

IBM Transformation Extender SWIFT MT-MX translation integrated with REST API application to track map usage deployed on minikube (Kubernetes)

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1. Introduction

This document's purpose is to give helpful information on how to leverage IBM Transformation Extender's ([ITX](#)) capabilities and have an application deployed on kubernetes to track the usage of the maps so that it can be used to create department/partner payback model as central transformation engine of the business. (Since ITX v10 is dockerized it is possible to deploy it on Kubernetes too.) ITX is Red Hat Openshift [certified](#) along with IBM Sterling File Gateway, B2B Integrator, Connect:Direct.

ITX Financial Pack includes samples of MT to MX translations at the install folder `"INSTALLFOLDER/packs/financial_payments_v9.0.3/swift/mx/examples/mt_mx_translation"`

Check out the *readme.txt* for the sample map details at this folder.

The know-how shared on this document:

- Minikube installation, configuration
- Sample Express Node.js application as REST API server to save the ITX usage on MySQL database, generate a monthly usage report by partner whenever needed
- Dockerize the Sample Express Node.js application, deploy the containerized application to minikube (Kubernetes)
- How to call ITX sample map provided by ITX Financial Pack

Some useful links:

- [Documentation of minikube](#)
- [Using local docker images in minikube](#)
- [Sample Express Nodejs REST API project](#)
- [MySQL Workbench to connect and manage MySQL](#)
- [Sample wordpress and mysql deployment](#)

2. Content

kubectl

Before installing minikube itself, you should install kubectl command line interface (CLI), I had installed minikube to macos via [Home Brew](#): [steps](#)

```
brew install kubectl
```

after successful install you can start check kubectl below command:

```
kubectl version
```

Sample output

```
kubectl version
Client Version: version.Info{Major:"1", Minor:"14", GitVersion:"v1.14.7",
GitCommit:"8fca2ec50a6133511b771a11559e24191b1aa2b4", GitTreeState:"clean", BuildDate:"2019-09-18T14:47:22Z",
GoVersion:"go1.12.9", Compiler:"gc", Platform:"darwin/amd64"}
```

minikube

I had installed minikube to macos via [Home Brew](#) and used [Vmware Fusion](#). Minikube installation [steps](#):

```
brew install minikube
```

after successful install you can start minikube via below command:

```
minikube start --vm-driver=vmware
```

you can set vm-driver as vmware as always on config via command below and can start with only minikube start command after that

```
minikube config set vm-driver vmware
```

Sample output

```
minikube start
🐳 minikube v1.5.2 on Darwin 10.15
💡 Tip: Use 'minikube start -p <name>' to create a new cluster, or 'minikube delete' to delete this one.
🔑 Starting existing vmware VM for "minikube" ...
🌐 Waiting for the host to be provisioned ...
🔧 Preparing Kubernetes v1.16.2 on Docker '18.09.9' ...
🔑 Relaunching Kubernetes using kubeadm ...
🌐 Waiting for: apiserver
🎉 Done! kubectl is now configured to use "minikube"
⚠️ /usr/local/bin/kubectl is version 1.14.7, and is incompatible with Kubernetes 1.16.2. You will need to update /usr/local/bin/kubectl or use 'minikube kubectl' to connect with this cluster
```

You can launch the dashboard via below command:

```
minikube dashboard
```

Sample output

```
minikube dashboard
🐳 Verifying dashboard health ...
🔧 Launching proxy ...
🐳 Verifying proxy health ...
🔑 Opening http://127.0.0.1:57377/api/v1/namespaces/kubernetes-dashboard/services/http:kubernetes-dashboard:/proxy/ in your default browser...
```

It opens <http://127.0.0.1:57377/api/v1/namespaces/kubernetes-dashboard/services/http:kubernetes-dashboard:/proxy/#/overview?namespace=default>

You can check out the IP for your minikube via command: minikube ip

```
minikube ip
192.168.106.133
```

Deploy MySQL to minikube

You can deploy a MySQL instance to Kubernetes via yaml configuration files easily.

1. Create persistent volume claim: (save below content as file named "persistentVolumeClaim.yaml")

```
---
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
metadata:
  name: mysql-data-disk
spec:
  accessModes:
    - ReadWriteOnce
  resources:
    requests:
      storage: 1Gi
```

Execute the command at terminal `kubectl apply -f persistentVolumeClaim.yaml`

Check the entity:

`kubectl get pvc`

NAME	STATUS	VOLUME	CAPACITY	ACCESS MODES	STORAGECLASS
mysql-data-disk	Bound	pvc-c1e9d76f-27af-4431-bc37-abb3f85528e2	1Gi	RWO	standard

2. Create secrets (password): (save below content as file named "secrets.yaml")

```
---
apiVersion: v1
kind: Secret
metadata:
  name: mysql-secrets
type: Opaque
data:
  ROOT_PASSWORD: bXktc3VwZXItc2VjcmlV0LXBhc3N3b3JkCg==
```

Execute the command at terminal `kubectl apply -f secrets.yaml`

Check the entity:

`kubectl get secrets`

NAME	TYPE	DATA
default-token-f29r8	kubernetes.io/service-account-token	3
ingress-tls-secret	Opaque	3
mysql-secrets	Opaque	4

(Password is base64 for my-super-secret-password)

Mehmets-MacBook-Pro:itx-mysql-restapi mehmetcambaz\$ echo my-super-secret-password | base64
bXktc3VwZXItc2VjcmlV0LXBhc3N3b3JkCg==

3. Create deployment: (save below content as file named "deployment.yaml")

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: mysql-deployment
  labels:
    app: mysql
spec:
  replicas: 1
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: mysql
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: mysql
    spec:
      containers:
        - name: mysql
          image: mysql:5.7
```

```

ports:
  - containerPort: 3306
volumeMounts:
  - mountPath: "/var/lib/mysql"
    subPath: "mysql"
    name: mysql-data
env:
  - name: MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD
    valueFrom:
      secretKeyRef:
        name: mysql-secrets
        key: ROOT_PASSWORD
volumes:
  - name: mysql-data
    persistentVolumeClaim:
      claimName: mysql-data-disk

```

Execute the command at terminal

```
kubectl apply -f deployment.yaml
```

Check the entity:

```
kubectl get pods
```

```
mysql-deployment-5b68bb45bc-dt44b 1/1 Running
```

4. Expose deployment as service:

Execute the command at terminal

```
kubectl expose deployment/mysql-deployment --type="NodePort" --port 3306
```

Check the entity:

```
kubectl describe service mysql-service
```

```

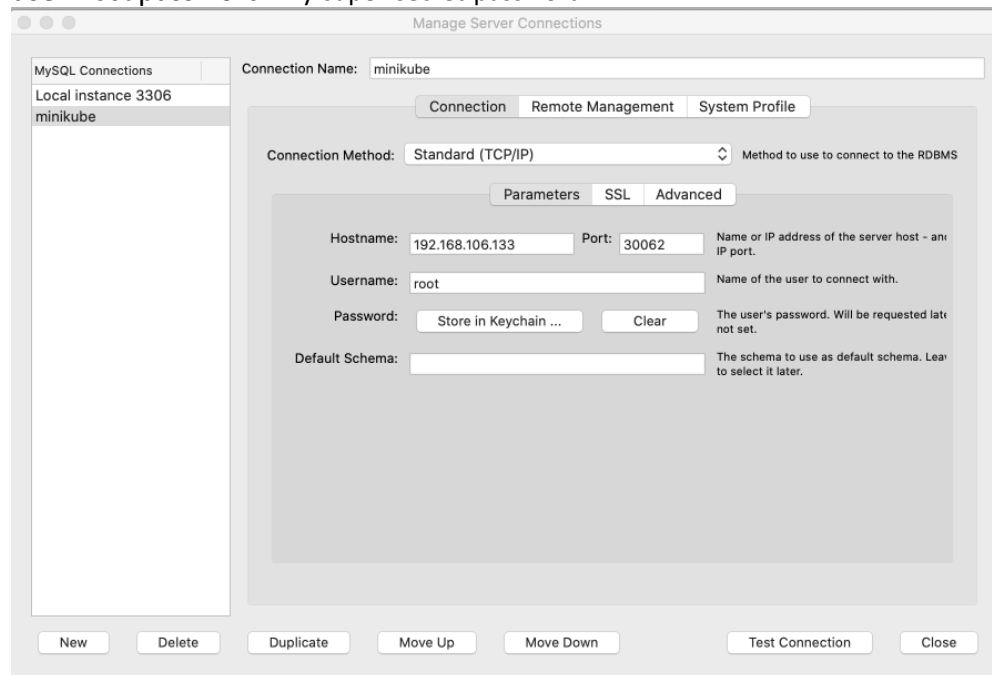
Name: mysql-service
Namespace: default
Labels: <none>
Annotations: kubernetes.kubernetes.io/last-applied-configuration:
              {"apiVersion":"v1","kind":"Service","metadata":{"annotations":{},"name":
:"mysql-service","namespace":"default"},"spec":{"ports":[{"port":33...
Selector: app=mysql
Type: NodePort
IP: 10.103.236.137
Port: <unset> 3306/TCP
TargetPort: 3306/TCP
NodePort: <unset> 30062/TCP
Endpoints: 172.17.0.2:3306
Session Affinity: None
External Traffic Policy: Cluster
Events: <none>

```

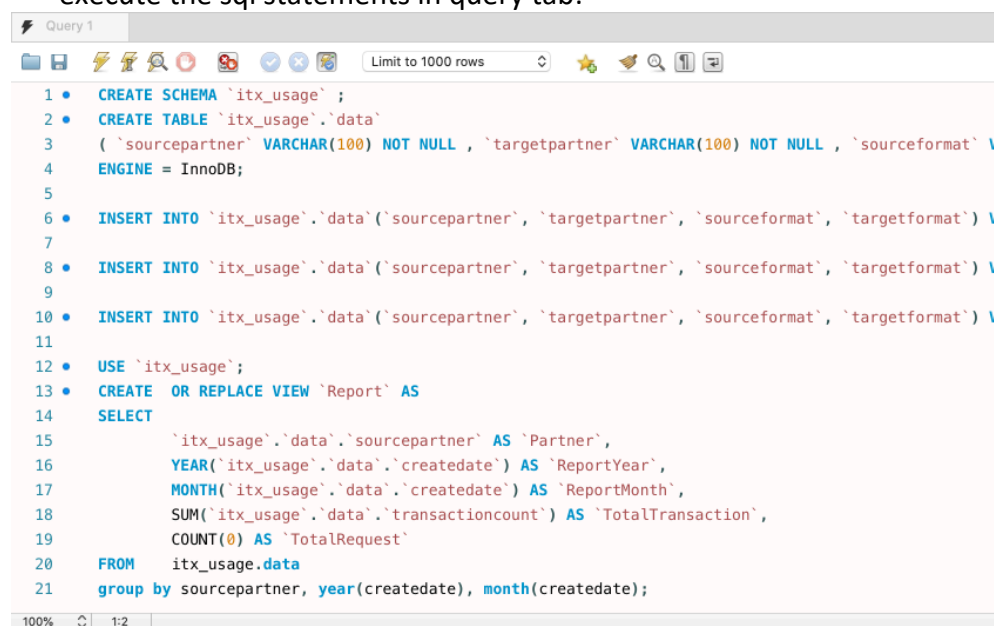
Node.js application

1. Download the code from github [here](#) (Disclaimer: this is not a production ready code, it is just a proof of the concept)
2. Now the mysql service is accessible via minikube IP (mine was 192.168.106.133) and nodeport (we set as 30062) provided at command `kubectl describe service mysql-service`
Connect to MySQL via [MySQL Workbench](#)

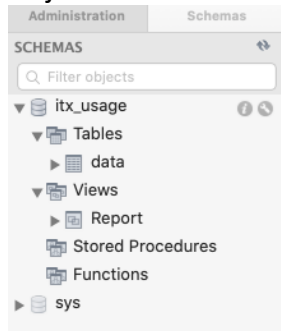
user: root password: my-super-secret-password



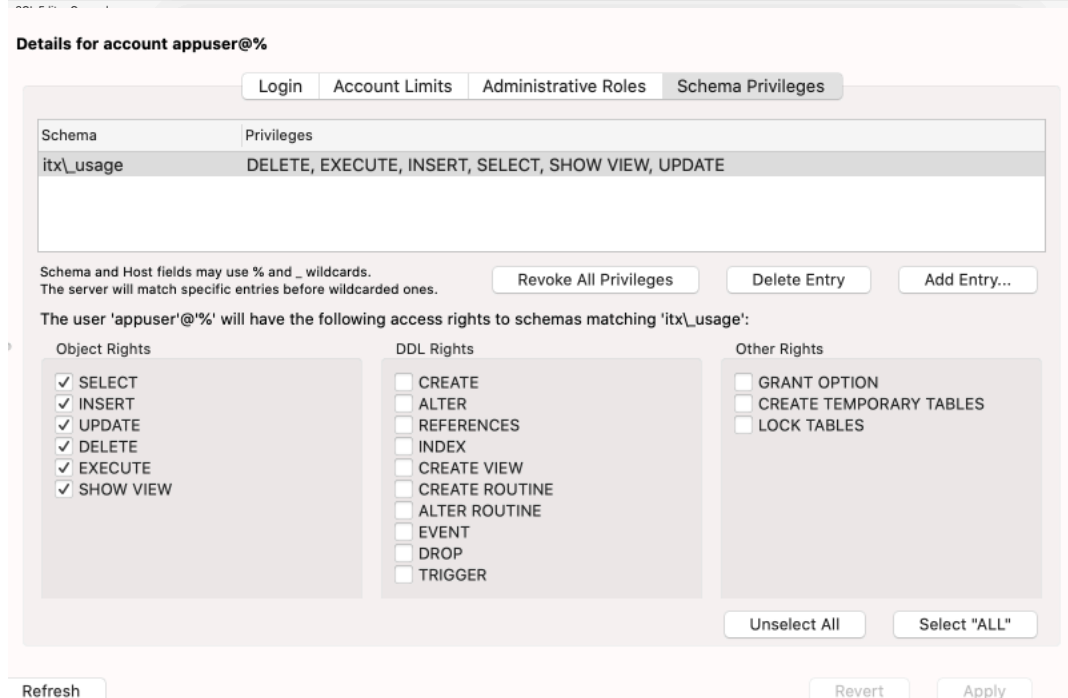
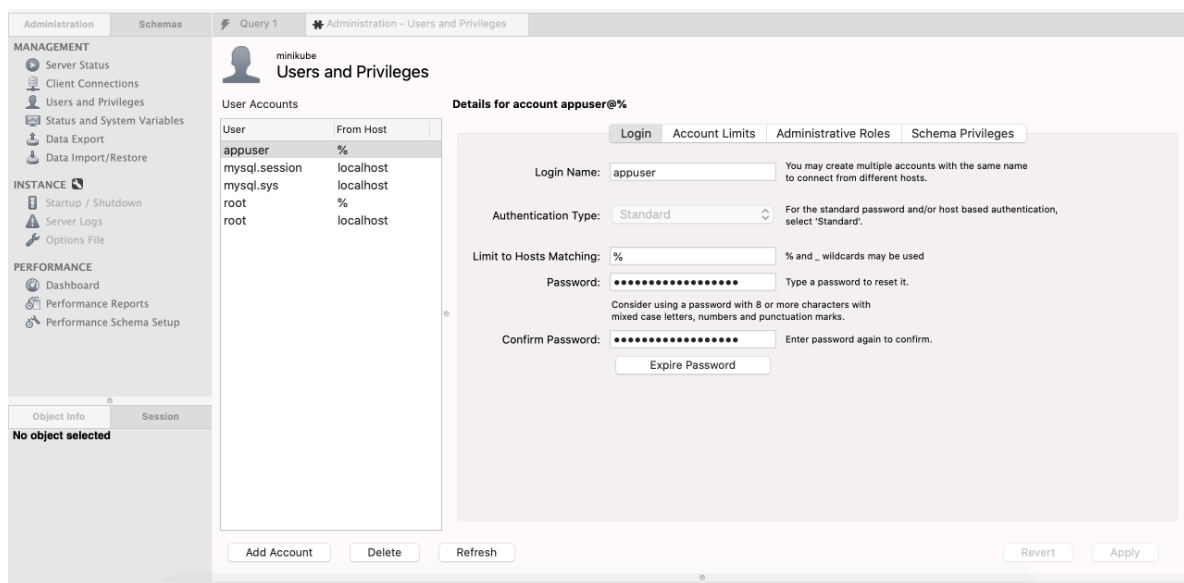
3. After connecting to the instance we will create all needed database objects described in db.sql file here <https://github.com/cambazm/NodeExpressJsRestApiToMysql/blob/master/db.sql>, execute the sql statements in query tab:



Objects are created:



4. Create an application user called `appuser` to use in the application with less privilege (Administration->Management->Users and Privileges->Add Account)



(It is also possible to create the user and schema etc. via initdb sql scripts through Kubernetes ConfigMap yaml execution similar to below sample)

```
apiVersion: apps/v1
kind: Deployment
metadata:
  name: mysql-deployment
  labels:
    app: mysql
spec:
  replicas: 1
  selector:
    matchLabels:
      app: mysql
  template:
    metadata:
      labels:
        app: mysql
    spec:
      containers:
        - name: mysql
          image: mysql:5.6
          args: ["--default-authentication-plugin=mysql_native_password", "--ignore-db-dir=lost+found"]
          ports:
            - containerPort: 3306
          volumeMounts:
            - mountPath: "/var/lib/mysql"
              subPath: "mysql"
              name: mysql-data
          env:
            - name: MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD
              value: "my-super-secret-password"
      volumes:
        - name: mysql-data
          persistentVolumeClaim:
            claimName: mysql-data-disk
---
apiVersion: v1
kind: ConfigMap
metadata:
  name: initdb
data:
  initdb.sql: |-
    CREATE USER 'appuser'@ '%' IDENTIFIED BY 'my-super-secret-password' ;
```

5. Enter to the folder of the code downloaded and install node, express, mysql framework and dependencies

Configure the db.js file with your MySQL instance info, sample of my instance:

```
var connection = mysql.createConnection({
  host      : '192.168.106.133',
  port      : 30062,
  user      : 'appuser',
  password  : 'my-super-secret-password',
  database  : 'itx_usage'
});
```

(sometimes you can have issues related to ex-node versions if you had installed you can delete and reinstall via

```
sudo rm -rf /usr/local/lib/node_modules/npm
brew reinstall node )
```

```
brew install node
node -v
npm install
```

Start the application for local testing:

```
node server.js
```

You can test via opening <http://localhost:3000/data> and <http://localhost:3000/report> You can stop the node via ctrl+z.

Sometimes 3000 port keeps blocked, you can release it via command: `kill -9 $(lsof -t -i:3000)`

If you have challenges installing used packages, you can use below commands

```
npm install -g npm
npm install express
npm install mysql
```

Project TODOs

- Move db.js config information to Kubernetes secrets
- Make it https
- Add authentication mechanism
- Configure for load balancer for multiple pods
- Push the docker image to a registry
- Display the report via HTML5 UI, add filtering capabilities
- Create jenkins project for different environments and configs
- Add indexes to table, add rebuild job of indexes daily
- Create an alternate sample project Java micro service with Eclipse MicroProfile

Dockerize Node.js application

1. Create a file called **Dockerfile** in the node.js application folder (mine was itx-mysql-restapi) and copy below content into it:

```
FROM node:6.9.2
WORKDIR /usr/src/itx-mysql-restapi
COPY package*.json ./
RUN npm install
COPY . .
EXPOSE 3000
CMD [ "node", "server.js" ]
```

2. Check if you can reach docker command via terminal, if it is not installed you can install [Docker Desktop](#) easily to add to your environment

```
[Mehmets-MacBook-Pro:expressjs mehmetcambaz$ docker
```

```
Usage: docker [OPTIONS] COMMAND
```

```
A self-sufficient runtime for containers
```

```
Options:
```

```
--config string      Location of client config
```

3. Execute below command, it will set your minikube environment to see local docker images:

```
eval $(minikube docker-env)
```

4. Execute below command, it will build your docker image with the Dockerfile contents you had created

```
docker build -t itx-mysql-restapi:v2 .
```

5. Control your docker image you had built

```
docker images itx-mysql-restapi
REPOSITORY          TAG                 IMAGE ID            CREATED             SIZE
itx-mysql-restapi   v2                 bfacf2652964       3 days ago         662MB
```

6. Execute below command, it will run your docker image you had built

```
kubectl run itx-mysql-restapi --image=itx-mysql-restapi:v2 --port=3000 --
image-pull-policy=Never
```

7. Execute below command, it will expose your docker deployment you had deployed on minikube

```
kubectl expose deployment itx-mysql-restapi --type=NodePort --port=3000 --
target-port=3000
```

8. Execute below command to get more information about the exposed service deployed

```
kubectl describe service itx-mysql-restapi
```

Sample output:

```
Name:                 itx-mysql-restapi
Namespace:            default
Labels:               run=itx-mysql-restapi
Annotations:          <none>
Selector:             run=itx-mysql-restapi
Type:                 NodePort
IP:                   10.99.214.15
Port:                 <unset> 3000/TCP
TargetPort:           3000/TCP
NodePort:             <unset> 31511/TCP
Endpoints:            172.17.0.9:3000
Session Affinity:     None
External Traffic Policy: Cluster
```

9. My minikube IP was 192.168.106.133

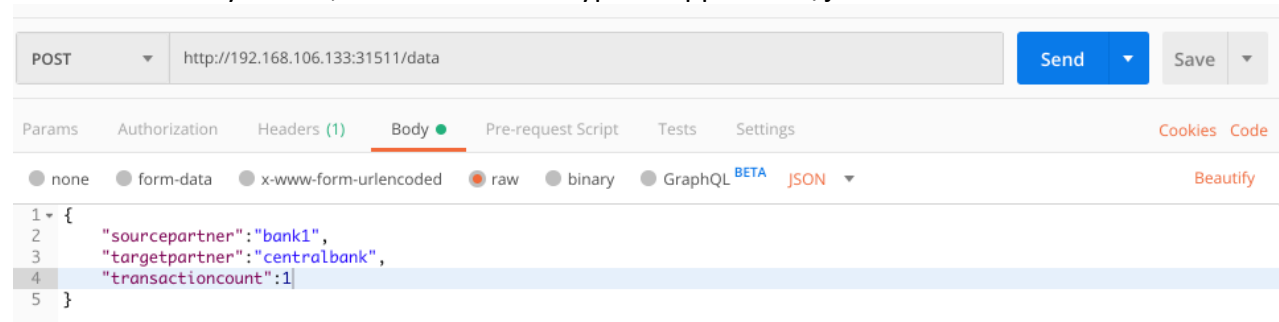
<http://192.168.106.133:31511/report> shows the report (http get)

<http://192.168.106.133:31511/data> lists all data (http get)

POST to <http://192.168.106.133:31511/data> sample json below to insert data to database

```
{
  "sourcepartner": "bank1",
  "targetpartner": "centralbank",
  "transactioncount": 1
}
```

10. You can test POST command via [Postman](#) application, copy paste the json sample above, set html body to raw, and set Content-Type to application/json



Add HTTP POST to Sample MT-MX map in ITX

Select one of the sample maps provided with ITX Financial Pack. For example:

“mt202_COV_mx_pacs_009.mms → converts MT202COV to MX” [MT-MX message information](#)

Add a new type-tree including sourcepartner, targetpartner, transactioncount

Add a new output card to do HTTP POST to the Node.js application created (this could be done via couple of ways

1- REST Client capability which planned to be available ITX v10.0.0.2

2- Call HTTP POST at the RULE via sink output card:

```
POST ( "HTTP", "-URL http://192.168.106.133:31511/data/" +
  Build application json
+ " -TRACE" )
```

3- Call a command line script does a curl to the REST API, since this is better to do async it might be better)

ITX can be called directly via [REST APIs](#) to execute the maps in system. This provides a great way when modern applications interact with ITX.

3. Summary

We had installed, configured kubernetes at our local computer. Created a simple REST API application which pushes usage data to mysql, created a simple reporting view for chargeback discussions. We deployed our application to Kubernetes and saw how easy to deploy with yaml descriptive files. We also leveraged the sample MT-MX translation maps provided by IBM Transformation Extender Financial Pack on complex transformation from legacy MT to XML based-MX.

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