

Week 5: Cloud and API deployment

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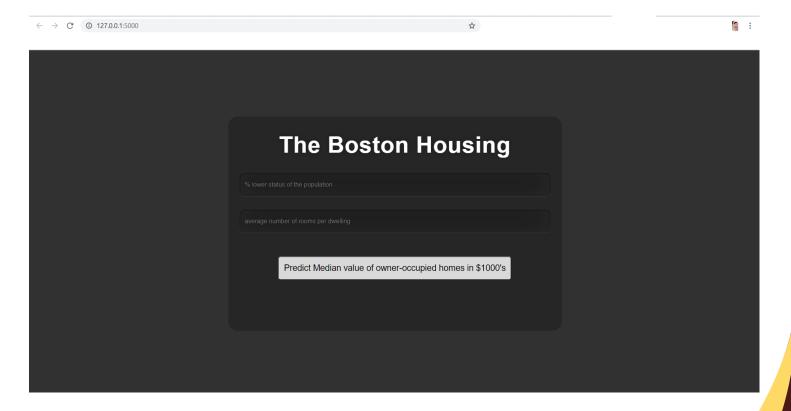
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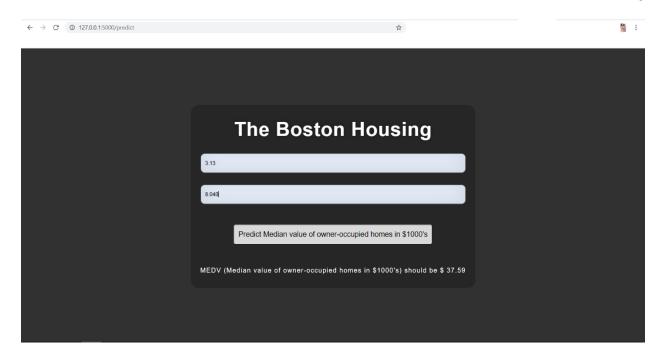
Introduction

The flask web app which is implemented do in the way that get the value of two variables from clients and after that predict the result and show it. The dataset that I have used for this project is "Boston Housing" dataset, I trained a model to predict the "MEDV" by two features "LSTAT" and "RM". In the following sections I will explain each part of the project separately in detail.

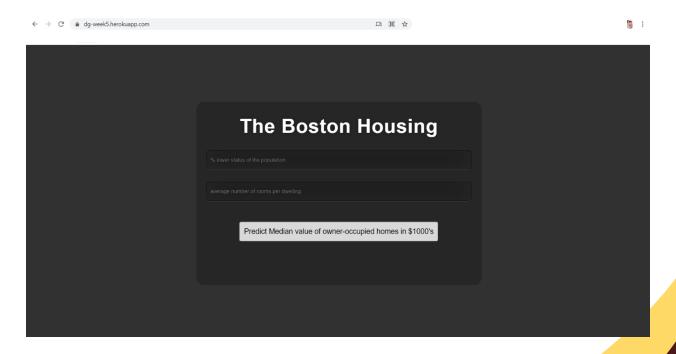
Here is the picture of the web app interface:



After a user put values and press the predict button, the answer will come in a short time:



At last, I have deployed this project on Heroku so we can see the web application on https://dg-week5.herokuapp.com/:



And also we can use API to send the parameters to the application and get response of it:

PS C:\Users\Niu\Flask- Boston\Flask> python .\request.py 37.59

Dataset

The dataset that I used it is "Boston Housing" Dataset. The below picture illustrates all features of this dataset.

The Boston Housing Dataset

The Boston Housing Dataset is a derived from information collected by the U.S. Census Service concerning housing in the area of Boston MA. The following describes the dataset columns:

- · CRIM per capita crime rate by town
- ZN proportion of residential land zoned for lots over 25,000 sq.ft.
- INDUS proportion of non-retail business acres per town.
- CHAS Charles River dummy variable (1 if tract bounds river; 0 otherwise)
- NOX nitric oxides concentration (parts per 10 million)
- RM average number of rooms per dwelling
- AGE proportion of owner-occupied units built prior to 1940
- DIS weighted distances to five Boston employment centres
- · RAD index of accessibility to radial highways
- TAX full-value property-tax rate per \$10,000
- · PTRATIO pupil-teacher ratio by town
- B 1000(Bk 0.63)^2 where Bk is the proportion of blacks by town
- LSTAT % lower status of the population
- MEDV Median value of owner-occupied homes in \$1000's

¹ https://www.kaggle.com/prasadperera/the-boston-housing-dataset

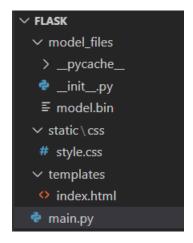
Model

I have deployed a model to predict "MEDV" based on "RM" and "LSTAT" as they have almost linear correlation with the target (MEDV). In this regard I applied Linear Regression to predict the target and tarin the model with whole dataset as train data. You can find the code in the linked <u>picture</u>.

The codes are written in Jupyter Notebook, at last I stored the model to the .bin file that I used it in the Flask.

Flask Deployment

For deploying Flask first of all we should install it, after that we can use it in python codes. The below picture show the structure of the flask deployment in this project:



As you can see here, we have some important files like .py, .html and .css files, we will explore each of these files in detail:

model.bin

Is the model that I stored as .bin file.

style.css

This file helps to have more beautiful view of this app. Here is the complete .css file:

```
static > css > # style.css > ᢡ body
      input {
          width: 90%;
          height: 25px;
          margin-bottom: 30px;
          background: \square rgba(0,0,0,0.3);
          border: none;
          padding: 10px;
          font-size: 13px;
          color: □#fff;
          text-shadow: 1px 1px 1px □rgba(0,0,0,0.3);
          border: 1px solid □rgba(0,0,0,0.5);
          border-radius: 10px;
          box-shadow: inset 0 -5px 45px □rgba(100,100,100,0.2), 0 1px 1px □rgba(255,255,255,0.2);
          -webkit-transition: box-shadow .5s ease;
          -moz-transition: box-shadow .5s ease;
          -o-transition: box-shadow .5s ease;
          -ms-transition: box-shadow .5s ease;
          transition: box-shadow .5s ease;
          margin-left: 0;
          margin-right: 0;
      .btn_submit {
          height: 50px;
          border-radius: 5px;
          font-size: 18px;
          padding: 10px;
          margin-top: 20px;
          background: ■#d9d9d9;
       .prediction_text{
          font-size: 16px;
```

index.html

This is the main view page that contains all static elements which we can see in the UI as a client:

```
templates > 0 index.html > 0 html > 0 h
```

main.py

This is the last and the most important file of this project, first of all I imported all necessary libraries, after that the model is read from the file, also we should declare something to do for each rout and also, we should declare some routs that we can see webpages only by their routes.

The first rout shows the index.html.

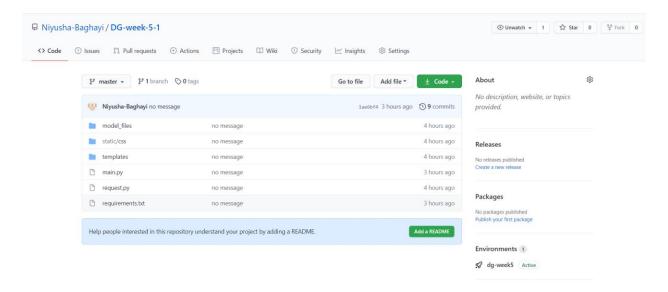
The second rout which has "/predict" and that is the destination URL of the form that mentioned in "index.html", when the predict button is pressed the form leads us to this URL and the following steps will happen:

Read data from the form (the values for "LSTAT" and "RM" entered by user), use the model and predict the "MEDV", at last load the "index.html" with the result value of "MEDV" and show it.

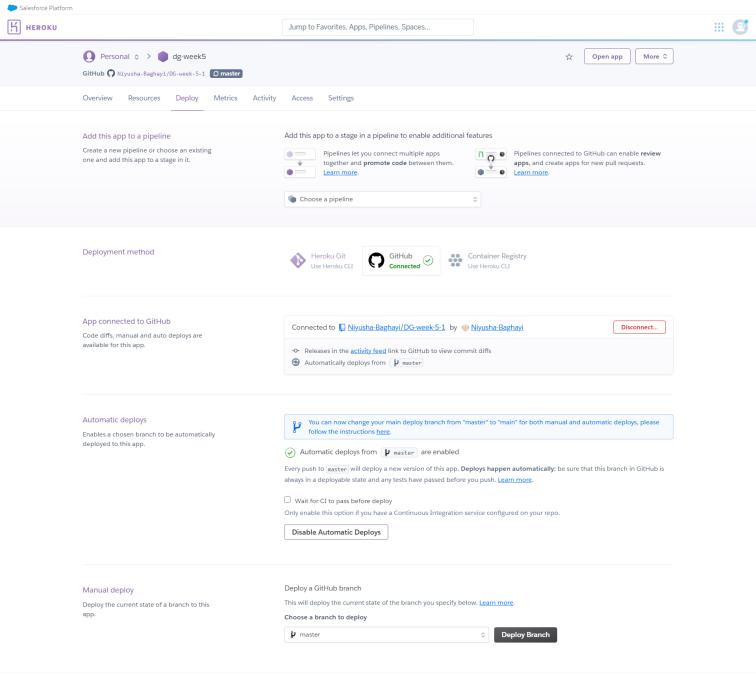
The last route is for pass the inputs by calling API, it will collect the parameters which pass trough POST method and run the same model on it and return the result of prediction and we can see the result in terminal after its running finished.

Deploying the Web App on Heroku

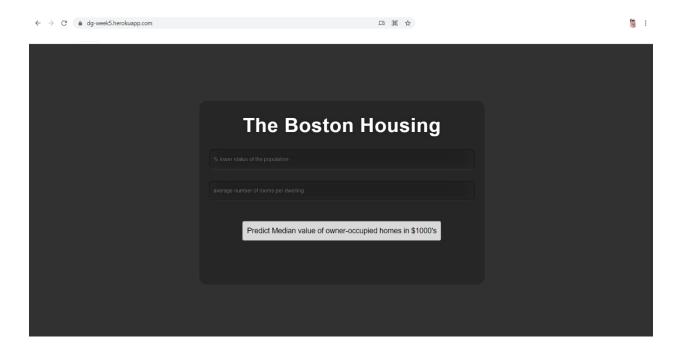
For deploying the application on Heroku, we can push all data to GitHub and by connecting the Heroku account to GitHub and fetching the data from there, deploy the application:



After that go to Heroku and connect the GitHub to it:



At the end, we can see the application on Heroku https://dg-week5.herokuapp.com/



API

For calling the application by API, I have created a python code to send the values in JSON format through POST method :

```
request.py > [] url
import requests

url = 'https://dg-week5.herokuapp.com/results'
r = requests.post(url,json={'LSTAT':3.13, 'RM':8.040})

print(r.json())
```

As you can see the URL is the URL of the application on Heroku and the path(/results) which we have defined a function for that to run the model for this data in "main.py".

So we can run this python file by terminal:

```
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```

And also we can get the same response as we put the same value in web application by web UI:

