# Serverless A2X

Google App Engine as a serverless platform for A2X

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#### Automated Accounting

A2X will automatically fetch your latest Amazon settlement transactions, and post summarized transactions to your accounting system. Reconcile Amazon settlements down to the the cent every time you get paid.

#### Expand Internationally

A2X processes settlements from Amazon.com, Amazon.ca, Amazon.co.uk, Amazon.de, Amazon.fr, Amazon.es, Amazon.it, Amazon.in and Amazon.co.jo. A2X Is Built By Experts

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We're Amazon merchants with long FBA experience, and we're software engineers. We built A2X to support our own international merchant business. Now you can use it too. No more grappling with spreadsheets.

#### A2X Supports These Amazon Marketplaces

amazon.com	amazoncouk	amazon.ca
amazonde	amazonin	amazonfr
amazones	amazonit	amazon.cojp



A2X is a certified <u>Xero Connected Application</u>. A2X gives Amazon merchants automated accounting by posting easy-to-reconcile summary invoices to Xero. Account for your Amazon revenue and expenses quickly and easily in a familiar. Xero-like way.

### A2X Easy accounting for Amazon sellers

- monthly subscription SaaS app
- millions of orders from Amazon
- summarize and match data

### **Scaling: 2 years on App Engine**

- < 5 sellers
- \$300,000/month
- 1000's of orders



No Servers. No Databases. Same architecture and platform from day one.

### What is App Engine?

*"If you write your app the way we tell you to, against our API's, we promise it'll scale really well on our platform"* 

- Google \*

### What is App Engine?

**Design guidelines with App Engine** 

- Do all your work in the web layer
- Keep no state in the web layer
- Keep all the (user facing) requests short and lightweight
- Shift the heavy/slow work to the background (but still in the web layer)
- Keep result sets small

### How does App Engine fit in?



### Is App Engine 'Serverless'?

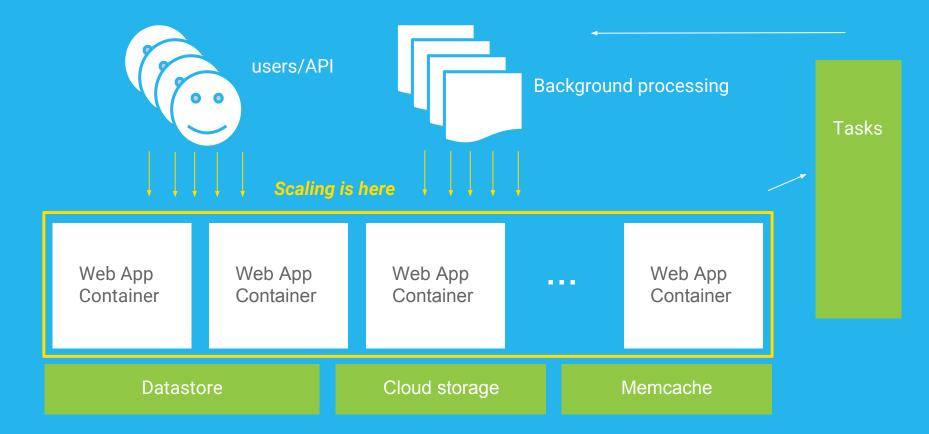


- JVM platform
- Call a method
- With some parameters
- Abstract everything else



- Web app platform
- Service a request
- With some parameters
- Abstract everything else

### Web Request as the unit of work



### What's cool about App Engine

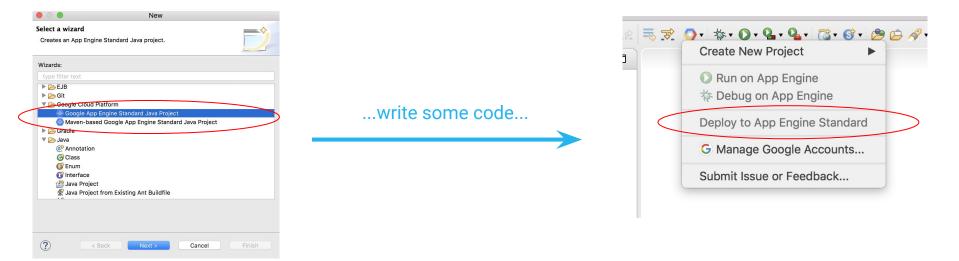
#### **General Platform**

- Java, Go, PHP, Python
- + other containers
- Any GETs or POSTs
- *i.e APIs, web apps, services*
- Scales for you
- High throughput services: Datastore, Task Queues

#### **Developer Friendly**

- Fast prototyping
- Local dev environment
- Versions, deployment
- traffic splitting
- Unit testing tools
- Environment monitoring, logging, dashboard, billing

### **Engineering: Fast Prototyping**



### **Engineering: versions, deployment**

# Migrate traffic to version 24 Migration takes a few minutes as new instances are created to match the current traffic load. Your application's service won't be interrupted during this time. Do you want to migrate all traffic to this version? Show advanced options

#### - Split traffic

You can split incoming traffic to different versions of your app. Traffic splitting is useful for slowly rolling out new versions or A/B testing different designs and features Learn more  $L^2$ 

#### Split traffic by IP address Cookie Random

#### Traffic allocation

Save

Cancel

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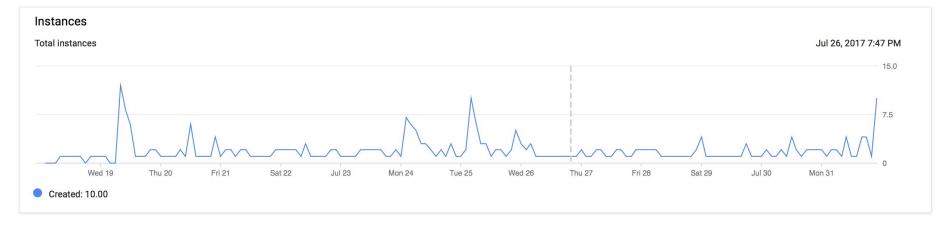
### **Engineering: environments**



### **Engineering: Easy Profiling**



### **Monitoring: health**



Push Queue	s Pull Queues	Cron Jobs				
	_			Application Errors 💿		
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### **Monitoring: budgets & costs**

#### **Billing status**

Enabled (Daily spending limit: \$200.00) Settings Quotas reset every 24 hours. Next reset: 24 hrs 👔

Resource	Usage	Billable
Frontend Instance Hours	3.51 Instance Hours	0.00
Logs Stored Data	1.00 GB	0.00

#### Create budget 4

#### Set budget

Your budget can be a specified amount or based on previous spend. Budget spend resets the first day of each month to \$0.00.

#### Budget name

#### Example Budget

#### Project or billing account

Select a project or billing account for your budget to track

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#### Budget amount Specified amount

Set a budget by entering a specified amount or by selecting last month's spend -

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\$ 1000

#### Include credit as a budget expense @

#### Set budget alerts

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90 100

Send email alerts to billing admins after spend exceeds a percent of the budget or a specified amount. Alerts are based on estimated expenses, so actual expenses may be greater.

#### Percent of budget Amount % \$ 500.00

%	\$ 900.00	×
%	\$ 1000.00	×
+ Ad	ld item	

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### The 'catch'?

- No state on the app server
- Request time/resource limits
- No threads (well, limited threads)
- Sandbox with whitelisted libraries no low level APIs
- No filesystem (use cloud storage)

### And... Selling your soul to Google

- 7 import com.amazontoxero.shared.DateUtils;
- 8 import com.google.appengine.api.datastore.Key;
- 9 import com.google.appengine.api.datastore.KeyFactory;
- 10 import com.google.appengine.api.datastore.ShortBlob;
- import com.google.appengine.api.datastore.Text;
- 12 import com.google.appengine.api.taskqueue.DeferredTask;
- 13 import com.google.appengine.api.taskqueue.Queue;
- 14 import com.google.appengine.api.taskqueue.QueueFactory;
- 15 import com.google.appengine.api.taskqueue.TaskOptions;
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- 17 import java.io.Serializable;
- 18 import java.util.ArrayList;
- 19 import java.util.Date;
- 20 import java.util.HashMap;
- 21 import java.util.List;

### What's next for App Engine?

- Google has made a long term commitment to App Engine
- Java 8 is in beta on App Engine
- BigQuery to analyze 100's of GB of raw source

### App Engine; fast start, easy scale up

- + A fast easy way to get started
- + A smooth transition to growth, no need to re-architect
- + Clear path to scale up further within the same platform
- - Limits on what you can do on the platform
- - Tight lock-in to Google's infrastructure

## **Thank You!**

#### Questions, comments? (ps: we're hiring)



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