EXERCISE 11B - Deploy Application to Cloud Foundry

with SAP Cloud SDK for JavaScript

SAP Partner Workshop



15 min

Description

In this exercise, you'll learn how

- How to deploy your application to Cloud Foundry in SAP Cloud Platform
- How to configure a destination in the SAP Cloud Platform cockpit
- How to consume the destination in your application

Target group

- Developers
- People interested in learning about S/4HANA Cloud SDK for JavaScript.

Goal

The goal of this exercise is to deploy an existing application and deploy it to Cloud Foundry in SAP Cloud Platform.

Prerequisites

- Node.js, npm, SAP Cloud Platform Trial Account.
- Exercise 10A,10B & 10C must be completed.

Steps

- 1. Deploy application to Cloud foundry
- 2. Deploy the Business Partner mock server
- 3. Configure Destination
- 4. Bind Destination Service

Step 1: Deploy application to Cloud foundry.

Before we can deploy our application, we first need to transpile our TypeScript to JavaScript and assemble our artifact for deployment. The package.json already defines two scripts for this purpose: ci-build and ci-package. ci-build takes care of compilation and ci-package takes care of assembly.

In your command line, run:

npm run ci-build && npm run ci-package

Note: We are aware, that the ci-package script currently does not work when executed in Windows' CMD. Currently, the easiest workaround is to install a bash on your system (by default, git for Windows comes with <u>Git Bash</u>) and configure npm to execute scripts in that bash. This can be done by executing

npm config script-shell <Path\to\your\bash.exe>.

In order to deploy our application, we first need to login to Cloud Foundry in SAP Cloud Platform using the **cf CLI**. First we need to set an API endpoint. Depending on the region in which you have created your account, choose one of the following API endpoints:

- EU: https://api.cf.eu10.hana.ondemand.com
- US EAST: https://api.cf.us10.hana.ondemand.com

For the rest of this tutorial, we will assume the region to be EU. Enter the following commands in your command line:

cf api https://api.cf.eu10.hana.ondemand.com cf login

cf login will prompt you for your username and your password. Should you have more then one organization or space, you will also have to select those.

Finally, if you have logged in successfully, you can call of push from the root folder of the project. **cf CLI** will automatically pick up the manifest.yml of the project.

The file should look like this:

applications: - name: <YOUR-APPLICATION-NAME>

path: deployment/

buildpacks: - nodejs_buildpack

memory: 256M

command: cd cloud-sdk-starter-app/dist/ && node index.js

random-route: true

Note: If the value for name is cloud-sdk-starter-app, you probably forgot to call npm run init -- <YOUR-APPLICATION-NAME>. This might cause your deployment to fail.

Take a look at the path and the command attributes. The specified path instructs **cf CLI** to upload all the files from the deployment/ folder. The command specified under the command attribute tells the buildpack what command to issue to start the application.

When everything works as expected, you should get output that looks something like this:

Waiting for app to start...

name: <YOUR-APPLICATION-NAME>

requested state: started

routes: <YOUR-APPLICATION-NAME>.cfapps.eu10.hana.ondemand.com

last uploaded: Thu 21 Mar 14:05:32 CET 2019

stack: cflinuxfs3 buildpacks: nodejs

type: web instances: 1/1

memory usage: 256M start command: node index.is

start command. Hode mdex.js

state since cpu memory disk details

#0 running 2019-03-21T13:05:47Z 0.0% 16M of 256M 126.8M of 1G

Make sure that the application works correctly by calling the index route or the hello route. Should the application not work for whatever reason, you can call the following command to access the logs:

cf logs <YOUR-APPLICATION-NAME> --recent

Step 2: Deploy the Business Partner mock server (Optional)

Note: If you have access to an SAP S/4HANA Cloud system, you can skip this step. If you have used the OData Mock Service for the Business Partner API in the previous tutorial, you will now also have to deploy it to Cloud Foundry in SAP Cloud Platform. Navigate to the mock server's root folder, that already contains a manifest.yml and run of push.

When the server has been pushed successfully, cf CLI will output the route where the server can be reached.

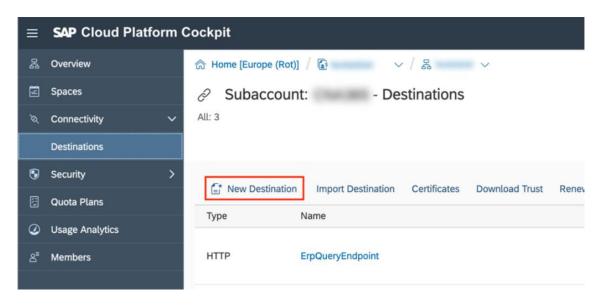
Copy this route, as we will need it in the next step.

Step 3: Configure Destination

Now that we have deployed our application, we need to configure a destination in the Cloud Cockpit so that it can be used by our application.

Start by opening the Cloud Cockpit in your browser and logging in.

Next, navigate to your respective subaccount (in case of a trial account it should be called **trial**). In the menu bar on the left, there should be a section **Connectivity** with an entry called **Destinations**. Click **Destinations**. On the page that opens, click **New Destination** and fill in the details below.



For **Name**, choose a name that describes your system. For the tutorial, we will go with **BusinessPartnerService**.

If you use the Business Partner mock server, enter for **URL** the URL that you have saved from the previous step and use **NoAuthentication** for **Authentication**. If you use an SAP S/4HANA Cloud system, enter the systems URL in the **URL** field and choose **BasicAuthentication** as authentication type. This will make the fields **User** and **Password** appear. Enter here the credentials of a technical user for your SAP S/4HANA Cloud system.

Step 4: Bind Destination Service

n order to allow the application to use the destination you have just configured, you will need to bind an instance of the destination service and an instance of the XSUAA service to your application.

To create an instance of the destination service, execute the following command in your terminal:

cf create-service destination lite my-destination

This tells Cloud Foundry in SAP Cloud Platform to create an instance of the destination service with service plan **lite** and make it accessible under the name **my-destination**. We can now use the name to bind this service to our application. To do this, open your manifest.yml and add a section called services, under which you can then add the name of the just created service.

The resulting manifest.yml should look like this:

applications: -

name: <YOUR-APPLICATION-NAME>

path: deployment/

buildpacks: - nodejs_buildpack

memory: 256M

command: node index.js

random-route: true

services:

my-destination

Secondly, we need an instance of the XSUAA service. The XSUAA service is responsible for issuing access tokens that are necessary to talk to other services, like the destination service. For this service, we will need a bit of extra configuration in the form of a configuration file. Create a file called xs-security.json with the following content:

```
{ "xsappname": "<YOUR-APPLICATION-NAME>", "tenant-mode": "shared" }
```

The value for xsappname again has to be unique across the whole of Cloud Foundry in SAP Cloud Platform, so make sure to choose a unique name or prefix.

Now, execute the following command:

cf create-service xsuaa application my-xsuaa -c xs-security.json

And, as before, add the newly created services to the services section of your manifest.yml.

The final manifest.yml should look like this:

```
applications: -
name: <YOUR-APPLICATION-NAME>
path: deployment/
buildpacks: - nodejs_buildpack
memory: 256M
command: node index.js
random-route: true
services:
- my-destination
- my-xsuaa
```

Finally, we need to adapt the getAllBusinessPartners function in business-partner-route.ts to use the destination defined in the Cloud Platform Cockpit.

The new function now looks like this:

```
function getAllBusinessPartners(): Promise<BusinessPartner[]> {
  return BusinessPartner.requestBuilder()
    .getAll()
    .execute({ destinationName: 'BusinessPartnerService'
    });
}
```

We replaced the parameter of execute with an object whose key destinationName refers to the name of the destination we defined earlier. If you chose a different name than BusinessPartnerService, make sure to use it here accordingly.

Now we can recompile and redeploy the application. In your command line, run npm run ci-build && npm run ci-package && cf push.

When you now call the /business-partners route of your app, the Business Partners will be retrieved from the defined destination!