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Sources: https://github.com/npoggi/vagrant-docker

About Nicolas Poggi @ni_po



Previous:



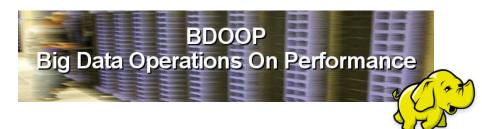


Current:

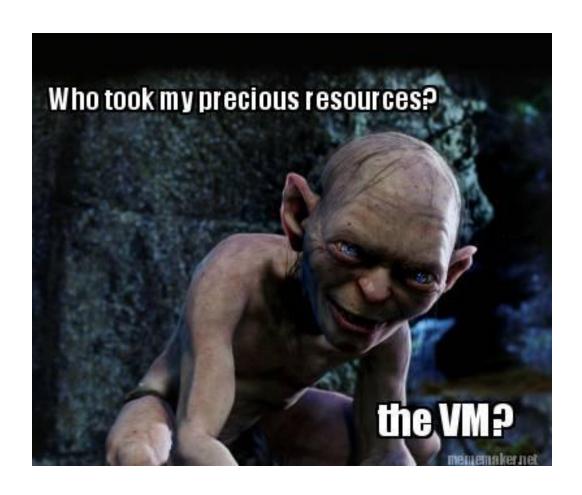








Motivation



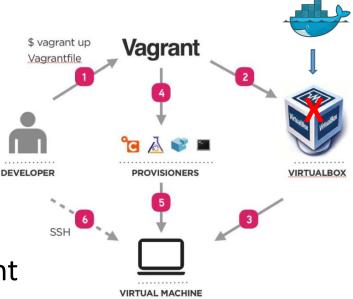
About Vagrant [+ puppet]



- It's all about AUTOMATION
- Designed to build and setup replicable, isolated, [DEV] envs
- Isolation (similar to docker)
 - Package code + environment
- Multiplatform
- Multiple Dev Envs
- Distributable
 - Avoids having a central DEV server/s
- Keep different versions
- Simplifies Configuration Management
 - (Also Docker's)
 - About puppet

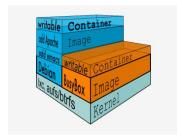


World's favorite Configuration Management tool



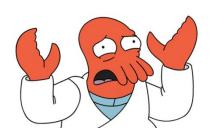
About Docker

- Light-weight replacement for VMs in several scenarios
 - Also for Vagrant
- Based on Linux containers
 - Adds abstraction layer
- GIT like for OS images
 - Every step creates a different image
 - Docker hub integrates with github [and bitbucket]
- Similar to Vagrant
 - Vagrantfile ~= Docker file
- CONS
 - Complex commands



Why Vagrant + Docker provider?

- Same reason on "why Docker"
 - Get rid of the VM
 - Free system resources
 - No reserved RAM memory or CPU/s
 - Get back control of your own machine!
- Same reasons on "why Vagrant"
 - Best way to learn puppet, so a good way to learn docker
 - Vagrant takes care of many manual chores
 - ...
- Makes sense!
 - You are dealing with DEV environments
 - Fewer security concerns
 - Limited resources on laptops
 - Keep active tens of different DEV environments
- ...and vagrant up anything!
 - Including docker



Requirements

- 1.) Get a real open-source GNU OS
 - ...With the latest kernel, i.e., Archlinux
 - Sorry Mac and Windows...
 - Don't cry, boot2docker to the rescue
 - You can use it within a VM to share your Vagrantfile



- Latest Vagrant version
 - v1.6 >
- Latest Docker version
 - v1.0 >
- Root access (for Docker)

Vagrant providers

- Official providers
 - Virtualbox (DEFAULT)
 - VMWare
 - Amazon
 - ...
 - Docker
 - YES!
- Other providers





Basic Vagrant commands



Vagrant

- vagrant
 - up
 - provision
 - ssh
 - halt/suspend

Docker provider

- vagrant
 - docker-logs
 - docker-run

NOTE: You can still use all of docker commands!

Docker provider for Vagrant



Two alternative routes

1.) Docker images

- Use a pre-built docker image
- Pros
 - Easy
 - Faster to deploy
 - No need to deal with the Docker file
- Cons
 - Less control
 - Public images

2.) Dockerfile

- Build your own (w/ Vagrant)
- Cons
 - More complex
 - Slow to start
 - (then is cached)
- Pros
 - Custom made
 - Privately managed
 - For free

Building a docker image in Vagrant

The hard way



Dockerfile, the requisites for Vagrant

- Import image FROM repo:tag
- Create vagrant user
 - create password
 - 2. sudo permissions and password-less
- 3. Configure SSH
 - Setup keys
- 4. Install base packages
- 5. Install Configuration Management system
 - 1. Puppet, etc...
- 6. Expose SSH port
- 7. Run SSH as a daemon

Sample Docker file for vagrant

https://github.com/npoggi/vagrant-docker/blob/master/Dockerfile

```
# Base Vagrant box
    #Had problems with rpcbind https://github.com/dotcloud/docker/issues/1024
    #FROM ubuntu-upstart:precise
    FROM ubuntu:12.04
    MAINTAINER Fabio Rehm "fgrehm@gmail.com"
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    # Create and configure vagrant user
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    RUN useradd --create-home -s /bin/bash vagrant
    WORKDIR /home/vagrant
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    # Configure SSH access
    RUN mkdir -p /home/vagrant/.ssh
    RUN echo "ssh-rsa AAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAABIwAAAQEA6NF8iallvQVp22WDkTkyrtvp9eWW6A8YVr+kz4TjGYe7gHzIw+niNltGEFHzD8+v1I2YJ6oXevct1Ye
    RUN chown -R vagrant: /home/vagrant/.ssh
    RUN adduser vagrant sudo
    RUN echo -n 'vagrant:vagrant' | chpasswd
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```

The Vagrantfile

- Optional: Setup docker a default provider
- Select
 - If to build from a Dockerfile
 - Or use a prebuilt docker image
 - Set has.ssh to true
- Rest as usual in a Vagrantfile
 - Ports, mounts
 - Config management i.e., puppet
- Example
 - https://github.com/npoggi/vagrant-docker/blob/master/Vagrantfile

```
VAGRANTFILE API VERSION = '2'
#avoids having to $ vagrant provider=docker
ENV['VAGRANT_DEFAULT_PROVIDER'] ||= 'docker'
#print 'Loadina the Vaarantfile...\n'
Vagrant.configure(VAGRANTFILE API VERSION) do | config|
  #sample web server host
 config.vm.define 'web' do |web|
      #use a prebuilt image ie 'npoggi/vagrant-docker:latest
      if ENV['DOCKER_IMAGE'] then
       print 'Using docker image ' + ENV['DOCKER_IMAGE'] +' (downloads if necessary)\n'
       d.image = ENV['DOCKER IMAGE']
        #build from the Dockerfile
        print 'Building from the Dockerfile (if necessary)\n'
       d.build_dir = '.'
       d.name = 'vagrant-docker'
      #the docker image must remain running for SSH (See the Dockerfile)
      d.has_ssh = true
```

Building, running, setting up, deploying, etc.

just vagrant up

Use prebuilt docker images for Vagrant

The easy way



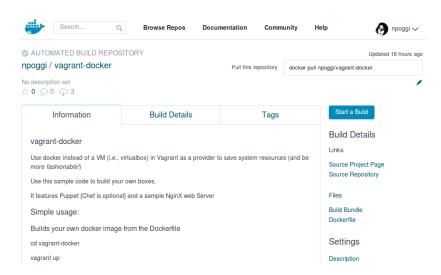
Examples at:

https://hub.docker.com/u/npoggi/

https://registry.hub.docker.com/search?q=vagrant

Other ways to create images

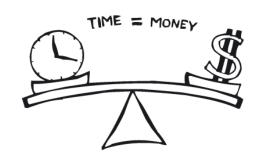
- Use docker
- Docker Hub
 - Link your github project (public or private (at a cost))
 - Select Automate build
 - 3. Point to your Docker file
 - 4. And ... Wait for the build to complete!



Saving state [and time] - Docker Hub

- Get container CONTAINER_ID
 - docker ps
- Commit image
 - docker commit [-m "my comment"] CONTAINER_ID user/repo[:tag]
 - (had permissions problems to the main repo)
- Push image
 - docker push user/repo[:tag]

Time improvements



Vagrant virtualbox (default)

vagrant up: 30.6s

vagrant halt: 7.1s

Vagrant docker

vagrant up: 2.6s

Vagrant halt: 2.3



Gotchas! ...and annoyances

- Docker by default requires root permissions!
- Be ready for BUGS!!!
 - Vagrant Docker provider less stable
 - Doesn't save to run docker commands occasionally
 - Docker too...
 - Renames in machines are a problem (manual work)
 - Delete orphaned images with complex commands
 - ...
- Vagrant package command only for virtualbox
- Docker image downloads quite slow...
- ...there is still Mac and Windows



Other considerations

- Can Docker replace vagrant use?
 - Yes, but...



- Alternatives to Docker in Vagrant
 - vagrant-lxc plugin (not official)

Future steps for the source code

- Multiple Vagrant-Docker machines
- Light-weight OS
 - Boot2Docker
 - CoreOS
- Vagrant + Docker provider + Docker
 - Inception kick!



Tips and tricks

- Update to the latest versions (i.e., github)
- Docker by default requires root permissions!
 - Add your user to the docker group
 - sudo usermod -a -G docker your_user; newgrp docker;
- Change the default image dir
 - Edit the service description add
 - -g /home/user/docker_images
- Delete "untagged/orphaned images"
 - docker rmi \$(docker images -a | grep "^<none>" | awk '{print \$3}')
- Enable IPv4 forwarding to allow internet connections inside the containers

Sources of examples at:

- Code
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- Docker images
 - https://registry.hub.docker.com/u/npoggi/

Final notes







- Get back you DEV ENV!
- Speedup development
- R&D

- Code
 - https://github.com/npoggi/vagrant-docker
- Docker images
 - https://registry.hub.docker.com/u/npoggi/

Credits and References

- Vagrant specific
 - Main site: http://www.vagrantup.com/
 - Alternative to Docker:
 https://github.com/fgrehm/vagrant-lxc
- Docker specific
 - Docker: https://www.docker.com/
 - Docker hub: https://registry.hub.docker.com
 - Light-weight VM: https://github.com/boot2docker/boot2docker
- Puppet labs: http://puppetlabs.com/