DOCKER FOR JS DEVELOPERS

USE THE POWER OF DOCKER TO YOUR ADVANTAGE

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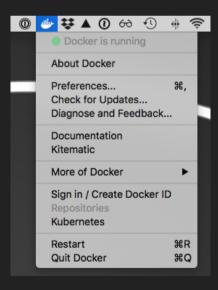
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SETUP DOCKER

FOR MACOS

Follow this link: https://docs.docker.com/docker-for-mac/install

Docker is started automatically.



FILE SHARING

sudo mkdir -p /data/docker
sudo chown \$USER /data/docker

Add File Sharing (for MacOS)



USE DOCKER TO RUN SERVICES

Extend your development toolbox

RUN MONGODB FROM DOCKER

Create container & run

```
# mongodb 3.6
docker run --publish 27017:27017 \
    --name mongodb \
    --volume /data/docker/mongo-3.6:/bitnami \
    bitnami/mongodb:3.6
```

Connect DB with shell

```
$ docker exec -it mongodb mongo
MongoDB shell version v3.6.2
connecting to: mongodb://127.0.0.1:27017/localhost
MongoDB server version: 3.6.6
>
```

Restart

docker start mongodb

DOCKERIZING A NODE.JS APP

You app in docker

A MINI APPLICATION

```
const http = require('http');
const fs = require('fs');

http
   .createServer((req, res) => {
    res.writeHead(200, { 'Content-Type': 'text/html' });
    res.end(`<h1>Hello from NodeJS</h1>`);
   })
   .listen(8080);
```

DOCKERIZING NODE.JS

Dockerfile

```
FROM node
RUN mkdir -p /app
COPY index.js /app
EXPOSE 8080
CMD [ "node", "/app/index" ]
```

build it

```
docker build -t node-app .
```

and run it

```
docker run -p 8081:8080 -d node-app
```

CREATE NODEJS APP WITH DEPENDENCIES

A more real live application with Express

```
"name": "node-express",
"version": "1.0.1",
"scripts": {
  "start": "node ./src/server.js",
 "start:debug": "nodemon ./src/server.js",
 "lint": "eslint \"**/*.js\"",
  "docker:build": "docker build -t node-express .",
 "docker:run": "docker run -p 8081:8080 -d node-express"
"dependencies": {
 "express": "^4.16.3"
"devDependencies": {
  "eslint": "^4.19.1",
 "eslint-config-airbnb-base": "^12.1.0",
  "eslint-config-prettier": "^2.9.0",
  "eslint-plugin-import": "^2.12.0",
  "nodemon": "^1.17.5",
  "prettier": "^1.6.1"
```

DOCKERIZE THE NODEJS APPLICATION

```
# Dockerfile
FROM node

# Create app directory
WORKDIR /app

# Install app dependencies
COPY package*.json /app/
ENV NPM_CONFIG_LOGLEVEL warn
RUN npm install --production --quiet

# Bundle app source
COPY . /app

# Start app
CMD [ "npm", "start" ]
EXPOSE 8080
```

DOCKERIZE THE APPLICATION

Only include files you really want with . dockerignore

```
# Ignore everything
**

# Allow files and directories
!package.json
!yarn.lock
!/src/**

# Ignore unnecessary files inside allowed directories
# This should go after the allowed directories

**/*~

**/*-
**/*.log
**/.DS_Store
**/Thumbs.db
```

MINIMIZE YOUR IMAGE SIZE

Make it small

WHICH BASE IMAGE?

name	Linux	remark	size
node	Debian	latest (inc tools)	673MB
node:6	Debian	latest v6 (6.14.4)	659MB
node:slim	Debian	less tools	183MB
node:8-slim	Debian	less tools & v8	
node:alpine	Alpine	optimized for node	69 MB
mhart/alpine-node	Alpine	latest (npm & yarn)	68 MB
mhart/alpine-node:base	Alpine	latest	42 MB

\$ docker run mhart/alpine-node:10 node --version
v10.11.0

See https://hub.docker.com/r/mhart/alpine-node/

MULTI-STAGE BUILDS

Using minimal node.js image, yarn and multi-stage builds

```
# Do the npm install or yarn install in the full image
FROM mhart/alpine-node:8
WORKDIR /app
COPY package.json yarn.lock ./
RUN yarn install --production

# And then copy over node_modules, etc from that stage to
# the smaller base image
FROM mhart/alpine-node:base-8
WORKDIR /app
COPY --from=0 /app .
COPY ./src /app/src

EXPOSE 8080
CMD ["node", "src/server.js"]
```

HEALTHCHECK

Monitor your docker image

HEALTHCHECK

Docker provide a native health check (> 1.12)

```
# Dockerfile
FROM node
...

# check every 30s to ensure this service returns HTTP 200
HEALTHCHECK --interval=30s CMD node healthcheck.js

# Start app
CMD [ "npm", "start" ]
```

Status

```
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND STATUS
7f98cf0d23ae health "npm start" Up 30 seconds (healthy)
```

GRACEFULL SHUTDOWN

We can speak about the graceful shutdown of our application, when all of the resources it used and all of the traffic and/or data processing what it handled are closed and released properly.

LONG RUNNING REQUEST

A small simulation

```
app.get('/wait', (req, res) => {
  const timeout = 5;
  console.log(`received request, waiting ${timeout} seconds`);
  setTimeout(() => {
    res.send({
       id: Date.now(),
       message: 'Hello belated world',
      });
  }, timeout * 1000);
});
```

If you stop the nodeJS server (ctrl-C or kill) before the request is finished.

```
$ curl http://localhost:8080/wait
curl: (52) Empty reply from server
```

GRACEFULL SHUTDOWN

React to sigint & sigterm to handle shutdown of the server

```
const shutdown = signal => {
  console.log('shutdown by', signal);
  httpServer.close(err => {
    console.log(` server stopped by ${signal}`);
    process.exit(err ? 1 : 0);
  });
};

process.on('SIGINT', () => shutdown('SIGINT')); // ctrl-c
process.on('SIGTERM', () => shutdown('SIGTERM')); // kill
```

Limit Keep Alive

```
const httpServer = app.listen(8080, () => {
    // limit keep alive to 6sec
    httpServer.timeout = 6000;
});
```

RUN IN DOCKER

Build and run

docker build -t node-express-shutdown .
docker run -p 8080:80 --rm --name=expressShutdown node-express-shutdown

Stop container

docker stop expressShutdown

---> BAD: We don't see any signal handling <---

SIGNAL PROCESSING IN DOCKER

Lets look at the process tree.

```
$ docker exec -it expressShutdown /bin/sh
> ps falx
```

```
# ps falx
   UID
                              VSZ
                                    RSS WCHAN STAT TTY
                                                               TIME COMMAND
                             4336
                                    748 -
                                                   pts/0
                                                              0:00 /bin/sh
                                                   pts/0
                                                              0:00 \_ ps falx
                                    820 -
                 0 20
                         0 657520 38808 -
                                               Ssl ?
                                                               0:00 npm
                                                              0:00 sh -c node ./src/server.js
                                                              0:00 \_ node ./src/server.js
                22 20
                         0 488468 36568 -
```

GRACEFULL DOCKER SHUTDOWN

To shutdown gracefully

```
# Don't start with npm
# Always start node process directly
CMD [ "node", "src/server.js" ]
```

Stop with timeout

```
# stop container with 30 timeout before sending KILL docker stop expressShutdown --time 30
```

Build, run & shutdown

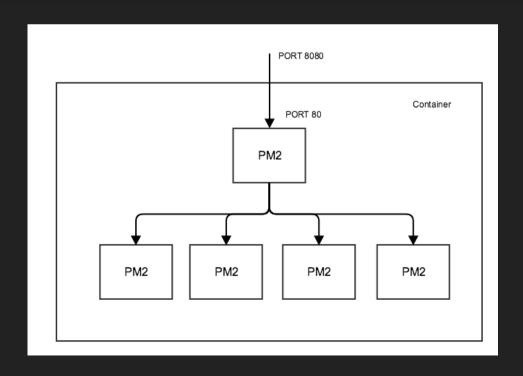
```
$ docker run -p 8080:80 --rm --name=expressShutdown node-express-shutdown
Shutdown by SIGTERM
server stopped.
```

CLUSTER NODE APPLICATIONS

Set up high availability

CLUSTERING WITH PM2

High available application



SETUP, CONFIG AND RUN PM2

Install

```
# install
npm install pm2 -g
```

Config

Startup & monitor

```
# Start PM2 demon
pm2 start pm2.config.js

# Other commands
pm2 status
pm2 logs
```

RUNNING PM2 IN DOCKER

```
# Dockerfile
FROM keymetrics/pm2:latest-alpine

# Create app directory
WORKDIR /app

# Install app dependencies
COPY package*.json /app/
COPY ecosystem.config.js /app/
RUN npm install --production --quiet

# Bundle app source
COPY . /app/

# Start app
CMD [ "pm2-runtime", "start", "ecosystem.config.js" ]

EXPOSE 8080
```

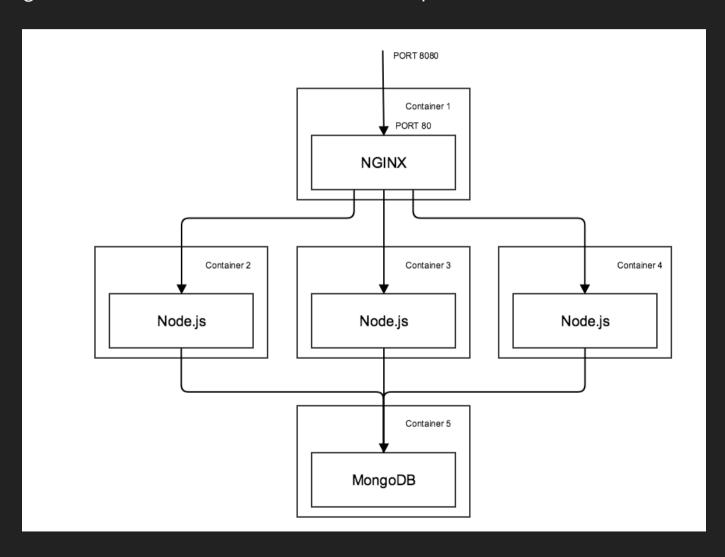
USEFULL PM2 COMMANDS

Usefull commands

```
# Listing managed processes
$ docker exec -it <container-id> pm2 list
# Monitoring CPU/Usage of each process
$ docker exec -it <container-id> pm2 monit
```

LOAD BALANCING WITH NGINX MULTIPLE DOCKER IMAGES

Let's configure an instance of NGINX to load balance requests between different docker instances.



DOCKER-COMPOSE

Compose is a tool for defining and running multi-container Docker applications.

```
version: '2'
services:
  nginx:
    build: ./nginx
    ports:
    - "8080:80"
    depends on:
    - node1
    - node2
  node1:
    build: .
    depends on:
    - mongo
    environment:
      MONGO URL: mongodb://mongo/todoDemo
  node2:
    build: .
    depends on:
    - mongo
    environment:
      MONGO URL: mongodb://mongo/todoDemo
  mongo:
    image: mongo:3.2
    volumes:
    - ./.mongo-data:/data/db
```

NGINX

Nginx is a high performance load balancer.

nginx.conf

```
server {
  listen 80;

location / {
    proxy_pass http://node-app;
  }
}

upstream node-app {
    server node1:3000 weight=10 max_fails=3 fail_timeout=30s;
    server node2:3000 weight=10 max_fails=3 fail_timeout=30s;
}
```

DOCKERIZE NGINX

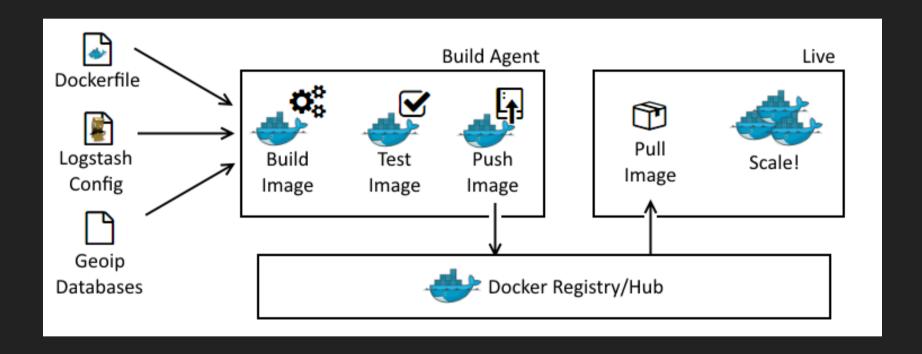
Dockerfile

FROM nginx
RUN rm /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf
COPY nginx.conf /etc/nginx/conf.d/default.conf

COMPOSE: BUILD AND RUN

```
# build all docker images defined in the docker-compose file
$ docker-compose build
# startup docker cluster
$ docker-compose up
```

DEPLOY



PUSH IMAGE TO REGISTRY

```
# login to dockerhub: https://hub.docker.com/
docker login

# tag (label) image
docker tag my_image euricom/my_image

# push to repository
docker push euricom/my_image
```

CI & CD

- CircleCI: build & test image
- Azure DevOps (VSTS)
- GitLab Continuous Integration

CIRCLECI

Base Image	Service Image	Tools
Node	MongoDB	curl
JRuby	MySQL	git
Go	PostgresSQL	zip/tar
PHP	•••	docker
•••	•••	jq
Custom	Custom	apt-get
	build config	

```
version: 2
jobs:
  build:
    docker:
        - image: circleci/node:10
        - image: mongo:3.4.4
```

SIMPLE DEPLOYMENT

- Now (Zeit)
- Azure Container Instances
- Heroku Docker
- AWS Fargate

NOW

build and run container
now

DEMO: .../demos/nextjs-with-now

AZURE CONTAINER INSTANCES

SCALE, HIGH AVAILABLE AND ORCHESTRATE CONTAINERS

- Azure Container Service
- AWS Elastic Container Service (ECS)
- Google Container Engine

TIPS

LIMIT MEMORY

By default, any Docker Container may consume as much of the hardware such as CPU and RAM.

Better to limit usages.

```
$ docker run -p 8080:80 -m "300M" --memory-swap "1G" demo
```

ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES

Run with NODE ENV set to production.

```
$ docker run -p 8080:80 -e "NODE_ENV=production" demo
```

This is the way you would pass in secrets and other runtime configurations to your application as well.

TAG DOCKER IMAGES WHEN BUILDING

In order to properly manage and maintain a deterministic build and an audit trail of a container, it is critical to create a good tagging strategy.

\$ docker build -t appnamespace/app:1.1.0 .

APPENDIX

Good to know

BEST PRACTICES FOR WRITING DOCKERFILES

- Use a .dockerignore file
- Use multi-stage builds
- Avoid installing unnecessary packages
- Each container should have only one concern (one process per container)
- Minimize the number of layers

USEFULL DOCKER COMMANDS

```
# Docker build
docker build -t node-app .
# List all images
docker images
docker ps
# List all containers
docker ps -a
docker stop $(docker ps -a -q)
# Remove all containers
docker rm $(docker ps -a -q)
# Remove/delete all images
docker rmi -f $(docker images -q)
docker stop <container-id or name>
docker stop -f <container-id or name>
```

USEFULL DOCKER COMMANDS

```
# Run interactive
docker run -it <image-name>

# Run interactive with
docker run -it --entrypoint bash <image-name>

# Run interactive on running container
docker exec -it <container-id> /bin/bash
```

Stop and remove all stuff (containers, images, cache, ...)
docker system prune

RESOURCES

- Using Yarn with Docker
- Why we switched from docker to serverless
- Load Balancing Node.js Applications with NGINX and Docker
- Best practices for writing Dockerfiles
- Using PM2 with Docker

RESOURCES

- Building Graceful Node Applications in Docker
- How To Prevent Your Node JS Process From Crashing
- How to write faster, leaner Dockerfiles for Node with Yarn and Alpine
- https://medium.com/@gchudnov/trappingsignals-in-docker-containers-7a57fdda7d86
- Docker for local development