Lab 4: Google App Engine

Objectives:

1. Understanding how to create application on cloud
2. Using Google App Engine

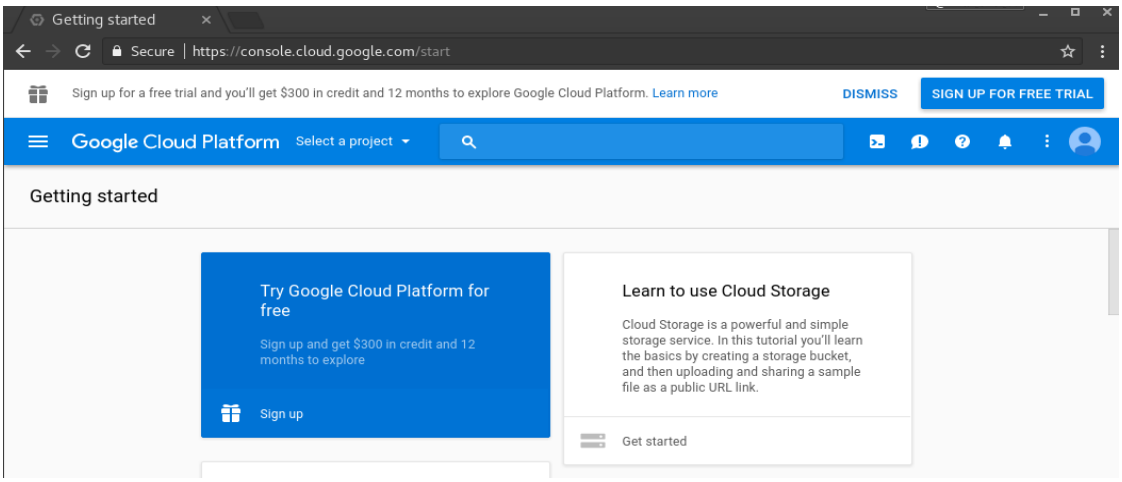
Overview:

1. Sign up a Google account
2. Setup Google Cloud SDK
3. Setup Eclipse
4. Create GAE Application with Eclipse
5. Run your application locally
6. Deploy your application on Google Cloud
7. Lab Assignment

1. Sign up a Google account

create a Google account (if you don't already have one), by visiting https://accounts.google.com/SignUp

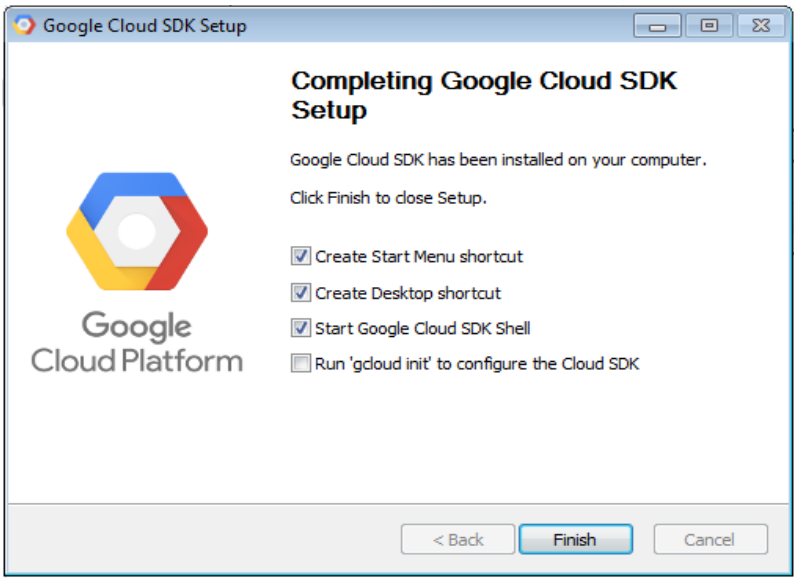
Login into your account and go to https://console.cloud.google.com to see your Google Cloud Platform's management page. Verify if you can access to this page.



2. Setup Google Cloud SDK

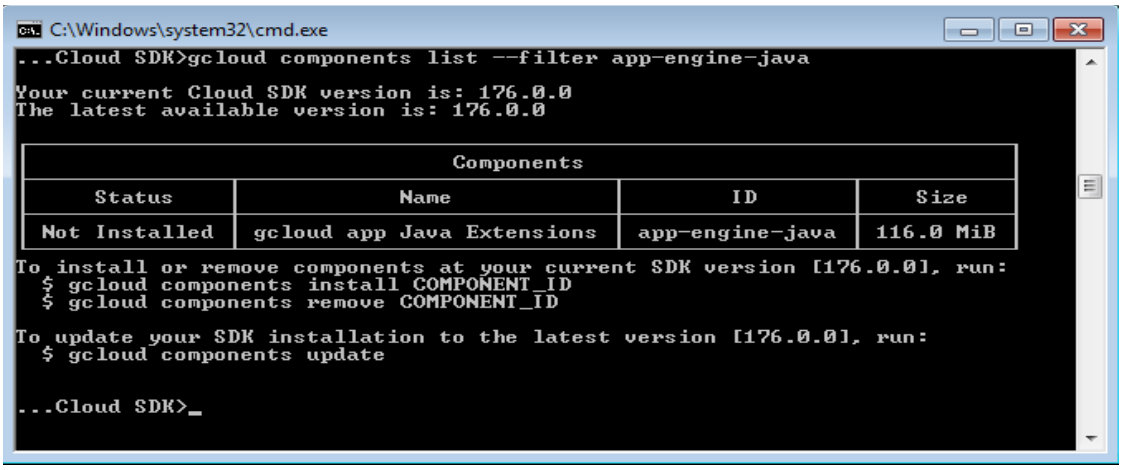
To develop application with Google App Engine, Google has prepared a set of tools and libraries for you to download. Go to https://dl.google.com/dl/cloudsdk/channels/rapid/GoogleCloudSDKInstaller.exe and install this Software Development Kit (SDK) as a single user.

At the end of installation, **uncheck** the box "*Run 'gcloud init' to configure the Cloud SDK*". (Because we will let Eclipse plugin to handle authentication for us.)



After installation, Google Cloud SDK Shell window will be displayed. Here we can list all components installed with Cloud SDK with command: "`gcloud components list`"

See if a component named "**app-engine-java**" is installed by using command: "`gcloud components list --filter app-engine-java`"



If the status is "**Not Installed**", we need to install it using command: "`gcloud components install app-engine-java`"

Verify again after the installation finished. The status must be changed to "**Installed**"

3. Setup Eclipse

In this lab, we will use Java version 8, and Eclipse version Oxygen (however, any version of Eclipse should be fine). If they are not installed, download and install them from these links:

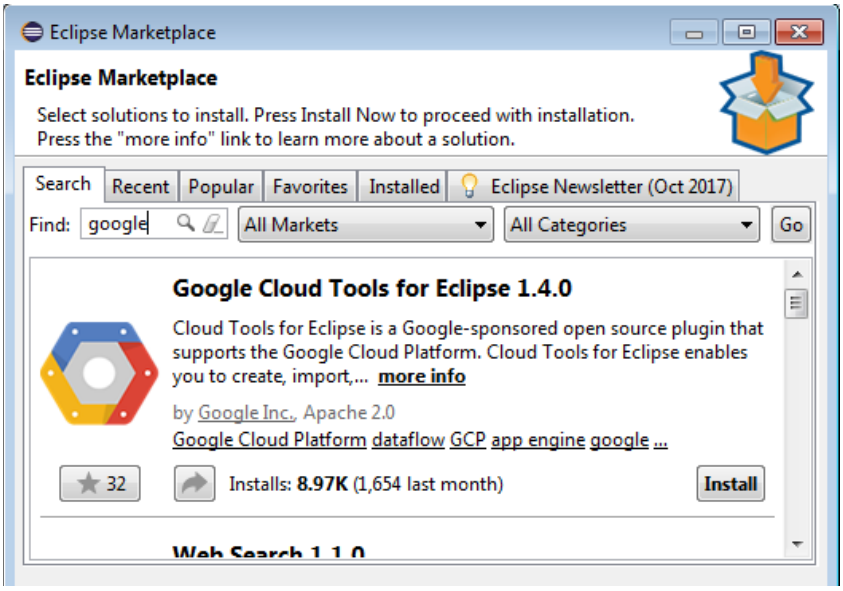
- Java SDK 8 : http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/jdk8-downloads-2133151.html
- Eclipse (IDE for Java Deveper version) : http://www.eclipse.org/downloads/packages/eclipse-ide-java-developers/oxygen1a

3.1 Setup Proxy for Eclipse (If you are using Mahidol Network)

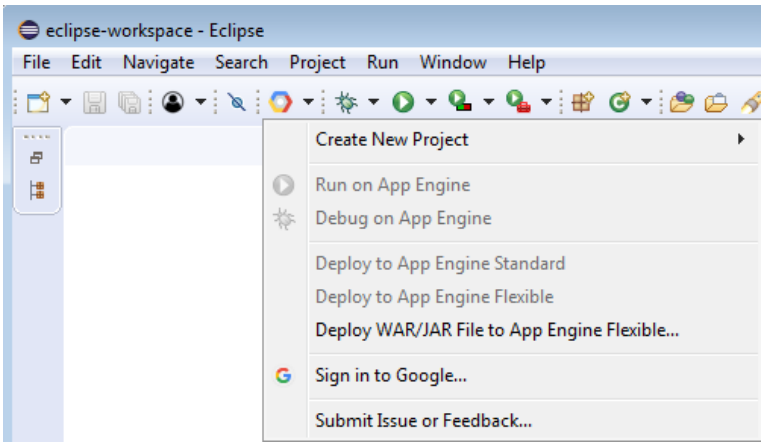
1) In Eclipse program, go to *Window → Preferences → General → Network Connections*
2) At "**Active Provider**" drop-down box, select "**Manual**"
3) In the table, select "**HTTP**" and click "**Edit...**" button
4) Configure it with:
   ```
   Host: proxy-sa.mahidol
   Port: 8080
   ```
5) Tick at "**Requires Authentication:**" check-box
6) Type in your Mahidol's Internet username and password
7) Click "**OK**", then click "**Apply and Close**"

3.2 Install Google Cloud Plugin for Eclipse's

1) In Eclipse program, go to *Help → Market Place*
2) search for "**google**" and install "**Google Cloud Tools for Eclipse**"



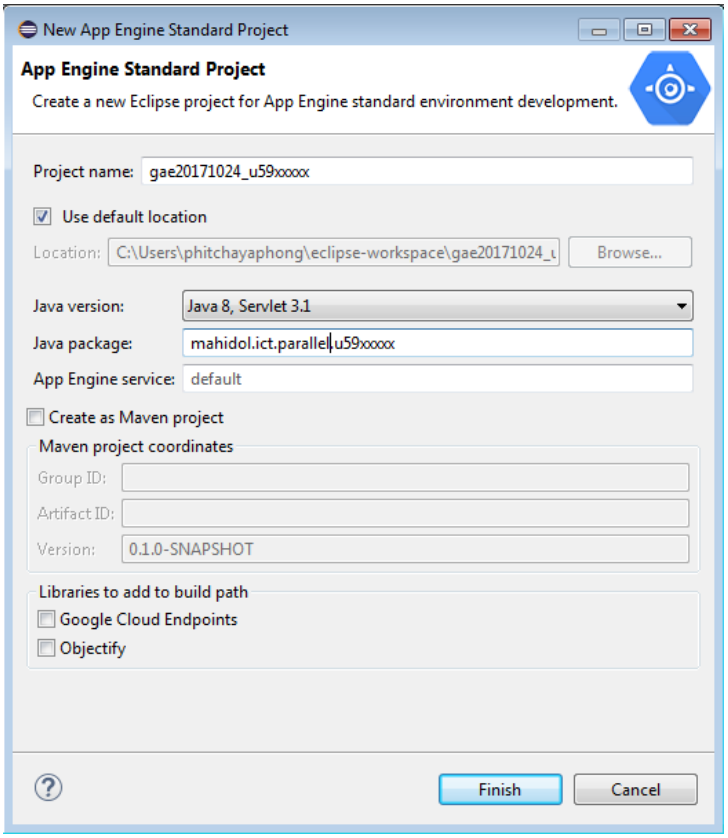
3) After installation, restart Eclipse program
4) Click on "Google Cloud Platform" icon  and select "**Sign in to Google...**"



5) Login to your Google Account and allow the permissions.
6) After you finished, you will see message "*Received verification code. You may now close this window...*". You can close the web browser.

4. Create an Google App Engine Application

1) Click on the "Google Cloud Platform" button () again.
2) Choose *Create New Project → Google App Engine Standard Java Project…*
3) Type-in project name and Java Package. You can choose anything, but try to make it unique. Here is an example.



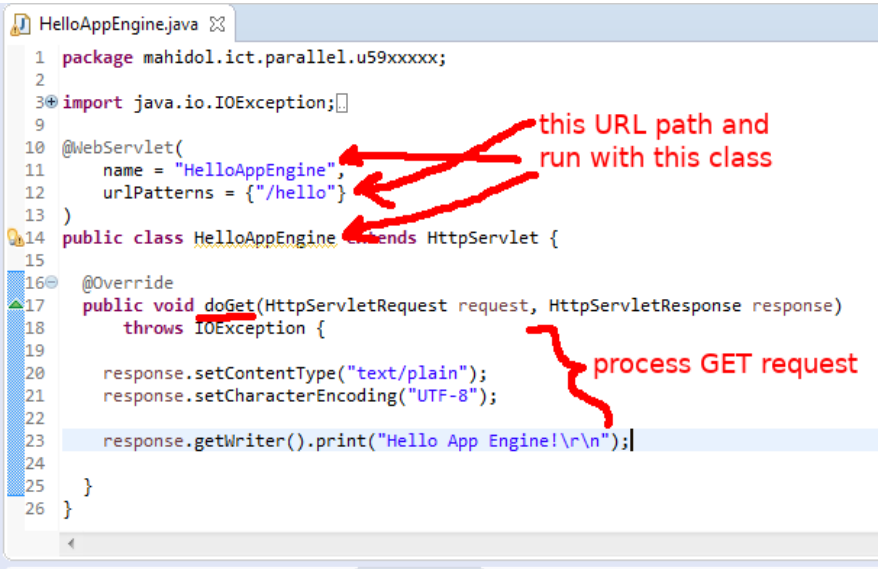
4) Click finish.

5) Eclipse will create a new project with some simple code for Google App Engine. The code will simply print “Hello App Engine!” out.

Code Explanation

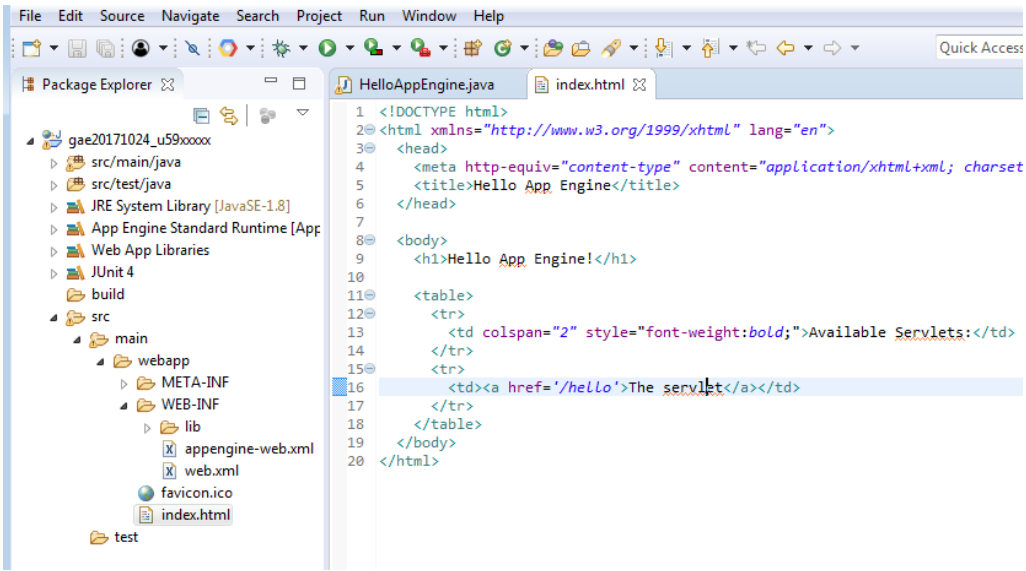
Google App Engine (Java) is an Java Servlet application. It maps each class to each URL path.

For example, this class, “**`HelloAppEngine`**”, is mapped to path “**/hello**”. That is when running this application, you can go to URL “http://localhost:8080/hello” and it will print out the words: “Hello App Engine!”.




```java
package mahidol.ict.parallel.u59xxxxx;

import java.io.IOException;

@WebServlet(
    name = "HelloAppEngine",
    urlPatterns = {"/hello"}
)
public class HelloAppEngine extends HttpServlet {

  @Override
  public void doGet(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response)
      throws IOException {

    response.setContentType("text/plain");
    response.setCharacterEncoding("UTF-8");

    response.getWriter().print("Hello App Engine!\r\n");

  }
}
```

However, the default front page is “**index.html**”, located in “**src/main/webapp**” folder. If you would like to modify the front page, you can change it there. It is written in HTML language.

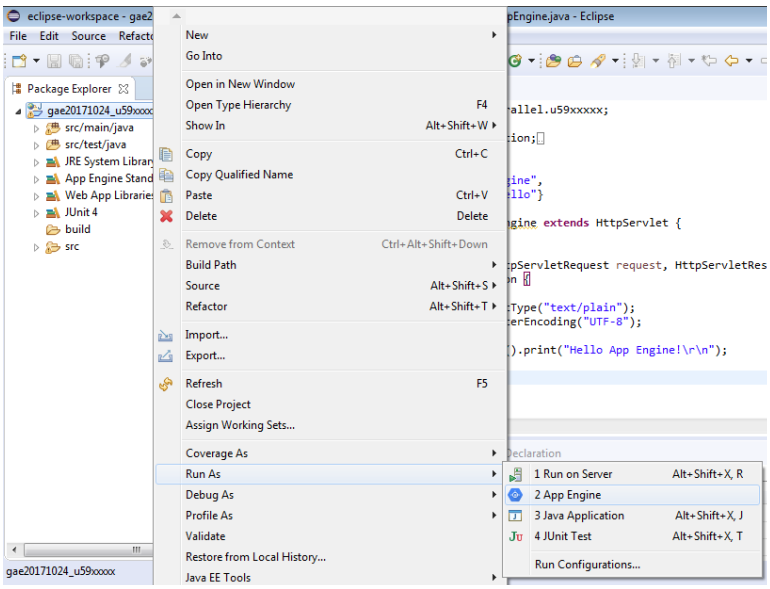



```html
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" lang="en">
  <head>
    <meta http-equiv="content-type" content="application/xhtml+xml; charset
    <title>Hello App Engine</title>
  </head>

  <body>
    <h1>Hello App Engine!</h1>

    <table>
      <tr>
        <td colspan="2" style="font-weight:bold;">Available Servlets:</td>
      </tr>
      <tr>
        <td><a href='/hello'>The servlet</a></td>
      </tr>
    </table>
  </body>
</html>
```

5. Run your application locally

5.1 Run the Server

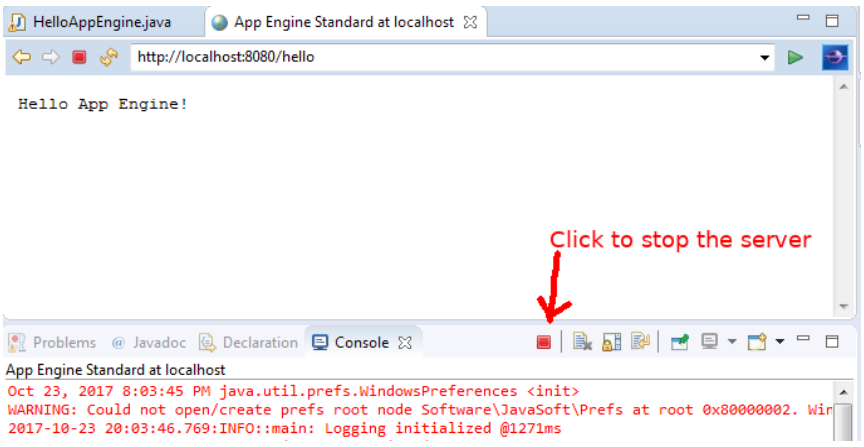
1) Right click on your project, select *Run As* → *App Engine*



2) You will be able to see the application running on http://localhost:8080/ using any web browser.

5.2 Stop the Server

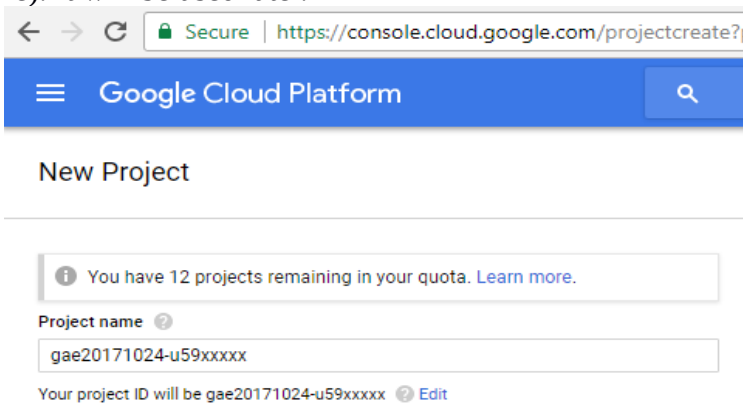
When you modify the code and want to see the changes, you must **stop the server** before running the application again.



6. Deploy your application on Google Cloud

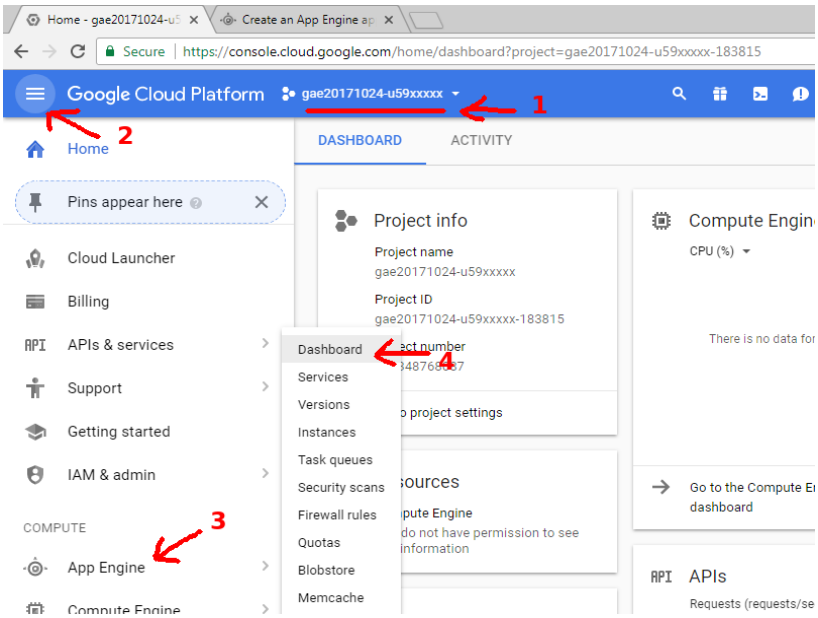
6.1 Create Project on Google Cloud

1) First, use a web browser to go to Google Cloud website to create a new project https://console.cloud.google.com/projectcreate
2) Pick a **project name** that is unique. And remember your "**Project ID**" (usually be the same as project name). It will be used later.



3) Click "**Create**"

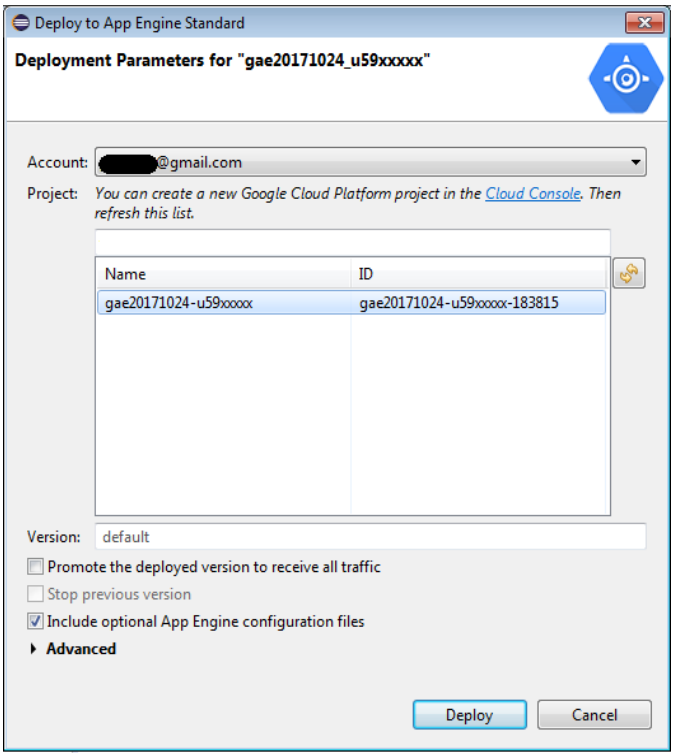
6.2 Create App Engine inside the Project



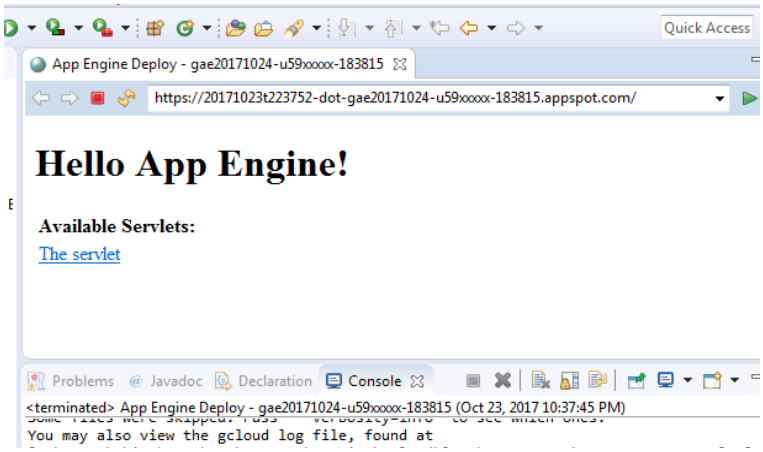
1) Select your new project
2) Click at menu
3) Select "*App Engine*"
4) Select "*Dashboard*"
5) Choose "Your first app → Java"
6) Select location of the server where the app will be run on.
   - Closest to Thailand is "**asia-northeast1**"
7) If the next page says "*Let's get started*", then your app is created. You can skip the tutorial and close the browser.

6.3 Deploy App from Eclipse to Google Cloud

1) Go back to Eclipse program
2) Select your project folder (on the left-hand side)
3) Click on the "Google Cloud Platform" button ( ) again.
4) Select "*Deploy to App Engine Standard*".
5) Select the project name you just created.



4) **Uncheck** "*Promote the deployed version to receive all traffic*", so not much traffic will come to your app. This prevents the app to cost you the money.
5) Click "**Deploy**" to deploy to the Google Cloud
6) Wait until it finishes, and you will be able to browse to your Google Application.

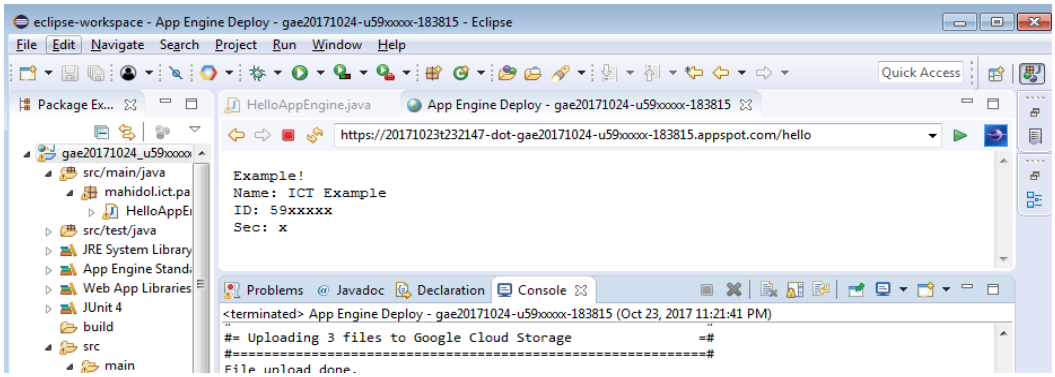


Note: The URL is public. Anyone with the URL can access to this page.

Lab Assignment

1. Modify the application to print out your full name, student ID, and section.
2. Save the screen shot of your working Google Application running on Google Cloud in a Microsoft Word document, along with your application's URL.
   - The screen shot must contain your **full name**, **student ID** and **section**.
   - The screen shot must contain your **application URL** in the URL bar.

   For example (no need to follow this exactly) :



3. Save your word file as u59xxxxx.docx and submit it to the e-learning website.