Back End

Basic Fundamentals

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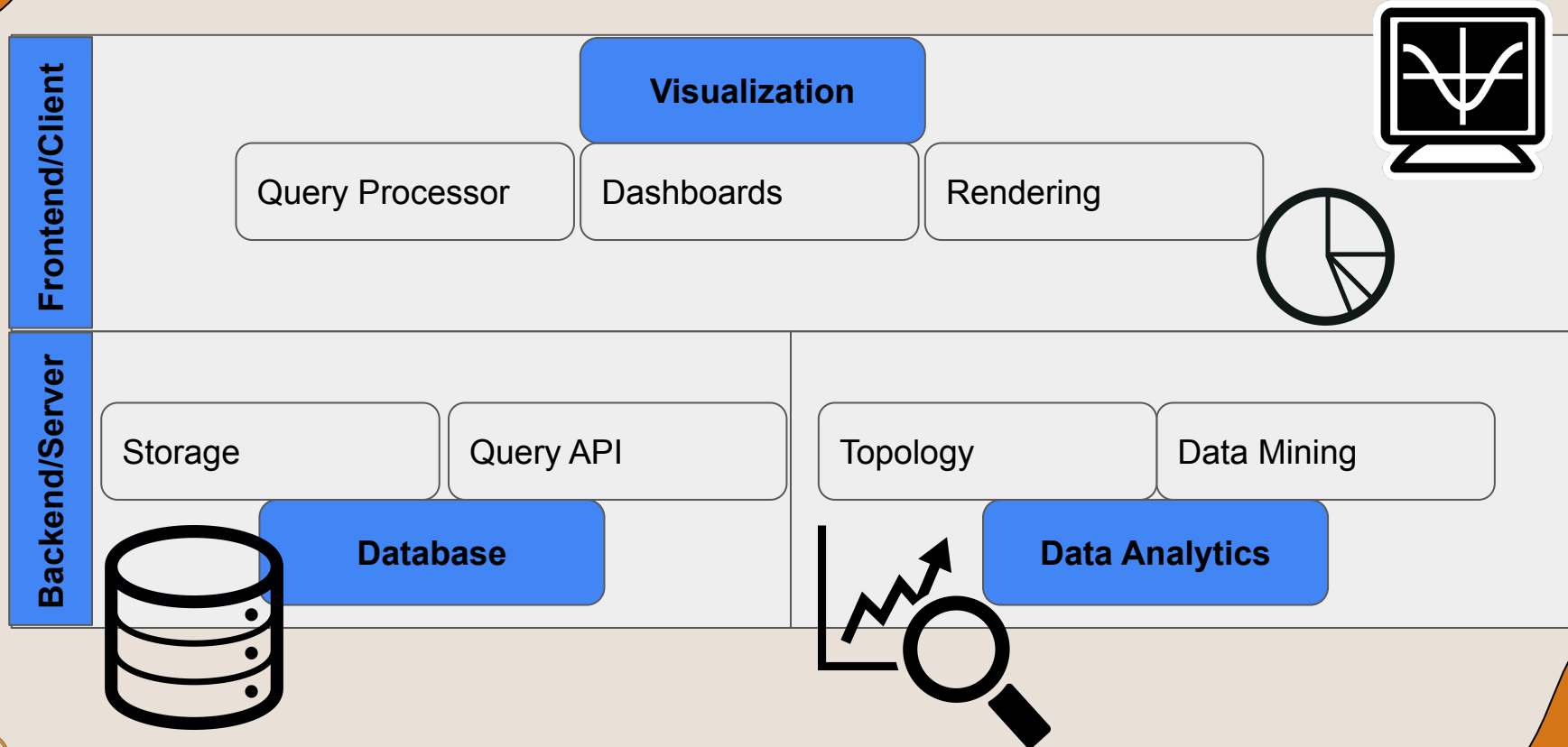
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What Budget Collector Uses?

- Front-end:
  - JavaScript, HTML, CSS
  - built within the wordpress ecosystem
- Back-end:
  - Airtable
    - Contains art information (artist names, images, region, etc)
    - CANNOT manipulate data within airtable
  - AWS EC2
    - Backend server and database for website
    - CAN post manipulated data or run backend code
- Your Github Repo:
  - Needs to detail:
    - how to run it locally
    - what front-end & backend technologies that your using (flask, django, etc)

Visualization System

Frontend/Client	Visualization		
	Query Processor	Dashboards	Rendering

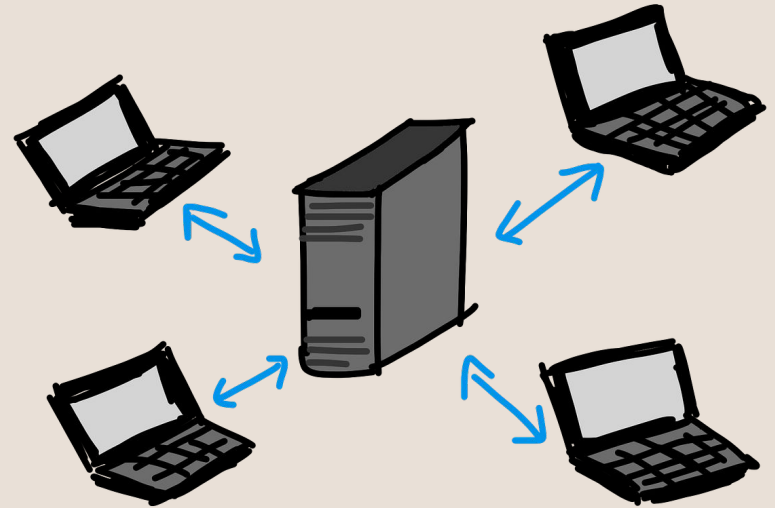| Backend/Server	Storage	Query API		Topology	Data Mining
	Database			Data Analytics	

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Client and Server

Client

- Any internet connected device or software (e.g. iphone, web browser, etc)
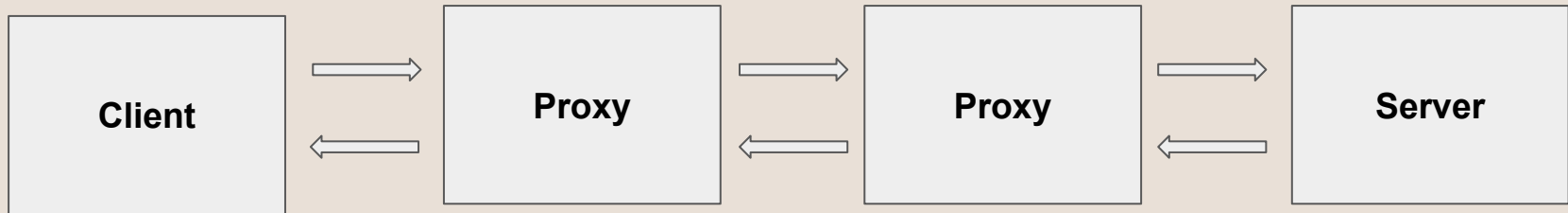- **Makes HTTP requests**

Server

- A device that stores web server software and component files (e.g. html, cvs, etc)
- **Responds to clients with component files (i.e. data)**

HTTP Requests

- HTTP is a request-response protocol for supporting client-server communications
- Proxy: Entities in between the client server request (eg, modems, routers, etc)

| Client | → ← | Proxy | → ← | Proxy | → ← | Server |

From:
https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Overview

HTTP Requests: Methods

GET: Request a representation of the specified data.

POST: Submits data to the server.

HEAD: Request information similar to GET, but without response body

PUT: Submits data to replace an existing resource.

DELETE: Deletes the specified data.

CONNECT: Starts communication with the server.

OPTIONS: Details the options allowed with the server.

TRACE: A loopback test.

PATCH: Makes partial modifications to a specified data on the server.

HTTP Requests: GET and POST Examples

GET

- Visible to everyone within the URL. Less secure.

```
GET /test?field1=value1&field2=value2
```

POST

- Data not displayed in the URL. Safer.

```
POST /test HTTP/1.1
Host: foo.example
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: 27

field1=value1&field2=value2
```

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Flask

- Python web framework for developing applications
- Can build smaller applications compared to Django
- Easily changeable and integrates with front-end and back-end applications

Flask
web development,
one drop at a time

```
Felna@BuiltTower MINGW64 /
$ pip install flask
```

Flask: First Program

```python
# hello world program
from flask import Flask

app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route("/")
def index():
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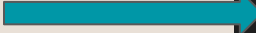
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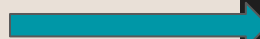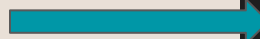3. Use route() decorator to tell which URL triggers functions

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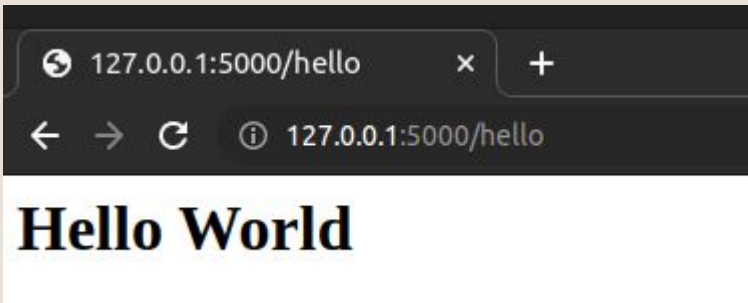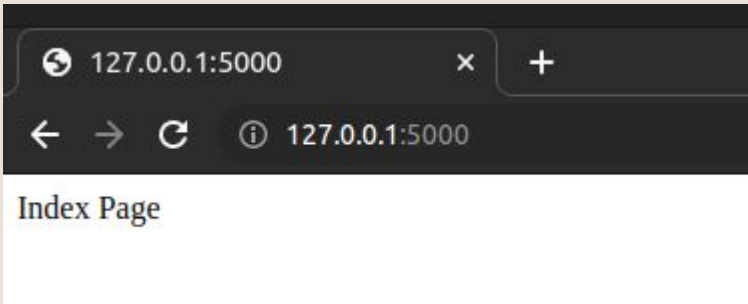
Flask: Running Dev Environment

```
(base) kt@Ryner:~/Documents$ export FLASK_APP=example FLASK_ENV=development
(base) kt@Ryner:~/Documents$ flask run
```

127.0.0.1:5000

← → C ⓘ 127.0.0.1:5000

Index Page

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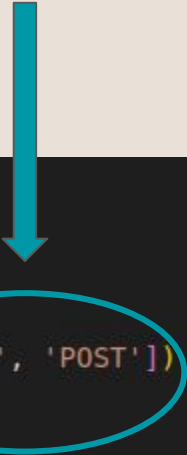
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def example(value1, value2):
    if request.method == 'GET':
        # ...
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Summary

- HTTP protocols allows you to send and receive data from the users
- Web application might try multiple different methods at identical URLs
- Flask is a micro framework for HTTP protocols in python.
- Dynamic routing allows for the use of variable names in the URL