

Load Balance and Service Discover in Swarm Mode

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Step 4 - Multi-Host LB and Service Discovery

Both the Virtual IP and Port Load Balancing and Service Discovery can be used in a multi-host scenario with applications communicating to different services on different hosts.

In this step, we will deploy a replicated Node.js application that communicates with Redis to store data.

Task

To start there needs to be an overlay network that the application and data store can connect to.

```
docker network create -d overlay app1-network
```

When deploying Redis, the network can be attached. The application expects to be able to connect to a Redis instance, named `Redis`. To enable the application to discover the Virtual IP via the Embedded DNS we call the service `Redis`.

```
docker service create --name redis --network app1-network redis:alpine
```

When deploying the application, a public port can be exposed allowing it to load balance the requests between the two containers.

```
docker service create --name app1-web --network app1-network --replicas 4 -p 80:3000  
katacoda/redis-node-docker-example
```

Each host should have a Node.js container instance with one host storing Redis. `docker ps`

Calling the HTTP server will store the request in Redis and return the results. This is load balanced, with two containers talking across the overlay network to the Redis container.

```
curl host01
```

The application is now distributed across multiple hosts.

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Terminal Host 1

```
34 seconds ago      Up 28 seconds      3000/tcp      app1-web.2
9wdpalsl0oaf-c3u1z73jr54      katacoda/redis-node-docker-example:latest      "npm start"      app1-web.4
ef905dfa7b4      34 seconds ago      Up 28 seconds      3000/tcp      app1-web.4
.rlxkeequbmwyklyxhxgrw      redis:alpine      "docker-entrypoi      app1-web.1
7b2b4d4a6a27      redis:alpine      redis.1.R5
nt.5.-" About a minute ago      Up About a minute      6379/tcp      redis.1.R5
6p6d4113hdvubhenojio      katacoda/docker-http-server:latest      "/app"      http.2.zf2
efb7cdacdb      Up 2 minutes      80/tcp      http.2.zf2
o3ptqno9ajklc7offryja      katacoda/docker-http-server:latest      "/app"      lbapp1.2.v
c6d245161ee43      Up 3 minutes      80/tcp      lbapp1.2.v
zdsirf6uod7y5nufaxd5skp
1 curl host01
This page was generated after talking to redis.
```

Application Build: 1

Total requests: 1

IP count:

\$::ffff:10.0.0.2: 1

\$

Terminal Host 2

Warning: Permanently added '172.17.0.28' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.

```
$ docker swarm join 172.17.0.28:2377 --token $(ssh -o StrictHostKeyChecking=no 172.17.0.28 "docker swarm join-token -q worker")
Warning: Permanently added '172.17.0.28' (ECDSA) to the list of known hosts.
This node joined a swarm as a worker.
1 curl host01:81
-chi-This request was processed by host: c6d245161ee43/h1>
$
```