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## Getting Started with Acorn

# About me



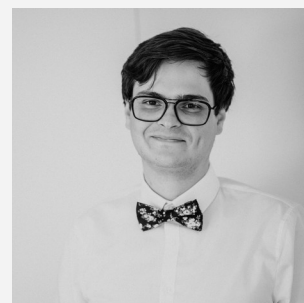
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# Agenda

1. About Acorn

2. Prerequisites

3. The Acornfile

4. Development

5. Real World

# Why another tool?

- deployment
- environments
- complexity

# Acorn's answers

- designed for applications
- Acornfile
- Acorn Image
- arguments

# How does Acorn work?

- Acorn CLI
- API Server
- Controller
- Buildkit
- Internal Registry

# Prerequisites

## For Acorn

# Acorn CLI

- `brew install acorn-io/cli/acorn`
- `curl https://get.acorn.io | sh`
- `scoop install acorn`



# Kubernetes Cluster

- Ingress Controller
- Storage Class
- Admin privileges

# Installing Acorn

## › acorn install

Running Pre-install Checks

Installing ClusterRoles

Installing APIServer and Controller (image  
`ghcr.io/acorn-io/acorn:v0.3.0`)

Installing Traefik Ingress Controller

Waiting for controller deployment to be available

Waiting for API server deployment to be available

Running Post-install Checks

Running Post-install Checks

Installation done

# The Acornfile

## By example

# Server Container

```
containers: {  
  server: {  
    build: context: "."  
    dependsOn: ["db"]  
    ports: publish: "3000/http"  
    env: {  
      DATABASE_HOST: "db"  
    }  
  }  
}
```

# Database Container

```
containers: { // ...
  db: {
    image: "postgres"
    ports: "5432/tcp"
    dirs: {
      "/var/lib/postgresql/data":
        "volume://pg-data"
    }
  }
}
```

```
volumes: {
  "pg-data": {}
}
```

# Defining Secrets

```
secrets: {  
  "db-name": type: "token"  
  "db-username": type: "token"  
  "db-password": type: "token"  
}
```



# Using Secrets

```
// in containers.server
env: {
  DATABASE_HOST: "db"
  DATABASE_NAME:
    "secret://db-name/token"
  DATABASE_USERNAME:
    "secret://db-username/token"
  DATABASE_PASSWORD:
    "secret://db-password/token"
}
```

```
// in containers.db
env: {
  POSTGRES_DB:
    "secret://db-name/token"
  POSTGRES_USER:
    "secret://db-username/token"
  POSTGRES_PASSWORD:
    "secret://db-password/token"
}
```

# Running the Acornfile

```
› acorn run .
```

```
[+] Building 1.6s (5/5) FINISHED
```

```
[+] Building 40.6s (10/10) FINISHED
```

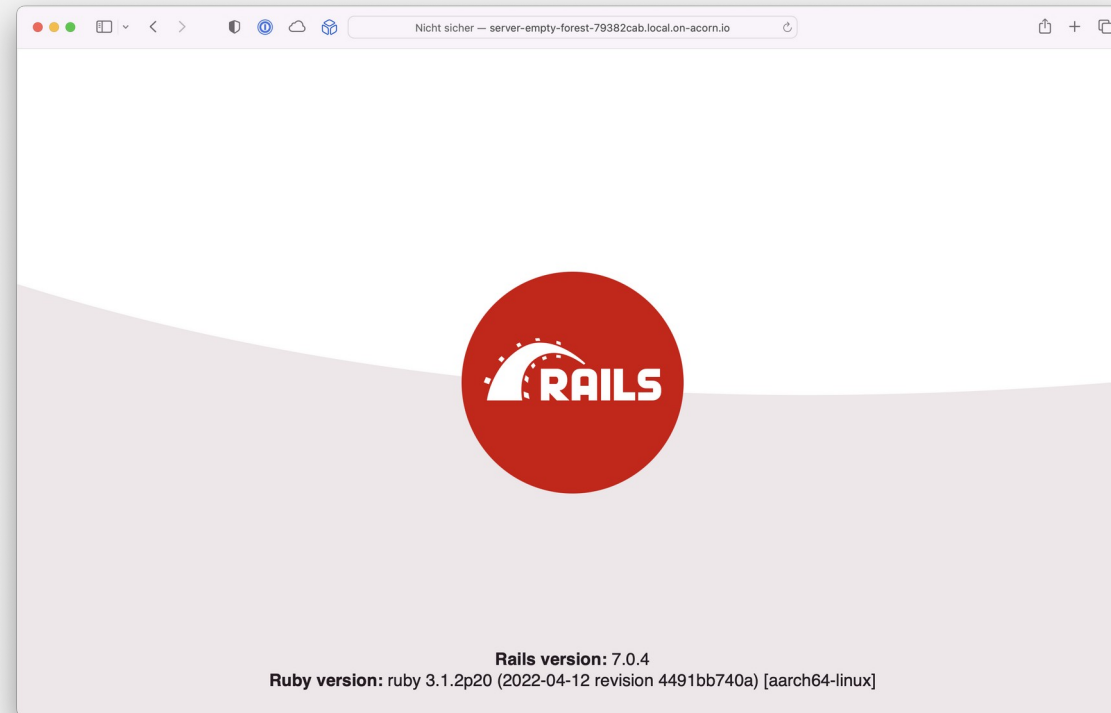
```
[+] Building 0.5s (5/5) FINISHED
```

```
lingering-cherry
```

```
...
```

```
STATUS: ENDPOINTS[http://server-lingering-cherry-1eeeca59.local.on-acorn.io  
⇒ server:3000] HEALTHY[2] UPTODATE[2] OK
```

# Running the Acornfile



# Development

## By example

# Linking the directories

```
containers: {  
  server: { // ...  
    if args.dev {  
      dirs: {  
        "/app": "./"  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```

```
> acorn run --dev .  
> acorn run -i .
```

# Real World

## Production and CI



# Further topics

- `-o yaml` for GitOps
- `args:` and `profiles:`
- `scale:` and stateful services
- Ingress domains, paths and TLS
- Jobs and sidecars
- Labels and annotations
- Linking Acorn apps

# Conclusion

On Acorn

# Contact and Questions?



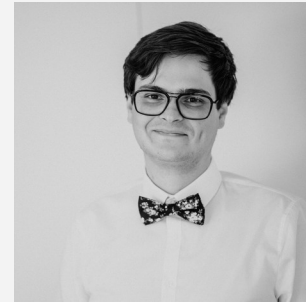
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