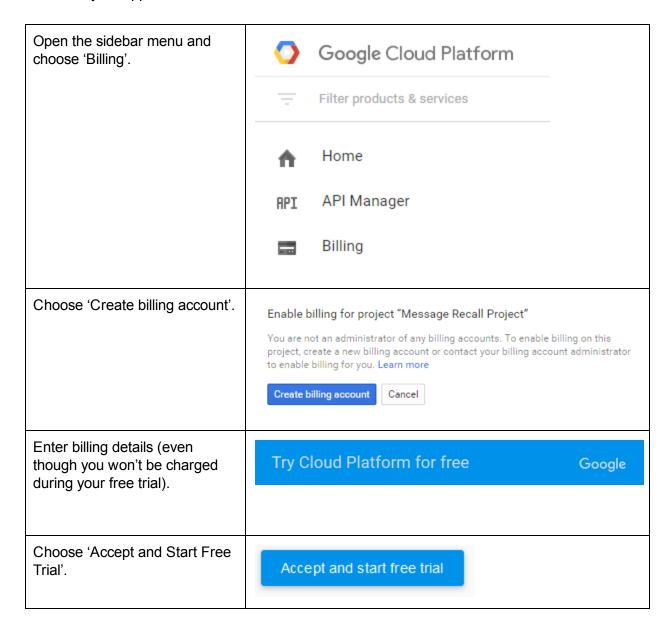
At this point the App Engine project is created. This can be observed by clicking the 'Message Recall Project' dropdown.

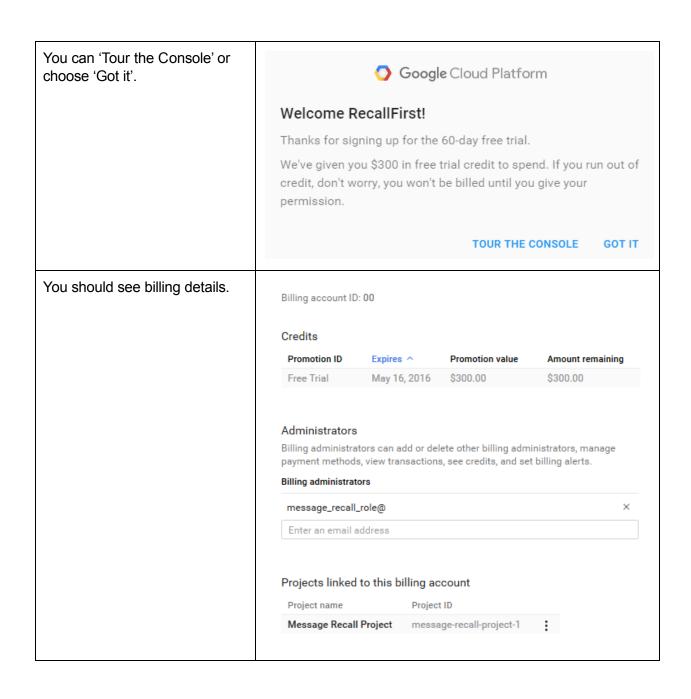


2.2 Enable billing for your application

This application uses the IMAP mail API which uses sockets. To use sockets we must 'Enable Billing' in the application. Our use of the sockets is very small so any actual billing is very small.

However, Message Recall's use of backends is not free. It is **highly recommended** that you track your Billing Status on the application dashboard frequently. Running out of daily billing quota will cause your application to show a **OverQuotaError**.





You should also receive an Google Billing: Please verify your email address email to confirm your billing 10:34 PM (3 minutes ago) 🥎 contact details. to me 💌 Make sure you choose 'Click Google⁻ here' in the email to confirm your billing details. Verify your billing contact details. Hello from Google, There's just one last step. Click here to verify you'd like to receive billing notification emails for the following: Customer name: Google Billing ID: Your billing ID is a number assigned to your account in our billing and payments system. If you don't want to receive billing notifications about this account, you can ignore this email. See you online, The Google Billing Team You should see a confirmation Thanks! Your email that your billing details are confirmed. address has been verified

You may now start receiving billing emails for

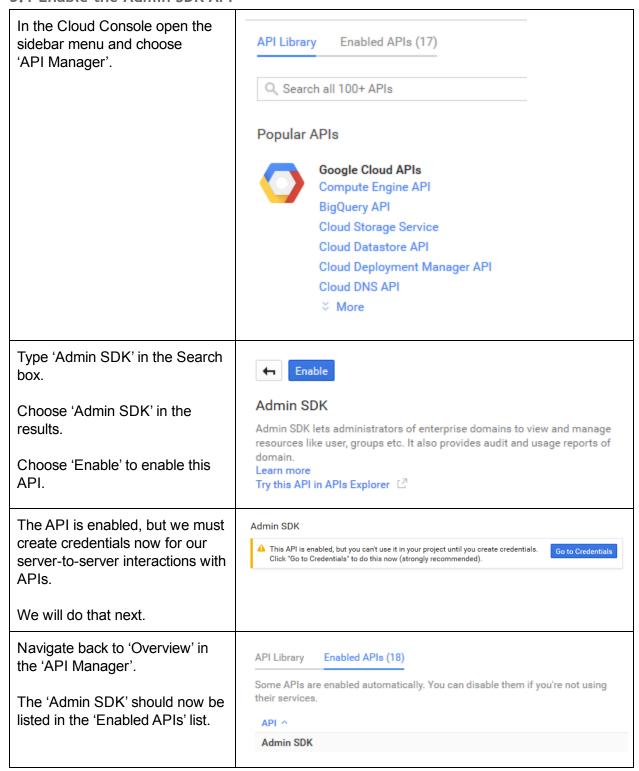
You can unsubscribe from these notifications at

this customer.

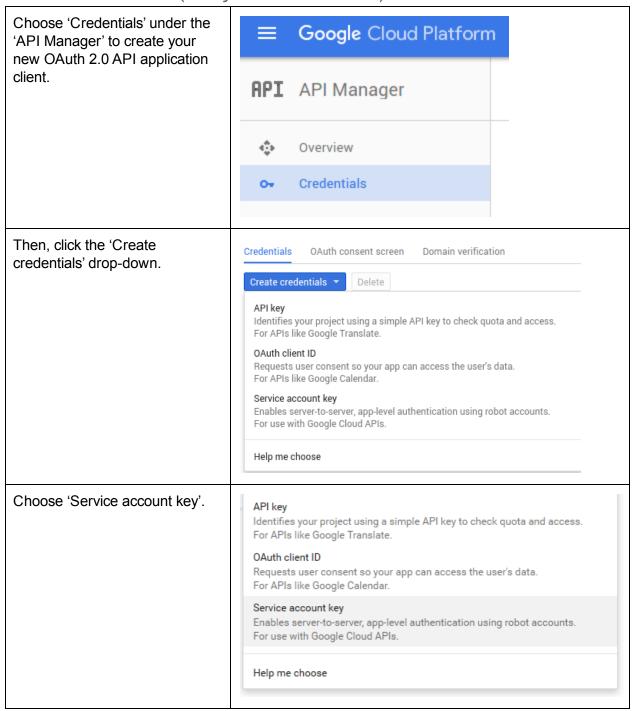
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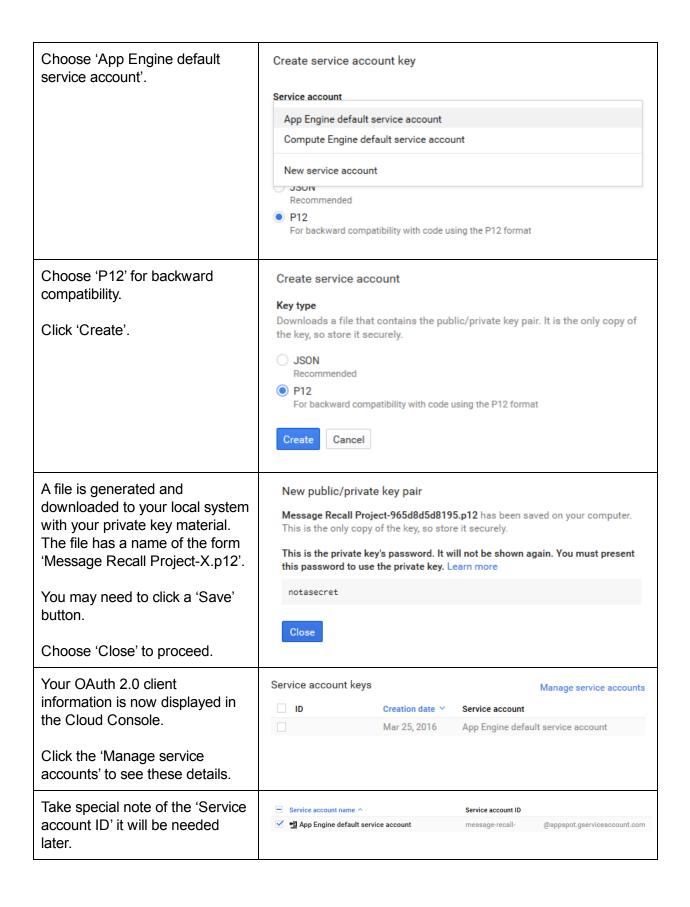
3. Configure the Google APIs Console Project

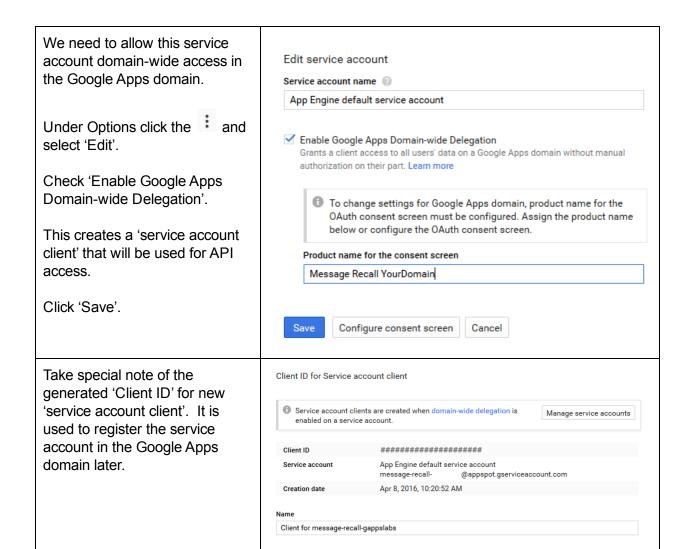
3.1 Enable the Admin SDK API



3.2 Create Credentials (a Project Service Account) File

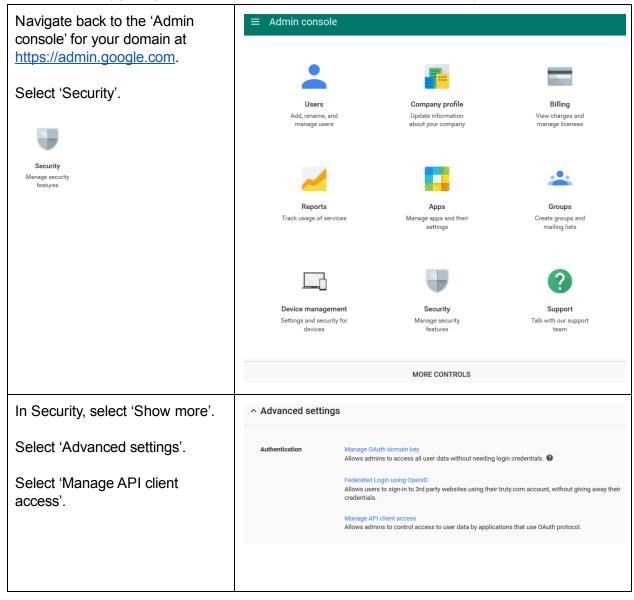






4. Configure your Google Apps Domain for the App Engine application

4.1 Add the App Engine service-account to the domain security model



In the 'Client Name' field, enter Authorized API clients the Service Account 'Client ID' from step 3.2 earlier. Client Name ############# It should be of the form: Example: www.example.com (only numbers). In the 'One or More API Scopes' box, enter the following scopes One or More API Scopes string: https://mail.google.com/,https://www.google Authorize Example: http://www.google.com/calendar/feeds/ (comma-delimited) https://mail.google.com/,https://w ww.googleapis.com/auth/admin. directory.user.readonly Choose 'Authorize' You should notice an entry for Email (Read/Write/Send) https://mail.google.com/ View users on your domain https://www.googleapis.com/auth/admin.directory.user.readonly your service account now listed.

5. Prepare the source code

5.1 Get the source code

| Browse to the github.com page for googleapps-message-recall. | 📮 google / googleapps-message-recall |
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| Click the 'Download ZIP' button. | Download ZIP |
| Create an empty folder for the project source code. | \$ unzip ./googleapps-message-recall-master.zip |
| Copy the downloaded googleapps-message-recall-master.zip file to the empty folder. | |
| Unzip the project source code. | |
| Notice the source files under a new folder: googleapps-message-recall-master/ message_recall. | \$ ls -l ./googleapps-message-recall-master/ -rw-r@ 1 adminuser xxxxx 1697 Mar 18 11:29 README.md drwxr-xr-x@ 28 adminuser xxxxx 952 Mar 18 11:29 message_recall |

5.2 Make local updates

| In the extracted source, edit the app.yaml file. | From: application: message-recall |
|---|--|
| Change the 'application' from 'message_recall' to your app engine 'Application Identifier'. | To: application: message-recall-gappslabs |
| Save your new app.yaml file. | |
| In the extracted source, edit the service_account.py file. Change the | From: SERVICE_ACCOUNT_NAME = ('000000000000-xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx |
| SERVICE_ACCOUNT_NAME to reflect the 'Service account ID' discovered in step 3.3. | To: <pre><your (email)="" account="" address="" id="" service=""></your></pre> |

5.3 Create a service account certificate .pem file

| Find the file downloaded 'XXXX-privatekey.p12' file and copy it to your application folder. | <pre>googleapps-message-recall-master/message_reca 11/</pre> |
|---|--|
| Use the openssl tool to convert the PKCS12 certificate file to PEM format. | <pre>\$ openssl pkcs12 -in xxxx-privatekey.p12 -out messagerecall_privatekey.pem -nodes -nocerts</pre> |
| Note: openssl is available on Linux and Windows | |
| Note the output filename of 'messagerecall_privatekey.pem' is required. | |
| When prompted for a password, supply the one presented earlier: notasecret. | Enter the password: notasecret |
| You should see the following output response and a new file created: messagerecall_privatekey.pem. | MAC verified OK |
| You can now remove the privatekey.p12 file. | \$ rm xxxx-privatekey.p12 |
| Edit the new messagerecall_privatekey.pem file. Delete the Bag Attributes lines. | Bag Attributes friendlyName: privatekey localKeyID: 54 69 6D 65 20 31 33 38 31 37 37 36 30 34 33 31 37 34 |
| Delete the Key Attributes line. | Key Attributes: <no attributes=""></no> |
| The .pem file should begin with the 'BEGIN PRIVATE KEY' line and end with the 'END PRIVATE KEY' line. | BEGIN PRIVATE KEY MIICdwIBEND PRIVATE KEY |
| The edited file must be placed in the root source folder next to the app.yaml file. | googleapps-message-recall-master/message_recall/ |

6. Download the Google App Engine SDK

| Find your platform, download and install the 'Google App Engine SDK for Python' | https://developers.google.com/appengine/downloads#Google_App_Engine_SDK_for_Python |
|--|--|
| Your installation process may be a single unzip or an executable installation program. | |

7. Upload the source code into the AppEngine host

| Deploy the front-end code. | <pre>\$ appcfg.pynoauth local webserver update .</pre> |
|--|---|
| From your application source root folder (the folder that contains app.yaml), run the appcfg.py command that was installed with the 'Google App Engine SDK for Python'. Authenticate as your message_recall_role@yourdomain.com user. | apperg.py hoaden_local_webserver update . |
| When prompted, choose 'Accept' to allow the appcfg program to upload the source code to your app engine hosting environment. | Google App Engine appcfg - This app would like to: Soogle App Engine Wiew and manage your applications deployed on Google App Engine Google App Engine appcfg and Google will use this information in accordance with their respective terms of service and privacy policies. |
| You should notice the following progress on your console confirming the initial application upload (deployment). | Compilation starting. Compilation completed. Starting deployment. Checking if deployment succeeded. Deployment successful. Checking if updated app version is serving. Completed update of app: message-recall-gappslabs, version: 1 Uploading index definitions. Uploading task queue entries. |
| Now deploy the back-end code. | \$ appcfg.py backends . update |
| You should notice the following progress on your console confirming the deployment. | Starting update of app: message-recall-gappslabs, backend: recall-backend Getting current resource limits. Scanning files on local disk Compilation starting. Compilation completed. Starting deployment. Checking if deployment succeeded. Deployment successful. |

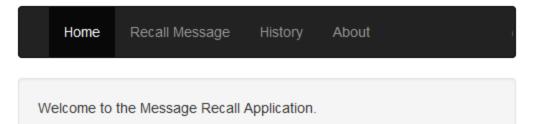
| Checking if updated app version is serving. Completed update of app: message-recall-gappslabs, backend: recall-backend |
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8. Test the running application

A. Navigate to the application and view the landing page:

https://message-recall-gappslabs.appspot.com





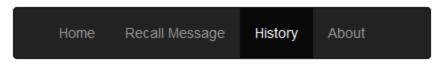
Start a Recall..

B. Navigate to the History page:

NOTE: The initial application data store indices need to be constructed. If you see the following message on the History page, initial index construction has not yet completed.

You can also check progress on initial index creation from the AppEngine administrator page under 'Datastore Indexes'.





There are no Recall Tasks found in this domain.

C. Try recalling a message:

Message Recall - Recall Message

Home Recall Message History About Sign out

Use this tool to remove an Email message from your domain-users mailboxes. This is useful in critical situations when an email message has been inadvertantly sent to your domain users.

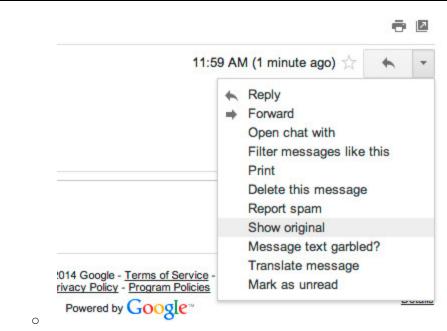
Supply the Message-ID and all Google Apps domain users will be checked.

The email will be deleted from any active user that has received it.

Enter a Message-ID for the email to purge.

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- 1. From Gmail, send a message to any domain user.
- 2. From your Gmail 'Sent Mail' folder, open the sent message.
- 3. You can see detailed information about your message by clicking the 'Show original'.



- 4. Note the **Message-ID** of your sent message (it is the text inside of the <> brackets including '@mail.gmail.com').
- 5. Navigate to the 'Recall Messages' page of your application.
- 6. Enter the Message-ID of your sent message in the textbox.
- 7. Click 'Submit'.
- 8. You are dropped into the Message Recall 'Task' page. Refresh it frequently to see status of your recall task.
- 9. You may choose the 'View Report' page to see a different view of progress.
- 10. The Task state starts at 'Getting Users' and progresses through 'Recalling' to 'Done'.
- 11. When the application completes, you should notice the following on the 'Task' page if the message was only sent to 1 user. This indicates the user was identified, is not suspended, and the message was able to be deleted.



Home Recall Message History About Sign out

Tip: Refresh frequently to see updates.

| State | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Owner | |
| Message-ID | |
| Start (UTC) | 20151024 10:20:49 |
| Stop (UTC) | 20151024 10:21:06 |
| Elapsed (m:s) | |
| Total Users | |
| Users Processed | |
| Users with Messages Recalled | 1 |

View Users

View Report

Debug Task

Common Problems

The following problems arise if one of the setup steps is missed or incomplete.

| Problem | Correction |
|---|---|
| "unauthorized_client" error. | Add the App Engine service account to your Google Apps domain security with scopes. |
| "You are not an authorized user of this application." | This occurs if you have not enabled the 'Admin SDK' API properly. |
| "This AppEngine application requires billing status: "Billing Enabled". | |

Appendices

Getting Help

If you need additional assistance setting up and/or configuring your application, please try the following resources:

Help with Google App Engine

The Google App Engine SDK for Python

Google Apps Documentation & Support: Sign in to your Admin console

Google APIs Console Help

The Google Apps Admin SDK

Service Account Information

The googleapps-message-recall Google Group