

Swiss Python Summit 2017

Scalable Python with Docker, Kubernetes, OpenShift

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Agenda

- About Aarno / VSHN
- How were we running python before
- Shortcomings & wishes
- What is Docker, Kubernetes, OpenShift?
- Why use them?
- Demo



Who

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VSHN - the DevOps Company

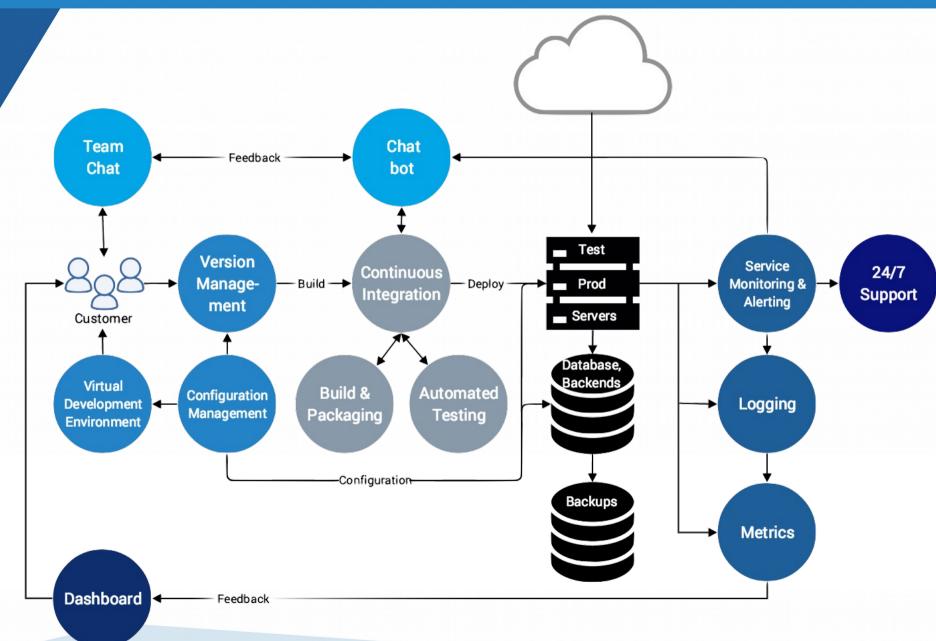
Since 2014: 18 people in Zürich

Running web applications on-premises and in the clouds making both visitors and developers happy

https://vshn.ch @vshn_ch



How are we running python applications?





How were we running python applications?

Virtual servers

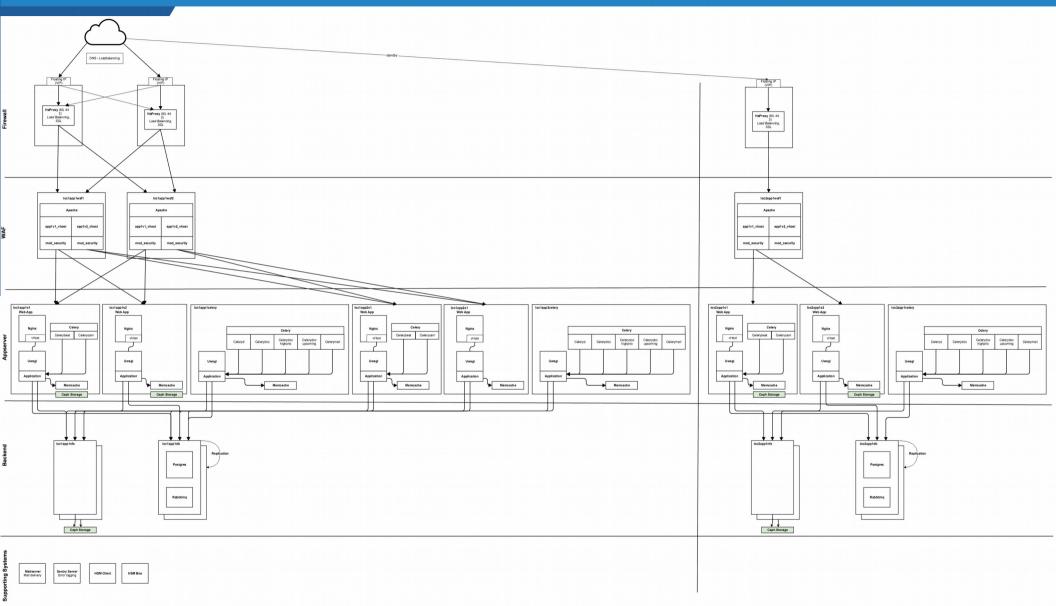
Web-/App-/Cache-/Queue-/DB-services managed by Puppet & Ansible

Config in GIT, separate repo from application

Local VM with vagrant from same config for development



Customer project with python, celery, postgres





Shortcomings

Scaling up/down servers takes manual effort & time

Python/Postgres/Apache/RabitMQ versions/plugins defined by configuration management for each server, not for each project/deployment and have to be communicated separately

Adding new components is complex, lots of moving parts and risk



Wishful thinking...

Solves build-ship-run workflow, integrates in CI/CD, DevOps & self-service

Handles the standard software plattform problems: scaling, hitless deployment, monitoring, backup, etc

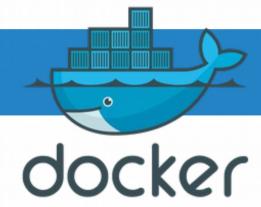
Open standards: 100% open source, backed by big community

No lock-in, free to choose any provider, works on any infrastructure

Extensible with API



Docker



Lightweight container runtime

Package code, runtime, plugins, libraries

'Dockerfile' describes image, Automatically built, quickly started

Helps you to use 12-Factor-App pattern (explicit entrypoint, port, volume configurations)

https://blog.vshn.ch/2016/11/docker https://github.com/docker/docker

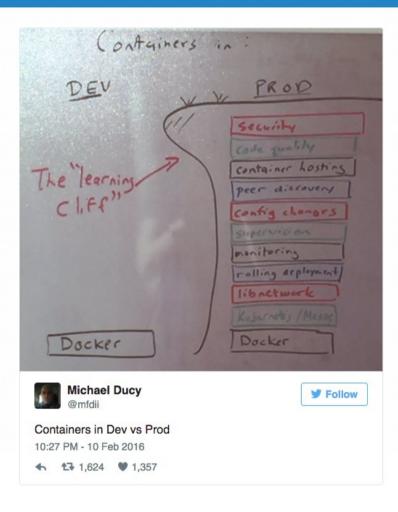


12 Factor App Patterns: https://12factor.net/

- Use declarative formats for setup automation
- Have a clean, portable contract with the underlying operating system
- Are suitable for deployment on modern cloud platforms
- Minimize divergence between development and production, enabling continuous deployment
- And can scale up without significant changes to tooling, architecture, or development practices.



From container to production?





Kubernetes



kubernetes

Container orchestrator:

'here is a container, run 3 of these with this config and give me a loadbalancer'

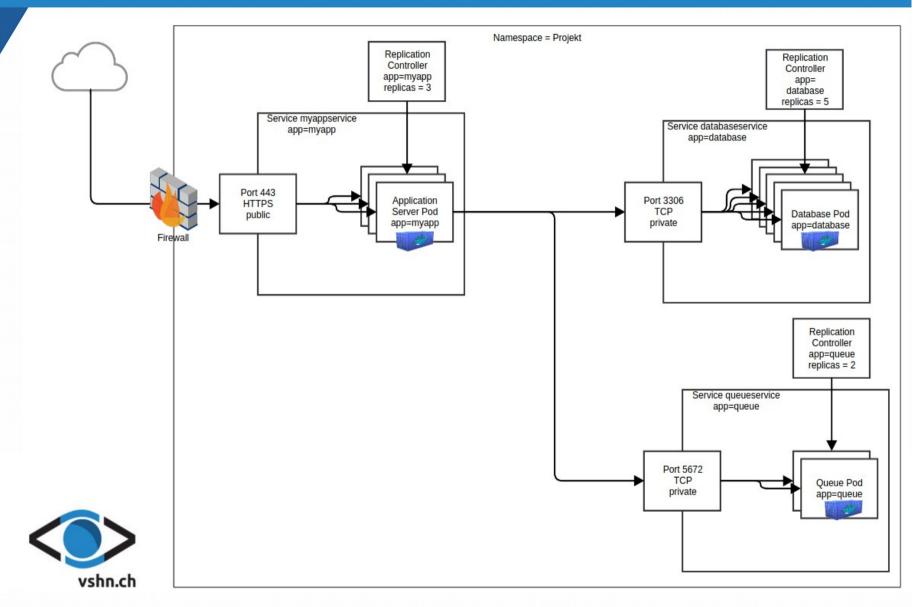
'distribute all my containers over these servers and make sure they can talk to each other'

'here is a new version of this container, update all my services without interruption'

https://blog.vshn.ch/2016/08/openshift https://github.com/kubernetes/kubernete

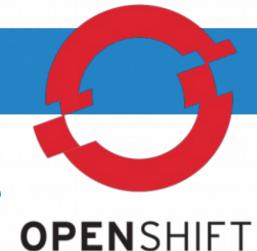


Container orchestration





OpenShift



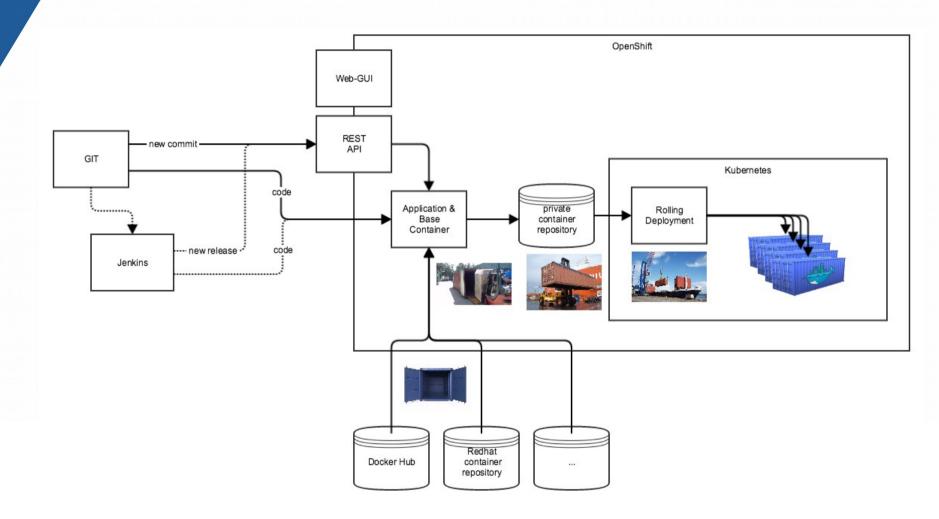
How to get the application in the container?

Web-GUI, CLI client, REST-API

https://blog.vshn.ch/2016/08/openshift https://github.com/openshift/origin



OpenShift





Why?

You have full control over the container contents → no more old versions by the hosting provider

You control the build, deploy, run process from the GUI/CLI/API

Plattform takes care of seamless deployment, SSL, load balancing, scaling, system updates, monitoring, backups, hardware, storage, network, etc

You don't need to handle Docker, Kubernetes, OpenShift internals if you don't want to



APPUIO by VSHN

Managed Docker, Kubernetes, OpenShift

Flavours: Big shared plattform in the cloud, private plattform in the cloud or on-premises

Hosted in Switzerland (ISO/FINMA-certified) or whereever you want (AWS, Azure, on-premises, etc)

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Demotime

Links:

https://github.com/arska/python-helloworld

https://github.com/arska/flask-helloworld

https://github.com/arska/cherrypy-helloworld

https://github.com/openshift/django-ex



Bonus

Creating a template:

oc export bc,is,svc,dc --astemplate=mytemplate -o json



Thanks!





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