



JupyterHub

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[FYI for tutorial planning] Description

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JupyterHub, a multiuser server for Jupyter notebooks, enables you to offer a notebook server to everyone in a group—which is particularly useful when teaching a course, as students no longer need to install software on their laptops. Min Ragan-Kelley, Carol Willing, Yuvi Panda, and Ryan Lovett get you started deploying and customizing JupyterHub for your needs.

Min, Carol, Yuvi, and Ryan explore JupyterHub's architecture and how to assemble a deployment exactly the way you want it. They then walk you through a complete deployment of JupyterHub with Kubernetes following best practices learned from the campus-wide deployment at UC Berkeley, including integration with campus authentication (via Google OAuth), status monitoring and data collection with statsd, and automating as much of the deployment and maintenance process as possible. Along the way, Min, Carol, Yuvi, and Ryan demonstrate how development, testing, and production systems can be easily managed to increase reliability and scaling of the deployment and how to customize your components (authenticators, spawners) and provide examples of services that can be managed by or interact with the hub and its users. You'll then create a simple, functioning JupyterHub deployment of your own.

Topics include:

- Authenticators that allow JupyterHub to integrate with any existing authentication system, such as GitHub or Google OAuth, PAM, and LDAP
- Spawners, which are used to run notebook servers on any system for spawning processes, such as Docker, Kubernetes, or local processes
- Proxies
- Services



[FYI for tutorial planning] Outline

Outline

JupyterHub overview

- Getting started with JupyterHub
- Composing a deployment
 - What parts can I choose from? (Authenticator, spawner, proxy, single-user server image (if applicable))
 - How can I put them together?
- Composing the simplest possible working deployment
- Swapping out various parts from the simplest deployment
 - Using and configuring a different authenticator
 - Using and configuring a different spawner

Putting together a deployment of JupyterHub with Kubernetes

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Appendix: More customization

- Subclassing in `jupyterhub_config.py` for fun and profit
- Writing your own authenticator
- Writing your own spawner



Set Up

```
git clone https://github.com/jupyterhub/jupyterhub-tutorial /srv/jupyterhub
```



What is Jupyter and JupyterHub?



What is a Notebook?

- Document
- Environment
- **Web app**

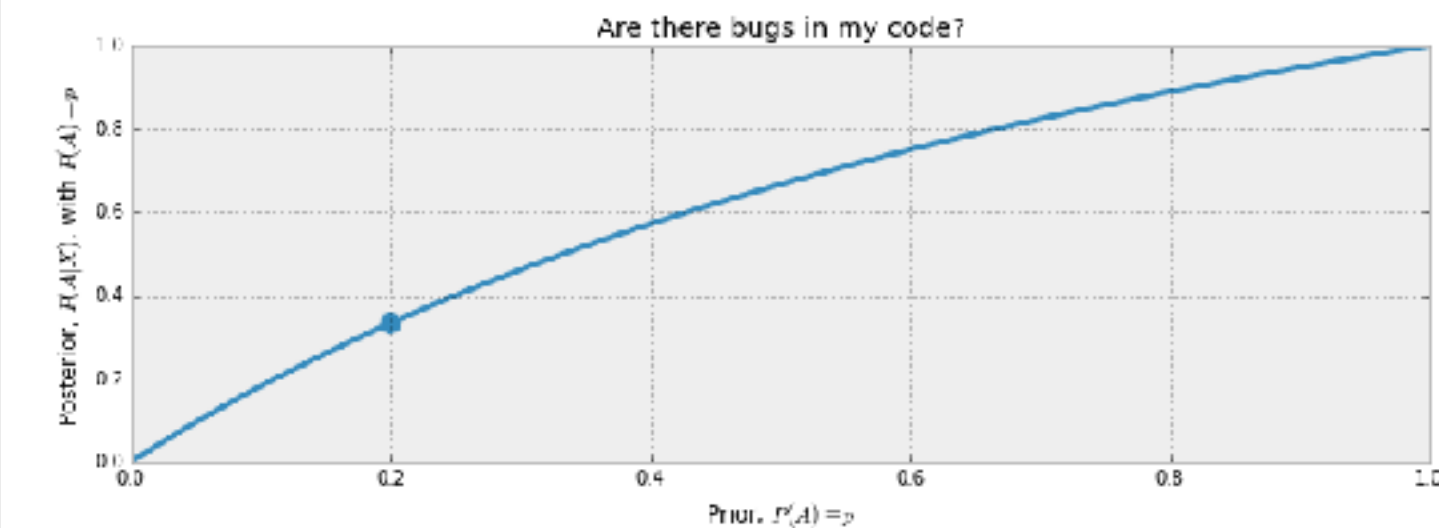
We have already computed $P(X|A)$ above. On the other hand, $P(X| \sim A)$ is subjective: our code can pass tests but still have a bug in it, though the probability there is a bug present is reduced. Note this is dependent on the number of tests performed, the degree of complication in the tests, etc. Let's be conservative and assign $P(X| \sim A) = 0.5$. Then

$$P(A|X) = \frac{1 \cdot p}{1 \cdot p + 0.5(1 - p)}$$
$$= \frac{2p}{1 + p}$$

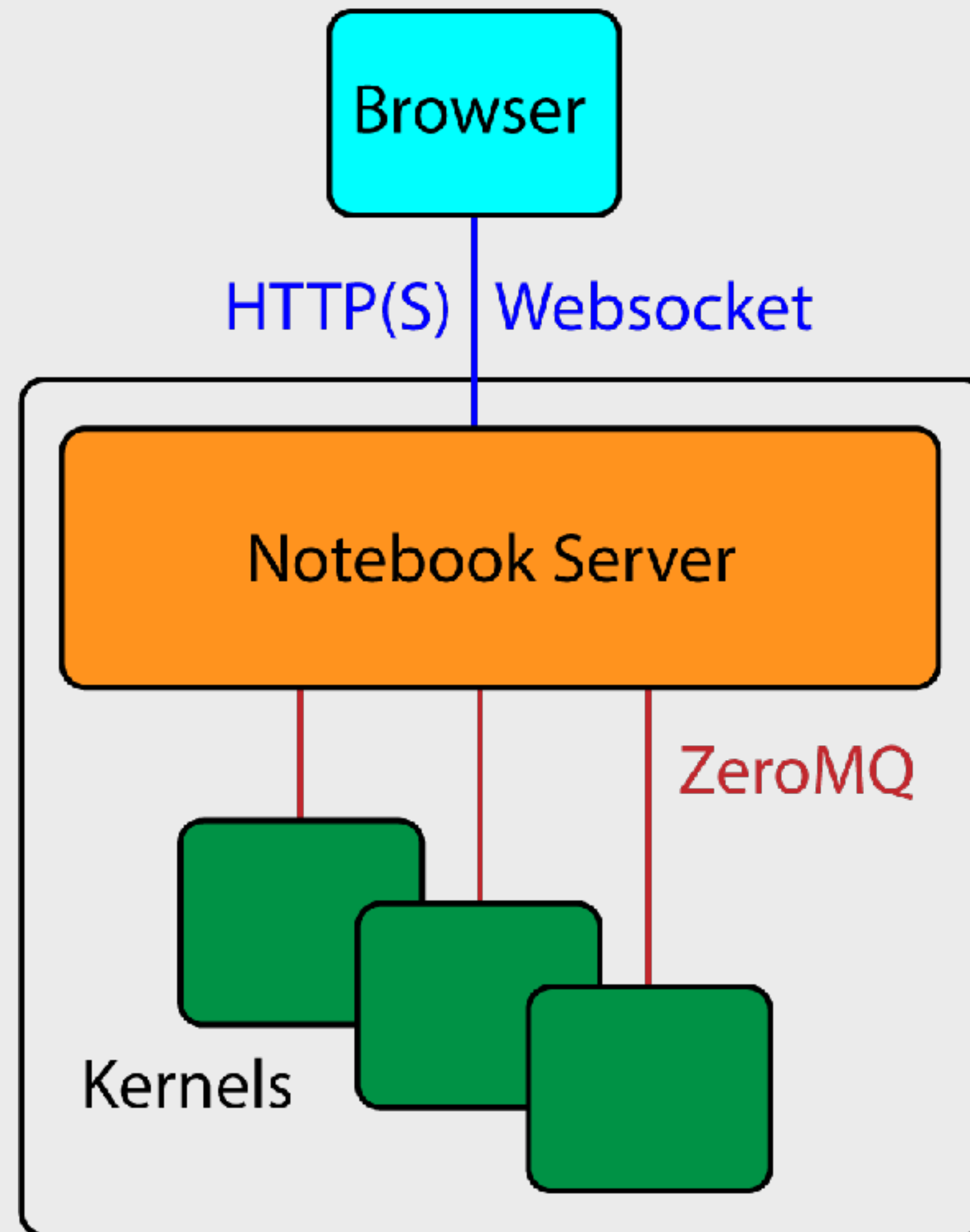
This is the posterior probability. What does it look like as a function of our prior, $p \in [0, 1]$?

```
figsize(12.5, 4)
p = np.linspace(0, 1, 50)
plt.plot(p, 2 * p / (1 + p), color="#348ABD", lw=3)
# plt.fill_between(p, 2*p/(1+p), alpha=.5, facecolor="#A68628")
plt.scatter(0.2, 2 * (0.2) / 1.2, s=140, c="#348ABD")
plt.xlim(0, 1)
plt.ylim(0, 1)
plt.xlabel("Prior, $P(A) = p$")
plt.ylabel("Posterior, $P(A|X)$, with $P(A) = p$")
plt.title("Are there bugs in my code?")
```

<matplotlib.text.Text at 0x1051de550>

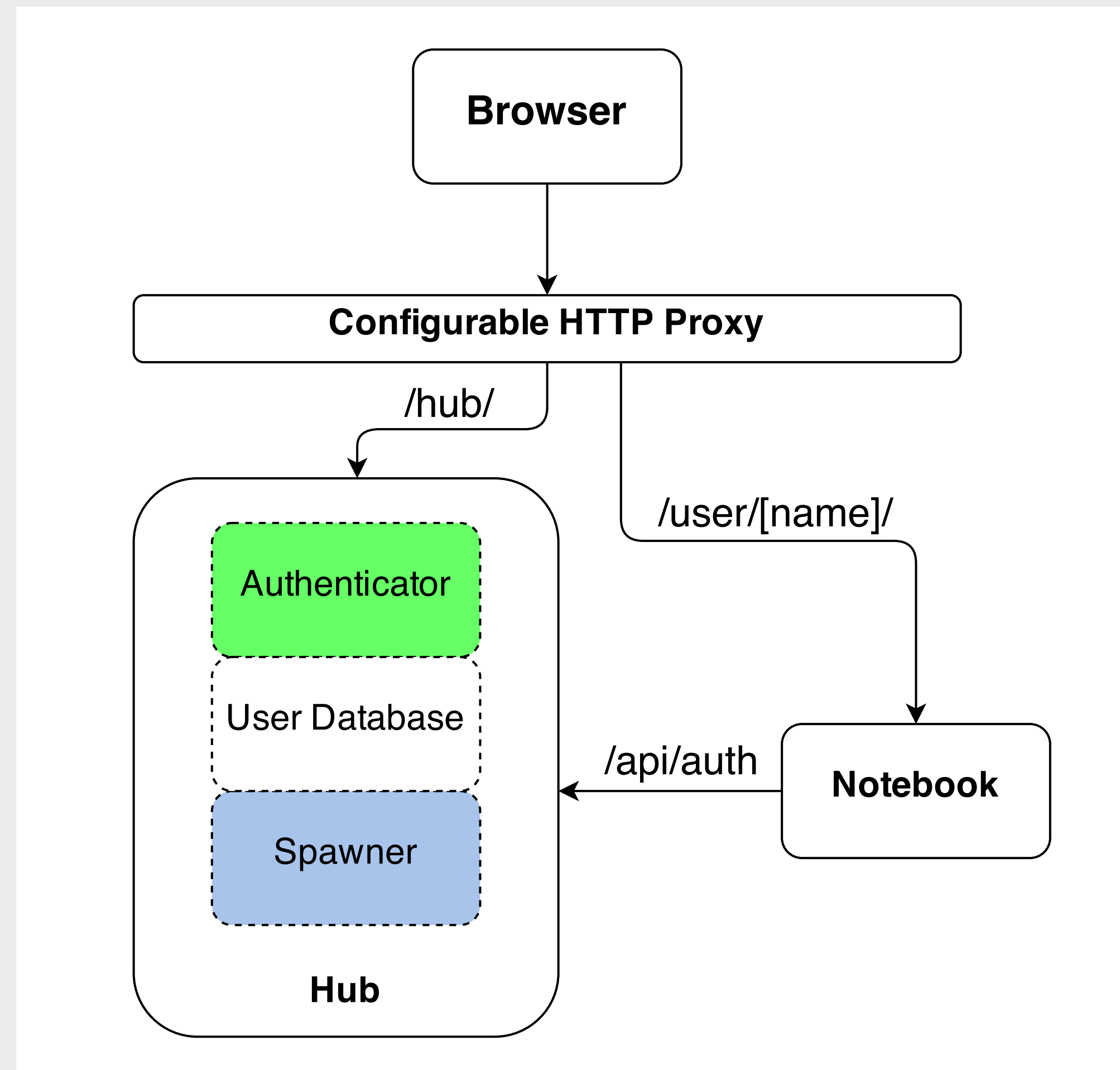


What is a Notebook Server?



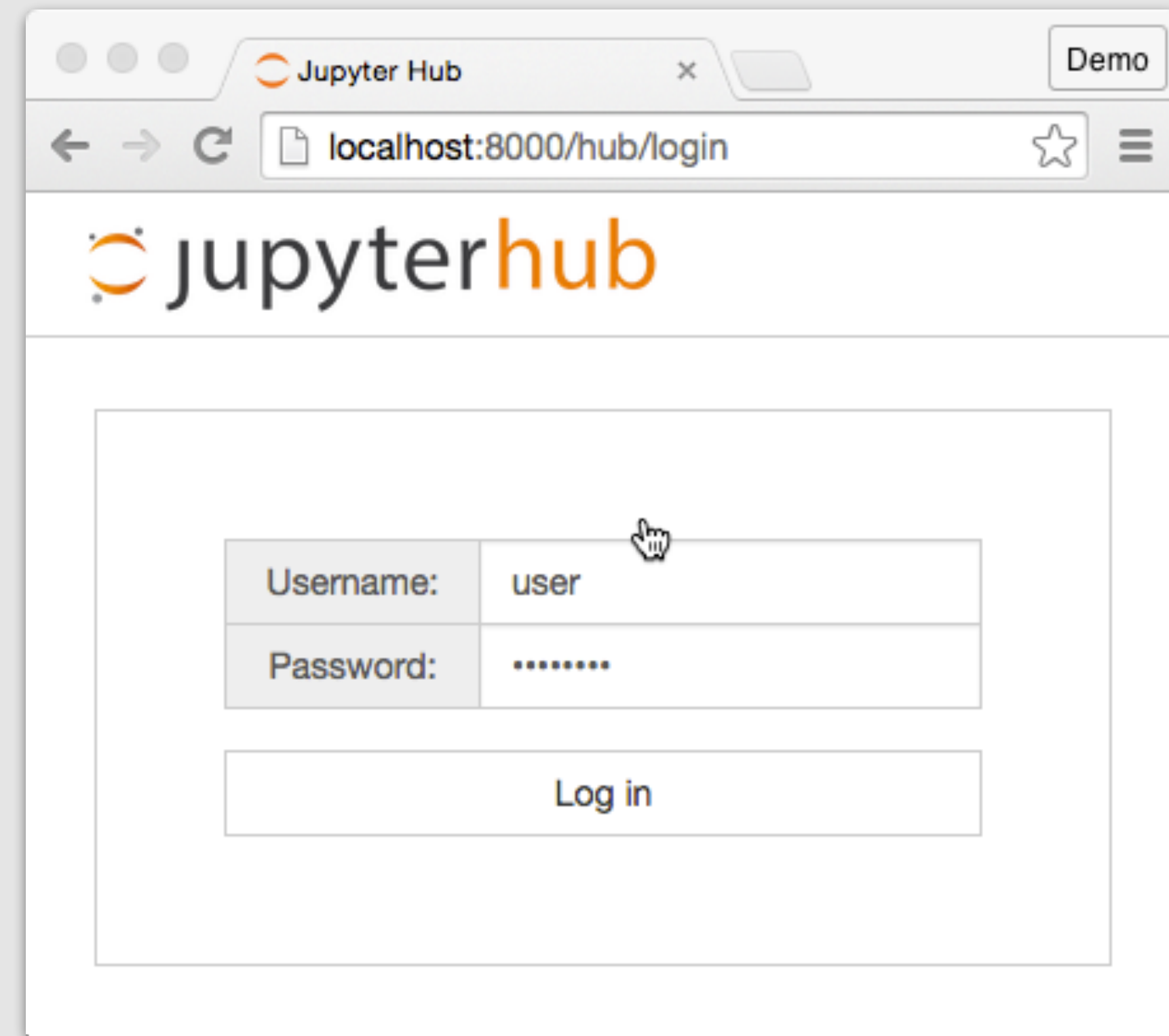
jupyterhub

- Manages authentication
- Spawns single-user servers on-demand
- Each user gets a complete notebook server



jupyterhub

- Initial request is handled by Hub
- User authenticates via form / OAuth
- Spawner starts single-user server
- Hub notifies Proxy
- Redirects user to `/user/[name]`
- Single-user Server verifies auth with Hub



A screenshot of a web browser window showing the Jupyter Hub login page. The browser's address bar displays `localhost:8000/hub/login`. The page features the Jupyter Hub logo at the top. Below the logo is a login form with two input fields: 'Username:' containing the text 'user' and 'Password:' containing seven dots. A 'Log in' button is positioned below these fields. A mouse cursor is hovering over the 'user' text in the username field. The browser window has a 'Demo' button in the top right corner.

Username:	user
Password:	*****
<button>Log in</button>	

Installation



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Installation (as administrator)

conda:

```
conda install -c conda-forge jupyterhub  
conda install notebook
```

pip, npm:

```
python3 -m pip install jupyterhub  
npm install -g configurable-http-proxy
```

test:

```
jupyterhub -h  
configurable-http-proxy -h
```



Installation (this repo)

```
conda env create -f environment.yml  
source activate jupyterhub-tutorial
```



Installation Caveats

JupyterHub installation must be
readable+executable by all users*

This is often not the case for envs, so be careful

*when using local users



Plug: conda-forge



Community-managed conda packages.

<https://conda-forge.github.io>

```
conda config --add channels conda-forge
```


Installation: Spawner and Single User

<https://docs.docker.com/engine/installation>

```
pip install dockerspawner  
docker pull jupyterhub/singleuser
```



JupyterHub Defaults

- Authentication: PAM (local users, passwords)
- Spawning: Local users
- Hub must run as root



Aside: SSL

- JupyterHub is an authenticated service - users login. That should **never** happen over plain HTTP.
- For testing, we can generate self-signed certificates:

```
openssl req -x509 -nodes -days 365 -newkey rsa:1024 \
    -keyout jupyterhub.key -out jupyterhub.crt
```

Note: Safari will not connect websockets to untrusted (self-signed) certs



SSL: Let's Encrypt

- <https://letsencrypt.org/getting-started/>
- Free SSL for any domain

```
wget https://dl.eff.org/certbot-auto  
chmod a+x certbot-auto  
./certbot-auto certonly --standalone -d mydomain.tld
```

```
key:  /etc/letsencrypt/live/mydomain.tld/privkey.pem  
cert: /etc/letsencrypt/live/mydomain.tld/fullchain.pem
```



Configuration



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Start configuring JupyterHub

```
jupyterhub --generate-config
```

```
c.JupyterHub.ssl_key = 'jupyterhub.key'  
c.JupyterHub.ssl_cert = 'jupyterhub.crt'  
c.JupyterHub.port = 443
```



Installing language kernels for all users

```
conda create -n py2 python=2 ipykernel  
conda run -n py2 -- ipython kernel install  
  
jupyter kernelspec list
```



Using GitHub OAuth

<https://github.com/settings/applications/new>

Register a new OAuth application

Application name

Something users will recognize and trust

Homepage URL

The full URL to your application homepage

Application description


This is displayed to all potential users of your application

Authorization callback URL

Your application's callback URL. Read our [OAuth documentation](#) for more information.

Register application

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 **minrk** owns this application. [Transfer ownership.](#)

1 user

Client ID
862e21790aeb654a0c98

Client Secret
c2c1 [REDACTED] befa6

Revoke all user tokens

Reset client secret



Using GitHub OAuth

File: `./env`

```
export GITHUB_CLIENT_ID=from_github  
export GITHUB_CLIENT_SECRET=from_github  
export OAUTH_CALLBACK_URL=https://YOURDOMAIN/hub/oauth\_callback
```

```
source ./env
```



Using GitHub OAuth

We need to install: OAuthenticator

```
python3 -m pip install oauthenticator
```

Configure file: `jupyterhub_config.py`

```
from oauthenticator.github import LocalGitHubOAuthenticator
c.JupyterHub.authenticator_class = LocalGitHubOAuthenticator
c.LocalGitHubOAuthenticator.create_system_users = True
```



Specifying Users

By default, any user that successfully authenticates is allowed to use the Hub.

This is appropriate for shared workstations with PAM Auth, but probably not GitHub:

```
# set of users allowed to use the Hub  
c.Authenticator.whitelist = {'minrk', 'takluyver'}  
  
# set of users who can administer the Hub itself  
c.Authenticator.admin_users = {'minrk'}
```



Custom Authenticators



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Using DockerSpawner

We need DockerSpawner:

```
python3 -m pip install dockerspawner netifaces  
docker pull jupyterhub/singleuser
```

In `jupyterhub_config.py`:

```
from oauthenticator.github import GitHubOAuthenticator  
c.JupyterHub.authenticator_class = GitHubOAuthenticator  
  
from dockerspawner import DockerSpawner  
c.JupyterHub.spawner_class = DockerSpawner
```



Using DockerSpawner

```
from dockerspawner import DockerSpawner
c.JupyterHub.spawner_class = DockerSpawner

# The Hub's API listens on localhost by default,
# but docker containers can't see that.
# Tell the Hub to listen on its docker network:
import netifaces
docker0 = netifaces.ifaddresses('docker0')
docker0_ipv4 = docker0[netifaces.AF_INET][0]
c.JupyterHub.hub_ip = docker0_ipv4['addr']
```



Using DockerSpawner

- There is **loads** to configure with Docker
- Networking configuration
- Data volumes
- `DockerSpawner.container_image = 'jupyterhub/singleuser'`



Customizing Spawners



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JupyterHub with supervisor

apt-get install supervisor

```
#!/usr/bin/env bash
# /srv/jupyterhub/launch.sh
set -e
source env
exec jupyterhub $@
```

```
# /etc/supervisor/conf.d/jupyterhub.conf
[program:jupyterhub]
command=bash launch.sh
directory=/srv/jupyterhub
autostart=true
autorestart=true
startretries=3
exitcodes=0,2
stopsignal=TERM
redirect_stderr=true
stdout_logfile=/var/log/jupyterhub.log
stdout_logfile_maxbytes=1MB
stdout_logfile_backups=10
user=root
```



Reference Deployments

<https://github.com/jupyterhub/helm-chart>

Helm, KubeSpawner, Hub in container

<https://github.com/jupyterhub/jupyterhub-deploy-docker>

docker-compose, DockerSpawner, Hub in Docker

<https://github.com/jupyterhub/jupyterhub-deploy-teaching>

ansible, no docker, nbgrader



Docker Deployment

- Docker Compose: <https://docs.docker.com/compose/install/>
- git clone <https://github.com/jupyterhub/jupyterhub-deploy-docker>
- Setup the basics (creates volumes, network, pulls images):
 make build



Docker Deployment

- `mkdir secrets`
- Copy SSL key, cert to:
 - `secrets/jupyterhub.cert` (cert)
 - `secrets/jupyterhub.key` (key)



Docker Deployment

Make userlist:

```
minrk admin  
willingc admin  
yuvipanda  
ryanlovett
```



Docker Deployment

Launch: 

```
docker-compose up
```



Optimizations and Best Practices



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Optimizations and best practices

- **Always use SSL!**
- Use postgres for the Hub database
- Put nginx in front of the proxy
- Run cull-idle-servers service to prune resources
- Global configuration in `/etc/jupyter` and `/etc/ipython`
- **Back up your user data!!!**



When to use JupyterHub

- A class where students can do homework (nbgrader)
- A short-lived workshop, especially if installation is hard
- A research group with a shared workstation or small cluster
- On-site computing resources for researchers and analysts at an institution



When *not* to use JupyterHub

- JupyterHub is Authenticated and Persistent
- tmpnb: anonymous, ephemeral notebooks
- binder: tmpnb + GitHub repos
- SageMathCloud is *hosted* and provides realtime-collaboration



JupyterHub API



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End of JupyterHub Fundamentals

Break

See you back in 15 minutes.

Up next:
JupyterHub and
Kubernetes



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End of JupyterHub with Kubernetes

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More customization
(if time permits)



More customization

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End of More Customization



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