Syndesis Developer Handbook

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Chapter 1. Introduction

This handbook contain all information required for installing, running and developing Syndesis from a developer's point of view.

Chapter 2. Buildtool "syndesis"

Syndesis uses a single tool for controlling various aspects of the build and developer related tasks. This script can be found in \$SYNDESIS_DIR/tools/bin and is called syndesis. It requires bash and can be used on any Unix or macOS.

To have this script handy all the time it is recommended to either put this bin/ directory into the path or add a symlink from syndesis into a directory which is already on your execution path.

The script can be used for various tasks which are selected by a so-called command_ which is the first argument to the script.

Just type syndesis -h to get an overview of the commands available:

Usage message

```
Usage: syndesis <command> [... options ...]

with the following commands

build Build Syndesis
dev Developer tools
doc Generate Syndesis Developer Handbook (SDH)
minishift Initialize and manage a Minishift developer environment
system-test Run system tests

"build" is the default command if no command is specified.
```

There are a handful of global options which can be used:

help	-h	Print usage information. If a command is given print out commands specific options
rebase	-r	Rebase your project directory before building to integrate upstream changes to your local repository. See below for details how this works.
verbose		Set verbose mode, which is useful mostly only for debugging the script itself.

Rebase to upstream

To easily rebase on changes which have been merged upstream to master, you can use the option --rebase (short: -r). This command assumes that you have forked the Syndesis GitHub repositories and you have "origin" and "upstream" remotes like

```
$ git remote -v
origin     git@github.com:rhuss/syndesis.git (fetch)
origin     git@github.com:rhuss/syndesis.git (push)
upstream    https://github.com/syndesisio/syndesis (fetch)
upstream    https://github.com/syndesisio/syndesis (push)
```

With this in place, a --rebase performs the following steps:

- Refresh upstream remote: git fetch upstream master
- Try a git rebase upstream/master which rebases your current local working branch.
- If this fails because you have uncommitted work:
 - A git stash is performed
 - The rebase is retried and should succeed
 - git stash pop brings back your changes. Stashing can fail with conflicts which you would have to resolve on your own.

Development Modes

The Syndesis application consists of a set of Docker images OpenShift resources descriptors for installing Syndesis. For development, minishift is used, and most of the commands assume that you have minishift installed locally and executable directly from your path. Minishift can be downloaded and installed from https://github.com/minishift/minishift/releases

You can choose from two different modes how Docker images are installed and updated:

Docker mode

The Docker mode avoids OpenShift specific image stream and uses plain Docker image references in the deployment descriptors. Without an extra Docker registry push, this only works smoothly on single node OpenShift installation like with Minishift or oc cluster up. For Minishift, the Docker daemon exposed with minishift docker-env is used. The advantage of this mode is that building is a bit faster and you avoid the overhead of image streams. On the other side, you have to kill pods when images are updated so that the new images are picked up.

OpenShift mode

The OpenShift mode uses OpenShift S2I builds and image streams. This mode works also when running with a real OpenShift cluster and is not restricted to Minishift usage. Another advantage is that a build automatically triggers a redeployment, so you don't have to kill any pods manually (or with this script). On the con side is a slightly slower build.

Both modes are currently supported, but the OpenShift mode is recommended.

Commands

All other options are specific to each command. You get a list of those options with syndesis <cmd>
-h. These options are described in detail in the next sections.

The following commands are available:

Command	Description
build	Used for building Syndesis and its various modules.
ui	Start the UI for local development (not implemented yet)
minishift	Start and install Syndesis on Minishift
install	Install Syndesis in a running cluster (other than Minishift)
system-test	Run System test against an OpenShift cluster
dev	Utility commands useful during development
doc	Generating and publish this documentation
release	Release Syndesis' Maven and NPM artefacts (not implemented yet)

If no command is given, build is the default. Remember a command must be the first argument, but there are additional possibilities to specify commands:

- You can use the form --command anywhere as an option, too. E.g. using --minishift is the same as specifying "minishift" as the first argument.
- A --mode command can be used, too (e.g. --mode sytem-test)

The next sections describe the commands in detail. To add a new command, just drop a script file into \$SYNDESIS_DIR/tools/bin/commands directory with following structure:

```
#!/bin/bash

yourscriptname::description() {
    echo "Describe the command"
}

yourscriptname::usage() {
    cat <<EOT
    Describe the usage of the command
EOT
}

yourscriptname::run() {
    Do your stuff
}</pre>
```

2.1. syndesis build

The primary goal of syndesis is to build Syndesis. It is mainly a wrapper around Maven but adds some convenience for common developer workflows.

2.1.1. Usage

```
Usage: syndesis build [... options ...]
Options for build:
-b --backend
                              Build only backend modules (core, extension,
integration, connectors, server, meta)
                              Build only modules with Docker images (ui, server, meta,
    --images
s2i)
-m --module <m1>,<m2>, ...
                              Build modules
                              Modules: ui, server, connector, s2i, meta, integration,
extension, common
-d --dependencies
                              Build also all project the specified module depends on
    --init
                              Install top-level parent pom, too. Only needed when used
with -m
    --skip-tests
                              Skip unit and system test execution
    --skip-checks
                              Disable all checks
-f --flash
                              Skip checks and tests execution (fastest mode)
-i --image-mode <mode>
                              <mode> can be
                              - "none"
                                            : No images are build (default)
                              - "openshift" : Build for OpenShift image streams
                              - "docker" : Build against a plain Docker daemon
                              - "auto"
                                            : Automatically detect whether to
                                              use "openshift" or "docker"
    --docker
                              == --image-mode docker
    --openshift
                              == --image-mode openshift
-p --project project>
                              Specifies the project to create images in when using '--
images s2i'
                              Kill pods after the image has been created.
-k --kill-pods
                              Useful when building with image-mode docker
                              Run clean builds (mvn clean)
-c --clean
                              Run mvn in batch mode
    --batch-mode
```

2.1.2. Modules

A plain build command without any options performs a plain mvn install for all modules. This compiles all Java and Javascript artefacts and also runs all tests and code checks.

You also can compile only specific modules by using the --module (short: -m) option with a comma-separated list of modules.

The following modules are available:

server	Main backend providing a REST API for the user interface
ui	The SPA user interface application
meta	Meta data and verifier used for verifying connections and providing connector metadata
connector	All connectors used by Syndesis out of the box
integration	Support libraries for running integrations

extension	Tools for developing and running Syndesis custom extensions
common	Common modules containing common code
s2i	S2I base image used for building the runtime images

Also, to specify each module individually, you can also use some module groups:

- --backend (short: -b) for the modules server, integration, meta, connector, extension, common
- -- images build all modules which result in Docker images, and also builds the Docker images in addition to the Mayen artefacts.

When the option --dependencies (short: -d) is given in addition to --modules, also all modules which the specified modules depend on are build, too.

2.1.3. Tuning

By default, all checks like license or code quality checks are performed. Also, all unit and local integration tests are run. A full build eats up quite some time, but you should always run at full blast before submitting a pull request.

However, to speed up the turnaround, several speed-up options are available. The following table shows these options, and also how long a full clean build over all modules takes: (but without building images)

Option	Description	Time
none	Default mode with all checks and tests	
skip-tests	Skip all unit and local integration tests	
skip-checks	Skip sanity checks like for correct license headers and	
flash	Fastest mode with skipping all checks and tests and with even some other aggressive optimizations	

2.1.4. Images

As described in Development Modes there are two ways how Syndesis Docker images can be created and deployed.

You can decide which mode to use with the option --image-mode (short: -i) and the following options are available:

Option	Shortcut	Description
-i auto		Auto-select the mode based whether you are connected to OpenShift (e.g via Minishift) or not.
-i docker	docker	Enable Docker build mode. Access to a Docker daemon is required.
-i openshift	openshift	Use OpenShift S2I for building the images. An active login to OpenShift is a precondition for this. You can useproject (-p) for specifying the target namespace where to create the image. By default, it is created in the current namespace

Option	Shortcut	Description
-i s2i	s2i	Shortcut foropenshift
-i none		Don't build Docker images even when implicitly enabled (e.g. when usingimages)

Specifying the mode also enables building the Docker images which otherwise would not be built.

If the direct Docker mode is used it, you have to restart the Pods, so the newly created images are picked up. For this you can use --kill-pods (short: -k) which will kill the corresponding pod after the image has been created. This only works when you are connected to an OpenShift cluster (like for minishift)

Example

```
# Build all image with openshift mode
syndesis --images --openshift

# Build to the minishift Docker daemon
eval $(minishift docker-env)
syndesis -i docker -k

# Or:
# syndesis --image-mode docker

# Or:
# syndesis --docker
```

2.2. syndesis ui

"syndesis ui" is not implemented yet

This is just a placeholder, still in the planning phased. Nevertheless we already start to document the feature for an "UX first" approach.

2.3. syndesis minishift

With syndesis minishift you can adequately manage a minishift installation for hosting Syndesis. This command is especially useful for a simple and self-contained development workflow.

syndesis minishift requires that you have a current minishift in your path. You can download it directly from GitHub.

2.3.1. Usage

```
Usage: syndesis minishift [... options ...]
Options for minishift:
                              Install templates to a running Minishift.
    --install
-p --project
                              Install into this project. Delete this project if
                              Reset the minishift installation by
    --reset
                              'minishift delete && minishift start'.
    --full-reset
                              Full reset by
                              'minishift stop && rm -rf ~/.minishift && minishift
start'
                              How much memory to use when doing a reset. Default: 4GB
    --memory <mem>
                              How many CPUs to use when doing a reset. Default: 2
    --cpus <nr cpus>
    --disk-size <size>
                              How many disk space to use when doing a reset. Default:
20GB
                              Show minishift logs during startup
    --show-logs
    --vm-driver <driver>
                              Which virtual machine driver to use (depends on OS)
    --openshift-version <ver> Set OpenShift version to use when reseting (default:
v3.6.0)
                              already existing for --install.
                              Default project: "syndesis"
-i --image-mode <mode>
                              Which templates to install: "docker" for plain images,
                              "openshift" for image streams (default: "openshift")
                              Open Syndesis in the browser
-o --open
```

2.3.2. Installing Syndesis

You can easily install Syndesis with the option --install. This option triggers the creation of all relevant OpenShift resources objects in the currently connected OpenShift project.

If you want to use a different project, then use --project (short: -p) to specify this project.



Any existing project will be deleted first when specified with --project. This option is also an easy and quick way to recreate a Syndesis installation.

As explained in Development Modes there are two workflows for developing Syndesis: Either with plain Docker images and killing pods (--image-mode docker) or with OpenShift S2I builds and image streams (--image-mode openshift). You have to specify the mode already when installing Syndesis as this choice also determines the OpenShift templates to use. By default the openshift mode is selected, so you have to specify --image-mode docker only when using the plain Docker image mode.

2.3.3. Resetting Minishift

The quickest way to get a fresh Syndesis setup is to use --project which will install Syndesis into a clean, new project.

However, you can also recreate the whole Minishift installation with --reset. This will delete the Minishift VM (minishift delete) and create a new one (minishift start). It doesn't harm if the Minishift VM does not exist so that you can use --reset also on a fresh Minishift installation.

If you want to get a real clean installation use --full-reset which deletes the ~/.minishift directory which holds downloaded artefacts like the ISO image for the Minishift VM. Using --full-reset forces Minishift to re-download all those files.

There are several options which influence the re-creation of the VM:

Option	Description	Default
memory	Memory to use for the Minishift VM.	4 GB
cpus	Number of CPUs used for the Minishift VM.	2
disk-size	Disk space used for Minishift.	20 GB
show-logs	Whether to show OpenShift logs during startup.	false
vm-driver	Which virtual machine driver to use. For OS X this can be 'virtualbox', 'xhyve' or 'vmwarefusion' (if insalled).	
openshift-version	OpenShift version to use	3.7.1

2.3.4. Example

This short example performs the following actions:

- Stops and deletes a running Minishift VM (if existent)
- Removes ~/.minishift (if existent)
- Install Syndesis in OpenShift modes (S2I builds & image streams) in project syndesis
- Open Syndesis UI in the default browser

```
# Complete fresh installation in project "syndesis"
syndesis minishift --full-reset --install --project syndesis
# Open Syndesis in default browser
syndesis minishift -o
```

2.4. syndesis system-test

The system-test command is for running a full blown system test of Syndesis by installing it in one of multiple projects which are managed in a pool.

2.4.1. Usage

```
Usage: syndesis system-test [... options ...]
Options for system-test:
    --project 
                              The test project to use
    --token <token>
                              Token for connecting to the server
    --server <url>
                              OpenShift server url to use for the tests.
                              If not given, use the currently connected server
    --pool <project>
                              If no project is given, use a pooling mechanism.
                              This pool has to be created before with --create-pool
    --test-id <id>
                              Id to identify the test run
    --create-pool <prefix>
                              Create project pool for system-tests with
                              all projects with the given prefix
    --list-pool
                              Show all locks for the pool
    --release-project <t-id> Release project for given test id (or all if no test id
is given)
```

2.4.2. How it works



This section needs a more detailed explanation how the systems tests are working in detail.

2.5. syndesis dev

Dev commands are useful helpers for developing Syndesis

2.5.1. Usage

```
Usage: syndesis dev [... options ...]

Options for dev:
--debug <name> Setup a port forwarding to <name> pod (default: server)
```

This command enable port-forwarding of port 5005 from a specific pod (by default: "server") to port 5005 on the localhost. You then can point your Java IDE to port 5005 on localhost for connecting for remote debugging. As argument to --debug "server", "meta" and "atlasmap" can be used, which are our Java based services.

2.6. syndesis doc

This command is used to generated and manage this documentation which you are currently reading.

2.6.1. Usage

```
Usage: syndesis doc [... options ...]
Options for doc:
-d --directory <dir>
                              Top-level dir holding doc source and output directory.
Default: "doc/sdh"
-i --input <file>
                              Input file to use. Default: "index.adoc"
    --out <dir>
                              Directory to generate files (default: "output")
    --html
                              Generate HTML pages
    --pdf <out>
                              Generate PDF and write it to <out> (default: "sdh.pdf")
    --epub <out>
                              Generate Epub and write it to <out> (default:
"sdh.epub")
    --gh-pages <msg>
                              Create everything into the gh-pages branch and commit
with <msg>
                              Open HTML documentation in default browser after doc
-o --open
generation
                              Use locally installed commands instead of Docker image
-l --local
```

syndesis doc uses by default a Docker container to create the documentation. Therefore a Docker daemon must be accessible, and it must allow bind volume mounts to the local doc/sdh directory. Bind mounts are possible for Linux Docker daemons and for "Docker for Mac". But it is not the case for the Minishift exposed Docker daemon, as this daemon is running isolated in a VM.

You can always run asciidoctor locally with the --local (short: -1) options. See the Asciidoctor manual for more information how to install Asciidoctor.

2.6.2. Output

Input and output has the same defaults but can be changed with the following options

input <file></file>	-i <file></file>	Input document in Asciidoc format which is by default \$SYNDESIS_DIR/doc/sdh/index.adoc
output <dir></dir>	-o <dir></dir>	Output directory, default is \$SYNDESIS_DIR/doc/sdh/output

By default syndesis doc creates the documentation in HTML format, but more formats are supported:

html	Create HTML documentation in the output directory
pdf <name></name>	Create PDF documentation. <name> is optional, but when given, then this specifies the file name generated in the output directory. By default sdh.pdf is used.</name>
epub <name></name>	Create the documentation in Epub format. <name> is optional, but when given, then this specifies the file name generated in the output directory. By default sdh.epub is used.</name>

2.7. syndesis release

Use syndesis release for performing a release of Syndesis. A Syndesis release consists of:

Maven artefacts of the backend and runtime services.

- Docker images pushed to Docker Hub
- A set of OpenShift templates referencing these images

This chapter describes how you can efficiently perform a release and how to troubleshoot if something goes wrong. This documentation might also be interesting to you even when you do not perform a release on your own, as it might help you to understand how the various Syndesis artefacts fit together.

2.7.1. Usage

```
Perform a release
This command performs a release but does no automated rollback when something fails.
Please refer to the manual at https://docs.syndesis.io for more details and what needs
to be cleaned up in case of a failure.
Usage: syndesis release [... options ...]
Options for release:
-n --dry-run
                              Dry run, which performs the whole build but does no
tagging,
                              artefact upload or pushing Docker images
                              Version to release (e.g. "1.2.1"). This is a mandatory
    --release-version <ver>
argument.
    --dev-version <version>
                              Next development version. If not given, set to
                              "<major>.<minor>-SNAPSHOT" as calculated from
                              --release-version (e.g. "1.2-SNAPSHOT")
                              Path to a custom settings.xml to use for the release.
    --settings <file>
                              This file must contain all the credentials to be used
for Sonatype.
                              By default ~/.m2/settings.xml is used.
    --local-maven-repo <dir> Local dir for holding the local Maven repo cache.
                              If not given, then a new
                              temporary directory will be used
                              (and removed after the release)
    --docker-user <user>
                              Docker user for Docker Hub
                              Docker password for Docker Hub
    --docker-password <pwd>
    --product-templates
                              Create templates for the productised version only and
tag
    --no-git-push
                              Don't push the release tag (and symbolic major.minor
tag)
                              Write full log to <log-file>, only print progress to
    --log <log-file>
screen
                              Open HTML documentation in the Syndesis Developer
    --man
Handbook
```

A lot of output is produced during a release. If you are only interested to see the major steps only, then you can use --log to redirect the output to a specific log file. This log file will contain all output (and if you add --verbose you see even more output), but on the console you will only see the

current step that is actually performed.

Example

An example run for a dry run for 1.3.1 release on the current branch look like:

- 1 Always run syndesis from the repo and branch you want to release.
- ② The release version is mandatory and must be in the format <major>.<minor>.<patch>.</pa
- 3 Use a clean local Maven repository to avoid side effects
- 4 Redirect the full output to /tmp/build.log but still print the main steps to the console.
- ⑤ Make only a dry run, without pushing any artefacts out nor checking in any changed files.

2.7.2. Preparations

To perform a release, certain preconditions need to be given.

First of all, you need to have access to the various systems to which release artefacts are uploaded:

- You need to be logged in to Docker Hub and your account needs to have write access to the syndesis Docker Hub organisation.
- You have gpg to have installed and set up a gpg-agent for being able to sign Maven artefacts during deployment in a non-interactive mode.
- You need to have access to the "syndesis" account on (oss.sonatype.org for being able to publish Maven artefacts. This credential needs to be added to either your ~/.m2/settings.xml or you can use an settings file with the --settings-xml option. The credential needs to be added to the server with the id oss-sonatype-staging.

You have to perform the release from a locally checked out Syndesis repository, which can be either checkout from a branch like 1.2.x for a patch release or directly from master. It is highly recommended to run the release directly from a freshly checked out directory:

```
# Go to a temporary directory
cd /tmp
# Clone repository afresh, but only use the last history entry (--depth=1)
git clone --depth=1 https://github.com/syndesisio/syndesis.git
# Jump into the directory
cd syndesis
# Switch to the target branch if needed (or stay on master)
git fetch --depth 1 origin 1.2.x:1.2.x
git checkout 1.2.x
# Call Syndesis from the checked out clone
./tools/bin/syndesis release --release-version 1.2.8 .....
# Push to origin after a successful release.
# This automatically done if --no-git-push is given
git push 1.2.8
git push -f 1.2
# Remove the temporary clone again
cd ...
rm -rf syndesis
```

Please note that you should always call syndesis out of the branch for which the release is for. If there is an issue due to bugs in the release script itself, please fix them on the branch with the usual developer process (i.e. opening a PR request). syndesis release must always work for the branch where this script is, too.

2.7.3. Release steps

A release consist of several different steps, which can be grouped into two groups:

- **Build steps** are performed to build the release and create the artefacts. Also during the build Maven artefacts are uploaded to the staging area for publishing to Maven central
- **Persist steps** are then used for releasing objects, pushing Docker images to Docker Hub, committing and tagging in Git (but only when the build steps have been performed successfully).

Build steps

- Check whether the current local Git clone is *clean*, i.e. that is does not have any modified files. The script will abort if this is the case.
- Update the versions of all pom.xml files below app/ to the version given with --release-version. If no --release-version is given, then the script aborts.
- Run an mvn clean install to verify that the build is not broken and all tests succeed.

- Re-generate the OpenShift templates in install so that the image streams included in these templates refer to Docker images with the new version.
- Now run an mvn -Prelease clean deploy to deploy all artefacts to a new staging repository on oss.sonatype.org, the platform for release artefacts on Maven central. The staging repository on this Sonatype Nexus is validated and closed.
- If --docker-user and --docker-password is given, then a docker login is performed. Otherwise, it is assumed that the user is already logged in.
- The Docker images are created with mvn -Prelease, image package in the server, meta, ui and s2i modules.

If the option --dry-run (short: -n) is provided, the script drops the staging repository at Sonatype and stops. You should examine the generated files and before starting a real build, reset the repository (git reset --hard).

The builds are using a clean local Maven repository, which otherwise is usually taken from ~/.m2/repository. This new local cache should ensure that we have a completely fresh build without interference from previous builds store in the local Maven cache in the home directory. You can provide such a directory with --local-maven-repo which will be taken directly (so it's good if you have to perform multiple runs like with --dry-run). If not provided, a new temporary directory is created and also *deleted* after the release run.

Persist steps

- Push Docker images to Docker Hub. In addition to the images that carry the full release version as the tag, also a tag for the *minor version* is attached and pushed. E.g. when the release version is 1.2.8, then the minor version is 1.2. If this minor version tag already exists on Docker Hub, its moved to the newly created version.
- The staging repository on Sonatype is released. It will take a bit, but the artefact should then be downloadable from Maven central soon after.
- Commit all modified local files to the local Git repo.
- Create a Git tag for the release version (e.g. git tag 1.2.8).

The next steps are for creating templates for the minor version:

- In install create new templates which contain image streams that reference images with the minor version (e.g. syndesis/syndesis-server:1.3 for a release version of 1.3.8).
- · Commit those generated templates
- Tag it with the minor version (e.g. 1.2), overwriting an already existing minor version tag

Next, we are switching back to the next development version of the pom.xml files. This version can be given with --dev-version, but by default, it is calculated automatically as <minor.version>-SNAPSHOT (e.g. 1.2-SNAPSHOT). This new version is then committed to the local git repository.

Finally, the tags just created on the local Git repo is pushed to the remote repository. You can omit this with the option --no-git-push. If to so, the last step can also be performed manually afterwards with:

```
git push 1.2.8
git push -f 1.2 ①
```

① Using -f as the minor tag needs to be moved.

Please be careful to **not** push the master branch upstream (i.e. do **not** a plain git push). We only want to have the tag with all the release preparation steps, not on the branch so that pull requests can be still be easily rebased with out conflict because of the temporary version changes.

2.7.4. Minor Version Templates

What is now the thing with this *minor version*? Why is the needed and how does it work?

Syndesis follows a semantic versioning approach. So, patch level releases (i.e. all releases which only change the last digit in 1.2.8) are fully compatible with all other patch level versions. In order to allow easy bug fix upgrades, we also create a tag which contains only the version parts up to the minor version (e.g. 1.2). These tags **always** points to the latest full version of its minor version. If, e.g. 1.2.8 is the latest 1.2.x version, then the tag 1.2 point to this 1.2.8 version. Corresponding to these Docker image variants, there exist two OpenShift templates variants:

- One set of templates directly references the Docker images which its full version, e.g. syndesis/syndesis-ui:1.2.8. Applying such a template will keep your application at precisely this patch-level. You would have to update your templates and recreate your applications if you want to upgrade.
- The other set of templates references images only via its minor version, e.g. syndesis/syndesis-ui:1.2. Using these templates has the advantage that application created from these templates automatically benefit from patch releases. The templates contain an image change trigger which will redeploy the application if the images change. So when we release the next patch level release, moving the minor version tag to this patch level release, then the application gets automatically redeployed, and it will pick up the new image.

These two sets of templates can be reached directly from GitHub as the git tags correspond to the Docker tags (i.e. a 1.2.8 tag and a 1.2 tag which will be moved forward).

2.7.5. Fuse Online Templates

The templates checked in and tagged with *regular* tags in pure numeric form (e.g. 1.2.8) are always referencing upstream images that are available at Docker Hub.

For a different setup to referencing different images (i.e. the images that are produced by the Red Hat productisation process), yet another set of templates can be generated.

For this the option --product-templates can be used, which generates templates without image stream definitions, but referencing supposedly already existing image streams.

These templates are created with a tag fuse-ingite-<minor> (e.g. fuse-ignite-1.2) in the Git repository and so directly accessed from GitHub.

The product template support is currently very specific to the Fuse Ignite Cluster, which is used for

the Technical Preview phase of Fuse Ignite.

So it is likely that it might change in the future.



An extra step is required to import productised Syndesis Docker images into the Fuse Ignite cluster. This step should be documented here, and probably added to the release script.

2.7.6. Troubleshooting

When you run the syndesis release command and when it should not succeed, you might have to perform some cleanup steps yourself (there is now automatic rollback). However, care has been taken to move all persistent changes to the end of the release flow, so if something breaks early, you only need to clean up locally. If the process fails before the step === *Pushing Docker images* you only need to:

- Reset your local git repo with git reset --hard
- Potentially remove the create staging repository on http://oss.sonatype.org/ (but it doesn't harm if it is not cleaned up immediately).

After pushing the Docker images, it should be improbable that things go wrong. But these things should take care of if this should be the case:

- Remove Docker Hub tags for the pushed images, which is best done on the Docker Hub Web UI
- Revert your local git commits to the point before the release. If you did this on a fresh checked out repo (as recommended), you just could delete the whole clone.

2.8. syndesis install

With syndesis install you can install Syndesis to an arbitrary OpenShift cluster. If you want to install to Minishift the syndesis minishift command is recommended as it supports some additional features specific to Minishift.

2.8.1. Usage

```
Install into this project. Delete this project
-p --project
                              if it already exists. By default, install into the
current project
                              (without recreating)
                              Automatically answer with "yes" when
-y --yes
                              asked for deleting the project with -p
                              Route to use (mandatory host name)
    --route
    --tag <tag>
                              Syndesis version/tag to install. If not given, then the
latest
                              version from master is installed
                              Prepare for development of Syndesis so that S2I builds
    --dev
of
                              Syndesis images are picked up properly (implies --watch)
                              Wait until cluster is up
   --watch
   --image-mode <mode>
                              Which templates to install: "docker" for plain images,
                              "openshift" for image streams (default: "openshift")
                              Shortcut for "--image-mode docker"
    --docker
                              install from local Git repo when using.
    --local
                              By default the resource descriptor is
                              downloaded from GitHub remotely.
                              Open Syndesis in browser when installation is ready
-o --open
```

The deployment will always happen for the currently connected OpenShift cluster. So it's mandatory that you have logged into the cluster with oc login before. You can check the status with oc status.

You have to provide the route name with --route. This value depends on your OpenShift installation but typically is the name of your OpenShift project followed by the cluster's hostname. E.g. a route --route app-proj186023.6a63.fuse-ignite.openshiftapps.com is specific to the Fuse Ignite test cluster 6a63.fuse-ignite.openshiftapps.com and for the project app-proj186023.

By default, this commands installs Syndesis in the currently connected project, but you can specify an alternative project with --project cproject. If this project already exists, it gets deleted unconditionally before the deployment, so be careful when using this option. By default you are asked whether you really want to delete the project for recreation. You can switch off the security question with the option --yes (short: -y).



Don't use syndesis install --project \$(oc project -q) --yes. You will shoot yourself into the foot. Ask the author if you want to know more details.

If you want to wait until everything is running (including fetching of the Docker images), you can specify --watch (short: -w) which blocks the script until everything is set up.

You can also automatically open Syndesis in the browser after the installation with --open (short: -o)

2.8.2. Development mode

As with syndesis minishift you can also use this command to set up a development platform for Syndesis. *Development platform* here means, that you can create Docker images on your own with syndesis build and can use them with an automatic redeployment after the build.

You can switch on this mode with the option --dev. By default, the so-called *openshift* mode with image stream is used. When the template is deployed, these imagestreams refer to Docker images pushed to Docker Hub. To change the imagestream references to the images built with syndesis build --images, these imagestreams needs to be patched after the initial images have been fetched from Docker Hub. If you use the --dev option then this update is done automatically.

Alternatively, you can also use plain Docker image. If you use the --docker option (or --image-mode docker), then the Syndesis OpenShift templates that used Docker images directly is used.

See the section about the various image modes for more information.

2.8.3. Selecting the version

With the option --tag you can select a specific version of Syndesis to install. By default, the template as it exists currently in your checked out branch is used.

Example

```
syndesis install --route syndesis.192.168.64.12.nip.io --tag 1.2
```

This example will install the latest Syndesis version of the 1.2 branch to the local cluster.

You can see a list of available tags with git tag. Tags prefixed with fuse-ignite are suited for the Fuse Online cluster as those templates do not contain images streams themselves but refer to the image streams installed on this cluster.

2.8.4. Example

Here is a full example how you can install Syndesis from scratch.

```
# Clone Syndes repository to /tmp
cd /tmp
git clone --depth=1 https://github.com/syndesisio/syndesis.git
                                                                    (1)
cd syndesis
# List tags (optional)
git --depth=1 --tags fetch
                                                                     (2)
git tag
# Connect to the fuse-ignite cluster
oc login https://api.fuse-ignite.openshift.com --token=...
                                                                     (3)
# Check the project you want to install to
oc project
                                                                     (4)
# Find out the route domain
                                                                     (5)
oc route
# Install into the existing project (but recreate it before)
tools/bin/syndesis install \
                                                                     (6)
    --project $(oc project -q) \
                                                                     7
    --route $(oc project -q).6a63.fuse-ignite.openshiftapps.com \ 8
    --tag 1.2 \
                                                                     (9)
    --watch
```

- ① Clone the Syndesis repository, without history (--depth=1).
- 2 Fetch tags before you can list them.
- 3 Login into the target cluster with the token that you find on the OpenShift console.
- 4 Check the project. We will overwrite this in this example, so please be sure that you do not accidentally overwrite this project.
- ⑤ Find out the route domain. Either check the documentation of your cluster or, like here, examine already existing routes.
- 6 Run syndesis directly out of the cloned Git repository.
- 7 Specify the project as the current project.
- 8 Construct the route from the project name and the route domain.
- Specify the head tag 1.2 which means the latest 1.2 version (== latest upstream TP3 version)

When the last command is finished you will be able to access https://\$(oc project -q).6a63.fuse -ignite.openshiftapps.com to access Syndesis version 1.2

2.8.5. Quick installation

If you only want to install Syndesis without developing for, there is even an easier without checking out Syndesis into a local Git repository.

You can directly use the standalone installation script syndesis-install for installing Syndesis. Just

download this script, save it as "syndesis-install" and then call it with

```
bash install-syndesis --route $(oc project -q).6a63.fuse-ignite.openshiftapps.com --open
```

Or, if you feel fancy (and trust us), then you can directly install the latest version of Syndesis by deleting and recreating the current project with a single line:

```
bash <(curl -sL https://bit.ly/syndesis-install) -p $(oc project -q) -r $(oc project -q).6a63.fuse-ignite.openshiftapps.com -o</pre>
```

All you need is to have bash, curl and oc installed and you need to be connected to an OpenShift cluster.

Use install-syndesis --help for a list of options (which is a subset of syndesis install described above)

Chapter 3. Syndesis Development

3.1. Maven Groups

Syndesis uses Maven as build tool. Maven groups are used to separate the various Syndesis parts.

In details Syndesis consists of the following groups:

Group	Maven	Docker Image	Description
common	io.syndesis.commo n		Syndesis shared common module
connecto r	io.syndesis.conne ctor		Supported camel connectors
rest	io.syndesis.rest	syndesis/syndesis-server	REST backend for managing integrations. This is the main sever.
integrati on	io.syndesis.integ ration		Library used in the the integration runtimes
s2i	io.syndesis.s2i	syndesis/syndesis-s2i	S2I base image for building integrations
ui	io.syndesis.ui	syndesis/syndesis-ui	User interface SPA, talking to the REST backend
meta	io.syndesis.meta	syndesis/syndesis-meta	Service for connector meta-data and verification of connections
extension	io.syndesis.exten sion		Library and API for developing Syndesis extensions
test	io.syndesis.test		System tests for testing the whole applications

[syndesis groups] | syndesis-groups.png

Figure 1. Group dependencies

3.1.1. Naming Conventions

The following conventions are used for naming directories, modules and Java packages.



These conventions are mandatory and should be also checked for when doing pull request reviews.

- Each directory directly below app/ is specific for a certain Maven group. E.g. the directory app/extension is reserved for all Maven modules belonging to the Maven group io.syndesis.extension. The directory name is reflected as the last name part.
- All names (groups, modules, package) are using the **singular** form. E.g. its a io.syndesis.connector, *not* io.syndesis.connectors.
- Each Maven module is prefixed with the last part of the group name. E.g. the directory app/integration/api holds a Maven module for the Maven group io.syndesis.integration,

and the module's artefactId is integration-api.

- A module's directory name is directly reflected as the last part of the Maven module name. If the Maven module name consists of multiple parts (e.g. artifact integration-project-generator), then the corresponding directory is also a concatenated word (like in integration/project-generator). Multipart names should be the exception, though.
- There should be only one level deep modules, so each Maven group directory holds all Maven modules flat.
- Each module has a **single** top-level package, reflecting the Maven module name. E.g. for the Maven module common-util in group io.syndesis.common has a single top-level package io.syndesis.common.util This top-level package should reflect the artefact name, with dashes replaced by dots.



Not every module has been already transformed to this scheme. This will happen step-by-step. But for new groups and modules this scheme has to be followed.

3.2. Issue Labels

We use GitHub labels to categorize epics, issues and tasks. They are the foundation of our process, so please use labels for issues.



Labels are living entities. This document describes the current status and might be slightly outdated. Please send a PR to adopt this section if the label structure changes. Also feel free to discuss the label structure anytime. It's essential that labels describe our process, not that we have to adapt our process for these labels.

Labels are grouped. Each label consists of two part: A **Group** and a **Name** which are separated by a slash (/). For example, the label module/ui is used to mark issue which is relevant to the Syndesis UI module.

The following label groups are available. There must be only at most one label from the "Exclusive" groups.

Group	Description	Exc l.
cat/	Misc categories which are can be added freely	
prio/	Priority of the issue. Only one prio/label must be added per issue. prio/p0 is of highest priority, prio/p4 the lowest one.	
ext/	Reference to external projects	
d/	Day labels for tagging an Epic to talk about at specific day in the daily meeting	
group/	Internal Syndesis modules	
notif/	Notification label which can be added and removed to ping certain subteams	
size/	Tee shirt size for issues. Sizing is a subjective assessment and should be done relative to other issues.	

Group	Description	Exc l.
status/	Status of an issue or PR.	
target/	Target milestone for an Epic. These are the Technical Preview (TP) targets and GA.	

Each label group serves a particular purpose, and for each issue and PR, it should be considered whether a label from a group applies.

3.2.1. Groups

Labels from this group reference our application groups like "rest", "ui" or "connector". Each subteam is responsible for one or more group, and every group has an 'owning' team. That does not mean that members of other teams are not allowed to work on such groups. Contrary, this is even encouraged. But its just there so that teams can filter on issues and PRs which are relevant to them.

An issue can carry many group labels. Especially Epics will carry more than such label as they touch more than one group (otherwise it wouldn't be an epic).

Group	Description
group/connect or	Supported camel connectors
group/deploy	OpenShift templates
group/rest	REST backend for managing integrations
group/integrat ion	Library used in the integration runtimes
group/s2i	S2I base image for building integrations
group/test	System tests for testing the whole applications
group/ui	User interface SPA, talking to the REST backend
group/uxd	User experience (UX) designs
group/meta	Service for connector meta-data and verification of connections
group/extensi on	Tools for developing Syndesis extensions
group/commo n	Syndesis shared common module

3.2.2. Categories

Labels from the cat/ group are labels which can always be applied and which does not fit in another category. Currently we have these categories:

Category	Description
cat/bug	A bug which needs fixing.
cat/blocker	A blocker, which is a bug which needs to be fixed as soon as possible.

Category	Description
cat/enhancem ent	PR label for an enhancement of an existing feature.
cat/feature	PR label for a new feature
cat/discussion	This issues requires a discussion.
cat/question	For issues holding a question.
cat/build	For issues which have relevance for the build system.
cat/design	A concrete UX design. Use this for PRs containing UX designs.
cat/process	Development process related issues carry this label.
cat/research	Label used for issues which describe some research work
cat/retro	Label for action items which are the result of a retrospective.
cat/starter	An issue which is easy to solve and can be used for ramping up new developers.
cat/techdebt	Label for issues identifying technical debt.
cat/techdoc	Technical developer information (likes this handbook ;-) related issues.
cat/tooling	Issues used for tooling around the development process (note: could be merged with "build")

3.2.3. Notification

Notification labels from the notif/ group serve a particular purpose. They are used when one team wants to notify another group that a specific issue might have them relevance to them.

Currently we have two notification labels:

Notification	Description
notif/doc	The issue needs some attention from the docs team. This might because a new feature has been introduced or, more important, an existing feature has changed for which a documentation already exists.
notif/uxd	This label should be used for issues which needs some attention from the UX team. This might because a new feature has been introduced or, more important, an existing feature has changed for which a UX design already exists.

It is important to note that these labels also be removed when the notification has been received.

For example, when a UI feature like an input form changes. Then the UI team attaches a notif/uxd label to the PR which introduces this change. The UX team, detects with a filter search on this label, that there is a new notification. It then decides, whether UX design needs to be updated or not. In any case, they are removing the notif/uxd label and add a module/uxd label if this PR indeed requires a UX design update. If no update is required, then the label is removed without replacement.

3.2.4. External references

This label group should be used if an external system is referenced, which is not part of the Syndesis mono repo.

External Project	Description
ext/atlasmap	atlasmap data mapper
ext/camel	Camel
ext/qe	syndesis-qe suite
ext/docs	syndesis-documentation End user documentation

For the future, we plan to add more of these external repos into the Syndesis mono repo (like documentation or QE). If this happens, then labels should be converted to module/ kind of labels.

3.2.5. Daily Meeting Labels

This category holds five labels: d/mon, d/tue, d/wed, d/thu, d/fri, one for each working day. They are used to mark an Epic so that it is talked about the daily meeting on that day. The reason for this selection is, that we want to keep the daily meetings still for 15 mins but don't yet want to split up. More than one of such label can and actually should be added to one Epic. At least two-day labels must be added to an epic.

Status	Daily Meeting
d/mon	Monday
d/tue	Tuesday
d/wed	Wednesday
d/thu	Thursday
d/fri	Friday

3.2.6. Status

Status labels are unique since they may trigger some automatic actions.

The current status labels are:

Status	Description
status/blocked	The current issue is blocked by another issue. Refer to the issue itself to see what is blocking this issued. This label is purely informal.
approved	This label will be automatically applied to a PR as soon as the PR has been approved at the end of a review. It is an indicator for our PR bot to automatically merge the pull request if it passes all required tests. (Note: Should probably be renamed to status/approved)
status/wip	This is a PR request label which should be used for "Work-in-Progress" kind of PRs which has been submitted for early review. If this label is present on a PR, the PR is not merged, even when it is "Approved"

Status	Description
status/2s2f	Use this label to mark issues which should be self-merged without requiring a PR review, because of its "too small to fail". Be very careful with this label, and remember a review is a service to you to help in your code quality. It is alone your responsibility when you chose this label. It's useful for minor doc updates or one line where you are 100% sure that it doesn't break the system. Please use it sparingly and responsibly. (<i>Need still to be implemented</i>)

3.3. Local Development

If you'd like to get a local development environment up and running, for both the UI and REST API, this is how you'd do it.

Tips

- Build on branch, not master.
- Callback URL Example: https://syndesis.192.168.64.29.nip.io/api/v1/credentials/callback

3.3.1. Requirements

You can follow these steps if it's your first time setting up Syndesis, or if you want a fresh local installation to replace an existing one. Some environment-specific instructions may be available below as well.

- 1. Make sure you have installed node version >= 6.x.x and Yarn version >= 0.18.1.
- 2. Get a developer deployment of Syndesis running in a Minishift environment as described in the Syndesis Quickstart. Most are specific to your environment, so follow the sections below for a quick setup. The general instructions are:
 - Install a hypervisor for Minishift.
 - Install Minishift.
 - Install the OpenShift CLI.
 - Make sure it's in your \$PATH

macOS

If you'll be using the Homebrew method, you'll obviously need to have Homebrew installed. Then, to install the hypervisor for Minishift and Minishift itself:

```
$ brew install docker-machine-driver-xhyve
```

\$ brew cask install minishift

Finally, to install the OpenShift CLI, we recommend using Homebrew: brew install openshift-cli

Linux & Windows

- Install a hypervisor for Minishift. For macOS, we recommend using the Docker xhyve plugin here, which can be installed using Homebrew.
- Install Minishift. For macOS, we recommend you use the Homebrew method.

Please note that you need to have the oc binary available in your PATH. To do that, see here: https://docs.openshift.org/latest/cli_reference/get_started_cli.html

3.3.2. First-Time Setup

The goal here is to download the project to your laptop/PC, and to install Minishift, the VM that contains OpenShift.

```
$ git pull https://github.com/syndesisio/syndesis.git # or own fork
$ cd syndesis
$ syndesis minishift --full-reset
```

3.3.3. Day-to-Day

This uses an existing Minishift instance.

NOTE: If you already followed the First-Time Setup above, you do not need to follow this. The Minishift VM will already have been started. Simply skip to the

Get the Latest Changes

```
$ git checkout master
$ git pull upstream master
$ git checkout <branch>
$ git rebase master
```

Start of the Day Make sure Minishift is running.

```
$ minishift status
```

Which should look like:

```
Minishift: Running
Profile: minishift
OpenShift: Running (openshift v3.6.0+c4dd4cf)
DiskUsage: 11% of 17.96
```

If it isn't, start it with:

```
$ minishift start
```

Login into and Set up OpenShift

This step is required regardless of whether it's a first-time install or not. It logs you in and points OpenShift to use Minishift resources.

```
$ oc login -u developer
$ eval $(minishift oc-env)
$ eval $(minishift docker-env)
```

The eval's set a number of environment variables, like change the \$PATH and \$DOCKER_HOST, so each time you do a Syndesis build it's good to make sure those are invoked.

End of the Day

```
$ minishift stop
```

Start the UI App & Open in the Browser

```
$ yarn start:minishift
$ open https://$(oc get routes syndesis --template "{{.spec.host}}")
```

Resetting the Database

This step is optional. This command expects Minishift to be running already. It's the -i docker that determines the workflow, for Roland it seems to work without that though.

It would clean the database if we increase the schema version, if we don't it remains the same.

```
$ syndesis build -m rest -f -i docker -k
```

Alternatively, you can use the REST API Endpoint: /api/v1/test-support/reset-db

Connecting to the Database

You can also port forward the DB's port using oc port-forward and then connect to the database using a tool like pgadmin to view the data. First get the DB pod's name either from oc get pods or from the OpenShift console. Then use the following command:

```
$ oc port-forward <db pod name> 5432:5432
```

Now start pgadmin and add a new DB server, use localhost for the host setting. For the username and password look on the DB pod's Environment page in the OpenShift console.

In pgadmin you can see the table by navigating into the tree under Server Groups > Servers > syndesis > Databases > syndesis > Schemas > public > Tables > jsondb. Right click, and then go to View Data > View All Rows.

3.4. UI

After you've set up your initial Local Development environment, you're ready to contribute to the UI.

3.4.1. Install Dependencies

From the project root directory:

```
$ cd app/ui
$ yarn install
```

3.4.2. Start up the App

Using Minishift resources (recommended):

```
$ yarn start:minishift
```

The yarn start:minishift command works when it can properly detect your local development machine's IP address. A proxy server inside the minishift deployment will use that IP address to connect back to the development server being run by the yarn command. If detection of the IP is failing for you, then set the SYNDESIS_DEV_LOCAL_IP env variable to your local machine's IP address before running the yarn yarn start:minishift command.

3.4.3. Open in Your Browser

Open the Syndesis UI in your browser from the command line by running:

```
# on macOS
$ open https://$(oc get routes syndesis --template "{{.spec.host}}")

# on linux
$ xdg-open https://$(oc get routes syndesis --template "{{.spec.host}}")
```

```
# on windows
$ start https://$(oc get routes syndesis --template "{{.spec.host}}")
```

Another option is to run minishift console, go into My Project and click on the URL for the Syndesis app.

To verify that you're running against the development instance of the UI check the title of the browser tab you've opened and ensure it says DEVELOPMENT in in somewhere.

Not using Minishift resources In the event that you have issues with Minishift. Don't be surprised if most things don't load and there isn't any data in the UI. Only use this if you're totally blocked and need to work on something minor/aesthetic in the UI.

```
$ yarn start
```

3.4.4. Running Tests

To run tests or lint there are two more commands you can run in separate terminals.

```
$ yarn test
```

3.4.5. Running Linter

If you don't, the CI will, and your PR build will likely fail.

```
$ yarn lint
```

You should be able to access the UI in your browser at http://localhost:4200

3.4.6. Code Documentation

We use Compodoc for documentation, or here to see how to format comments. Files get generated automatically in the /documentation directory. Read the documentation [here](https://compodoc.github.io/website/guides/getting-started.html) to see how to properly document features. You can automatically generate and run docs using Yarn:

```
$ yarn compodoc
```

Or manually with compodoc -s, or compodoc if you want it to simply generate the files in the default /documentation directory and run it with an HTTP server.

3.4.7. Technology Stack

Included in this stack are the following technologies:

- Language: TypeScript (JavaScript with @Types)
- Framework: Angular
- Testing: Cucumber.js (BDD Unit Test Framework), Karma (Unit Test Runner), Istanbul (Code Coverage)
- Linting: TsLint (Linting for TypeScript)

- Logging: WIP
- Code Analysis: Codelyzer (TsLint rules for static code analysis of Angular TypeScript projects) / WIP

3.5. Troubleshooting

When things go wrong, you want to try to identify the area that is causing problems (UI, REST API, etc). If it's the UI, look for errors in the browser console or the terminal to see if it's a dependency issue.

3.5.1. UI Dependency Issues

```
$ rm -rf node_modules
$ yarn install
```

3.5.2. VM Trouble

Not getting latest API changes

This is a known issue. This is the workaround for using the latest REST image from the Docker stream.

NOTE: This deletes your Minishift instance, installs OpenShift templates for the pods, and restarts Minishift.

Disclaimer: It's not 100% clear what -i docker for Syndesis Minishift --install does exactly, but there is no way to invoke those evals before you get a running VM, which is what --full-reset does. So as a rule of thumb, you can have a terminal with those evals and keep it open and do all of the Syndesis building from there.

```
$ syndesis minishift --full-reset --install -p syndesis -i docker
```

syndesis command not found If you get 'syndesis' command not found then use the full path to the syndesis binary instead. This assumes you are in the root of the project directory.

```
$ ./tools/bin/syndesis minishift --full-reset --install -p syndesis -i docker
```

If OpenShift templates have been updated This should not be the first choice, since it changes the IP of the VM, and in general should not be necessary for just building and updating the version.

```
$ syndesis minishift --full-reset --install
```

VM Trouble

\$ syndesis build

Other things you can try: - rm -rf ~/.minishift - Check the OpenShift console and look for logs. - Is it a xip or nip problem? http://downoruprightnow.com/status/nip.io

3.5.3. Still Having Trouble?

Ask on IRC #syndesis