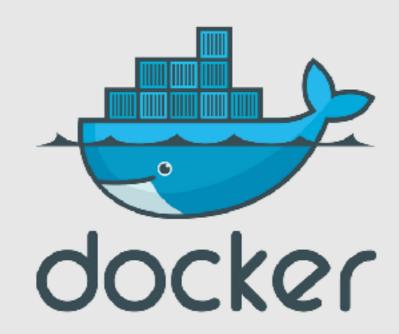
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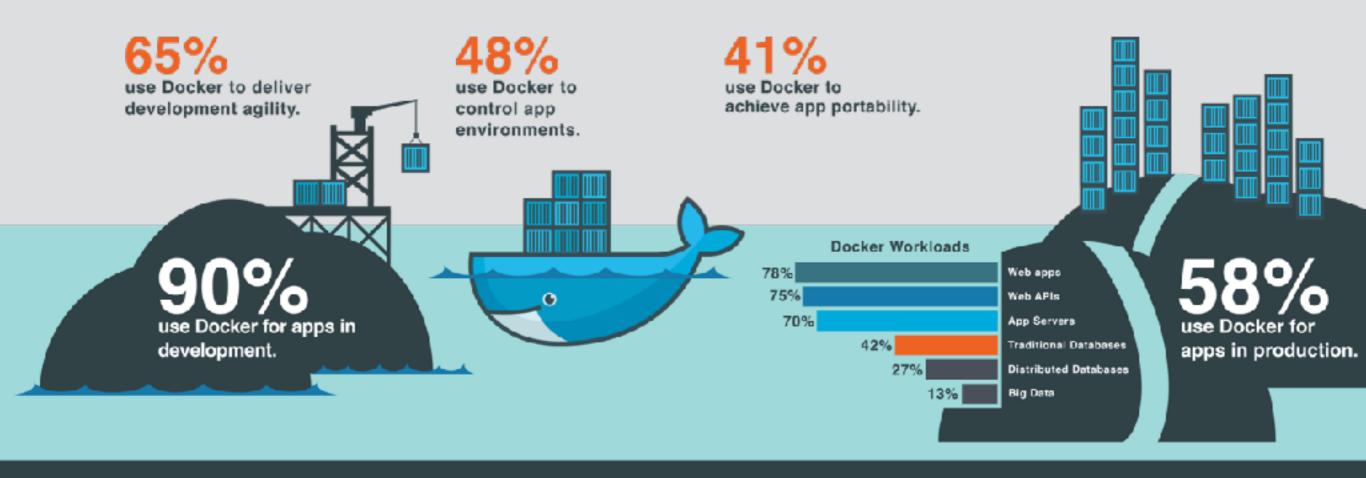
Node.js Containers

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Using docker?

... in production?





90% plan dev environments around Docker.



80% plan DevOps around Docker.



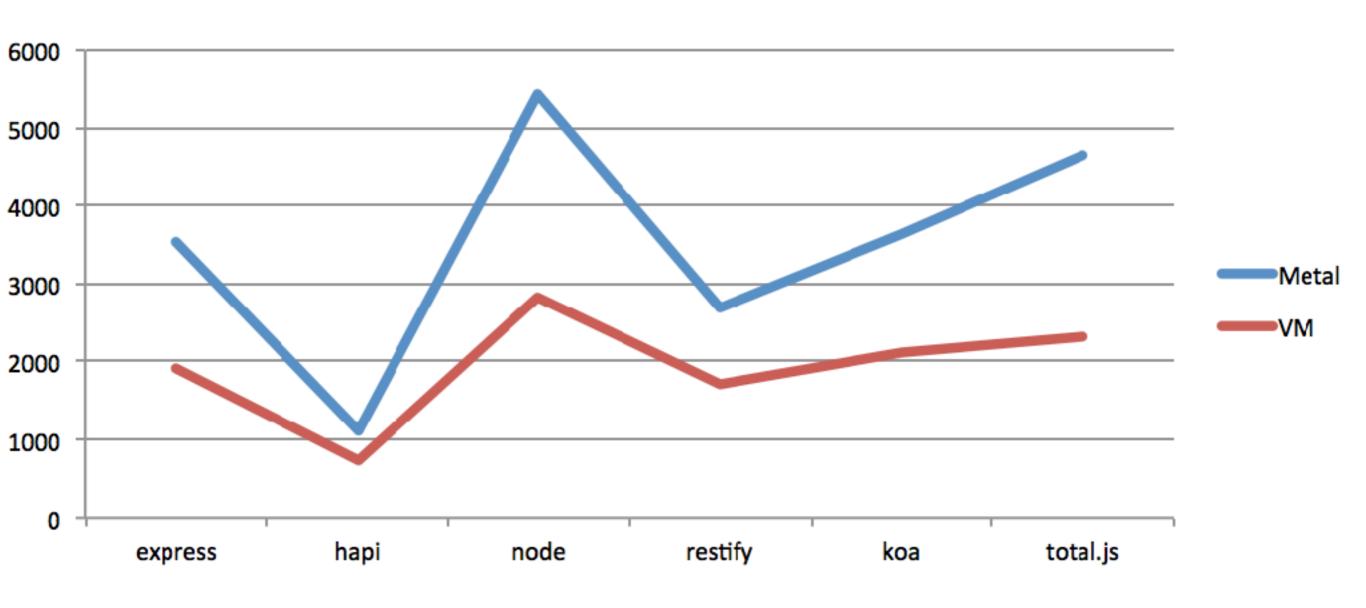
Docker survey results: docker.com/survey-2016

Benefits of Containers

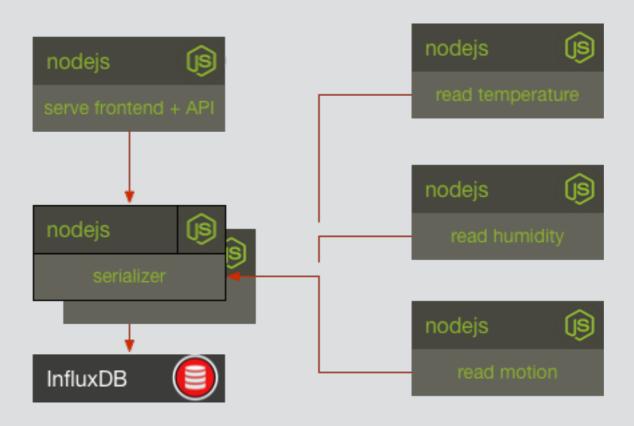
- OS level virtualization, more performant than VM
- consistent environments, immutable
- operations that developers can do, speeding up delivery of software



Hardware vs OS Level Virtualization Perf



CentOS 7, same datacenter, 2gb RAM, node 6.9.2



Using microservices?

... in production?

Benefits of Microservices

- align well with Unix Philosophy
- embrace failure, works in spite of external failures
- iterate quickly disposable services

Microservices & Containers

- well suited for each other
- disposable, fast, developer friendly
- docker-compose is great for describing a set of microservices

Benefits of Node.js

- developer friendly fun, easy to write
- largest library ecosystem (300k)
- perfect for writing non-blocking i/o code

Node.js Microservices & Containers

- tiny, fast, portable
- easily replaceable
- perfect partnership, async i/o services running on the metal in portable containers!

Docker pitfall - PID 1

- bring your own init (BYOI)
- container inits exist: tini, dumb-init, my_init

Docker pitfall - lifecycle

- need setup and teardown hooks in container
- perform initialization before starting
- perform cleanup (finish writes) before container is killed

Microservice pitfall - load balancer

- subdomains setup for environment (qa, stg, prod)... mistakes will happen, not uncommon for a prod service to point to a QA service, oops
- with lots of microservices and hosts, misconfiguration is likely more common
- increased latency between services

Microservice pitfall - health

- indicate issue with service, or at least an issue between the load balancer and the service can be unreliable source of truth
- sometimes perform full checks, db connection, memory usage, exposed as public endpoint (/health) ... can DoS a service



Addresses previous issues + FOSS

ContainerPilot

- tool to automate a container's service discovery, life cycle management, and configuration portable, works anywhere docker does
- capabilities:
 - health checks
 - handles startup and shutdown of services
 - runs as pid 1 in the container
 - watches a service catalog for changes in related services
 - consul, etcd, zookeeper, etc.
 - automatically reconfigures service upon state change
- open-source, free: github.com/joyent/containerpilot

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nodejs-example

github.com/autopilotpattern/nodejs-example





Node.js modules

- hapi web API framework
- Seneca microservices framework
- Piloted Container Pilot integration, relies on consul
- Wreck simple module for making performant HTTP requests

Code & Demo

```
$ git clone https://github.com/autopilotpattern/nodejs-example.git
$ cd nodejs-example
$ EDITOR .
```

Recap

- Use ContainerPilot with Node.js docker containers (piloted module)
- Use consul for discovery (autopilotpattern/consul)
- Make microservices independently deployable and fault tolerant

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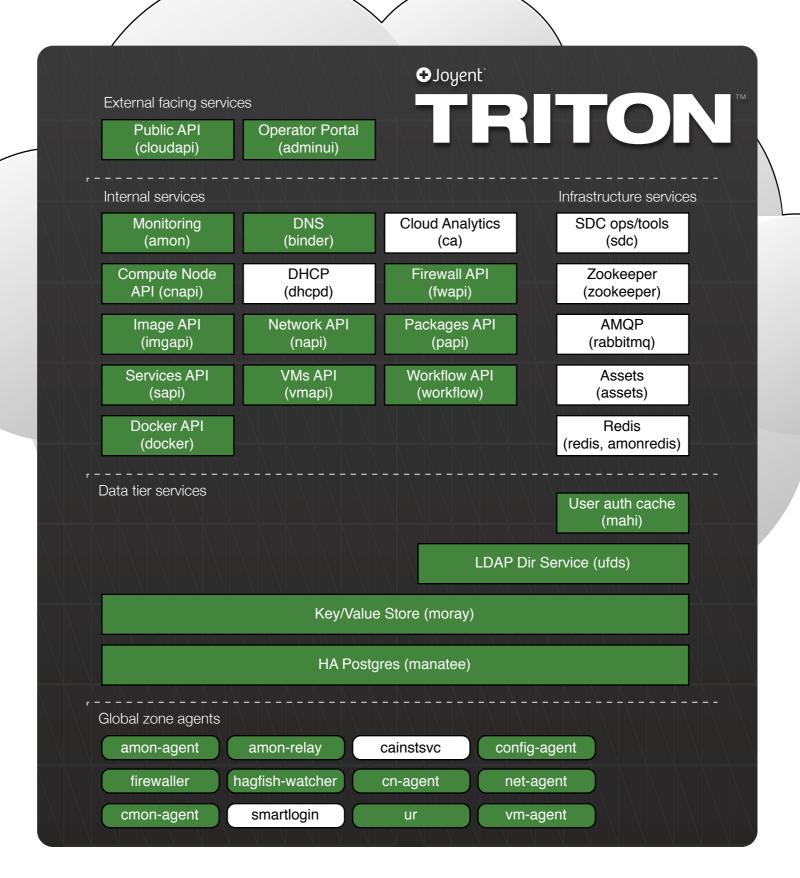
Deploying to prod

Triton Provides



- Infrastructure as a Service
 - Network, Instance, Container, User and Security Management
- Containers as a Service
 - Docker The data center is the docker host
- Software for Public and Private deployment
- High Performance
- High Security
- Open Source!





Docker on Triton



- Docker Containers = Triton Instances
- No difference other than how the are managed
 - Docker via Docker API (docker run etc)
 - Triton Instances via CloudAPI (triton create)
- Based on LX instances
- Native networking
 - Each container get's it's own IP address(es)
 - No port mapping as such. Firewall rules used to open "mapped" ports
 - Container name service, A Records for groups of services (e.g. users.srvc.us-sw-1.cns.joyent.com)





```
$ eval $(triton env)

$ docker-compose up -d

$ open http://$(triton ip nodejsexample_frontend_1)

$ docker logs -f nodejsexample_frontend_1
```

Production vs. Development



Development against local Docker

- One host
- Great for rapid development

Production against Triton

- Still one "host"
 - The datacenter is viewed as one docker host
- Standard Docker toolset
 - Docker
 - Compose
- Production infrastructure handled for you
 - Networking
 - Affinity
 - Security
 - No need to manage multiple hosts/routing





```
$ docker exec -it nodejsexample_frontend_1 sh
$ top
# Add p tools to path
$ export PATH=$PATH:/native/usr/proc/bin
$ pfiles $(pgrep node)
# Add dtrace to path
$ export PATH=$PATH:/native/usr/sbin/
# list probes available
$ dtrace -1 -p $(pgrep node)
# example, display open files by process
$ dtrace -n 'syscall::open*:entry { printf("%s %s",execname,copyinstr(arg0)); }'
```

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