Cloud Computing, Part 1 Distributed and Pervasive Systems, MSc

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What is cloud computing?

The cloud

▶ A metaphor for the Internet. Something that is remote.

Cloud computing

- ► The delivery of online computing services
- Most often, these include servers, storage, databases software and analytics
- Management is done by third-party
- Services are often at an enterprise-level

Benefits

- Lower costs
- Accessibility
- Productivity
- Scalability
- Updates

Cloud computing: Background

Origin

- Around 1970, the concept of virtual machine's (VMs) was invented
- ▶ In 1999, Salesforce.com delivered applications to users using a simple website
- In 2002, Amazon provided the first cloud service
- In 2009, Google Apps saw the light of day
- ▶ In 2009, Microsoft launched Azure

Most known providers

- Google Cloud (Search, Gmail)
- Amazon's AWS (Online marketplace)
- Microsoft Azure (OneDrive)

Deployment models

- Private cloud
- ► Public cloud (e.g. Amazon AWS, Google Cloud)

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Monolithic vs. microservices

Monolithic

- Everything in one place
- Tightly coupled, runs as a single service
- Developed and scaled as one
- Hard to maintain

SoA-architecture

- Service-oriented architecture (SOA)
- Splits software application in smaller units
- Units communicate over network, but functions separately

What microservices are

- Modern version of the SoA-style
- Small, independent services that do one thing
- Highly maintainable, testable, loosely coupled
- "Instead of having one machine build a whole car, get multiple factories to work at the same time.

Monolitic vs. microservices

Monolithic application



Microservices-based application

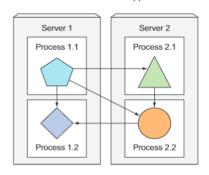


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Monolitic vs. microservices

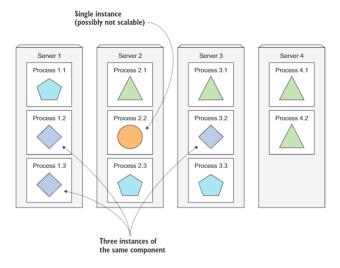


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Monolitic vs. microservices

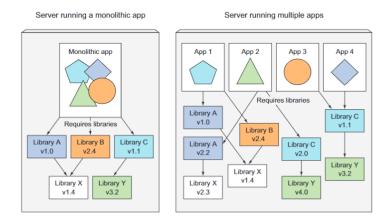


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Motivation

- ▶ We can't give every software component its own VM
- VM's are manual. We need automation
- Changes once place should not impact others

What containers are

- Containers are isolated software environments
- Application and dependencies bundled inside
- A lightweight version of VM's

A normal VM vs. containers

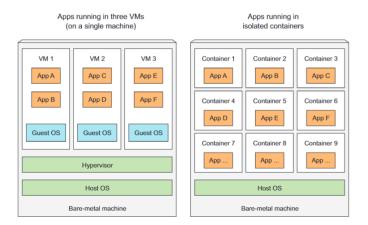


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Docker

Motivation

- We need suitable tooling to create containers
- It should be automated, predictable and fast
- ▶ It should run everywhere, be modular and scale well

What Docker is

- Docker is a container tool that can run and create containers
- Containers only see their exact file system
- Similar to VM's, but less overhead
- Consists of reusable layers
- Uses a Dockerfile

Important concepts

- Images. Something you package your application into
- Registries. A repository to store your image
- Containers. Like normal Linux container

The Docker build process

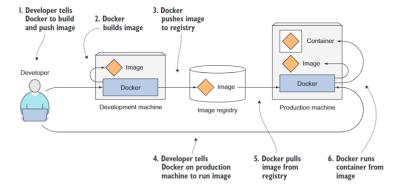
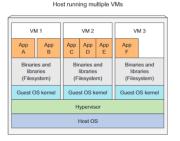
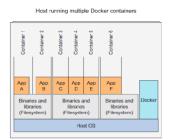


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Running apps in VM's vs. containers





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Motivation

- We need something to manage our containers
- ▶ Should be reliable, automated and scalable
- Should ease the process of deploying containers

What Kubernetes is

- Open-source container orchestration engine
- Made by Google, open-sourced in 2014
- Google needed to better utilize their resources
- Enables easy deployment, scaling and managing
- Exposes whole datacenter as a single platform.

The Kubernetes system

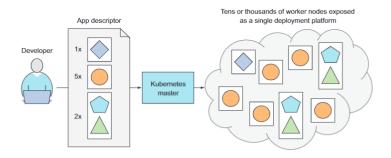


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Kubernetes cont.

Main features of Kubernetes

- Keep containers running.
- Scaling copies.
- Hitting a moving target.

Benefits of using Kubernetes

- Simplifying application deployment
- Achieve better utilization
- Health checking and self-healing
- Automatic scaling
- Access to services via API/DNS

Enterprise-use

Often seen as a PaaS (OpenShift)

Kubernetes cont.

The master node hosts the Control Plane and worker nodes run deployments. The master contains

- ► API Server, which you and the Control Plane components communicate with
- The Scheduler, which schedules your apps
- ▶ The Controller Manager, keeps track of workers among others
- etcd, a distributed db that stores cluster configuration

The nodes contain

- Docker, rtk or another container runtime
- ► Kubelet, which talks to the API server and manages containers
- Kube-proxy, which load-balances network traffic

The components in Kubernetes

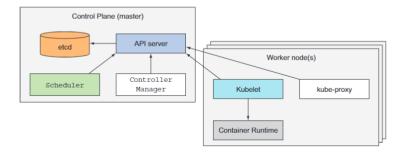


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An overview of Kubernetes's architecture

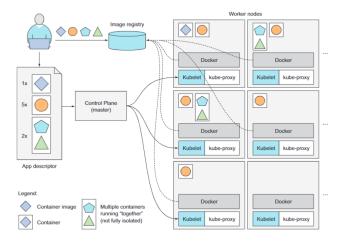


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Running the busybox image

Installing Docker and running a Hello World container

Busybox is a single executable with many UNIX tools.

Listing 2.1 Running a Hello world container with Docker

```
$ docker run busybox echo "Hello world"
Unable to find image 'busybox:latest' locally
latest: Pulling from docker.io/busybox
9a163e0b8d13: Pull complete
fef924a0204a: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:97473e34e31le6c1b3f61f2a721d038d1e5eef17d98d1353a513007cf46ca6bd
Status: Downloaded newer image for docker.io/busybox:latest
Hello world
```

```
$ docker run busybox echo "Hello world"
$ docker run <image>
$ docker run <image>:<tag>
```

Running echo "Hello world" in a container

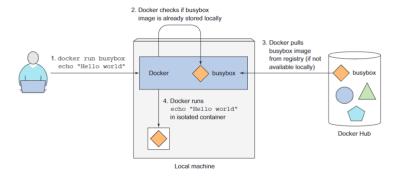


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Creating a Node.js app

- ► We make a simple HTTP app that can receive and reply to requests with its hostname
- Using Node.js and JavaScript

Listing 2.2 A simple Node.js app: app.js

```
const http = require('http');
const os = require('os');

console.log("Kubia server starting...");

var handler = function(request, response) {
   console.log("Received request from " + request.connection.remoteAddress);
   response.writeHead(200);
   response.end("You've hit " + os.hostname() + "\n");
};

var www = http.createServer(handler);
www.listen(8080);
```

Creating a Dockerfile for the image

- ▶ We need a Dockerfile to create an image
- ▶ It describes the app and its dependencies

Listing 2.3 A Dockerfile for building a container image for your app

```
FROM node:7
ADD app.js /app.js
ENTRYPOINT ["node", "app.js"]
```

Building the container image

The Docker daemon builds the image.

\$ docker build -t kubia

```
Listing 2.4 Listing locally stored images

$ docker images

REPOSITORY TAG IMAGE ID CREATED VIRTUAL SIZE kubia latest d30ecc7419e7 1 minute ago 637.1 MB
```

Figure: Listing. by courtesy of Marko Luksa[1]

```
### Listing 2.5 Listing running containers

$ docker ps

CONTAINER ID IMAGE COMMAND CREATED ...

44d76963e8e1 kubia:latest "/bin/sh -c 'node ap 6 minutes ago ...

STATUS PORTS NAMES

... Up 6 minutes 0.0.0.0:8080->8080/tcp kubia-container
```

Building a new container image from a Dockerfile

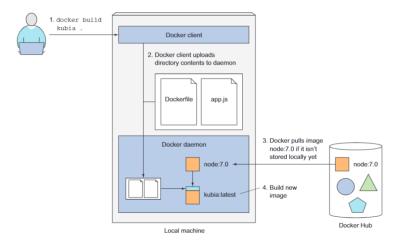


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The layers of a container image

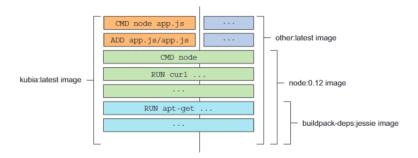


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More container commands

Running the container image

```
$ docker run --name kubia-container -p 8080:8080
```

```
$ curl localhost:8080
```

Exploring the inside of a running container

```
$ docker exec -it kubia-container bash
```

\$ ps aux

Stopping and removing a container

```
$ docker stop kubia-container
```

\$ docker rm kubia-container

Output of container commands

root.

Listing 2.6 Listing processes from inside a container

root 10 0.0 0.0 20216 1924 ? Ss 12:31 0:00 bash

19 0.0 0.0 17492 1136 ? R+ 12:38 0:00 ps aux

Figure: Listing. by courtesy of Marko Luksa[1]

Listing 2.8 A container has its own complete filesystem

```
root@44d76963e8e1:/# ls /
app.js boot etc
                   lib
                          media
                                 opt
                                       root
                                             sbin
                                                   sys
                                                        usr
bin
       dev
             home
                   lib64
                          mnt
                                 proc
                                       run
                                             srv
                                                   tmp
                                                       var
```

Pushing the image to the registry

\$ docker tag kubia <dockerid>/kubia

Listing 2.9 A container image can have multiple tags \$ docker images | head

REPOSITORY TAG IMAGE ID CREATED VIRTUAL SIZE luksa/kubia latest d30ecc7419e7 About an hour ago 654.5 MB kubia latest d30ecc7419e7 About an hour ago 654.5 MB docker.io/node 7.0 04c0ca2a8dad 2 days ago 654.5 MB

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```
$ docker push <dockerid>/kubia
$ docker run -p 8080:8080 -d <dockerid>/kubia
```

Setting up a Kubernetes cluster with Minikube

What is minikube

- A tool that enables us to run Kubernetes locally
- ► Implements a local single node cluster
- Runs on macOS, Linux and Windows
- Used for Kubernetes development and prototyping
- Exercises and project make use of minikube

You can also order a hosted Kubernetes cluster at Google, Amazon, Microsoft Azure etc.

- \$ minikube start
- \$ kubectl get nodes
- \$ kubectl describe node <nodeid>

Introducing pods

Before we can deploy our app, we need to know what pod is

- ► A pod is a group of one or more tightly related containers that run together and share the same Linux namespace
- Each pod is like a separate logical machine.
- All containers in a pod will appear to be running on the same logical machine.

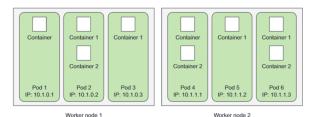


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Pod commands

Listing 2.14 Listing pods

\$ kubectl get pods

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE kubia-4jfyf 0/1 Pending 0 1m

Figure: Listing. by courtesy of Marko Luksa[1]

Listing 2.15 Listing pods again to see if the pod's status has changed

\$ kubectl get pods

NAME READY STATUS RESTARTS AGE kubia-4jfyf 1/1 Running 0 5m

Running our first app on Kubernetes

```
$ kubectl run kubia --image=<dockerid>/kubia \\
   --port=8080 --generator=run-pod/v1
pod/kubia created
```

Accessing our application

We can create a service that exposes our pod to us

```
$ kubectl expose pod kubia --type=NodePort \\
--name kubia-http
```

Listing 2.16 Listing Services

Accessing our application cont.

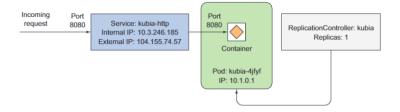


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Accessing our application cont.

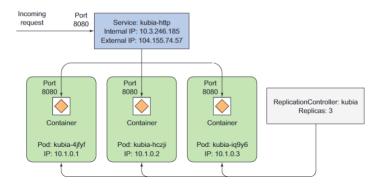


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