Self-Hosting Simple Web Services with Traefik and Docker Compose

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Who am I?

- Full-Time Dad; Some time blogger and speaker
- Advocate for data privacy and decentralization
- Expert in doing things the wrong way so you don't have to!

What gives me the Right?

- Long time Linux user
- Been self-hosting for almost 10 years
- FOSS

What is *self*-hosting?

- Any server you have root access to

- Any server you have SSH keys to

- Any server you can destroy at will

What is self-*hosting*?

On Premises

- Can be anything
  - Raspberry Pi
  - Old laptop
  - Retired server

In a Datacenter

- Someone Elses Metal
  - Linode
  - Digital Ocean
  - Non-profit

Why might I want to self-host?

- Data Privacy and Decentralization
  - Google, Facebook, etc
- Cost Savings
  - Pay hosting costs; not subject to a service providers whims

- Love to Tinker and Learn
  - A hobby or a tool to learn a new skill
- It's FUN!!!
  - This is why we "FOSS", right?

What can I self-host?

- Blogs and Websites
  - Ghost, Wordpress, MKDocs, etc

- Media Servers
  - Plex, Jellyfin, Airsonic

- Backup/File Share
  - Duplicati, FileGator, Nextcloud

- Document Editors
  - Code-server, Hedgedoc

Check out http://fleet.linuxserver.io

What is Traefik?

- Traefik is a cloud-based router and reverse proxy

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What is docker-compose?

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What am I assuming about you?

- You have a passing familiarity with Docker
- You are able to install/run/manage a linux box (server)
- You are interested in self-hosting *SOMETHING*
- You would like to make this process as simple as possible

What is our project today?

- Traefik
  - Cloud router and reverse proxy

- MariaDB
  - free/open source SQL Database

- Hedgedoc
  - *"The best platform to write and share markdown" (hedgedoc.org)*