

SOFE 4360U- Cloud Computing

Project Milestone

IaaS: Virtualization and Containerization

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What are docker image, container, and registry?

- *Docker image*
 - contains the files to run an application in a container
 - This docker image acts as a template of instructions to build the container
 - A docker image contains application code, libraries, tools, dependencies, and other files to run the application on the container.
- *Docker container*
 - is a virtualized runtime environment that makes it easier to run applications in different environments and is self contained.
 - This container instance is the operating system virtualization
- *Docker registry*
 - is a repository of all docker images that stores and distributes different versions of docker images.
 - It also holds the storage and content delivery system
 - Docker is the software package that allows one container to be built with all dependencies needed to run an application.
 - Instead of setting up the app server, and all other technologies beforehand to run an application.

List the Docker commands used in the video with a brief description for each command and option.

- `docker build -t <tag> <path>`
 - This command builds the Docker image
 - `-t` option is to specify the name and optionally the version of the image
- `docker run [-d] <image>`
 - This command runs the Docker container which means the code in the Docker image gets executed
 - `-d` option is the running the container in detached mode which means the container will run in the background and not display anything in the console
- `docker ps [-a]`
 - This command displays all currently running containers
 - `-a` option shows all Docker containers including containers that already ran and terminated

- docker images

- This command displays all Docker images currently on the system. It displays information about the images such as the repository, tag, imageid, creation date and size.

- docker logs <Container ID>

- This command will show the console log of the container

At the end of the video, there are two running containers, what commands can be used to stop and delete those two containers?

- docker stop <container name/ID>
- This will stop the container from running
- docker rm <Container name/ID>
- This will remove the container. It will not show under directory

What's a multi-container Docker application?

- A multi-container Docker application is an application which consists of multiple containers usually managed by docker-compose.
- A multi-container application is usually used to host applications using the microservice architecture.
- This allows for multiple containers to communicate with each other instead of isolation
- An example of this would be a web application with a database. In this situation, there will be two containers. One for the web application and another container for the database.

How do these containers communicate together?

- The containers communicate with each other through a bridge network.
- This virtual bridge by default connects to all containers on the cloud instance.
- These containers are assigned IP addresses to communicate with each other.
- Lastly, for more control a user can create a defined bridge which gives that one docker more control for priorities to control other container ports.

What command can be used to stop the Docker application and delete its images?

- docker-compose down -rmi all

RMI refers to registry, deletes content

List the new docker commands used in the video with a brief description for each command and option.

- docker pull <image name>

- Pulls an image from a registry

- docker run -name <Name> -d -e <var_name=var_value> -p <host machine port:container port>

- This command runs the Docker container
- -name option specifies a name of the container
- -e option sets the environmental variables of the container
- -p option publishes the containers port to the host

- docker network create <name>

- This command creates a bridge network for the containers to communicate on

- docker network connect <network name> <container name>

- This command connects a container to a network

- docker network ls

- This command lists all networks the docker daemon knows about

- docker-compose up

- This command initializes the containers defined in the docker-compose.yml file

List all used GCP shell commands and their description in your report (new commands only).

- gcloud config set project <project name>

- This command sets the project being used in the cloud console

- docker cp <filename> <container-id>:<container-path>

- This command copies files from the local filesystem to the container

- docker commit <container id> <img-name>

- This command creates a new image from the specified container
- Used for when creating images when changes to the container has been made

- `docker tag <source-img-name> <img-name>`
 - This command creates another image that refers to a source image
- `docker push <img-name>`
 - This command pushes the image to the container registry
- `gcloud config set compute/zone <region>`
 - This command changes the region of the project to the region specified
- `gcloud container clusters create <cluster-name> --num-nodes=<num-nodes>`
 - This command creates a cluster for containers with the specified name
 - `--num-nodes` option just lets the user specify the number of nodes to be created in the cluster
- `gcloud container clusters get-credentials <cluster-name>`
 - This command retrieves the credentials for a running cluster
 - This updates the kubeconfig file with the credentials of the cluster
- `kubectl create deployment <deployment-name> --image=<img-name>`
 - This command creates a deployment with the specified name and image
- `kubectl expose deployment <deployment-name> --type <service> --port <port> --target-port <port>`
 - This command exposes the deployment with the specified name
 - `--type` option allows the user to specify what type of kubernetes service like for example a LoadBalancer
- `kubectl get pods`
 - This command lists all pods
- `kubectl get service <deployment-name>`
 - This command lists the service with the specified name.
 - If used without the deployment name, it will list all services

Apply the YML file into Kubernetes and run the server (what is the appropriate Cloud shell command?)

- `kubectl apply -f webApp.yml`

What is Kubernetes' pod, service, node, and deployment?

- Pod
 - is a group of one or more containers with shared storage, scripts to run containers and network resources that run on a physical/logical host.
- Service
 - A way to expose an application(s) interface(s) running on a set of pods as a network service.
 - E.g., use a load balancer to direct traffic to containers running in the pods. ClusterIP, NodePort and ExternalName are additional ways one can expose an application's interface.
- Node
 - Physical or virtual machine where pods run
- Deployment
 - This provides the updates when describing the code in production.
 - This desired state in a deployment changes the current cloud state in accordance to deployment .
 - It is used to update the pods, replicas and whatever other dependencies in kubernetes

What's meant by replicas?

- Multiple instances of identical pods. Used to improve availability of a service.
- A replica is defined with replicaSets as well to control for a specified number of pod replicas running together.

What are the types of Kubernetes' services? What is the purpose of each?

- ClusterIP
 - This is the default type of service that exposes the service on a cluster-internal IP.
 - This provides network connectivity between containers
- NodePort
 - Exposes a service via a static port via each node's IP
 - This routes incoming traffic from NodePort to user's service, even when on a different node
- LoadBalancer
 - Exposes the service via a load balancer
 - The traffic gets integrated with the native cloud-based balancers when using a cloud balancer as well.
 - Integrated NodePort and load balancers for this scenario.
- ExternalName

- Similar to other services but can be accessed with DNS name instead of the clusterIP address
- This Extername help's serve as a way to return an alias to an external service residing outside the cluster, for security purposes.