

# Destiny Vault Raider

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# Introduction:

New father.

Engineer.

No prior experience with Python or Web Development.

Started Destiny Vault Raider as a hobby project and learning experience.

Blogging my experiences with Python and Destiny Vault Raider.

Originally I wanted to keep project scope to pure Python, HTML and CSS.



# Destiny the game:

Online first person shooter video game.

Developed by Bungie (Halo series).

Destiny 1 (September 2014).

Destiny 2 (September 2017).

Player vs Player:

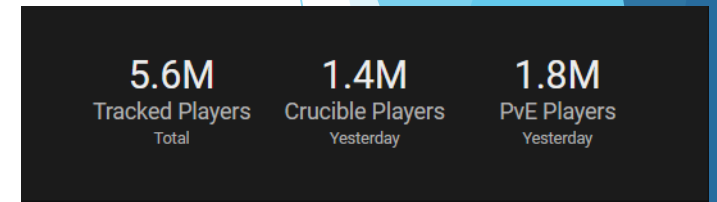
Casual and Competitive.

Periodic events (Iron Banner).

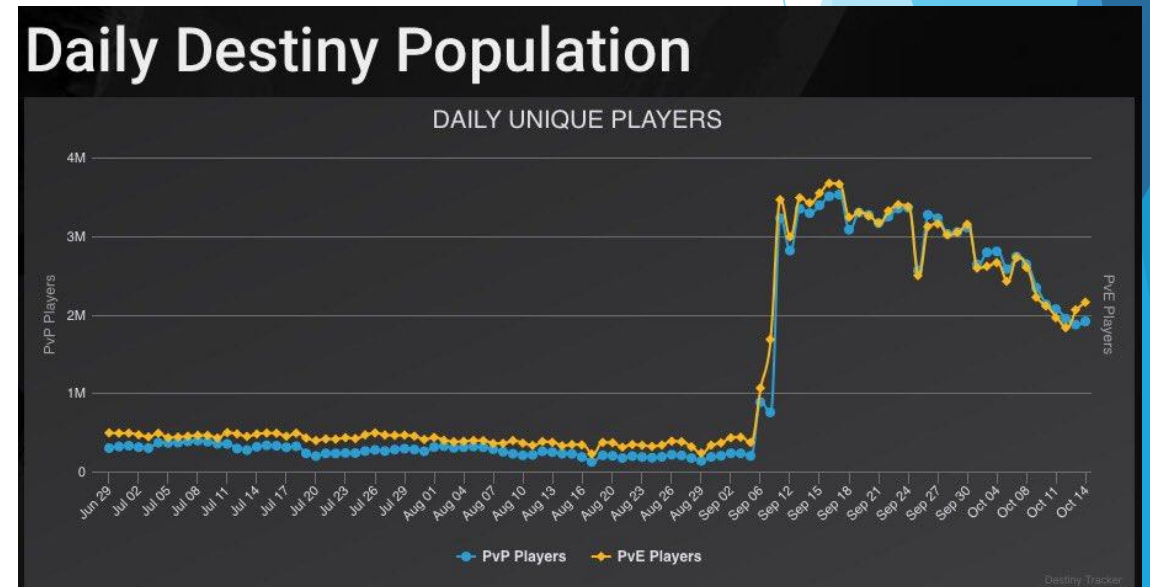
Player vs Enemy:

Strikes.

Raids.



<http://destinytracker.com/> (18/Oct/2017)



<https://twitter.com/destinytrack/status/919751505460293632>

# Destiny API:

## Statistics:

Number of kills, deaths, assists, precision kills.

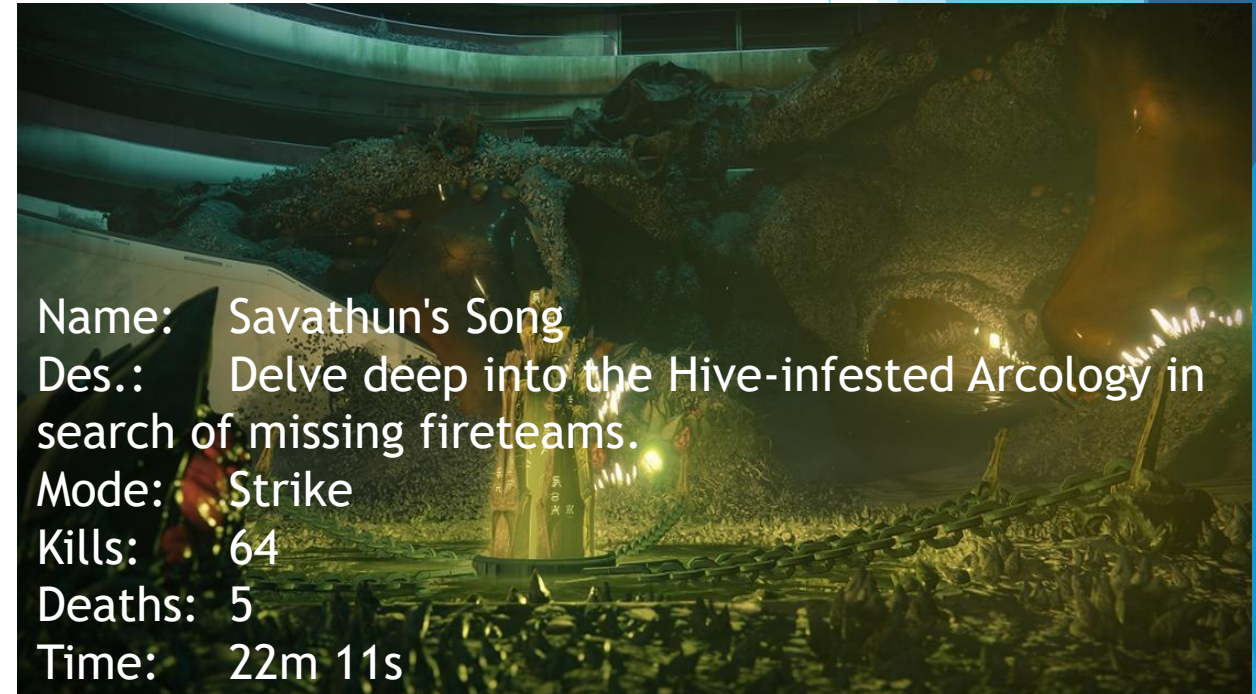
Game mode, time played, game score.

Players met.

## Activity / Milestone tracking:

Track completion level of quests.

Track steps on next quest.



# Destiny API:

Interact with the in-game world:

View items.

Transfer items between characters.

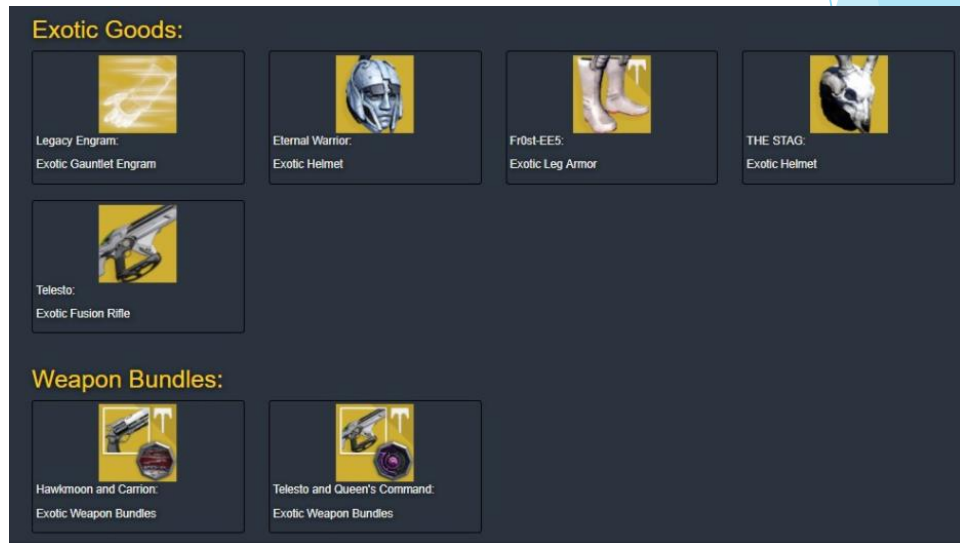
Equip items on character.



View vendor / collectable data:

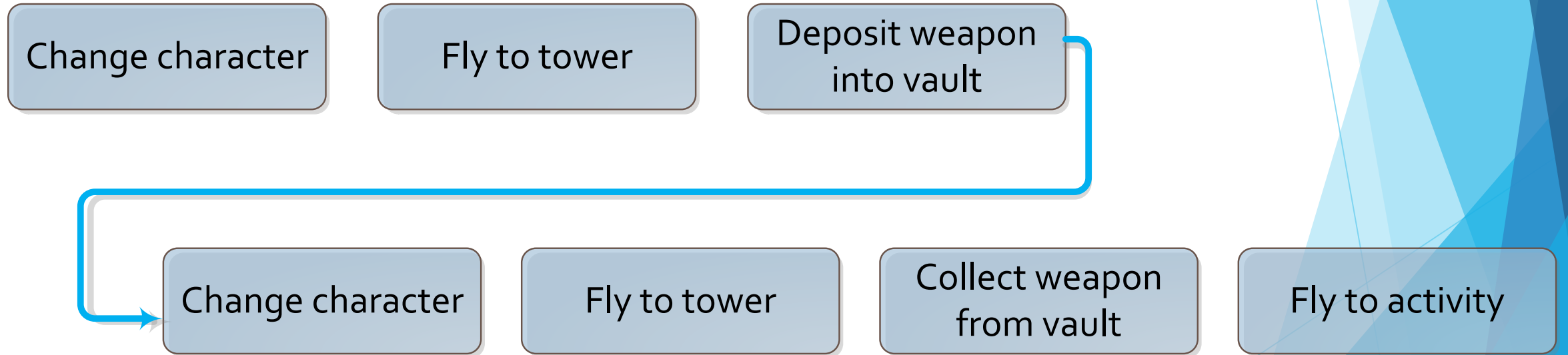
Weapons and armour for sale.

View perks, modifications on weapons.



# Inventory management solves a real problem:

About to raid and forget your favourite gun?



# Destiny Manifest:

SQLite based lookup table.

Contains definitions of all of the items in the Destiny world.

Names, description, icon, activity name, enemy names, faction details, stats etc.



The screenshot shows a database viewer interface. On the left, a tree view displays a folder 'D2\_Manifest (10959)' containing various definition categories like 'DestinyActivityDefinition (344)', 'DestinyInventoryItemDefinition (2804)', and others. The main pane shows a record for 'D2\_Manifest:8:DestinyInventoryItemDefinition:1010733668'. The record details include 'Value: size in bytes: 4468' and a JSON representation of the item definition. The JSON includes fields for 'alpha', 'hash', 'screenshot', 'itemTypeDisplayName', 'classType', 'displayProperties' (with an icon path), 'hasIcon', 'description', 'name' (highlighted as 'Exodus Down Helm'), 'itemSubType', 'itemCategoryHashes', and 'nonTransferrable'.

Download from (blog post with more details):

```
manifest_url = 'https://www.bungie.net/Platform/Destiny2/Manifest/'
```

```
res = requests.get(manifest_url, headers=HEADERS)
```



# App Structure:

Built in **Flask** with Python 2.7.13.

App structure is taken from Miguel Grinbergs blog and book.

Uses **Flask-Login** for user session management.

**Flask-Script Manager** to manage CLI in production and development environments.

**SQLAlchemy** used to manage user databases.

**PostgreSQL** database used in deployed environment (Heroku).

**Flask Blueprint** used to separate main app views from the API.

**Jinja2** HTML template engine for Python.

# App features:

The screenshot shows a web application interface for 'Destiny Vault Raider'. The navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Vault', 'Character', and 'Xur'. A user account menu is visible in the top right, listing 'Log Out', '- Change Account -', and three accounts: 'ChimpAhoy [Playstation]', 'ChimpAhoy [Xbox]', and 'ChimpAhoy#1234 [Blizzard]'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Introduction:** A text block with a link to a related blog post. Callout: 'Link to related blog posts'.
- View your characters inventory!** A section for character management.
- Current Character:** Displays 'ChimpAhoy' as a Warlock, Exo Male, with a level of 20 and 296 XP. Callout: 'Character and account information'.
- Select Character:** A dropdown menu currently set to 'Warlock' with a 'select' button. Callout: 'Character select'.
- Subclass:** Three options are shown: 'Dawnblade' (Warlock Subclass), 'Stormcaller' (Warlock Subclass), and 'Voidwalker' (Warlock Subclass).
- Kinetic Weapons:** A section for weapon management.
- Equipped item:** Shows 'MIDA Multi-Tool'.
- Carried items:** Lists 'Relics of the Golden Age', 'Nightshade', and 'Better Devils', each with a 'Send to vault' button. Callout: 'Inventory management: Equip item Send to vault'.

# App features:

The screenshot displays the Destiny Vault interface with several key sections and annotations:

- Current Character:** Shows the character 'ChimpAhoy' with a level of 296.
- Select Character:** A dropdown menu is open, showing 'Warlock' as the selected character. An annotation 'Select character' points to this dropdown.
- Vault contents:** A grid of weapons is displayed under the heading 'Kinetic Weapons:'.
  - The 'Sweet Business: Exotic Auto Rifle' is highlighted with a tooltip and an annotation 'Click item to send to that character'.
  - The 'Sweet Business' tooltip is visible over the item.
  - Other weapons include 'Haunted Earth: Legendary Scout Rifle', 'SUROS Throwback: Uncommon Auto Rifle', 'Nameless Midnight: Legendary Scout Rifle', 'The Old Fashioned: Legendary Hand Cannon', 'The Steady Hand: Legendary Hand Cannon', 'The Guiding Sight: Legendary Scout Rifle', 'Cydonia-AR1: Uncommon Auto Rifle', 'Song of Justice VI: Legendary Scout Rifle', 'Lincoln Green: Legendary Pulse Rifle', 'Bad News: Legendary Hand Cannon', 'Scathelocke: Legendary Auto Rifle', 'Minimum Distance: Legendary Sidearm', 'Traveler's Chosen (Damaged): Common Sidearm', 'The Forward Path: Legendary Auto Rifle', 'Frontier Justice: Legendary Scout Rifle', and 'Does Not Compute: Legendary Scout Rifle'.
- Energy Weapons:** A row of energy weapons is visible at the bottom of the screen.
- Annotations:** A long arrow points from the 'Sweet Business' item to the 'Energy Weapons' section, with an annotation 'User is redirected to that character'.

<https://www.destinyvaultraider.com/transferItem/2305843009260647150/6917529040419125586/1345867570/False/.charInventory>

# App Features:

Supports Destiny 2 (Released Sept 6th).

Custom OAuth 2.0 authentication flow.

Handles multiple accounts.

Other functions:

View vendor data (Bungie have not yet enabled for D2).

View clan data.

Compare active missions between clan members (Bungie have not yet enabled for D2).

API and debug:

API to sync Manifest version with Bungie servers (Disabled due to Heroku charges).

View list of usernames, sorted by last seen.

Error reports emailed directly to my Gmail.

Messages sent to private Slack account when specific errors are hit.

# Presentation Scope:

## What I'm planning on showing:

- Viewing character vault.

- How I created the character vault view.

- Transferring an item.

## For information on the following - Check out my blog:

- Creating the Flask setup.

- API quick start.

- Downloading / formatting the Manifest.

- Background jobs with Celery and Redis.

# API Registration / storing auth token in Session:

Create an account and register as a developer:

<https://www.bungie.net/en/User/API>

This will give you your unique X-API-Key.

We need to send this API key in the HTTP header of the request.

Authorised requests will need you to authorise the user via the OAuth flow.

Python Requests library used to store Session data:

```
oauth_session = requests.Session()  
oauth_session.headers["X-API-Key"] = "abcd12345"  
oauth_session.headers["Authorization"] = 'Bearer ' + str(oauth_token)
```

35,000 lines of text →

```

Python code
def GetProfile(session, membershipId, membershipType):
    req_string = D2_BASE_URL + str(membershipType) + "/Profile/" + str(membershipId) + "?components=100,102"
    res = session.get(req_string)
    print res.url
    error_state = res.json()['ErrorStatus'].decode('utf-8')
    print "Error status: " + error_state + "\n"
    return res

```



```

JSON response
{
  "ThrottleSeconds": 0,
  "ErrorCode": 1,
  "ErrorStatus": "Success",
  "Message": "Ok",
  "Response": {
    "data": {
      "buckets": [
        {
          "items": [
            {
              "itemHash": 2447423793,
              "canEquip": false,
              "useCustomDyes": true,
              "bindStatus": 0,
              "itemInstanceId": "6917529082994795286",
              "talentGridHash": 3800121296,

```

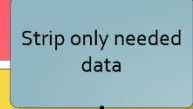


54,000 lines of text →

```

Python dictionary
{
  u'itemHash': 2447423793L,
  u'itemName': u'The Last Word',
  u'itemTypeName': u'Hand Cannon',
  u'itemDescription': u'Yours. Not mine.' \u2014Renegade Hunter Shin Malphur to Dredgen Yor',
  u'icon': u'/common/destiny_content/icons/1e58dd3a5e8635d45af9311e8c3f7bfe.jpg',
  u'actionName': u'Dismantle',
  u'allowActions': True,
  u'bountyResetUnlockHash': 0,
  u'bucketTypeHash': 1498876634,
  u'className': 3,
  u'damageTypes': [1],
  u'deleteAction': True,
  u'equippable': True,
  u'equippingBlock': [
    {
      u'arrangements': [
        {
          u'classHash': 0,
          u'gearArtArrangementIndex': 3478}],

```

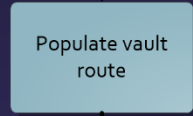


2,600 lines of text →

```

Python dictionary
{
  'itemName': u'The Last Word',
  'bucket': u'Primary Weapons',
  'equipped': '',
  'icon': u'https://www.bungie.net/common/destiny_content/icons/1e58dd3a5e8635d45af9311e8c3f7bfe.jpg',
  'itemId': 0,
  'itemLightLevel': 400,
  'itemLightLevel ': '',
  'itemReferenceHash': 2447423793L,
  'itemTypeName': u'Hand Cannon',
  'stackSize': 1,
  'tierTypeName': u'Exotic'
},

```



```

Python code
@main.route('/vault', methods=['GET', 'POST'])
@login_required
def vault():
    user = g.user

    # Get profile information:
    GetProfile_res = GetProfile(oauth_session, destinyMembershipId, membershipType)
    weaponList = parseD2Vault(oauth_session, GetProfile_res, all_data)

    return render_template('vault.html',
        categories = categories,
        weaponList = weaponList,
        character = user.username,
        charId = charId,
        lightLevel = GetProfile_res.json()['Response']['characters']['data'][charId]['light'],
        emblemImage = GetProfile_res.json()['Response']['characters']['data'][charId]['emblemPath'],
        backgroundImage = GetProfile_res.json()['Response']['characters']['data'][charId]['emblemBackgroundPath'],
        character_details = character_details,
        form = form)

```

# Sending a HTTP GET request to view vault:

## Sending the GET request:

```
D2_BASE_URL = "https://www.bungie.net/Platform/Destiny2/"  
req_string = D2_BASE_URL + str(membershipType) + "/Profile/" + str(membershipId) + "?components=100,102"  
res = session.get(req_string)
```

## Which allows us to do some cool stuff:

```
print res.url  
print res.status_code  
print res.headers  
print res.text  
print res.json()
```

## We can store session data in the headers and cookies too:

```
print session.headers  
print session.cookies
```



# Send a request to Bungie.net to get the users Vault details:

## Python code

```
def GetProfile(session, membershipId, membershipType):  
    req_string = D2_BASE_URL + str(membershipType) + "/Profile/" + str(membershipId) + "?components=100,102"  
    res = session.get(req_string)  
    print res.url  
    error_state = res.json()['ErrorStatus'].decode('utf-8')  
    print "Error status: " + error_state + "\n"  
    return res
```

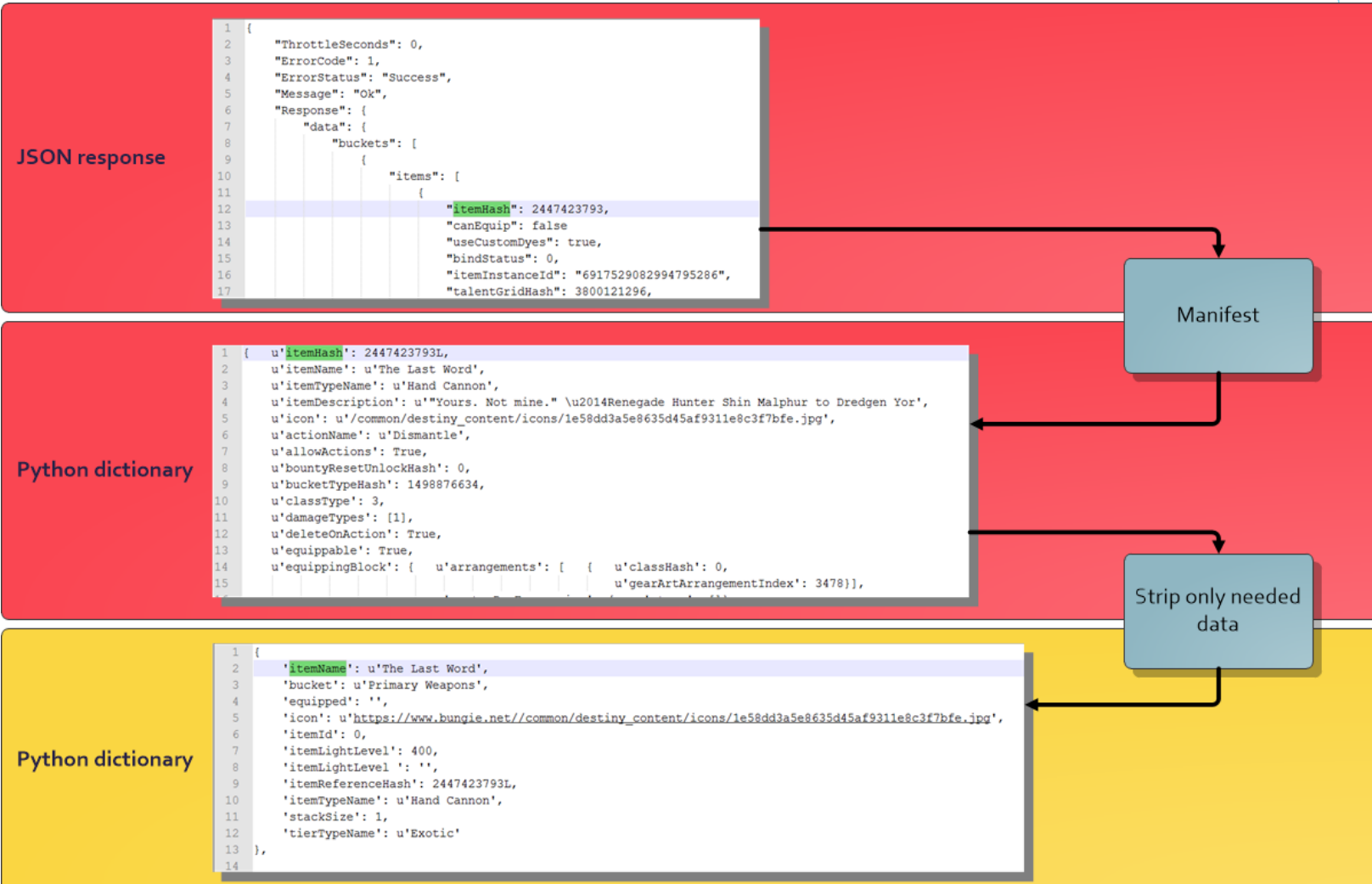
## JSON response

```
1 {  
2     "ThrottleSeconds": 0,  
3     "ErrorCode": 1,  
4     "ErrorStatus": "Success",  
5     "Message": "Ok",  
6     "Response": {  
7         "data": {  
8             "buckets": [  
9                 {  
10                    "items": [  
11                        {  
12                            "itemHash": 2447423793,  
13                            "canEquip": false  
14                            "useCustomDyes": true,  
15                            "bindStatus": 0,  
16                            "itemInstanceId": "6917529082994795286",  
17                            "talentGridHash": 3800121296,
```



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# Parse the Vault response and return only the required data:



# Populating the vault route with our data:

Python dictionary

```
1 {
2   'itemName': u'The Last Word',
3   'bucket': u'Primary Weapons',
4   'equipped': '',
5   'icon': u'https://www.bungie.net//common/destiny_content/icons/1e58dd3a5e8635d45af9311e8c3f7bfe.jpg',
6   'itemId': 0,
7   'itemLightLevel': 400,
8   'itemLightLevel ': '',
9   'itemReferenceHash': 2447423793L,
10  'itemTypeName': u'Hand Cannon',
11  'stackSize': 1,
12  'tierTypeName': u'Exotic'
13 },
14
```

Python code

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    return render_template('vault.html',
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                           character_details = character_details,
                           form = form)
```

Populate vault route

# Categorising the data:

## Item categories:

```
category = {  
  1 : 'Kinetic Weapons',  
  2 : 'Energy Weapons',  
  3 : 'Power Weapons',  
  4 : 'Ghost',  
  5 : 'Helmet',  
  6 : 'Gauntlets',  
  7 : 'Chest Armor',  
  8 : 'Leg Armor',  
  9 : 'Class Armor',  
:  
:  
}
```

## Dictionary response:

```
weaponList = {  
  'itemName': u'MIDA Multi-Tool',  
  'itemTypeName': u'Scout Rifle',  
  'bucket': u'Kinetic Weapons',  
  'tierTypeName': u'Exotic',  
  'itemReferenceHash': u'6917529035440581369',  
  'itemLightLevel': '',  
  'stackSize': 1,  
  'equipped': False,  
  'icon':  
  u'https://www.bungie.net/common/destiny2\_content/icons/077e9577fb39cb521b49048db236e39d.jpg',  
  'itemHash': 1331482397,  
  'quantity': 1  
}
```

# Populating categories:

## Vault.html:

```
<div class="inventory-container">
<!-- Loop through all item categories: -->
{% for item in category -%}
  <!-- Loop through list of dictionaries: -->
  {% for dict_item in weaponList -%}

    <!-- if dict is in this category, create the HTML to display item: -->
    {% if category[item] in dict_item['bucket'] -%}
      {% include 'itemBlock.html' -%}
    {% endif -%}

  {% endfor -%}
{% endfor -%}
</div>
```

# Populating the HTML:

itemBlock.html:

```
<div class="thumbnail">  
    
  <p>{{ dict_item['itemName'] }}: {{ dict_item['itemLightLevel'] }}</p>  
  <p>{{ dict_item['tierTypeName'] }} {{ dict_item['itemTypeName'] }}</p>  
</div>
```



# Completed Vault view:

## Kinetic Weapons:



Vigilance Wing:  
Exotic Pulse Rifle



Haunted Earth:  
Legendary Scout Rifle



SUROS Throwback:  
Uncommon Auto Rifle



Nameless Midnight:  
Legendary Scout Rifle



Sweet Business:  
Exotic Auto Rifle



The Old Fashioned:  
Legendary Hand Cannon



The Steady Hand:  
Legendary Hand Cannon



The Guiding Sight:  
Legendary Scout Rifle



Cydonia-AR1:  
Uncommon Auto Rifle



Song of Justice VI:  
Legendary Scout Rifle



Lincoln Green:  
Legendary Pulse Rifle



Bad News:  
Legendary Hand Cannon



Scathelocke:  
Legendary Auto Rifle



Minimum Distance:  
Legendary Sidearm



Traveler's Chosen  
(Damaged):  
Common Sidearm



The Forward Path:  
Legendary Auto Rifle



Frontier Justice:  
Legendary Scout Rifle



Does Not Compute:  
Legendary Scout Rifle

# The transferItem endpoint:

## Create the POST data:

```
transfer_url = "https://www.bungie.net/Platform/Destiny2/Actions/Items/TransferItem/"
payload = {
    'itemReferenceHash': Unique reference number,
    'stackSize': '1',
    'transferToVault': True / False,
    'itemId': Generic item hash,
    'characterId': charId,
    'membershipType': 1 = Xbox, 2 = Playstation, 4 = PC
}
```

## Send the POST request:

```
res = session.post(transfer_url, json=payload)
```



# Transferring an item:

## HTML:

```
<a href="transferItem/{ charId }/{ dict_item['itemReferenceHash'] }/{ dict_item['itemHash'] }/{ False }/.charInventory" >  
    
</a>
```




# The transferItem route:

```
@main.route('/transferItem/<charId>/<itemInstanceId>/<itemReferenceHash>/<to_vault>/<view>/')
@login_required
def transferItem(charId, itemInstanceId, itemReferenceHash, to_vault, view):
    user = g.user
    payload = {
        'itemReferenceHash': itemReferenceHash,
        'stackSize': '1',
        'transferToVault': to_vault,
        'itemId': itemInstanceId,
        'characterId': charId,
        'membershipType': g.user.membershipType
    }
    transferItem_res = D2transferItem(payload, oauth_session)
    return redirect(url_for(view))
```

# Completed character view:


**Current Character:**


 **ChimpAhoy** 20  
Warlock  
Exo Male 299


**Select Character:**

Warlock ▾  
select

**Subclass:**


 Dawnblade  
Warlock Subclass

 Stormcaller  
Warlock Subclass


 Voidwalker  
Warlock Subclass


**Kinetic Weapons:**


**Equipped item:**


 Relentless:


**Carried items:**


 MIDA Multi-Tool  
Send to vault


 Relics of the Golden Age  
Send to vault


 Nightshade  
Send to vault

 Better Devils  
Send to vault

 The Steady Hand  
Send to vault

 Home Again  
Send to vault

 Bayesian MSu  
Send to vault

 The Time-Worn Spire  
Send to vault

# Video:

- ▶ See here for video: <https://vimeo.com/240543497>
  - ▶ Currently in vault view.
  - ▶ Transferring Helmet to character,
  - ▶ Equip it, helmet changes.
  - ▶ Transferring Mida-Multi tool,
  - ▶ Equip it, gun on back changes.
  - ▶ Transfer a sword for PvP.
  - ▶ Equip it, No animation as Mida is currently equipped.

# Deployment issues / challenges:

Multiple accounts / accounts activated only on Beta version of the game.

Very difficult to simulate correctly in development.

Email error reports and Slack messaging service really helped here.

Bungie now return account information in numerical order.

Automating deployment of new Manifest files still tricky.

Hobby plan + Celery worker + Redis database >€60/month.

No easy way to push a JSON file to a Heroku repo.

By the time you spot an issue, users are very unlikely to return.

Get it right first time!

# Conclusions:

Core app works well - Flask is great:

Needs some unique features in order to progress from tutorial into full product.

Lots of redundant API calls and refreshing of data:

Can I cache data between item transfers?

Can updating view be done on the front-end with AJAX?

Lots of front-end work needed to build features:

Hover over an item to display screenshot, stats, additional transfer options.

Create a loadout builder on the front-end.

Possibly move hosting service:

Heroku is very easy to get started with but very expensive when adding features.

# Questions?:

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