Analyze This!

Simple Calculator Applications Using Bottle.py and Goggle App Engine

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Kids Had Some Fun This Summer...



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Our latest venture. Seeking first mover advantage in the lemonade space for _______. Initial proposed price points were \$20 and \$10... (they settled on 25 cents)



The Lemonade Stand Revenue Estimator

A pack of half-baked assumptions masquerading as serious analytics...

```
def lemonade revenue (params):
        """Accepts list of form parameters as a dict; returns string with estimated sales per hour"""
        # remove junk values from the list of parameters
       params = dict([(k,v) for k,v in params.items() if len(v)])
                                                                           Insert Your Own
        # convert form inputs into model
       presence = presence value.get(params.get('sitetype',1))
                                                                            Secret Formula
        day = day_value.get(params.get('interestlevel',1))
        audience = audience_value.get(params.get('target audience',1))
                                                                                   Here...
        revenuesource = revenuesource_value.get(params.get('revenuesource',1))
        # marketing math
        conversion rate = min([.25*presence*day,.7])
        sale value = min([.50*audience*revenuesource, 5])
        predicted revenue = float(params.get('visitors',0)) * conversion rate * sale value
        return "We Predict Your Stand Will Make $%s Per Hour" % int(roundoff(predicted revenue))
# unpack information from the request
sitetype map={'1':'Basic Table','2':'Big Sign', '3':'Booth', '4':'Dancing Person'}
revenuesource map={'1':'Basic Lemonade','2':'Fancy Lemonade','3':'Drinks & Snacks','4':'Red Bull'}
target audience map = {'1':'Neighborhood Kids','2':'Soccer Moms', '3':'Tri-Atheletes','4':'Entrepreneurs'}
interestlevel_map = {'1':'Freezing','2':'Typical', '3':'Hot', '4':'Scorching'}
# analytics parameters
presence value = {'1':1,'2':1.3, '3':2,'4':4}
day value = {'1':.3,'2':.8, '3':1.2,'4':3}
audience_value = {'1':.5,'2':1, '3':2,'4':4}
revenuesource value = {'1':1,'2':1.3, '3':2,'4':3}
```

Math expressed in < 20 lines of Python

The Front End (bottledemo.appspot.com)

Lemonade Stand Revenue Calculator
It's All About Location, Location
How Fancy Is Your Stand?:
Basic Table ▼
How Hot Is It?: Typical •
Now We Need To Figure Out Your Customer's Interest Level!
Who Are You Selling To?:
Neighborhood Kids ▼
What Are You Selling:
Basic Lemonade 🔻
Traffic Per Hour: 20
Take a Swag at It!

HTML Form Dressed Up With Jquery / ThemeRoller

Why This Matters...

- How Analytics Projects Work In Practice:
 - Lots of crunching to derive "the formula"
 - Use Proprietary Data / Confidential Policy Decisions
 - Then Need To Share Insights
- However, analytics insights are often:
 - Time Consuming to Communicate
 - Impossible to Understand
 - Trivial to Copy
- Simple web-apps like this allow you to:
 - Simplify / share insights with a large audience
 - Without exposing the formula / data

Implementation: Server Side (bottle.py)

```
import bottle
from bottle import route, run, view, static file, error, validate, app, redirect, request, template
def main():
       bottle.run(server='gae')
@route('/', method=['GET'])
def serve initial revenue():
       return template ("templates/%s.tpl" % 'lemonade-stand-revenue-calculator',
           sitetype='Basic Table',
                                                                          Build Web Page
           interestlevel='Typical',
           target audience='Neighborhood Kids',
                                                                        In Your Choice of
           revenuesource='Basic Lemonade',
           visitors="value='20'".
           answer="Enter Some Assumptions and Let's Get Started!"
                                                                     Template Languages
@route('/', method=['POST'])
def serve calc revenue():
       return template ("templates/%s.tpl" % 'lemonade-stand-revenue-calculator',
           sitetype=sitetype map[request.forms.get('sitetype','1')],
           revenuesource=revenuesource map[request.forms.get('revenuesource','1')],
           interestlevel=interestlevel map[request.forms.get('interestlevel','1')],
           target audience=target audience map[request.forms.get('target audience','1')],
           visitors="value='%s'" % request.forms.get('visitors',25000),
           answer=lemonade revenue(dict(request.forms))
                                                                        GET => Defaults
                                                                     POST => Calc Value
@route('/static/:name')
def serve static(name):
   return static file(name, root="static")
@error(403)
@error(404)
def mistake 403(code):
   return "<h2>I'm Sorry Dave, I'm afraid I can't do that....</h2>"
```

Why Google App Engine?

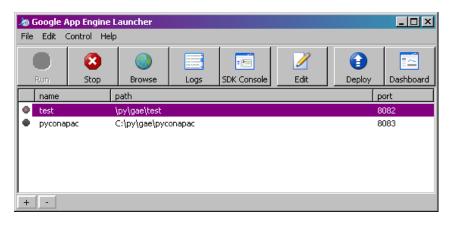
- Small Projects: Effectively Free
 - Subdomain on appspot.com (10 apps / account)
 - Free up to a monthly limit (pageviews / storage)
- Minimal System Administration Required
 - Don't need to configure / manage server
 - Apps run in a sandbox environment
 - Scale automatically
- Google Integration / 3rd Party Libraries:
 - Google Accounts => User Management
 - Google API's/Libraries: Search, Mail, Map Reduce, etc.
 - 3rd Party: Django, Numpy, PIL, Ixml, jinja (templates)

Potential Constraints

- Sandbox Limitations
 - Connectivity: Web Requests / Email Only
 - Persistence:
 - Cannot write the file system
 - Can only read a file if you uploaded it with code
 - Must use Google's Datastore / Memecache Options
 - Code Execution:
 - Only if triggered by web request or queued/scheduled task
 - Must return data within 60 seconds
- Strategic Implications
 - Cannot use many popular databases and Python modules
 - Not necessarily be a cheaper option at scale
 - Google "lock-in": GAE modules / services

Moving Apps To GAE

Desktop Dev Environment



YAML Config File

application: bottledemo
version: 1
runtime: python
api_version: 1
handlers:
- url: /static
 static_dir: static
- url: /.*
 script: lemonade.py

Access Through Google Account

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- Google App Engine
 - Main Site
 - Python Tutorial
- bottle.py web framework:
 - Project Site
 - Tutorials & Resources
- More Advanced Example of Calculator Concept
 - Calculator: <u>Website Revenue Estimator</u>
 - Underlying Analytics : <u>Website Revenue Model Study</u>