Sprint 1 Dynamic Price Calculations

Most complex but basic calculation using companyld, vehicleTypes, maxPassengers, enabled pricing rules ordered by precedence, trip distance and duration

Data Fixtures

Fake data is generated so that the process of developing the dynamic price calculation is consistent and swift across developer machines

Faking Data

Random data is inserted in the database using data fixtures

_id	name	maxPassengers	type	imagePath	companyld
≛ 5aa00f3ddd433	"_" Saloon	i32 3	"_" limo	"-" https://goo.gl/TA	≛ ≡ 5aa00f3ddd4337
■ 5aa00f3ddd433	"_" Estate	132 4	"_" estate	"-" https://goo.gl/TA	I ■ 5aa00f3ddd4337
■ 5aa00f3ddd433	"_" Bus	i32 6	"_" bus	"_" https://goo.gl/TA	■ 5aa00f3ddd4337
3 5aa00f3ddd433	"_" Minivan	i32 6	"_" minivan	"_" https://goo.gl/TA	■ 5aa00f3ddd4337
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≛ ■5aa00f3ddd433	"-" Granite purple car	9 5€	"_" limo	"-" https://goo.gl/TA	■ 5aa00f3ddd4337
≛ 5aa00f3ddd433	"_" Soft orange car	132 1	"_" minivan	"_" https://goo.gl/TA	■ 5aa00f3ddd4337
3 5aa00f3ddd433	"-" Frozen violet car	i32 2	"_" saloon	"_" https://goo.gl/TA	■ 5aa00f3ddd4337
≛ 5aa00f3ddd433	"" Plastic orchid car	8 561	"_" minivan	"_" https://goo.gl/TA	I 5aa00f3ddd4337
≛ 5aa00f3ddd433	"" Plastic cyan car	132 7	"_" limo	"_" https://goo.gl/TA	■ 5aa00f3ddd4337
≛ 5aa00f3ddd433	"_" Steel turquoise car	10	"_" estate	"_" https://goo.gl/TA	■ 5aa00f3ddd4337
≛ ≡ 5aa00f3ddd433	"_" Soft azure car	i 32 9	"_" estate	"_" https://goo.gl/TA	■ 5aa00f3ddd4337
≛ ≡ 5aa00f3ddd433	"_" Rubber silver car	i32 6	"_" estate	"_" https://goo.gl/TA	■ 5aa00f3ddd4337
≛ ≡ 5aa00f3ddd433	"_" Steel fuchsia car	i 32 5	"_" bus	"_" https://goo.gl/TA	■ 5aa00f3ddd4337
≛ ≣5aa00f3ddd433	"_" Concrete white car	i32 3	"_" bus	"_" https://goo.gl/TA	I ■ 5aa00f3ddd4337

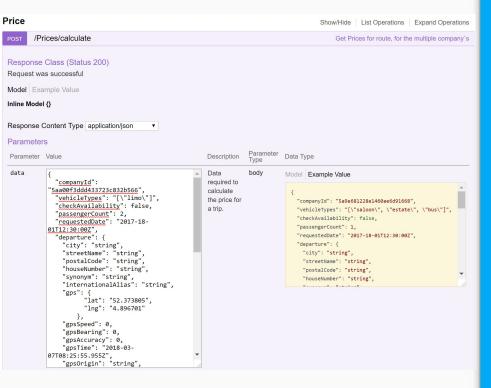
```
type: "{{random.arrayElement([
    \"saloon\",
    \"estate\",
    \"bus\",
    \"minivan\",
   \"limo\"
name: "{{commerce.productMaterial}} {{commerce.color}} car"
imagePath: "https://goo.gl/TA829X"
companyId: "@{company}"
name: "{{commerce.productName}} Vehicle"
isEnabled: "{{random.boolean}}"
type: "{{random.arrayElement([
    \"dynamic\",
   \"fixed\"
precedence: "{{random.number}}"
companyId: "@{company}"
isEnabled: "{{random.boolean}}"
minuteWaitingPrice: "0.25"
fixedPrice: "0"
dynamicStartPrice: "3.00"
dynamicMinimumPrice: "5.00"
dynamicMinutePrice: "0.32"
dynamicDistancePrice: "2.22"
pricingRuleId: "@{pricingRule.*}"
productId: "@{product.*}"
```

Price Calculation

In this first sprint, the basic steps of a dynamic price calculation are orchestrated

Step 1 - PassengerApp sends request to TPS

The next couple of slides show the process of sending the request to our TPS service, and the way that our server processes the request before returning a response with a price calculation for each requested product



Request

As the documentation of the old system suggests, the query format in the yellow box is expected, and used as an example

Source: https://docs.dispatchapi.io/#get -prices-per-vehicle-type

```
companyId:
vehicleTypes:
passengerCount:
departure: {
     gps: {
          lat:
          lng:
destination: {
     gps: {
          lat:
          lng:
```

Data

The values on the left side of this slide are the only values that are currently being accepted by the endpoint

Step 2 - Obtaining ride distance and duration

The distance and duration of a trip are provided by the google directions API

The next slide shows the request parameters sent to google directions API, and the desired response attributes

Request

Fields used in google directions:

- 1. departure (gps: lat, lng)
- 2. destination (gps: lat, lng)

Response

Returned by google:

- 1. distance (in m)
- 2. duration (in s)

Step 3 - Querying our database for matches

While location matching is not part of the system yet, we could theoretically pass all the information we have at this moment to our database query to get the best possible match while ignoring the locations and timeframes for now

The query is performed for every vehicle type that the user wants to see, and returns exactly one best result for each

The next slide shows the request that would be sent by the Passenger App to our TPS microservice

application increase of the complexity grows when query

Query

Fields used in query:

- 1. companyld
- 2. vehicleTypes
- passengerCount

Fields unused:

- departure
- 5. destination
- 6. pickupTime

```
const aggregateQuery = () => {
 Product.dataSource.connector.db.collection('Product')
       $match: {
         companyId: ObjectId(body.companyId),
         type: { $in: JSON.parse(body.vehicleTypes) },
         maxPassengers: { $gte: body.passengerCount }
       $lookup: {
         from: "ProductPricing",
         localField: " id".
         foreignField: "productId",
         as: "productPricings"
       $unwind: {
         path: "$productPricings",
         preserveNullAndEmptyArrays: false
         "productPricings.isEnabled": true
       $lookup: {
         from: "PricingRule",
         localField: "productPricings.pricingRuleId",
         foreignField: " id",
         as: "pricingRules"
       $unwind: {
         path: "$pricingRules",
         preserveNullAndEmptyArrays: true
         "pricingRules.isEnabled": true
         "pricingRules.precedence": -1,
         "pricingRules.type": 1
       $limit: 1
   ]).toArray((err, data) -> {
```

Step 4 - Calculating the prices

After the query to the database has been made, the most complex work is done to calculate prices based on different rules provided and stored in our database by the group admins

A group admin can choose whether he would like the price to be calculated using tiers. He can flip a switch after he's defined the thresholds and tier prices for every one of his products

```
E.g. 0.5 dollar per km for the first 10 km, plus 0.4 the next 10 km, plus 0.35 for the rest 2.54 km. total = 0.889 final = 0.89 (this example only uses the distance metric)
```

```
total = total: km * kmPrice

metric * metricPrice or

or if tier pricing km - thresholds * kmPrice
each(threshold * thresholdPrice) + (threshold * tierPrice)

final = max(
total + startAmount,
minAmount Final: the price that is finally returned
```

Step 5 - Sending back the response

When all the prices have been calculated (for each vehicle type / product), the response is sent back to the PassengerApp

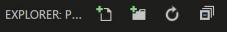
Response

Each vehicle type / product has a maximum of one result

```
"vehicleType": "saloon",
"maxPassengers": 8,
"fixedPrice": true,
"price": {
  "currency": "EUR",
  "total": 1165,
  "breakdown": {
    "route": 1099,
    "tax": 66,
    "toll": 0,
    "parking": 0,
    "waiting": 0,
    "discount": 0
"vehicleType": "limo",
"maxPassengers": 5,
"fixedPrice": true,
"price": {
  "currency": "EUR",
  "total": 1165,
  "breakdown": {
    "route": 1099,
    "tax": 66,
    "toll": 0,
    "parking": 0,
    "waiting": 0,
    "discount": 0
```

Project Structure

As Loopback 3 does not support Typescript out of the box, a separation between inherent loopback files and external functionality files is made, so that Typescript can be used for pieces of software that are decoupled from the framework



- ▶ .vscode
- ▶ common
- ▶ config
- coverage
- ▶ fixtures
- ▶ node_modules
- ▶ server
- ▶ src
- ▶ test
- .editorconfig
- .env
- ≡ .env.example
- .gitignore
- {} .yo-rc.json
- {} deploy.json
- icon.png
- {} package.json
- ① README.md
- {} tsconfig.json
- {} tslint.json

File Structure

common	Loopback models & schemas	
config	Loopback config files	
coverage	Test reporting	
fixtures	Data fixtures for generating test data in db	
server	Loopback server files	
src	Typescript project	
test	Typescript tests	
.editorconfig .env .tsconfig .tslint	Space, tabs, line-ending styles Environmental variables Typescript settings Typescript linting	

Tests

Tests are written using Mocha and Chai to guarantee that a functionalities continue to operate consistently, adhering to the FIRST mnemonic

- 1. Fast
- 2. Isolate
- 3. Repeatable
- 4. Self validating
- 5. Timely

Output

- UNIT: Aims to test small units of code
- INTEGRATION:
 Tests whether different parts of the system work together
- 3. Note:
 Current tests assume that the environment in which it resides is operational. For example: a google directions api key is set, the system is connected to the network, et cetera.

```
stefan@DESKTOP-M590E8U:/mnt/c/Projects/pricing-api$ yarn test
varn run v1.5.1
$ tslint --fix src/**/*.ts{,x} --config tslint.json --project tsconfig.json
$ yarn run test:coverage
$ TS NODE COMPILER OPTIONS='{"target":"es6"}' nyc --reporter=lcov yarn run test:unit
$ mocha -r ts-node/register "./test/**/*.spec.ts" --exit
  INTEGRATION: The .env file and environmental variables
  INTEGRATION: Server response status
  UNIT: GoogleDirections Settings
  INTEGRATION: Google API Service
  UNIT: PriceCalculation Class
  INTEGRATION: Price Calculation Different Cases
  20 passing (360ms)
Done in 9.98s.
```

stefan@DESKTOP-M590E8U:/mnt/c/Projects/pricing-api\$

Debugging

Set the debug flag to true to display errors and logs during the tests

```
import debug from '../../debug';

debug(true);

describe('UNIT: PriceCalculation Class', () => {
  it('should throw an error on duplicate...
```

```
4 passing (93ms)
 1) INTEGRATION: Price Calculation Different Cases
       should calculate a price without thresholds:
     + expected - actual
          "breakdown": {
         "discount": 0
        "parking": 0
        "route": 83
        "tax": 5
      + "toll": 0
      + "waiting": 0
```

Tests: coverage reporting



Istanbul tests checks to see what lines of code were run. The report shows useful information to improve the test coverage of a project.

```
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15
           * Start price calculations. The distance and duration metrics
16
           * are fetched by the directionsService using an async function
17
           * before calculate is used to calculate the trip price.
18
19
           public async breakdown(pricing: pricing): Promise<object> {
20
                     culator.validPricingOrError(pricing);
      if path not taken
                     trics = await this.directionsService.directions();
22
23
             I if (!metrics) {
               throw new HttpError('Metrics not provided for price calculation.');
24
25
26
             const routePrice = this.calculate(pricing, <metrics>metrics);
27
    5x
             const taxPrice = PriceCalculator.taxPerc * routePrice;
28
29
             const tollPrice = 0: // @todo
30
    5x
             const parkingPrice = 0; // @todo
31
             const waitPrice = pricing.prices.minuteWaitingPrice * 0; // @todo
32 5x
             const discountPrice = 0; // @todo
```