

# GETTING STARTED WITH DOCKER AND SWARM

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**WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT DOCKER?**

# WHAT IS DOCKER?

# WAIT, WHAT ARE CONTAINERS?

- Not virtual machines, but similar in some ways
- A combination of:
  - A disk image/filesystem chroot
  - Namespaces (what you can see, e.g. filesystem, processes)
  - Cgroups (what you can do, e.g. access to system resources like devices)
- Can be created with a handful of standard Linux commands

More detail in Liz Rice's talk "*Building a container from scratch in Go*":

<https://youtu.be/Utf-A4rODH8>

# HOW CAN DOCKER AND CONTAINERS HELP?

- Consistent environment
- Segregation between apps
- Sandboxing and limiting privileges
- Isolating code and data
- Simplify deployment
- Note: "containerising" apps needn't be a big unmanageable project

**HUH?**

# INSTALLING DOCKER

On most Redhat- or Debian-based systems, you can do this:

```
$ curl -fsSL https://get.docker.com -o get-docker.sh  
$ sudo sh get-docker.sh  
$ sudo usermod -aG docker "$USER"
```

Remember to log out and back in for the user group change to take effect



# IF YOU WANT TO PLAY ALONG

1. Create a Docker ID at <https://hub.docker.com/signup>
2. Browse to <https://labs.play-with-docker.com/> and start a session
3. Click "Add new instance"
4. `git clone https://github.com/mattcen/lca2021-docker-talk`
5. `cd lca2021-docker-talk/demos`

# RUNNING OUR FIRST CONTAINER

Once Docker is running, we can do something like this:

```
$ docker run --rm -it ubuntu bash
Unable to find image 'ubuntu:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from library/ubuntu
da7391352a9b: Pull complete
14428a6d4bcd: Pull complete
2c2d948710f2: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:c95a8e48bf88e9849f3e0f723d9f49fa12c5a00cfc6e60d2bc99d87555295e4c
Status: Downloaded newer image for ubuntu:latest
root@6e4f7117321d:/# ps -efa
UID          PID    PPID    C  STIME TTY          TIME CMD
root           1         0  0  02:13 pts/0        00:00:00 bash
root           8         1  0  02:13 pts/0        00:00:00 ps -efa
root@6e4f7117321d:/# exit
$
```

# HOW ARE CONTAINER IMAGES CREATED?

- Filesystems that are usually built using a `Dockerfile`
- Can be based off other images
  - Creates "layers"
  - encouraging reusability
- Some images, like Ubuntu, aren't based off other images, but built from scratch

# DOCKERFILE

A basic Dockerfile might be:

```
FROM ubuntu:20.04  
CMD echo "Hello World!"
```

`docker build` looks for files called `Dockerfile` by default:

```
$ cd ~/lca2021-docker-talk/demos/docker_file  
$ ls -l  
total 4  
-rw-r--r--    1 docker  staff           43 Jan 20 02:38 Dockerfile  
$
```

# BUILDING A DOCKER IMAGE

The `-t` option to `docker build` 'tags' the image with the name 'helloworld'

```
$ docker build . -t helloworld
Sending build context to Docker daemon 25.09kB
Step 1/2 : FROM ubuntu:20.04
----> f643c72bc252
Step 2/2 : CMD echo "Hello World!"
----> Running in aca2515e7c8a
Removing intermediate container aca2515e7c8a
----> 2e1213f6db18
Successfully built 2e1213f6db18
Successfully tagged helloworld:latest
```

We then run a container based on that image with `docker run` again

```
$ docker run --rm -it helloworld
Hello World!
$
```

# ANOTHER DOCKERFILE

A more useful container might be:

```
$ cd ~/lca2021-docker-talk/demos/another_docker_file
$ ls -l
total 12
-rw-r--r--    1 docker  staff      70 Jan 20 02:57 Dockerfile
-rw-r--r--    1 docker  staff     25 Jan 20 02:46 index.html
-rw-r--r--    1 docker  staff    243 Jan 20 02:52 webserver.py
```

## Dockerfile:

```
FROM python:3.9.1-buster
COPY . .
EXPOSE 8000
CMD python webserver.py
```

## index.html:

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html><body>
<p>Hello World from Python!</p>
</body></html>
```

## webserver.py:

```
import http.server
import socketserver

PORT = 8000
Handler = http.server.SimpleHTTPRequestHandler
with socketserver.TCPServer("", PORT), Handler) as httpd:
    print("serving at port", PORT)
    httpd.serve_forever()
```

We can put all this together into an image called 'hellopython' with:

```
$ docker build . -t hellopython
Sending build context to Docker daemon 4.096kB
Step 1/4 : FROM python:3.9.1-buster
---> da24d18bf4bf
Step 2/4 : COPY . .
---> 2e0b56c961fb
Step 3/4 : EXPOSE 8000
---> Running in 3e08636e7cb6
Removing intermediate container 3e08636e7cb6
---> c4079aa09149
Step 4/4 : CMD python webserver.py
---> Running in e4fb064f6438
Removing intermediate container e4fb064f6438
---> 74fb999e2f10
Successfully built 74fb999e2f10
Successfully tagged hellopython:latest
```



And then when we run it:

```
$ docker run --rm -d -p 8000:8000 hellopython
a2c890dd24c63852d373598ed934fca0f66b4605f8b8e19a244f2011925d3016
```

And test it:

```
$ curl http://localhost:8000
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html><body>
<p>Hello World from Python!</p>
</body></html>
```

And then we can stop (and, because of `--rm` above, remove) the container:

```
$ docker container ls
CONTAINER ID        IMAGE               COMMAND             CREATED             STATUS
a2c890dd24c6        hellopython        "/bin/sh -c 'python ..."  15 seconds ago     Up 15s
$ docker container stop a2c
a2c
$ docker container ls -a
CONTAINER ID        IMAGE               COMMAND             CREATED             STATUS
$
```

# DOCKER SUMMARY

- Runs application in environment with known disk image
- Consistent between development, testing, and production environments
- Keeps app separate and "contained" so it doesn't affect host OS
- Makes management, upgrading, and removal trivial

# RUNNING MULTI-CONTAINER APPLICATIONS

- Multiple services, e.g. a web app + database?
- We can group these together
- Can be done manually with Docker, but Docker Compose is more elegant

# INSTALLING docker-compose

```
$ sudo curl -L \
  "https://github.com/docker/compose/releases/download/1.27.4/docker-compose-$(uname -s)-$(uname -m)"
-o /usr/local/bin/docker-compose
% Total      % Received % Xferd  Average Speed   Time    Time     Time  Current
           Dload  Upload   Total   Spent    Left     Speed
100    651    100    651     0     0    698       0 --:--:-- --:--:-- --:--:--    697
100 11.6M    100 11.6M     0     0 2231k       0 0:00:05 0:00:05 --:--:-- 3433k
$ sudo chmod +x /usr/local/bin/docker-compose
```

# USING `docker-compose`

- Docker Compose looks for files called `docker-compose.yml` in current directory
- YAML file containing configurations for groups of related containers
- We'll make a simple web app that stores data in Redis

# REALLY SIMPLE WEB APP

```
$ cd ~/lca2021-docker-talk/demos/simple_web_app
$ ls -l
total 16
-rw-r--r--    1 docker  staff      507 Jan 20 04:34 Dockerfile
-rw-r--r--    1 docker  staff      111 Jan 20 04:35 docker-compose.yml
-rw-r--r--    1 docker  staff        12 Jan 20 04:35 requirements.txt
-rw-r--r--    1 docker  staff      277 Jan 20 04:35 webapp.py
```

## webapp.py:

```
import redis
from flask import Flask

hello = Flask(__name__)
cache = redis.Redis(host='redis')

def refresh_count():
    while True:
        return cache.incr('refresh_count')

@hello.route('/')
def hi():
    return 'Hello Flask! Refresh count: {}.\\n'.format(refresh_count())
```

## requirements.txt:

```
flask
redis
```

## Dockerfile:

```
FROM python:3.7-alpine
WORKDIR /app
ENV FLASK_APP=webapp.py
ENV FLASK_RUN_HOST=0.0.0.0
RUN apk add --no-cache gcc musl-dev linux-headers
COPY requirements.txt requirements.txt
RUN pip install -r requirements.txt
EXPOSE 5000
COPY . .
CMD ["flask", "run"]
```

## docker-compose.yml:

```
version: "3.1"
services:
  web:
    build: .
    image: mattcen/simplewebapp
    ports:
      - "5000:5000"
  redis:
    image: "redis:alpine"
```



# LET'S RUN IT!

```
$ docker-compose up -d
Creating network "simple_web_app_default" with the default driver
Building web
Step 1/10 : FROM python:3.7-alpine
---> 72e4ef8abf8e
[...]
Step 8/10 : EXPOSE 5000
---> Running in b86b56ac23cd
Removing intermediate container b86b56ac23cd
---> 71041c9a3620
Step 9/10 : COPY . .
---> d5a38cf1e575
Step 10/10 : CMD ["flask", "run"]
---> Running in b8fcb16313bd
Removing intermediate container b8fcb16313bd
---> 9f793cb0105a

Successfully built 9f793cb0105a
Successfully tagged mattcen/simplewebapp:latest
WARNING: Image for service web was built because it did not already exist. To rebuild this
Creating simple_web_app_web_1 ... done
Creating simple_web_app_redis_1 ... done
```

# AND TEST IT

```
$ for redo in x y z; do curl http://localhost:5000; done  
Hello Flask! Refresh count: 1.  
Hello Flask! Refresh count: 2.  
Hello Flask! Refresh count: 3.
```

Check it's actually modifying Redis:

```
$ docker-compose exec redis redis-cli get refresh_count  
"3"
```

# AND CLEAN UP

```
$ docker-compose down
Stopping simple_web_app_redis_1 ... done
Stopping simple_web_app_web_1   ... done
Removing simple_web_app_redis_1 ... done
Removing simple_web_app_web_1   ... done
Removing network simple_web_app_default
```

# PUSHING A DOCKER IMAGE

- If you have a Docker Hub account, you can store images there
- ... after authenticating to your Docker Engine with `docker login`
- These images can then be used by you or others
- I'll push this `mattcen/simplewebapp` image now for later use

```
$ docker push mattcen/simplewebapp
The push refers to repository [docker.io/mattcen/simplewebapp]
2c4609c155a4: Pushed
5cf997de0e7c: Pushed
43be206b777e: Pushed
0f309bc31411: Pushed
072957566e0f: Pushed
e2e42bb5b297: Mounted from library/python
e8f104f729a5: Mounted from library/python
5b2ca0c5db87: Mounted from library/python
b688d33030ff: Mounted from library/python
777b2c648970: Mounted from library/redis
latest: digest: sha256:abbd355bf17a52e2fc2df75374fa5642309a50f8e988b888b506ffc649c99e6d size: 1024
```

# DOCKER COMPOSE SUMMARY

- Abstracts away Docker's functionality
- Automates creation, config, and management, of groups of containers

# SCALING WITH DOCKER SWARM

- Swarm mode is built into Docker Engine
- A Container Orchestrator (like Kubernetes, but easier)
- Can control Docker Engines on multiple machines
- Suitable for running redundant containers in production
- Swarm "Stacks" are groups of related containers
- "Stack" files are the same format as `docker-compose.yml`. Yay reuse!

# CREATING A DOCKER SWARM

Swarm is build directly into the standard Docker Engine, so we can trivially create a single-node swarm like this:

node1 (manager)

```
docker@node1:~$ docker swarm init
Swarm initialized: current node (q0xlwpksgfxt7s3un5vqjjsnc) is now a manager.

To add a worker to this swarm, run the following command:

    docker swarm join --token SWMTKN-1-5synm2ahj941bc1u44c8t1ms0oozze0u6qxotdcrlm9dkf8m6x-d

To add a manager to this swarm, run 'docker swarm join-token manager' and follow the instru
```

(May need `docker swarm init --advertise-addr eth0`)

# ADDING NODES TO A SWARM

node2 (worker)

```
docker@node2:~$ docker swarm join --token SWMTKN-1-5synm2ahj941bc1u44c8t1ms0oozze0u6qxotdcr  
This node joined a swarm as a worker.
```

node3 (worker)

```
docker@node3:~$ docker swarm join --token SWMTKN-1-5synm2ahj941bc1u44c8t1ms0oozze0u6qxotdcr  
This node joined a swarm as a worker.
```



# LISTING SWARM NODES

node1 (manager)

```
docker@node1:~$ docker node ls
```

ID	HOSTNAME	STATUS	AVAILABILITY	MANAGER
q0xlwpksgfxt7s3un5vqjjsnc *	node1	Ready	Active	True
o5hau890eda7nzwqgrq1fc7if	node2	Ready	Active	False
p5gqdt2k09up8rlrr4nj2o3l0	node3	Ready	Active	False

```
docker@node1:~$
```

# DEPLOYING A STACK

We can use our existing `docker-compose` file for our simple web app to deploy it as a stack:

```
docker@node1:~$ docker stack deploy -c docker-compose.yml webapp
Ignoring unsupported options: build

Creating network webapp_default
Creating service webapp_web
Creating service webapp_redis
```

- `build` unsupported in Swarm; needs pre-built image
- We pushed the image to Docker Hub earlier
- Because image is on Docker Hub, *only* local file we need is `docker-compose.yml`

# CHECKING STACK STATUS

List configured stacks:

```
docker@node1:~$ docker stack ls
```

NAME	SERVICES	ORCHESTRATOR
webapp	2	Swarm

List services within that stack:

```
docker@node1:~$ docker stack services webapp
```

ID	NAME	MODE	REPLICAS	IMAGE
oquv4i6jc947	webapp_redis	replicated	1/1	redis:alpin
w4iyas5q6nwo	webapp_web	replicated	1/1	mattcen/sin

```
$
```

# REMOVING OUR STACK

```
docker@node1:~$ docker stack rm webapp
Removing service webapp_redis
Removing service webapp_web
Removing network webapp_default
```

# RECAP

- Docker makes it easy to run software in a contained, secure, consistent environment
- Docker Compose makes it easy to group several pieces of software together into an app
- Docker Swarm can run containers in production, across multiple physical machines if desired

# MIGRATING TO CONTAINERS

- Production servers can run Docker Engine in single-node Swarm
- No worse than non-Docker config
- Can slowly migrate apps to containers
- Still get some wins, like consistent deployment across environments
- Makes it easy for developers to start working on your code

# CONCLUSION

Give Docker a shot; it encourages good software design discipline, and gives lots of flexibility!