A World of Plants Funge



Our Story

JANUARY 2016 Our Humble Beginnings

Team Funge started off as a group of 4 students taking Software Engineering (COS301) at the University of Pretoria.





MAY 2016 We Meet Our Clients

Amazon Web Services issued us with a (very broad) challenge: Use their IoT service in a smart, innovative way.

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JUNE 2016 An Idea is Born

The number of people involved in agriculture has dropped significantly in recent years. South Africa needs more people interested in plants. We knew what we had to do: Make Plants Fun!





JULY 2016 - OCTOBER 2016 Hard Work, Good Fun and No Sleep

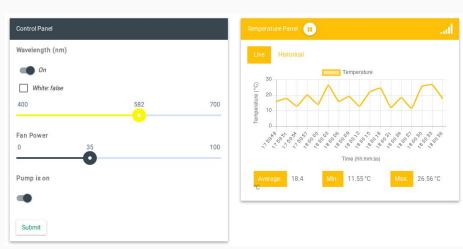
Our scope grew... and shrank. We learnt to hate and then love Angular. We were awed by the power of AWS. We discovered that we knew nothing about circuits. We bought some spinach. We made good and bad decisions, but we never stopped learning. And at the end, we delivered something we are all proud of.

Brief Explanation

- Remote, real-time plant monitoring and environment control system
- Cloud based, micro-services, Platform as a Service (PaaS)
 architecture
- Main service: IoT hardware platform managed by an event based cloud processing service
- Front-end is implemented as an MVC architecture

Wow Factor

- Environment monitored and controlled in real-time using a cutting edge IoT hardware platform and cloud based services
- Real-time, interactive, two-way communication between front-end and hardware



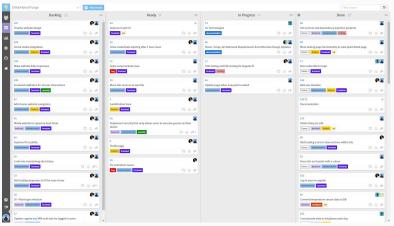




Software Engineering Principles

- Agile approach
 - scrum boards
 - burndown charts
- Continuous Integration and Automated Testing
 - Travis CI
 - Maven JUnit and Spring
 - E2E testing (Protractor and Karma)
- Version Control
 - Git

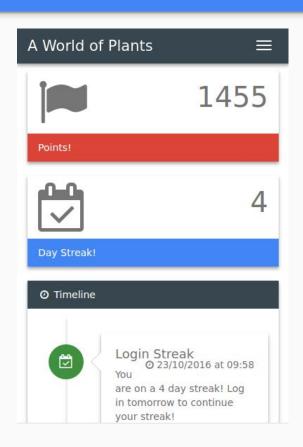




Architecture

- The system uses a cloud-based, serverless, event-driven micro-services architecture
- Platform as a Service (PaaS) by utilizing Amazon Web Services
- IoT platform
 - MQTT
 - Subscribing and publishing to topic streams
 - Rule-based gathering and sorting of incoming streams

Fully reactive site, designed to work on all devices



Future Expansion

- Complex Event Analysis
 - Discover and track trends
- Machine Learning
- Gamification
 - Social aspects
 - Leader boards
 - Friends etc.
- Designed to be expandable
 - AngularJS components
 - Events driven processing rather than monolithic server

Please ask us anything!