Web 2.0 Lecture 2: Cloud Architectures

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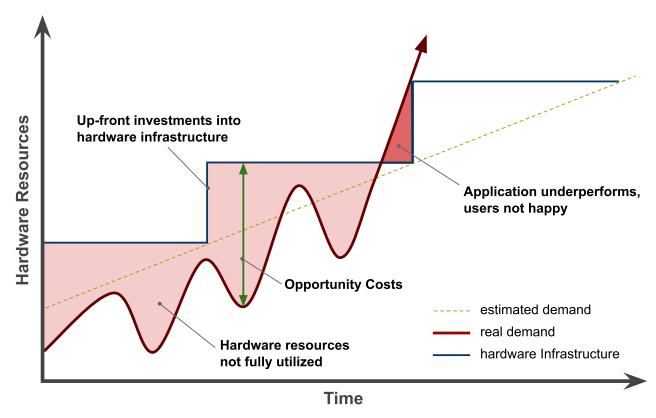




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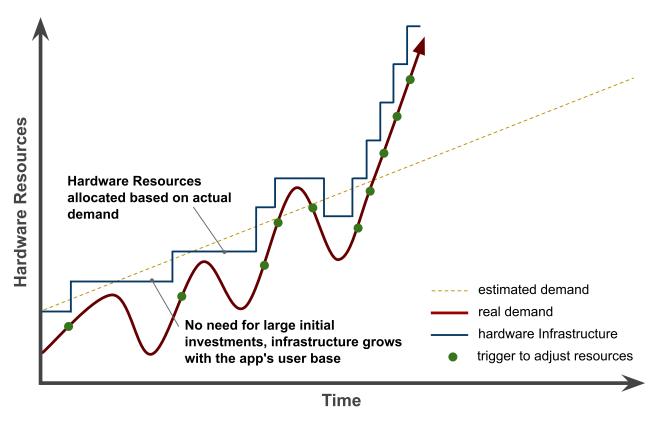
Traditional Solution to Infrastructure

- Traditional hardware model
 - *Up-front hardware investments*
 - Hardware not optimally utilized



Good Performance – Cloud Solution

- Cloud Computing model
 - No up-front hardware investments
 - Hardware optimally utilized



Cloud Computing Concepts

Resource Pooling

- Resources reused by multiple tenants (multitenancy)
- Resources: CPU, memory, storage, network

• On-demand and Self-service

- Resources are provisioned as they are requested and when they are required
- No human interaction, automatic

• Scalability and Elasticity

- Infrastructure may grow and shrink according to needs
- Automatic or manual

• Pay-per-use

- Consumers only pay for resources when they use them

Cloud Service Concepts

- Service Models (aka Cloud Layers)
 - IaaS Infrastructure as a Service
 - PaaS Platform as a Service
 - \rightarrow MWaaS, DBaaS, ...
 - SaaS Software as a Service
- Deployment Models
 - Public Cloud
 - Private Cloud
 - Hybrid Cloud
- Usage
 - Cloud native applications
 - Moving existing applications from on-premise to cloud

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Terminology (1)

- Region
 - A localized geographical area
 - A cloud provider usually has multiple regions around the world.
- Availability Domain
 - A datacenter in a region; there can be more AD in a region
- Tenancy
 - Isolated partition where a customer creates and organizes cloud resources.
- Instance
 - Compute host running in the cloud
- Bare Metal
 - Physical host that run directly on bare metal servers without hypervisor
- Shape/Class
 - Amount of computing resources allocated to the instance
 - CPUs, Memory, Local Disk, Network Bandwidth, Number of VNICs
- Image
 - A template of a virtual hard drive that defines operating system and other software for an instance.

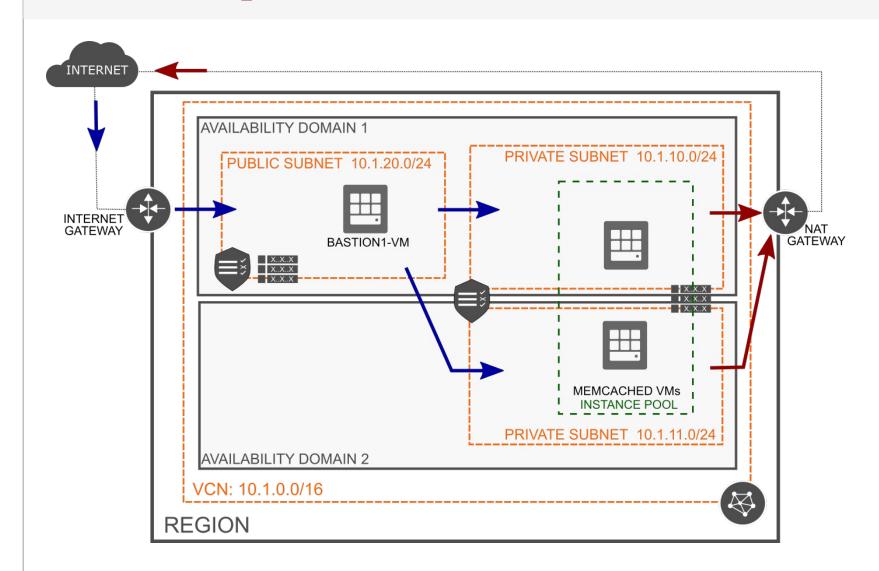
Terminology (2)

- Instance Pool
 - A group of instances
- Virtual Cloud Network (VCN)
 - A virtual network in which instances run
 - It includes: subnets, route tables, firewall rules, gateways
- Block Volume
 - A virtual disk providing persistent storage
 - It can be used as a volume attached to the instance
- Object Storage
 - Allows to store and manage data as objects in logical containers (buckets)
 - The data can be of any type and are usually of large size
 - The data does not change frequently
 - Examples: data backup, storing unstructured data, sensor-generated data

Access and Usage

- Layers
 - Cloud Infrastructure \rightarrow REST API \rightarrow CLI, Web Console, other tools
- Key pair
 - Authentication mechanism using **public** and **private** key
 - public key is uploaded to an instance, a client uses the private key to authenticate
 - Example: ssh using key authentication to access ssh deamon running in Linux

IaaS Example



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- Definition
 - Application envs (in a cloud) managed via definition files
 - Version control, team development, scripting, etc.
- Major Technologies
 - Configuration Management Tools
 - → install and manage software on machines that already exist
 - → Examples: Ansible, Chef, Puppet
 - Abstraction of cloud infrastructure
 - \rightarrow Terraform

Terraform

- Higher-level abstraction of the datacenter and associated services
- Supports many service providers
 - Google, Microsoft, Oracle, AWS
- Steps
 - 1. Description of resources in Hashicorp Configuration Language (HCL)
 - instances, networks, firewall rules, routing tables, etc.
 - 2. Terraform generates execution plan to reach the desired state
 - 3. Terraform executes the plan to reach the desired state; can generate incremental execution plan

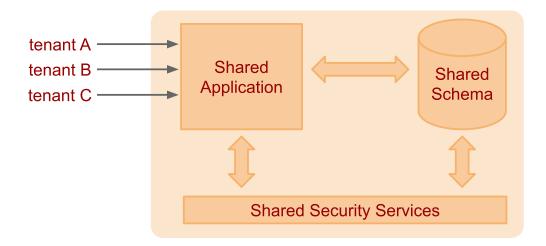
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Multitenancy

- Architectural approach where resources are shared between multiple tenants or consumers
- Implications
 - Centralization of infrastructure in locations with lower costs
 - Peak-load capacity increases
 - Utilisation and efficiency improvements for systems that are not well utilised
- Sharing options
 - Shared Everything
 - Shared Infrastructure
 - → Virtual Machines
 - \rightarrow O/S virtualization

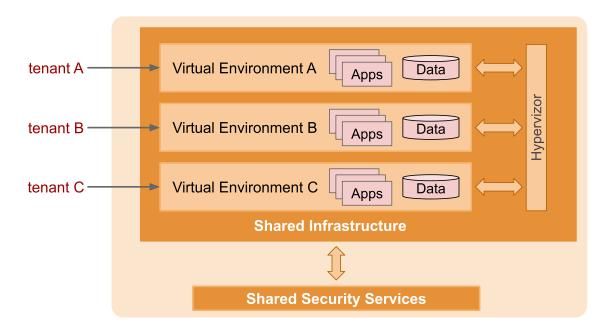
Shared Everything

- Resources are shared between all tenants or consumers
 - tenant: a service consumer
- Common for the SaaS model
- The application should provide tenant isolation
- Data for multiple tenants is stored in the same database tables



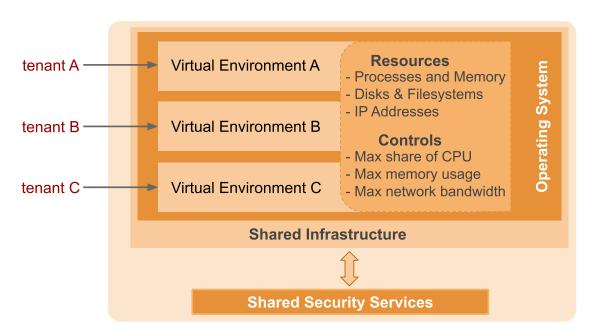
Shared Infrastructure: Virtual Machines

- Infrastructure shared via virtual machines
 - each tenant has its own virtual environment
 - Isolation provided by hypervisor
 - → hypervisor: virtual machine manager, runs virtual machines
 - Resource contention depends on VM capability and configuration
 - Adds an additional layer and processes to run and manage



Shared Infrastructure: OS Virtualization

- Infrastructure shared via OS Virtualization
 - Each tenant has its own processing zone
 - Isolation provided by the operating system
 - Resource contention depends on zone configuration
 - No VMs to run and manage, no abstraction layer between app & OS



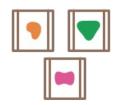
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- Emerging software architecture
 - monolithic vs. decoupled applications
 - applications as independenly deployable services

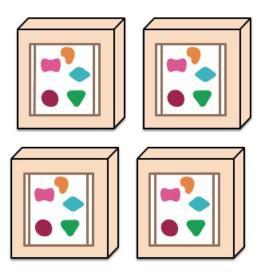
A monolithic application puts all its functionality into a single process...



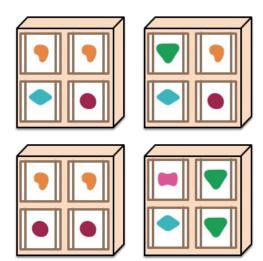
A microservices architecture puts each element of functionality into a separate service...



... and scales by replicating the monolith on multiple servers



... and scales by distributing these services across servers, replicating as needed.



Major Characteristics

- Loosely coupled
 - Integrated using well-defined interfaces
- Technology-agnostic protocols
 - HTTP, they use REST architecture
- Independently deployable and easy to replace
 - A change in small part requires to redeploy only that part
- Organized around capabilities
 - such as accounting, billing, recommendation, etc.
- Impplemented using different technologies
 - polyglot programming languages, databases

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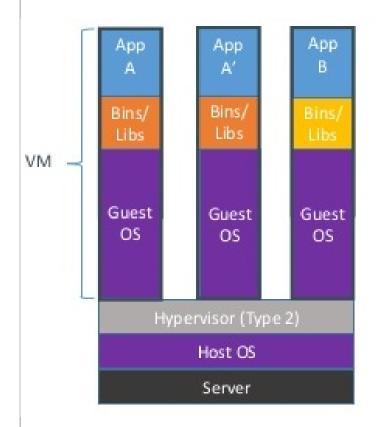
• Linux Containers

- Introduced in 2008
- Allow to run a process tree in a isolated system-level "virtualization"
- Use much less resources and disk space than traditional virtualization

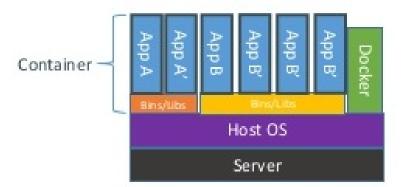
Implementations

- LXC default implementation in Linux
- Docker Containers
 - → Builds on new Kernel features: control groups (cgroups), kernel namespaces, union-capable file system (OverlayFS, AUFS, etc.)
 - \rightarrow A way to build, commit and share images
 - → Build images using a description file called Dockerfile
 - → Large number of available base and re-usable images

VM vs. Docker Containers



Containers are isolated, but share OS and, where appropriate, bins/libraries



Docker Basic Terms

Image

- Bssis for containers.
- An image contains a union of layered filesystems stacked on top of each other.
- An image does not have state and it never changes.

Container

- A runtime instance of a Docker image, a standard to "ship software".

• Docker Engine

- The core process providing the Docker capabilities on a host.

Docker Client

- Interface that integrates with docker engine.

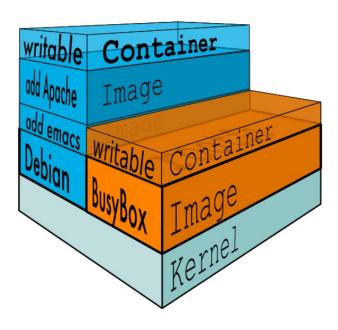
Registry

- A hosted service containing repository of images.
- A registry provides a registry API to search, pull and push images.
- Docker Hub is the default Docker registry.

Swarm

- A cluster of one or more docker engines.

Docker Images



- Containers are made up of R/O layers via a storage driver (OverlayFS, AUFS, etc.)
- Containers are designed to support a single application
- Instances are ephemeral, persistent data is stored in bind mounts or data volume containers.

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Image Layering with OverlayFS

OverlayFS

- A filesystem service implementing a union mount for other file systems.
- Docker uses overlay and overlay2 storage drivers to build and manage on-disk structures of images and containers.

Image Layering

- OverlayFS takes two directories on a single Linux host, layers one on top of the other, and provides a single unified view.
- Only works for two layers, in multi-layered images hard links are used to reference data shared with lower layers.

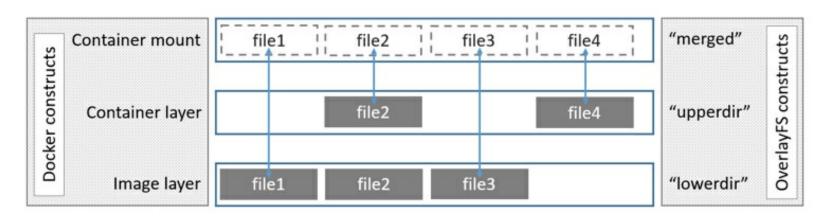


Image Layers Example

• Pulling out the image from the registry

```
$ sudo docker pull ubuntu

Using default tag: latest
latest: Pulling from library/ubuntu

5ba4f30e5bea: Pull complete
9d7d19c9dc56: Pull complete
ac6ad7efd0f9: Pull complete
e7491a747824: Pull complete
a3ed95caeb02: Pull complete
Digest: sha256:46fb5d001b88ad904c5c732b086b596b92cfb4a4840a3abd0e35dbb6870585e4
Status: Downloaded newer image for ubuntu:latest
```

- Each image layer has its own directory under /var/lib/docker/overlay/.
- This is where the contents of each image layer are stored.
- Directories on the file system

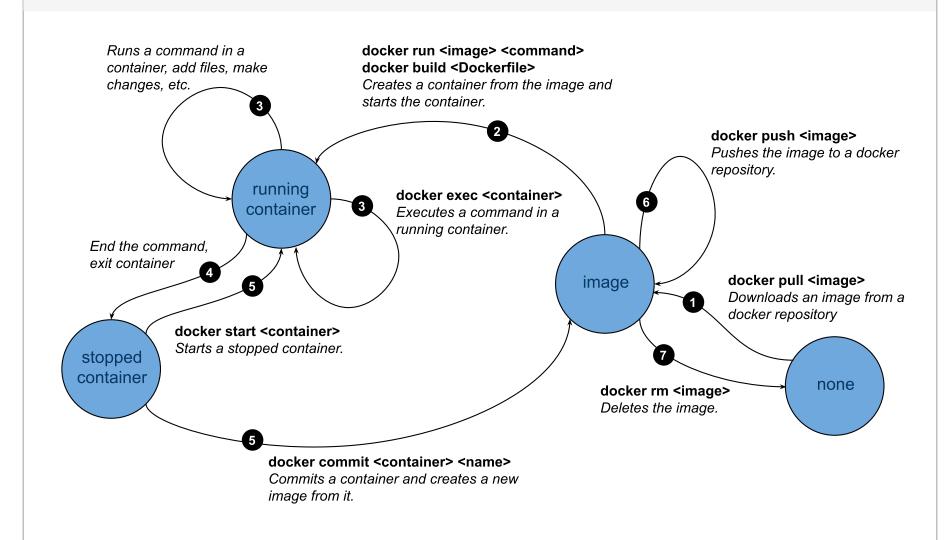
```
$ ls -l /var/lib/docker/overlay/
```

```
total 20
drwx----- 3 root root 4096 Jun 20 16:11 38f3ed2eac129654acef11c32670b534670c3a06e483fce313d72e3e0a15baa
drwx----- 3 root root 4096 Jun 20 16:11 55f1e14c361b90570df46371b20ce6d480c434981cbda5fd68c6ff61aa0a535
drwx----- 3 root root 4096 Jun 20 16:11 824c8a961a4f5e8fe4f4243dab57c5be798e7fd195f6d88ab06aea92ba93165
drwx----- 3 root root 4096 Jun 20 16:11 ad0fe55125ebf599da124da175174a4b8c1878afe6907bf7c78570341f30846
drwx----- 3 root root 4096 Jun 20 16:11 edab9b5e5bf73f2997524eebeac1de4cf9c8b904fa8ad3ec43b3504196aa380
```

- The organization of files allows for efficient use of disk space.
- There are files unique to every layer and hard links to files shared with lower layers

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Docker Container Lifecycle State Diagram



Commands (1)

docker version

list current version of docker engine and client

docker search <image>

search for an image in the registry

docker pull <image[:version]>

download an image of a specific version from the registry if the version is not provided, the latest version will be downloaded

docker images

list all local images

docker run -it <image[:version]> <command>

start the image and run the command inside the image if the image is not found locally, it will be downloaded from the registry option -i starts the container in interactive mode option -t allocates a pseudo TTY

docker ps [-as]

list all running containers option -a will list all containers including the stopped ones. option -s will list the container's size.

Commands (2)

```
docker rm <container>
    remove the container

docker rmi <image>
    remove the image

docker commit <container> <name[:version]>
    create an image from the container with the name and the version

docker history <image>
    display the image history
```

Networking and Linking

- There are 3 docker networks by default
 - bridge container can access host's network (default)
 - → Docker creates subnet 172.17.0.0/16 and gateway to the network
 - → When a container is started, it is automatically added to this network
 - → All containers in this network can communicate with each other
 - host − all host's network interfaces will be available in the container.
 - none container will be placed on its own network and no network interfaces will be configured.
- Custom Network configuration
 - You can create a new network and add containers to it
 - Containers in the new network can communicate with each other but the network will be isolated from the host network
- Linking containers (legacy)

```
$ docker run -d --name redmine-db postgres
$ docker run -it --link redmine-db:db postgres /bin/bash
root@c4b12143ebe8:/# psql -h db -U postgres
psql (9.6.1)
Type "help" for help.
postgres=# SELECT inet_server_addr();
postgres=# SELECT * FROM pg_stat_activity \x\g\x
```

Networking Commands

docker network 1s

lists all available networks

docker network inspect <network-id>

Returns the details of specific network

docker network create --driver bridge isolated_nw
 creates a new isolated network

docker run -it --network=isolated_nw ubuntu bin/bash
starts the container ubuntu and attaches it to the isolated network

Data Volumes

Data Volume

- A directory that bypass the union file system
- Data volumes can be shared and reused among containers
- Data volume persists even if the container is deleted
- It is possible to mount a shared sotrage volume as a data volue by using a volume plugin to mount e.g. NFS
- Adding a data volume

```
docker run -d -v /webapp training/webapp python app.py will create a new value with name webapp, the location of the volume can be determined by using docker inspect.
```

Mount a host directory as a data volume
 docker run -d -v /src/webapp:/webapp training/webapp python app.py

if the path exists in the container, it will be overlayed (not removed), if the host directory does not exist, the docker engine creates it.

Data volume container

- Persistent data to be shared among two or more containers
docker create -v /dbdata --name dbstore training/postgres /bin/true
docker run -d --volumes-from dbstore --name db1 training/postgres
docker run -d --volumes-from dbstore --name db2 training/postgres

Dockerfile

• Dockerfile is a script that creates a new image

```
# This is a comment
FROM oraclelinux:7
MAINTAINER Tomas Vitvar <tomas@vitvar.com>
RUN yum install -q -y httpd
EXPOSE 80
CMD httpd -X
```

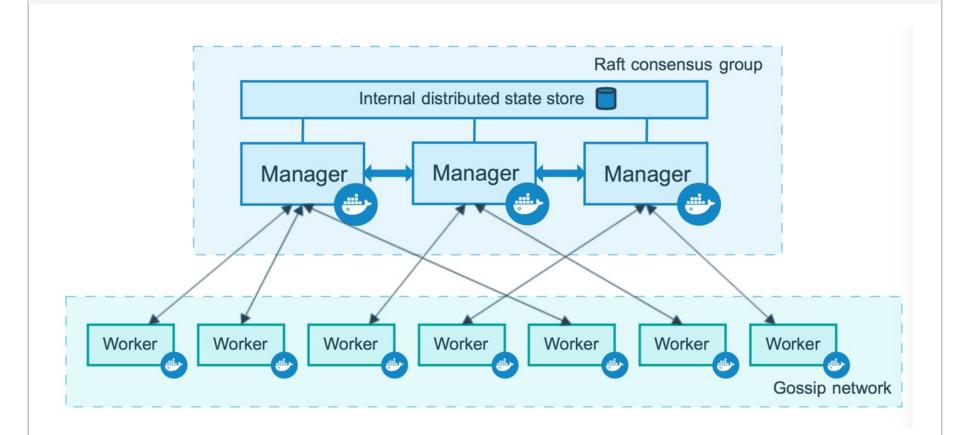
• A line in the Dockerfile will create an intermediary layer

```
$ docker build -t tomvit/httpd:v1 .
Sending build context to Docker daemon 2.048 kB
Step 1 : FROM oraclelinux:7
---> 4c357c6e421e
Step 2 : MAINTAINER Tomas Vitvar <tomas@vitvar.com>
 ---> Running in 35feebb2ffab
 ---> 95b35d5d793e
Removing intermediate container 35feebb2ffab
Step 3 : RUN yum install -q -y httpd
---> Running in 3b9aee3c3ef1
---> 888c49141af9
Removing intermediate container 3b9aee3c3ef1
Step 4: EXPOSE 80
---> Running in 03e1ef9bf875
 ---> c28545e3580c
Removing intermediate container 03e1ef9bf875
Step 5 : CMD httpd -X
 ---> Running in 3c1c0273a1ef
```

If processing fails at some step, all preceding steps will be loaded from the cache on the next run.

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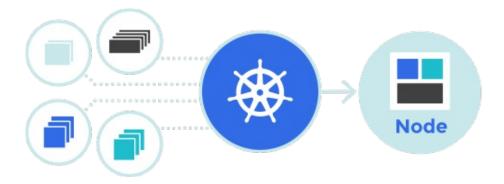


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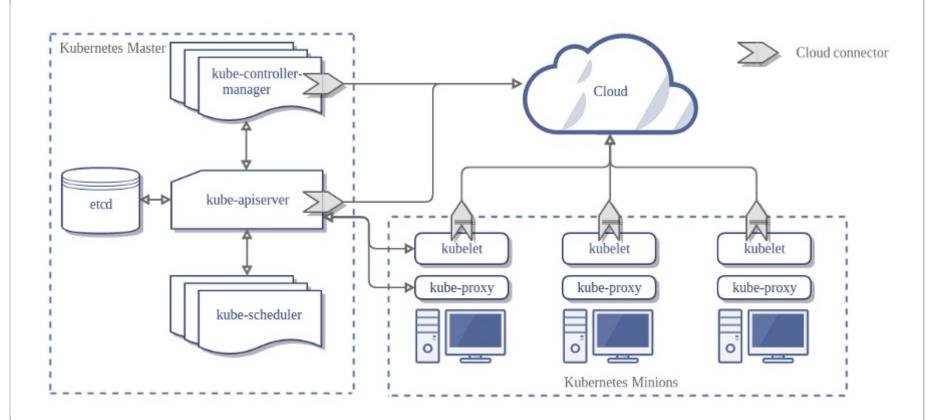
- In your architecture...
 - Containers are atomic pieces of application architecture
 - Containers can be linked (e.g. web server, DB)
 - Containers access shared resources (e.g. disk volumes)

Kubernetes

- Automation of deployments, scaling, management of containerized applications across number of nodes
- Based on Borg, a parent project from Goolge



System Architecture



Major Terms

Node

- a worker machine in Kubernetes, previously known as a minion (a VM or physical machine). It uses kubelet and kube-proxy to communicate with the master and other nodes/services.

Master

- A node that manages the cluster of nodes.

Pod

- The basic building block of Kubernetes, one or more dependant containers.

Service

- A set of pods with rules allowing pods to talk to each other, such as:
 - \rightarrow NodePort *exposes the pod under a cluster IP.*
 - → LoadBalancer exposes the pod for load balancing by external load balancer

Controllers

- Worker units to ensure a desired state, such as:
 - \rightarrow ReplicaSet ensures that a specified number of pod replicas are running.
 - \rightarrow Deployment manages ReplicaSets, provides declarative updates to pods.
 - \rightarrow StatefulSet manages deployment and scaling of a set of Pods.
 - → DeamonSet ensures that all (or some) Nodes run a copy of a Pod.

Features

Automatic binpacking

- Automatically places containers onto nodes based on their resource requirements and other constraints.

Horizontal scaling

- Scales your application up and down with a simple command, with a UI, or automatically based on CPU usage.

Automated rollouts and rollbacks

- Progressive rollout out of changes to application/configuration, monitoring application health and rollback when something goes wrong.

Storage orchestration

- Automatically mounts the storage system (local or in the cloud)

• Self-healing

- Restarts containers that fail, replaces and reschedules containers when nodes die, kills containers that don't respond to user-defined health checks.

Service discovery and load balancing

- Gives containers their own IP addresses and a single DNS name for a set of containers, and can load-balance across them.

Demo

- Environment Setup
 minikube a local virtual machine (running a master and a single node)
 kubectl CLI to access Kubernetes cluster
- Steps
 - 1. create hello-node app in node.js and test it [see server.js] node server.js
 - 2. create docker image for the app [see Dockerfile]
 docker build -t hello-node:v1 .
 - 3. deploy the app to Kubernetes by using kubectl kubectl run hello-node --image=hello-node:v1 --port=8080
 - 4. Expose the app as a load balancer service. kubectl expose deployment hello-node --type=LoadBalancer
 - 5. Explore the app in minikube dashboard. minikube dashboard
 - 6. Fire requests at the service and count them [see test.sh]./test.sh.
 - 7. Change the number of replicas by using the dashboard or kubectl.