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#### How To Set Up a Private Docker Registry on Ubuntu 14.04



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#### Introduction

<u>Docker</u> is a great tool for deploying your servers. Docker even has a public registry called Docker Hub to store Docker images. While Docker lets you upload your Docker creations to their Docker Hub for free, anything you upload is also public. This might not be the best option for your project.

This guide will show you how to set up and secure your own private Docker registry. By the end of this tutorial you will be able to push a custom Docker image to your private registry and pull the image securely from a different host.

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This tutorial doesn't cover containerizing your own application but only how to create the registry where you can store your deployments. If you want to learn how to get started with Docker itself (as opposed to the registry), you may want to read the How To Install and Use Docker: Getting Started tutorial.

This tutorial has been tested with both the registry server and registry client running **Ubuntu 14.04**, but it may work with other Debian-based distributions. It also covers version 2.0 of the Docker Registry.

#### **Docker Concepts**

If you haven't used Docker before then it's worth taking a minute to go through a few of Docker's key concepts. If you're already using Docker and just want to know how to get started running your own registry, then please skip ahead to the next section.

For a refresher on how to use Docker, take a look at the excellent Docker Cheat Sheet.

Docker at its core is a way to separate an application and the dependencies needed to run it from the operating system itself. To make this possible Docker uses *containers* and *images*. A Docker image is basically a template for a filesystem. When you run a Docker image, an instance of this filesystem is made live and runs on your system inside a Docker container. By default this container can't touch the original image itself or the filesystem of the host where Docker is running. It's a self-contained environment.

Whatever changes you make in the container are preserved in that container itself and don't affect the original image. If you decide you want to keep those changes, then you can "commit" a container to a Docker image (via the docker commit command). This means you can then spawn new containers that start with the contents of your old container, without affecting the original container (or image). If you're familiar with git, then the workflow should seem quite similar: you can create new branches (images in Docker parlance) from any container. Running an image is a bit like doing a git checkout.

To continue the analogy, running a private Docker registry is like running a private Git repository for your Docker images.

#### Prerequisites

To complete this tutorial, you will need the following:

- 2 Ubuntu 14.04 Droplets: one for the private Docker registry and one for the Docker client
- A non-root user with sudo privileges on each Droplet (Initial Server Setup with Ubuntu 14.04 explains how to set this up.)
- Docker and Docker Compose installed with the instructions from How To Install and Use Docker Compose on Ubuntu 14.04
- A domain name that resolves to the Droplet for the private Docker registry

#### Step 1 — Installing Package for Added Security

To set up security for the Docker Registry it's best to use <u>Docker Compose</u>. This way we can easily run the Docker Registry in one container and let Nginx handle security and communication with the outside world in another. You should already have it installed from the Prerequisites section.

Since we'll be using Nginx to handle our security, we'll also need a place to store the list of username and password combinations that we want to access our registry. We'll install the apache2-utils package which contains the htpasswd utility that can easily generate password hashes Nginx can understand:

\$ sudo apt-get -y install apache2-utils

# Step 2 — Installing and Configuring the Docker Registry

The Docker command line tool works great for starting and managing a Docker container or two, but most apps running inside Docker containers don't exist in isolation. To fully deploy most apps you need a few components running in parallel. For example, most web applications are made up of a web server that serves up the app's code, an interpreted scripting language such as PHP or Ruby (with Rails), and a database server like MySQL.

Docker Compose allows you to write one .yml configuration file for the configuration for each container as well as information about how the containers communicate with each other. You then use the docker-compose command line tool to issue commands to all the components that make up an application.

Since the Docker registry itself is an application with multiple components, we'll use Docker Compose to manage our configuration.

To start a basic registry the only configuration needed is to define the location where your registry will be storing its data. Let's set up a basic Docker Compose YAML file to bring up a basic instance of the registry.

First create a folder where our files for this tutorial will live and some of the subfolders we'll need:

```
$ mkdir ~/docker-registry && cd $_
$ mkdir data
```

Using your favorite text editor, create a docker-compose.yml file:

```
$ nano docker-compose.yml
```

Add the following contents to the file:

docker-compose.yml

```
registry:
  image: registry:2
ports:
    - 127.0.0.1:5000:5000
environment:
    REGISTRY_STORAGE_FILESYSTEM_ROOTDIRECTORY: /data
volumes:
    - ./data:/data
```

The interesting bit here is at the end. The environment section sets an environment variable in the Docker registry container with the path /data. The Docker registry app knows to check this environment variable when it starts up and to start saving its data to the /data folder as a result.

Only in this case, the volumes: - ./data:/data bit is telling Docker that the /data directory in that container should actually map out to /data on our host machine. So the end result is that the Docker registry's data all gets stored in ~/docker-registry/data on our local machine.

Let's go ahead and start it up to make sure everything is in order:

```
$ cd ~/docker-registry
$ docker-compose up
```

You'll see a bunch of download bars come move across your screen (this is Docker downloading the actual Docker registry image from Docker's own Docker Registry). If everything went well in a minute or two, you should see output that looks like this (versions might vary):

```
Output of docker-compose up

registry_1 | time="2015-10-18T23:45:58Z" level=warning msg="No HTTP secret provided registry_1 | time="2015-10-18T23:45:58Z" level=info msg="redis not configured" inst registry_1 | time="2015-10-18T23:45:58Z" level=info msg="using inmemory blob descri registry_1 | time="2015-10-18T23:45:58Z" level=info msg="listening on [::]:5000" ir registry_1 | time="2015-10-18T23:45:58Z" level=info msg="Starting upload purge in 1
```

Don't worry about the No HTTP secret provided message. It's normal.

Great! At this point you've already got a full Docker registry up and running and listening on port 5000 (this was set by the ports: bit in the docker-compose.yml file). At this point the registry isn't that useful yet — it won't start unless you bring up the registry manually. Also, Docker registry doesn't come with any built-in authentication mechanism, so it's insecure and completely open to the public right now.

Docker Compose will by default stay waiting for your input forever, so go ahead and hit CTRL-C to shut down your Docker registry container.

#### Step 3 — Setting Up an Nginx Container

Let's get to work on fixing these security issues. The first step is to set up a copy of Nginx inside another Docker container and link it up to our Docker registry container.

Let's start by creating a directory to store our Nginx configuration:

```
$ mkdir ~/docker-registry/nginx
```

Now, re-open your docker-compose.yml file in the ~/docker-registry directory:

```
$ nano docker-compose.yml
```

Paste the following into the top of the file:

```
docker-compose.yml
```

```
nginx:
  image: "nginx:1.9"
  ports:
    - 5043:443
  links:
    - registry:registry
  volumes:
    - ./nginx/:/etc/nginx/conf.d:ro
```

This will create a new Docker container based on the official Nginx image. The interesting bit here is the links section. It automagically set up a "link" from one Docker container to the another. When the Nginx container starts up, it will be able to reach the registry container at the hostname registry no matter what the actual IP address the registry container ends up having. (Behind the scenes Docker is actually inserting an entry into the /etc/hosts file in the nginx container to tell it the IP of the registry container).

The volumes: section is similar to what we did for the registry container. In this case it gives us a way to store the config files we'll use for Nginx on our host machine instead of inside the Docker container. The :ro at the end just tells Docker that the Nginx container should only have read-only access to the host filesystem.

Your full docker-compose.yml file should now look like this:

docker-compose.yml

```
nginx:
  image: "nginx:1.9"
  ports:
    - 5043:443
  links:
    - registry:registry
  volumes:
    - ./nginx/:/etc/nginx/conf.d
registry:
  image: registry:2
```

```
ports:
    - 127.0.0.1:5000:5000
environment:
    REGISTRY_STORAGE_FILESYSTEM_ROOTDIRECTORY: /data
volumes:
    - ./data:/data
```

Running docker-compose up will now start two containers at the same time: one for the Docker registry and one for Nginx.

We need to configure Nginx before this will work though, so let's create a new Nginx configuration file.

Create a registry.conf file:

```
$ nano ~/docker-registry/nginx/registry.conf
```

Copy the following into the file:

```
~/docker-registry/nginx/registry.conf
upstream docker-registry {
  server registry:5000;
}
server {
  listen 443;
  server_name myregistrydomain.com;
  # SSL
  # ssl on;
  # ssl_certificate /etc/nginx/conf.d/domain.crt;
  # ssl_certificate_key /etc/nginx/conf.d/domain.key;
  # disable any limits to avoid HTTP 413 for large image uploads
  client_max_body_size 0;
  # required to avoid HTTP 411: see Issue #1486 (https://github.com/docker/docker
  chunked_transfer_encoding on;
  location /v2/ {
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    # Do not allow connections from docker 1.5 and earlier
```

```
if (\frac{1}{(9-9]-dev)} Go ).*$" ) {
     return 404;
   }
   # To add basic authentication to v2 use auth basic setting plus add header
   # auth_basic "registry.localhost";
   # auth_basic_user_file /etc/nginx/conf.d/registry.password;
   # add_header 'Docker-Distribution-Api-Version' 'registry/2.0' always;
   proxy_pass
                                     http://docker-registry;
                                                  # required for docker client'
   proxy_set_header Host
                                     $http host;
                                     $remote_addr; # pass on real client's IP
   proxy_set_header X-Real-IP
   proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For
                                     $proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;
   proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-Proto $scheme;
   proxy_read_timeout
                                     900;
 }
}
```

Save and exit the file.

Now you can install Nginx and start up the two Docker containers all with one command:

```
$ docker-compose up
```

Nginx doesn't print any output on startup, but if all went well you're now running a copy of Nginx that is set up to proxy to your registry container. To test it, let's use curl to make an HTTP request to our Docker registry directly, and then make another request to our Nginx port. If everything is set up correctly the output will be the same in both cases (as of this writing Docker returns an empty json object " { } ") since Nginx will proxy the request through to the Docker registry.

First, make an HTTP request directly to the Docker registry:

```
$ curl http://localhost:5000/v2/
```

As of this writing Docker returns an empty json object, so you should see:

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Now send an HTTP request to the Nginx port:

```
$ curl http://localhost:5043/v2/
```

You should see the same output:

```
Output
```

{}

If things are working correctly you'll see some output in your docker-compose terminal that looks like the below as well:

```
Output of docker-compose
```

```
registry_1 | time="2015-08-11T10:24:53.746529894Z" level=debug msg="authorizing registry_1 | time="2015-08-11T10:24:53.747650205Z" level=info msg="response con registry_1 | 172.17.0.21 - - [11/Aug/2015:10:24:53 +0000] "GET /v2/ HTTP/1.0" 2 nginx_1 | 172.17.42.1 - - [11/Aug/2015:10:24:53 +0000] "GET /v2/ HTTP/1.1" 2
```

If you see lines with the registry\_ prefix (the number after the \_ may be different on your machine) then all is well, and Nginx has successfully proxied our HTTP request to the Docker registry.

Go ahead and hit CTRL-C again in your docker-compose terminal to shut down your Docker containers.

#### Step 4 — Setting Up Authentication

Now that Nginx is proxying requests properly let's set it up with HTTP authentication so that we can control who has access to our Docker registry. To do that we'll create an authentication file in Apache format (Nginx can read it too) via the htpasswd utility we installed earlier and add users to it.

Create the first user as follows, replacing USERNAME with the username you want to use:

```
$ cd ~/docker-registry/nginx
```

```
$ htpasswd -c registry.password USERNAME
```

Create a new password for this user when prompted.

If you want to add more users in the future, just re-run the above command without the -c option (the c is for create):

```
$ htpasswd registry.password USERNAME
```

At this point we have a registry.password file with our users set up and a Docker registry available. You can take a peek at the file at any point if you want to view your users (and remove users if you want to revoke access).

Next, we need to tell Nginx to use that authentication file.

Open up ~/docker-registry/nginx/registry.conf in your favorite text editor:

```
$ nano ~/docker-registry/nginx/registry.conf
```

Scroll to the middle of the file where you'll see some lines that look like this:

```
~/docker-registry/nginx/registry.conf
```

```
# To add basic authentication to v2 use auth_basic setting plus add_header
# auth_basic "registry.localhost";
# auth_basic_user_file /etc/nginx/conf.d/registry.password;
# add_header 'Docker-Distribution-Api-Version' 'registry/2.0' always;
```

Uncomment the two lines that start with auth\_basic as well as the line that starts with add\_header by removing the # character at the beginning of the lines. It should then look like this:

```
~/docker-registry/nginx/registry.conf
```

```
# To add basic authentication to v2 use auth_basic setting plus add_header
auth_basic "registry.localhost";
auth_basic_user_file /etc/nginx/conf.d/registry.password;
add_header 'Docker-Distribution-Api-Version' 'registry/2.0' always;
```

We've now told Nginx to enable HTTP basic authentication for all requests that get proxied to the Docker registry and told it to use the password file we just created.

Let's bring our containers back up to see if authentication is working:

```
$ cd ~/docker-registry
$ docker-compose up
```

Repeat the previous curl test:

```
$ curl http://localhost:5043/v2/
```

You should get a message complaining about being unauthorized:

```
Output of curl
<html>
<head><title>401 Authorization Required</title></head>
<body bgcolor="white">
<center><h1>401 Authorization Required</h1></center>
<hr><center>nginx/1.9.7</center>
</body>
</html>
```

Now try adding the username and password you created earlier to the curl request:

```
$ curl http://USERNAME:PASSWORD@localhost:5043/v2/
```

You should get the same output you were getting before — the empty json object {}. You should also see the same registry\_ output in the docker-compose terminal.

Go ahead and use CTRL-C in the docker-compose terminal to shut down the Docker containers.

#### Step 5 — Setting Up SSL

At this point we have the registry up and running behind Nginx with HTTP basic authentication working. However, the setup is still not very secure since the  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

connections are unencrypted. You might have noticed the commented-out SSL lines in the Nginx config file we made earlier.

Let's enable them. First, open the Nginx configuration file for editing:

```
$ nano ~/docker-registry/nginx/registry.conf
```

Use the arrow keys to move around and look for these lines:

```
"/docker-registry/nginx/registry.conf
server {
  listen 443;
  server_name myregistrydomain.com;

# SSL
# ssl on;
# ssl_certificate /etc/nginx/conf.d/domain.crt;
# ssl_certificate_key /etc/nginx/conf.d/domain.key;
```

Uncomment the lines below the SSL comment by removing the # characters in front of them. If you have a domain name set up for your server, change the value of server\_name to your domain name while you're at it. When you're done, the top of the file should look like this:

```
"/docker-registry/nginx/registry.conf
server {
  listen 443;
  server_name myregistrydomain.com;

# SSL
  ssl on;
  ssl_certificate /etc/nginx/conf.d/domain.crt;
  ssl_certificate_key /etc/nginx/conf.d/domain.key;
```

Save the file. Nginx is now configured to use SSL and will look for the SSL certificate and key files at /etc/nginx/conf.d/domain.crt and

/etc/nginx/conf.d/domain.key respectively. Due to the mappings we set up earlier in our docker-compose.yml file the /etc/nginx/conf.d/ path in the Nginx container corresponds to the folder ~/docker-registry/nginx/ on our host machine, is owedpeut our certificate files there.

If you already have an SSL certificate set up or are planning to buy one, then you can just copy the certificate and key files to the paths listed in registry.conf (ssl\_certificate and ssl\_certificate\_key).

You could also get a free signed SSL certificate.

Otherwise we'll have to use a self-signed SSL certificate.

#### Signing Your Own Certificate

Since Docker currently doesn't allow you to use self-signed SSL certificates this is a bit more complicated than usual — we'll also have to set up our system to act as our own certificate signing authority.

To begin, let's change to our ~/docker-registry/nginx folder and get ready to create the certificates:

```
$ cd ~/docker-registry/nginx
```

Generate a new root key:

```
$ openssl genrsa -out devdockerCA.key 2048
```

Generate a root certificate (enter whatever you'd like at the prompts):

```
$ openssl req -x509 -new -nodes -key devdockerCA.key -days 10000 -out devdockerCA.
```

Then generate a key for your server (this is the file referenced by ssl\_certificate\_key in our Nginx configuration):

```
$ openssl genrsa -out domain.key 2048
```

Now we have to make a certificate signing request.

After you type this command, OpenSSL will prompt you to answer a few questions. Write whatever you'd like for the first few, but when OpenSSL prompts you to enter the "Common Name" make sure to type in the domain or IP of your server.

```
$ openssl req -new -key domain.key -out dev-docker-registry.com.csr
```

For example, if your Docker registry is going to be running on the domain www.ilovedocker.com, then your input should look like this:

```
Country Name (2 letter code) [AU]:
State or Province Name (full name) [Some-State]:
Locality Name (eg, city) []:
Organization Name (eg, company) [Internet Widgits Pty Ltd]:
Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:
Common Name (e.g. server FQDN or YOUR name) []:www.ilovedocker.com
Email Address []:

Please enter the following 'extra' attributes
to be sent with your certificate request
A challenge password []:
An optional company name []:
```

Do not enter a challenge password.

Next, we need to sign the certificate request:

```
$ openssl x509 -req -in dev-docker-registry.com.csr -CA devdockerCA.crt -CAkey dev
```

Since the certificates we just generated aren't verified by any known certificate authority (e.g., VeriSign), we need to tell any clients that are going to be using this Docker registry that this is a legitimate certificate. Let's do this locally on the host machine so that we can use Docker from the Docker registry server itself:

```
$ sudo mkdir /usr/local/share/ca-certificates/docker-dev-cert
$ sudo cp devdockerCA.crt /usr/local/share/ca-certificates/docker-dev-cert
$ sudo update-ca-certificates
```

Restart the Docker daemon so that it picks up the changes to our certificate store:

\$ sudo service docker restart

**Warning:** You'll have to repeat this step for every machine that connects to this Docker registry! Instructions for how to do this for Ubuntu 14.04 clients are listed in *Step 9 — Accessing Your Docker Registry from a Client Machine*.

#### Step 6 — Testing SSL

Bring up our Docker containers via the now familiar docker-compose up:

```
$ cd ~/docker-registry
$ docker-compose up
```

Do another curl test from another terminal (only this time using https) to verify that our SSL setup is working properly. Keep in mind that for SSL to work correctly you will have to use the same domain name you typed into the Common Name field earlier while you were creating your SSL certificate.

```
$ curl https://USERNAME:PASSWORD@[YOUR-DOMAIN]:5043/v2/
```

Note: If you are using a self-signed certificate, you will see the following error from curl:

```
curl: (60) SSL certificate problem: self signed certificate
```

Use the -k option to tell curl not to verify with the peer:

```
$ curl -k https://USERNAME:PASSWORD@[YOUR-DOMAIN]:5043/v2/
```

For example, if the user and password you set up were sammy and test, and your SSL certificate is for www.example.com, then you would type the following:

```
$ curl https://sammy:test@www.example.com:5043/v2/
```

If all went well curl will print an empty json object  $\{\}$ , and your docker compose terminal will print the usual registry output.

If not, recheck the SSL steps and your Nginx configuration file to make sure everything is correct.

At this point we have a functional Docker registry 2.0 up and running behind an Nginx server which is providing authentication and encryption via SSL. If your firewall is configured to allow access to port 5043 from the outside, then you should be able to login to this Docker registry from any machine docker login https://<YOURDOMAIN> and entering the username and password you set in the earlier section.

#### Step 7 — Setting SSL Port to 443

Just a couple more steps to do before we're done: change the port to use the standard SSL port of 443 (optional) and set docker-compose up to start this set of containers on startup.

Let's start by setting up our dockerized Nginx container to listen on port 443 (the standard port for SSL) rather than the non-standard port 5043 we've been using so far. Ports below 1024 are "privileged" ports on Linux though, which means we're going to have to run our docker-compose container as root.

First open up docker-compose.yml in a text editor:

```
$ nano ~/docker-registry/docker-compose.yml
```

Under the Nginx section you'll see a ports: section, change the - 5043:443 line (this maps port 5043 on our host machine to port 443 inside the Nginx container) to - 443:443 so that our Nginx container's port 443 gets mapped to our host machine's port 443. When finished your docker-compose.yml should look like this:

~/docker-registry/docker-compose.yml

```
nginx:
   image: "nginx:1.9"
ports:
    - 443:443
links:
    - registry:registry
volumes:
    - ./nginx/:/etc/nginx/conf.d:ro
registry:
   image: registry:2
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```

```
ports:
    - 127.0.0.1:5000:5000
environment:
    REGISTRY_STORAGE_FILESYSTEM_ROOTDIRECTORY: /data
volumes:
    - ./data:/data
```

Kill your docker-compose session via CTRL-C if it's still running, and restart it on port 443:

\$ sudo docker-compose up

**Note:** Only root users can listen to ports below 1024. Notice that you need to use **sudo** this time with the **docker-compose** command so Nginx can run on the default SSL port 443.

You should see docker-compose start up as usual.

Let's try another curl test using our domain name, only this time we won't specify the :5043 in the URL:

```
$ curl https://<YOURUSERNAME>:<YOURPASSWORD>@YOUR-DOMAIN/v2/
```

If all went well you should see the usual registry\_ output in your docker-compose terminal. You may also want to try running this same curl command from another machine to make sure that your port 443 is being exposed to the outside world.

Go ahead and use CTRL-C in the docker-compose terminal to shut down the Docker containers before moving to the next step.

## Step 8 — Starting Docker Registry as a Service

If everything is looking good, let's go ahead and create an <u>Upstart</u> script so that our Docker registry will start whenever the system boots up.

First let's remove any existing containers, move our Docker registry to a system-wide location and change its permissions to root:

```
$ cd ~/docker-registry
$ docker-compose rm # this removes the existing containers
$ sudo mv ~/docker-registry /docker-registry
$ sudo chown -R root: /docker-registry
```

Then use your favorite text editor to create an Upstart script:

```
$ sudo nano /etc/init/docker-registry.conf
```

Add the following contents to create the Upstart script (getting Upstart to properly monitor Docker containers is a bit tricky, check out this blog post if you'd like more info about what this Upstart script is doing):

```
/etc/init/docker-registry.conf

description "Docker Registry"

start on runlevel [2345]

stop on runlevel [016]

respawn
respawn limit 10 5

chdir /docker-registry
```

For more about Upstart scripts, please read this tutorial.

Let's test our new Upstart script by running:

exec /usr/local/bin/docker-compose up

```
$ sudo service docker-registry start
```

You should see something like this:

```
docker-registry start/running, process 25303
```

You can verify that the server is running by executing:

```
$ docker ps
```

The output should look similar to the following (note that the names all start with dockerregistry\_

```
CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED

d4b6fef0b4d1 nginx:1.9 "nginx -g 'daemon of 2 minutes ago

77668352bd39 registry:2 "registry cmd/regist 2 minutes ago
```

Upstart will log the output of the docker-compose command to /var/log/upstart/docker-registry.log. For our final test let's "live-watch" the log file with tail (the sudo is necessary because upstart logs are written as the root user):

```
$ sudo tail -f /var/log/upstart/docker-registry.log
```

You should see the usual registry\_ output. From another terminal or machine go ahead and run our now familiar curl test:

```
$ curl https://<YOUR_USERNAME>:<YOURPASSWORD>@[YOUR-DOMAIN]/v2/
```

If everything is working correctly curl will print a {} to your terminal and you should see the usual:

```
registry_1 | time="2015-08-12T08:01:12.241887501Z" level=debug msg="authorizing recregistry_1 | time="2015-08-12T08:01:12.242206499Z" level=info msg="response complet registry_1 | 172.17.0.4 - - [12/Aug/2015:08:01:12 +0000] "GET /v2/ HTTP/1.0" 200 2 nginx_1 | 106.1.247.4 - nik [12/Aug/2015:08:01:12 +0000] "GET /v2/ HTTP/1.1" 200
```

# Step 9 — Accessing Your Docker Registry from a Client Machine

To access your Docker registry from another machine, first add the SSL certificate you created earlier to the new client machine. The file you want is located at ~/docker-registry/nginx/devdockerCA.crt.

You can copy it to the new machine directly or use the below instructions to copy and paste it:

On the **registry server**, view the certificate:

\$ sudo cat /docker-registry/nginx/devdockerCA.crt

You'll get output that looks something like this:

```
Output of sudo cat /docker-registry/nginx/devdockerCA.crt
----BEGIN CERTIFICATE----
```

MIIDXTCCAkWgAwIBAgIJANiXy7fHSPrmMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBCwUAMEUxCzAJBgNV BAYTAkFVMRMwEOYDVOOIDApTb211LVN0YXR1MSEwHwYDVOOKDBhJbnRlcm5ldCBX aWRnaXRzIFB0eSBMdGQwHhcNMTQwOTIxMDYwODE2WhcNNDIwMjA2MDYwODE2WjBF MQswCQYDVQQGEwJBVTETMBEGA1UECAwKU29tZS1TdGF0ZTEhMB8GA1UECgwYSW50 ZXJuZXQgV21kZ210cyBQdHkgTHRkMIIBIjANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQEFAAOCAQ8AMIIB CgKCAQEAuK4kNFaY3k/0RdKRK1XLj9+IrpR7WW5lrNaFB00IiItHV9FjyuSWK2mj ObR1IWJNrVSqWvfZ/CLGay6Lp9DJvBbpT68dhuS5xbVw3bs3ghB24TntDYhHMAc8 GWor/ZQTzjccHUd1SJxt5mGXalNHUharkLd8mv4fAb7Mh/7AFP32W4X+scPE2bVH OJ1qH8ACo7pSVl1Ohcri6sMp01GoELyykpXu5azhuCnfXLRyuOvQb7l1V5WyKhq+ SjcE3c2C+hCCC5g6IzRcMEg336Ktn5su+kK6c0hoD0PR/W0PtwgH4X1NdpVFqMST vthEG+Hv6xVGGH+nTszN7F9ugVMxewIDAQABo1AwTjAdBgNVHQ4EFgQULek+WVyK dJk3JIHoI4iVi0FPtdwwHwYDVR0jBBgwFoAULek+WVyKdJk3JIHoI4iVi0FPtdww DAYDVR0TBAUwAwEB/zANBgkqhkiG9w0BAQsFAAOCAQEAkignESZcgr4dBmVZqDwh YsrKeWSkj+5p9eW5hCHJ5Eg2X8oGTgItuLaLfyFWPS3MYWWMzggxgKMOQM+9o3+k oH5sUmraNzI3TmAtkqd/8isXzBUV661BbSV0obAgF/ul5v3Tl5uBbCXObC+NUikM O0C3fDmmeK799AM/hP5CTDehNaFXABGoVRMS1GYe8hZqap/Jm6AaKThV4g6n4F7M u5wYtI9YDMsxeVW60P9ZfvpGZW/n/88MSFjMlBjFfFsorfRd6P5WADhdfA6CBECG LP83r7/Mhq006E0psv4n2CJ3yoyqIr1L1+6C7Erl2em/jf0b/24y63dj/ATytt2H 6g==

```
----END CERTIFICATE----
```

Copy that output to your clipboard, and connect to your client machine.

On the **client machine**, create the certificate directory:

```
$ sudo mkdir /usr/local/share/ca-certificates/docker-dev-cert
```

Open the certificate file for editing:

\$ sudo nano /usr/local/share/ca-certificates/docker-dev-cert/devdockerCA.crt

Paste the certificate contents.

Verify that the file saved to the client machine correctly by viewing the file:

\$ cat /usr/local/share/ca-certificates/docker-dev-cert/devdockerCA.crt

If everything worked properly you'll see the same text from earlier:

```
Output of cat /usr/local/share/ca-certificates/docker-dev-cert/devdockerCA.crt
-----BEGIN CERTIFICATE-----
MIIDXTCCAkWgAwIBAgIJANiXy7fHSPrmMA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBCwUAMEUxCzAJBgNV
...
LP83r7/Mhq006E0psv4n2CJ3yoyqIr1L1+6C7Erl2em/jf0b/24y63dj/ATytt2H
6g==
-----END CERTIFICATE-----
```

Now update the certificates:

\$ sudo update-ca-certificates

You should get output that looks like the following (note the 1 added):

```
Output of sudo update-ca-certificates

Updating certificates in /etc/ssl/certs... 1 added, 0 removed; done.

Running hooks in /etc/ca-certificates/update.d....done.
```

If you don't have Docker installed on the client yet, do so now (see the Prerequisites section).

Restart Docker to make sure it reloads the system's CA certificates.

\$ sudo service docker restart

You should now be able to log in to your Docker registry from the client machine:

```
$ docker login https://YOUR-DOMAIN
```

Note that you're using https://. Enter the username and password you set up earlier (enter whatever you'd like for email if prompted).

Output of docker login

Username: USERNAME Password: PASSWORD

Email:

Account created. Please see the documentation of the registry http://localhost:5000

You should see the following message:

Output of docker login

Login Succeeded

At this point your Docker registry is up and running! Let's make a test image to push to the registry.

#### Step 10 — Publish to Your Private Docker Registry

You are now ready to publish an image to your private Docker registry, but first we have to create an image. We will create a simple image based on the ubuntu image from Docker Hub.

From your **client machine**, create a small empty image to push to our new registry.

\$ docker run -t -i ubuntu /bin/bash

After it finishes downloading you'll be inside a Docker prompt. Let's make a quick change to the filesystem by creating a file called SUCCESS:

\$ touch /SUCCESS

Exit out of the Docker container:

\$ exit

Commit the change:

\$ docker commit \$(docker ps -lq) test-image

This command creates a new image called test-image based on the image already running plus any changes you have made. In our case, the addition of the /SUCCESS file is included in the new image.

This image only exists locally right now, so let's push it to the new registry we've created.

In the previous step, you logged into your private Docker registry. In case you aren't still logged in, let's log in again (note that you want to use https://):

```
$ docker login https://YOUR-DOMAIN
```

Enter the username and password you set up earlier:

Username: USERNAME
Password: PASSWORD

Email:

Account created. Please see the documentation of the registry http://localhost:5000

Docker has an unusual mechanism for specifying which registry to push to. You have to tag an image with the private registry's location in order to push to it. Let's tag our image to our private registry:

```
$ docker tag test-image [YOUR-DOMAIN]/test-image
```

Note that you are using the local name of the image first, then the tag you want to add to it. The tag does **not** use https://, just the domain, port, and image name.

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Now we can push that image to our registry. This time we're using the tag name only:

\$ docker push [YOUR-DOMAIN]/test-image

This will take a moment to upload to the registry server. You should see output that ends with something similar to the following:

Output of docker push

latest: digest: sha256:5ea1cfb425544011a3198757f9c6b283fa209a928caabe56063f85f34023

## Step 11 — Pull from Your Docker Registry

To make sure everything worked, let's go back to our original server (where you installed the Docker registry) and pull the image we just pushed from the client. You could also test this from a third server.

If Docker is not installed on your test pull server, go back and follow the installation instructions (and if it's a third server, the SSL instructions) from Step 6.

Log in with the username and password you set up previously.

```
$ docker login https://[YOUR-DOMAIN]
```

And now pull the image. You want just the "tag" image name, which includes the domain name, port, and image name (but not https://):

```
$ docker pull [YOUR-DOMAIN]/test-image
```

Docker will do some downloading and return you to the prompt. If you run the image on the new machine you'll see that the SUCCESS file we created earlier is there:

```
$ docker run -t -i [YOUR-DOMAIN]/test-image /bin/bash
```

List your files inside the bash shell:

You should see the SUCCESS file we created earlier for this image:

SUCCESS bin boot dev etc home lib lib64 media mnt opt proc root run

#### Conclusion

Congratulations! You've just used your own private Docker registry to push and pull your first Docker container!

Happy Dockering!

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ernestojic October 23, 2014
This is a great tutorial. Thanks a lot !!!
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o hi, i have not been able to login.  2014/11/03 20:44:11 Error response from daemon: Invalid Registry endpoint:

chrisridmann November 4, 2014  o I am getting this same error. Did you figure this out?
paassalles November 4, 2014 o no sir. i have to double check the certificates as i have used my own. i might try to bundle .key and .crt files into a single .pem for another try.
behemphi November 4, 2014 o In Docker 1.3.1 they added theinsecure-registry flag. Here is how it works for me: sudo dockerinsecure-registry=docker-registry.stackengine.com:8080 login https://docker-registry.stackengine.com:8080
ernestojic November 4, 2014  o @paassalles When you try to login, you should use the same domain you used on  Step 5  > Signing Your Own Certificate section  when you ran:
<pre>openssl req -new -key dev-docker-registry.com.key -out dev-docker-regis on this particular question:</pre>
Common Name (e.g. server FQDN or YOUR name) []:www.ilovedocker.com  Did you use "mydomain.com"?

chrisridmann November 4, 2014
0 @ernestojic SCROLL TO TOP

I followed those instructions with the "mydomain.com". I can successfully use curl, however docker login is where things do not work. I'm currently looking into https://github.com/docker/docker-registry/issues/82 - might be related here.

<u>@behmphi</u> hmm interesting, looks like that is a very new release. I may check into this as well

#### awenchen February 14, 2015

• Hi, my docker-registry server is on ubuntu VM and client docker is on boot2docker, over windows platform. I followed the instruction and came across the problem as above.

Then, I tried to copy the content of files (devdockerCA.crt devdockerCA.key devdocker-registry.com.crt dev-docker-registry.com.csr dev-docker-registry.com.key) in folder "/certs/ in docker-registry server append to file /usr/local/etc/ssl/certs/cacertificates.crt in boot2docker rather than container.

In the end, restart docker, try to docker login, it is successful this time!

And I also push and pull imges successfully!

Hope this would help you!

Good luck!

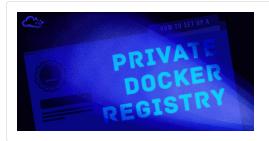
#### ^ paassalles November 5, 2014

0 thanks for the remark @ernestojic, it was the correct domain in place.

i still get 2014/11/04 23:17:38 Error response from daemon: Invalid Registry endpoint: Get https://mydomain:8080/v1/\_ping: x509: certificate signed by unknown authority

Amain7 MOD November 5, 2014

Because your certificate is self-signed, you will need to pass --insecure-registry to docker login, see @behemphi's comment below.



#### How To Set Up a Private Docker Re...

by Nik van der Ploeg

Publish to and pull Docker images from your own private Docker registry.

passinger November 6, 2014

- <sup>0</sup> I follow the steps and fail at "sudo service nginx restart". The size of /var/log/nginx/access.log and error.log is 0. I always fail to start the nginx server. Any possible clues? How to check it?
  - ∴ kamaln7 MOD November 6, 2014
  - o Try running nginx manually:

sudo nginx -c /etc/nginx/nginx.conf

Does that output any errors?

\_\_\_\_ passinger November 7, 2014

 $_{
m 0}$  I found the problem. I need to run curl with sudo then I can get the result same as you.

Thanks!

passinger November 7, 2014

Now I have issue when I try to push image. (I don't config SSL for nginx). I can run "docker login ..." and "docker tag ...". When I run "docker push ...", I get the output belov The push refers to a repository [ <registry server>:9090/java7tomcat7sm934web] (len: 1 Sending image list

Pushing repository <registry server>:9090/java7tomcat7sm934web (1 tags)

2014/11/07 11:22:38 HTTP code 401, Docker will not send auth headers over HTTP.

And I check the /var/log/nginx/error.log, found the error message as follow:

2014/11/07 11:22:36 [error] 32756#0: \*13 connect() failed (111: Connection refused) while connecting to upstream, client: <client IP>, server: <registry server>, request: "GET /v1/ping HTTP/1.1", upstream: "http://[::1]:5000/v1/ping", host: " <registry server>:9090" 2014/11/07 11:22:37 [error] 32756#0: \*17 no user/password was provided for basic authentication, client: 16.153.99.8, server: <registry server>, request: "GET /v1/images/511136ea3c5a64f264b78b5433614aec563103b4d4702f3ba7d4d2698e22c1 HTTP/1.1", host: "16.186.75.65:9090"

2014/11/07 11:22:38 [error] 32756#0: \*18 no user/password was provided for basic authentication, client: 16.153.99.8, server: 16.186.75.65, request: "PUT /v1/images/511136ea3c5a64f264b78b5433614aec563103b4d4702f3ba7d4d2698e226' SCROLL TO TOP HTTP/1.1", host: " <registry server>:9090"

In my test environment, the docker client and registry server are the same host. I config environment variable http\_proxy also. So, in the error message, the <client IP> is the proxy address. I remove the environment variable, and restart the docker, docker-registry and nginx service. The error still exists. Now the client IP changes to 127.0.0.1.

Besides, why is the error "no user/password was provided for basic authentication"?

Thanks

^ passinger November 7, 2014

 $_{
m 0}$  I already solve it by setting up SSL for nginx as SSL is mandatory.

^ why196 September 2, 2015

o @passinger How to use SSL in mandatory?

\_\_\_\_\_behemphi November 10, 2014

O Addendum:

First thanks for an amazing post.

My previous comment related directly to the use of a *self signed* certificate.

When I decided to use a legitimate cert, I could not get things to work. docker login would fail with this message:

boyd@my-repo:~ 16:14:02 >docker login https://docker-repository.se.com:808

Username: fooserName Password: xkcdcom936 Email: boyd@se.com

2014/11/09 16:16:51 Error response from daemon: Invalid registry endpoint

The problem here was made apparent in the nginx log:

2014/11/10 03:38:51 [error] 12836#0: \*85 no user/password was provided for

So this worked *without* using -insecure-registry

docker login https://fooserName:xkcdcom936@docker-registry.se.com:8080

Which is to say you have to pass the basic auth credentials with the login.

Hope that saves you all some time.

^ seanlook November 12, 2014

There's no update-ca-certificates commnad on centos6. I use update-ca-trust instead but it do not work:

```
cp devdockerCA.crt /etc/pki/ca-trust/source/anchors/
```

- cp devdockerCA.crt /etc/pki/ca-trust/extracted/openssl/
- cp devdockerCA.crt /etc/pki/ca-trust/extracted/

No one take effect :(

Arickxu December 26, 2017

- o Hi, I met same problem with u. I solved that with:
  - \$ yum install ca-certificates
  - \$ update-ca-trust force-enable # force update
  - \$ cp devdockerCA.crt /etc/pki/ca-trust/source/anchors/
  - \$ update-ca-trust extract # update
  - \$ service docker restart

^ petrovmp89 November 14, 2014

Take service docker.io restart before docker login. I think docker does not know about new certificates.

^ digitalocean334425 January 10, 2015

o thanks man! This is the trick is docker is already running on the client machine :)

^ paislee November 21, 2014

O Doesn't nginx have to listen on port 443 in order for https to work? When I curl a private registry with this setup, I get:

# ^ andresebr November 22, 2014

1 For some reason this is not working with the latest release of docker-registry (0.9.0).

After I execute gunicorn --access-logfile - --debug -k gevent -b 0.0.0.0:5000 -w 1

docker\_registry.wsgi:application I don't get any arrero message though I can confirm that this was working with version (0.8.1).

Is there any way to install an older version of the registry? Or a way to solve this?

#### cboettig November 24, 2014

o I think adding the option --preload would solve your problem. As far as running specific versions goes, I think running the registry as a container is easily the best way to do this, e.g. docker run -d -p 5000:5000 registry:0.8.1. See https://registry.hub.docker.com/\_/registry/

## cboettig November 24, 2014

1 Thanks, this is brilliant.

It might be worth noting in steps 1-3 can be simplified by using the containerized version of registry rather than installing it locally. e.g. docker run -p 5000:5000 -e GUNICORN\_OPTS=[--preload] registry works for me in place of those steps (Note that the -e option seems to be necessary due to a bug in the current (0.9.0) version as documented on the Hub, https://registry.hub.docker.com/\_/registry/).

Makes me think I should also be able to run the nginx in a container as well, but haven't been able to get that working. (I suppose the certificate dance must be done locally in any event?)

#### otis November 26, 2014

1 Is it faster to pull from the registry if your on the same server as the registry?

Cheers!

hordemark December 3, 2014

On centos6.5.

curl localhost:5000. It could work well.

But curl username:password@localhost:8080 . I can not got right message.

it will print

```
<html>
<head><title>502 Bad Gateway</title></head>
<body bgcolor="white">
<center><h1>502 Bad Gateway</h1></center>
<hr><center>nginx/1.6.2</center>
</body>
</html>
```

Anyone can help me

- ^ pingtechgroup December 7, 2014
- <sub>0</sub> Great Job. Well documented. Every thing worked like a champ.
- opingtechgroup December 7, 2014
- o Great Job. Well documented. Every thing worked like a champ.
- pingtechgroup December 8, 2014
- O Sorry for the double comment above.

Thought I would add that if you want to have **persistent** storage for your remote repo, you have to change the config.yml on the remote repo. You have to use the same <directory-path>/config.yml file you found in the Step 2 above.

In my case it was:

```
remote_repo:/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/config# ls -1
total 32
-rw-r--r-- 1 root staff 73 Dec 7 10:54 boto.cfg
-rw-r--r-- 1 root staff 351 Dec 7 10:54 config_mirror.yml
-rw-r--r-- 1 root staff 7095 Dec 7 10:54 config_sample.yml
-rw-r--r-- 1 root staff 7186 Dec 8 15:31 config.yml
```

Modify the config.yml in the "sqlalchemyindexdatabase" section and then the "local" section, as shown highlighted below.

Edit the config.yml in the "common" section below, add the highlighted line:

```
# SQLite search backend
# sqlalchemy_index_database: _env:SQLALCHEMY_INDEX_DATABASE:sqlite:///tmp/do
    sqlalchemy_index_database: sqlite:////home/registry/docker-registry.db
```

You will obviously have to change the "/home/registry/" directory to your specific directory on host machine. (watch out for wordwrap above)

In the section below, change the local section to look like: modifying the highlighted lines

```
local: &local
     <<: *common
     storage: file
     storage_path: /home/registry</pre>
```

Then restart your service In my case it was:

service docker-registry start

```
^ manoj150283 December 12, 2014
```

Thank you for this nice tutorial. I setup the private repository on Ubuntu 14.04 but I am not getting how to access this Registry from CoreOS. Could you please help me on this?

```
^ okram9999 January 12, 2015
```

ο Hi,

Does this work on ubuntu-12.04.4-desktop-amd64? I just tired and its spitting a lot of error. Below is when i tried to start the registry, right after "sudo -E pip install docker-registry"

```
→ gunicorn --access-logfile - --debug -k gevent -b 0.0.0.0:5000 -w 1 dc

Error: class uri 'gevent' invalid or not found:

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[Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/gunicorn/util.py", line 139, in
      mod = import_module('.'.join(components))
    File "/usr/lib/python2.7/importlib/__init__.py", line 37, in import_module
      __import__(name)
    File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/gunicorn/workers/ggevent.py", 1
      raise RuntimeError("You need gevent installed to use this worker.")
  RuntimeError: You need gevent installed to use this worker.
Thanks
     asb MOD January 13, 2015
      o @okram9999 It looks like you are missing a dependency. Install gevent with:
          sudo apt-get install python-gevent
  ninjafox January 14, 2015
  ο Hi,
    I'm trying to install this on a fresh install of ubuntu 14.04.
    I'm running into problems when executing:
      sudo pip install docker-registry
    it fails, this seems to be the reason:
      building 'M2Crypto.__m2crypto' extension
      swigging SWIG/_m2crypto.i to SWIG/_m2crypto_wrap.c
      swig -python -I/usr/include/python2.7 -I/usr/include/x86_64-linux-gnu -I/u
      SWIG/_m2crypto.i:30: Error: Unable to find 'openssl/opensslv.h'
                                                                   SCROLL TO TOP
```

```
SWIG/_m2crypto.i:33: Error: Unable to find 'openssl/safestack.h'
  SWIG/_evp.i:12: Error: Unable to find 'openssl/opensslconf.h'
  SWIG/_ec.i:7: Error: Unable to find 'openssl/opensslconf.h'
  error: command 'swig' failed with exit status 1
Any ideas? I tried to google it, but I didn't find any solution :/
(openssl is installed)
Here's the complete pip.log if it helps:
https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/7438365/pip.log
BR
Daniel
      nitzkia January 14, 2015
      o Hi,
        First of all thanks for the great step-by-step blog post.
        @ninjafox you need to install package swig. Just run "apt-get install swig".
        Br,
        Micek
      ninjafox January 14, 2015
      o Hi,
        Thanks, but I've done that already, because the first time it said it couldn't find swig,
        so I installed it.
        But now I'm stuck with this error.
        edit:
        I've finally found a similar error via google and it's fixed by installing "libssl-dev"
        Now it seems to have completed successfully but it still showed a lot of error
        messages from swig...
```

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BR Daniel ^ mitzkia January 14, 2015 o [deleted] nitzkia January 14, 2015 1 I have just finished the whole process with success in ubuntu-trusty-amd64 server edition:) So maybe I can help you in some steps. BR, Micek ninjafox January 14, 2015 o I don't know, they didn't end up in the pip.log. Just a lot of "warnings" about swig not finding some files. When I try to run the pip docker registry install again it just lists all the requirements as already satisfied and cleans up. When I try to execute the next step in the guide: gunicorn --access-logfile - --debug -k gevent -b 0.0.0.0:5000 -w 1 dock < nothing happens at all. BR Daniel ninjafox January 14, 2015 o Hm I'm using the desktop version of 14.04 LTS... maybe that's the reason. BR Daniel SCROLL TO TOP

If "sudo pip install docker-registry" returns with exit code 0, I think it is successfully installed. You can go to the next step.

With executing the gunicorn command you just search for the place of the "configsample.yml" file.

The file is here: /usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/config/configsample.yml

#### ninjafox January 14, 2015

Ok thanks. That "gunicorn" command doesn't work for me for whatever reason. It doesn't return anything. I've also tried it on an ubuntu 14.04 server to make sure it's not caused by the desktop version which I'm running locally (before executing the pip install I installed the openssl-dev and swig package)

The gunicorn command doesn't work there either as described here.

I just went into that folder you posted and followed through with the next steps, copying the config.yml etc.

The registry is running now as it should I think, I can access it under localhost:5000

Thanks for your help, I'll continue tomorrow;-)

Good night & BR Daniel

## 

o Hi,

I also needed to install libssl-dev on a Ubuntu 14.04.1 trusty: apt-get install libssl-dev

Cheers,

Moshe Nadler

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