This article walks through the process of building a chat application, containerizing it, and deploying it using [AWS Fargate](https://aws.amazon.com/fargate/). The result of following along with this guide will be a working URL hosting a public, realtime chat web app. But all this will be accomplished without needing to have a single EC2 instance on your AWS account!

If you want to follow along with the article and build and deploy this application yourself you need to make sure that you have the following things:

* [Node.js](https://nodejs.org/en/) (The runtime language of the chat app we are building)
* [Docker](https://www.docker.com/docker-mac) (The tool we will use for packaging the app up for deployment)
* An [AWS account](https://aws.amazon.com/), and the [AWS CLI](https://aws.amazon.com/cli/) (We will deploy the application on AWS)

Once you have these resources ready you can get started.