BuildPacks

There are officialy supported buildpacks , for example: heroku/php, heroku/java, heroku/ruby, heroku/python. By default, Heroku tries to detect it automatically, based on your project structure and files. You can select the right one for your project, telling Heroku your selection running heroku buildpacks:set buildpack/name, for example (PHP Application):

heroku buildpacks:set heroku/python

Heroku Configuration files

Python Projects (Django)

For Python/Django projects, you will need, at least 2 more files:

• A Procfile to define the web interface: Generally it contains the following command (using WSGI):

web: gunicorn djangoproject.wsgi --log-file - (it points

• A requirements.txt file to define your python dependencies (pip packages). Basically, you will need to add Django, gunicorn and django\_heroku for web deployment, plus any other package used in your application.

Php/Composer projects (Laravel,Sympfony)

If you have an index.php and a composer.json file is enough for Heroku, to detect and install your application.

The Procfile file

A Procfile is a platform definition. It can contain the main configuration for your heroku deployment. For example:

• web:A web platform definition. For example:

◦ web: gunicorn yourproject.wsgi --log-file - (Web interface Django/Python)

◦ web: heroku-php-apache2 (PHP/Apache)

• release: ./release-script.sh the path for a deployment script to run in the heroku platform after push and install. It needs execution permission over this file (chmod +x).  You can run git update-index --chmod=+x release-script.sh after adding your file to Git.

Push your application to Heroku

Now you can push your application to the Heroku application master repository, using the git command:

git push heroku master

This command will push your repository into the heroku platform. These are the main steps Heroku tries to do with your application after pushing it:

1. Detect your application language and framework. You can configure an explicit platform to avoid problems. If heroku can’t detect a specific platform, it will fail publishing your app. Use a Procfile to be more specific.

2. Build your application: Heroku tries to install the packages you already defined in dependency files (requirements.txt for Python, composer.json for PHP, package.json for Node.js/Npm)

3. Execute the release script, if any. If you added a release: definition in the Procfile, it will be executed at this point.

4. If all things are OK, then your application will be ready to access at http://your-app.herokuapp.com

Conditions and pricing

An important note about storage: Heroku provides the platform for your application. However, Heroku has an “ephemeral” hard drive, this means that you can write files to disk, but those files will not persist after the application is restarted. If you need to have persistent storage, you can implement it using a cloud storage like Amazon S3 or Amazon Elastic File Storage. See https://devcenter.heroku.com/articles/active-storage-on-heroku for more information.

Pricing and additional features

Heroku can be used as a free platform to deploy and publish applications. However, there are conditions and limitations for a free plan:

• The server goes to sleep mode after 30 minutes of inactivity.

• Limited up to 1000 hrs. of server activity

• Only a custom domain (your-app.herokuapp.com)

• 512 Mb RAM & 1 web/1 worker by application.

You can check other plans and pricing in https://www.heroku.com/pricing. Also there are other features of this platform, mos of them you can use for free with some limits:

• Configure your Heroku team for collaboration in the same project (Free up to 5 team members)

• Heroku Pipelines: Use a visual, structured workflow to implement a Continuous Delivery pipeline, from dev to staging and production (Free)

• Heroku CI: Run a full pipeline for Continuous Integration, including automated tests, and the full development workflow using a visual tool.

Sample Project

You can find a reference project (Python/Django) using heroku on this guide in https://github.com/fraigo/python-django-example

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