

Docker toolbox:

- Docker for Windows and Mac OS X exist but only for 64bit enterprise / professional license
- Docker Toolbox can be used on older machines, and that is the only reason why this will be used
- Docker Toolbox can be downloaded from
https://docs.docker.com/toolbox/toolbox_install_windows/
https://docs.docker.com/toolbox/toolbox_install_mac/
- Toolbox includes these Docker tools:
 - Docker Machine for running docker-machine commands
 - Docker Engine for running the docker commands
 - Docker Compose for running the docker-compose commands
 - Kitematic, the Docker GUI
 - A shell preconfigured for a Docker command-line environment
 - Oracle VirtualBox

Boot2Docker

- Boot2Docker is a lightweight Linux distribution made specifically to run Docker containers.
- It runs completely from RAM, is a ~45MB download and boots quickly.
- Using `$ docker-machine create` command will:
 - download the lightweight Linux distribution ([boot2docker](#))
 - create and start a VirtualBox VM with Docker running
 - Create a SSH key
 - Obtain an IP address for machine

```
$ docker-machine create --driver virtualbox manager1
```

- In the command above we are using the --driver flag with virtualbox to create our machine
- **manager1** is the name of the machine which will be created.
- Once machine started we will see “Docker is up and running”
- To view all machines information use `$ docker-machine ls`

<https://github.com/boot2docker/boot2docker>

Docker Swarm

- Swarm is Docker's own container orchestration tool.
- It uses the standard Docker API and networking, making it easy to drop into an environment where you're already working with Docker containers.
- Docker Swarm is a clustering and scheduling tool for Docker containers.
- With Swarm, IT administrators and developers can establish and manage a cluster of Docker nodes as a single virtual system.
- Swarm uses scheduling capabilities to ensure there are sufficient resources for distributed containers.
- Swarm assigns containers to underlying nodes and optimizes resources by automatically scheduling container workloads to run on the most appropriate host.
- Creating worker machines is done by using

```
$ docker-machine create --driver virtualbox worker1
```

To see machines, we can use:

```
$ docker-machine ls
```

To run existing machines, we can use:

```
$ docker-machine start <machine name>
```

To stop existing machines, we can use:

```
$ docker-machine stop <machine name>
```

Creating a swarm:

- SSH into our manager machine:

```
$ docker-machine ssh <machine name>
```

- Initialize the swarm:

```
$ docker swarm init --advertise-addr <MANAGER_IP>
```

- To check swarm status:

```
$ docker node ls
```

- To find out the **join** command for a **worker**, use:

```
$ docker swarm join-token worker
```

- To find out the **join** command for a **manager**, use:

```
$ docker swarm join-token manager
```

- To join into the swarm we will need to perform a few steps:

1. open a new **Docker Quick start terminal**

2. SSH into one of the worker machines:

- a.

```
$ docker-machine ssh worker1
```

3. Copy the “Docker swarm join..” from earlier **excluding the port !!!**

4. And paste it inside the Worker1 terminal, and you will see the following output:

```
This node joined a swarm as a worker.
```

- To join another worker machine following steps 1-4.

- To validate all nodes are ready, use command:

```
$ docker node ls
```

- Now that we have our swarm up and running, it is time to schedule our containers on it.
- The beauty of the orchestration layer is that we are going to focus on the app and not worry about where the application is going to run.
- To start a service, we will need to have the following:
 - What is the Docker image that you want to run. In our case, we will run the standard **Nginx** image that is officially available from the Docker hub.
 - We will expose our service on port 80.
 - We can specify the number of containers (instances) to launch. This is specified via the replicas parameter – in our case it will be 2 (workers number)
 - Give a name for our service.

```
$ docker service create --replicas 2 -p 80:80 --name web nginx
```

- Once we run it, swarm will create the service and prepare the replicas.
- On the host, open any browser and type one of the workers IP address.
- If everything worked well, you should see Nginx page:

Welcome to nginx!

If you see this page, the nginx web server is successfully installed and working. Further configuration is required.

For online documentation and support please refer to nginx.org.
Commercial support is available at nginx.com.

Thank you for using nginx.

Scaling:

- Scaling is done via the Docker service scale command.
- Scaling is used when we want to easily let our service to run on multiple instances
- To increase the amount of containers to 5 use:

```
$ docker service scale web=5
```

Maintenance:

- We can inspect the nodes anytime via the Docker node inspect command.
- For example if we are already on the node we want to check, we can use the name self for the node.

```
$ docker node inspect self
```

- We can also check up another node, using node name. For e.g.

```
$ docker node inspect worker1
```

- To remove the service, simply use:

```
$ docker service rm web
```

- In case you have an updated Docker image to roll out to the nodes, all you need to do is use the service update command.

```
$ docker service update --image <imagename>:<version> web
```

Draining nodes:

- Sometimes, we have to bring the node down for some maintenance reasons.
- This meant by setting the Availability to **Drain mode**.
- When we give that command, the Manager will stop tasks running on that node and launches the replicas on other nodes with **ACTIVE** availability.
- So what we are expecting is that the Manager will bring the 2 containers running on worker2 and schedule them on the other nodes (manager1 or worker1).
- This is done by updating the node setting availability to “drain”.

```
$ docker node update --availability drain worker2
```

- If we will run the status command, we will see the following:

```
$ docker service ps web
```

- We can see that the containers on drained node are being rescheduled on other workers.
- This is required because we have asked for 5 replicas to be running in an earlier scaling exercise.

<https://docs.docker.com/engine/swarm/>

YAML:

- YAML is a human-readable data serialization language.
- It is commonly used for configuration files, but could be used in many applications where data is being stored (e.g. debugging output) or transmitted (e.g. document headers).
- YAML targets many of the same communications applications as XML but has a minimal syntax which intentionally breaks compatibility.
- It uses both Python-style indentation to indicate nesting, and a more compact format that uses [] for lists and {} for maps.
- These files can have either the .yaml or .yml extensions.
- yaml files can sometimes be annoying to write because:
 - YAML is case sensitive.
 - YAML does not allow the use of tabs.
 - Spaces are used instead as tabs are not universally supported.
- If you feel stuck use a YAML validator which can be found freely online, e.g: <http://www.yamllint.com/>

<http://yaml.org/>

Docker compose:

- Compose is a tool for defining and running multi-container Docker applications.
- With Compose, you use a Compose file to configure your application's services.
- Then, using a single command, you create and start all the services from your configuration.
- Compose is great for development, testing, and staging environments, as well as CI workflows.
- Using Compose is basically a three-step process.
 - Define your app's environment with a **Dockerfile** so it can be reproduced anywhere.
 - Define the services that make up your app in **docker-compose.yml** so they can be run together in an isolated environment.
 - Lastly, run **docker-compose up** and Compose will start and run your entire app.
- Volumes key can be added to the compose file (yml) to mount the project directory (current directory) on the host to /code inside the container, allowing us to modify the code on the fly, without having to rebuild the image.

```
volumes:  
- ./code
```

<https://docs.docker.com/compose/>

Kitematic:

- Kitematic is an open source project built to simplify and streamline using Docker on a Mac or PC.
- Kitematic automates the Docker installation and setup process and provides an intuitive graphical user interface (GUI) for running Docker containers.
- Kitematic integrates with Docker Machine to provision a VirtualBox VM and install the Docker Engine locally on your machine.
- Kitematic is a part of the Docker toolbox bundle.

<https://kitematic.com/>