

Data Science Intern at Data Glacier

Week 4: Deployment on Flask

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1. Introduction

This project involves the deployment of a web app using the Python and Flask framework. I used a dummy dataset (insurance.csv) along with a trained model (RandomForestRegressor from sklearn.ensemble) saved as model.pkl, which is to be used to predict Premium Health Insurance charges.

The necessary files and directories, including the Flask app (app.py), HTML templates, CSS file, was placed in their respective folders.

2. Data Information

The dataset in CSV (Viewed in Excel) showing the column headers and the first few rows are as follows:

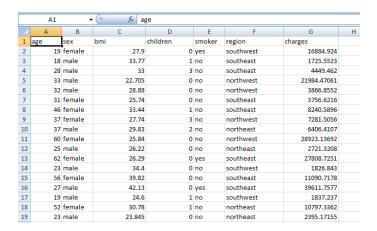


Figure 1.1: Dataset used for the App deployment in Excel Table (insurance.csv)

2.1. Attribute Information

The CSV consists of the following columns: 'age', 'sex', 'bmi', 'children', 'smoker', 'region' and 'charges', There are six(6) feature variables and one(1) target variables. The below table describes the field properties and what it should be converted to before being passed to the Machine Learning model:

Table 2.2: Attribute Information (Feature variables)

Attributes	Data-type
age	INT
sex	To be converted to INT – 'male':0, 'female'1
bmi	FLOAT
children	INT

smoker	To be converted to INT – 'yes':0, 'No':1
region	To be converted to INT – 'southeast':0, 'southwest':1,
	'northeast':2, 'northwest':3

The Outcome variable (Target) is the 'charges' column which will be used to predict the insurance premium charges of the particular person.

3. Building the Model

The model was trained and saved into path ('model/model.pkl'). A Python program was created and saved with the file named model_training.py to handle the model training and saving. Here is the code for the file.

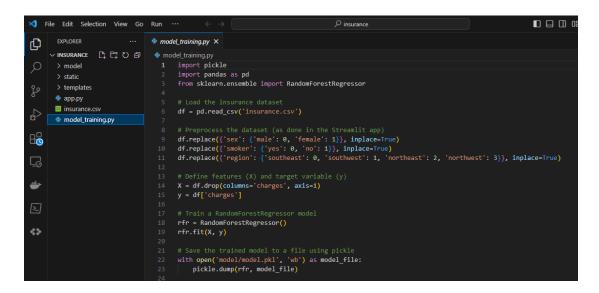


Figure 3.1: model_training.py file used for training and saving the model

4. Turning Model into Flask Framework

4.1. Predict.html

I created an HTML template for the web app. Here's a simple "predict.html" template that was created and saved in the template folder.

Figure 4.1: predict.html Template for interfacing with the user

4.2. Styles.css

I created a CSS file named style.css in a "static" folder. Here, I defined the styling for the HTML template in this file.

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                                             /* Apply styles to the <body> element */

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    color: □#333;
        model_training.py
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                                                 padding: 20px;
border: 1px solid ■#ccc;
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                                                 display: block;
margin: 10px 0;
font-weight: bold;
     > OUTLINE
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Figure 4.2: style.css used for styling the HTML template

4.3. App.py

I created a file named app.py for the Flask application, which ties everything together

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                                        import pandas as pd
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       # style.css
                                        app = Flask(__name__)

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                                        o predict.html
return render_template('predict.html') # Redirect to the predict.html template
                                        @app.route('/predict', methods=['POST'])
                                         def predict():
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                                            # Get user input from the form
age = int(request.form['age'])
sex = int(request.form['sex'])
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                                            bmi = float(request.form['bmi'])
children = int(request.form['children'])
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                                            smoker = int(request.form['smoker'])
region = int(request.form['region'])
                                             return render_template('predict.html', prediction=prediction[0])
(Q)
                                             app.run(debug=True)
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Figure 4.3: style.css used for styling the HTML template

4.4. Running the App

To run the Flask app, make sure you have Flask installed (pip install Flask). Then, run the app.py file. You can access the app in your web browser

Figure 4.4: Running the App via Command prompt



Figure 4.5: App running locally in the browser

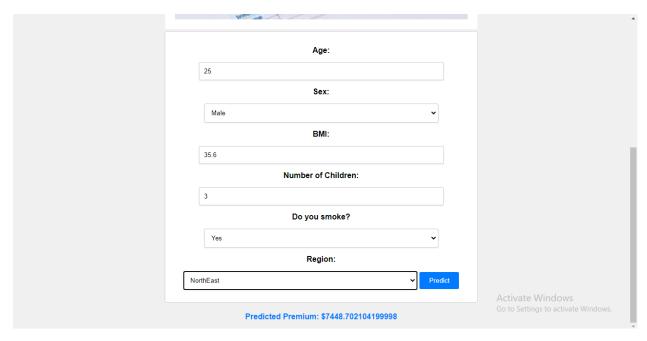


Figure 4.6: Showing the predicted results derived from the model