Advanced Programming with Python

Deploying Python apps

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Deployment

When we talk about deployment, we mean running our application somewhere in the internet.

In this case we will run it on **Google App Engine**.

Google App Engine

Google App Engine (**GAE**) is a PaaS Platform by Google Cloud. We can host applications written in a range of different programming languages, but we'll focus on Python ourselves.

Figure 1: GAE logo

gcloud

We will interact with Google Cloud using the **gcloud** sdk. It's a command line interface that provides access to all features in Google Cloud.

https://cloud.google.com/sdk/gcloud

Practice

In this practice we will create a toy Flask application and deploy it to Google App Engine.

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We can have more than one project under the same Google account running on Google Cloud. We tell them appart using projects.

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```
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Attention

the id we give to the project must be unique

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PROJECT_ID                      NAME                    PROJ
mcsbt-app-session-13-pepegar    mcsbt-flask-example-1   4217
```

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We'll also configure the project as the current one:

```
$ gcloud config set project mcsbt-app-session-13-pepegar
```

Practice

Checkpoint

At this point we should have:

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$ gcloud config get-value project
mcsbt-flask-example-1
```

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appengine will look for a variable named app and run it, we must not do it manually.

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Now there should be a `main.py` file in our folder, **without the** `app.run()`. Remember that **GAE** is gonna look for the variable called app for us, and run it. We won't need to run it manually.

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`requirements.txt`
`app.yaml`

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`requirements.txt` describes the dependencies of our application and their versions. In our case, it's only going to be Flask.

```
Flask==1.1.2
```

Practice. Creating the needed files

`app.yaml` declares information needed for Google App Engine. In our case, we'll just specify the version of python we need.

```
runtime: python39
```

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```
$ ls
app.yaml                main.py                requirements.txt
```

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Practice. Deploying our app in GAE

```
$ gcloud app deploy
```